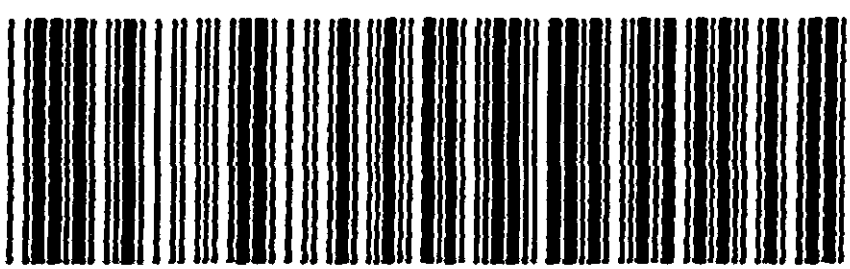
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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jan ' 43. *To* 6 Jan ' 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q.Vic L of C Area	1 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.85.	
	"		Landops Revist No.154.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos.552,553/1942, 1 to 5/1943.	
	2 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.86.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.155.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Intelligence Report No.37.	
	3 Jan		Landops Revsit No.156.	
	4 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.87.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.157.	
	5 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.88.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.158.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn. 536/1942.	
	6 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.89.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.159.	

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G.11. (GSI) Vic L of C Area.

D.3483/5.39.—C.4788.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 6 Jan '43. *To* 9 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	6 Jan		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn Nos.545/1942,5,6,7/1943.	
	7 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.90.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.160.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.489/1942.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn Nos. 9,11,12,13/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Weekly Intelligence Review No.16.	
	8 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.91.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.161.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos.434,436/1942.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn Nos. 8, 14/1943.	
	"		Message re disbanding 109 Mobile Bath Unit	
	9 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.92.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.162.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.507/1942.	

D.3453/3.30.—C 4788.

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 9 Jan '43 *To* 14 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	9 Jan		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 15, 16/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Intelligence Report No.38.	
	10 Jan		Landops Revsit No.163.	
	11 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.93.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.164.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn Nos. 17, 18/1943.	
	12 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.94.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.165.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.19/1943.	
	13 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.95.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.166.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 20,21,22,23,25,27/1943.	
	14 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.96.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.167.	

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area. *Date and Time.—From* 14 Jan '43. *To* 18 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	14 Jan		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.24,26,28,29/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Weekly Intelligence Review No.17.	
	15 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.97.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.168.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.30/1943.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No.23/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Location Statement - Amdt No.1 as at 15 Jan.	
	"		Outward Message re -109 Bath Unit now disbanded	
	16 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.98.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.169.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Weekly Intelligence Report No.39.	
	17 Jan		Landops Revsit No.170.	
	18 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.99.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.171	

D.3451/5.10.—C 4758.

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 18 Jan '43. *To* 22 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	18 Jan		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No. 29/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 31, 32, 33/1943.	
	19 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.100.	
	"		Landops Revsit No.172.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instns. Nos. 1 & 21/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37, 39/1943.	
	20 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.101.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 173.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns No. 38/1943.	
	"		Memo re Raising of 22 Aust A A Ord Wkshop (hy)	
	21 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 102.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 174.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos 40, 41/1943.	
	22 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.103.	

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 22 Jan '43. *To* 26 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	22 Jan		Landops Revsit No.175.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No. 15/1943.	
	23 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 104.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 176.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos.42-48,50, 51, 55/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Intelligence Review No.18.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Intelligence Report No.40.	
	"		Outward message re Australia Day 26 Jan - not Holiday.	
	24 Jan		Landops Revsit No. 177.	
	25 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 105.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 178.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instn. 534/1942.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 49, 52, 54, 56/1943.	
	26 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 106.	

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G.II. (GSI) Vic L of C Area.

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 26 Jan '43. *To* 30 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	26 Jan		Landops Revsit No. 179.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns No. 53/1943.	
	27 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No.107.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 180.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No. 57/1943.	
	28 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 108.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 181.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns No. 58,59,60,65,66/1943.	
	"		Raising of "D" Section 78 Aust Dental Unit.	
	"		A W A S for Searchlight Units	
	29 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 109.	
	"		Landops Revsit No. 182.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instn No. 513/1942.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64, 67/1943.	
	30 Jan		Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summary No. 110.	

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 30 Jan '43 *To* 31 Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ Vic L of C Area	30 Jan		Landops Revsit No.183.	
	"		Amendment to Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 18/1943. /20, 21/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 68, 69, 70/1943.	
	"		Vic L of C Area Weekly Intelligence Review No. 19.	
	"		Amendment No. 2 to Vic L of C Area Location Statement 1/43.	
	31 Jan		Landops Revsit No.184.	

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Unit "G" Branch HQ Vic L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jan '43 *To* 31 Jan '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			APPENDICES	
HQ Vic L of C Area			Vic L of C Area Daily Ops & Int Summaries Nos. 85 to 110 (incl)	Appendix I.
			Landops Revsit Nos. 154 to 184 (incl)	" II.
			Vic L of C Area Intelligence Reports Nos. 37 to 40.	" III.
			Vic L of C Area Intelligence Reviews Nos. 16 to 19.	" IV.
			Vic L of C Area Trg Instns. 552,553/1942. 1-9/1943,11-70/1943.	" V.
			Amendments to Vic L of C Area Trg Instns Nos. 434, 436,489/1942	" VI.
			" " " " " " 507,513,534,536/1942.	" VI.
			" " " " " "545/1942, 1, 15, 18/1943.	" VI.
			" " " " " " 20,21(2) 23,29/1943.	" VI.
			Important Messages INWARDS	" VII.
			Important Message OUTWARDS	" VIII.
			Vic L of C Area Amendments to Location Statement at 15 & 31/1/43.	" XI.
			Memos - Raising of Units	" X.

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Appendix I

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M.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 110.

GSIs 1291 To 1130 hrs 30 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

DUTCH NEW GUINEA	Japanese clearing new landing strip at NIME (18 mls East by South of KAUKENAU).
NEW GUINEA	
MADANG Area	Enemy patrol reported at MARAWASA (Upper RAMU Valley)
MAMBARE River	Approx 50 Japanese South of DUVIRA CK in vicinity of MAIMBA Mission.
AIR OPS	
TIMOR	FUIJORO strafed by our A/C.
AROE IS	Enemy float planes at DOBO strafed.
NEW GUINEA	
WEWAK	Buildings and runway bombed.
FINSCHAFTEN	Buildings bombed.
MUBO	Strip and tracks bombed and strafed.
NEW BRITAIN	
CAPE GLOUCESTER	Bombed.
GASMATA	Drome and shipping attacked.
SIGHTINGS ENEMY SHIPPING	
AMBON	2 large transports, 1 destroyer entering bay.
CENTRAL PACIFIC	5 cargo vessels, 1 tanker escorted by 1 or more destroyers observed 410 mls ESE of PALAU IS (CAROLINE Group) course SE by South.
SOLOMONS	6 destroyers 12 mls North of SOKOVOVI POINT (NW coast of VELLA LAVELLA IS) course ENE.

(Londops Rovsit 182)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 30 Jan 43.

RIVERINA AND NORTHERN VICTORIA - Warm and sultry at first and isolated thunder storms chiefly about Eastern Highlands. East to NE winds but cool SE to South winds gradually extending from the West.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Cloudy and cooler with scattered showers and in the East some thunder. SW to SE winds.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Clearing showers at first in South and improving to generally fine. South to SE winds.

Capt for
CGS Vic L of C Area.

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M.I. 3/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 109

GSIa 1289 To 1100 hrs 29 Jun 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

NEW GUINEA

MUBO	Enemy staying camp established approx 7 hours march East of BLACK CAT and cutting new track. (This area is between MUBO and WAU).
MOROBE	Enemy supply dumps and some troops quartered about 10 mls SE of MOROBE.

AIR OPS

KAI IS	Jetties and buildings bombed and strafed by our A/C.
AROE IS	3 luggers bombed and strafed.
FINSCHAFFEN	Bombed by Allied A/C.
LAE	Supply dumps, barges and docks bombed.
SALAMAUA	Isthmus strafed and MUBO area bombed.
MORESBY	Bombs dropped by 3 medium enemy bombers. No details.

SIGHTINGS ENEMY SHIPPING

NEW BRITAIN	1 submarine 50 mls South of ARAWE (South Coast).
CORAL SEA	1 submarine 90 mls West of BAMPTON REEFS course WNW.
SOLOMONS	2 submarines in area North of GUADALCANAL. 14 unidentified vessels BUIN-FAISI area. Several cargo vessels with escorts in BUKA and NEW GEORGIA areas.

(Landops Revsit 181)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 29 Jun 43.

Fine and hot. Continued fire danger. Dust storms inland, freshening Northerly winds.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Tendency for isolated thunder inland and cool change in SW later extending slowly to other districts, with scattered showers in the South.

Major for
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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 108.

GSIa 1288 To 1100 hrs 28 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17

OPERATIONS

NEW GUINEA

SANANANDA	Mopping up continues. Additional Japs killed and wounded.
KUMUSI	400 Japs in area SW of KUMUSI River mouth.
MUBO	300 to 350 Japs moving towards BLACKCAT CREEK area (approx 16 mls SW of MUBO).

AIR OPS

NEW GUINEA	Our A/C bombed and straffed enemy drones and installations at FINSCHAFFEN, LAE, MUBO-KOMIATUM, SALAMAUA PENINSULA and KOBO village (8 mls SE of MOROBE).
NEW BRITAIN	CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA drones and shipping at RABAUL again attacked.
SOLOLOMS	BUKA drome and installations bombed. Fire started.
AUSTRALIA	On night 26 Jan unidentified A/C reported over SYDNEY. (A/C still not identified).

SIGHTINGS ENEMY SHIPPING

SOLOMONS	General movement of small groups of destroyers and cargo vessels throughout area.
BUKA	1 possible A/C carrier, 2 cruisers SW of BUKA Passage course WNW (Possible heading for RABAUL) Convoy of 9 vessels East of BUKA PASSAGE course South.
BUIN-FAISI	4 cargo vessels 3 destroyers stationary.
SANTA YSABEL	1 cruiser, 7 destroyers SSW of KORRIGOL BAY (SW coast) course South.
VELLA LAVELLA	1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 1 tpt SE of KUNDURUMBANGARA POINT course West by North.
WEST AUSTRALIA	One submarine observed 420 mls WNW of GERALDTON.

(All Landops Revsit 180)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 28 Jan 43.

Fine and hot generally. Increased danger of bush and grass fires. Dust storms inland. NE to NW winds freshening later.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Cool change with scattered showers in coastal districts, becoming sultry inland with tendency of isolated thunder.

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for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 107.

GSIs 1280 To 1130 hrs 27 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

NEW GUINEA

WAU	100 enemy tps reported at BLACK CAT CREEK (approx 12 mls NE of WAU.
MOROBE	4 barges landed enemy tps at KOBO (8 mls SE of MOROBE)
KUMUSI	Our motor torpedo boats attacked 4 enemy landing barges. 2 sunk, 2 beached.

ALLIED AIR OPS

CELEBES

1215 L/25. Enemy convoy of 1 destroyer, 3 transports attacked East of KENDARI - no results reported.
1515 L/25. 1 destroyer, 3 transports observed 115 mls ENE KENDARI course NE (Note - probably same convoy; our attack possibly unsuccessful).

NEW GUINEA

LAE	Supply dumps attacked. MGs and A/A pens silenced.
SALAMAUA	Enemy canoes, life boats and pens straffed from SALAMAUA to KUMUSI.

NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA	Drome bombed and straffed.
RABAUL	Shipping and new strip (LAPOPO) attacked. Possible gunboat or munition exploded, large hole in side of another.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS

MORESBY	Raid by 2 to 6 enemy planes. No damage reported.
MILNE BAY	TURNBULL drome bombed. No damage reported.

ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTINGS

RABAUL 23 Jan. 7 transports, 1 tanker, 36 large vessels, many small vessels dispersed in harbour.
2 destroyers, 3 cargo vessels in ST GEORGES CHANNEL course SW by South.

SOLOMONS

BUIN-FAISI 1 lt cruiser, 5 destroyers, 12 cargo vessels 15 mls SSW of FAISI.

SHORTLAND HARBOUR - 15 unidentified vessels at anchor. 2 destroyers and 1 transport later sighted also.

TONOLEI HARBOUR- 7 unidentified vessels observed.
(Landops Rovsit 179)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 27 Jan 43.

Fine and hot generally with danger of bush and grass fires. NE to North winds 10-15 mph, strengthening later.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Continued hot weather and with a tendency for isolated showers and thunder.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 106.

GSI& 1276 To 1130 hrs 26 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

NEW GUINEA

SALAMAUA 25 Jan. Mopping up continues, enemy dead total 2537. Over 120 Japs and several hundred natives captured. Some enemy barge activity along coast further North being attacked by our patrol craft.

ALLIED AIR OPS

TIMOR DILLI bombed. 1 or 2 intercepting fighters probably shot down.

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK Our recce A/C attacked by 9 enemy fighters. 2 enemy planes shot down.

LAE Supply area and end of runway bombed.

SALAMAUA Isthmus attacked, A/A guns and DUVIRA CK.

SOLOMONS SEA Enemy vessel attacked and possible hits scored 130 mls West by South of SHORTLAND IS.

NEW BRITAIN

CAPE GLOUCESTER Drome bombed.

GASMATA Runway bombed.

RABAUL LAKUNAI and VUNAKANAU dromes attacked, fires started.

ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTINGS

NW Area

CELEBES One NATORI class cruiser with escort SALAYAR STRAIT course West.
1 A/C carrier, 2 large vessels, 2 destroyers in SALAYAR STRAIT course East.

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK 3 cargo vessels, 1 lt cruiser, 1 destroyer in harbour.

SOLOMONS

BUKA 2 destroyers, 2 transports 54 mls WSW of BUKA Passage course SE by East.
Other small groups throughout area.

AUSTRALIA One enemy submarine 70 mls SSE of OSPREY REEF (East of CAPE MELVILLE, NORTH Q'LD).

(All Landops Rovsit 178)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 26 Jan 43.

Fine. Moderate temperatures near coast with West to NW winds and warm to hot inland with NE to North winds 4-10 mph.

FURTHER OUTLOOK Fine, warm to hot.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 105.

GSIa 1273 To 1130 hrs 25 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

N.W. area

TIMOR — FUIJORO strip area strafed.

AMBON — 21 Jan. Shipping attacked, direct hit, 2 near misses on merchant vessel.

Photos reveal 1 cruiser, 1 tanker, 11 merchant vessels, 1 possible S/P tender, 4 patrol boats in area.

AUSTRALIA

DARWIN — 21-22 Jan. Raid by two medium enemy bombers midnight. No damage or casualties.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MERAUKE — 2 raids by 1 enemy float plane. No damage or casualties.

CAPE VAN DE BOSCH — Three merchant vessels off CAPE VAN DE BOSCH (SW DUTCH NEW GUINEA) course North attacked by Allied A/C. 2 near misses.

NEW GUINEA

SANANANDA — All organised enemy resistance overcome. Mopping up proceeding. Large quantity of equipment captured.

KUMUSI — Allied patrol ambushed and dispersed 50 Japanese.

2 enemy barges attacked and damaged by Allied surface units.

SALAMAUA — SALAMAUA-MUBO area bombed and strafed. Enemy barges along coast to KUMUSI strafed.

LAE — Several heavy attacks on LAE - much damage caused to supply dumps.

FINSCHHAFEN — Buildings bombed.

MADANG — Warehouse bombed.

WEWAK — Allied recce A/C intercepted by 18 enemy fighters, 3 of which were destroyed.

1 destroyer, 3 transports sighted 10 miles NNW of WEWAK course North.
(Probably returning to RABAUL after unloading).

MILNE BAY — Runways and shipping attacked by small numbers of enemy A/C. Some damage not yet assessed.

MORESBY — 4 enemy planes attacked KILA drome and harbour. No damage or casualties.

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NEW BRITAIN

RABAUL — 22-23 Jan. Shipping and VUNAKANAU drome attacked. Approx 4 ships sunk, near misses on others.

21 Jan. Following shipping in area :-

7 destroyers
5 submarines
4 tankers
43 merchant vessels
2 patrol craft. Total 61.

GASMATA — 22 Jan. 5 cargo vessels stationary between GASMATA and ARAWE.

SOLOMONS — Numerous small groups of vessels sighted in area.

(All Landops Revsit 176,177)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 25 Jan 43.

Fine and warm to hot. NW to North winds 10-15 mph at first but freshening and later becoming Westerly with cloud increasing in South.

FURTHER OUTLOOK — Scattered showers in South mainly about the coast and becoming cooler.

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M.I. L/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 104

GSIs 1261 To 1100 hrs 23 Jan 43. COPY NO..7

OPERATIONS

AMBON

21 Jan. Shipping at AMBON attacked by our planes. Direct hits on merchant vessel and large cruiser - left listing.
1 of 15 to 20 intercepting fighters destroyed.

(Note - 8 vessels were off AMBON - Large forces being moved to this area).

TIMOR

LAUTEM in NE TIMOR bombed. No results.

AUSTRALIA

DARWIN -0145 L 21 Jan. Enemy raid by 2 medium bombers. No damage or casualties. Our fighters intercepted. 1 enemy plane probably destroyed.

NEW GUINEA

Clearing up of the SANANANDA area continues - More strong posts overcome. Enemy resistance SW of SANANANDA POINT liquidated - 150 Japs killed.

On 21 Jan 2 transports and 3 destroyers under way at WEWAK Harbour.

(Note - This area evidently being reinforced from RABAUL).

20th Allied aircraft attacking WEWAK intercepted by 25 fighters. 12 of these were shot down, 6 damaged.

Dromes at MILNE BAY again raided by 9 bombers. No damage or casualties.

NEW BRITAIN

20-21 Jan. LAKUNAI, KOKOPO and VUNAKANAU dromes (All RABAUL area) were bombed several times. Runway at GASMATA raided.

Shipping at RABAUL attacked - 2 merchant vessels probably sunk.

1700 L 21 Jan. 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer and 2 merchant vessels sighted 18 mls SW of CAPE ST GEORGE (Southern tip of NEW IRELAND) course SOUTH.

(Landops Recsit 175)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 23 Jan 43.

EASTERN PART OF VICTORIA - Overcast skies at first. Frequent showers. Weather clearing during with cloudy skies. Showers very scattered later. Visibility restricted by rain. Winds SW fresh to strong 20-25 mph moderating to lighter South at SW winds 15 mph inland.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Skies cloudy at times. Few scattered showers but weather fair inland. Moderate temperatures. Visibility generally good. Light South to SW winds 15-20 mph.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 103

GSIa 1257 To 1100 hrs 22 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

TIMOR

Allied A/C attacking FUIJORO drom intercepted by 5 enemy fighters 1 of which was damaged.
Jetty area at DOBO in ARU ISS (ARAFURA SEA) bombed by our A/D.

AMBON

20 Jan. 2 motor vessels, 1 passenger ship, 1 probable cruiser and some other vessels not clearly observed off AMBON.
Our recce A/C shot down one of the intercepting planes.

AUSTRALIA

Air raid in progress DARWIN early 21 Jan. No details.
20 Jan. 1 submarine 16 mls South of WOLLONGONG and another sighted 107 mls ENE of PORT STEPHENS, both NSW.

NEW GUINEA

At SANANANDA area isolated pockets of enemy are still resisting near GIRUWA and TARAKENA and South of SANANANDA. These positions are being overcome by our forces with arty and mortar fire.

Our planes continue their heavy attacks on MADANG, FINSCHAFFEN and LAE.

1 lt cruiser and 2 transports seen 35 mls North of WEWAK on North-Easterly course.

Several air raid alarms at MILNE BAY 20-21 Jan, but no details.

NEW BRITAIN

Runways at GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER again bombed.

On 18 Jan photos show enemy shipping at RABAUL to be :-

13 warships
44 merchant vessels
4 tankers
61

(Landops Rovsit 174)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 22 Jan 43.

NE HIGHLANDS AND RIVERINA - Overcast skies with rain developing and extending over WEST and thunder about the Highlands. Visibility moderate to good at first but poor in rain later. Winds WSW 10-15 mph.

WESTERN VICTORIA - Rain more general and wide spread inland in Western and Central districts, extending over GIPPSLAND during the day. Visibility mainly poor to moderate. Light winds SW to S 10-15 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Mainly overcast skies with showery conditions prevailing in Coastal areas.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 102.

GSIa 1253 To 1130 hrs 21 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

MUBO

Enemy strength now estimated at 600 in MUBO area.

SANANANDA

18 Jan our tps captured SANANANDA Village and pushing on occupied SANANANDA POINT. Our forces now moving East toward GIRUWA mopping up enemy en route.

Resistance being met from several isolated enemy pns in area but these points of resistance being steadily overcome.

AIR ACTIVITY

Timor - Our A/C active throughout area. Attacks on VIVUEQUE, OSSU, VINILALE, BAUCAU, BEACO in TIMOR and TOEAL in KAI ISLANDS.

New Guinea - Our A/C raided MALAHANG (North of LAE), KURENADA (South of KUMUSI River) and MANGROVE IS (approx 4 mls East of GONA).

Enemy A/C attacked RABI and TURNBULL dromes in MILNE BAY and old BUNA strip. MERAUKE was again attacked. No damage was reported from these attacks.

New Britain - Our A/C again attacked GASMATA drome and three enemy barges off CAPE HOLLMAN (WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA).

ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY

Solomons - 1 hy cruiser, 7 destroyers observed off VELLA LAVELLA IS heading SE by East.

New Britain - 1 lt cruiser, 3 destroyers off CAPE ST GEORGE course West by South.

No significant shipping changes in other areas.

(Landops Revsit 173)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 21 Jan 43.

WIMMERA & WESTERN DISTRICTS - Cloudy skies with high and middle level cloud with lower patches. Scattered light showers in coastal areas at first, otherwise weather generally fine and visibility good. Moderate temperatures in coastal areas but warm to hot inland. Light South to SW winds 10-15 mph, later tending SE 10-15 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Cloudy to overcast skies mainly high and middle level cloud. Weather fine at first but sultry and with tendency to thunder, particularly about the NE highlands during afternoon and evening. Cool change slowly extending from the WEST, visibility generally good. Winds light and variable at first then freshening NE 15-20 mph, backing later with cool change to WEST to SW 10-15 mph.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 101

GSIa 1244 To 1130 hrs 20 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17

OPERATIONS

TIMOR

Japanese and hostile natives reported at LEGA (28 mls SW of LAGA). Our patrols report SOLUGUIM (20 mls NE of BETANO) on fire. Skirmishes between friendly and hostile natives at FAINIA and AILAIEC (approx 19 mls NNE of BETANO), villages burnt out.

MUBO

Our patrols attacked enemy at LABABIA Track. Enemy counter attack forced our tps to withdraw from their pos on GUNDAGASAL saddle approx 9 mls WEST of LABABIA and enemy occupied the saddle. Enemy casualties approx 41.

AMBOGA River

Our patrols attacked enemy in area.

CAPE KILLERTON-SANANANDA-TARAKENA

Our forces advanced and occupied the CAPE area on 17 Jan. Advance continuing to the EAST. On 17 Jan our advance continued along track toward SANANANDA POINT. At TARAKENA enemy pans still hold up our advance toward SANANANDA POINT.

ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTS OCCUPATION OF SANANANDA, NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION HAS AS YET BEEN RECEIVED.

AIR ACTIVITY

MUBO, MADANG, FINSCHHAFEN, LAE again attacked by our A/C. Enemy shipping at RABAUL and GASMATA drome also attacked.

ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY

The transport of supplies by small groups of enemy destroyers and cargo vessels continues throughout SOLOMONS-NEW BRITAIN areas.
At RABAUL concentration in harbour now reported as 1 cruiser, 38 merchant vessels, 6 warships. Total 45 vessels with a maximum tonnage of 388,000 tons and a minimum of 181,500 tons.

(Note - Decrease in shipping possibly caused by some vessels returning to Japan for further supplies).

BURMA (Landops Revsit 172)

ARAKAN area - 17 Jan. KYAUKTAW occupied by Allied tps with slight opposition. No change in other areas.

CHIN HILLS area - Further indications that 1 Bn of enemy are located in KALEMYO area. JAZAGYO (30 mls North of KALEMYO) occupied by Allied tps. No enemy encountered.

MYITKYINA area - KACHIN levies claim 46 casualties inflicted on enemy in NZOPZUP area. Situation reported satisfactory and levies expect adopt offensive harassing tactics near future.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 20 Jan 43.

Fine day with skies becoming cloudy with high level cloud. Visibility restricted at first, then good. Temperatures moderate to rising throughout the day. Hot inland. Lt variable winds mainly EAST to NE 10 mph, freshening later.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 100

GSIa 1238 To 1130 hrs 19 JAN 43. COPY NO...17

OPERATIONS

MADANG

Japanese patrols active in area from SEK (6 mls North of MADANG) to RAMU River (approx 40 mls SW of MADANG).

FINSCHAFFEN

Japanese concentrations reported in area.

MUBO

Our patrols in contact with enemy at BITII Bridge (2 mls NE of MUBO).

SANANANDA

Our forces supported by mortar and arty broke through enemy perimeter and cleared track 500 yds NE of Junction. Advance continued to point on track 1500 yds NE of junction.

CAPE KILLERTON

Some of our tps in village South of Cape. Others advancing along coast to East. All advances continuing toward SANANANDA.

TARAKENA

Our forces hold up on coastal track 400 yds NW of TARAKENA.

(Note - The enemy are now encircled on 3 sides by our forces with the sea at their rear).

AIR ACTIVITY

Our A/C attacked MADANG, FINSCHAFFEN, LAE, MAMBARE and SANANANDA areas in NEW GUINEA.

Shipping at RABAUL and CAPE GLOUCESTER drome in NEW BRITAIN and the drome at GASMATA and shipping off MANUS IS were also attacked.

Enemy A/C attacked drome at MILNE BAY, some damage to runway and installations.

SEA ACTIVITY

DUTCH NEW GUINEA - 1/9000 ton vessel observed off MANOKWARI (NW point of GEELVINK BAY).

SOLOMONS - 8 cargo vessels, 4 destroyers, 1 battleship BUIN-FAISI area. 3 cargo vessels between BUIN and SHORTLAND IS.

(Landops Revsit 171)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 19 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Fine day with clear sky and only scattered clouds. Visibility generally very good. Moderate temperatures but becoming warmer. Lt variable winds mainly South 5 mph.

SOUTHERN VICTORIA - Cloudy to overcast skies, with scattered lt showers mainly about South GIPPSLAND and SOUTHERN slopes of ranges, elsewhere weather mainly fair. Visibility generally good. Moderate temperatures. Wind over Central and SW VIC SSW tending SE 10-15 mph, but Easterly from WILSONS PROMONTORY wind WEST-SW 15-20 mph.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 99

GSIc 1235 To 1200 hrs 18 Jan 43 COPY NO ..17

OPERATIONS

N.E.I.

Allied recce revealed 3 or 4 merchant vessels in AMBON B.Y, 1 destroyer and 2 transports off North coast of CERAM IS, course EAST.

(Note - The enemy has large forces in the AMBON area).

LAE-SALAMAUA

Enemy defensive preparations around LAE continues.
Now known recent successful attack at MUBO initiated by us and concluded after 3 days fighting with hy enemy losses.
On 12/13 Jan our psns bombed by enemy hy mortars. Our psns are now being consolidated vicinity of GUADAGASAL (2½ mls South of MUBO).

Dumps and supplies at LAE damaged by our air attacks, 2 enemy fighters shot down, 1 damaged. Drones at FINSCHHAFEN, MADANG and WEWAK bombed.

MAMBARE-KUMUSI

Successful actions by our patrols reported. Villages mouths of MAMBARE and KUMUSI Rivers bombed and strafed by our A/C.

SANANANDA

13/14 Jan. Pressure maintained from South, East and West on enemy psns and a decisive defeat inflicted. Area gained now being mopped up and consolidated. Advance of 400 yds made NW from TARAKENA.

Our planes bombed and strafed GORUTA-SANANANDA track.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Unconfirmed reports that enemy building drome between KLUKENAU and AGATZ (140 mls ESE of KLUKENAU).

MORESBY

2 raids by single enemy aircraft. No damage causes.

NEW BRITAIN-NEW IRELAND

Drones at GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER bombed. Shipping attacked at RABAUL, but results not seen.
1 hy cruiser and 1000 ton vessel attacked off NEW IRELAND but no hits observed.
No reports of enemy shipping at RABAUL received.

SOLOMONS

Photos show landing strip completed on BALLALE IS (South of BOUGAINVILLE IS) together with stores. Also possible commencement of another strip on East coast of BOUGAINVILLE IS.
Several groups of destroyers observed in the BUIN, NEW GEORGIA and GUADALCANAL areas. 2 burning vessels off NW GUADALCANAL.
(Note - Evidently a recent attempt has been made to supply enemy forces on GUADALCANAL). (Landops Rovsit 169/170)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 18 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Fine day. Cloud increasing during day. Moderate temperatures. Wind SW 10-15 mph.

Cool day with cloudy sky. Scattered showers on coast and ranges, otherwise fine. Visibility good. Fresh to SW winds 15-20 mph.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 98

GOIa 1234 To 1130 hrs 16 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

TIMOR

FUIJORO and LAGA bombed and strafed. Fires started.

SALAMAUA

Result of action MUBO area 116 enemy dead. Our casualties very slight. Our A/C attacked throughout the area SALAMAUA to KOMIATUM.

KUMUSI RIVER

Enemy patrolling beach between KURENADA and BAKUMBARI. Our A/C attacked BAKUMBARI.

SANANANDA

Our forces maintaining pressure on enemy South of track junction.

NORTH NEW GUINEA

Our A/C again attacked MADANG and LAE. Also drome at GASMATA.

ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY

SOLOMONS - 4 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels leaving FAISI course SE. 9 destroyers 12 mls North of SOHOVOVO POINT (VELLA LAVELLA) course East by South.
2 merchant vessels, 3 destroyers 18 mls East of RUSSELL IS course SW.
(Landops Revsit 168)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 16 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Fine day with cool to moderate temperatures. Scattered cloud mainly middle level. Visibility very good. Light WEST - SW winds 10-15 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Cool to moderate temperatures. Scattered showers at times along coast and SOUTHERN slopes of ranges, fine elsewhere. Overcast to slightly broken low cloud at first, clearing slightly during day. Visibility generally good but reduced, showery and squally along coast. Some light WEST winds 20-30 mph on coast moderating to 15-20 mph and tending NW inland.
Conditions expected to improve over week-end.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 97

GSIs 122. To 1130 hrs 15 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

SALAMAUA

Our pens at MUBO (11 mls SSW of SALAMAUA) attacked by 5 enemy parties. The enemy was forced to withdraw with hy casualties in face of MG and mortar fire from our pill boxes SW of MUBO. Fighting continues to the North.

(Note - This is the heaviest action yet reported in this area, and first indication of our prepared pens).

TARAKENA

Our patrols active in area towards SANANANDA and our forces further South crossed KONOMUI CREEK.

(Note - The forces crossing the creek are probably intending to join our tps at SANANANDA track).

SANANANDA

Our patrols encountered by enemy fire West of SOPUTA-SANANANDA track. A patrol reached the plantation at CAPE KILLERTON, no enemy located in the area.

Our tps with tanks attacking vicinity of track junction were held up by enemy pill boxes, some enemy pens were knocked out and our advance continued.

AIR ACTIVITY

Our A/C extremely active throughout NEW GUINEA area. Attacks were made on MADANG, FINSCHHAFEN, LAE, SALAMAUA, CAPE KILLERTON and SANANANDA areas.

MILNE was again raided by enemy A/C with slight damage, no casualties.

In the SOLOMONS it is reported enemy constructing a large air-field at PATEPATUAI (5 mls NW of BUIN).

ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY

NEW IRELAND - 1 small warship, 2 cargo vessels in KAVIENG HARBOUR. 2 hy cruisers, 2 U/I vessels in DALGAI BAY (? mls South of KAVIENG).

SOLOMONS - 14 vessels anchored BUIN area.
1 destroyer, 1 cargo vessel off CAPE HUNTER (BUKA IS) course SSE.

(Landops Recsit 167)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 15 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA and RIVERINA - Cool temperatures. Mainly fine with broken high and middle level cloud and scattered patches of low cloud. Visibility good. West - SW winds 15-20 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Cool temperatures. Scattered showers along coast and in highlands but mainly fine elsewhere. Overcast to slightly broken cloud. Stray squally West - SW winds 20-30 mph along coast and 15-20 mph inland. Conditions expected to improve tomorrow.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 96

GSIa 1217 To 1060 hrs 14 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

TIMOR

Our A/C attacked FUIJORO drome (East end of TIMOR), fires started.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Enemy air raid on MERAUKE. No damage or casualties.

MADANG

Enemy patrols active and repairs to buildings and roads being carried out by native workmen in area.

LAE

Enemy tps landed from convoy apparently billeted at SUTIBUR (2 mls North of LAE). Ferrying of tps from LAE to LABU (SW end of LAE) continues.

KUMUSI

Some enemy vicinity of KURUNDA (approx 2 mls SW of KUMUSI River)

MAMBARE

Unknown number of enemy on the Eastern island in mouth of MAMBARE River. This area strafed by our A/C.

TARAKENA

Some enemy outside T.A.R.K.N. fled to jungle when our forces crossed the KOOUMOMJI CREEK and established a bridgehead.

GONANDA

Our forces knocked out an enemy psn 400 yds SW of road block, then attacking with tanks gained 70 yds before being halted by strong line of enemy pill boxes on the right of track, our other forces held up by pill boxes 400 yds N E of road block.

SALAMAUA

KOMIATUM-SALAMAUA track was twice attacked by our A/C.

SEA ACTIVITY

SOLOMONS - 3 destroyers observed North of VELLA LAVELLA IS. One making slow progress and trailing oil.

(Landops Recsit 166)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 14 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Scattered showers and broken cloud. Base 2-3000 ft. Visibility moderate. NW-SW winds 15-20 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Showers along coast and highlands with overcast skies. Moderate visibility. Scattered showers inland with more broken cloud. Moderate to good visibility. WEST-NW winds 20-25 mph at first, and WEST-SW 20-25 mph later.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 95

GSIs 1216 To 1100 hrs 13 Jun 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. BUNA

Our arty fire on Jap party constructing a bunker vicinity TARAKENA-GIRUWA track destroyed the bunker and Japs driven into water were killed by rifle and MG fire.

(Note - This Jap party probably from enemy forces in SANANANDA area).

2. SANANANDA

Our forces attacked enemy pockets EAST of road block and South of SANANANDA track capturing ammn and eqpt.

3. SOLOMONS

Our A/C destroyed buildings and wharf at GORAKEN (8 mls SSE of BUKA Passage).

4. NEW BRITAIN

A lt enemy cruiser or destroyer (believed part of LAE convoy) was bombed and probably sunk off GASMATA.

5. ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY

TIMOR - 2 cargo vessels and 1 small naval vessel NW of KOEPANG.

SOLOMONS - 4 destroyers NORTH of LANGSDALE PT (NEW GEORGIA) course NW by W.
5 destroyers in SHORTLAND HARBOUR
8 destroyers off CAPE ESPERANCE (GUADALCANAL)
(Note - probably same 8 destroyers recently sighted SOUTH of SHORTLAND IS, probably carrying supplies and tps to GUADALCANAL).

(Landops Rovsit 165)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

6. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 13 Jun 43.

RIVERINA AND NORTHERN VICTORIA - Cool cloudy day with occasional showers on ranges. Cloud base 3-4000 ft. Visibility generally good. Wind WEST 10-15 mph at first, freshening and backing to WEST-SW 15-20 mph later.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Cool cloudy day with showers along coast and highlands. Cloud base 1-2000 ft along coast, 3-4000 ft inland. Visibility generally good but reduced in showers. Wind WEST-NW 15-25 mph at first and WEST-SW 20-30 mph later.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 94

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To 1100 hrs 12 Jan 43 Copy No.....17

OPERATIONS

NEW GUINEA -

1. SAMANDA

Enemy active SOUTH of road block on SOPUTA - SAMANANDA track. Enemy strength in this area estimated at 500 and 1500 to the NORTH.

2. Our A/C attacked a vessel off Cape WARD HUNT and dromes at FINSCHHAFFEN, MADANG, WEWAK and LAE were again attacked.

3. Our A/C continues to pursue and attack the enemy convoy from LAE. (last sighted 90 miles ENE of GASMATA)

ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY -

4. Enemy submarines very active throughout the area from the ADMIRALTY IS to the SOLOMONS IS.
In this area 13 enemy submarines have been observed.

5. 8 destroyers observed 34 miles SE of SHORTLAND IS, course ESE.

(Landops Rcvsit No. 164)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

6. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 12 Jan 43.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Dull warm day with overcast skies, intermittent rain at first, clearing showers with cooler temperatures. NORTH - NE winds 10-15 m.p.h. at first and WEST - SW 15-20 m.p.h. later.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Dull warm day with overcast skies and intermittent rain at first. Clearing showers, cooler temperatures. NORTH - NW winds 20-30 m.p.h. on coast and 15-20 m.p.h. inland at first.
WEST - SW 15-25 m.p.h. later.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.92

GSIs 1209 To 1100 hrs 11 Jan 43 Copy No....17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR
Our A/C attacked BAUCAU.

2. NEW GUINEA
MERAUKE again raided by enemy A/C. No damage or casualties.

3. BUNA
Our tps occupied TARAKENA on 8 Jan.
(NOTE : This occupation cleared the enemy from all areas in vicinity of BUNA VILLAGE and GOVT STATION)
Enemy Naval dive bomber attacked our shipping in ORO BAY (South of BUNA). Light damage and casualties reported.

3. SANANANDA
Our patrols still active vicinity SOPUTA-SANANANDA track. Captured RABAUL natives state Japanese short of food and some are unarmed.

4. MAMBARE
Enemy in occupation south of MAMBARE RIVER estimated at 200.
(NOTE : These enemy forces possibly from DUVIRA CREEK area)

5. LAE
Ref. our recent A/C action against enemy convoy off LAE. Believed 33 enemy A/C shot down, 18 possible, 14 damaged, up to 8 Jan. Later an additional 14 enemy A/C were shot down and 3 damaged. Now reported convoy consisted of 2 lt cruisers, 3 destroyers, 5 tpts, 3 of these tpts reported sunk. While convoy disembarked tps and stores our A/C attacked and 13 enemy A/C were shot down. After leaving LAE convoy last observed South of CAPE DAMPIER where our A/C again attacked and started fires on tpts.
MADANG and SALAMAUA attacked by our A/C with direct hits on targe
ENEMY SEA ACTIVITY.

6. SOLOMONS
A convoy of 7 vessels observed East of BUKA PASSAGE course North.
2 destroyers off KIETA (BOUGAINVILLE IS) course S.E. by E.
6 destroyers off NEW GEORGIA IS course South East.
1/3000 ton vessel with one destroyer arrived at BUKA, the destroyer later departed N.W.
4 submarines operating in SOLOMONS area.

7. NEW BRITAIN
2 submarines operating in GASMATA area.
Now reported recent air action at VUNAKANAU (RABAUL) resulted in 7 enemy A/C shot down, 3 damaged.
(Landops Revsit 162,163)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

8. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 11 Jan 43.

Fine day with moderate temperatures. Well broken to scattered clouds inland, mainly high and middle level. Good visibility EAST - SE winds 10-15 mph in WESTERN District and WEST-SW 10-15 mph at first, tending SE later in EASTERN District.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 92.

GSIs 1206 To 1100 hrs 9 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

3 enemy vessels anchored at LAUTEM (on North coast)

2. NW Area

Our A/C attacked a stationary destroyer off TOEAL (KAI Islands in the ARAFURA SEA). Later our A/C attacked a destroyer which appeared to be towing a second destroyer, no hits in these attacks

3. SALAMAUA

Some advance made by our tps on left of track in vicinity of road block. Casualties were inflicted on enemy.
Our other forces held up by enemy MG fire on track 500 yds from TARAKENA.

4. MILNE BAY

Enemy left DUVIRA CREEK (near mouth MILNE BAY River) but some still remain on island at mouth of river.

5. LAE

LAE drome bombed by our A/C.

6. NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA drome bombed. Fires started.
4 enemy submarines operating in area.

7. SOLOMONS

6 enemy submarines operating in SOLOMONS.

(Landops Rovsit 161)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

8. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 9 Jan 43.

Broken to overcast high and middle level cloud lowering during day. Scattered SC and CU along Southern coast and over ranges. Wind light variable tending EAST 5 mph, freshening during afternoon and tending NORTH. Fine and mild. Visibility good.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 91.

GSIa 1203 To 1200 hrs 8 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. N.W. Area

Allied A/C set fire to 1 enemy torpedo boat in KAI ISLANDS (ARAFURA SEA).

2. SANANANDA

Activity by Allied cavalry patrols. Strong enemy position attacked by our troops near mouth of AMBOGA River (NORTH of SANANANDA). 1 Jap killed.

Enemy installations at SANANANDA POINT bombed and AMBOGA River area straffed.

3. NORTHERN NEW GUINEA

Estimated that 2000 Japs are in FINSCHHAFFEN area.
Drome construction work in progress at FINSCHAFFEN and WEWAK.

4. LAE

LAE bombed by our A/C. 6 grounded A/C straffed on drome.

Ref Summary dated 7 Jan - Enemy convoy of 4 transports, 4 destroyers, 2 cruisers first sighted near GASMATA was shadowed and attacked by our planes. 1 transport sunk and another left burning. The remaining vessels reached LAE. 9 or more intercepting zeros were shot down.

(Note - Probably attempting to reinforce LAE).

5. NEW BRITAIN

Our planes again bombed GASMATA drome.
Enemy constructing new strip 3 mls EAST of KOKOPO in the RABAUL area.

Concentration of shipping at RABAUL possibly includes 1 A/C carrier and 1 S/P tender.

6. SOLOMONS

6 Jan. Vessels sighted BUIN-FAISI area -

2 large warships
2 small warships
2 destroyers
1 transport.

(Landops Recsit 160)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

7. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN VICTORIA - Fine and cool generally with tendency to morning haze along SE coast. Wind SOUTH 10-15 mph tending SE 10-15 mph in Central and Western District. SOUTH 10-15 mph later in Eastern Victoria. Visibility hazy at first in places, good later.

RIVERINA - Well scattered cloud. Fine mild temperature. Visibility good. Wind SE 10-15 mph.

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DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 90.

GSIa 1196 To 1130 hrs 7 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. BUNA-SANANANDA

An Allied patrol contacted a stronger enemy force at TARAKENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA Village) then withdrew to SIWORI Village.

Our patrols active in SANANANDA area.

2. LAE-SALAMAUA

Our patrols report SALAMAUA-BUSAMA track patrolled and mined by Japanese. Canoes containing Japs moving up MARKHAM River. LAE, MUBO and KOMIATUM again attacked by our A/C.

3. FINSCHAFFEN

Natives report enemy force established at FINSCHAFFEN. Enemy patrols (10 strong) at SATELBURG (6 mls NW of FINSCHAFFEN.) and DOREKO (12 mls EAST by SOUTH of FINSCHAFFEN).

4. NEW BRITAIN

Enemy shipping again attacked by our A/C at RABAUL. Direct hits and near misses scored on at least 4 and probably 7 vessels. 1 vessel broke in two, others set on fire.
Runway at GASMATA drome bombed.
On 6 Jan 4 transports, 4 destroyers, 2 cruisers sighted approx 70 mls EAST of GASMATA course WSW. (This force probably from RABAUL).

5 Jan. High oblique photos taken over RABAUL reveal 75 ships including 12 possible destroyers in area.

5. SOLOMONS

5 Jan. 1 battleship, 1 hy cruiser, 4 destroyers, 4 cargo vessels sighted in BUIN-FAISI area.

(Landops Rovsit 159)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

6. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 7 Jan 43.

EASTERN VICTORIA - Broken to overcast clouds, light drizzle in places. Winds NNE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 25 mph. Visibility moderate.

WESTERN VICTORIA - Winds SSW 20-25 mph. Gusts to 30 mph. Visibility good.

RIVERINA - Broken middle level cloud, tending to thunder. Winds NNE 15-20 mph increasing during day. Visibility moderate.

Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

War Diary

M.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 89

GSIs 1192 To 1130 hrs 6 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

Enemy still active in BETANO (South coast) and SAME (Central TIMOR) areas.
2000 tps in area between OESU (Central Timor) and BEACO (South coast - Harbour).
Our A/C very active - attacked FUIJORO, LAIVAI, BAUCAU and BEACO areas.

2. NEW GUINEA

Enemy A/C again attacked TUFI (SE of BUNA). No damage.
(TUFI has been subjected to several air attacks lately - probably an Allied base).

3. BUNA

All enemy resistance destroyed - mopping up of stragglers continues. Many PW's taken and 50 Japs killed in GOVT STA area.

At TARAKENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA Village) some increased enemy activity.

Our tps made some advance on both sides of SANANANDA-SOPUTA track. Indications of enemy fwd tps withdrawing to main pos (approx 1350 yds South of road block. Our patrols and arty active. Our A/C attacked the area.
Enemy HQ is believed situated 1 ml South of SANANANDA POINT.

Our A/C very active throughout NEW GUINEA. Attacks were made on - SANANANDA POINT, LAE drome, MAMBARE River, MUBO, KOMIATUM, MADANG, and on enemy vessel off FINSCHAFFEN.

(These areas include the main enemy bases along North coast)

* enemy submarines operating off CAPE WARD HUNT (NW of BUNA)

4. NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA drome attacked by our A/C.
Indications of 7 enemy submarines operating in this area.

From reports read up to 2 Jan (air sightings) it is estimated that the following naval units are at R.BAUL -

17 warships
52 merchant ships
18 smaller ships
87

Note On 30 Dec, the following were reported to have been at R.BAUL -

7 destroyers
1 minelayer
2 tankers
2 submarines
2 transports
51 merchant vessels
20 small vessels
85

If the sighting of 2 Jan is correct, strength in warships has been increased by 10 - composition not known.

5. SOLOMONS

Reported 400 enemy at KOLOMBANGARA IS. 300 at WICKHAM Anchorage (on VANGUNU IS), 40 at WICKHAM IS. These islands are in NEW GEORGIA Gp.

From reports received (air sightings) the following are believed to be composition of enemy naval units.

In SOLOMONS (0h 3 Jan)

6 hy cruisers or battleships
5 lt cruisers
6 cargo vessels
9 other vessels
4 flying boats.

(Landops Revsit 158)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

6. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 6 Jan 43.

VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Well broken high and level cloud. Fine with rising temperatures and danger of grass fires. Visibility generally good from early morning, haze along parts of Southern coast. North winds 10-15 mph but increasing during day.

Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

M.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA. SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 38

GSIa 1189 To 1200 hrs 5 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

Japanese have new A/A and MG pens also new fire trenches behind SUMLAKI town on WAMDENA IS in TANIMBAR GP.

(Note - Our A/C severely attached this area some time ago)

2. BUNA

The enemy pocket WEST of GIRUA CREEK is now surrounded by our forces. A PW states 100 Japs remain there and are very low in food and amn.

Approx 650 Japs were killed in Govt Sta and GIRUA PT areas.

Our arty successfully shelled large enemy dump at SOPUTA-SANANDA track.

3. MAMBARE River

Natives report 20 to 30 Japs on WEST island in mouth of MAMBARE R.

4. LAE

Our A/C again attacked LAE drome, fires started.

5. MADANG

MADANG town and drome raided by our A/C. Enemy have bridged mouth of GUM River (4 mls SOUTH of MADANG) and attempting to bridge GOGAL River (15 mls SOUTH of MADANG). Enemy patrol at BOGADHIM (15 mls SOUTH of MADANG).

(Note - This is the furthest South the enemy has extended from MADANG).

6. NEW BRITAIN

Enemy vessels again attacked at RABAUL by our A/C. Hits and near misses scored.

Enemy shipping at RABAUL remains about the same.

7. SOLOMONS

1 submarine sighted in area. 8 destroyers 20 mls NE of VELLA LAVELLA course WNW.

(Landops Revsit 157)

8. BURMA

ARAKAN area - No further contact with enemy. Reported an enemy party in hills 3 mls North of THITKADO but a later air recce observed no movement in the area. Signs of recent occupation along coast to FOUL PT. Enemy mortar and MG strong post and sniper activity established on high ground North of RATHEDAUNG. Japs at KYAUKTAW estimated at 100.

CHIN HILLS area - Enemy activity in boats along lower MYITTHA R. has increased and confirmation of enemy GANGAW Valley received.

MYITKYINA area - Reported a trainload of Japs arrived in area.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

9. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 5 Jan 43.

VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Well scattered cloud. Lt variable winds mainly Easterly 5 mph, tending NE 5-10 mph later. Visibility generally good except for hazy conditions along coast in morning.

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M.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C ARE. SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 87.

GSIs 1186 To 1130 hrs 4 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

Reported BEACO (South coast) now strongly occupied by enemy. Our recco A/C encountered MG fire from settlement on Eastern tip of Island.
3 merchant vessels anchored at KOEPANG.

2. DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Ref to recent enemy air attack on HOLLANDIA, now stated MOEMI (near WEST coast of GELVINK BAY) was probably used as air base.

3. BUNA

2 Jan. GIROPA POINT was cleared of enemy and BUNA GOVT STA was occupied by our tps.
Only enemy resistance in entire area now from small pocket WEST of GIROPA CREEK.
A PW captured before attack on GIROPA stated 50 enemy in Station area, 100 enemy in COCONUT GROVE and 100 coolies in whole area. Supplies of MG ammo and grenades very low.

Offensive patrols and arty activity only in SOPUTA-SANANANDA track area. Track reported 3/4 under water.
SANANANDA Point bombed and strafed by our A/C.
TUFI GOVT STA (approx 12 mls WEST of PORLOCK HARBOUR) attacked by 12 enemy A/C. No damage reported. An Allied vessel in vicinity was also attacked.

4. MAMBARE-KUMUSI

28 enemy barges still at CAPE WARD HUNT and a few Jnps at mouth of MAMBARE River hidden in swamp.

5. LAE-SALAMAUA

LAE drome and buildings at SALAMAUA heavily bombed by our A/C.
2 transport planes destroyed at LAE.

6. NORTHERN NEW GUINEA

Some enemy reported at ANGORUM on the SEPIK River South of WEWAK.

7. NEW BRITAIN

Our A/C attacked dromes at VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI and 2 attacks on GASMATA drome. Shipping at RABAUL again attacked. Direct hits on large tpt, 2 other vessels left burning, 1 of 5 intercepting zeros destroyed, 1 probably destroyed. Vessels at RABAUL were - 17 warships, 55 merchant vessels, 20 smaller vessels. 7 submarines operating in the area.

8. SOLOMONS

4 hy cruisers or battleships, 6 destroyers 3 mls South of MOILA PT, (approx 4 mls South of BUIN) course EAST by SOUTH.
(Landops Recons 155/156)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

9. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 4 Jan 43.

SOUTHERN VICTORIA - Overcast low cloud, light rain at first. Wind SE 10-15 mph. Visibility moderate.

NORTHERN VICTORIA AND RIVERINA - Scattered clouds. Winds light variable mainly South-SE, 5 mph. Visibility moderate.

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G.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 86.

GSIs 1179 To 1100 hrs 2 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

Reported that Japs are carrying out daily training at 0833U (20 mls SSW of BAUCAU). Troops and supplies moved from BAUCAU and LAUTEM on the NE coast to BAGULA (15 mls SE of BAUCAU), FUIJORO and ILICMAR (27 mls SSW of LAUTEM).

2. DUTCH NEW GUINEA

On 31 Dec an enemy force of 18 hy bombers attacked MERAUKE (on the SOUTH coast, border of DUTCH N.G. and PAPUA.) Some damage was caused to the town area.

(Note - This is first indication of Allied troops being in this area.).

Indications that these aircraft are based at BENTONI BAY or GEELVINK BAY (NW corner of DUTCH N.G.)

3. BUNA

Reported Japs moving stores from inland locations to coast. Slight progress made by our forces BUNA GOVT STA area. SANANANDA POINT area strafed by our A/C.

4. LAE-SALAMAUA

3 attacks made on LAE drome. Grounded aircraft destroyed. 9 intercepting aircraft shot down, 6 damaged.

5. NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA drome bombed. 1 grounded A/C destroyed.

6. SOLOMONS

Dromes at KAHILI (near BUIN), and BUKA bombed.

7. AUSTRALIA

1 enemy submarine 39 miles NORTH of BRISBANE.

(All Landops Rovsit 154)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

8. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 2 Jan 43.

RIVERINA AND VICTORIA - Fine and hot with freshening NORTHERLY winds and dust storms inland, but cool SW change soon approaching gradually and extending generally with scattered showers about the coast and isolated thunder storms inland.

FUTURE OUTLOOK - Cool with scattered showers about the coast and in SOUTH GIPPSLAND.

Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

M.I. 1/2. GSI HQ VIC L OF C AREA. SECRET

DAILY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 85

GSIa 1177 To 1130 hrs 1 Jan 43. COPY NO. 17.

OPERATIONS

1. TIMOR

Japanese with large forces of armed natives active on NORTH coast and areas NOVA COMINHA, TURISCAI, MENDELO, MOMBISSE, SAME, BETANO and AILAEC.

(Note - The area encircled by these places is probably that occupied by our troops.)

2. DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Enemy A/C attacked MERAUKE (on SOUTH coast). Some damage to town area reported.

3. BUNA

Our tps made a further advance in to COCONUT GROVE. Our arty again knocked out some enemy guns and some enemy observed taking to sea.

Further advance of 400 yds made in GOVT STA area. An Allied fwd gun psn repulsed a raid by an enemy patrol and inflicted casualties on enemy in SOPUTA-SANANANDA track area.

4. LAE-SALAMAUA

Our patrols report Japs left DUALI (10 mls SE of SALAMAUA) on 14 Dec. No enemy there now.

Reported enemy at SALAMAUA short of food until reinforced and supplied by destroyers recently.

Our A/C attacked LAE drome. 3 enemy A/C destroyed. MADANG and WEWAK were also attacked.

5. NEW BRITAIN

Our A/C attacked GASMATA drome and shipping at RABAUL.

Fairly large concentrations of enemy shipping continue at RABAUL and BUKA PASSAGE otherwise no changes.

(Landops Rovsit 153)

TOPOGRAPHICAL

6. WEATHER FORECAST as at 0900 hrs 1 Jan 43.

RIVERINA AND NORTHERN VICTORIA - Fine and warm to hot. EAST to NE winds 5-10 mph.

REMAINDER OF VICTORIA - Cloudy and misty at first about the coast, otherwise fine and moderate temperatures in coastal areas - warm inland. EAST to NE winds 10-15 mph.

FUTURE OUTLOOK - Fine and warm to hot.

Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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SYDNEY

ADELAIDE

PERTH 3 AUST CORPS

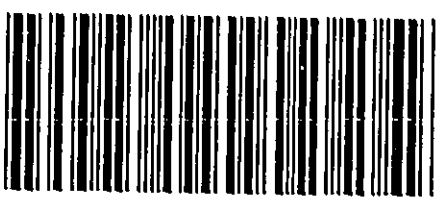
FROM LANDOPS

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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 184 TO 0001Z 31 JAN (.)
ONE (.) LANDOPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) WAU MUBO (.) 29
JAN 1930Z ENEMY IN STRENGTH ATTACKED WAU AND PENETRATED TO WHITHIN
400 YARDS DROME (.) ATTACK UNSUCCESSFUL ENEMY DRIVEN BACK CRYSTAL
CREEK AREA LOSING 250 KILLED INCLUDING COMMANDER RANK LIEUTENANT
COLONEL (.) OUR CASUALTIES LIGHT (.) 30 JAN 0550Z POSITION
UNDER CONTROL (.) WARIA RIVER (.) 30 JAN RELIABLY
REPORTED 200 JAPS THIS AREA ALL NORTH SIDE RIVER AROUND ZAKA
AND DONA CREEK (.) AMBOGA KUMUSI AREA (.) 30 JAN ALLIED
PATROLS MAINTAINED THIS AREA (.) JUMBORA GONA TRACK (.)
25 JAPS KILLED BY PATROLS TO 30 JAN (.)
TWO (.) AIROPS (.) ALLIED (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 29 JAN
BUILDINGS AND DUMPS LAE BOMBED AND STRAFFED 1834Z AND 1950Z (.)
ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS (.) 30
JAN 0300Z MUBO GARRISON HILL AND TRACK TO KOMIATUM BOMBED
AND STRAFFED (.) ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREAS (.) 30 JAN 0545Z WAU
AREA STRAFFED BLOWING UP LARGE AMMUNITION DUMP DESTROYING 15
NATIVE HUTS (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 28 JAN PM 1500 TON
VESSEL SOUTH WATU (OPEN BAY) BOMBED AND STRAFFED (.)
RESULTS N O T REPORTED (.) 30 JAN 0100Z 2500 TON TRANSPORT
17 MILES NW UBILI (80 MILES SW RABAUL) BOMBED AND STRAFFED (.)
1 PROBABLE HIT AND 1 NEAR MISS (.) 30 JAN 0408Z POSSIBLE STRIP 5000
BY 1500 FEET 13 MILES SOUTH BY EAST UBILI BOMBED (.) 5
HITS ON CENTRE (.) 30 JAN 0529Z DROME BOMBED AND STRAFFED (.)
1 HIT CENTRE RUNWAY (.) 29 JAN 1741Z SHIPPING RABAUL ATTACKED (.)
ONE VESSEL HIT CAUSING 3 EXPLOSIONS (.) FIRES STARTED
DUMPS TOBOI WHARF (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 29 JAN 2050Z 1 POSSIBLE
HEAVY DESTROYER ANCHORED WEWAK (.) NEEW BRITAIN (.) 29 JAN 1725Z
1/7000 TON HOSPITAL SHIP 35 MILES NE CAPE LAMBERT COURSE N O T STATED

... STATED 1955Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 18 SE TALASEA COURSE SSE 30 JAN
1335Z 1 DESTROYER ARAWW HARBOUR COURSE N O T STATED (.)
SOLOMONS (.) 29 JAN 0200Z 2 LIGHT CRUISERS 5 DESTROYERS 17
CARGO SHIPS 5 FLYING BOATS DESPO.. DISPERSED BETWEEN BUIN FAISI
0410Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL OFF NORTH COAST SHORTLAND IS
COURSE SE BY SOUTH 2140Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 10 MILES SE
FAISI NORTHERLY COURSE 2345Z 1 CARGO VESSEL STATIONARY 38 MILES
NORTH KIETA (BOUGAINVILLE) (.) SUBMARINES (.) 29 JAN ONE SIGHTED 55
SSW ARAWE (NEW BRITAIN) COURSE SOUTH (.) SOLOMONS IS (.)29
JAN ONE SIGHTED OFF NORTH WEST COAST MALAITA ONE 75 ...
75 MILES WNW RENNELL IS 30 JAN ONE SIGHTED 40 MILES NNE RENNELL
IS COURSE SSE (.) LANDFRCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY
CANBERRA
TOO 1157L/31 THI 1305

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LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO CONPOSITELY CANBERRA

(*) ENEMY CASUALTIES 30 AND 29 JAN 30 KILLED 4PRISONERS (*)

GONA - SANANANDA TARA - NDNA (*) 29 JAN MOPPING UP CONTINUIES

CONSIDERED ENEMY WITHDRAWN AD**ENDEAVOUR BEING MADE CUT OFF RETREAT (*)

LOCATE ENEMY ALONG RACK EAST OF VAU OR IN AREA WEST OF VANDUNI (*)

//////////////////////////////////// (*) 29 JAN PATROLS FAILED TO

20 JAN 0215Z 22 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS 3 CRUISERS 6 DESTROYERS

20 SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT SHIPS D U I N F A:1 S 1 AREA 22--6

6 DESTROYERS 30 MILES USU S-O-K-O-V-** S O K O V O V I

POINT (VELLA LAVELLA) COURSE NORTH/29 JAN 0030Z 1 HEAVY CRUISER 2 DES

1 CARGO VESSEL 1 POSSIBLE CARGO VESSEL D U K A PA S S A G E

1 HEAVY CRUISER 2 DESTROYERS DEPARTED B U K A P A S S A G E

APPROX MIDDAY 29 JAN LAST SIGHTED 0315Z E**WEST COAST B O U G A I N V

COURSE SOUTH 0217Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 1 TANKER OR CARGO

VESSEL B O U G A I N V I L L E S T R A I T COURSE INW 0401Z

1 CARGO VESSEL 2O MILES EAST F A I S I COURSE ESE 0419Z

1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 12 MILES NORTH S O K O V O V I P O I N T

COURSE ESE 0440Z 1 DESTROYER 5 MILES N**NORTH F A I S I COURSE S E

BY SOUR**SOUTH (*)

TWO (*) AIROPS (*) ALLIED (*) NEW GUINEA (*) 2R JAN 2147Z

MAT MAT AND GARRISON HILL 3 CRUDO ATTACKED (*)

BOMBS WIDE OF TARGET (*) NEW BRITAIN (*) CASMATTA DROME

HOMBED 1655Z AND 2242S 20 JAN (*) 2 HITS ON RUNWAY (*) CAPE

GLOUCESTER DROME ATTACKED 0350Z 29 JAN (*) BOMBS 55 FEET

WEST OF RUNWAY (*) ENEMY (*) 27 JAN 0120Z 5 AID12 HERUAUKET

BY 1 LM**FLOAT PLANE (*) NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (*)

THREE (*) LANDOPS (*) M1**NUBO - VAU (*) 28 JAN FOLLOWING

CLASH WITH ENEMY AT VANDUNI (7-1/2 MILES ENE USM**VAU) ZULU/////

OUR TROOPS WITHDREW TO RIDGE 500 YARDS SOUTH (*) DETACHMENT ENEMY OBS

PAST OUR POSITION IN DIRECTION CRYSTAL CREEK (3-1/2 MILES ESE VAU)

(*) LATER REINFORCEMENTS MOVING TO VANDUNI ENCOUNTERED ENEMY

DETACHMENTS MIDWAY KAISINI (4-1/2 MILES SE VAU) VANDUNI INFLICTING

CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES ONENEMY DKHL AT 1152Z OUR TROOPS HOLDING

BLACK CAT VANDUNI ARE (*) ENEMY PATROLS REPORTED UPPER BUL OLO VALLEY

(*) 23 JAN O-G49J-K-03

SECRET (*) LANDOPS REVISW SITUATION 183 TO 00012 30 JAN (*)

ONE (*) E N E M Y S I G H T I N G S (*) S O L O M O N S (*)

FROM LANDOPS

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE
MILBASE MELBOURNE
SYDNEY
ADELAIDE
PERTH
3 AUST CORPS

64 KXS XO2 IMPORTANT 0152Z

75 DZE Z X02 LIC GR464

TO LANDFORCESMELBOURNE

MLBASE SMELBOURNE
SYDNEY

ADELAIDE
PERTH
3 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

INT1A07 29 —

SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 182 TO 0001Z ++ 29 JAN
(.) ONE (.) LANDOPS(.) NEW GUINEA (.) 27 JAN ENEMY PATROL IN RAMU
VALLEY REPORTED AT MARAWASA (18 MILES NE KAINANTU)(.) HAMBAE RIVER (.)
27 JAN APPROX 50 JAPANESE SOUTH BANK DUVIRA CREEK VICINITY NAINBA
MISSIONS ++ MISSION (.) DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.) 28 JAN ALLI
RECCONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED STRIP BEING CLEARED AT NINE
18
(8 MILES EAST BY SOUTH KAUKENAU (.) TWO (.)
AIROPS (.) ALLIED (.) TIMOR (.) 27 JAN ++ NATIVE HUTS AND
POSSIBLE LOOKOUT TOWER FUIJORO STRAFFED (.) AMBON (.) 28 JAN
ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE ++ AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED BY
4/5 FIGHTERS VICINITY AMBON (.) 1 ENEMY FIGHTER DESTROYED (.)
AROE ISLANDS (.) JAN 2117Z ENEMY FLOAT PLANES DOBO STRAFFED
(.) 1 FLOAT PLANE ++ DESTROYED (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 27 JAN 2340Z ++
2340Z SETTLEMENT NW END WEWAK RUNWAY ATTACKED (.) 8 BOMBS
ACROSS SETTLEMENT AT LEAST 2 BUILDING DEMILISHED (.) 27 JAN 2145Z
BOMBS ++ DROPPED SOUTH ++ VILLAGE FIMSCHHAFEN (.) RESULTS
UNOBSERVED (.) 28 JAN 0001Z MUBO AND TRACKS NEAR KONIATUM BOMBED
AND STRAFFED (.) 1 BOMB LANDED MUBO STRIP (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 28
JAN ++ 0320Z CLEARED AREA CAPE ++ GLOUCESTER BOMBED (.) RESULTS
KNWF UNOBSERVED (.) 27 JAN 1700Z ++
GASHATA DROME BOMBED (.) BOMBS OVERSHOT (.) 28 JAN 0400Z
CARGO VESSEL ++ WIDE BAY ATTACKED (.) 1 NEAR MISS (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) DUTCH EAST INDIES (.) 28 JAN 0300Z
1 LARGE TRANSPORT BINNEN BAY 2 LARGE TRANSPORTS AMBON BAY 1
DESTROYER ENTERING AMBON BAY 0407Z 3/1000 TON MERCHANT VESSELS
26 MILES NORTH TOEAL (KAI IS) COURSE NORTH (.) CENTRAL PACIFIC (.)
27 JAN 0655Z 5 CARGO VESSELS 1 TANKER ++ ESCORTED BY 1 OR MORE
++ DESTROYERS 410 MILES ESE PALAU (CAROLINE
IS) COURSE SE BY SOUTH (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 27 JAN ++
JAN 2345Z 1/3000 TON MERCHANT VESSEL ANCHORED WEWAK 1 GUN BOAT
++ SWEBOLING 3 MILES AND ++ OUTWEWAK HARBOUR (.) NEW B
++ BRITAIN (.) 28 JAN 0130Z 1 SMALL CARGO VESSEL 1 LAUNCH 55
MILES SE ++ SW 4-1-7) 1974'3 .95 '5-53 —(90E-...1YX
'++ SW RABAUL COURSE NOT STATED (.) SOLOMONS (.) 28 JAN 2
SUBMARINES SIGHTED ONE 40 MILES SOUTH BY WEST ONE 40 MILES WNW
RUSSELL IS 0400Z 1 DESTROYER 2 CARGO VESSELS ++ VESSELS 10 MILES ++
MILES NE SOKOVOVI PT CVEE++ VELLA LAVELLA IS) COURSE SE BY EAST
0400Z 6 DESTROYERS 12 MILES NORTH SOKOVI ++ SOKOVOVI PT
COURSE ENE 0445Z 1 DESTROYER OR CROVETTE 1 TANKER 1 CARGO
VESSEL VICINITY VELLA LAVELLA IS COURSE NOT STATED 0520Z
1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 15 MILES WEST BUIN COURSE WEST
BY SOUTH 1 DESTROYER STATIONERY SHIRTLAND HARBOUR
WEATHER PREV ++ PREVENTED OBSERVATIONS BUIN
0556Z 1 DESTROYER 30 MILES NNW LANGSDALE PT VELLA LAVELLA COURSE
ESE (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

TOO 1106L/29 THI 1200

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3 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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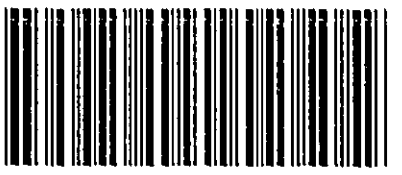
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ONE (.) LANDOPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MUBO AREA (.) 27 JAN ENEMY
STAYING CAMP APPROX 7 HOURS MARCH EAST OF BLACK CAT ESTABLISHED
(.) ENEMY CUTTING NEW TRACK TOWARDS BLACK CAT GAP FROM
TRACK (.) MOROBE AREA (.) ENEMY SUPPLY DUMPS REPORTED KOBO
(HALF MIE SOUTH WARIA) AND SOME TROOPS QUARTERED BAU (3
MILES SOUTH KOBO) (.) AIR RECCE PM 26 JAN OBSERVED ENEMY
TROOPS ZAMA (2MILES EAST CAPE ARIA) (.) TARAKENA (.)
26 JAN 2 ENEMY BARGES AND MOTOR LAUNCHES WITH CHARTS AND EQUIPMENT
FOUND NORTH BRANCH KONONOJI CREEK 600 YARDS FROM TARAKENA (.)
MANGROVE ISLANDS SHELLED BY ALLIED ARTILLERY AS HARASSING FIRE 27
JAN (.) TWO (.) AIROPS (.) ALLIED (.) KAI ISLANDS (.) 25 JAN
0822Z BUILDINGS AND JETTIESAT FAAN AND ROEMAAT BOMBED AND
STRAFFED (.) RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.) AROE ISLANDS (.) 27 JAN
0130Z 3 LUGGERS DOBO BOMBED AND STRAFFED (.) DIRECT HIT 1
LUGGER (.) NEW GUINEA (.) FINA..FINSCHAFEN BOMBED MORNING 27
JAN (.) NIL RESULTS (.) LAE (.) 27 JAN [illegible] SUPPLY DUMP MALAHANG
DROME ATTACKED (.) NIL RESULTS 26 JAN 2000Z STORES AND BUILDINGS
LAE BOMBED AND SALAMUA ISTHMUS STRAFFED (.) LARGE FIRE DOCK
AREA LAE STARTED (.) 27 JAN AM BARGES AND TROOPS LABU BARGES
WARIA RIVER AND ROBINSON BAY STRAFFED (.) MUBO AREA BOMBED
0005Z 27 JAN (.) 2 HUTS DEMOLISHED AND 1 LEFT BURNING AND
MACHINE GU ..GUN POST HIT..SILENCED (.) 26 JAN 4 BARGES WARIA
RIVER ATTACKED AND LEFT UNSERVICEABLE (.)
NEW BRITAIN (.) 26 JAN 2345Z DROME ATTACKED (.) ALL BOMBS ALONG
SIDE OF RUNWAY (.)
ENEMY (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MORESBY (.) RAID 103 AT 1626 Z
27 JAN BY 3 MEDIUM BOMBER..BOMBERS (.) APPROX 20 BOMBS DROPPED
BUT N O DETAILS (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 2926..2926 JAN
1633Z 1 SUBMARINE SIGHTED 50 MILES SOUTH BY WEST ARAWE (.)
CORAL SEA (.) [illegible]..26 JAN 0800Z 1 SUBMARINE SIGHTED 90 MILES
WEST DAMPTON REEFS COURSE WNW (.) SOLOMONS (.) 26 JAN
1120Z 2 SUBMARINES SIGHTED 2 MILES SOUTH ..NORTH BURAKU IS APPROX
0700Z 14 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS BUIN FAISI AREA 2345Z 1 LARGE
TRANSPORT 1 DESTROYER 7 MILES ESE BUIN COURSE NNW 27 JAN
0031Z 1 DESTROYER 2 CARGO VESSELS 1/1000 1/2000 TONS 1 P C
LARGE SCHOONER UNLTADING BUKA 1/4000 TON TRANSPORT ANCHORED OF 1 1
KESSA 0230Z 2 MERCHANT VESSELS 1/400 1/6600 TONS) 1 UNIDENTIFIED 1 2
VESSEL 29 MILES SW BUKA PASAAGE COURSE SOUTH 0355A 1 1
DESTROYER DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 23 MILES NORTH BY WEST VELLA 1 1
LAVELLA IS COURSE ESE 0620Z 1 SUBMARINE SIGHTED 10 MILES 1 1
WEST TULAGI 1225Z 1 SUBMARINE SIGHTED15 MILES EAST RUSSEL IS 3 9
(.) LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA
TOO 1257L/28 THI 1245

CKNG

CAN WE SEND FOR A WHILE AS HAVE ABOUT TWO DOZEN HERE

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TOO[redacted]DO .. 1245L/27 TH1 1447

LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

JAPANESE KILLED AND CAPTURED REPORTED (.)

25 JAN MOPPING UP SMALL ENEMY PARTIES CONTINUES WITH ADDITIONAL

BETWEEN 1B AND AM 26 JAN (.) GONA MISSION TO SANANANDA POINT (.)

MUBO (.) TOTAL 300/350 JAPANESE SEEN MOVING TOWARDS BLACKCAT

VEST AND 8 MILES SSW KURENADA) (.)

1 CRUISE 1 DESTROYER 1 TRANSPORT 3 MILES SE [redacted].. KUNDURUBAGARA

COURSE WEST BY NORTH (.) TETIPARI ISLAND (2) 26 JAN AM NATIVE

REPORTS 1 WARSHIP ANCHORED WEST SIDE TETIPARI PLANTATION CVAIGH

BAY) (.) ST [redacted]. ISABEL (.) 25 JAN 1120Z 1 CRUISER 7 DESTROYERS

30 MILES SSW KORRIGOLE BAY COURSE SOUTH (.) RUSSELL ISLAND

RUSSELL ISLAND (.) 26 JAN 1535Z 1 UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 20

MILES SOUTH BY WEST PAVUVU ISLAND (.) SUBMARINES SIGHTED 26 JAN

ONE LARGE 30 MILES NNW TULAGI ONE OFF BURAKU ISLAND ONE 420 MILES

WNW GUADALTON CWEST AUST) (.)

TWO (.) AIROPS (.) ALLIED (.) DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.) 26 JAN 0019Z

3 CARGO VESSELS EACH 1500 TONS ATTACKED 22 MILES SW CAPE

VAN DEN BOSCH (.) NIL HITS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) FINSCHHAFEN (.)

25 JAN 0532Z DRONE ATTACKED (.) NIL RESULTS (.)

26 JAN 0130Z FIRES STARTED MISSION HOUSING AREA (.) LAE (.)

25 JAN 2352Z TERRACE AND SUPPLY DUMPS BOMBED AND STRAFED (.) HOST

BOMBS WIDE OF TARGET (.) SALAMAUA (.) 25 JAN 2359Z MUBO - KOKIADIM

AREA BOMBED AND STRAFED (.) RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.)

25 JAN AM KOBO VILLAGE SALAMAUA PENINSULA AND BARGE ROBINSON BAY

STRAFED (.) NEWBRITAIN (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 25 AND 26 JAN

3 ATTACKS ON DROME (.) SOME BOMBS ON TARGET (.)

GASMATA (.) 26 JAN 0221Z MACHINE GUN POSITIONS AT DROME

ATTACKED (.) NIL RESULTS (.) 25 JAN 0137Z SMALL BOAT VIA ..

WATERFALL BAY ATTACKED (.) NIL HITS (.) FAIRLY (.) 25 JAN 1740Z SUNK

ATTACKED (.) LIGHT [redacted] ICE ON WATERFALL VESSEL CAUSING LARGE FIRE

(.) FIRES STARTED CLOSE SHORE VICINITY MALAGUNA STRIP (.)

MADMOMS/AAA/BAAA

SOLOMONS (.) BUKA (.) 25 JAN 1510Z DRONE INSTALLATIONS ATTACKED

(.) FIRES STARTED STORES DUMP AREA (.) ENDAY (.) NEW GUINEA (.)

NORSBY (.) RAID 101 REPORTED RESIT 179 SHOULD READ 24 JAN 1740Z

(.) 25 JAN 1605Z 2 UNIDENTIFIED BOMBERS DROPPED 15 BOMBS VICINITY

JACKSON DROME (.) NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.) RAID IN

PROGRESS SOUNDED 1955Z 26 JAN (.) AUSTRALIA (.) 25 JAN UNIDENTIFIED

AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER SYDNEY 1340Z [redacted] ... (.)

THREE (.) LANDOPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) KUMUSI AREA (.) 26 JAN

ESTIMATED 200 JAPANESE DEUNIA (14 MILES WEST BY SOUTH KURENADA)

MILES ESE FAISI COURSE ESE (.) VELLA LAVELLA (.) 25 JAN 2302Z

1 CRUISE 1 DESTROYER 1 TRANSPORT 3 MILES SE [redacted].. KUNDURUBAGARA

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ESTIMATED 200 JAPANESE DEUNIA (14 MILES WEST BY SOUTH KURENADA)

SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 180 TO 0001 Z 27 JAN (.)

ONE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.) 24 JAN PHOTOGRAPHS

NOW REVEAL VESSEL MANOKWARI AS MINELAYER (.) SOLOMONS (.) BUKA (.)

25 JAN 1530Z 1 POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT CARRIER 10000 TONS 2 CRUISERS

60 MILES SW BUKA PASSAGE COURSE WNW 25 JAN 0441Z CONVOY 9

SHIPS INCLUDING LARGE TRANSPORTS 40 MILES EAST [redacted].. BUKA PASSAGE

COURSE SOUTH (.) MUIN-FAISI (.) 25 JAN 2155Z 4 CARGO VESSEL 3

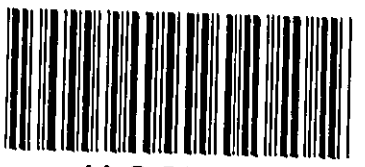
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FROM LANDOPS

TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE
MILBASES MELBOURNE
SYDNEY
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ADELAIDE
PERTH
3 AUST CORPS .

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TOO 18334/06 TH1 1335

LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO CONFOSITELY CANBERRA

C1 WHICH SEVERELY DAMAGED) REACHED (.)

ATTACKED BY ALLIED N T RB (.) 2 ENEMY ARCFS SUNK OTHER 2

NIGHT 24/25 JAN 4 ENEMY LANDING BARGES SOUTH K U N U S I

BLACKCAT CREEK CN E V A U) K U N U S I R I V E R (.)

V A U (.) 24 JAN 1145Z PARTY 100 ENEMY TROOPS REPORTED VICINITY

KORO COUTH VARIA RIVER NOUTH) (.)

R I V E R (.) 25 JAN AT LEAT 4 BARGES FULL ENEMY N LANDED

BLOCK AREA (.) 25 JAN NOPPING UP CONTINUED (.) V A R I A

TAMO CAPE K I L L E R T O N - T A R A K E N A - R O A D

T H R E E (.) LANDOPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.)

TOKU COURE N N W (.) V O L O KO N S (.) U U K A (.)

25 JAN 0102Z 1 SMALL CARGO VESSEL 1 LARGE SCHOONER ARRIVED

B U K A FROM SOUTH (.) B U L I N F A I S I

(.) 24 JAN 2349Z 1 LIGHT CRUISER 5 DESTROYERS 12 CARGO VESSELS

15 MILES S S W F A I S I (.) 25 JAN 0001Z 1 [illegible] T/P

1 [illegible] AT F A I S I 1 CARGT VESS L U E T/P

U A L L A L E I S L A N D 4 CARGO VESSELS ANCHORED CLOSE

K A H I L I 2 CARGO VESSELS U/T T O N N E S [illegible]

2 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS S H O R T L A N D HARBOUR D045Z 2

DESTROYERS 1 TRANSPORT S H O R T L A N D HARBOUR 7 UNIDENTIFIED

VESSELS T O N O L E I HARBOUR (.) V E L L A L A V E L L A

(.) 25 JAN 0405Z 2 DESTROYERS 1 CARGO VESSEL 11 MILES N E BY NORTH

K U N D U R A - M A N G A R A POINT CHURCHE SOUTH (.)

T W O (.) A I R O P S (.) ALLIED (.) 25 JAN 0115Z ENEMY

CONVOY 1 DESTROYER 3 TRANSPORTS EAST K O O A R I ATTACKED

N O RESULTS REPORTED (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)

F I N S C H H A F E N (.) 25 JAN 0205Z SMALL UNESCED VESSEL

NEAR END RUNWAY BOMBED (.) 3 NEAR MIDDEG (.) L A E (.) 24 JAN

0300Z SUPPLYDUMPS ATTACKD (.) SPECIAL BOMBS IN TARGET

AREA DEMOLISHING SOME BUILDINGS MACHINE GUN AND A A POSITIONS

GILENCED (.) S A L A M A U A-K I M U S I RIVER (.) CANOED

B U I A N U U N (.) MILES SOUTH S A L A M A U A) D U V I R A

CREEK AND LIFE BOATS K U N U S I NOUTH STRAFFED (.) N E W

B R I T A I N (.)

MYMILIWAY CASNATA (.) 24 JAN 2302Z

DRONE BOMBED AND STRAFFED 2 BOMBS ON RUNWAY (.) R A B A U L

(.) 1205Z SHIPPING AND R A P O P O RUNWAY ATTACKED CR A P O P O

15 NANE APPROVED FOR NEW STRIP NEAR K O K O P O) RESULTS

UBO..UNOBSERVED (.) 1235Z SHIPPING ATTACKED(.) 2000 TON

POSSIBLE GUN BOAT OR MUNITION SHIP EXPLODED 1 HIT ON AN OTHER

VESSEL LEAVING LEGARGE HOLE IN SIDE (.) E N E M Y (.) NEW

G U I N E A) (.) M O R E B Y (.) 22 JAN 1640Z BI..RAID

101 BY 2 TO 6 UNIDENTIFIED M AIRCRAFT (.) 20 TO 30 BOMBS VICINITY

RUNWAY J A C K S O N DROVE (.) N O DAMAGE (.) BI..RAID

REPORTED 1543Z 25 JAN N O DETAILS (.) M I L N E B A Y (.)

12SQZ 2 DESTROYERS 3 CARGO SHIPS (1/10000 TONS 2/6000 TONS)

CENTRE ST G E O R G E S CHANNEL C O U R SE S W BY SOUTH

(.) N E W I R E L A N D (.) 24 JAN 0040Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 8000

TONS COURSE N N W (.) V O L O KO N S (.) U U K A (.)

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U A L L A L E I S L A N D 4 CARGO VESSELS ANCHORED CLOSE

K A H I L I 2 CARGO VESSELS U/T T O N N E S [illegible]

2 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS S H O R T L A N D HARBOUR D045Z 2

DESTROYERS 1 TRANSPORT S H O R T L A N D HARBOUR 7 UNIDENTIFIED

VESSELS T O N O L E I HARBOUR (.) V E L L A L A V E L L A

(.) 25 JAN 0405Z 2 DESTROYERS 1 CARGO VESSEL 11 MILES N E BY NORTH

K U N D U R A - M A N G A R A POINT CHURCHE SOUTH (.)

T W O (.) A I R O P S (.) ALLIED (.) 25 JAN 0115Z ENEMY

CONVOY 1 DESTROYER 3 TRANSPORTS EAST K O O A R I ATTACKED

N O RESULTS REPORTED (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)

F I N S C H H A F E N (.) 25 JAN 0205Z SMALL UNESCED VESSEL

NEAR END RUNWAY BOMBED (.) 3 NEAR MIDDEG (.) L A E (.) 24 JAN

0300Z SUPPLYDUMPS ATTACKD (.) SPECIAL BOMBS IN TARGET

AREA DEMOLISHING SOME BUILDINGS MACHINE GUN AND A A POSITIONS

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CREEK AND LIFE BOATS K U N U S I NOUTH STRAFFED (.) N E W

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REPORTED 1543Z 25 JAN N O DETAILS (.) M I L N E B A Y (.)

SECRET .(.) L A N D O P S REVIEW SITUATION TO

0012 26 JAN (.)

O N E (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) CELEIBS (.) 25 JAN 0415Z

1 DESTROYER 3 TRANSPORTS (1/15000 TONS 2/10 - 12000 TONS)

115 MILES E N E KENDARI COURSE N E (.) A N B O N (.)

25 JAN 0340Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 4/5000 TONS ENTERING A M B O N

B A Y (.) D U T C H N E W G U I N E A (.) 24 JAN

A M 1 FIGHTER OR TRANSPORT 3000 TONS 2 MILES N W B A DO

4 SMALL FREIGHTERS AT ANCHORED H A N O K W A R I (.) N E W

B R I T A I N (.) H A B A U L (.) 23 JAN 2340Z 7 TRANSPORTS

K E H A V I A D A Y 36 LARGE VESSELS DISPERSED SIMPSON

HARBOUR ALSO MANY SMALL VESSELS N O R T H E R N END

S I M P S O N HARBOUR (.) 24 JAN 0005Z * G MERCHANT VESSELS

CAGGREGATING 17000 TONS) 1 TANKER OF K O K O P O (.)

66 CIN 2 X02 IMPORTANT GR 364

TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

HILLASES MELBOURNE

SYDNEY

ADELAIDE

PERTH 3 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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ACTION

69 MSG [illegible] IMPORTANT TO ACG [illegible]

TO LANDFORCES MELB [illegible] MELB
SYDNEY ADELAIDE
PERTH 2 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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SECRET(.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 1?? TO 0001Z 25 JAN (.)
ONE(.) NEW GUINEA (.) ROAD BLOCK - CAPE KILLERTON - GIRUWA(.)
ENEMY CASUALTIES TO 24 JAN NOW NUMBER 2527 KILLED (INCLUDING
900 GONA AREA) OVER 120 ENEMY AND SEVERAL HUNDRED RABAUL AND OTHER
NATIVE PRISONERS (.) REPORTS CONFUSING BUT POSSIBLE 415 ENEMY
KILLED BETWEEN SIWORI AND GIRUWA TO BE ADDED TO ABOVE FIGURES
(.) MOPPING UP CONTINUES (.) ENEMY BARGE ACTIVITY UP COAST
CONTINUES(.) THESE BEING ENGAGED ALLIED PATROL CRAFT (.)
TWO (.) AIR OPS (.) ALLIED (.) TIMOR (.) 24 JAN 0115Z
DILLI ATTACKED ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA(.) TWO ENEMY FIGHTERS
INTERCEPTED ONE PROBABLY SHOT DOWN (.) NEW GUINEA (.) ALLIED
RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED BY NINE FIGHTERS WEWAK
0245Z 23 JAN (.) TWO ENEMY FIGHTERS DESTROYED (.) LAE (.) 0100Z 24
JAN TERRACE AREA ATTACKED (.) ALL BOMBS IN 100 FOOT TRAIN FROM
TERRACE TO SE END RUNWAY (.) SALAMAUA(.) 24 JAN 0140Z ISTHMUS
BOMBED ALL BOMBS BETWEEN CENTRE AND NORTH END ISTHMUS (.)
SAME AIRCRAFT THEN STRAFED AA POSITIONS SALAMAUA AND BUVIRA CREEK
(.) SOLOMON SEA (.) 23 JAN 1420Z ENEMY VESSEL ATTACKED 120
MILES WEST BY SOUTH SHORTLAND ISLAND (.) POSSIBLE HITS SCORED (.)
NEW BRITAIN (.) 23 JAN 0525Z CAPE GLOUCESTER [illegible] ONE BOMB
ON NORTH END RUNWAY (.) GASMATA(.) 24 JAN 0020Z RUNWAY BOMBED
NIL RESULTS (.) RABAUL (.) 23 JAN 1740Z LAKUNAI AND VUNAKANAU
DROMES ATTACKED (.) TWO LARGE FOUR SMALL FIRES ALONG RUNWAY
LAKUNAI STARTED (.) FIRES STARTED DISPERSAL AREAS
VUNAKANAU (.) ENEMY (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MORESBY (.)
SEVERAL RAID WARNINGS SOUNDED 24 AND 25 JAN NO DETAILS (.)
MILNE BAY (.) 25 JAN RAID WARNING SOUNDED NO DETAILS (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) CELEBES (.) 23 JAN 1 NATORI CLASS
CRUISER WITH ESCORT SALAJAR STRAIT COURSE WESTERLY (.)
23 JAN 1400Z ONE AIRCRAFT CARRIER TWO LARGE VESSELS TWO DESTROYERS
SALAJAR STRAIT COURSE EAST (.) DUTCH NEW GUINEA(.) 24
JAN 0100Z ONE SMALL [illegible] TYPE OF CONVERTED AIRCRAFT CARRIED AT
[illegible] 1140Z ONE MERCHANT VESSEL 2000 TONS FOUR SMALL
VESSELS AT BABO (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 23 JAN 0230Z THREE
CARGO VESSELS ONE LIGHT CRUISER ONE DESTROYER WEWAK HARBOUR
STATIONARY(.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 24 JAN 0120Z ONE SUBMARINE
SIGHTED [illegible] BAY (EAST WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA) 0605Z ONE SMALL
POSSIBLE GUNBOAT 24 MILES SSW CAPE [illegible] (WESTERN TIP GAZELLE
PENINSULA) (.) SOLOMONS(.) BUKA(.) 23 JAN
0040Z TWO DESTROYERS TWO TRANSPORTS 54 MILES NNW BUKA
PASSAGE COURSE SE BY EAST 0220Z ONE CARGO VESSEL 5000 TONS
BUKA PASSAGE STATIONARY 0320Z ONE SMALL CARGO VESSEL ONE
DESTROYER 15 MILES SW BUKA PASSAGE COURSE SSE (.) LAST THREE
VESSELS ARE CORRECTION TO THREE UNITS 45 MILES NNW CAPE HOLTKE AND
ONE DESTROYER BUKA PASSAGE ONE CARGO VESSEL BETWEEN BUKA AND
[illegible] ISLAND REPORTED REVSIT 177 (.) BOUGAINVILLE (.)
23 JAN 0100Z 1 LIGHT CRUISER 1 DESTROYER 27 MILES

WEST KIETA COURSE [illegible] BY [illegible] 1300Z TWO CRUISERS OR DESTROYERS
34 MILES SW CAPE [illegible] COURSE SOUTH 1337Z ONE DESTROYER ONE TRANSPORT

40 MILES WEST BY SOUTH MUTUPINA POINT (.)
BUIN FAISI (.) 23 JAN 0002Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 8000 TONS THREE
PROBABLE DESTROYERS TONOLEI HARBOUR 2 CARGO VESSELS
OUTSIDE TONOLEI HARBOUR (.) 24 JAN 0507Z
17 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS IN SHORTLAND HARBOUR 0440Z ONE DESTROYER
ONE TRANSPORT OR CARGO VESSEL 27 MILES EAST BY SOUTH FAISI
ISLAND COURSE EAST (.) VELLA LAVELLA (.) 24 JAN 0414Z ONE
TANKER 10 MILES SSE [illegible] POINT COURSE SOUTH (.)
NEW GEORGIA (.) NIGHT 23/24 JAN ONE
UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 23 JAN 1102Z ONE
LIGHT CRUISER OR DESTROYER 1140Z ONE CARGO VESSEL ONE SMALL
VESSEL ALL FOUR LEAVING BLACKETT STRAIT (SW NEW GEORGIA ISLAND)
(.) FLORIDA(.) 24 JAN 0200Z ONE SMALL ONE LARGE SUBMARINE SIGHTED 5
MILES SSW TINETE (SOUTH TULAGI) (.) STEWART ISLANDS (.)
23 JAN 2211Z ONE SUBMARINE SIGHTED 30 MILES NORTH STEWART ISLAND
(.) AUSTRALIA (.) 24 JAN 0240Z ONE SUBMARINE SIGHTED 70
MILES SSE OSPREY REEF (270 MILES SOUTH MORESBY) (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO CORRESPONDENTLY CANBERRA
TOO 1240L/25 THI 1445

NIL [illegible] AND ADVISED

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NR 55 JYA Z XO2 GR 782
TO LANDFORCES MELB MILBASES MELB SYDNEY ADELAIDE PERTH
3 AUST CORPS

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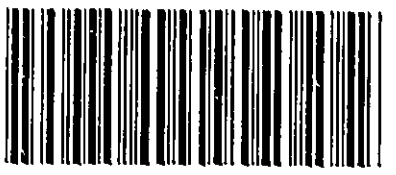
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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 177 TO 0001Z 24 JAN(.)
ONE (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MUBO 21 JAN 50 ENEMY REPORTED
W I P A I N I N G AREA (3 MILES SE MUBO)(.) N A N D A R E 22
JAN SOME JAPANESE RETURNED MOUTH CREEK AND MISSION
D U V I R A (.) ROAD BLOCK-CAPE KILLERTON-TARAKENA (.) 22 JAN
MOPPING UP THROUGHOUT WHOLE ARE CONTINURES (.) 32 JAPANESE KILLED
AND 1 PRISONER CAPTURED OF PARTY 33 ATTEMPTING ESCAPE RAOD BLOCK
ARE (.) 17 WALKING PRISIONERS 4..50 STRETCHER CASES TAKEN ENEMY
HOSPITAL AREA S O U T H G I R U W A PROBABLY 50 MORE STRETCHER
CASES TO COME (.) TOTAL KNOWN ENEMY DEAD WHOLE AREA 8 TO 22 JAN
1201 (.) KUMUSI RIVER (.) NIGHT 22 JAN K.. ALLIED SURFACE UNITS
ATTACKED 2 ENEMY BARGES BOTH BARGES LEFT BEACHED 1 BURNING (.)
TWO (.) AIR OPS (.) ALLIED (.) TIMOR (.)0040+::0C40Z+23 JAN
////.S U I J O R O STRIP AREA STRAFED A/A AND M. POSTS SILENCED
LARGE BUILDINGS LEFT SMOKING (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 0350Z/23 JAN 18
ENMY FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED ALLID RECONNAISANCE AIRCRAFT 30 MILES
NNE W E W A K 3 FIGHTERS DESTROYED TLUS 2 PROBABLE (.) 2350Z/22 JAN
WAREHOUSE M A D A N G BOMBED (.)03..Z/23 JAN BUILDINGS BOMBED
FINSCHHAFEN 3 HOUSES EXPLODED AND ONE LEFT BURNING (.)0020Z/23JAN
STORES SUPPLIES TERACE LAE ATTACKED (.) LARGE GASOLINE CLF
FIRES SEVERAL SMALL FIRES RESULTED (.)
0210Z/23 JAN SALAMAUA-MUBO AREA BOMBED AND STRAFED (.)
MORNING 23 JAN ENEMY BARGES B A K U M B A R I TO S A L A M A U A
STRAFED (.) NEW BRITAIN (.)1728Z/22 JAN SHIPPING AND VUNAKANAU
DROME RABAUL ATTACKED (.) FUEL DUMP DROME LEFT BIRNING SEVERAL
BOMBS IN BLAST BAYS (.)

1845Z/22 JAN DRO.. TARGETS SHIPPING RABAUL (.)
1 DIRECT HIT 5 NEAR MISSES 12000 TONS TRANSPORT 2 NEAR MISSES 8000
TON TRANSPORT (.) 12 ENEMY FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED 5 DESTROYED 2
DAMAGED (.) ENEMY (.) NEW GUINEA (.) RAID NO 11 MERAUKE 0315X/23
JAN (.) 1 FLOAT PLANE DROPPED 2 BOMBS TOWN AREA (.) NIL DAMAGE
OR CASUALTIES (.)112..1130Z/22 JAN RAID NO 99 MORESBY 4
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT DROPPED BOMBS VICINITY K I L A DROME AND
HARBOUR NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.)1800Z/22 JAN RAID 100 MORESBY
BOMBS DROPPED 7 MILES NORTH MORESBY (.) NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.)
MILNE BAY (.) REF RAID 12 JAN 20 NOW KNOWN 3 BOMBERS ATTACKED N O T 2
RAID 14 BY 3 AIRCRAFT 1016Z/22 JAN BOMBS VICINITY G U R N E Y
DROME (.) NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.) RAID 15 BY 2
AIRCRAFT
.. RUNWAYS ATTACKED 1301Z/22 XXXXX
1301Z/22 JAN SOME DAMAGE P.. N O T
YET ASSESSED (.) RAID 16 BY 6 AIRCRAFT 1834Z/22 JAN (.) SHIPPING
ATTACKED (.)1 AMALL FUEL DUMP DESTROYED SLIGHT DAMAGE WHARF(.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW GUINEA (.)..0330Z/23JAN 1
DESTROYER 3 TRANSPORTS 10 MILES NNW WEWAK COURSE NORTH (.)
2256Z/22 JAN 2 SUBMARINES SIGHTED 15 MILES SE BASILISK BEACON
MORESBY (.) NEW BRITAIN (.)2230Z/22 JAN 5 CARGO VESSELS EACH 4/500
TONS STATIONARY BETWEEN GASMATA-ARAWE (.)1728Z/22 JAN3 MERCHANT
VESSELS 1 POSSIBLE CRUISER 14,...15 MILES SOUTH CAPE GAZELLE HEADING
RABAUL (.)
2350Z/21 JAN 7 DESTROYERS 5 SUBMARINES 2 PATROL CRAFT 4 TANKERS
43 MERCHANT VESSELS AGGREGATING 170000 TONS RABAUL
(.)
SOLOMONS (.) BUKA (.) AM23 JAN 1 DESTROYER BUKA PASSAGE
CARGO VESSEL BETWEEN BUKA AND MATZUNGAN ISLAND (7MILES NW BUKA
PASSAGE) 0145Z/23 JAN 1 CRUISER 82 MILES EAST BY NORTH BUKA PASSAGE
COURS SOUTH (.) BOUGAINVILLE (.)2315Z/22 JAN NATIVES REPORT 1
LARGE PROBABLE TRANSPORT AT KESSA (.)0058Z/23 JAN 2 DESTROYERS
2 TRANSPORTS 65 MILES WNW CAPE MILTKE (.)0125Z/23 JAN 1 CRUISER
1 DESTROYER 40 OR .. MILES WEST .. CAPE MOLTKE (.)0335Z/23
JAN 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 3000 TONS 1 TRANSPORT 5000 TONS
45 MILES NNW CAPE MOLTKE COURSE SSE (.)1120X/23 JAN 3 UNIDENTIFIED
VESSELS 30 MILES
... CAPE MOLTKE (.) BUIN FAISI (.)2230Z/22 JAN 2 LARGE PROBABLE
TANKERS 2 TO 4 MILES SOUTH KAHILI STATIONARY 1 LIGHT CRUISER 6
DESTROYERS 7 CARGO VESSELS ANCHORED BETWEEN KAHILI AND PUPUKUNA
POINT (.)2340Z/22 JAN 1 DESTROYER 1 CRUISER SOUTH OEMA ISLAND
(24MILES ENE N.. BUIN) HEADING BUIN(.)0250Z/23 JAN 1LIGHT CRUISER
OR DESTROYER 1 VERY LARGE CARGO VESSEL 10 MILES SE FAISI COURSE
SE (.)1438X/23 JAN 1 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELL 55 MILES WEST TREASURY
ISLAND (.) VELLA LAVELLA (.)0405Z/22 JAN 2 SMALL COASTAL VESSELS
12 MILES SOUTH BY EAST KUNDURUNBANGARA POINT (.)2300Z/22JAN 1
LARGE CARGO VESSEL 1 LARGE DESTROYER 22 MILES NORTH KUNDURUNBANGARA
POINT COURSE .. 1 ... CARGO VESSEL 20 MILES ...
NNW SOLOVOVI POINT COURSE NORTH (.) CHOISEUL (.)0700Z/23 JAN
2 DESTROYERS 20 MILES ENE CAPE AL... PLS
.. PLEQASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

TOO 1353L/24 TH1 1512
CKING
IN THE FOURTH LAST LINE SHLD READ
1 SMALL CARGO VESSEL 20 MILES NNW SOLOVOVI
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PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANTGRA

7 MILES ROTH KUNDURUNHANGARA POINT COURSE SU (.) LANDFORCES

VELLA [redacted] LAVELLA (.) 22 JAN 0X2GZ TWO SMALL COASTAL VESSELS
BOAT 16 MILES EAST FAISI COURSE EAST FY SOUTH (.)
21 JAN 02002 1 DESTROYER 2 CARGO VESSELS 1 TORPEDO

DIRECT HITS VESSEL WHICH LATER EXPLODED THREE DIRECT HITS
VESSEL WHICH LEFT BURNING AND SERIES SMALL EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED

ONE SHIP WITH LIGHTER [redacted] ALONGSIDE SANK 12 MINUTES
AFTER HIT (.) 18002/21 TOWN AND SHIPPING

ATTACKED RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.) ONE SHIP SEEN RUNNING (.)
TWO (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) AMBON (.) 20 JAN PHOTOGRAPHS
REVEAL ONE CRUISER 4000 TONS ONE TANKER 1800 TONS
NINE MERCHANT VESSELS TOTALLING 8950 TONS FOUR PATROL
BOATS 4 TO 500 TONS EACH IN AMBON BAY ONE POSSIBLE SEAPLANE
TENDER 4000 TONS TWO MERCHANT VESSELS EACH 2500 TONS (.) DUTCH
NEW GUINEA (.) 22 JAN 0132Z THREE MERCHANT VESSELS (1/2000

MOVING UP RAUU RIVER 45 MILES SOUTH MADANG (.)
AUSTRALIA (.) DARWIN MIDNIGHT 21/22 JAN RAID 51 (.)
TWO MEDIUM BOMBERS DROPPED 12 BOMBS HUGHES AREA (.) NO
DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MERAUKE 02452/21
RAID 10 ONE FLOATPLANE DROPPED TWO BOMBS SWAMP AREA NO
DAMAGE NO CASUALTIES (.) FURTHER RAID[redacted]AID IN PROGRESS

0325Z/22 NO DETAILS (.) MILNE BAY 22/23 JAN SEVERAL RAIDS
IN PROGRESS SIGNALS RECEIVED NO DETAILS (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.)
[redacted]
DOT[redacted]

AMBON (.) 01002/21 ONE DIRECT HIT TWO NEAR MISSES ON 4000
TAN MERCHANT CHIN INTERCEPTION 0/10 FIGHTERS NO
DESTROYED PLUS ONE PROBABLE JAUL NEW GUINEA (.) [redacted]
CAPE VAN DEN BOSCH (.) 01322/21 ATTACKED THREE MERCHANT
X VESSELS TWO NEAR MISSES (.) M A D A N G
DROME (.) 25502/21 ONE HIT RUNWAY (.) L A E (.)
21032/20 ONE DIRECT HIT ON BUILDING M A L A H A N G
BALANCE UNOBSERVED (.) 21052/21 SUPPLY DUMPS TERRACE AREA
SEVERAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING BURNS PHILP STORE OBSERVED
BURNING (.) SALAMAUA (.) 2302Z/20 ROMBS [redacted]
[redacted] MC DONALDS CORNER TO CENTRE ISTHMUS
(.) SOME BUILDINGS DESTROYED (.) SAME AIRCRAFT
LATER STRAFED ALONG COAST TO BANUMBARI (.) NEW BRITAIN(.)
RABAUL (.) 17402/21 SHIPPING ATTACKED FROM 200 FT (.) ONE
DIRECT HIT ON VESSEL WHICH SANK WITHIN FOUR MINUTES TWO
DIRECT HITS VESSEL WHICH LATER EXPLODED THREE DIRECT HITS
VESSEL WHICH LEFT BURNING AND SERIES SMALL EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED
[redacted] ALONGSIDE SANK 12 MINUTES
AFTER HIT (.) 18002/21 TOWN AND SHIPPING
ATTACKED RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.) ONE SHIP SEEN RUNNING (.)
TWO (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) AMBON (.) 20 JAN PHOTOGRAPHS
REVEAL ONE CRUISER 4000 TONS ONE TANKER 1800 TONS
NINE MERCHANT VESSELS TOTALLING 8950 TONS FOUR PATROL
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TENDER 4000 TONS TWO MERCHANT VESSELS EACH 2500 TONS (.) DUTCH
NEW GUINEA (.) 22 JAN 0132Z THREE MERCHANT VESSELS (1/2000
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DOT[redacted]

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TAN MERCHANT CHIN INTERCEPTION 0/10 FIGHTERS NO
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SEVERAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING BURNS PHILP STORE OBSERVED
BURNING (.) SALAMAUA (.) 2302Z/20 ROMBS [redacted]
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LATER STRAFED ALONG COAST TO BANUMBARI (.) NEW BRITAIN(.)
RABAUL (.) 17402/21 SHIPPING ATTACKED FROM 200 FT (.) ONE
DIRECT HIT ON VESSEL WHICH SANK WITHIN FOUR MINUTES TWO

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TO LANDFORCES HELD MILDURA MELB SYDNEY ADELAIDE PERTH 2 AUST
CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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SECRET (.) L A N D O P S REVIEW SITUATION 17G TO 00012
23 JAN (.)

ONE (.) A U S T R A L A S I A (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)
ALL ORGANISED ENEMY RESISTANCE OVERCOME T A R A K E N A
S A N A M A N D A POINT [redacted] (.)
MOPPING UP CONTINUING (.) 42G BCT[redacted] COUNTED ROAD BLOCK
AREA PLUS LARGE QUANTITY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED
[redacted] INCLUDING THREE FIELD GUNS 12 LORRIES LARGE
AMMUNITION DUMPS QUANTITY SIGNAL EQUIPMENT (.) 15O BODIES
REPORTED 1350 YARDS SW S A N A M A N D A P O I N T
SITREP 175 INCREASED TO 200 (.) FURTHER 200 BELIEVED
KILLED TARAKENA CIRUWA AREA (.) LARGE NUMBER
DEAD THIS AREA STILL UNCOUNTED (.) 13 PSW TAKEN (.)
K U MUS 1 AREA (.) ALLIED PATROL AMBUSHED JO VEIL
ARMED JAPANESE S A G A R I 8 MILES S W
KURENADA KILLING 12 REMAINDER DISPERSED (.) MADANG
AREA (.) ENEMY PATROL REPORTED KUMIANG (55 MILES SOUTH
MADANG) (.) [redacted] 100 JAPANESE WITH FIVE HEAVY MGS

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TO LANDFORCES MELB MILBASES MELB SYDNEY ADELAIDE PERTH
2 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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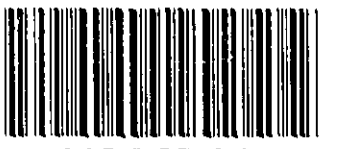
SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 175 TO 0001Z 22 JAN (.)
ONE (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) TYPE POINT (.) 20JAN
0700Z OUR TROOPS ADVANCED FROM WEST ALONG COASTAL TRACK TO WITHIN
1050 ~~YARDS++++~~ YARDS SANANANDA POINT WHERE STILL HELD UP 21 JAN
0300Z (.) GIRUWA (.) 20 JAN 0845Z FORWARD ELEMENTS ALLIED TROOPS
AFTER DESTROYING 23 JAPANESE MADE PROGRESS FROM EAST UP COASTAL
TRACK TO EDGE COCOANUT GROVE (SE GIRUWA) AND CONTACTED ELEMENTS
OUR TROOPS FROM GIRUWA (.) FIGHTING PROCEEDING (.) MT ROAD
SOPUTA-SANANANDA (.) 20 JAN 2345Z ENEMY RESISTANCE 1250 YARDS SW BY
SOUTH SANANANDA POINT LIQUIDATED (.) 150 JAPANESE KILLED (.)
2 OUT 4 ENEMY STRONGPOSTS NE CAPE KILLERTON - SANANANDA JUNCTION
OVERCOME (.) S WESTERN AND N EASTERN POSTS NOW BEING ATTACKED
(.) MILNE BAY (.) 20 JAN 1030Z RAID NO 12 BY 9 BOMBERS BOMBS
NEAR GURNEY DRONE NO DAMAGE NO CASUALTIES (.) 1440Z RAID NO 13
BY 3 BOMBERS BOMBS VICINITY TURNBULL DROME NO CASUALTIES (.)
AUSTRALIA (.) 20 JAN 1445Z RAID NO 50 (.) 2 MEDIUM BOMBERS
DROPPED 5 BOMBS IN BUSH NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.) OUR
FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED RESULTING 1 ENEMY PLANE PROBABLY DESTROYED (.)
21 JAN 1128Z AIR RAID WARNING SOUNDED (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.)
TIMOR (.) 20 JAN 0020Z LAUTEM BOMBED NIL RESULTS (.) AMBON
(.) 21 JAN 0110Z SHIPPING ATTACKED 1 DIRECT HIT 500 TON MERCHANT
VESSEL 1 DIRECT HIT 3 NEAR MISSES ON LARGE CRUISER WHICH LEFT
SMOKING AND LISTING (.) 15 TO 20 ENEMY FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED
1 DESTROYED CERTAIN 1 PROBABLE (.) NEW GUINEA WEWAK (.)
20 JAN 0500Z ALLIED ATTACKING AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED BY 25
FIGHTERS RESULTING 12 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN CERTAIN 6
DAMAGED (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) RABAUL (.) 20 JAN 1525Z LAKUNAI
AND KOKOPO DROMES BOMBED CLOUD OBSCURED RESULTS LAKUNAI &

& 8 BOMBS ON RUNWAY KOKOPO (.) 1720Z LAKUNAI DROME ATTACKED
BOMBS ON RUNWAY AND IN DISPERSAL AREA (.) 1800Z VUNAKANU DROME
BOMBED BOMBS ON RUNWAY AND DISPERSAL AREAS CAUSING SMALL FIRES
(.) 1820Z SHIPPING ATTACKED 6 BOMBS FROM 250 FEET ON 2000 TON
VESSEL SHIP APPEARED HIT AND OIL SLICK SEEN (.) 2 BOMBS ON
6000 TON MERCHANT VESSEL WHICH LATER OBSERVED SETTLING AND
ATTEMPTS BEING MADE BEACH IT (.) GASMATA (.) 20 JAN 1529Z
DROME ATTACKED 12 BOMBS IN RUNWAY AREA (.) TWO (.) ENEMY
SIGHTINGS (.) AMBON (.) 21 JAN 0110Z 1 POSSIBLE
TANKER 2 LARGE MERCHANT VESSELS IN BINNEN BAY (OFF HALONG)
1 CRUISER 2 LARGE VESSELS 2 SMALLER VESSELS OFF AMBON (.) NEW
GUINEA (.) WEWAK (.) 21 JAN 2 TRANSPORTS 3 DESTROYERS UNDER
WAY WEWAK HARBOUR (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 20 JAN 0100Z 3 DESTROYERS
BLANCHE BAY PROCEEDING SOUTH 1730Z 1 CARGO VESSEL OFF RALUANA
POINT 4 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS (4/10000TONS) OFF PRAED POINT (.)
NEW IRELAND (.) 21 JAN 0600Z 1 CRUISER 1 DESTROYER 2 MERCHANT
VESSELS (10000 TONS) 18 MILES SW CAPE ST GEORGE COURSE SOUTH
(.) SOLOMONS (.) BUKA PASSAGE (.) 21 JAN 0045Z 1 DESTROYER
4 CARGO VESSELS 60 MILES EAST BY NORTH BUKA PASSAGE COURSE SE
BY EAST (POSSIBLY 1 OR 2 MORE VESSELS PRESENT THIS GROUP)
(.) BOUGAINVILLE (.) 19 JAN 2105Z 2 DESTROYERS 1 CARGO VESSEL
70 MILES NE KIETA COURSE EAST BY SOUTH (.) TREASURE ISLAND (.)
20 JAN 2230Z 1 ~~UNIDENT++++~~ UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 75 MILES SW
TREASURE ISLAND COURSE NOT STATED (.) VELLA LAVELLA ISLAND (.) 20 JAN
1715Z 1 LARGE CARGO VESSEL 2 DESTROYERS 15 MILES NW VELLA LAVELLA
COURSE NW (.) 21 JAN 0335Z 2 TANKERS 5 MILES NORTH KUNDURUMBANGARA
POINT COURSE ESE (.) KOLOMBANGARA ISLAND (.) 21 JAN 0814Z 2
UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS ANCHORED 4 MILES WEST VILA PLANTATION (.)
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TO LANDFORCES MELB MILBASES MELB SYDNEY ADELAIDE PERTH
3 AUST CORPS
FROM LANDOPS
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SECRET LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 172 TO 0001Z 19
JAN (.)
O N E (.) N E I (.) T I M O R (.) 16 JAN JAPANESE WITH HOSTILE
NATIVES REPORTED LOCATED L E C A (20 MILES SOUTH BY WEST L A G A)
17 JAN ALIED PATROL OBSERVED S O L U G U I M (20 MILES
N E B E T A N O) BURNING (.) 18 JAN DAILY SKIRMISHES OCCURRING
BETWEEN FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE NATIVES AT F A I N I A AND
A I L A L E C (18 MILES NORTH AND 19 MILES N N E B E T A N O (.)
A I L A L E C AND S A M E (19 MILES N E B E T A N O)
VILLAGES BURNT OUT (.) B O E R O E I S L A N D (.) 16
JAN PHOTOGRAPHS N A M L E A DROME SHOW RUNWAYS IN GOOD CONDITION (.)
T W O (.) A U S T R A L A S I A (.) NEW GUINEA (.)
M U B O (.) 17 JAN OUR PATROLS OPENED FIRE ON ENEMY VICINITY
L A B A B I A TRACK ENEMY REPLIED WITH MORTAR AND MACHINE
GUN FIRE FORCING OUR TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM THEIR POSITIONS G U A D-
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A G A S E L S A D D L E (.) ENEMY NOW OCCUPY SADDLE WHICH STRONGLY
HELD WITH LIGHT AND HEAVY MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS (.) ENEMY
CASUALTIES BETWEEN 0030Z 16 JAN AND 001Z 17 JAN APPROX 41 (.)
A M B O G A R I V E R (.) P M 16 JAN OUR TATROLS ENGAGED
ENEMY PARTY 200 MOVING WEST D A N A W A T U T U AREA KILLING
TWO JAPANESE (.) TARAKENA (.) 17 JAN 0600Z
ALLIED TROOPS STILL HELD UP ON COASTAL TRACK 400
YARDS N W T AR E K E N A BOMBARDED ENEMY POSITIONS WITH
ARTILLERY SCORING DIRECT HITS ON BUNKERS (.)
PATROLS KILLED 15 JAPANESE THIS AREA (.) C A P E
K I L L E R T O N W Y E P O I N T (.) 17 [illegible]
K I L L E R T O N AREA SECURED ALL OPPOSITION OVERCOME (.)
W Y E P O I N T CAPTURED BUT ADVANCE S E FROM HERE HELD UP
BY ENEMY PILL BOXES SOME OF WHICH OVERCOME (.) OUR TROOPS OPERATING
FROM VILLAGE 1500 YARDS SOUTH C A V E K I L L E R T O N NOW
REACHED POINT 700 YARDS WEST BY SOUTH S A N A N A N D A
VILLAGE (.) S O P U T A S AN A N A N D A T R A C K (.)
17 JAN 0700Z OUR TROOPS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ON M T ROAD VICINITY
JUNCTION 2200 YARDS S W S A N A N A N D A P O I N T AND HAVE
ADVANCED 400 YARDS N E ALONG ROAD FROM THIS POINT (.) ALLIED
TROOPS MOVING UP M T ROAD FROM SOUTH BROKE THROUGH ENEMY
PERIMETER ESTABLISHED ON ROAD BETWEEN POINT 1350 SARDS N E
JUNCTION CAPTE KILLERTON - S A N A N D A TRACK
TO POINT WITHIN 200 YARDS OF JUNCTION (2200 YARDS S W
S A N A N A N D A P O I N T) AND CONTACTED OUR TROOPS AT LATTER
JUNCTON (.) POSITION CONFUSING APPARENTLY ENEMY
POINT RESISTANCE ON M T ROAD 500 YARDS N E C A P E K I L L E R T O N
- S A N A N D A P O I N T TRACK JUNCTION (REPORTED REVSIT 171)
STILL HOLDING OUT (.) 2100Z OUR TROOPS REPORT HELD UP BY ENEMY
MACHINE GUN POSTS TO [illegible] FRONT AND LEFT FRONT OF POINT ON
M T ROAD 1750 YARDS S W S A N A N A N D A P O I N T (.)
C A P E W A R D H U N T (.) NIGHT 17 JAN ENEMY BARGES
SOUTH D O U G L A S H A R B O U R (IMMEDIATELY SOUTH CAPE
W A R D T+H U N T) ENGAGED BY GUNFIRE 1 BARG SEEN TO SINK (.)
M I L N E B A Y (.) 17 JAN NOW REPORTED ALLIED FIGHTERS
INTERCEPTED ENEMY AIRCRAFT (TAKING PART RAID NO10) OVER F E R G U S ON
I S L A N D (.) 18 AND 19 JAN 2 AIR RAIDS AND 2 AIR RAID WARNINGS
REPORTED BUT N O DETAILS (.)
T H R E E (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) A M B O I N A (.) 16 JAN
0100Z PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW ONE OF VESSELS TO BE POSSIBLE SEAPLANE
TENDER APPROX 4000 TONS (.) N E W H A N O V E R (.) 18 JAN
0056Z 1 POSSIBLE SUBMARINE CHASER 1 CARGO VESSEL (4000 TON)
67 MILES S W 0149 Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL (8000TONS) S S W
C A P E M A T A N A L E M ALL 4 COURSE E S E (.) PART THESE
VESSLS SAME AS SIGHTED 35 MILES E S E L O R E N G A U 17 JAN (.)
8000 TON CARGO VESSEL BOMBED AND SUNK 18 JAN (.)
N E W B R I T A I N (. 18 JAN 0001Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL
5 MILES EAST CAPE G A Z E L L E CORSE NORTH (.) 17
JAN 2355Z 1 CRUISER 6 WARSHIPS 38 MERCHANT VESSELS TOTAL
TONNAGE MAXIMUM 388,000 MINIMUM 181,500 R A B A U L (.)
N E W I R E L AN D (.) 17 JAN 2336Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO
VESSEL (7000TONS) 10 MILES N E C A P E S T G E O R G E
COURSE EAST (.) S O L O M O N S (.) B U K A (.) 17 JAN 2140 Z
1 DESTROYER 1 TRANSPORT OR CARGO VESSEL (5000 TONS) ARRIVED WEST
END P A S S A G E 1 CARGO VESSEL 38 MILES EAST B U K A
COURSE S S E (.) BUIN FAISI (.) 17 JAN 2100Z 5 CARGO
VESSELS (.) 18 JAN 0310Z 1 CARGO VESSELL 2 DESTROYERS 1 LIGHT
CRUISER S E COAST SH O R T L A N D I S L A N D (.)
V E L L A L A V E L L A (.) 17 JAN 0515Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 12
MILES N BY E SO K O VOVI P O I N T COURSE E S E (.)
ALLIED A I R O P S (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)
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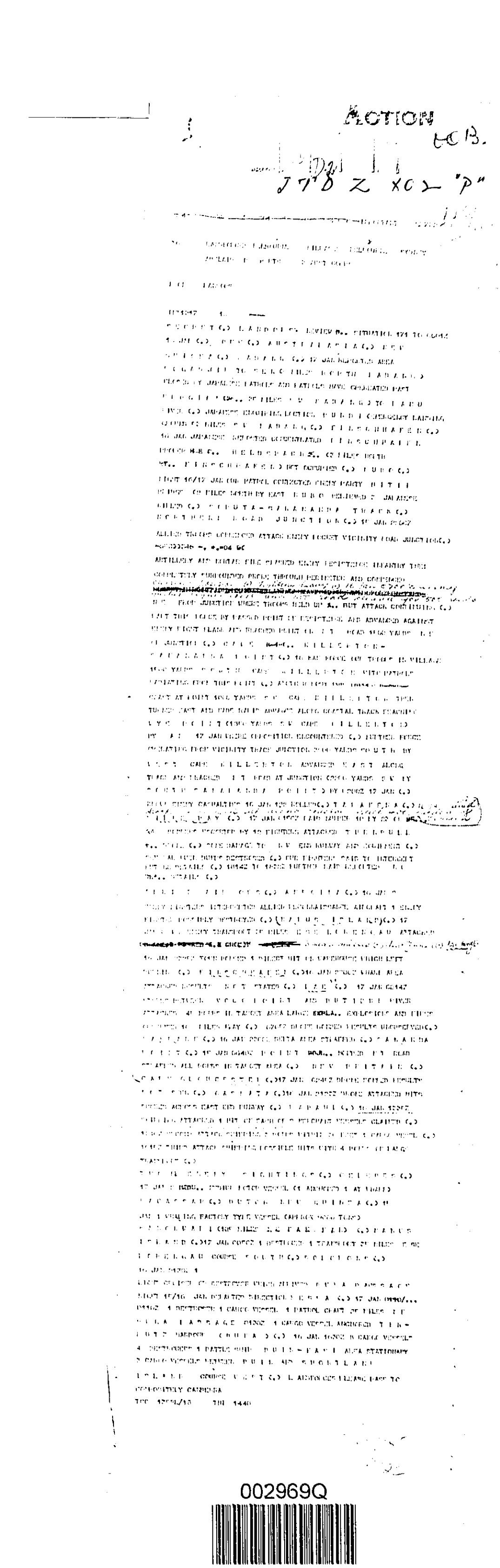
F I N S C H H A F E N (.) 18 JAN 0150Z WATER FRONT AND TOWN AREA
BOMBED (.) RESULTS BOTH ATTACKS UNOBSERVED (.) LAE (.) 17
JAN 2257Z STRIP AREA STRAFED WITH UNOBSERVEDD RESULTS (.) 2320Z
MOTOR POOL SUPPLY DUMP BOMBED (.) TWO BUILDINGS SET ON FIRE AFTER TWO
HEAVYEXPLOSIONS (.) M U B O K O M I A T U M (.) 18 JAN 0030Z
BOMBED SEVERAL HUTS AT NORTH END K O M I A T U M VILLAGE
DESTROYED (.) N E W B R I T A I N (.) G A S M A T A (.) 17
JAN 1730Z DRONE BOMBED (.) [illegible] R A B A U L (.) 17 JAN 1800Z
SHIPPING ATTACKED (.) RESULTS EITHER ATTACK NOT OBSERVED (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA
TOO 1451L/19 THI 1604

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TO LANDFORCES MELB MILBASE MELB SYDNEY ADELAIDE

PERTH 3 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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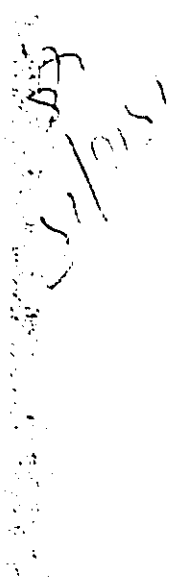
S E C R E T (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 1/0 TO 0001Z 17 JAN (.)
ONE (.) NEI (.) 16 JAN 0100Z 1 MERCHANT VESSEL 10000 TONS 2
OR 3 VESSELS (2/3000 TONS 1 UNSPECIFIED) SIGHTED AMBON BAY (.)
TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.)
NEW GUINEA (.) MUBO (.) 16 JAN OUR
TROOPS NOW CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS VICINITY GUADACANEL (2-1/2
MILES SOUTH MUBO (.) MAMBARE (.) 15 JAN SOME JAPANESE WITH
LAUNCH REPORTED STILL HIDING ON SMALL ISLAND IN SWAMPY LAKE EAST
OF MOUTH MAMBARE (.) AMBOGA (.) 15 JAN OUR PATROL FOUND PARTY
30 JAPANESE EURORIBADI VILLAGE (APPROX 2 MILES SW AMBOGA
MOUTH) POORLY EQUIPPED LACKING FOOD (.) PATROL ATTACKED KILLING
3 WOUNDING 3 (.) GONA (.) 15 JAN OUR PATROL ALONG GONA-
JUMBARA TRACK KILLED 7 JAPANESE (2 BELIEVED OFFICERS) 4550
YARDS SOUTH BY EAST GONA (.) TARAKENA (.) 15 JAN PRECEDED BY
ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE ALLIED TROOPS PUSHED 400 YARDS NW FROM
TARAKENA TOWARDS GIRUWA (.) ATTACK HELD UP BY HEAVY FIRE FROM
MACHINE GUNS FROM POSITIONS OFF TRACK (.) STRONG PATROLS MADE
OUTFLANKING MOVEMENT THROUGH SWAMP BUT FAILED TAKE ENEMY POSITIONS
(.) 6 JAPANESE KILLED BY PATROL (.) RECONNAISSANCE PATROL FOUND
PREPARED ENEMY POSITIONS 300 YARDS FROM MOUTH KONOMJI CREEK (.)
PATROL MET ENEMY PARTY WITH 2 LIGHT MACHINE GUNS AND CAPTURED
ONE LMG (.) ENTIRE AREA SHOWED RECENT SIGNS ENEMY ACTIVITY (.)
SOPUTA - CAPE KILLERTON TRACK (.) 15 JAN OUR TROOPS COMMENCED
ADVANCE ALONG TRACK NORTHWARDS AT 0700L ENCOUNTERING NO
OPPOSITION TO 1400L WHEN MAIN FORCES HAD REACHED PLANTATION 3700
YARDS SSW CAPE KILLERTON WITH DETACHMENTS VICINITY TRACK
JUNCTION 1900 YARDS SW BY SOUTH CAPE KILLERTON (.) SOME OUR TROOPS
ALSO REACHED POINT 1500 YARDS SW AND VILLAGE 1600 YARDS SOUTH
CAPE KILLERTON (.) NO OPPOSITION (.) NO ENEMY ENCOUNTERED BY OUR
TROOPS MOPPING UP AREA BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TRACK AND
ROAD JUNCTIONS (5700 YARDS AND 7150 YARDS SOUTH CAPE KILLERTON)
(.) POCKET ENEMY RESISTANCE VICINITY NORTHERN TRACK JUNCTION
BEING ENGAGED (.) MORESBY (.) 15 JAN 1152Z RAID 98 BY 1
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT (.) 5 BOMBS NEAR WARDS DRONE NO DAMAGE OR
CASUALTIES (.) DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.) 15 JAN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
ENEMY BUILDING DRONE BETWEEN PLACE BELIEVED KAUKENAU AND AGATZ
(140 MILES ESE KAUKENAU) (.) SOLOMONS (.) 15 JAN ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY
BUKA REPORTED INCREASING (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.)
WEWAK MADANG (.) 15 JAN POSSIBLE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION GOGOL RIVER
(7-1/2 MILES SSW MADANG) BOMBED (.) WEWAK DRONE BOMBED RESULTS
BOTH ATTACKS NOT OBSERVED (.) FINCHHAFEN (.) 16 JAN 0320Z
TOWN BOMBED RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.) LAE (.) 15 JAN 2310Z
SUPPLY DUMP ATTACKED (.) BOMBS FELL VICINITY DISPENSARY AND VOCO
POINT (.) 3 OR 4 BUILDING EXPLODED LARGE FIRE STARTED NEAR VOCO
POINT (.) 16 JAN 0020Z SUPPLIES VOCO POINT TO MALAHANG STRAFFED (.)
STORES ALL APPEARED DAMAGED FROM PREVIOUS ATTACKS (.) 0510Z
DRONE BOMBED WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS (.) KURENADA (.)
16 JAN 0130Z VILLAGE AND NUMUSI RIVER STRAFFED AND BOMBED (.) ALL
BOMBS TARGET AREA (.) SANANANDA - SOPUTA TRACK (.) 15 JAN 2130Z
TRACK STRAFFED (.) 16 JAN 0430Z TRACK JUNCTION BOMBED 11 BOMBS IN
TARGET AREA (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) GASMATA (.) 15 JAN 0948Z DRONE
BOMBED 6 HITS ON RUNWAY (.) 2057Z DRONE ATTACKED BOMBS ALONG
RUNWAY FROM CENTRE TO EAST END (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 0530Z DRONE
BOMBED BOMBS SOUTH END RUNWAY NO DAMAGE OBSERVED (.) NEW IRELAND
(.) 15 JAN 2210Z 1 HEAVY CRUISER ATTACKED 60 MILES SOUTH CAPE
ST GEORGE N I L HITS (.) 4 ENEMY FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED 1 SHOT DOWN (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 15 JAN 0220Z 1
MERCHANT VESSEL LESS THAN 6000 TONS STATIONARY IN COVE 2 MILES
WEST GASMATA RUNWAY (.) SOLOMONS (.) 15 JAN 0440Z 5 DESTROYERS
20 MILES NORTH BOKOVOVI POINT (VELLA LAVELLA) (.) 0700Z 2
DESTROYERS 15 MILES NNW KUNDURUMBANGARA POINT (VELLA LAVELLA)
COURSE NW BY WEST (.) 0720Z 1 BURNING CARGO VESSEL 1 DESTROYER
12 MILES EAST KUNDURUMBANGARA POINT STATIONARY (.) 0850Z 1
DESTROYER 2 CARGO VESSELS 20 MILES NW BY ~~SW~~ WEST TAURO BAY
(CHOISEUL) COURSE NW BY WEST (.) NIGHT 15/16 JAN 1 LIGHT CRUISER OR
DESTROYER ARRIVED BUKA PASSAGE (.) 16 JAN 5 DESTROYERS 10 CARGO
VESSELS BUIN FAISI AREA (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA
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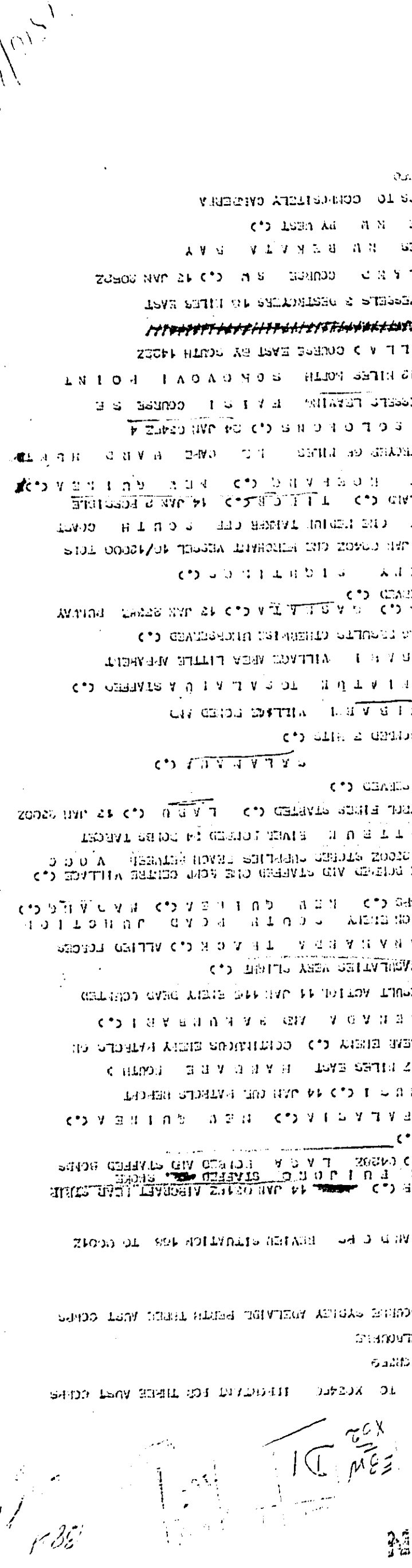
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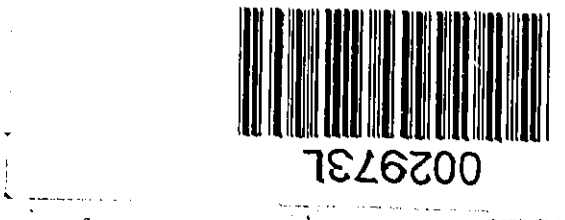
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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASES MELBOURNE SYDNEY ADELAIDE
BRISBANE PERTH HOBART 3 AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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SECRET(.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 157 TO 0001Z
14 JAN(.) ONE (.) AUSTRALASIA(.) NEW GINEA(.)
MUBO(.) 11 JAN 5 ENEMY PARTIES APPROACHING FROM WEST
NE AND SE ATTACKED OUR POSITIONS(.) OUR HEAVY MACHINE
GUNS AND MORTAR FIRE FROM PILL BOXES INFLICTED MANY CASUALTIES AMONGST
ENEMY(.) JAPANESE MORTAR FIRE NOT EFECTIVE AGAINST
OUR POSITIONS(.) OUR PILL BOXES SW MUBO FORCED
WITHDRAWAL ENEMY PARTY APPROACHING FROM WEST(.) FIGHTING
CONTINUES (.) MAMBARE(.) 12 JAN OUR PATROL FOUND ENEMY DEFENSIVE ~~[redacted]~~ position
DUVIRA (NORTH MAMBARE MOUTH) BUT BELIEVED NOT OCCUPIED
LAST 4 DAYS(.) AMBOGA(.) 12 JAN OUR PATROLS
22 MILES BEYOND AMBOGA REPORT NO ENEMY SIGHTED(.) TARAKENA(.)
12 JAN ALLIED PATROLS ADVANCED 1100 YARDS TOWARDS SANANANDA POINT
LOCATED 3 ENEMY PILL BOXES KILLING 3 JAPANESE(.) PATROL
WITHDREW TARAKENA(.) OUR CROSSING KONOMJI CREEK FIRED
ON BY SNIPERS FROM CREEK TO SOUTH(.) 3 ENEMY PILL BOXES THIS
AREA UNOCCUPIED (.) SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK(.) NORTH
ROAD JUNCTION (.) 12 JAN LOCAL ACTIVITY ONLY (.)
WHOLE AREA QUAGMIRE DUE HEAVY RAIN(.) OUR PATROLS OPERATING TO
SOUTH LOCATED STRONG ENEMY POCKET WEST MAIN ROAD HEAVY FIRE
ENCOUNTERED(.) OUR PATROL REACH PLANTATION ALONG TRACK TO CAPE
KILLERT ON [redacted],2300 YARDS NE OF JUNCTION(.) NO SIGNS
ENEMY OR EVIDENCE PRESENCE PAST TWO WEEKS(.) ROAD BLOCK NOW
REPORTED LOCATED 750 YARDS ENE JUNCTION(.) SOUTH ROAD
JUNCTION(.) 12 JAN ALLIED TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS ATTACKED
ENEMY POSITIONS BOTH SIDES TRACK VICINITY JUNCTION(.) STRONG
OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED ON LEFT FLANKS BOTH SIDES TRACK(.)
TROOPS HELD UP BY PERIMETER PILL BOXES 300 YARDS EAST BY NORTH
JUNTION(.) OUR TROOPS ENCIRCLING PERIMETER TO ATTACK FROM NORTH(.)
ON LEFT OF ROAD 70 YARDS ADVANCE MADE WITH TANK SUPPORT(.)
ENEMY STRONG POSTS 400 YARDS SW BY WEST JUNCTION KNOCKED OUT(.)
ADVANCE ASTRIDE ROAD HELD UP APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS
SW BY SOUTH OF JUNCTION BUT OUR TROOPS NOW ATTACKING
THIS POSITION FROM EAST TO WEST ACROSS ROAD (.) TROOPS
ON EAST SIDE OF TRACK PRESSING ENEMY VICINITY JUNCTION FROM
NE ALONG LINE FROM THIS POINT TO POINT 200 YARDS SOUTH (.) ENEMY
OUR LINE THEN RUNS PARALLEL TO TRACK FOR FURTHER 350 YARDS
THENCE SW TO ROAD(.) [redacted] MACHINE GUNS LOCATED BETWEEN
OUR LINE AND ROAD(.) [redacted] other STRONG ENEMY DEFENSIVE
POSITION AT LEFT OF POINT OF TRACK 500 YARDS SW BY SOUTH
JUNCTION STILL HOLDING OUT(.) OUR TROOPS MADE PROGRESS ON RIGHT
OF TRACK AGAIN AGAINST OUT POSTS AND FOREMOST TROOPS WITHIN
25 YARDS OF PILL BOXES IN DEFENCE PERIMETER(.) FROM ~~RIGHT~~ point ON
~~[illegible] JUNCTION [illegible] PILL BOXES VISIBLE 200~~
~~[illegible] SOUTH ON WEST SIDE OF TRACK(.)~~

13 JAN ADDITIONAL ENEMY MACHINE GUN POSTS LOCATED(.)
JAPANESE SNIPERS OCCUPYING ALLIED TANK (EARLIER KNOCKED
~~[illegible]~~)
~~15 JAN~~(.)....
OUT) BEING ENGAGED BY ANTI TANK GUN AFTERNOON
13 JAN(.) PILL BOXES REPORTED OF HEAVIER CONSTRUCTION
AND BETTER CAMOUFLAGE THAN BUNA(.) MERAUKE(.) 13 JAN 0052Z
RAID NO 8 BY 9 MEDIUM BOMBERS(.) SLIGHT DAMAGE [redacted]..JETTY
NO CASUALTIES(.)
TWO(.) SOLOMONS(.) 13 JAN ENEMY REPORTED BUILDING
LARGE AIRFIELD [redacted]...PATAPATUAI (5 MILES NW BUIN) (.)
ALLIED AIR OPS NEW GUINEA(.) [redacted].MADANG(.) 11 JAN 2350Z
DROME AND BUILDINGS BOMBED AND STRAFFED RESLTS NOT STATED(.)
FINSCHHAFEN(.) 11 JAN 2210Z HOUSES AND HUTS BOMBED
AND STRAFFED SMOKE SEEN RISING FROM HOUSES AFTER ATTACK(.) LAE(.)
13 JAN A M DROME BOMBED NIL RESULTS MANY PROBABLE UNSERVICEABLE AIRCRE
SEEN ON DROME(.) 0000Z DOCK AREA BOMBED LAW HOTEL SEEN EXTLODE FIRES
STARTED BUILDINGS NEAR BY(.) DIRECT HIT JETTY EAST OF TOWNSHIP CAUSING

FIRE AND DENSE BLACK SMOKE(.) SUPPLIES IN YELLOW WRAPPINGS OBSERVED
ALONG BEACH AND AMONG TREES VICINITY MALAHANG RIVER(.) 0035Z STORES
AND STRAFFED RESULTS NOT STATED(.) SALAMAUA(.) 13
JAN 0030Z KOMIATUM [redacted]..SALAMAUA TRACK BOMBED AND
STRAFFED ALL BOMBS TARGET AREA(.) MAMBARE(.) 12 JAN STAFFING
ATTACK REPORTED REVSIT 166 NOW STATED GOOD RESULTS(.) CAPE KILLERTON
(.) 0125Z VILLAGE BOMBED AND STRAFFED SEVERAL BOMBS TARGET AREA
SEVERAL HUTS DESTROYED(.) SANANDA(.) 12 JAN
2330Z TRACK BOMBED ALL BOMBS EXCEPT ONE TARGET AREA(.)
13 JAN 0030Z POINT AND TRACK BOMBED AND STRAFFED
RESULTS UNOBSERVED(.) NEW BRITAIN(.) GASMATA(.) 13 JAN
0025Z AIRCRAFT ON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE INTERCEPTED
BY 6 ENEMY FIGHTERS RESULTING 2 DESTROYED PLUS
1 PROBABLE(.) THREE(.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS(.) NEW BRITAIN(.)
13 JAN 1400Z 1 DESTROYER 64 MILES SOUTH BY EAST ARAWE COURSE
WEST(.) NEW IRELAND(.) 12 JAN 2330Z 1 PROBABLE SMALL WARSHIP
2 CARGO VESSELS KAVIENG HARBOUR 2335Z 2 PROBABLE HEAVY CRUISERS
2 UNIDENTIFIED SMALL VESSELS BALGAI BAY (7 MILES SOUTH KAVIENG)
STATIONARY(.) SOLOMONS(.) 12 JAN 2315Z 14 VESSELS (4 CARGO
10 UNIDENTIFIED) ANCHORED BETWEEN BUIN AND KINILI 2335Z 1
DESTROYER PATROLLING 1 CARGO VESSEL ANCHORED BOTH NEAR SHORTLAND
IS(.) 2025Z 1 DESTROYER 1 CARGO VESSEL 55 MILES EAST CAPE
HENPAN KRUNA IS) COURSE SSE(.) 1430Z 1 DESTROYER 3 MILES NORTH PAVUVUS
(RUSSEL GROUP) COURSE WNW(.) LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO
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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY

MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTH THREE AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS

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S E C R E T C.) L A N D O P S REVIEW SITUATION 166 TO 0001Z 13 JAN C)
O N E C.) T I M O R C.) 12 JAN 0247Z ALLIED A/C STRAFFED FUIJORO
1 PROBABLE SERVICEABLE ENEMY FIGHTER LEFT BURNING ON DROME C.)
BUILDINGS NATIVE HUTS EIGHT MOTOR VEHICLES STRAFFED RESULTS N O T
STATED C.)
T W O C.) A U S T R A L A S I A C.) N E W G U I N E A C.) M E B A U K L
C.) 12 JAN 0518Z RAID NO7 BY 9 MEDIUM BOMBERS N O CASUALTIES OR
DAMAGE C.) M A D A N G C.) 11 JAN INDICATIONS J A P A N E S E
PATROLLING WITH TWO PARTIES CONVERGING ON MIDDLE R A M U RIVER
FROM K A I A P I T (80 MILES SSE N A D A N G)
WHERE J A P A N E S E MAKING NATIVE WORKMEN BUILD HOUSES REPAIR
ROADS C.) L A E C.) 11 JAN A M ENEMY TROOPS LANDED CONVOY
APPARENTLY BILLITED S U T I B U R AREA (12 MILES NORTH L A E)
AS MANY FIRST ~~OBSERV++~~ OBSERVED C.) FERRYING TROOPS
L A E TO L A B U CONTINUES C.) K U M U S I C.) 12 JAN
ENEMY VICINITY K UR E N A D A EQUIPPED W/T NUMBER MGS 1 A/A
GUN C.) H A M B A R E C.) 11 JAN UNKNOWN NUMBER ENEMY TROOPS
REPORTED EASTERN ISLAND MOUTH B A M B A R E C.) G O N A WKNL 11 JAN
OUR PATROLS ACTIVE C.) ENEMY STORES EQUIPMENT INCLUDING MEDICAL
SUPPLIES FOUND BURIED BEACH NEAR B A N U M I (2000 ~~++~~ YARDS EAST
G O N A) C.) T A R A K E N A C.) 11 JAN ENEMY FIRED 3 ROUNDS 27
MM GUN AT TARAKENA FROM POSITION BEACH ~~55++~~ 500 YARDS ~~S-E-Q-I-T-++-Q-E~~
~~++~~ G I R U N A ALLIED ARTY ENGAGED ENEMYWITHDREW JUNGLE C.) ALLIED
TROOPS CORSSED K O O U H O N J I C R E E K AT T A R A K E N A
ESTABLISHED BRIDGE – ~~N++~~ HEAD ENEMY FLED C.) ALLIED TROOPS
REPORTED IN POSITION 1150 YARDS SW BY SEUTH ~~S++ S I W O R I~~
SEARCHING FOR NEW TRACK ACROSS TO SUPUTA SANANANDA TRACK
VICINITY TRACK JUNCTION 2200 YARDS SW BY WEST
S A N A N A N D A POINT C.) S O P U T A S A N A N A N D A
T R A C K C.) 12 JAN ALLIED TROOPS ATTACKING RIGHT OF ROAD
BLOCK HELD UP BY PERIMETER PILL BOXES 400 YARDS NE OF BLOCK C.)
ALI~~++~~ ALLIED TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS ATTACKING FROM SW OF
~~BLOCK ADVANCED~~ OVER COMING ENEMY STRONG POINT 400 YARDS SW OF BLOCK ~~XDYXT~~
PILL BOXES
ADVANCED 70 YARDS C.) ADVANCED THEN HALTED BY STRONG LINE ENEMY
PILL BOXES C.) A L L I E D A I R OPS C.) Q~~++~~ 11 JAN 0115Z
KONIATUN-SALAMAUA TRACK STRAFFED AND BOMBED TWO BOMBS ACROSS BRIDGE
NEAR K O N I A TUN C.) 0130Z TRACK AGAIN STRAFFED RESULTS N O T
STATED C.) 2345Z H A R B A R E D E L T A STRAFFED RESULTS
N O T OBSERVED C.)
T H R E E C.) E N E M Y S I G H T I N G S C.) 11 JAN
0420Z 3 DESTROYERS 7 ~~DEGREES++~~ DEGREES 20 MINUTES SOUTH 157
E~~++~~ DEGRESS EAST COURSE NW BY WEST 1 THESE MAKING SLOW
SPEED TRAILING OIL C.) 12 JAN 0030Z 1 POSSIBLE LIGHT
CRUISER ANCHORED ~~BW++~~ BETWEEN S H O R T L A N D AND B A L L A L E
ISLANDS C.) PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA
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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

INT 1264 12 ——

SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 165 TO 0001Z 12 JAN (.)
ONE (.) NEI (.) 11 JAN UNIDENTIFIED A/C OVER M E R A U K E
0230Z AND 0245Z (.)
TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 10 JAN ENEMY PARTY
CONSTRUCTING BUNKER T A R A K E N A ★ G I R U W A TRACK 750
YARDS SE G I R U W A ENGAGED ARTILLERY FIRE CASUALTIES INFLICTED
BUNKER DESTROYED (.) ARTILLERY FIRE ALONG TRACK DROVE SEVERAL JAPANESE
INTO WATER WHERE KILLED BY RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE (.) OUR
TROOPS OCCUPIED ENEMY POCKET AT POINT 450 YARDS EAST ROAD BLOCK AND
250 YARDS SOUTH S A N A N A N D A ROAD 1 AMERICAN MACHINE GUN
AMMUNITION MANY JAPANESE RIFLES AND GRENADES CAPTURED (.) ADDITIONAL
BUNKERS LOCATED NE FLANK OF AREA SOUTH OF ROAD BLOCK (.)

SOLOMONS (.) 10 JAN ALLIED FORCES DESTROYED BUILDINGS AND WHARF
S O R A K E N (8 MILES SSE BUKA PASSAGE) (.)
ALLIED AIR OPS (.) NEI (.) 11 JAN 0325Z JETTY D O S O (CARGO 18)
ATTACKED N I L HITS (.) SOLOMON SEA (.) 9 JAN 0843Z LIGHT
CRUISER OR DESTROYER (CONSIDERED PART CONVOY FROM L A E)
BOMBED 55 MILES SSW G A S M A T A 1 DIRECT HIT EXPLOSION
~~MIDSHIPS~~ AMIDSHIPS
VESSEL PROBABLY SUNK (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEI PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW VESSELS NW
K O E P A N G REPORTED JAN 11 CONSIST 2 CARGO VESSELS (1/11000
1/1500 TONS) 1 SMALL UNIDENTIFIED NAVAL VESSEL (.)
NEW BRITAIN 11 JAN 0100Z 1 A/C CARRIER 37 LARGE
24 SMALL VESSELS RABAUL HARBOUR (.) SOLOMONS 10 JAN
2125Z 4 DESTROYERS 12 MILES NORTH L A N G S D A L E P O I N T (
NEW GEORGIA) COURSE NW BY WEST 2235Z 5 DESTROYERS S H O R T L A N D
H A R B O U R NIGHT 10-11 JAN 8 DESTROYERS OFF CAPE ESPERANCE
(GUADALCANAL) 11 JAN 0130Z 4 CARGO VESSELS 25 MILES NORTH
LANGSDALE POINT COURSE NW BY WEST

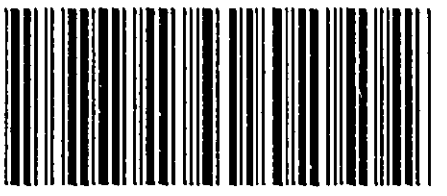
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TOO 1230L/11 THI 1400

LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

CRUISER COURSE EAST BY SOUTH (.)

1 DESTROYER 20 MILES E N E CAPE ALEXANDER NOW REPORTED 1 LIGHT

34 MILES S E SHORTLAND IS COURSE E S E REF SIGHTING 9 JAN

KIETA (BOUGAINVILLE) NORTH EASTERLY COURSE 0500Z 8 DESTROYERS

VERY LARGE FIRES SEEN HANGAR AREA RESULT PREVIOUS ATTACK (.)

10 JAN 0155Z BEACHED TRANSPORT BOMBED NIL HITS (.) 1445Z ONE

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 45 MILES N E OF CAPE WARD HUNT COURSE 266

DEGREES BOMBED NIL HIT (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 9 JAN 0715Z

ENEMY CONVOY FROM LAE ATTACKED OFF GASMATA LARGEST TRANSPORT

HIT 2 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN (.) 2030Z CONVOY 90 MILES

E N E GASMATA (.) 2340Z 2 DESTROYERS 34 MILES SW GASMATA AND 5 OTHER

VESSELS 42 MILES EAST BY SOUTH GASMATA CONSIDERED ALL THESE SAME

VESSELS OBSERVED 90 MILES E NE GASMATA POSSIBLY RETURNED

ASSIST VESSEL DAMAGED (.) 10 JAN 4 ATTACKS CONVOY 1

DIRECT HIT FORWARD HATCH TRANSPORT STARTING SMALL FIRE (.) 1

ENEMY FIGHTER DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE RESULT INTERCEPTIONS THESE

ATTACKS (.)

T W O (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEI 9 JAN 3 [illegible] SMALL

UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS BOKA BAY CTHOUGHT OKA BAY FLORES IS) 1

GUN BOAT 2 CARGO VESSELS (0/12000 1/6000 TONS) 65

NW KOEPANG COURSE FAST BY [illegible]

MILES [illegible] 18000 TON CARGO VESSEL

75 MILES WNW KOEPANG COURSE NOT STATED NEW GUINEA 9 JAN 1820Z [illegible]

2 CRAFT 7 MILES N W 1 CRAFT 18 MILES EAST BUNA (.)

SOLOMON SEA 9 JAN SUBMARINES ONE 30 MILES S W DEBOYNE IS [illegible]

10 JAN ONE 55 MILES SE ONE 90 MILES N N E ROSSEL IS ONE

100 MILES EAST BY SOUTH ONE 100 MILES N E WOODLARK IS (.) ADMIRALTY

ISLANDS 9 JAN 1 SUBMARINE 50 MILES SOUTH MANUS IS (.) NEW

IRELAND 9 JAN ONE SUBMARINE 20 MILES N W BY [illegible]. NORTH EAST CAPE (.)

SOLOMONS 9 JAN SUBMARINES ONE 80 MILES S S W REIDOVA IS ONE 40

MILES N E BY EAST REKATA BAY ONE 25 MILES N W BY NORTH SANTA

YSABEL IS ONE 40 MILES WEST ONE 150 MILES E N E BUKA IS 1

CARGO VESSEL ANCHORED CHOISEUL BAY 2330Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 45

MILES N E CAPE ALEXANDER (CHOISEUL IS) COURSE N E 10 JAN 1

NEAR BURNS PHILPS EXPLODED FIRE VISIBLE 25 MILES

(.) 2310Z GROUNDED A/A DROME STRAFFED 1 ENEMY FIGHTER BURNT 2

VERY LARGE FIRES SEEN HANGAR AREA RESULT PREVIOUS ATTACK (.)

10 JAN 0155Z BEACHED TRANSPORT BOMBED NIL HITS (.) 1445Z ONE

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 45 MILES N E OF CAPE WARD HUNT COURSE 266

DEGREES BOMBED NIL HIT (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 9 JAN 0715Z

ENEMY CONVOY FROM LAE ATTACKED OFF GASMATA LARGEST TRANSPORT

HIT 2 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN (.) 2030Z CONVOY 90 MILES

E N E GASMATA (.) 2340Z 2 DESTROYERS 34 MILES SW GASMATA AND 5 OTHER

VESSELS 42 MILES EAST BY SOUTH GASMATA CONSIDERED ALL THESE SAME

VESSELS OBSERVED 90 MILES E NE GASMATA POSSIBLY RETURNED

ASSIST VESSEL DAMAGED (.) 10 JAN 4 ATTACKS CONVOY 1

DIRECT HIT FORWARD HATCH TRANSPORT STARTING SMALL FIRE (.) 1

ENEMY FIGHTER DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE RESULT INTERCEPTIONS THESE

ATTACKS (.)

T W O (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEI 9 JAN 3 [illegible] SMALL

UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS BOKA BAY CTHOUGHT OKA BAY FLORES IS) 1

GUN BOAT 2 CARGO VESSELS (0/12000 1/6000 TONS) 65

NW KOEPANG COURSE FAST BY [illegible]

MILES [illegible] 18000 TON CARGO VESSEL

75 MILES WNW KOEPANG COURSE NOT STATED NEW GUINEA 9 JAN 1820Z [illegible]

2 CRAFT 7 MILES N W 1 CRAFT 18 MILES EAST BUNA (.)

SOLOMON SEA 9 JAN SUBMARINES ONE 30 MILES S W DEBOYNE IS [illegible]

10 JAN ONE 55 MILES SE ONE 90 MILES N N E ROSSEL IS ONE

100 MILES EAST BY SOUTH ONE 100 MILES N E WOODLARK IS (.) ADMIRALTY

ISLANDS 9 JAN 1 SUBMARINE 50 MILES SOUTH MANUS IS (.) NEW

IRELAND 9 JAN ONE SUBMARINE 20 MILES N W BY [illegible]. NORTH EAST CAPE (.)

SOLOMONS 9 JAN SUBMARINES ONE 80 MILES S S W REIDOVA IS ONE 40

MILES N E BY EAST REKATA BAY ONE 25 MILES N W BY NORTH SANTA

YSABEL IS ONE 40 MILES WEST ONE 150 MILES E N E BUKA IS 1

CARGO VESSEL ANCHORED CHOISEUL BAY 2330Z 1 CARGO VESSEL 45

MILES N E CAPE ALEXANDER (CHOISEUL IS) COURSE N E 10 JAN 1

[illegible] FINSCHHAFEN DROME BOMBED (.) 2225Z MADANG DROME BOMBED (.) 10

JAN 0010Z WEWAK BOMBED (.) RESULTS 3 ATTACKS UNOBSERVED (.) LAE

(.) 9 JAN 2256Z SUPPLY DUMPS A/A POSITIONS ATTACKED BUILDING

SECRET X (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 164 TO 0012 11 JAN (.)

O N E (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.)

SANANANDA SOPUTA TRACK (.) 9 JAN ENEMY ACTIVE FROM SOUTH ROAD

BLOCK WHERE M GS USED (.) ESTIMATED ENEMY STRENGTH SOUTH ROAD

BLOCK 500 NORTH 1500 (.) ENEMY OCCUPYING PREPARED POSITIONS

WITH OVERHEAD COVER TO BUNKERS WHICH HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN

WHOLE ARE A (.) 40 JAPANESE KILLED PRIOR OCCUPATION TARKENA

8 JAN (.) KUMUSI (.) 9 JAN 5 JAPS KILLED 2 PRISONERS TAKEN

[illegible] ALLIED AIR OPS (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 9 JAN 2052Z [illegible]

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FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY

MILBASE ADELAIDE

MILBASE PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS

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6671 520 Z X02 GR2/1 IMPORTANT

TO LANDFORCES MILBASES MELBOURNE SYDNEY [redacted]
ADELAIDE PERTH THREEASTCORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE
INT1247 10 —

[redacted] SAENCDROEPTS (REVIEW SITUATION 163 TO 0001Z 10
JAN (.)

O N E (.) A U S T R A L A S I A (.) N E W G U I N E A (.) 8
JAN 1030Z ALLIED TROOPS OCCUPIED T A R A K E N A 5 LNGS
1 MORTAR CAPTURED (.) 9 JAN 6 ENEMY NAVAL DIVE BOMBERS
ATTACKED ALLIED SHIPPING O R O B A Y LITTLE DAMAGE SOME
CASUALTIES (.) N E R A U K E (.) 9 JAN 0944Z RAID NO 6 [redacted]
++ BY 1 J A P FLOAT PLANE 2 BOMBS [redacted] DROPPED JETTY AREA
N I L DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES (.) A L L I E D A I R O P S (.)

NEW G U I N E A (.) L A E (.) 8 JAN ADDITIONAL ALLIED
ATTACKS ON CONVOY NOW REPORTED WHILST ATTACKS CONTINUED MORNING 10
JAN DISEMBARKING [redacted] TROOPS STORES EQUIPMENT ALSO BOMBED AND
STRAFFED CAUSING CONSIDERALE DAMAGE (.) [redacted] ORIGINAL CONVOY
NOW CONSIDERED 2 LIGHT CRUISERS 3 DESTROYERS 5 TRANSPORTS
(1/10000 – 14000 TONS 1 [redacted] UNSPECIFIED 3/5000 TONS) 3
TRANSPORTS SUNK LARGEST ONE SOUTH [redacted] OF A R A V E
UNSPECIFIED PLUS 1/5000 TON AT L A E (.) BALANCE [redacted]
CONVOY DEPARTED L A E A M 9 JAN LAST OBSERVED POSITIONS 5
MILES SOUTH C A P E D A M P I E R 9 JAN 1645Z WHERE DIRECT HIT
SCORED ON TRANSPORT STARTING FIRE IN BOW (.) ENEMY INTERCEPTION
ALLIED ATTACKS RESULTED IN AT LEAST 14 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT
DOWN PLUS 4 PROBABLE 3 DAMAGED IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED
REVSIT 162 (.) CONVOY WHEN OFF F I N S C H H A F E N 7 JAN
DROPPED OVERBOARD STORES WHICH LATER PICKED UP BY 10 BARGES (.) 7 [redacted]
JAN 0500Z ALLIED FIGHTERS ON MISSION STRAFFED ENEMY
TROOPS L A E BECAME ENGAGED AIR COMBAT RESULTING 13 ENEMY
FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 1 PROBABLE 2 POSSIBLE (.) 8 JAN 0335Z DRONE
GROUNDED A/C STRAFFED 2 FIGHTERS SET FIRE 2 OTHERS PROBABLY
HIT 1 MEDIUM BOMBER LEFT SMOKING AMMUNITION DUMP TERRACE EXPLODED
(.) 2055Z DRONE BOMBED SEVERAL FIRES BUILDINGS AND TERRACE
AREAS 3 BOMBS THROUGH DISPERSAL BAYS SOUTH SIDE STRIP 1 ENEMY
FIGHTER DESTROYED WHILE TAKING OFF ANOTHER SHOT DOWN INTERCEPTING
(.)

S A L A M A U A (.) 9 JAN 0325Z ISTHMUS ATTACKED DIRECT HITS
ON SEVERAL BUILDINGS (.) 8. [redacted] 0245Z SEVERAL HUTS DESTROYED
OTHERS LEFT SMOULDERING RESULT BOMBING AND STRAFFING ATTACK M U B O
K O M I A T U M (.) N E W B R I T A I N (.) R A B A U L (.)
JAN 5 A M NOW REPORTED V U N A K A N A U BOMED RESULTS
UNOBSERVED 7 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 3 DAMAGED (.) TWO (.)
E N E M Y S I G H T I N G S (.) N E W B R I T A I N N E W
I R E L A N D 8///////////// 8 JAN SUBMARINES
ONE 60 MILES SE G A S M A T A ONE 58. MILES E N E
L I H I R I S (.) S O L O M O N S E A 8 JAN INDICATIONS
2 SUBMARINES OPERATING VICINITY W O O D L A R K K I R I W I N A
I S (.) S O L O M O N S 8. [redacted] 1 SUBMARINE 65 MILES ENE
C A P E H E N P A N (BUKA I S) 1 OTHER 46 MILES WEST BY
SOUTH B U I N 2345Z 2 DESTROYERS 44 MILES E N E K I E T A
(BOUGAINVILLE) COURSE S E BY EAST 0930Z 6 OR MORE
DESTROYERS NNW K O L O M B A N G A R A I S (N E W G E O R G I A)
COURSE SE 9 JAN A M 1 DESTROYER WEST O E M A I S (24 MILES
E NE B U I N) COURSE NORTH BY EAST 0100Z 1/3000 TON VESSEL
ARRIVED B U K A P A S S A G E ESCORTED BY DESTROYER WHICH
DEPARTED NW 0440Z 1 DESTROYER 20 MILES ENE C A P E [redacted] A L E X A N D E R (NORTHERN TIP C H O I S E U L I S)
COURSE NE BY EAST (.) L A N D F O R C E S PLEASE PASS 1644
TO C O M P O S I T E L Y C A N B E R R A

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY

MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS

FROM UV LANDOPS BRISBANE

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S E C R E T (.) L A N D O P S REVIEW SITUATION 11 ++

161 TO 0001Z 18 JAN (.)

O N E =(.) N E I (.) 6 JAN 44 0712Z ALLIED A/C

ATTACKED 1 DESTROYER STATIONARY 21 MILES N W T O E A L

(KLA I G R O U P) N I L HITS 7 JAN 0246Z ALLIED

A/C ATTACKED 1 DESTROYER WHOCH APPEARED TO BE TW++

TOWING SECOND DESTROYER 8 MILES N N E HTIB E A L N I L

HITS (.)

T W O (.) A U S T R A L A S I A (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)

M A M B A R E (.) ENEMY EVACUATED D U V I R A C R E E K

PRIOR 6 JAN BUT SOME ENEMY STILL ON ISLAND M A M B A R E

D E L T A (.) G O N A (.) 7 JAN 22 R A B A U L NATIVES

CPTURED VICINITY G A R A R A (2-1/2 MILES EAST G O N A)

(.) S O P U T A S A N A N A N D A T R A C K (+)

SLIGHT ADVANCE FROM WEST ON LEFT OF TRACK RUNNING NORHT FROM

ROAD BLOCK (.) 14 JAPS KILLED 18 WOUNDED VICINITY

ROAD BLOCK (.) B U N A (.) 5/6 JAN 14 ENEMY KILLED

1 P W ~~TAKEN~~ RESULT ~~STEPPING~~ UP (.) ALLIED TROOPS HELD UP

500 YARDS T A R A K E N A BY ENEMY MGS COVERING

S I W O R I T A R A K E N A TRACK (.)

A L L I E D A I R O P S (.) N E W G U I N E A (.)

L A E (ZO +Z

6 JAN 2000Z 2700Z DROME ATTACKED BOTH STRIKES 1 DIRECT

HIT BLAST BAY CONTAINING 2 FIGHTERS 1 BOMBER LARGE

FIR STARTED 1 UNIDENTIFIED BOMBER SET ON FIR (.) 6/7 JAN

10 ATTACKS ON ENEMY CONVOY 2 LIGHT CRUISERS 4 DESTROYERS

TRANSPORTS (REPORTED NEVEIT 1000) 1 TRANSPORT SUNK

1 UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL POSSIBLY SUNK (.) CONVOY LAST SIGHTED

L A E 0430Z (.) ENEMY CASUALTIES RESULT INER++

INTERCEPTION 12 FIGHTERS DESTROYED 8 PROBABLY

8 DAMAGED 4 OTHERS HIT (.) 7 JAN 0155Z WHALER 4

EMPTY BOATS 48 EMPTY RAFTS ATTACKED 55 MILES N E

C A P E W A R D H U N T WHALTER 1 SMALL BOAT DESTROYED

REMAINDER DAMAGED ++ 2 ENEMY FIGHTERS INTERCEPTING

DAMAGED (.) (.) N E W B R I T A I N 6 JAN 0000Z

7 JAN 1413Z G A S M A T A DROME ATTACKED FIRES STARTED

1 LARGE VICINTIY 5 SINGLE ENGINE A/C (.)

T H R E E (.) E N E M Y S I G H T I N G S (.) T I M O R

6 JAN 1920Z 1 POSSIBLE TANKER 2 SMALL VESSELS ANCHORED

L A U T E M (.) N E W G U I N E A 1400Z 7 JAN 1

PROBABLE DESTROYER 23-3 MILES N E C A P E W A R D H U N T

COURSE WEST (.) N E W B R I T A I N 6 JAN INDICATIONS

AT LEAST 4 SUBMARINES OPERATING THIS AREA (.)

S O L O M O N S 6 JAN SUBMARINES 1 47 MILES WEST BY SOUTH

~~BLUATING 1 087 MILES PLEASE RAPOUTE CORRECTLY.) C A N P E M I R A~~

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 160

TO 0001Z 7 DEC (.)

ONE (.) NORTH WESTERN AREA (.) KAI ISLANDS (.) 5 JAN 2255Z ALLIED A/C ATTACKED SCORED 1 PROBABLY 2 DIRECT HITS SETTING AFIRE 1 ENEMY TORPEDO BOAT ON NORTHERLY COURSE 6 MILES DUE NORHT TOEAL 1 OTHER SMALL SLOOP LIKE VESSEL SIGHTED ENTERING TOEAL HARBOUR (.)

TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEWGUINEA (.) SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK (.)

5 JAN ALLIED CAV PATROLS CONTACTED ENEMY APPROX 800 YARDS EAST ROAD BLOCK 5 JAPS KILLED (.) ESTIMATED 100 JAPS ASTRIDE TRACK APPROX 500 YARDS WEST OF NEXT TRACK JUNCTION SOUTH OF RAID BLOCK JUNCTION (.) TACTICAL RECEGE REPORTS TRACK FOR 3 MILES SOUTH SANANANDA POINT UNDER WATER (.) ENEMY ATTEMPTING REPAIR ROAD (.)

ANBOGA AREA (.) 5 JAN SOME ALLIED TROOPS ATTAKED STRONG ENEMY POSITION ON [redacted] KUROV CREEK (1500 YARDS EAST SOUTH ANBOGA RIVER) 1 JAP KILLED (.) FINSCHHAFEN AREA (.) 6 JAN NATIVES ESTIMEATE 2000 JAPS IN AREA (.) KAMLOA TAKOLEN TIKIPA SINBANG (VILLAGES VICINITY FIN HHAFEN) ALL OCCUPIED (.) NATIVES PUT TO WORK CLEARING GROUND FOR A/C (.) MADANG MEVAK AREA (.)

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN MADANG 6 JAN REVEAL 2 PROBABLE [redacted] A/C

A POSITIONS ON RAGETTA IS AND 4 NORTH END BELIAO IS (.) ARIAL PHOTOGRAHS TAKEN OVER MEWAK 6 JAN REVEAL 7 PROBABLE FIGHTER BLAST BAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION RECCE A/C ENCOUNTERED [redacted] A/A FIRE

OVER AREA (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.) 0615Z 5 JAN LAE BOMBED AND 0615Z 6 JAN GROUNDED A/C STRAFFED RESULTS NOT OBSERVED POSSIBLE LANDING STRIP BEING BUNIT OFF SIGHTED MIDWAY BETWEEN LAE AND HOPO (.)

6 JAN 0001Z BOMBED STRAFFED ENEMY INSTALLATIONS SANANANDA POINT BOMBS TARGET AREA RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.) OTHER A/C STRAFFED WEST BANK ANBOGA RIVER NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) 5 JAN 0250Z ALLIED A/C ATTACKED GASMATA BOMBS VICINITY AERODROME RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.) FROM 2335Z 5 JAN ALLIED A/C CONSTANTLY SHOADOWED ENEMY CONVOY 10 VESSELS PROBABLY COMPRISING 4 DESTROYERS 4 TRANSPORTS 2 CRUISERS THEN APPROX 30 MILES ESE [redacted] GASMATA COURSE WSW (.) AT 1725Z/6 JAN OBSERVING A/C ATTACKED VESSELS SET ALIGHT 1 TRANSPORT (.) LAST SIGHTING 2157Z/6 JAN CONVOY THEN APPROX 28 MILES SW FINSCHHAFEN COURSE SSW (.) DURING SHADOWING ALLIED A/C INTERCEPTED BY UP TO 8 ENEMY A/C 1 ENEMY A/C ZERO SHOT DOWN (.)

DURING ATTACK ON SHIPPING RABAUL (REPORTED FITREV 159) NOW KNOWN 3 POSSIBLY 5 OF 12 INTERCEPTING ZEROS SHOT DOWN (.)

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN REVEAL NEW STRIP UNDER [redacted] CONSTRUCTION IN COCONUT PLANTATION 3 MILES EAST KOKOPO RABAUL AREA (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW BRITAIN 5 JAN 0100Z SHIPPING RABAUL HARBOUR INCLUDES 1 POSSIBLE A/C [redacted] CARRIER 1 PSSIBLE SUBMARINE TENDER (.)

SOLOMONS 6 JAN 0130Z 2 LARGE WARSHIPS 2 SMALL WARSHIPS 2 DESTROYERS 1 TRANSPORT 4 FLYING BOATS 12 FLOATPLANES BUIN FAISI AREA (.)

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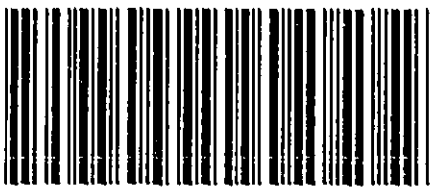
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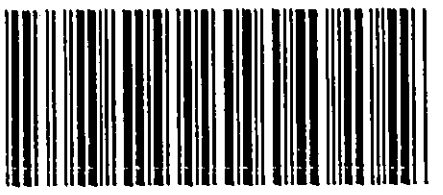
5 JAN HIGH ODELIQUE PHOTOGRAPHIC TAKEN OVER RADIAL REVEAL 75 SHIPS
INCLUDING 12 POSSIBLE DESTROYERS IN AREA (.)
S O L O M O N S 5 DEC 0500Z 1 BATTLESHIP 1 HEAVY CRUISER
4 DESTROYERS 4 CARGO VESSELS B O I N F A I S I A R E A(.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA
TOO 13551/6 TNI 1445

TARAKENA WITHDREW TO SIWORI VILLAGE (.)
SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK (.) 5 JAN OUR
PATROLS ACTIVE (.) TACTICAL RECCE REPORTS MUCH DUST ALONG TRACK
FROM 2000 YARDS SOUTH CAPE KILLERTON TO WHERE IT
JOINS OPUTA SANANANDA TRACK 1 MILE SW
SANANANDA (.) LAE SALAMAUA AREA (.) 5 JAN
OUR PATROL REPORTS TRACK SALAMAUA TO BUSAMA MINED AND
REGULARLY PATROLLED BY JAPS (.) NATIVES N O T PERMITTED
ROUTES TO MALOLO (4MILES NW SALAMAUA)
AND BUSAMA (8 MILES NW SALAMAUA) (.) CANOES
APPARENTLY CONTAINING JAPS MOVING UP MARKHAM RIVER (.)
FINSCH HAFEN AREA (.) 5 JAN NATIVES REPORT
ENEMY FORCE ESTABLISHED FINSCHHAFEN (.) AERODROME CLEARED
BUT NO A/C THERE (.) ENEMY PATROLS 40 STRONG ACTIVE
SATELBURG (6 MILES NW FINSCHHAFEN)
AND DOREK (12 MILES EAST BY SOUTH FINSCHHAFEN) (.)
ALLIED AIR OPS (.) NEW GUINEA 06402 4 HAN
BOMBED 0057Z 5 JAN STRAFFED LAE AERODROME DOMS VICINITY
RUNWAY OTHER RESULTS N O T OBSERVED (.) 0400Z 5 JAN ATTACKED
TERRACE SUPPLY DUMPS LAE ALL BOMBS TARGET AREA RESULTS
N O T OBSERVED (.) 2245Z 4 JAN STRAFFED BUBO AND
BONI ATOM VILLAGES NIL RESULTS OBSERVED (.)
NEW BRITAIN 0245Z AND 1630Z 4 JAN ATTACKED
CAERNATA AERODROME BOMBS VICINITY RUNWAY (.) 5 JAN 0100Z
ATTACKED SHIPPING RAID ALL DIRECT HITS ON AT LEAST 4 AND
POSSIBLY 7 VESSELS WUNEMOUS BE++ NEAR MISSES (.) 1 VESSEL
BROKE IN TWO OTHERS SET ON FIRE (.)
TWO (.) ENEMY FIGHTING SQS.(.) NEW PRITAIN (.)
A SIGHTING RECEIVED H O R E S B Y 1040Z THOUGHT TO BE 1040L/6
STATES 4 TRANSPORTS 4 DESTROYERS 2 CRUISERS APPROX 70 MILES EAST
CAPE ST A COURSE W S W SPEED 12 KNOTS (.)

SECRET (.) LAND OPS REVIEW SITUATION 15Z TO 0001Z 6 JAN(.)
ONE (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.)
BUNA SANANANDA AREA (.) 4 JAN 0530Z ALLIED
PATROL AFTER CONTACTING STRONGER ENEMY FORCE AT

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FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE
MILDADE ADELAIDE HILPASC PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS
TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY
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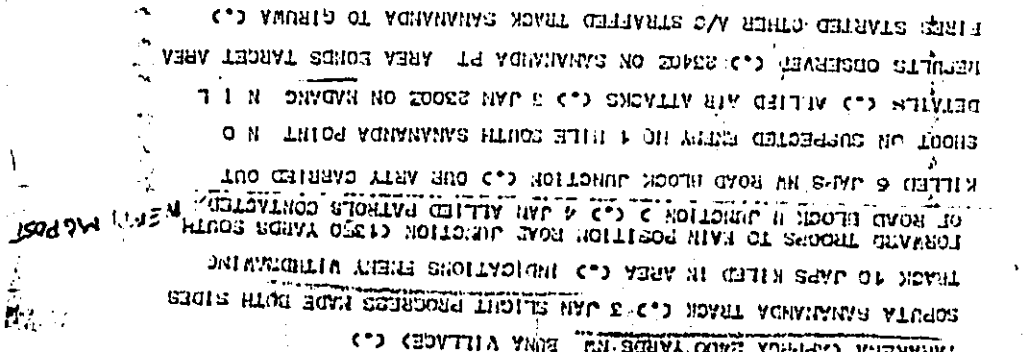
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SUBMARINES OPERATING IN AREA (.) NOW KNOWN PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN RADAVL 2 JAN HAZY DID N O T COMPLETELY COVER AREA BELIEVED 87 VESSELS STILL IN AREA (.) SOLOMONS 3 JAN 02402 6 HEAVY CRUISERS OR BATTLESHIPS 5 LIGHT CRUISERS 6 CARGO VESSELS 9 OTHER VESSELS 4 FLYING BOATS BUIN TONOLEI SHORTLAND AREA 06302 2 DESTROYERS ANCHORED OFF SHORTLAND IS (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

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BEACO ERLIKE SOUTH OSSU AND AT VIGUEQUE BEING RRPAIRED (.)
T NOC.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) MILNE BAY TUFI AREA (.)
3 JAN 23052 1 ENEMY A/C BOMBED TUFI MIL DAMAGE (.) 23302 1
ENEMY BOMBER SHOT DOWN NE OF GOODENOUGH IS NO DETAILS (.)
BUNA AREA (.) 3 JAN ALL ORGANISED ENEMY RESISTANCE NOW DESTROYED
MOPPING UP OF STRAGGLERS CONTINUED (.) 4 JAN 50 JAPS KILLED IN
AREA MANY PW S TAKEN (.) SIGNS OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY
TARAKENA (APPROX 2400 YARDS NW BUNA VILLAGE)
SOPUTA RANAMANDA TRACK (.) 3 JAN SLIGHT PROGRESS MADE BOTH SIDES
TRACK 10 JAPS KILED IN AREA (.) INDICATIONS ENEMY WITHDRAWING
FORWARD TROOPS TO MAIN POSITION ROAD JUNCTION (1350 YARDS SOUTH
OF ROAD BLOCK 1 JUNCTION 2 (.) 4 JAN ALLIED PATROLS CONTACTED
KILLED 6 JAPS NW ROAD BLOCK JUNCTION (.) OUR ARTY CARRIED OUT
SHOOT ON SUSPECTED ENEMY HQ 1 MILE SOUTH SANANANDA POINT NO
DETAILS (.) ALLIED AIR ATTACKS (.) 3 JAN 23002 ON RABANG NIL
RESULTS OBSERVED (.) 23402 ON SANANANDA PT AREA BOMBS TARGET AREA
FIRES STARTED OTHER A/C STRAFFED TRACK SANANANDA TO GIRUWA (.)
4 JAN ATTACK ON LAE DOCKS VICINITY BIDDYANS HOUSE FIRES STARTED
OTHER A/C STRAFFED AERODROME RESULTS NOT OBSERVED NO
RECONNAISSANCE A/C ON DROME (.) 00302 STRAFFED JUDO AND KOMIATUM
FIRES STARTED (.) 01002 BOMBED STRAFFED 15 SOUTH MADANG RIVER
N I L RESULTS OBSERVED (.) 2 STRAFFING ATTACKS MADE ON SMALL
SCHOONER FUSCHHAFEN RESULTS NOT STATED (.) NEW BRITAIN (.)
3 JAN 22302 ALLIED A/C ATTACKED GASMATA AERODROME BOMBS TARGET
AREA (.) THREE (.) SOLOMONS (.) 25 DEC REPORTED 400 ENEMY
VILA PLANTATION KOLOMBANGARA IS 300 VICKHAM ANCHORAGE (
CVAN3UUD 15) 40 ON VICKHAM IS (.) FOUR (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)
AUSTRALIA 3 JAN INDICATIONS SUBMARINES 1 APPROX 260 MILES ESE AND 1 AM
APPROX 110 MILES SE EVANS HEAD (NOW) NEW GUINE 3 JAN INDICATIONS
4 SUBMARINES OPERATING IN AREA LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO TO CAPE
WARD HUNT (.) NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND 3 JAN INDICATIONS 7



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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTH THREEAUSTCORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 15B TO 00012 5 JAN (.)
ONE (.) TIOR (.) 4 JAN UNKNOWN NUMBER ENEMY STILL ACTIVE
LETANO SANE AREAS (.) 1..01432 ALLIED A/C STRAFFED FULUPO
AERODROME 1 CIRCUMDED A/C AND 1 TRANSPORT VEHICLE SET ALIGHT (.)
OTHER ALLIED A/C STRAFFED VILLAGES HUTS LAIYAI BAUSAU BEACO
ROAD (.) OBSERVATIONS 200 TROOPS ON ROADSIDE BETWEEN OSSU AND

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE MILBASE MELBOURNE

MILBASE SYDNEY MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE PERTHN THREE AUST CORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 157 TO 1,. 0001Z 4 JAN (.)

ONE (.) NORTH WESTERN AREA (.) ANALYSIS AIR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

SAUMLAKI (JAMDENA IS TANIMBAR GROUP) 2 JAN REVEALS 5 NEW A/A

POSITIONS MANY MORE H G POSITIONS ALSO NEW FIRE TRENCHES ~~WHICH WORKED~~

~~..~~ BEHIND TOWN (.)

TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) BUNA AREA (.) 2 JAN SOME

ALLIED TROOPS FROM GOVERNMENT STATION ADVANCED EAST ALONG COAST

LINKED UP WITH OUR TROOPS GIROPA CREEK THEREBY CUTTING OFF FROM

SEA AND SURROUNDING ENEMY POCKET WEST OF CREEK (.) P W STATES

ONLY 100 JAPS REMAIN HERE THESE VERY LOW IN FOOD AND AMN (.)

REPORTED 2 JAN APROX 200 JAPS KILLED GOVERNMENT STATION 450

GIROPA POINT AREA (.) 35 LABOURERS WHO SURRENDERED SHOW SIGNS

MALTREATMENT BY JAPS (.) SOPUTA SANANANDA ~~ROAD~~ TRACK (.)

2 JAN ALLIED ARTY SUCCESSFULLY SHELLED LARGE ENEMY DUMP LOCATED

FROM AIR (.) / MAMBARE AREA (.) JAN NATIVES REPORT 20 TO 30

JAPS ON WEST IS MOUTH MAMBARE RIVER (.) / MADANG AREA (.) 2 JAN

REPORTED ENEMY HAVE BRIDGED MOUTH GUM RIVER (.)

(4 MILES SOUTH MADANG) ENDEAVOURING DO SAME GOGAL RIVER (8 MILES

SOUTH MADANG) 1 ENEMY PATROL REPORTED AT BOGADHIM (15 MILES SOUTH

MADANG) (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.) 2 JAN 1900Z ATTACK ON ENEMY

SHIPPING RABAUL 3 HITS OR NEAR MISES ON 3 MOTOR VESSELS (.)

2215Z ATTACK ON MADANG BOMBS ON TOWN SQUARE AND AERODROME (.) 3

JAN 0300Z ATTACK ON LAE AERODROME BOMBS TARGET AREA FIRES STARTED (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) NEW GUINEA 2 JAN 0032Z 3 SINGLE

SEATER FIGHTERS IN BLAST BAY MADANG AERODROME (.) NEW BRITAIN

2 JAN AIR PHOTOGRAPHS REVEAL 6 DESTROYERS 2 TORPEDO BOATW

2 MINE LYERS 5 SUBMARINES 3 TANKERS 34 MERCHANT VESSELS

1000 TO 10000 TONS (APPROX TOTAL 130000 TONS) 5 SMALL MERCHANT

VESSELS 6 FLYING BOATS 2 FLOAT PLANES RABAUL AREA 23 FIGHTERS 4

MEDIUM BOMBERS LAKUNAI AERODROME (.) SOLOMONS 2 JAN 1 ~~0802~~ SMALL

CARGO VESSEL ANCHORED NUNDA (NEW GEORGIA) ~~0730Z~~ 1 SUBMARINE

5 MILES SOUTH VANGURU IS 802OZ 8 DESTROYERS 20 MILES NE VELLA

LAVELLA IS COURSE WNW (.) LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY

CANBERRA

TOO 1415L/4 THI 1455

CHECKING AND ADVISE

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TO TA.. LANDFORCES MELBOURNE
MILBASE MELBOURNE
MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE ADELAIDE
MILBASE PETH
THREEAUSTCORPS
NORFORCE

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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SECRET (.) LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 156 TO 0012 3 JAN (.)

O N E (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) TUFI AREA (.) 2 JAN

0245Z APPROX 12 WNWMY A/C STRAFFED DIVE BOMBED TUFI GOVERNMTN

STATION LATER REPORTED NO DAMAGE (.) ALLIED VESSEL IN I.. VICINITY

ALSO REPORT BEING ATTACKES SAME TIME (.) BUNA FRONT (.) 2 JAN 043CZ

GIROPA POINT AREA CLEARED OF ENEMY (.) 0530Z GOVERNMTN STATION IN

ALLIED HANDS (.) ONLY F.. RESISTANCE NOW N.. IN WHOLE BUNA AREA

FROM SAMLL POCKET EE.. ENEMY WEAT GRIPA CFEE.. CREEK (.)

P W CAPTURED BEFORE ATTACK ON GIROPA STATED 50 ENEMY STATION AREA

100 IN COCONUT GO. GROVES 100 COOLIES IN

WHOLE ARE SY.. SUPPLY OF M G AMN AND GRENADES VERY LOW (.)

3 BN OF JAP 229 REGT BADLY CUT UP APPROX 13 DEC (.)

SOPUTA A.. SANANANDA R..TRACK (.) 2 JAN CAV

PATROL AMBUSHED KILLED 6 JAPS VICINITY RAD BLOCK AREA (.)

COME CAV TROOPS CARRYING OUT LONG RANGE PATROL BEG.. BEHIND ENEMY

LINES OBJECT DISRUPTION REAR AREAS (.)

MAMBARE AREA 1 JN.. JAN REPORTED 28 BARGES STILL EAST

OF MITRE ROCK (CAPE WARD HUNT) (.) 2 JAN NATIVES REPORT FEW JAPS

REMAIN DOVIRA CREEK THESE HIDDEN IN SWAMP BETWEEN CREEK AND BEACH

(.) WEWAK AREA (.) 1 JAN ENEMY REPORTED IN VICINITY ANGORAN

(ON SEPIK RIVER) (.) ALLIED AIRE OPS (.) 1 JAN APPROX 2300Z

ATTACKED SALAMAUA BOMBS BULDING AREA FIRES STARTED (.) 2 JAN

APPROX 0000Z

.. 0001Z BOMBED STRAFFED SANANANDA POINT AREA BOMBS

TARGET AREA 20 TO 30 JAPS W.. SWIMMING IN SEA STRAFFED (.) 0112 AND

0212Z BOMBED 0113 Z STRAFFED LAE NANAY BOMBS BUILDING AND AERODROME

AREAS FIRES STARTED 2 ENEMY TRANSPOTS.. TRANSPORT PLANES DESTROYED

ANDMIN 2 OTHERS DAMAGED (.) NEW BRITAIN 31 DEC 2015Z ALLIEC.....

ALLIED A/C ATTACKED SET FI.. AFIRE 1 UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OFF

MATUPI IS RABAUL (.)

TWO ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) I.. TIMOR 2 JAN 3.. 0305Z 1/4000 TON MERNHANT

VESSEL ANCHORED KOEPANG 2/2000 TON MERCHANT VESSELS ANCHORED 14

MILES SOUTH KOEPANG (.) NEW BRITAIN 2 JAN 0100Z 17 WARSHIPS 55

MERCHANT S.. VESSELS 2000 TO 10000 TONS 20 SMALLER VESSELS

RABAUL AREA 0050Z 1/4000 TON UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 10 MILES SOUTH

CAL.. CAPE GAZELLE SOURCE SOUTH (.) SOLOMONS 2 JAN 0605Z 10

DESTROYERS 30 MILES NW RENDOVA IS COURSE SOUTH BY EAST 1630Z

1 LARGE CRUISER 4 DESTROYERS 3 CARGO VESSELS BUIN FAISI AREE.. AREA (.)

LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSIEL.. COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

TOO 1400L/3 THI 1513

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NO81 GWQ Z X02 IMPORTANT GR539

TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

MILBASE MELBOURNE
MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE ADELAIDE
MILBASE PERTH
THREEAUSTCORPS

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

INT1195 2 —

S E C R E T (.) L A N D O P S REVIEW SITUATION 155 TO 0001Z
2 JAN (.)
ONE (.) T I M O R (.) 31 DEC REPORTED B E A C O NOW
[redacted]. STRONGLY OCCUPIED BY ENEMY (.) 1 JAN ALLIED RECCE A/C
ENCOUNTERED M G FIRE FROM WELL BULT SETTLEMENT WITH [redacted]
GOOD JETTY VICINITY EASTERN TIP TIMOR (.)
TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) REF REVSIT
154 NOW STATED MOENI (NEAR VAREN WEST COAST GEELVINK BAY)
NOT BOEMI MAY BE BASE FOR ENEMY AIR ATTACK MERAUKE 30 DEC (.)
MILNE BAY AREA (.) 1 UNIDENTIFIED A/C OVER AREA FOR 2 B++ HOURS
EARLY MORNING 31 DEC (.) BUNA FRONT (.) GIROPA POINT AREA (.)
31 DEC OUR ARTY SCORED DIRECT HITS ON 6 BUNKERS VICINITY N W END
DISPERSAL BAYS ESCAPING ENEMY SUCCESSFULLY MACHINE GUNNED (.)
2100Z ALLIED [redacted]+ TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS COMMENCED
ATTACK IN DIRECTION BEACH (.)
2215 HAD OCCUPIED APPROX HALF THE BEACH (CENTRAL PORTION)
BETWEEN GIROPA POINT AND MOUTH SINEMI CREEK AND CONSOLIDATING FOR
SECOND PHASE OF ATTACK (.) SECOND PHASE ATTACK LAUNCHED AND AT
0400Z 1 JAN OCCUPIED WHOLE OF COAST FROM POINT APPROX
160 YDS EAST GIROPA POINT TO MOUTH OF SINEMI CREEK WHERE HEAVY
FIGHTING LASTED 5 HRS (.) TROOPS ON LEFT NOW ATTEMPTING CLEAR
ENEMY MOUTH GIROPA CREEK ENCOUNTERING STRONGER RESISTANCE (.)
UNCONFIRMED REPORT 200 JAPS FROM GIROPA PT NOW IN AREA WEST

GIROPA CREEK (.) GOVERNMENT STATION AREA (.) 1 JAN OUR TROOPS
CAPTURED MORE GROUND (.) 1 OUR PATROLS MADE CONTACT WITH LEFT FLANK
OUR TROOPS SOUTH GIROPA PT (.) SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK
(.) 31 DEC ACTIVITY CONFINED TO OFFENSIVE PATROLS WITH
ARTY CONCENTRATING ON LOCATED JAP POSITIONS (.) 6 JAPS KILLED
MORNING 31 DEC (.) THREE FOURTHS SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK
REPORTED UNDER WATER (.) AMBOGA MAMBARE AREA (.) 27 DEC ALLIED
PATROL SANK 1 MOTOR BARGE MOUTH KUMUSA++ KUMUSI (.) NIGHT 31 DEC
JAPS [redacted]+ REPAIRING LAUNCH DUVIRA CREEK NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
RAFT 20 FEET LONG SIGHTED BAKUMBARI (.) LAE SALAMAUA AREA (.)
31 DEC 4 ENEMY TRANSPORT A/C UNLOADED CARGO LAE AERODROME AND
DEPARTED SOUTH (.) 1 JAN ALLIED A/C ATTACKED LAE AERODROME
BOMBS TARGET AREA RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.) NEW BRITAIN (.)
ALLIED AIR ATTACKS (.) 31 DEC 1700Z ATTACKED AERODROME
++ VUNAKANAU BOMBS TARGET AREA (.) 1720Z ATTACKED AERODROME
LAKUNAI ALL BOMBS TARGET AREA DIRECT HIT ON SEARCHLIGHT OTHER
RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.) 1917 AND 1925Z ATTACKED SHIPPING RABAUL
DIRECT HITS ON LARGE TRANSPORT AND 2 OTHER VESSELS LAST
SIGHTED BURNING PORFUSELY (.) 1 OF 5 INTERCEPTING ZEROS
DESTROYED 1 PROBABLY (.) EARLY 1 JAN NADE 2 ATTACKS GASMATA
AERODROME BOMBS TARGET AREA RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.)
THREE (.) ENEMY [redacted]++ SIGHTINGS (.) NEW GUINEA AREA
30/31 DEC SUBMARINES 1 APPROX 42 MILES EAST CAPE NELSON
0 APPROX 33 MILES NNE CAPE NELSON 1 APPROX 40 MILES
WEST BY NORTH WOODLARK ISLAND (.) NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND
30 DEC INDICATIONS LEAST 7 SUBMARINES OPERATING IN AREA 31 DEC 1600Z
2/10000 TON UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS 38 MILES SOUTH CAPE GAZELLE
COURSE S W (.) SOLOMONS 31 DEC 2210Z 4 HEAVY CRUISERS
OR BATTLESHIPS 6 DESTROYERS 3 MILES SOUTH NOILA POINT
(BUIN FAISI AREA) COURSE EAST BY NORTH 1 JAN
0745Z 1 LIGHT CRUISER OR DESTROYER ANCHORED SHORTLAND HARBOUR (.)
LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITLY CANBERRA

TOO 1415L/2 THI[redacted]

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE
MILBASE MELBOURNE
MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE ADELAIDE
MILBASE PERTH
THREEAUSTCORPS
NORFORCE

FROM LANDOPS BRISBANE

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SECRET (.)LANDOPS REVIEW SITUATION 154 TO 0001Z 1 JAN (.)

ONE (.) TIMOR (.) 27 DEC REPORTED JAPS CARRYIG OUT TRAINING DAILY AT OSSU (20 MILES SSW BAUCAU) (.) ENEMY TRANSPORTED TROOPS AND SUUPLIES BAUCAU AND LAUTEM TO LORE BAGUIA (15 MILES SE BAUCAU) FUIH.. FUIJORO ILIHO.. ILIOMAR (27 MILES SSW LAUTEM) (.)

TWO (.) AUSTRALASIA (.) NEW GUINEA (.) 31 DEC 0255Z 18 ENEMY HEAVYL BOMBERS ATTACKED MERAUKE SOME DAMAGE TWON AREA (.)

INDICATIONS ENEMY A/C THATATTACKED MERAUKE 30 DEC BASED N.. BABO (SOUTH COAST BENTONI BAY) OR KOEMI (SOUTH COAST GEELVINK BAY)

DUTCH NEW HUINEA (.) BUNA FRONT (.) GIROPA POINT AREA (.)

30 DEC OUR FORWAR D TROOPS REORGANISED (.) TACTICALRECCE REPORTS JAPS MOVING STORES FROM INLAND LOCATIONS TO COAST 3 NEW BUNKERS SIGHTED 50 YARDS SOUTH OF GIROPA POINT (.)

GOVERNMENT STATION AREA (.) 30 DEC ALLIED TROOPS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS BEACH AREA (.) SLIGHT PROGRESS MADE IN GARDENS (.)

SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK (.) 30 DEC ENEMY VICINITY ROAD BLOC-JUNCTION USING FIRE BAYS WITH CONNECTING TRENCHES TO MOVE WEAPONS AS REQUIRED (.) 2 JAPS KILLED VICINITY ROAD BLOC 8 VICINITY REAR ROAD JUNCTION MORNING 30 DEC (.) MAMBARE RIVER AREA (.) NIGHT 28/29 DEC SECOND LAUNCH ARRIVED DUVIRA CREEK FROM DIRECTION SALAMAUA (.) 30 DEC ALLIED PATROL RAIDED PARTY 30-40 ENEMY WITH HMG NEAR LAUNCHED (.) SOME JAPS KILLED 1 LAUNCH DAMAGED OUR CAUSUALITIES NIL (.) LE..LAE SALAMAUA AREA (.) 27 DEC 5 ENEMY-SEAPLANES LANDED LABABIA (.) AIR OPS (.) 31 DEC BETWEEN 0115 AND 0127Z ALLIED A/C M.. KVADE 3 ATTACKS LAE BOMBS VICINITY AERODROME FIRES STARTED 5 GROUNDED MEDIUM BOMBERS 1 FIGHTER SHOT UP (.) 9 PROBABLY 10 ENEMY INTERCEPTING A/C DESTROYED 6 DM.. DAMAGED (.) OTHER ALLIED A/C STRAFFED AREA SANAA.. SANANANDA POINT TO GITUWA (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.) 30 DEC 1940Z L. UNSUCESSFULLY ATTACKED ENEMY VESSEL ST GEORGES CHANNEL (.) 2150 AND 2355Z ATTACKED GASMAT A AERODROME BOMBS RUNWAY 1 GROUNDED A/C DESTROYED (.) THREE (.) SOLOMONS (.) ALLIED AIR OPS (.)

30 DEC 1028Z ATTACKED KAHILI AERODROME (QUIN) BOMBS RUNWAY RESULTS NOT OBSERVED (.) 1028Z ATTACKED BU.. BUNA AERODROME BOMBS RUNWAY (.) FOUR ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.) TIMOR REF REVSIT 153 NOW REPORTED VESSELS ANCHORED LAIVAI 29 DEC DEPARTED 30 DEC S.. COURSE NOT KNOWN DUE BAD VISIBILITY (.) AUSTRALIA 31 DEC 1 SUM.. SUBMARINE 39 MILES NORTH BRISBANE (.) NEW B.. BRITAIN 30 DEC AIR PHOTOGRAPHS REVEAL TOTAL TONNAGE MERCHANT AND TRANSPORT VESSELS RABAUL APPO.. APPROX 200000 TONS 20 BOMBERS 12.. 13 FIGHTERS VUNAKANAU 2005Z 1 SUBMARINE WIDE BAY COURSE NE (.)

NEW IRELAND 30 DEC 2315Z 1/5000 TON CARGO VESSEL 3 POSSIBLE LIGHT CRUISERS OR DESTROYERS J.. KAVIENG HARBOUR 30 BOMBERS 23 FIGHTER ON DROME (.) SOLOMONS (.)... 30 DEC 1033Z Q.. 1 MERCHANT B.. VESSEL ANCHORED SOHANA IS (BUKA PASSAGE) 31 DEC 2 GUNBOATS VICINITY PORT BOUGARD (MALAITA IS) (.) LANDFORCES PLEASE PASS TO COMPOSITELY CANBERRA

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TOO 1320L/1 THU 1354

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Appendix III

SECRET

G. S. I.

M.I.1/3

SECRET

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H.Q. VIC. L. OF C. AREA INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No. 40 to 1000 hrs 23 Jan 43

Covering Period 16 Jan to 23 Jan 43

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. MARINE MINE ON BEACH AT RYE

At 2150L/18 a report was received at this H.Q. from a Major GRENVILLE at ROSEBUD that a marine mine had been sighted during the afternoon by two men.
This information was passed to C.D.H. and NAVY.
A platoon of 9 Aust Grn Bn PORTSEA was instructed to patrol the back beach RYE in an endeavour to locate the mine, and guard the area until relieved by naval personnel. This was done and the mine finally located at Ref Map SORRENTO 1" to 1 mile 867637 at 0730L/19. Naval personnel arrived and took possession of the mine at 1215L/19.

2. LIGHTS ON GIPPSLAND COAST

At 0005L/22 it was reported to this H.Q. by C.D.H. that at 2315L/21 at LETUNG, Ref Map J55/7,325578, a bright orange light was observed high in the sky over the sea. This light appeared to remain stationary for 2 or 3 seconds then fell into the sea. This incident has been satisfactorily explained by Fighter Sector as aircraft were on shadowing exercises.

B. TOPOGRAPHICAL

3. J54/4 - Ref Map ST ARNAUD 4 miles to 1". New Rly Br under construction over BULLABUL CK at J689.
(8 Ballarat L.of C. Sub Area)

4. J54/11- Ref. PORTLAND 4 miles to 1". (2nd Edition)
Br. at 402308 in bad state of repair and will not carry heavy traffic. (Vic. Grn Bde)

5. J55/5 - Ref. PUCKA TRG AREA 1".
Br at 021392 is class 2 only, and dangerous to M.T.
Fords exist 60 yds upstream suitable for tracked vehicles and 150 yds downstream suitable for M.T.

6. Br at 020398 is dangerous to all Military traffic
A ford exists 80 yards upstream suitable for M.T.

7. Br. at 019437 is class 12.

8. Ford at 014438 is suitable for all M.T. (2 Aust Mot Div)

9. J55/7 - Ref County Map DARGO 2 miles to 1".
Br constructed by Forests Commission NICHOLSON River Br. Single span, low level br. Heavy timber stringers and hewn decking. Load limit 18 tons.

10. Ref County Map TAMBO 2 miles to 1". Br constructed by Forests Commission TAMBO River Br. Two span, low level br. Heavy timber stringers and hewn decking. Load limit approx 18 tons. (Vic. Grn Bde)

11. Ref BAIRNSDALE 1" to 1 mile. Punt over TAMBO River Ref 777411 has been replaced by wooden br.
(Vic. Grn Bde)

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C. CLIMATIC

12. Cold and squally at first. Improving during week. Unsettled with heavy falls and thunder in later part of week. Temperature rising towards end of week. (Meteor)

D. MILITARY SECURITY

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

MOVEMENTS

13. Concern has been caused by troops leaving this area as reinforcements for battle stations, disclosing the infm to friends and relatives concerning the date of departure and destination, as a result of which large numbers of people arrive at the Station to farewell them. It has also been found that troops have placarded the outside of departing trains with signs such as "NEW GUINEA", and steps in regard to both matters are now being taken by F S personnel in conjunction with the R T O and Movement Control Officers.

14. TROOP ARRIVALS

Further investigation has been made regarding the gossip in the town of SEYMOUR about the arrival of American troops in that area. It was ascertained, however, that this rumour has been current since before last Christmas, and was apparently based on conjecture only, and NOT on information passed from units in the MELBOURNE area whose duty brought them into contact with the arriving personnel.

SECURITY OF MATERIALS

15. PILFERING-ALIEN EMPLOYMENT COYS

Following a statement by an alien now in WATSONIA camp regarding the alleged pilfering of goods at ALBURY and TOCUMWAL by members of Alien Labour Coys engaged in transhipping of goods at the railway terminal, a security check has been made of the suspected persons, and full particulats have been forwarded to the G.S.O. III Intelligence at ALBURY L. of C. Sub Area for further investigation by F.S. Section personnel under his direction.

16. PETROL

Information was obtained from a reliable source regarding the sale of stolen petrol by Army personnel at BROADMEADOWS camp The full name and particulars of the alleged seller of the petrol have been obtained. and the matter referred to the A.P.M. for further investigation.

17. DISCLOSURE OF UNIT EQUIPMENT

"Our rations have shown decided improvement during the last couple of weeks with replacement of B.B. to a large extent by sausages or fresh meat. In addition the tinned stew has become edible. It was terrible previously and we ate many frugal meals. I've not had a busy week still its been full of interest and seems to have gone quickly. A lot of my time has been occupied learning as much as possible about the latest piece of equipment to come on the site. (You have heard me tell of it at times and Owen was at one time put out by the priority rights it was receiving. Hal Tipping is in the crew manning the thing and its good to have him around the place.)"

(FC 3701 dated 10/1/43.)

Action : Portion in brackets deleted. Correspondence altered.

18. CAMPS AND GUARDS

During the past week, a member of the Section, in civilian clothes, and armed only with a,cancelled Netherlands East Indies Identity Card showing a picture of an airman, was admitted to Royal Park Camp by the guard. The guard examined the pass, and asked the P.S. man whether it was "all right", and on being told that it was, allowed him to enter. The matter is being referred to the appropriate quarter for attention.

MORALE

19. LEAVE FOR TROOPS IN N.G. - RATIONS

"I dont begrudge anyone having leave but it does seem hard to think that some chaps can get home for weeks and others find it so difficult.
There are chaps in our section alone who have been here for 12 months and have Malaria recurring quite frequently but they cant get back. They are the chaps who really should get home.
You said in one letter that every soldier here got a Xmas hamper. Well I could tell you a few who did not Yours truly included.
I also heard that back at the other place they had "Tomato soup, turkey and ham, plum pudding and sauce and fin. hod up with a few sweets. We had well disguised bully and a little pudding spoilt with prunes!"

(FC 3691 dated 8/1/43. Field P.O. No.13)

Action: Correpondence released.

20. CRITICISM OF ARMY POSTAL SERVICE.

"Received your letter dated 29/12/42 and also the telegram about Dad going to Fairfield. The telegram took 6 days to come from Townsville.
If you send a telegram send a letter at the same time, as 9 times out of 10 the letter is faster. It is a waste of time sending a telegram from here as it takes 3 weeks to a month to reach Sydney. The Military P.O. chaps told us to write in preference to telegraphing."

(FC 3694 dated 8/1/43.)

E. ECONOMIC

21. Fire at GOOMALIBEE burnt fencing and 800 acres of grass, also 90 tons of hay.

(6 Albury L.of C.Sub Area)

December weather was dry and unfavourable for cereal crops. Labour and transport difficulties have delayed harvesting. October forecast was 38 million bushels, it is now estimated that the Victorian wheat crop may reach 42 million bushels.

Oats and barley crops average. Area smaller than usual.

Large proportion of potato crops in Geelong and Colac districts have been dug. Main crops in Central Highlands suffered frost on 28 and 29 Dec, causing damage, 5% to 10% of the crop.

Dry weather in Dec favoured harvesting of grass hay. Much hay baled.

Pastures abundant, still ample to maintain high level of production. Stock in excellent condition . Butter production down 10% because increased manufacture of cheese and other milk products. Butter quality maintained. Supplies of matured cheese are insufficient to fulfil orders. Sufficient milk supplies are available.

Supply of porkers and baconers short. Demand for store pigs did not decline as usual at this time of year.

Light crop of apples may be further reduced by codling moth damage which is increasing.

Excellent crops of pears are expected.

Canning peaches are developing satisfactorily.

Early apricots harvested in the Goulburn and Murray Valleys. Fruit is good quality.

In Rochester district, prune and plum crop is light.

North East Victoria, almond and walnut trees are bearing heavy crops.

Valencia oranges in Mildura almost finished. All varities citrus normal crops.

Lemons in Metropolitan area are showing a healthier winter crop.

(Dept of Agric. 18 Jan 43=)

F. GENERAL.

22. Nil.

Major,
for Col.G.S. Vic. L. of C. Area.

LATE REPORT

RECAPTURE OF ESCAPED INTERNEE

Oscar Walter SPECK, German internee who made his escape from TATURA early in January was recaptured on Monday 25 Jan. His interrogation is proceeding.

M.I. 1/3 G. S. I. SECRET

H.Q.VIC. L OF C AREA INTELLIGENCE REPORT

GSIa 1258 No. 39 to 1000 hrs 16 Jan 43

Covering period 9 Jan to 16 Jan 43.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. Nil.

B. TOPOGRAPHICAL

2. J55/5. Ref SUNBURY 1". Owing to tramway extension, the SOUTHERN side of KEILOR RD is closed between 935455 and 929458.
(7 Melb L.of C. Sub Area)

3. J55/9. Br at ref map WESTERNPORT 1".113832 on BENTON'S RD in bad state of repair and load limit is now 3 tons. Reconstruction not expected to commence before April 43.
(Vic Grn Bde)

C. CLIMATIC

4. Warm and sultry early in week. Clouds with showers developing with isolated thunder inland. Cold with showers in later part of week. Snow on EASTERN ALPS. (Meteor)

D. MILITARY SECURITY

SECURITY OF MATERIALS.

5. POSSIBLE FIFTH COLUMN IN AIRCRAFT ANNEXE

Ref. Vic. L.of C. Area Int. Report No. 38 para.7.. The following report has been submitted to this H.Q.:-

(a) The disturbing element is GEORGE BURN, 55; Chapel St., PRAHRAN. BURN is apparently an impudent and cocksure young man of 28 years. He has not returned to his work since he dismantled a machine and walked out without remission on 8 Jan 43. He is believed by JOHNSTON to be going into the fitting and turning business on his own account at Green St, WINDSOR. It is suspected that the refusal of many of the hands to work overtime on urgent and vital aircraft parts is due to BURN persuading those hands to work at his workshop in the evening.

(b) Mr JOHNSTON is a nervy, highly strung and delicate man of middle age, highly competent in his engineering trade, but otherwise dull and no match in repartee for the wisecracking BURNS. He seems to be quite incapable of maintaining any sort of discipline over his hands, almost all of whom are young and much influenced by the "Smart Alec" verbosity of BURN.

(c) Mr JOHNSTON admitted that he has not been troubled by Union officials in any way. He believes the call made by officials was sponsored by BURN, but they were entirely satisfied by their inspection and nothing had risen from the visit, neither have they come again. He stated over the phone this morning that BURN had not returned and that the morale of the shop has improved considerably already.

(d) Measurements of vital parts widely at variance from specification amounted to less than .1% and appear to have arisen from attempts to cover over initial mistakes in workmanship.

(e) The possibility of the presence of Fifth Column activity

appears to be unlikely as the annexe is very small and only a small proportion of the work is vital; it appears largely a matter of an impudent and garrulous young man versus a competent and over restraintive employer. BURN is the type that would make trouble wherever he were employed, but as it appears he is opening on his own account, it is likely that he will get down to serious business.
In case he should find his way into a larger factory Security Service is being forwarded a copy of this report.
(7 Melb L.of C. Sub Area)

SECURITY OF PERSONNEL

6. ESCAPES FROM SCABIES COMPOUND

At 0600 hrs 13 Jan it was reported that on checking the prisoners at SCABIES COMPOUND, BROADMEADOWS, it was found that VX71590 Pte WILSON, V501567 Pte PAPAIKOS E, and VX61170 Pte GRAHAM L V were missing. These men are still at large.
(7 Melb L of C. Sub Area)

7. SECURITY OF ALIEN EMPLOYMENT UNITS

The following extracts were sighted in letters from
(a) V370250, Pte Manfred ANSON, 6 Aust Emp Coy, AMF to Miss Rose TUCHILL, C/o the Eureka Youth League, 59 Elizabeth St, Melbourne:-

"I have been introduced to the Eureka Youth LLeague by David FIRSTENBERG who is one of my tent mates. Perhaps you know him or his sister. To him I owe a lot of enlightenment about Socialism and the final stage, real Communism. However, I have not enough knowledge yet to call myself a Socialist or to discuss such matters successfully. However, I am in favour of many points and only hope that the outcome of this world wide struggle will be the introduction of a sound Socialism".

8. (b) Henry HOLMES, 149 Stewart St, BRUNSWICK, to S.T. WILLIS, Lit Sec, S.P.A. Box 1440, G.P.O., Elizabeth St., MELBOURNE :-

"Dear Comrade,

Thank you for your letter of January 4th. I am very glad indeed to hear that you are still carrying on, and think it about time I explained my somewhat peculiar position.

I am a German refugee who came to England in 1936. In 1937 I went to London, hearing Tony TRINER in Hyde Park, became actively interested in the S.P.G.B. Ever since then I have studied Socialism and been active in the party. You will perhaps be aware that there was in England at least a few thousand Socialists who for various reasons are unable to join the Socialist Party formally, yet do as much as they can to assist. I was very anxious to join indeed, but various talks I had with Tony, Comrade Hardcastle (Hardy) Goldstein (Goldy) and Rubins convinced me that it would be better for me as an alien not to become a formal member. In spite of not having the red card I did as much as I could, always bearing in mind that the Home Office would not particularly relish the idea of an alien indulging in political propaganda, at least not in Socialist propaganda. These difficulties increased with the outbreak of war. You can well imagine that my position was none too happy.
Though classed as a C alien, that is, a proved anti-Fascist, I was interned with all the rest of the so-called enemy aliens in May 1940, and shipped in Australia, or rather deported. You may have heard of the Dunera case, well, I was on that ship.
We were put in camps in Hay, Tatura and Orange. In January last year I was willy nilly compelled to "volunteer" for the newly-formed Labour Corps, since otherwise I could only hope to spend the rest of the war behind barbed wire, and have no chance of ever

becoming naturalised, which is essential, as I want to work openly for the S.P.G.B. So here you are. I'm in the Army now and you can well imagine that I feel none too happy..... I can't very well come to Flinders Lane in uniform. On the other hand even in the Army I'm doing my best to make Socialists, although for obvious reasons I can't read "War and the Working Class" to soldiers ..... Whatever you decide to do, please treat this confidentially and destroy when read.
Yours fraternally,
Henry Holmes."

Comment : A strong Leftist influence is noticed in correspondence from members of these units. Investigation will be made to identify the writer of the second extract.

9. SECURITY OF P.W. & INTERNMENT CAMPS

(a) 964, SPECK, O.W., a German internee whose escape was reported in the last Intelligence Report, is still missing. His actual method of escape is still unknown, and it is thought possible that he may be making for the coast with the intention of stealing a boat.

IM142, KAISER, J.O., was charged under Statutory Rule No. 7, Regulation 41, para 2a, endeavouring to conceal the fact that the abovementioned internee had escaped by answering "Here, Sir" when the internee's name was called at the 0930 hrs roll-call. KAISER was sentenced to 14 days detention.

(b) On 14 Jan 43, at 1030 hrs, the following PWG's were discovered to be missing from No.13 PW Camp :-

PWG41292 - Gerhard HARTLIEB
PWG41580 - Richard MICZEK.

These PW's were recaptured by the Victorian Police at Spencer St Station at 1130 hrs on 20 Jan 1943.
This was HARTLIEB's third attempted escape.

(c). On 16 Jan 43, at 1105 hrs, PW149834, DE PALM., Michele, was reported missing from a work party. At 1450 hrs the same day, the prisoner was recaptured by a party from the attached Horse Tpt at the camp, who were ordered to search a scrubby piece of country between the camp and the Waranga basin. At the time of his capture, the prisoner was hiding in the undergrowth. approx half a mile from the camp.

(d) It is becoming increasingly apparent that the morale of Italian internees at TATURA is at a very low ebb.
Continual letters to the Official visitors and the Apostolic Delegate harp on the alleged hardships they are suffering, and plead for repatriation or some similar alleviation.

No such complaints come from the German section and it is evident that the Italians are more effected by the recent war developments.

The Germans still believe in HITLER, and discount any news unfavourable to their cause because they state that the latest reports of success are merely allied propaganda.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

10. Area Mt. MARTHA - BALCOMBE reports that the projected arrival of American Troops in the area seemed to be known to all the people of the surrounding district, the fact being openly discussed without any attempt at Security. (7 Melb L. of C. Sub Area)

11. BREACHES OF CENSORSHIP

The following appeared in the leader page of the Herald newspaper

on Tuesday, Jan 12, 43 :-

"SOLUTION

Odd instances of how Australian prisoners have outwitted the German censors are in circulation, but the palm must be given to an Avoca lad about whom his relatives could get no information. He was in the Army some where, but where nobody could discover. In June his relatives received a wire to the effect that he was with his unit fit and well. Three weeks later his sister received a letter from him in which he made this cryptic statement : 'Bob Collins has a hotel between Maryborough and Eddington, if you care to look him up.' There were many wrinkled brows before the solution was found. Between Maryborough and Eddeington there is an old mining town, or the remains of one, and its name, is Timor. Long before the recent story of the Australians in Timor was published, a small coterie of people in Victoria knew that the Australians were still fighting there."

COMMENT: Despite the ingenious introduction, once again we have an example of praise being handed to a soldier who breaks his security instructions and "beats the Censor". It is this type of journalism which engenders a lack of discipline amongst the troops. The matter has been taken up with the State Publicity Censor and the editor of the newspaper.

12. ORGANISATIONS

EUREKA YOUTH LEAGUE

The effects of the efforts of the Eureka Youth League to dessominate its propaganda amongst members of the forces is illustrated by the following extracts, sighted in censorship :-

(a) VX65802, WRIGHT, Gnr ..., E Tp, 4 Aust Fd Regt, Australia, to Miss Beryl FIDLER, 59 Elizabeth St., Melbourne :-

"What you have been doing interests us greatly, as the future of the entire world depends on what the young people in industry do as much as we do in the armed forces do. If you could send us a personal description of what you are doing we could make great use of it. The troop require a direct link with industry to fully understand just what the young people are contributing to the war effort. The daily papers dont really give them news and even they are difficult to get at times."

(b) NX66138, SUTHERLAND, Sig G.D., 2/2 Fd Regt, Aust, to Miss B Fidler :-

"In my case, membership goes back six years. My association with the League since joining the Army is sufficient to know the important nature of the work undertaken by members on behalf of the war effort generally.
The money collected and work expended making up and forwarding these parcels should be well repaid by renewed enthusiasm on the part of those members who have gone into the forces."

(c) WX65802, WRIGHT, Gnr A., 12 Bty, 4 Aust Fd Regt, AIF, AUST, to Nancy MARKS, C/o L.Y.L., 59 Elizabeth St., Melbourne.:-

"The papers you sent me were very welcome. They were read avidly by all the fellows. And to have my theories backed up in print is very valuable - the thing lacking in ou unit is political education. The political implication of the war in lots of places is still wholely misunderstood.

But we are improving. The comrades here send their warmest thanks for your pledge regarding production, and require me to assure you

that we will do our utmost to use the equipment you provide in the real Bolshevik manner, ensuring a complete and speedy destruction of our Fascist enemy."

(d) VX23464, L/Cpl J. RUTHERFORD, H.Q., 18 Inf Bde, AIF, AUST, to Mrs W. SNELL, 336 Tooronga Road, GLEN IRIS, MELBOURNE :-

"I have received a mystery parcel from some crowd who call themselves the Eureka Youth Movement. I've never heard of them, and cant understand how they got my name, but they include a lot of propaganda - Down with Fascism, etc. Also informed me they recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Red Russian Revolution. Looks like I'll have to buy a red tie."

COMMUNIST PARTY.

The following letters illustrate the influence of the deeds of the Russian Army and of the recent lifting of the ban on the Communist Party :-

(a) VX12753, Spr. T. JORY, 2/1 Fd Coy, R.E, 6 Div, AIF, AUST, to Miss V ROBBINS, 1 Ford St., CLIFTON HILL, VIC :-

"We are all turning into commos in our tent. Its the main topic of conversation after what the Russians are doing. It seems a pretty good form of Government."

VX2610, Pte E.C. HAMPTON, 2/31 Bn AIF, AUST to J.D. BLAKE, 49 Elizabeth St., MELBOURNE :-

"Only quite recently I learned of the Commonwealth Government's decision to lift the ban imposed on the Commonwealth Party of Australia since June 1940. Important too is the exchange of Ministers between the Commonwealth and Russia, the most logical step in these changing times, or should I say enlightening times. Now more than ever before the home front will be solidly behind the war effort, and victory assured by the people of Australia in this war against Japanese fascism. It is hoped when victory is won the workers of Australia through the Communist Party of Australia will play a decisive part in post war reconstruction and a better world to come.

14. FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTY

The following extract of censored correspondence is submitted for information :-

CIRCULAR IN FULL:-

"If you are an ex-service man or ex-service woman of any of the fighting forces of the Empire, join the UNITED EX-SERVICEMEN'S AND WOMEN'S POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and take your due share in the government of the country you fought to defend.

The immediate aims and objects of the United Ex-Servicemen's and Women's Political Association of Australia are :-

1. To maintain and inspire loyalty and devotion to Australia and the British Commonwealth of Nations, so that all Australians may be united in common service to their country, free from the prejudices and divisions of creed, class and party.
2. To form a nucleus of ex-servicemen and women around which all men and women of goodwill may gather in the determination to cleanse and regenerate the present spurious and degraded conditions of party politics, and prepare immediately to select and support ex-servicemen candidates to contest seat at Commonwealth and State Elections.
3. To ensure the repatriation of the ex-serviceman of this war in a manner which will afford him opportunities commensurate with

his services to the nations, so that he may be guaranteed against material loss, and may confidently expect a reasonable standard of living for himself and his family.

4. To proceed at once with two immediate objects, namely :-
   (a) To press in all ways possible for a National non-party government.
   (b) To press for the welding of the A.I.F. and the A.M.F. into one Army.

(PC 3354 dated 8/1/43)

Action: Correspondence released.

E. ECONOMIC

15. Nil.

F. GENERAL

The following extracts of censored correspondence is submitted for information.

TREATMENT OF N.G. NATIVES.

16. "Most of the natives are fit and happy and content to live their devil-may-care existance, so long as they are not interfered too much by unauthorised personnel. Speaking of the majority, they are respectfull and helpfull, but unfortunately the American Negroes disobey rules, by desicrating their villages - trespassing on forbidden grounds. The natives' main pleasure is found in an interrupted village life, and I feel that anyone in any forces, regardless of colour, should have enough decency to leave the poor creatures at least one form of privacy from spying eyes."

(PC 3353 dated 29/12/40 Field P.O. 0141)

Action: Correspondence released.

17. CRITICISM OF USA TROOPS

If anyone tries to tell you that the Americans are good soldiers, you tell them that they do not know what they are talking about. The Yanks in New Guinea are lousy! They get as frightened as hell every time an Air Raid warning is given and they are too windy to have a go at the Japs. They were the direct cause of quite a number of Officers and men from this battalion being killed and wounded. I wrote and told Pat how it happened, she will tell you the story."

(PC 3365 dated 19/12/42)

Action : Correspondence altered.

18. DISCONTENT IN CMF UNIT

"Seeing we were isolated from the rest of the company there was just a section of us and I said I would go their bren gunner but we had no idea it would be such a long job.

We never saw biddy our Capt. the hole time we were there till it was all over and then he poked his nose around and got us burying the yellow cusses, when we were all back and oke he complemented us on the job he had done the --, but the old unit has never been the same since they put all the 53 Batt in and the A.I.F. Officers that ran away in the face of the enemy and were kicked out from over the other side they had the check to put them in the 39th if it wasent for the boys themselves it is hard to say how things would go."

(PC 3293 dated 29/12/42. Passed by Censor 992.)

Comment : Over a long period, several extracts in this strain have been sighted.

Action : Correspondence delayed.

19. CRITICISM OF AMENITIES SECTION

Though I have helped in the Army at times to organise football, cricket, etc, the Amenities section badly needs stronger personnal.

There is, in my opinion, far too many drones connected with it but that is Army responsibility so enough said. Capt. Tyark has some football sweaters up there and I suggest these be returned to the mainland as they are no earthly use here as football is out of the the question in the heat which is severe.
These were mistakenly brought up here for at the time the destination of the units concerned was unknown.
No need for me to stress to you that the Jap is a tenacious and game fighter, equally as formidable in attack as in defence but not unbeatable. His numerical strength and fanaticism create problems for us which must be fixed by politicians press and public. We are still at the crossroads and the path ahead is beset with snags galore if we believe he is beaten yet."

(FC 3342 dated 28/12/42. Army Field P.O. 042)

Action : Correspondence released.

20. CRITICISM OF THE PRESS

"Corpl Newton went into the attack with me at Gona, he got a bullet in the side of the throat - not serious luckily. Darling girl, I read the cutting from the Argus, and all I can say is, that the b---- writer ought to be skinned alive. I will not tell you the story, I will keep it till I come home, please tell Betty that. Other people think they know what happened, with the result there are numerous stories, but I am the only one that really knows, because all the rest of that patrol are killed or wounded. I will tell you this though dear, they were not bayonetted, you have my word on that, I could murder that writer
(I have heard we will be going to Timor next, it will be a hard job, harder than the one we have had, but we will be reformed before we do)
I have just heard from Ken Clarke, a very good friend of Betty Watson, that she has heard of the story about the bayonetting, please tell her the truth, it will make a difference"

(FC 3296 dated 29/12/42. Army P.O. 0152)

Action : Part in brackets deleted - Correspondence altered)

21. CONVERSION OF A/C GUN TO GROUND WEAPON.

"We have been able to procure for our own use some aircraft machine guns they are the fastest gun I have ever fired they fire at the rate of 20 pr. second. They were just guns when they came to us but I have converted them to ground guns firing off a tripod similar to a Bren gun and are they hot. I would like you to see them in action they would open your eyes."

(FC 3293 dated Dec 42. Field P.O. 0138)

Action : Portions deleted - Correspondence altered)

22. USE OF JAPANESE EQUIPMENT

"Many suggestions for improvement in the present equipment have been made among which include a better type of dixie. I, myself, like to ? Jap dixie, which when I come home I'll bring one with me. I hae (have) one or two souvenirs which include a Jap rifle. An American offered £30 for it but I wouldnt accept. The rifle as you are aware is of much smaller calibre than ours, a high velocity which creates a crack above your head, making it difficult to locate the actual firer. One of the boys used it for sniping in preference to out own. It has one main disadvantage and that is the small calibre does not make a very large wound. Thank God".

(FC 3445 dated 25/12/42. Air Field P.O. 54)

Action : Correspondence released.

23. DISCLOSURE OF A/C ACCIDENTS.

"Boy have we been having some accidents up here of late. (Since I have been up here there have been 9 chaps killed 6 in aircraft accidents 2 in car accidents & 1 chap drowned not bad what. On one day just

before Christmas 2 chaps were killed 6 crates had forced landings & 3 of these were wipe offs. All in one day))
The only bit of excitement I had was when I did a wing tip in when during a night flying"

(FC 3469 undated)

Action : Portions in brackets deleted. Correspondence altered)

24. CAPTURED GERMAN EQUIPMENT AND STORES

"At the first L.G. to which we went & which had been in Jerry's hands the previous morning, we found a big Jerry equipment dump & had a lot of fun scrounging through it. There was a great variety of stuff there, even a beautiful Singer Sewing Machine. I got some new blankets, shirts, shorts, sox & gaiters, a couple of packs & all kinds of odds & ends. Some of the boys got new Mauser rifles & for several days our rations were augmented by German tinned foods but they are not as good as out tinned goods. Most of his equipment is equal or superior to ours. On the first day there a couple of biys went scrounging and brought back a coulpe of Italian prisoners, whom they found wandering around in the blue, they seemed quite happy to be out of the war & were with us a couple of days before they were taken to a P.O.W. camp.

We found a couple of bags of mail from Germany at the first L.G., some of the parcels from home were pitiful, just little packages containing a few sweets or biscuits; things must be pretty bough for civilians in Germany. The troops had even been sending home some of our bully beef etc. captured in our retreat last June.

(FC 3461 dated 23/11/42. R.A.F. Censor 226 EGYPT)

Action : Correspondence released.

25. JAPANESE METHODS

"well as you gather by my address, have transferred to Marine Sect it has distinct Possibilities of Promotion, and believe me a really interesting task - the job well (on Small Sea going Craft sailing around these islands really idea (1) sailing into beautiful little bays of course dodging old Tojo still we have a little reception waiting. We have native boys as pilots and crew, and small decent little coves they are too.)

They have no liking for Tojo in the show. Here the Japs played havoc with their women folk the usual stype came across one such case a native women who had rapped ? to death, of spread eagled, and to cap their foul work had sliced her up the middle with Bayonet & nuff said only increases our determination they shall never set foot on our shore, so by our women folk are safe.

(FC 3457 dated 21/12/42. Field P.O. 076)

Action : Portion in brackets deleted - Correspondence altered)

26. FOOD WASTE IN CAMPS

"There is still a lot of waste in the Camps, they burn what we cant buy & tin (tinned) fish is hateful to them, dried apricots & Biscuits are thrown about like stones, eggs & bacon, chops & stake (steak) & that much on their plates it makes them turn sick, nobody wants to cut downthe food for soldiers, but this waste is beyond a joke, this might not go on in all camps, but in a good many.

(FC 3645 dated 14/1/43)

Action : Correspondence released - Postal.

27. CONDITIONS IN U.S.A.

I think that we are going to have a hard time getting certain things to eat. Yesterday I could get only one fourth pound of butter. No meat except a few pork and lamb chops, and there is none likely for sometime. I think that they will have to ration all of these things so that they will go around. Coffee is rationed today. And they are selling HORSE MEAT in L.A. the girls wanted to know if they would have to eat that. They may be glad of it some day, Still I dont think that we shall starve." (Fc 3522 dated Mar 22)

Action : Correspondence released.

28. CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINE

"Your optimistic view that my entry into the Argentine would prove my salvation, has unfortunately, not turned out to be correct. The economic conditions are not so favourable here as you imagined. The country, through its own peculiar policy, is showing signs of great economic upheaved, and a crisis is in full swing. You ask about the possibilities of work here. A few doctors and lawyers are placed at the service of the Jews: otherwise many men and women who are capable of work are compelled to work. Always heavy work of a low order, and also for a low wage (20% below that of their Aryan Colleagues) Women mostly farm work, and in factories. Men, road making, carrying burdens and shovelling snow. On can take on such workmen with the approval of the works Council. I, myself, know of intellectuals who were glad to earn their bread by shovelling snow in winter."

(IC 3648 dated 10/10/42.)

Action : Correspondence released.

29. EXEMPTIONS FROM CALL-UPS.

V.D.C. reports that C. ROBERTSON of the DUKE OF WELLINGTON Hotel, FLINDERS ST., is reported to have informed certain call-ups that he can get them exempt per medium of his friendship with the Deputy Director of Manpower, Mr.D. CAMERON.

(7 L.of C.Sub Area)

Major,
for Col.G.S. Vic. L.of.C. Area.

SECRET

M.I. 1/3. C.S.I. SECRET

HQ VIC L OF C AREA INTELLIGENCE REPORT

GSIC 1218 No 38 to 1000 hrs 9 Jan 43. COPY NO....9

Covering period 2 Jan to 9 Jan 43.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. Nil.

B. TOPOGRAPHICAL

2. J55/5. Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Road 327159-330151-340151, formed metalled not shown on Military Survey.

3. J5525. Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Road 340153-348149 formed and metalled, not shown on Military Survey.

4. J55/5. Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Section road at 376148 impassable MT in wet weather (Class B 3) Subject to further recce.

5. J55/9. Ref CRANBOURNE 1" to 1 mile. Section Pt Nepean Rd 129903 -129915 under repair - no dislocation of traffic and road classed A 1.

(Vic Grn Bde 8/1/43)

C. CLIMATIC

6. Fine with rising temperatures at first, followed by cool change later. Danger of grass and bush fires. Cloudy to sultry with isolated showers and scattered thunder later in week.

(Metcor)

D. MILITARY SECURITY

7. SECURITY OF MATERIALS

POSSIBLE FIFTH COLUMN IN AIRCRAFT ANNEXE.

Chas Johnstone of 280 Inkerman Rd EAST ST KILDA, has a problem of union agitators and delaying tactics with his high priority production. Johnston states that he manufactures vital parts for Beaufighters and has asked for an Intelligence Officer to call on him. He states that one employee, a fit young man of 28 years, is a subversive element who claims that the army will never get him. On one occasion this employee dismantled a machine of which he was the expert and then went AWL for a day; thus immobilising several other workers at a time when aircraft parts were most urgently wanted.

330 111 (Int) will call on Mr Johnston and obtain further particulars which will be forwarded.

(7 L of C Sub-area)

Action - Referred to CS for investigation.

8. (a) Careless Handling of Ordnance Stores - In the last week seven (7) reports have been received of military equipment having been found by railway officials along the line. Two (2) incidents occurred on the ADELAIDE-MELBOURNE line and five (5) on the SYDNEY-MELBOURNE line. The equipment involved included Bren guns, Hotchkiss guns, four (4) boxes of rifles and .303 amn. It is the opinion of experienced railway officials that the equipment falls off trucks owing to faulty loading.

Action - FS Sections are investigating, with a view to seeing

(i) The causes of the trouble;

(ii) The remedy of such causes.

(b) Pilfering - A number of Aldershot grenades were recently stolen from B A D, WHITE CITY.

(c) At the end of December, 1942 four Chev motor car tyres and 100 spark plugs were stolen from B O D, BROADMEADOWS.

Comment - In each of these two mentioned cases, the reports were received too late to enable proper investigation to be made into the theft.

(d) On 6 Jan 43, the following quantities of military stores were seized on the S.S. "WOTTING", ex-MILNE BAY and PORT MORESBY (where it had delivered certain military supplies):-

8 - 22 lb steel canisters containing dried apples, marked A.D.S.T. SYDNEY (149 D D 4 cwt).

21 - 2 lb tins of carrots, ARDMONA Brand - DD on label.

3 tins of dried potatoes, CARTSIDGE Brand - marked D D.

1 case (part used) tinned butter - manufactured by FOLEY Bros Pty Ltd, [illegible] - marked D D (39 tins).

8 - 2 lb tins of fruit, ARDMONA Brand - marked D D.

49 - 12 oz tins of corned beef, manufactured SWIFT COY Pty Ltd - embossed D D.

1½ small cases emergency rations.

Action - The matter has been referred to Brig NORMAN, Q M G (Movements Section), L H Q, for action.

9. (c) Military Establishments - Despite repeated warnings, Army Equipment Depots can still be easily entered without any challenge by personnel working therein. On 29 Dec 42, two F S Section personnel entered Army stores at the rear of the premises of C. BRIMALL & Co, Geelong Road, FOOTSCRAY, and obtained information from personnel working therein that the stores contained Army blankets, pillows, sheets and hospital equipment. A Peace Officer Guard had been provided at the front, but by the simple expedient of going to the rear, entry was easily gained to the premises, and no obstruction was placed in the way of the two F S Section personnel to obtain information.

Action - The whole question of the security of Ordnance Stores is being taken up with D D O S, Vic L of C Area.

10. Grass Burning around Camps

Burning off of grass about Camps and Depots in the Sub-area are almost completed. The SOMERTON Aux Sup Depot is now considered secure from external grass fires but interior grass burning not complete owing to danger from wind during recent days.

(7 L of C Sub-area)

11. Security of Personnel

The Scabies Compound at BROADMEADOWS shows an average of 20 patients daily. Flood-lights over the Compound have been installed and no escapes have been reported in the last 7 days.

(7 L of C Sub-area)

12. The following extracts of censored correspondence are submitted.

Pen Friends

..."Here it is just past Xmas and I hope you had more fun than we did - was really just another working day for all of us with the casualties pouring down from Bunc...

The hospital has been desperately busy - we have nearly (1900) patients at the moment...

I opened a tin of Eta peanuts some time ago and found an address in it so wrote for fun. Received a reply and wrote again. Next time back comes a very friendly letter with a photo and an invitation to come and visit she and her sister at home whenever I am in Sydney - Turns out to be a young healthy looking Yid - sounds like a back to Palestine movement for me. We have christened her "the girl from the Nut Factory"...."

(FC 3198 dated 27.12.42)

Action - Portion in brackets deleted - Correspondence altered.

Security of Personnel

13. Subversive Action : Organisations :-

EUREKA YOUTH LEAGUE - The following documents were received at HQ, 2 Aust Mot Div, in an envelope addressed to VX80397, Pte W. ROSS, Kiwi, Viz :-

(i) Stop this Fascist Propaganda, by Ralph Gibson.

(ii) "Eureka", a news letter for Eureka League Members in the forces.

(iii) A typewritten letters as follows :-

"Dear Soldier Member,

This is our second issue of our Forces paper. We hope you like it. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Greetings.

Nancy Marks

Welfare Officer."

The addressee, either by name or number is unknown at HQ, 2 Aust Mot Div.

14. EUREKA YOUTH LEAGUE - The following letter was written by Peggy REED, 16a Hordern St., HEIDELBERG, to Dr K.J. BARKAS, V.0506, HQ Coy, 39 Bn, Home Forces, and was sighted in censorship :-

"I guess you will be surprised hearing from the Eureka Youth League, but we thought you would like to hear some news. The boys down at C.A.C. are speeding up production so that we can win this war to have a better go. I am sending you one of our books to read, and I hope you will pass it on to your mates. You will find it very interesting to read. If you would like to join the Club, just fill in the form on the back of the book and send it to the Eureka Youth League, 59 Elizabeth St. If you are ever down in Melbourne and you have no where to go, call in to our rooms, and you will be made very welcome. I do hope you will answer this letter."

The censor's comment was that this was an example of the Club's method of contacting members of the Forces.

15. EUREKA YOUTH LEAGUE - Mrs Nancy MARKS, Welfare Officer of the Eureka Club, 59 Elizabeth Street, MELBOURNE, also sent similar pamphlets to other members of the forces just prior to Christmas. It would appear in her case, both from the tenor of the letters and the nature of the addresses, that she did not know the addressees personally, but had in some way obtained their addresses. Her conduct shows a determined effort is being made by the Eureka Youth League to obtain members in the fighting services.

16. EUREKA YOUTH LEAGUE - The following letter was written by John W. WODONGA, to R. BRILLIANT, of the Eureka Youth League, 59 Elizabeth St., MELBOURNE, on 7/1/43 :-

"The Wodonga Branch is at last constituted, and the Army boys have recruited two more members, making six in all."

17. NO-CONSCRIPTION COUNCIL - The following letter was written on 5/1/43 by D.K. [illegible], Secretary of the No-Conscription Council, Box 817, G.P.O. MELBOURNE, to Mr McKELLAR, 6 Ormsby Grove, TOORAK :-

"Friend,

The No-Conscription Council has decided to create local groups or zones with a representative for each section who will be an appointee to the Central Council. It is felt by this system organisation could be carried out more effectively. A few sympathisers could be invited to a house or a local hall, etc., much work accomplished and your group become a key section in case of organising help being obtained by the Council.

Would you consent, on behalf of the Council, to act provisionally and endeavour to set up a small committee to implement the Work Council. Will be pleased to receive any advice from you concerning your section."

It is significant that the addressee was in the early part of 1942 concerned in the distribution of a petition praying the Prime Minister to make a separate peace with JAPAN.

18. CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT - The following letter was written by J.L. PRATT, Secretary and Treasurer of the Christian Socialist Movement, 27 Melville St., ASHBURY, N.S.W., to Pastor A.A. HUGHES, 57 Radnor Street, CAMBERWELL, Victoria (undated):-

"The balance of this month's report we are devoting to the Sub-Committee's report on lack of democratic privileges for the troops, which was promised some time back, so here are the condensed findings and general report.

The members of the Sub-Committee made a rather exhaustive investigation into the causes of dissatisfaction in the Army. After holding many and varied conversations with numerous members of the A.I.F. and Militia, we found that, in practically every case, the men voiced the same grievances. At the present time, dissatisfaction is rife among the men in uniform. The men in general are not satisfied with the trend and extent of the Australian war effort, but in particular they are most concerned over the increased restrictions on their liberties and over their not having an effective avenue through which to protest against injustices and make known their grievances. Soldiers believe they are fighting for freedom and democracy, but they are learning to their consternation that there is nothing free or democratic about the Army; they are fighting to maintain privileges which they themselves forfeit when they put on their uniforms.

Causes of dissatisfaction are :-

(i) Lack of effective channels to ventilate grievances.

(ii) Grievances over leave.

(iii) Military Police.

(iv) Mess and food distribution.

(v) Waste of time.

(vi) Lack of entertainment.

Recommendations - The Sub-Committee makes the following recommendations :-

(i) The appointment of a civilian Welfare Officer with military experience, and the provision of Welfare Committees selected by each unit.

(ii) The abolition of the present system of Military Police, and the substitution therefor of a democratic system whereby all men act as Military Police for a certain period according to a definite roster prepared in advance for all to see.

(iii) The institution of a common mess for junior officers and men, and the abolition of batmen for junior officers.

(iv) Present education and vocational schemes to be extended and augmented to ensure that all men returning to civil like would be capable of taking their rightful place in society and of earning a decent living.

(v) Entertainment and facilities for recreation to be provided on a standard similar to that at present enjoyed by officers.".

19. EVASION OF SERVICE-

On 2 Jan 43, VX78357, Pte ABRAHAMS, L., who was then AWL, was arrested by the Military Police; at the time of his arrest, he was in civilian clothes and in possession of an Identity Card No V20/A24/29725 in his own name. He explained that he filled in an application form for an Identity Card, describing himself as a truck driver, and addressed it to the O i/c, Bridge Road, RICHMOND. He was not questioned, but received his Identity Card by post two days later, and later received a Ration Book - VB999717.

Action - Investigations are proceeding to see whether the soldier complied with the National Security (Manpower) Regulations. The application made by the soldier was made on the 4 Sep 42, and at that time, the only check made on such application was to compare the applicant's name with the local Electoral Roll. As, however, the applicant was a minor, there was no check made on the bona fides of his application, and an Identity Card therefore was issued. On the 11 Sep 42, the system was instituted of forwarding a list of names of applicants for Identity Cards to Vic L of C Area and these are now forwarded to areas for checking.

20. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

Leakage of Infn -

Reports have been received from BALCOMBE, SEYMOUR and MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND of persons unguardedly giving information about an anticipated move by Allied troops into this area. Investigations in each case show that, with a change of location of the troops formerly occupying these areas, tongues commence to wag and inference in many cases correct, were drawn.

21. CRITICISM OF A.C.F.

Field P.O. 020.

".... I am just waiting for the A.C.F. to give us the things they claim they do. I saw an article in the paper which quoted a Member of Parliament as saying "Don't send the troops any cigarettes or plum puddings as we will do all that". Maybe they will - maybe they won't - maybe they can't! We don't know. The cigarettes they give us last about 2 days - with care. We are well out of the picture as far as tobacco and comforts are

concerned yet the people in the rear areas can buy nearly everything they want. We can't even buy a tube of tooth paste or a cake of soap. We are issued with soap that has about 50% content of caustic soda to wash ourselves! Tough alright. We have not been able to get our hands on a cigarette for three weeks. I have not tasted bread for 2 months. Can't even get a bottle of fruit juice cordial. You can have no idea how isolated we feel. I am feeling it bad and yet, I have to stand up to my mess and tell them we are well off. We are all alive and well and that is the only thing we can be thankful for. Our day will come, I know that, but it is hard to be kept waiting so long. I don't know where my next pair of bootlaces are coming from..."
(FC 2899 dated 17.12.42)

Action - Correspondence released.

22. LIQUOR FOR TROOPS

New Guinea.

"... (A rather funny incident occured during the festivities. The troops were looking for some time about the flat doughy bread they were getting. It was found that the bread baker was purloining the yeast for manufacture of large quantities of barley whisky. He ended up in a court martial.) I think the policy of abolishing alcohol to troops in island since they will have it whether or not and home brew generally does them more harm than would a similar quantity of proper made grog. Anyway I'm not running this show and they couldnt be told...."
(FC 3258 dated 30.12.42)

Action - Part in brackets deleted - Correspondence altered.

23. CRITICISM OF USA FORCES

".... I have just been informed that a picture show which shows near our place wont be showing this week. All because of our brave allies (like hell) the Yanks. My opinion of them is that they are the lowest of the human race and that is praising them up. I suppose the one's that get back to Australia from here on leave tell everybody how they won the war here and all they have done is build a lot of roads and fly their planes out to sea when we are raided. I thought that they were great guys at Bellarat but by hell I have changed my mind now or at least its been changed for quite awhile now...
.... I intended sending you a Xmas card or something like that but I was about 6 hrs to late. It was an Australian canteen there were sold at but like nearly all Aussie canteens the Yanks are allowed to buy stuff there so of course they bought nearly all the cards. I dont think anyone realizes that there are a few Aussies left on the island who would like to send a few cards home. There is another funny point attached to it and that is we arent allowed in a Yank canteen. Thats what I call team work and being the best of friends....."
(FC 2885 dated 11.12.42)

Action - Correspondence altered.

24. SECURITY OF INTERNMENT CAMPS

Young Folk and Hitler Youth Movements have been carried on at No 3 Internment Camp, TATURA, by the junior inmates. The senior internees claim that these movements are merely religious and health movements, but quite recently, it has been observed that youths are carrying out marching movements of a military nature, and the girls are openly indulging in the "Hail Hitler" saluto.

25. At 0950 hrs on Saturday, 9 Jan 43, Oscar Walter SPECK, 36, a German interned from Queensland, was discovered to be missing from No 1 Internment Camp, TATURA. His method of escape is unknown. SPECK's description is as follows :-

Speaks good English; 5'10"; medium build; light brown hair; grey eyes; scars behind the left ear and a scar 7 ins long on the inside of the lower right leg. It is recalled that he was arrested at Thursday Island, Torres Strait some time in Sept 1939. He stated at the time that he was travelling in a collapsible rubber boat named the "Pioneer" and that he had sailed alone from Ulen, Germany, on a sporting trip to Australia; the trip took seven (7) years. It was alleged that Speck was closely connected with leaders of the Nazis in N.E.I. and that the German Consul at Makassar offered to assist Speck financially from local funds maintained by the W.J.D.A.P.

E. ECONOMIC

26. Flax harvesting is in full swing and all interested report excellent crops. (7 L of C Sub-area)

F. GENERAL

The following extracts of censored correspondence are submitted for information.

27. PAMPHLETS - DESERTION OF JAPANESE

".... I am enclosing two pieces of Jap writing, I don't know whether the censor will let it go to you so if its not in the letter he has most likely taken it out. I think it's the funny and the sporting pages from the Tokyo Times. As a matter of fact I know what they are that is why I don't know if he will let them go through, still he may, it is neither here nor there"

Enclosures: 2 Pamphlets in Japanese - Translation as follows :-

(a) (small pamphlet) "Gentlemen, natives of the peninsula.

The Japanese who have torn away the independence of Great Korea while to outward appearances endeavouring to be kind, in reality have reduced it to a status of abject slavery and pay us less for doing the same work as they do and even then are unwilling to pay us what they do and have not issued us with the gas masks which they said they would send to our families but which they have instead issued to the Japanese soldiers; and when the Japanese have harvested all the rice and similar products in Korea they are immediately put into Government storehouses and disposed of according to the wishes of the Japanese. While we are being deceived and dragged away to the south Korea is being drained dry and conditions grow worse daily and our families are suffering more and more. Let us desert to the Allied Armies, where a kind reception, good food and a peaceful life await us, and finally let us recover the independence of Korea."

(b) (large pamphlet) "To the officers and men of the Imperial Army

"Pointing the way to success and not talking of defeat" why should you fall and end your life your provisions having run out, through the blunderings of the High Command and after having had some little success, you who are navigating, exhausted, through physical and mental forests, fighting through mountains and rivers, swamps, marshes, jungle and scrub, and surrounded by numberless diseases, instead of this why not join the enemy? Why should you share the results of the blundering of the High Command. After your brave fight and the luck of the war, this is permissible as warriors without shame. Since the sacrifice of our lives would be in vain there can be nothing wrong in surrender." (FC 2877 dated 16.12.42)

Action - Correspondence delayed.

28. GERMAN USE OF GAS SHELLS

"... I wonder your suffering of chest-trouble seems familiar to timeI was around these parts. Then I suspiciously surmised, that the jerries were mixing a very small amount of gas with high-explosive bombs and shells, just enough to cause bronchal-irritation, and chest-trouble, so as not to alarm the allies.."
(FC 3189 dated 24.12.42)

Action - Correspondence released.

29. AUSTRALIAN GUERILLAS IN N.E.I.

"You will no doubt already know about the Japanese invasion of our unfortunate colony; but you certainly will not know what the horrors of this invasion have been since I heard it said in the G.N. (?) that all is going on normally in Timor. In fact everything is going normally in Timor with the Japanese, and what they are doing is entirely normal, murdering, pillaging and sowing revolt among the natives."....

Ships are coming to Dilly to transport to Japan the goods stolen; and all people are deprived of everything....

... natives who have revolted in Dutch Timor are beginning to spread revolt among ours..... The Portugese troops were disarmed in a humiliating fashion and their weapons distributed among the insurgent natives....

In Bilon.... The Company commander is dead: his wife committed suicide: the doctor also committed suicide."
(FC 3206 dated 16.12.42)

Action - Correspondence delayed.

30. MORALE OF USA ARMY AND NAVY COMMANDS

".... Locally the atmosphere of our Army and Navy commands is reassuring. No complacency, but plenty of confidence and fight. Mistakes are admitted -- always off the record, I think -- and there is no question we have to learn from errors which, though tragic, seem inevitable in a democracy turning from peace to war.....

..... It is no secret that Hawaii is both a magnificent fortress of defense and now a well-equipped jump-off place for certain forms of offensive action. This latter phase will count more and more, I am sure, in the next few months....."
(FC 3261 dated 25.11.42)

Action - Correspondence released.

31. ITALIAN ORDER OF THE DAY

"... I will copy out a piece that was in last nights 'Furphy'. I think its good. Its from an 'order of the day' by an Italy-ano.
General Farri, Brescia Div. to his troops, and concerns us.
"The enemy generally attacks with very well trained troops, who exploit to the full the preliminary action of the Arty. Thus as soon as the Arty. lengthens its range the enemy infantry immediately advance. These special units generally New Zeal-anders and Australians launch their attack with extreme decision and brutality, heightened and rendered bestial by drunkeness.
It follows that :
(1) The decision and brutality of the enemy must be answered with greater decision and brutality on our part. Our aim not to suffer, but to make suffer.
(2) The soldier who takes cover during the enemy barrage must be always alert lest he is taken unawares by the enemy attack that follows. No covered tranches therefore. These are only death traps, and incline the soldier to remain under cover, passivd and inert."

"Well I thought that good. I can never remember going into an attack with even a small charge of liquor under my belt, let alone being drunk...."
(FC 3083 dated 20.11.42)

Action = Correspondence released.

32. EDUCATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN GERMANY

Correspondence sighted indicates that some difficulty is being experienced in the education of young children owing to the shortage of teachers who have been called up for Military service.

33. SCARCITY OF PAPER

There appears to be a paper shortage in Germany owing to rationing and items such as stationery etc., are very difficult to procure and writers state that they cannot write more than (1) letter a week owing to shortage of writing material.

34. PUBLIC OPINION AND MORALE IN ITALY

A letter written by a female in Italy who was evidently engaged on war production work obviously indicates that she and many other females in Italy are becoming "War Weary" from over work in war industries. This writer goes on to state "On Sundays I am often so tired I sleep away beautiful afternoons, although I pray that the nation (Italy) does not become raving mad (it is mad anyway) we would have a dreadful fate especially we girls and women, one hears so many horrible things.

35. RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

From a letter written by a German who states "At any rate we will have reached a certain point when we will have got to worry whether we want to, then they can still attack us for years if they want to, but still they will lose the desire they (meaning the Russians) will soon run out of Oil, Coal, Iron and bread." Other letters written in this state have been sighted which confirm the oppression that the Germans did not expect a big run drive in the Winter of 42/43.

36. ITALIAN PWs DETAINED IN AUSTRALIA

Efforts still being used for intermediaries with Internees, residing in Australia.

Reference to the above has previously been made in earlier reports. It is again desired to point out, however, that efforts are still being made by PW's (Italian) to communicate messages they receive from relatives and friends abroad to relatives in this country. Letters to this nature, however, are carefully watched with a view to closing this channel.

37. ITALIAN PW's DETAINED IN AUST - OPINION AND MORALE

An Italian PW writing to his relatives in Italy states "I am becoming weary of being shut up in this camp whilst so much is happening these days. The newspaper is again being distributed to us, and we follow the news with our minds turned towards you. Our hearts throb with those of our soldiers, our protectors who are fighting to fulfil that most sacred duty from which we have been barred through an adverse fate."

Other interned PW's write in similar vein stating "We still have the unshakable fate in our fascist leader."

38. AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DETAINED IN GERMANY

A survey has been made on the number of letters written by Australian Prisoners of War in Germany to their relatives in Aust. One writer from Oflag VIV Spocks well of the medical

treatment and general hygiene, and since their interment many months ago have been only two deaths in the camp. In other letters indications are given that Aust. Prisoners of War are undertaking amongst themselves certain Arts and crafts, although they are denied the use of tools, they have to work with the aid of ordinary table knives. Complaints are still being noted regarding the non-receipt of mail from Aust. A mail was apparently received early in Sept, but they indicate that they have not received another mail for some weeks. This apparently is a German reprisal for alleged non receipt by German internees in Aust. of their correspondence.

39. EDUCATION AMONGST AUST PRISONERS OF WAR

There is evidence that Australian Prisoners of War are lacking facilities for Educational purposes in one Stalag about 200 Aust pool their news from abroad debated in Welfare questions and conduct spelling "B's" etc., Vocational talks are being arranged. The majority of Australian prisoners are still writing in an optimistic strain hoping for an early cessation of hostilities.

40. RED CROSS PARCELS

Complaints are still numerous regarding the non receipt of parcels from the Red Cross.

41. AUST. PRISONERS OF WAR DETAINED IN ITALY

The food in some of the Italian Prisoner of War Camps appear to consist of one hot meal a day, split peas and bread, meat appears to be lacking.

42. COAL SHORTAGE

A number of letters sighted appear to indicate that the civil occupation on Germany during the last winter suffered an acute shortage of coal for domestic purposes, and many of them appear to be concerned over the prospects of further acute shortages this winter.

43. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ITALY

An examination of inward mail of Italian prisoners of war in this state indicates that there is an acute shortage of woollen goods such as blankets, suits etc are unprocurable, these items can only be purchased at fabulous prices.

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Col C S Vic L of C [illegible].

M.I. 1/3. G.S.I. SECRET

HQ VIC L OF C AREA INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No 37 to 1000 hrs 2 Jan 43

GSI 1195 COPY NO. 9.

Covering period 26 Dec 42 to 2 Jan 43

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. Nil.

B. TOPOGRAPHICAL

2. J 55/1 - Temporary crossing over the CAMPASPE River constructed adjacent to bridge 158001 under repair at AXEDALE. In dry conditions should carry 14 tons.
(8 L of C Sub-area)

C. CLIMATIC

3. Fine with few scattered showers in early part of week. Moderate temperatures at first. Warm to hot and humid followed by cool change and isolated thunderstorms at end of week.
(Meteor)

4. Dry weather greatly increased risk of grass fires in country areas.
(Grn Bde)

D. MILITARY SECURITY

5. MORALE

There are quite a number of young men in the district of good physique and eligible for military service. They are exempted because they own cattle. Their duties particularly at this time of the year are not onerous.

One such gentleman has just turned 18, is of lusty appearance and his idleness is an offence to every right minded citizen. He is sheltering behind about 30 head of cattle. These instances do not make for good morale on the part of the population, both military and civil, who may know the facts.
(6 L of C Sub-area)

Further report has been asked for.

6. Reports from many units indicate that the New Year has opened up with troop morale higher than last year. The improved war outlook, better service conditions, good Xmas weather, special Xmas Dinner menus, etc, are some of the reasons to which the high standard is ascribed.
(7 L of C Sub-area)

7. SECURITY OF PERSONNEL

6 Amb Train reports that some difficulty has been experienced with local contamination of water supply to ward carriages from supply points in railway yards. The Hygiene Offr of this HQ has visited the unit and has recommended measures to be adopted to ensure purity of supply.
(7 L of C Sub-area)

8. SECURITY OF MATERIEL

Following the recent hot weather burning off of grass in Camp Areas has been generally commenced and under favourable conditions should be completed in a few days.
(7 L of C Sub-area)

9. PW INFORMATION

Japanese Internees

Correspondence from Japanese Internees detained in S Aust has been sighted. The correspondence is addressed to their relatives in JAPAN. The internees speak well of the manner in which they are treated and say there is an abundance of food, but that their diet lacks fish. The correspondence reveals that they are hopeful of an early cessation of hostilities, and will indicate likewise a Japanese victory. They, however, appear to be somewhat perturbed regarding their relatives in JAPAN.

E. ECONOMIC

10. Nil.

F. GENERAL

11. CONDITIONS IN CHINA

Judging from censored correspondence the cost of living in CHINA has risen to an extremely high level. Rice is particularly expensive and in some villages families are actually starving. In TOISHAN more than 100,000 people died of starvation.

12. Extracts from letters from SHANGHAI.

...." A new 'policing' system is in operation too. It is called the 'pao-chia' (pao means to protect, and chia is interpreted, the family). Every family has to provide a man or boy to take his turn for three hours duty on the street. He carries a baton and a coil of rope, and around his arm wears the official badge. Should a disturbance occur, barriers or ropes are thrown across the streets, all four corners of an intersection being roped and traffic held up. The majority of the 'disturbances' are fake ones, but the 'pao-chia-jen' have to find the 'trouble-maker' before the barriers are withdrawn. Sometimes it's a matter of ten minutes, but on other occasions 'hours' and then it's annoying, if one is out, and cannot get back."

(FC 2964 dated 5.11.42)

13. "....No buses as we have no petrol, but all sorts of weird contraptions are on the roads, cars converted into horse buggies etc., and wicker baskets attached to bicycles. Trams are still running and I use this means of conveyance to and from the office....
....Have had a cholera inoculation as there is an epidemic here at present but they say this will be over by the end of the month when the great heat subsides. I know two nurses who are working ten hours a day at an emergency Hospital and think they are heroines...." (FC 2922 dated 13.8.42)

14. ITALIAN ANTI-FASCIST PROPAGANDA

From MEXICO - Publication "GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI"

A publication has been sighted namely "GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI" which is published in Mexico, and was forwarded to an addressee in this state. It deals with Anti-fascist Italian Propaganda and conveys an International Alliance for the liberty of Italy. The Garibaldi alliance is for the Unity of Italian emigrants.
RESUME : Deals with numerous "sections" of the Italian populace who are anti-fascist and the possibility of uniting them into a group where ever possible. Suggested action would be in the following way - namely : -

A. Propaganda for unity and immediate peace with the United Nations.

B. Creation of mass movement in all countries.

C. Intensification of propaganda in Italy by means of Newspapers and Radio.

D. An explicit demand to the Democratic governments for a clear and more active policy towards Italy.

E. Organisation of armed force by Italian anti-Fascists into the war.

F. Action to increase war production and participation of the Italo-Americans in the United Nations Armies.

G. Wage war against 5th Column.

Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

Appendix IV W.D. SECRET

M.I. 774. G.S.I. MOST SECRET

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW NO 19.

Compiled from info received up to 30 Jan 43.

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SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS and SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

AIR STRENGTHS:

Lately the Japanese have increased their air strength considerably and now strike persistently at our main bases in SWPA area.

At the moment it is probable that these large increases in the air strength of both sectors are mainly defensive measures and that the enemy's immediate object is to protect his shipping movements and to harass our reconnaissances. In addition the enemy has at last made use of his Medium Bomber strength in NE Sector and has struck heavily at MILNE BAY. It is possible that all this may be the prelude to large scale offensive operations in one or both areas.

NW SECTOR:

No heavy naval units nor any large body of first-line troops are yet in the forward area, though there are unconfirmed reports that both these are expected. In any case, these can be moved down quickly when all else is ready. (5 Division is one of the enemy's crack formations and has always been regarded as shock troops. A brief resumé of the Division's history is given in Part II.

Enemy interest in the South coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA has continued. There were two raids on MERAUKE on 19 Jan and one on 20 Jan with a further alarm on 21 Jan. Unconfirmed reports state that a new aerodrome is being constructed between KAUKENAU and AGATZ and it is known that the runway at BABO is being extended.

The presence of a 9,000 ton whale factory ship off MANOKWARI on the North coast of NEW GUINEA is significant. Vessels of this type have been used before for ferrying aircraft and for carrying fuel.

NE SECTOR:

The long period of quiescence in enemy bombing in this Sector was broken on 17 Jan, when there was a heavy raid on the TURNBULL Landing Strip at MILNE BAY. Considerable damage was done and the fuel dumps were destroyed. This raid was followed by others on 18,20 and 21 Jan at different targets in the area.

In addition there has been constant reconnaissances over the D'ENTRECASTEAUX and WOODLARK Islands and it is possible that the enemy is contemplating the establishment of an outpost and landing strip in one group or the other.

There has been considerable activity at WEWAK and 25 fighters have been reported on the runway. These may have been brought in to cover the arrival of two convoys, one on 20 Jan, the other on 21 Jan. Altogether four transports got through and could have landed ample men and supplies for the construction of the aerodrome there.

Shipping at RABAUL has been maintained on the somewhat reduced scale noted last week. There were 61 vessels, including 44 merchant ships, in the harbour on 18 Jan and 60 were counted from air photographs of part of the area on 21 Jan. 38 of these aggregated 198,000 tons. Is seems probable the the enemy retains the power to move two divisions on the reduced NEW GUINEA scale in whichever direction he wishes.

SOLOMONS:

Additional stores and supplies are being brought direct from TRUK to the BUIN-FAISI area and there has been continued construction work on the aerodromes at VELLA LAVELLA, MUNDA and BALLALE, as well as on the landing strip on CAPE MARIRI. Ground activity at YAMI and at PETATS Island on the West coast of BOUGAINVILLE has been marked and there has been an increase in enemy air opposition to our reconnaissances and raids. There is, however, no evidence that the enemy intends to attempt immediately the landing of further large forces on GUADALCANAL.

SANANANDA:

Following the successful clearing up of opposition South of the Road Block on 14 Jan, Australian troops on 15 Jan began to move North by tracks on the left flank of the enemy's positions. The next day they swung East from CAPE KILLERTON and forced their way down the coast to WYE POINT. By 18 Jan it was evident that the enemy's forces had been broken up into comparatively small fragments which could be reduced seperately. Meanwhile one US regiment was pressing NW from TARAKENA and another contained and attacked enemy pockets just North of the old Road Block. By 22 Jan almost all organized resistance had ceased and our combined forces were engaged in mopping up.

Since 8 Jan, 280 dead and prisoners have been accounted for South of the Road Block and 1,070 North of it. In addition many more bodies remain to be counted in both areas. It is probable that in addition to the 200 who escaped to the West on night 13/14 Jan, small parties of the enemy have made their way either by barge up the coast or overland across the AMBOGA River.

(LHQ I.S. No 25)

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS

(a) LAND

NEW GUINEA

SANANANDA-TRRAKENA Area

On 19 Jan our advances against 4 enemy pockets still resisting between SANANANDA Village and TARAKENA continued. These 4 points of resistance were attacked in turn with morter and arty fire and several enemy posts were captured. In the North all enemy resistance on West side of track was overcome.

At WYE POINT our attack from East with arty narrowed enemy resistance considerably. Our arty and MMG fire was concentrated on enemy bunkers outside TARAKENA. On 20 Jan after continuous pressure enemy positions on West bank of KONOMTI CREEK were overcome.

On 20 Jan our forces adganced along coastal track from West to within 1050 yds of SANANANDA POINT and attacked further enemy strong posts. In this advance enemy resistance was wiped out 1350 yds SW by South of SANANANDA POINT. All enemy resistance was overcome at TARAKENA on 22 Jan and mopping up continued throughout the entire area. Much equipment was captured. PW's amounted to 17 walking and 50 stretcher cases. 1201 Japs were killed.

On 24 Jan enemy casualties numbered 2537 killed (including 900 killed in GONA area) and over 120 Japs and several hundred native prisoners were taken.

MAMBARE-KUMUSI

Engagements between our patrols and enemy parties, also coastal raids by our motor torpedo boats against enemy barges continues in area between MAMBARE and KUMUSI Rivers. Enemy troops in these barges probably escaping elements from SALAMAUA area.

On 22 Jan our patrols ambushed 50 enemy tps near KURENADA (South of KUMUSI River mouth) killing 12 Japanese. Night 23 Jan our motor torpedo boats attacked 2 enemy barges near KUMUSI, both barges were beached, one set on fire. Some enemy were still in the MAMBARE River mouth area at this time.

During the night 24/25 Jan 4 enemy barges were attacked by our motor torpedo boats South of KUMUSI River mouth, 2 enemy barges were sunk and 2 beached.

At KOBO junt South of WARIA River mouth (approx 28 mls NW of MAMBARE River) at least 4 enemy barges containing tps landed on the 25 Jan.

On 26 Jan 400 enemy were estimated to be in an area SW of KURENADA.

LAE-SALAMAUA

On 20 Jan new enemy trenches and defensive positions were observed at JACOBSONS PLANTATION (approx 2 mls NW of LAE).

3 mls SE of KUBO at WIPALINING 50 enemy were reported on 21 Jan on patrol duties.

On 24 Jan 100 enemy tps were reported in vicinity of BLACK CAT CREEK (about 8 mls NE of MAU). Between 19 Jan and morning of 26 Jan 300 to 350 Japanese were seen moving towards BLACK CAT CREEK. This enemy activity around BLACK CAT CREEK would indicate attempts to establish a strong point from which to attack our forces in the area.

NORTHERN NEW GUINEA

Enemy patrol activity continues in MADANG area. On 22 Jan enemy patrols were reported 65 mls South of MADANG. Also on the RAMU River (45 mls South of MADANG) 100 Japanese were reported moving upstream.

SOLOMONS

BUKA - On 15 Jan it was reported that a Japanese Headquarters and a strong force is situated between HAHILA (BUKA PASSAGE) and HANGAN. On the same date natives reported the establishment of two enemy observation posts, at YIME and PETAT Islands (13 and 10 miles NW of BUKA PASSAGE).

CHOISEUL BAY - The enemy is reported on 16 Jan to have withdrawn after dismantling all houses.

KOLOMBANGARA ISLAND - It is reported that approx 4,000 enemy tps are on VILA Plantation (SE end of the Island) and have constructed numerous trenches West from the mouth of the VILA River. Ten barrack-like buildings were observed 4 miles NNE of the Plantation on 16 Jan.
(LHQ I.S. No 25)

TIMOR

Reports state the Portuguese were driven from the ALAS area on 17 Jan.

On 19 Jan 2 motor trucks carrying about 30 tps each were sighted moving South on the BAUCAU-BACAO track. The main track to AINARO and the native tracks in the SAME area appear to be under close

watch by large numbers of Japanese and hostile natives, who are very active throughout the island.

(File M.I. 1/2. Compiled from Daily Ops and Int Summaries)

GENERAL

PW Statement - PWs captured 14 Jan in S.W.NANDA area bitterly complained of the treatment given them by their commander - Lt-Col TSUKAMOTO.

PWs were completely demoralized owing to sickness, heavy casualties, lack of food and realisation that promised reinforcements were only propaganda.

COMMENT - This is the first instance in which PWs have exhibited such dejection and have expressed disloyalty to their commanders.

(NGF Enemy Information Review No 62).

(b) SEA

N.E.I.

Some increase in shipping at AMBON has been observed. On 20 Jan air photographs revealed 1 cruiser
11 merchant vessels
1 possible S/P tender
4 patrol boats
were anchored and dispersed in the harbour area. On 25 Jan 1 cargo vessel was observed entering AMBON BAY.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

On 24 Jan 1 minelayer and 4 small freighters observed at MANOKWARI (N'W GEELVINK BAY). At BABO also in GEELVINK BAY one transport and 4 small vessels were seen.

NEW GUINEA

Small groups of destroyers and transports were in the WEWAK area during the week. On 19 Jan 1 lt cruiser, 2 transports were 35 mls NE of WEWAK on a Northerly course. On 21 Jan 2 transports and 3 destroyers were under way in WEWAK HARBOUR. On 23rd 1 destroyer and 3 transports were 10 mls NNW of WEWAK course North, and on the same day 3 cargo vessels, 1 lt cruiser, 1 destroyer were stationary in the harbour.

CELEBES

On 23 Jan 1 Natori class cruiser with escort was seen in SALAYAR STRAIT course West. A later sighting revealed 1 A/C carrier, 2 large vessels, 2 destroyers in the Strait heading East.

NEW BRITAIN

Enemy shipping in RABAUL Harbour remains about the same. On 19 Jan 13 warships, 44 merchant vessels, 4 tankers were reported in the harbour. This total of 61 was again reported on 21 Jan, the details given as 7 destroyers, 5 submarines, 2 patrol craft, 4 tankers and 43 merchant vessels.

On 20 Jan 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 2 merchant vessels were observed 18 mls SW of CAPE ST GEORGE course South. This group may have been heading for RABAUL, but no indication of their having arrived is reported.

SOLOMONS

Numerous groups of destroyers, cargo vessels and tankers throughout the area. The problem of supply to the enemy tps in this area is great and a large quantity of Japanese shipping is usually on the move for this purpose among the SOLOMONS Islands.

On 25 Jan 1 possible A/C carrier of 10,000 tons, 2 cruisers were seen 60 mls SW of BUKA PASSAGE heading WNW. A convoy of 9 vessels including large transports was 40 mls East of BUKA PASSAGE course South.

SHORTLAND HARBOUR had a concentration of 15 unidentified vessels and TONOLEI HARBOUR 7 unidentified vessels on 23 Jan. 3 or 4 submarines were also in the area during the week.

AUSTRALIA

On 24 Jan 1 submarine was sighted 70 mls SSE of OSPREY REEF (270 mls South of MORESBY).

On 26 Jan 1 submarine was seen 420 mls WNW of GERALDTON (WEST AUST).

(c) AIR

Attacks by Allied A/C on enemy bases and positions continues daily. A number of enemy A/C have been destroyed and damaged during these raids.

DARWIN, MORESBY, MILNE BAY and MERAUKE have again received attacks from enemy A/C, but the damage is reported as slight, except at MILNE BAY where considerable damage was caused.

On 25 Jan an unidentified A/C was reported over SYDNEY - no further details have been received as to identification.

19th to 26th Jan our A/C attacked enemy drome s, wharves, buildings, shipping and other installations in the following areas -

TIMOR	KUPANG drome, LAUTEM, DILLI.
ARU IS	DOBO
AMBON	Shipping
CELEBES	Shipping KENDARI
DUTCH NEW GUINEA	Shipping vicinity of CAPE VAN DE BOSCH
NEW GUINEA	
WEWAK	12 enemy A/C shot down.
MADANG	
FINSCHHAFEN	
LAE	
SALAMAUA	Isthmus and surrounding villages.
KUREINDA	
NEW BRITAIN	
GASMATA	
CAPE GLOUCESTER	
RABAUL	
SOLOMONS	
SHORTLAND IS	Shipping.
BUKA	Drome.

Enemy A/C losses during the above actions were approx 25 destroyed and 12 damaged.

In persistent attacks by our A/C on enemy shipping direct hits and near misses are reported made on at least 20 vessels, at least 8 of which are believed sunk.

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STRENGTH and DISPOSITIONS of ENEMY FORCES

LAND

5 DIVISION

5 Division is recruited from HIROSHIMA district. It has had a distinguished record of continuous service in CHINA from 37 to 41, with a high reputation for landing operations. It was in JAPAN before July 37. From Aug to Oct 37 it took part in the fighting in North HOPEI, occupying PEKING; from Nov 37 it operated for a few months in the NANKING area, assisting in the capture of NANKING Dec 37. After that it was in South SHANTUNG region, where it suffered a severe defeat at TAIERCHWANG Apr 38, but remaining in the same region until about Sep 38. It was then transferred to KWANTUNG, where after landing at BIAS Bay, it assisted the 18 and 104 Divisions in capturing CANTON in nine days. Returning North early in 39, it is believed to have been engaged against the Russians at NOMANHAN during the summer. In Oct 39 it went South again to land at PAKHOI and advanced into KWANGSI, afterwards taking part in the invasion of North INDO-CHINA. It was recalled to HAINAN Dec 40 and reappeared in CHEKIANG Apr 41. On 7 Dec 41, after landing unopposed at SINGORA on the KRA Isthmus, it advanced down the West coast of MALAYA, reinforced by GUARDS Division. With this latter Division and some tank regiments, it bore the brunt of most of the fighting in MALAYA, and received special commendation from Lt-Gen YAMASHITA for its excellent performance. Later, it is reported to have played the leading part in the conquest of JAVA. Subsequent reports suggest that it was again stationed in MALAYA.

(LHQ I.S. No 25)

AIR

The estimated numbers of land based aircraft in the NE and NW Sectors of the SWPA on 21 Jan were as follows :-.

	NE	NW	
Fighters	192	69	
Bombers	74	74	
Flying Boats	22	4	
Float Planes	43	40	
Observation and Transport Aircraft	12	13	
	343	200	Total - 543 Aircraft

For the purposes of comparison the aircraft strength in both areas on 14 Jan was stated to be :-

NE Sector - 231 Aircraft
NW Sector - 127 Aircraft

Total - 358 Aircraft

Comparison of the totals shown above discloses an increase of 185 aircraft throughout the SWPA over the last week. The figure of increase is comprised of an addition of 112 aircraft to the strength in the NE Area and an additional 73 aircraft in the NW area.

Of the additional 112 aircraft in the NE area 105 are fighters and appear to be based at LAKUNAI (RABAUL). (Interpretation of photos taken over LAKUNAI aerodrome on 18 Jun showed 110 fighters).

The increase in strength of 73 aircraft in the NW area, is roughly divided between fighters and bombers based at KENDARI (CELEBES). Strength in the NW area should not be regarded as complete, as there is no information to hand regarding strength in the vicinity of MACASSAR or MINADO.

PART II - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Japanese Floating Smoke Candle - Type 94 Model "B".

Among the equipment captured in the SOPUTA Area were three Type 94 Floating Smoke Candles. These, were packed in a wooden case divided into three compartments.

One small compartment contained a round box (approx 6 inches in diameter) in which were packed six ordinary hand grenade time fuzes, and several lengths of safety fuze with detonators attached. A second small compartment contained three metal clamps for attaching to each of the Smoke Candles.

Translation of the accompanying instructions shows that a floating belt completed the equipment, but to date no such item has been recovered. It is considered that this belt would be clipped to the metal clamp when attached to the Smoke Candle.

Sketches and translation of the Instructions are attached as Appendix "A".

(LHQ I.S.No 25)

Japanese Arm Band

A recent report from NEW GUINEA states that a Japanese in the DANAWATU area was found wearing an arm band, 4 inches wide, consisting of five alternative bands of red and white stripes.

According to a captured text book, this arm band is worn by the Weekly Duty NCO.

(LHQ I.S.No 25)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

TOPOGRAPHY -

1. J54/4 - Ref Map ST ARNAUD 4 mls to 1". New Ry Br under construction over BULLABUL Ck at J689. (3 Ballarat L of C Sub-area)

2. J54/11 - Ref PORTLAND 4 mls to 1".(2nd Edition). Br at 403300 in bad state of repair and will not carry heavy traffic. (Vic Grn Bde)

3. J55/5 - Ref FUKUA T.C ARLL 1". Br at 021592 is class 2 only, and dangerous to M.T. Fords exist 60 yds upstream suitable for tracked vehicles, and 150 yds downstream suitable for M.T.

4. J55/5 - Br at 020398 is dangerous to all military traffic. A ford exists 80 yds upstream suitable for M.T.

5. J55/5 - Br at 019457 is class 12.

6. J55/5 - Ford at 014438 is suitable for all M.T. (2 Aust Mot Div)

7. J55/7 - Ref County Map DARGO 2 mls to 1".
Br constructed by Forrests Comm.
NICHOLSON River Br. Single span, low level br.
Ry timber stringers and hewn decking.
Load limit approx 18 tons.

8. J55/7 - Ref County Map TAMBO 2 mls to 1"
Br constructed by Forrests Comm
TAMBO River Br. Two span, low level br.
Ry timber stringers and hewn decking.
Load approx 18 tons. (Vic Grn Bde)

9. J55/7 - Ref BAIRNSDALE 1" to 1 mile. Punt over TAMBO River ref 777411 has been replaced by wooden br. (Vic Grn Bde)

CLIMATIC -

10. Cold and squally at first. Improving during week. Unsettled with heavy falls and thunder in later part of week. Temperatures rising towards end of week. (Meteor)

NAME OF WATER AREA BETWEEN NEW GUINEA AND THE BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

It has been decided by the Commander of the SWPA, with the concurrence of the Commander of the SPA, that in order to avoid confusion and long descriptive passages the water area between NEW GUINEA and the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO will, in future, be named the BISMARCK SEA.

The limits of the water area so designated are defined as follows:-

Water area within the coastal boundaries of -

WEWAK - MANUS ISLAND - NEW HANOVER - NEW IRELAND - NEW BRITAIN - ROOKE ISLAND - NEW GUINEA - WEWAK.

exclusive of entrance and exit channels.

(LHQ I.S. No 25)

Attached here to as Appendix "C" is sketch map of LAE - SALAMAUA.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS

Nil

PART V - SECURITY

An analysis of reports reaching this Headquarters indicates that officers and troops generally do not appear to understand their responsibilities in so far as it concerns security of information, and it is apparent that Unit security officers should concentrate on educating their units on the subject.

UNIT CENSORSHIP -

The standard of franking by officers is generally poor and in many cases displays either negligence or ignorance of the relevant instructions - A.F.C.I. No 22, etc.

The privilege of the use of Green Envelopes is still considerably abused; and numbers of parcels continue to arrive containing captured enemy material - in some cases, live ammunition.

MORALE -

Morale generally appears to be fair, and it is apparent that as usual with Australian troops, the nearer the front, the higher the morale.

Security mindedness on the whole is improving, but there is still room for much improvement, particularly regarding troop movements.

RUMOURS -

Rumours have been reduced to almost negligible proportions in NEW GUINEA since the appearance of the Newsheet "GUINEA GOLD", which is very popular with the troops.

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SECURITY OF CAMPS AND GUARDS -

During the past week a member of No.31 F.S.Sec. in civilian clothing and armed with a cancelled N.E.I. identity card showing a picture of an airman was admitted to a camp in this area by a sentry on guard. The sentry looked at the pass, asked the Field Security personnel whether it was all right, and on being told that it was, allowed him to enter. NO careful examination was made to compare either the photograph or the signature on the pass or the writing on the pass itself to see whether in fact it was "all right".

The lessons to be derived from this incident are as follows:-

1. Sentries are useless unless they have suspicious alertness.
2. Sentries are also useless unless they are instructed as to the nature of the passes entitling persons to enter military establishments.
3. Commanding officers of establishments should not consider their task completed in security by simply posting personnel as guards. They must see that the guards know their duties and carry them out.

GENERAL

Reliability Rating in Intelligence Reports is attached as Appendix "B".

Military Work and Fatigue in Australian Tropics is attached as Appendix "D".

PW STATEMENTS from NEW GUINEA area

PW captured 16 Jan JUMBORA -- GONA track stated :-

(a) Maj-Gen YAMAGATA and Lt-Col YOKOYAMA were still in the coastal belt.

(b) Barge activity in SANANANDA - GIRUWA area was probably to evacuate senior officers.

(c) Considered 2000 troops still in the area of which 50% were fit.

(d) Shortage of food stressed. PW had been 3 days without food.

(e) Definite orders were given to make for LAMBARE mouth.

Several of the PW captured 18 Jan SANANANDA area stated :-

(a) Since the beginning of Jan barges had arrived about twice a week for evacuation purposes.

(b) Rice was brought in on one night only.

(c) 16 Jan wounded were evacuated.

(d) 17 Jan officers of rank of Capt and above were taken off.

(e) Each barge can carry 80 men without equipment.

Comment

If information regarding the evacuation of senior officers is correct, it is possible that these officers were on barges which were successfully engaged on night 17-18 Jan, when two were sunk and one set on fire.

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Major for
Col G S Vic L of C Area.

HQ Vic L of C Area
MELBOURNE.
30 Jan 43.

Translation of Instructions for the use of:-

TYPE 94 FLOATING SMOKE CANDLE - Model "B"

TOKYO No 2 Army Manufacture
Manufactured Nov 41

Instructions:-

1. Make sure the cover plate is satisfactorily fixed.

2. Examine the floating belt to see it is sufficiently inflated.

3. Cover plate of the tube and the waterproof strip must not be separated.

4. When using the fuse , hold the fuse with the left hand, very carefully remove the stopper and with a wooden mallet hit the head of the fuse firmly. Then it is necessary to point the tube in a direction where the smoke emitted will not be dangerous.

5. When using the attached lighter, cut the fuse so that it will burn the required time. After attaching the special ignition tube you are to strike the ignition head on the ignition plate.

6. When ignited, immediately throw into the water, at which time grasp the upper and lower parts of the floating bag and throw it so that it will be at right angles to the water's surface.

7. At the first sign of smoking, if it is a faulty smoke action as there is a danger of explosion it is necessary during the smoking to keep at least 10 metres away and not to approach until the smoking has finished.

Translation of lid of fibre container packed in case with Floating Smoke Candles:-

"10th YEAR" pattern Hand grenade time fuse - 3
Delayed action ignitor - 3
Ignition point - 3

Dimensions of Container

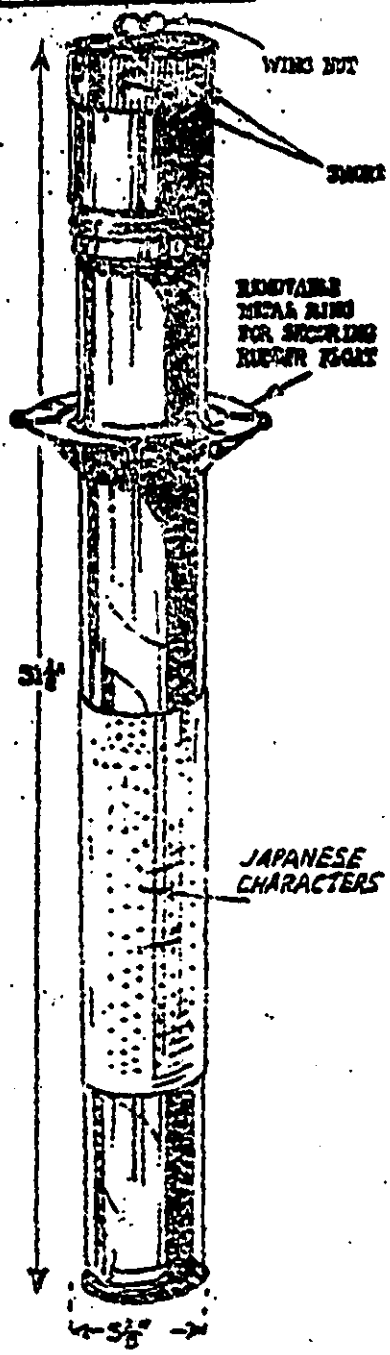
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Depth : $3\frac{3}{8}$" }

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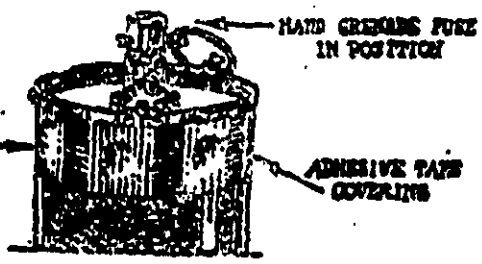
JAPANESE FLOATING SMOKE CANDLE

TYPE 94 MODEL B

CANDLE AT SAFE



CANDLE AT READY



WEIGHT: 10½ lb.

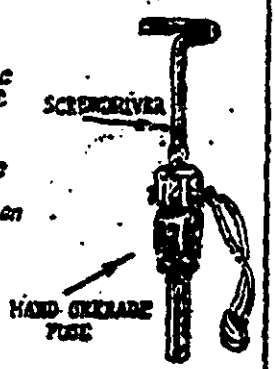
METHODS OF IGNITION :

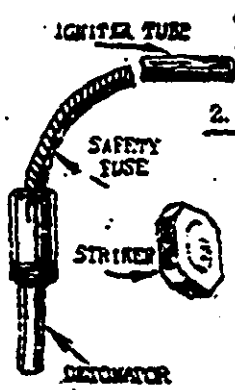
1. HAND GRENADE FUSE

Arm the fuze by screwing the striker pin down to the fullest extent. Do not remove the safety pin which prevents the striker being screwed on to the detonator.

Remove the wing nut, screw on the fuse.

Withdraw the Safety Pin. Strike the fuse top and the detonator will operate in 4-5 seconds.





2. TIME TUBE

Cut the Safety fuse, which is attached to a detonator, to the required length and insert cut end into the ignition tube.

Remove the wing nut and screw on the detonator and fuse.

Rub the 'Match Head' of the ignition tube with the striker to ignite the Safety fuse. Delay will depend on length of fuse used.

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Appendix B
HQ Vic I. of C Area Int Review
No. 19 to 30 Jan 45

RELIABILITY RATING IN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

1. The following directive has been issued by order of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, S.W.P.A.

2. Effective immediately all Intelligence Reports will be rated accordingly to the following system :-

(a) When reports are known to be true, they will be reported as such, for instance, occurrences witnessed by the reporting officer would be in this category.

(b) Reports NOT constituting "first hand" or eye-witness information will be graded according to the reliability of the source and also the probability of the news, and will be designated by the following symbols :-

3.

Evaluation of Information as to SOURCE	Evaluation of Information as to TRUTH CREDIBILITY or PROBABILITY
A - Completely reliable	1 - Rpt confirmed by other source
B - Usually reliable	2 - Probable true report
C - Fairly reliable	3 - Possibly true report
D - Not usually reliable	4 - Doubtfully true report
E - Unreliable	5 - Improbable report
	0 - Truth cannot be judged.

4. For example, "C.2" indicates a report from a fairly reliable source, and the information is probably true. Also, "C-0" indicates a report from a fairly reliable source, the truth of which cannot be judged.

(c) If a report is KNOWN to be false, it will be reported as such, as it may be possible to deduce the truth from the fact that certain reports are being circulated by the enemy.

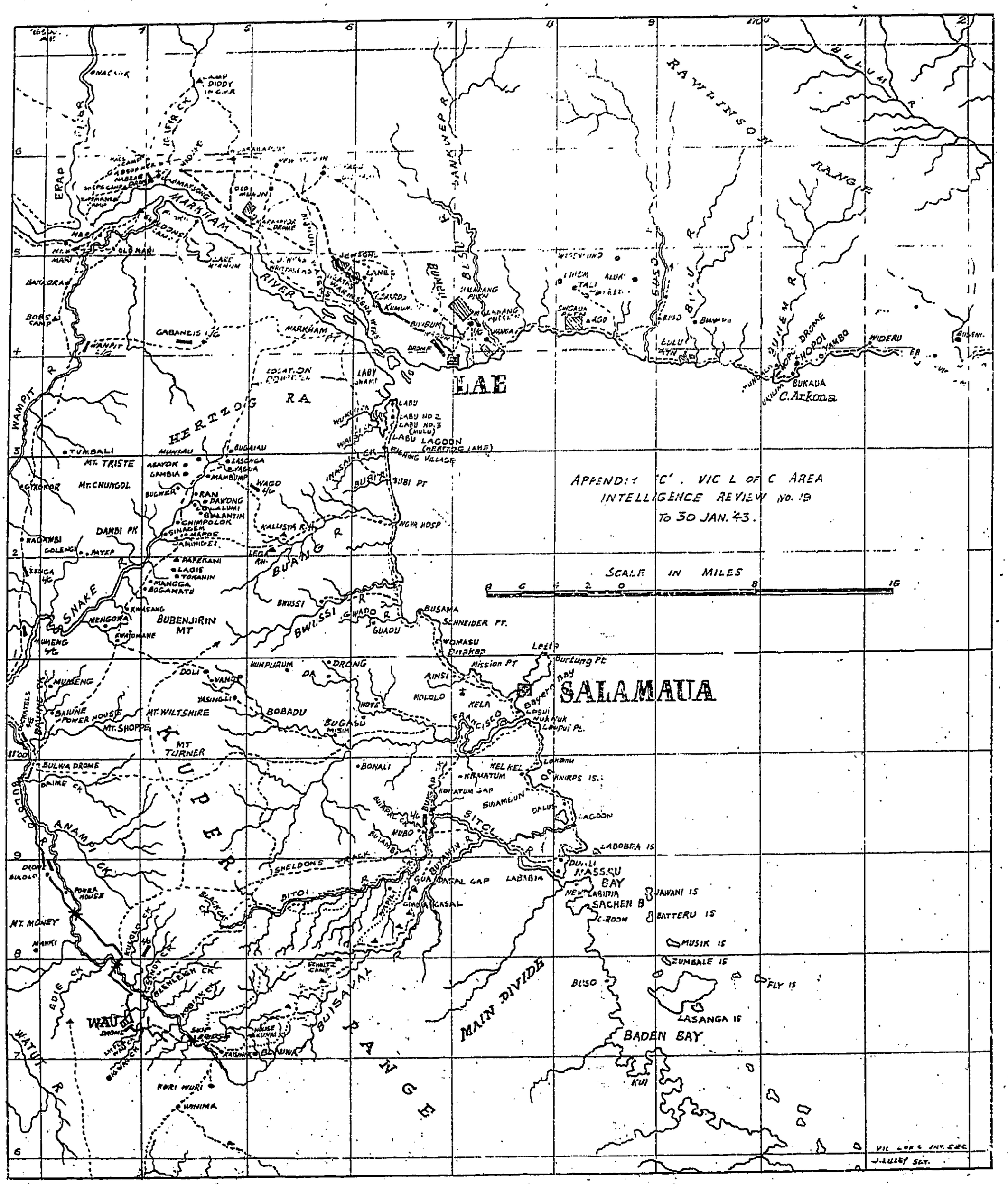
(d) The rating, "A-1", will be used only when the information is received from the most authentic source, and is confirmed beyond doubt. Due consideration will be given before designating a report "A-1".

(e) When reports contain information on several parts or phases of a subject such as to require separate rating action on the several parts, such separate ratings will be made by marginal notation.

(f) When intelligence is forwarded in direct form, the reliability rating will be given as appropriate.

5. The symbols for indicating the evaluation of intelligence are identical with those being used by British Naval Intelligence. The same system has been adopted by the United States Army and Navy.

6. It is desired that provisions of this Directive be brought to the attention of all concerned.


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APPENDIX 'C'. VIC L OF C AREA
INTELLIGENCE REVIEW NO. 19
To 30 JAN. 43.
SCALE IN MILES
8 6 4 2 0 8 16
HERTZOG RA
SNAKE R
MARKHAM R
WAMPIT R
BUBENJIRIN MT
MT TRISTE
Mt. CHUNGOL
DAMBI PK
MT WILTSHIRE
MT SHOPPE
MT TURNER
BOBADU
BUGASU
BONALI
BULOLO R
ANAMPI CK
MT MONEY
WAU
WATUT R
BUISAVAL RANGE
MAIN DIVIDE
BADEN BAY
SACHEN B
BUSAMA
SCHNEIDER PT.
BUKAUA
C. Arkona
RAWLINSON R
BULUM R
RANG R
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Appendix "D" to HQ Vic L of C Area
Weekly Intelligence Review No 18 of 29 Jan '43.

MILITARY WORK & FATIGUE IN THE AUSTRALIAN TROPICS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The following notes represent the first attempt to reduce studies carried out continuously for seven years to a set of practical instructions for military use. The reduction has been greatly hurried; more mature reflection may indicate some revision, at least of expression. Studies are continuing, so that further knowledge will also be come available. The common sense application of rules requires an understanding and appreciation of, at least, the basic facts dictating these rules, so that some consideration is given to the way in which hot climates act upon the human body.

2. EXTERNAL FACTORS DETERMINING BODILY RESPONSE.

The climatic elements - temperature, humidity, air movement, radiation - are the all important factors affecting heat loss from the human body. These factors are, to a certain extent, interchangeable so that a climate with a temperature of 91°F. and a humidity of 71% would have the same general effect upon the human body as one with a temperature of 99°F. and a humidity of 39%. The combined effect of the different factors has been worked out and we now speak, not of the ordinary (dry bulb) temperature of a climate, but of its "effective temperature". (The "effective temperature" of a climate or atmosphere can be determined from the attached chart.

Another very important matter is the constancy of a hot climate. The degree of relief obtained at night and the presence of a cool season are of great importance. The following points summarize these effects:-

(i) A succession of very hot days or quite hot days with little relief at night makes people more sensitive to the effects of heat.

(ii) Moderate relief between short spells of hot weather or moderate relief at night helps people build up or keep an acclimatisation to heat.

(iii) Sudden changes in temperature between hot spells or at night interfere with the building up of an acclimatisation. Cold as opposed to merely cooler winters also destroy acclimatisation.

3. INTERNAL FACTORS DETERMINING BODILY RESPONSE.

A hot climate is an extra burden placed on a delicate machine. The body therefore has less in hand to meet these stresses, or conversely, if it has other stresses, it has less in hand to meet the effect of heat. For the reason it is more than ever important that the best possible health and physical fitness should be possessed by the troops operating in the tropics.

Acclimatisation is a very important factor. Given time, the body can make very useful adjustments to meet the new situation. Some of these require only a few days, other take months. Undue haste in trying the body out may destroy what has already been acquired, just as training can be broken down by pushing it too fast.

It is most important to keep the water content of the body at its normal level. For this purpose frequent small drinks are more efficient than larger less frequent drinks. The blood is the first tissue to suffer ill effects, and this not only throws an extra burden upon the heart, but endangers the blood supply to the brain, leading to loss of judgment and the will to endure.

The salt content of the body is also of importance in unacclimatised troops in a hot dry climate. It is in less danger of being disturbed in acclimatised people and in hot humid climates.

4. WAYS IN WHICH THE BODY FAILS

Individuals vary greatly. Some will fail when others are showing but little effect. Different people will fail in different ways. Any one individual will vary in his ability to withstand hot climate from day to day. The following classification sets out the ways in which the body may fail, but a mixture of effects is not at all uncommonly seen.

A. Acute Heat Effects.

1. Heat stroke, heat apoplexy. Rare. Will occur only in unhealthy persons, under extreme emotional urge or sometimes under hot industrial conditions (e.g. stoke-hold). Often fatal.

2. Heat exhaustion, heat collapse. Very common. Saves person from going on to heat stroke. Recovery spontaneous, but immediate cause should be removed.

3. Heat cramp, stoker's cramp. Common in unacclimatised persons carrying out hard work under very hot conditions. (e.g. stoke-holds). Not likely to occur in acclimatised Australians. Prevented and cured by adding salt to diet to replace that lost in sweat. The addition of ½ oz. of salt per day to the usual ration has been recommended for the safety of hard workers in hot dry climates.

B. Chronic Heat Effects.

1. Asthenia, laxity. Common. As a result of prolonged work, bad surroundings, anxiety, or malnutrition combined with heat. Cause should be remedied and change given.

2. Mental instability, neurasthenia. Common. Too much or too little work the usual cause combined with bad social conditions. Some new-comers do not acclimatise well. They should be sent back.

3. Reduced work capacity. The average output of steady labour falls off long before the maximum effort is affected. The work can be done but is not. This is a defence reaction which should be accepted but not allowed to degenerate into sloth.

4. Urinary calculi. More common in hot climates. Prevention assisted by increasing daily fluid intake and attention to general hygiene.

5. AUSTRALIAN CLIMATES AND THEIR EFFECTS

In the following table is set out the average temperatures at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the hottest week in the year at different tropical stations in Queensland. An indication is given of both the daily and the seasonal relief to be expected. The table also includes an estimate of the rate of work at which unacclimatised American subjects would begin to show some less of efficiency. The figures given in this part of the table can be interpreted from the second table given below.

Station	Av. Temps. in Hottest Week of the Year ‡ 9 am Dry Bulb	Wet Bulb	E.T. x	‡ 3 pm Dry Bulb	Wet Bulb	E.T. x	Relief Daily	Season	ø Max. Rate of work without loss of efficiency in Hottest Week 9am	5 pm	Max. Rate of Work without loss of efficiency in coldest month
Burktown	88.2	75.1	79.5	95.6	76.5	82.8	S1	S1	575	450	825
Cairns	82.7	75.9	77,4	86.3	77.8	79.8	S1	S1	600	540	825
Cape York	83.2	78.2	79.0	85.6	78.9	80.0	Very S1	Very S1	570	525	750
Cloncurry	91.1	67.9	77.5	100.7	69.3	81.5	Some	Mod	590	475	1150
Townsville	84.4	76.1	78.2	86.1	77.0	79.5	S1	Mod	580	575	1100

‡ 9 a.m. temperatures are roughly equivalent to the average for 24 hours; 3 p.m. to the average for the working day.

x Effective temperatures are calculate for shade condition with an air movement of 150 ft.min.

ø Rate of work expressed in British Thermal Units (B.T.U.) per hour.

Activity.	B.T.U. Energy Production per hour for av.man.
Seated at rest	384
Standing at rest	431
Walking 2 m.p.h.	761
" 3 m.p.h. x	1049
" 4 m.p.h.	1388
Slow run	2285
Walking 10% grade 2.4 m.p.h.	1675
" 25% " 2.0 m.p.h.	2975
" 40% " 2.4 m.p.h.	4018
Tailor	462
Carpenter	900
Man sawing wood	1797

x This is equivalent to lifting 40 lbs. through 3'6" once every 15 second.

Even if a generous allowance is made for acclimatisation it will be seen that the level of work which can be carried out without loss of efficiency is definitely limited in those climates. This does not mean that higher levels of work cannot be carried out or are not permissible. Much higher levels, even up to severe exercise, can be carried out, but with definite qualifications:- (1) efficiency is reduced, (2) fatigue comes on sooner, (3) greater demands are made upon the body, (4) work periods must be reduced and rest periods lengthened, (5) with the most severe efforts undertaken under the spur of emotion, (including that of self defence) the risk of heat-stroke is very local, (6) breakdowns of the types listed above must be expected if repeated and marked overloading occurs.

6. PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO MILITARY PROBLEMS

Prevention is better than cure, and prevention can be applied both to the man and to the conditions. Selection of personnel is an important item. The medical standards should be most rigidly applied to all ranks destined for tropical service (this is dealt with elsewhere.) There are certain aspects of selection, however, which cannot be given adequate attention is a single medical examination. There is no room for the man of poor morale, from either the military or the medical point of view, in an efficient tropical force, whether this be a purely mental deficiency or associated with a physical defect. C.Os and R.M.Os must co-operate to weed out the man of poor morale preferably before embarkation. This weeding out must continue after the test of actual tropical service has begun.

An intelligenc attitude towards housing and clothing in accordance with simple physical facts must be adopted. Details cannot be given here but the general principle is as follows.

1. Clothing. Rules may be summarised under two headings:-

(a) Hot wet climates and weather - Light, scanty clothing permitting greatest freedom of air movement and evaporation of sweat. Head cover not important.

(b) Hot dry climates and weather - More extensive and stouter outside clothing to protect from hot air and radiation. Head cover to shade eyes. Evaporation needs no special attention.

2. Housing. Same principles as for clothing:-

(a) Hot dry climates - Insulating materials, double roof. Design for exclusion of hot dry air from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and reliance upon insulation. Water blinds useful.

(b) Hot wet climates - Materials of secondary importance. Design for maximum air movement compatible with rain and insects.

The expenditure of energy not essential to the work in hand or to the maintenance of physical or mental hygiene should be dispensed with. Thus, if transport is available and it is not necessary for training or military reasons to march, troops should be transported. This conservation of energy is to be distinguished from and not allowed to degenerate into laziness. Proper attention to layout and arrangement of duties can be made to save a great deal of fatigue.

In hot weather the grade of work demanded should be reduced. A reduction of 5% in the time or degree of effort customary in temperate climates should be effected for each degree that the effective temperature at 3 p.m. is likely to be above 75°F. effective temperature. (The previous day's readings will furnish some guide.)

Ample time must be given for recovery from work unless an emergency threatens. More frequent "Break-offs" are required; a halt should be made at every clock half-hour when marching; a second bout of heavy work should not be recommenced until a period equal to the period of work has elapsed.

If a choice can be made physical work, at least in the sun, should not be carried out between noon and 2.30 p.m. The most arduous work is best done in the morning.

Too much insistence cannot be placed upon the maintenance of the highest level of bodily health and physical fitness. While direction is the function of the medical service, the realization of this requirement depends upon the complete conviction of all officers and the intelligent co-operation of all ranks. There is far less margin of reserve to fall back upon, and much more danger in "Trusting to luck" when living under tropical conditions.

Similar consideration applies to nutrition. It is harder to maintain an adequate and balanced diet in the tropics; it is seldom more necessary. Again the details belong to the medical services; but the driving force must be supplied by C.Os.

Proper regulated training is extremely important. Newcomers require graduated training, especially if they come from cold climates or arrive in the heat of summer. Older inhabitants need equal attention in the opposite direction to prevent the natural and up to a point, desirable tendency towards conserving energy from drifting into laziness and slackness with its physical, mental and military danger.

Mental hygiene requires the greatest attention. The onset of mental slackness is so insidious that it often passes unnoticed until the arrival of a fresh critic or a return to temperate zones brings one up with a round turn. The fostering of interest in the job, careful attention to social amenities, encouragement of competition and sympathetic attention by Company Commanders, M.Os. and Padres to the Personal problems of the men, are the main stays of efficient service and individual well being. These are valuable principles in all Army administration, but in the tropical areas especially in the course of garrison duty, they are of paramount importance.

Drinking water calls for realistic handling. We have recently established that up to 1¾ gallons per head per day may be required in the hottest, dry climate encountered in Australia, and up to 1 gallon in the hottest, humid climate. If this water is not supplied the body becomes partially de-hydrated, difficulty is encountered in keeping up an adequate blood supply and heat exhaustion, asthenia or neurasthenia follow. At the same time the amount of sweat and urine is reduced with further bad effects upon the body.

This water should be available in frequent small amounts, cool, but not chilled. While one realises that "water bottle discipline" is a valuable part of a soldier's training to meet emergencies, it is only a part of his training. The practice frequently seen of enforcing this discipline on each and every occasion cannot be too strongly condemned. If the body losing sweat at the rate of a pint an hour is forced to go without replacement for hours on end, bad results must follow. Some hardy individuals will show only temporary embarrassment but in the less hardy more lasting ill effects may be established. Recent studies have definitely shown the advantage to be gained from keeping the body water constantly at normal levels in hot dry climate. Reasonable intervals (2 hours) are permissible in hot humid climates.

Salt. Salt is lost in the sweat and must be replaced. In hot humid climates ordinary dietary procedures should suffice for this, but in hot dry climates some extra salt should be added to the main meal or to drinking water, (10 grains to 1 pint). This precaution is particularly necessary for troops coming from the colder parts of the continent. Queenslanders have quite a low concentration of salt in the sweat.

Change of climate. In regions enjoying moderate winter relief, climatic considerations do not require a change of area, but, of course, the general amenities of life may do so. Where the climate does not possess seasonal fluctuation, careful consideration must be given to limiting the tour of duty. Unless stern necessity demands, troops in these areas should be replaced after eighteen months to two years. Few localities in Australia have hill stations available, but what there are should be used.

The use of air conditioned rooms has caused some controversy. I see no reason why they should not be used, especially for those engaged in directional and critical work, provided that there is not too great a change from outside climates. The upper portion of the American summer confort zone should be aimed at.

Preparation for Failures. All officers and medical officers must be on the watch for incipient failures. Inquiry may reveal personal or general defects which can be remedied. A short change of work or climate may stop the threatened failure. Those who do not respond to such palliative measure must be returned to cooler climates.

7. CONCLUSION.

It will be realised from the foregoing that there is no magic wand which can be waved over tropical personnel to keep them fit and efficient. There are some special points such as acclimatisation, limitation of effort, salt and water supply, but the chief items calling for attention are simply those of general Army hygiene, which has to be maintained at a much higher level and with much more persistence by all concerned.

These notes make no reference to the use of anti-gas equipment.
That calls for separate consideration.

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SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS
AND
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

NW SECTOR:

Apart from minor activity over MARUKH, there were further serious raids on 12 and 15 Jan, though the damage on each occasion was slight. It is difficult to explain the enemy's continued interest in this place except on the assumption that he hopes to occupy it in the near future. If he succeeded in doing this, the threat to our Northern and NE communications could be materially increased.

SOLOMONS:

Although the concentration of shipping in the RABAUL area has considerably decreased since early Jan the possible threat of a major offensive operation against GUADALCANAL or against NEW GUINEA remains. For the present however the enemy is making a determined effort to maintain his forces in both these places, despite the losses he has been continually sustaining by air and sea in these attempts. On three occasions already this month forces of from eight to ten destroyers have been sent down to GUADALCANAL from the BUIN-FAISI station and have returned after a very brief stay off the island. It is probable in fact that stores only were delivered and these by the expedient of throwing them overboard in containers and leaving them to float to shore. It is known that the 10-15,000 enemy effectives on the island are short of supplies and it is most unlikely that they will attempt a serious offensive until substantial additional forces arrive.

NEW GUINEA:

Examination of air photos and re-assessment of available reports has made necessary a revised estimate of the size of the force which landed at LAE on 8 Jan. The convoy apparently consisted of five transports averaging some 5,000 tons, escorted by two light cruisers and three destroyers. One transport was sunk off ARAWE, another was beached near LAE and later became a total loss. Two other ships were hit on the return journey. Thus four transports probably discharged their troops and stores apart from what were carried on the warships. It is therefore considered that a maximum of 3,600 men, with their equipment, stores and supplies may have been safely delivered.

The arrival of this reinforcement at LAE has synchronised with other moves. There have been several reports that overland routes to LAE are being constructed from MADANG and FINSCHHAVEN. Such routes would have obvious advantages for the enemy and the one from FINSCHHAVEN may certainly be practicable.

The other however would present considerable difficulties due especially to flooded rivers and to the lack of adequate labour for porterage. In addition the landing grounds at GASMATA, CAPE GLOUCESTER, MADANG and WEWAK have been still further developed.

On 11 Jan our tps raided enemy posts in the MUBO area. After three days fighting the attack was successful and relatively heavy losses were inflicted. It was noted that Japanese mortar fire was ineffective against our positions.

SANANANDA:

On 18 Jan our forces broke through enemy positions from the West and SW and occupied SANANANDA Village and SANANANDA Point. Isolated pockets remaining are being overcome with arty and mortar fire.

PART 1 - OPERATIONS

LAND

NEW GUINEA

TARAKENA-SANANANDA Area

On 12 Jan our patrols moved from TARAKENA and advanced 1100 yds towards SANANANDA POINT. Locating 3 enemy pill boxes our patrols attacked, killing 3 Japs then withdrew to TARAKENA. Enemy sniper fire was encountered while crossing KOMONJI CREEK.

During the night 13/14 Jan 3 pill boxes 400 yds NW of KOMONJI CREEK had been reoccupied and reinforced by the Japanese. On 14 Jan our patrol attacked these pill boxes killing 6 Japs.

Next day preceeded by arty and mortar fire our forces pushed forward 400 yds NW from TARAKENA towards GIRUWA where our advance was held up by hy fire from enemy pill boxes.

On 16 and 17 Jan our forces were still held up in the same psn. Our arty bombarded and weakened enemy psns scoring direct hits. Our patrols continued activity in area killing 15 Japanese.

The first enemy psn consisting of a cocunut log bunker was overcome on the following day and our pressure was maintained against all enemy psns in area.

SANANANDA

On 12 Jan our patrols operating to the South encountered hy fire from a strong enemy pocket West of main track. Along the track Northward to CAPE KILLERTON no enemy were encountered and some of our forces continued to move toward the CAPE. In the face of strong opposition in vicinity South of track junction our tps supported by tanks attacked and advanced steadily until held up by strong enemy perimeter of pill boxes 500 yds East by North of junction.

Our forces then made an encircling movement around perimeter to attack from North. South of track junction our other forces maintained pressure from SE and West on enemy psn throughout the night 13/14 Jan and during the following day attacked and inflicted a decisive defeat on enemy in area. By 1530 L 14 Jan our tps had moved fwd to a psn 775 yds NNE of junction and had the entire area under control. In mopping up, 152 dead Japanese were counted. 6 PWs, and much equipment was captured. During the night 200 Japs escaped from the area.

On the 15 Jan our tps moving North had reached a psn 1600 yds South of CAPE KILLERTON without meeting serious enemy opposition.
On 16 Jan some of our tps reached a point 1000 yds SW of CAPE, then turning East made rapid progress along coastal track reached WYE POINT (1850 yds SW of CAPE) where enemy opposition was encountered.

On 15 Jan Allied tps attacked an enemy pocket vicinity of Northern track junction. Our arty and mortar fire smashed enemy resistance and our inf then surrounded and broke through enemy perimeter and cleared the area. Attack continued until held up 500 yds NE of junction. Our tps on right flank passed the point of enemy resistance and advanced to a point on track 1500 yds NE of junction. A further force reached a point 2200 yds SW by South of SANANANDA PT by 1300 L on 17 Jan. Known enemy casualties on 16 Jan in this area were 122 killed.

Advance along coast toward CAPE KILLERTON continued and on 17 Jan WYE POINT and CAPE KILLERTON were captured by our forces. Other Allied forces advancing through a village South of CAPE KILLERTON had now reached a point 700 yds West by South of SANANANDA village.

At 1150 L on 18 Jan SANANANDA village was captured and pushing fwd our tps cleared SANANANDA POINT at 1330 L. These forces then turned Eastward and mopping up enroute reached GIRUWA at 1400 L.

On 19 Jan an area 1750 yds to 1350 yds SW by South of SANANANDA was attacked from North and South. Our forces cleared several enemy psns in this area leaving 4 enemy psns still resisting between SANANANDA village and TARAKENA.

MAMBARE-KUMUSI

Reported on the 14 Jan that enemy maintaining continuous patrols on beach between KURENADA and BAKUMBARI (South of KUMUSI River).

Near the AMBOGA River engagements have taken place between our patrols and parties of enemy. Several Japanese have been killed.

LAE-SALAMAUA

Enemy have been moving tps by barge from LAE to LABU where defences are being constructed.

On night 12/13 Jan enemy hy mortar posts North and West of MUBO bombed our psns. One of our recce patrols was surprised by strong enemy patrol East of village, but enemy were out flanked and our patrol withdrew.

During 11 to 14 Jan enemy reinforcements from KOMIATUM during daylight numbered 140 to 150.

On night 16/17 Jan our patrol contacted enemy party at BITII bridge (2 mls North by East of MUBO).

On 17th our patrols opened fire on enemy vicinity of LABABIA track, enemy replied with mortar and MG fire forcing our tps to withdraw from their psns on GUADAGASEL saddle.

Enemy casualties between 16 and 17 Jan approx 41.

Enemy strength in the MUBO area estimated at 600.

NORTHERN NEW GUINEA

Enemy patrols are reported to be operating from MADANG to RAMU River (approx 40 mls inland).

TIMOR

Reported Japs with hostile natives located at LECA (20 mls South by West of LAGA).

On 17th Allied patrol observed SOLUGUIM (20 mls NE of BETANO) burning. Daily skirmishes are occurring between friendly and hostile natives at FAINIA and AILAIEC (18 mls North and 19 mls NNE of BETANO). At AILAIEC and SAME (19 mls NE of BETANO) villages burnt out.

SEA

N.E.I.

Several vessels have been in the AMBON area in CERAM IS. On 20 Jan 2 motor vessels, 1 passenger ship, 1 probable cruiser and some other vessels not clearly observed off AMBON.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

On 15 Jan a whaling type vessel of 9000 tons was sighted off

MANOKWARI NW of GEELVINK BAY.

NEW BRITAIN

Enemy shipping at RABAUL remains approx the same - composition on 18 Jan was -

13 warships
44 merchant vessels
4 tankers
61

SOLOMONS

Supplying of the enemys bases from BUIN to NEW GEORGIA has continued by several groups of supply vessels with destroyer escorts.

AUSTRALIA

Enemy submarine activity has increased around the East coast of AUSTRALIA. On 20 Jan 2 submarines were seen 16 mls South of WOLLONGONG and 107 mls ENE of PORT STEPHENS.

AIR

Allied air force has continued its daily hammering at the enemy's bases and dromes in NEW GUINEA from LAE to WEWAK. Dromes and shipping at NEW BRITAIN have been regularly bombed.

In the NW buildings and wharfs at TIMOR; KAI and AROE IS have been raided.

Enemy aircraft have raided our dromes at MORESBY and MILNE BAY, but little damage has been reported. DARWIN had an air raid early 21 Jan. No details have been received.

(File M.I. 1/2: Compiled from Daily Ops and Int Sums)

STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY FORCES

AIR

The estimated numbers of land based aircraft strength in both areasthe NE and NW Sectors of the SWPA on 14 Jan were as follows:-

	NE	NW	
Fighters	87	28	
Bombers	75	57	
Flying Boats	20	4	
Float Planes	37	28	
Observation and Transport Aircraft	12	10	
	231	127	Total - 358

For the purposes of comparison the aircraft strength in both areas on 7 Jan was stated to be :-

NE Sector - 228 Aircraft
NW Sector - 128 Aircraft

TOTAL - 356 Aircraft.

(LHQ I.S.No 24)

PART II - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

ENEMY ORGANIZATION

An organization chart of 47 Field Anti-aircraft Regiment appears as Appendix "G" to this Review.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Japanese Flame Thrower

It is learned from a captured document that the liquid used in the Japanese Flame Thrower consists of :-

Crude Oil	-	5 litres
Benzine	-	6 litres
Total Fuel		11 litres (2½ gallons approx)

A description of this Flame Thrower appeared in Vic L of C Int Review No 16 of 7 Jan 43.

(b) Possible New Japanese Explosive Ammunition

Immediately subsequent to a strafing attack on DOBODURA by "ZEKES" (Type "O" Single Seater Fighters) on 26 Dec 42, a bullet was salvaged from the attacked area which consists of a steel case 1½ inches long and approximately 11 mm in diameter, hollow at the rear and containing an incendiary or explosive mixture. The salvaged ammunition bears NO rifling marks nor are there any indications to show that the steel case is enclosed in an envelope, although this may be quite possible. This would make the bullet of about .50 inch calibre. There is, however, a cannelure at the rear of the projectile which could have had a copper driving band fitted before firing.

(Extracted from AAF Intelligence Summary No 67 of 9 Jan 43).

(c) Japanese "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL"

A specimen of a Japanese "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL", captured recently in the BUNA Area, was found to consist of a faintly pale-blue and slightly cloudy liquid contained in a clear glass "lemonade type" bottle. Unfortunately, the igniter was NOT available for examination.

While a preliminary report stated that the liquid burned more slowly than "straight" petrol, and with increasing heat in the action of scattering chemical analysis shows that it corresponds very closely to ordinary 91 gasoline, NOT only in composition but in rate of burning. A small quantity of gum, derived mostly from dissolved rubber, was also noted in the liquid.

(d) Japanese Camouflage Garment

An interesting example of Japanese thoroughness and ingenuity is illustrated by this item of camouflage equipment, worn by enemy troops in the SOLOMONS.

Details and sketches are attached as Appendix "A" to this Review.

ENEMY TACTICS

The following examples of ruses employed by the enemy in the BUNA area have been reported.

(a) Dummy Snipers - A patrol advancing up the coast was fired on by a tree-top sniper. They halted, located him and apparently shot him down. They then advanced and were fired on again. This happened several times. Thorough investigation revealed that one sniper had been holding up the patrol and dummies had been placed in other trees; these being dropped by a pulley arrangement after the Americans had fired sufficient shots, making them imagine that they had cleared the opposition.

(b) "Drop Shorts" - The morale and spirit of an American Company advancing under covering fire of own guns was seriously affected by this ruse.

Every time our guns opened up to provide covering fire for an advance or gun fire on any target, the one known Japanese 70 mm gun in the Government Gardens area also opened up and placed its rounds amongst the forward Americans. The Japanese timed the activity of their own gun to coincide exactly with that of our own supporting artillery. This made the troops imagine that they were being blitzed by "Drop Shorts" of their own guns. No amount of demonstration by showing our troops dud 70-mm shells would convince them that the shelling was not from our own guns.

(NG Force Intelligence Summary No 103).

Japanese defences in the BUNA-Cape ENDAIADERE area included two types of earthworks.

The bunker type consists of a covered trench with closely timbered sides and top. The top is built up into a mound with coconut logs piled longitudinally and packed with earth to make a burster course proof against mortars and light anti-personnel bombs, this gives partial protection against direct hits from 25 pounder shells. These mounds have ground level slits for forward automatic fire and are camouflaged by local natural materials and connected by crawl trenches.

The second type is similar in appearance but not loopholed for firing. These are used for shelters and protection against artillery and mortar fire. Attacking troops are attracted by these raised structures and tend to make them objectives but are then caught in fire from ground level posts on flanks and in rear.

The types of defences in these areas are governed by the nature of the ground which is very swampy and necessitates most defences being built above ground.

Attached as Appendix "B" are sketches showing types of ddfences used in the BUNA-ENDAIADERE area.

(Extracted from NG Force Intelligence Summary No 102)

(LHQ I.S. No 24.)

ENEMY OOB - (Not to be reproduced).

Attached as Appendix "E" is Changes to estimated distribution of Japanese Divisions.

Attached as Appendices "F(i)" and "F(ii)" are Identifications and Personalities.

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

TOPOGRAPHY -

1. J55/5 - Ref SUBURY 1". Owing to tramway extention, the SOUTHERN side of MEILOR Rd is closed between 935455 and 929458. (7 Mob L of C Sub-area)

2. J55/9 - Ref WESTERN PORT 1". Br 113852 on BENTON'S RD in bad state of repair and load limit is now 3 tons. Reconstruction not expected to commence before April 45. (Vic Grn Bde)

CLIMATIC -

3. Warm and sultry early in week. Clouds with showers developing, with isolated thunder inland. Cold with showers in later part of week. Snow on EASTERN ALPS.
(Meteor)

ENEMY OPERATIONAL BASES, WORKS AND INSTALLATIONS

BASES AND SITES ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE MANDATED TERRITORY ON NEW GUINEA

GENERAL -

The enemy has recently commenced work on the development of a chain of bases on the North coast of former Australian New Guinea at WEWAK, ALEXISHAFEN, MADANG, and FINSCHHAFEN. In these areas he has both made local defence installations and made moves which suggest that he intends a fairly wide occupation of territory.

From WEWAK he has pushed out patrols along the SEPIK River towards ANGORAM (42 miles SW of WEWAK) where there is a landing field : he may intend to go further, to BURUI which also has a landing field.

South of MADANG the enemy has bridged the GIM RIVER, started to bridge the GOGOL and sent a patrol to BOGADJIM. This may suggest that he intends to improve the coastal road from MADANG to SAIDOR, where there is an airfield. He may also intend to develop communications between MADANG and KAINANTU. KAINANTU is at the head of the RAIU RIVER and near the head of the MARKHAM VALLEY. It is connected with MADANG by a track about 150 miles long and traversable by light motor transport. KAINANTU has an air strip which has probably been used by the enemy already. The route MADANG - KAINANTU - MARKHAM VALLEY might be developed as a "back-door" supply route to LAE.

MAIN BASES -

(a) WEWAK

WEWAK is on the coast, North of the SEPIK RIVER and is bout 320 air miles from LAE. The township is on a limestone promontory rising to 200 ft and is separated from the mainland by a low swampy isthmus.

Aerodrome

The aerodrome has a runway of 1100 yds by 95 yds which is soft in wet season. Off the runway the surface is very bad. It would be difficult to extend this strip because the sea limits it at one end and swamps and hills at the other. Other strips might however be made along the road MAPRIK - BURUI.

Roads.

There are good native tracks into the hinterland and one leads through the PRINCE ALEXANDER MOUNTAINS to WASERA where it connects with a motor road running from MAPRIK goldfield to BURUI aerodrome.

(b) ALEXISHAFEN

Topography - The coastal strip is mainly flat, fringed with plantations from MADANG to ALEXISHAFEN.

Harbour

The harbour is entered from the Pacific Ocean through OTTILLEN PASS (between SEK IS and the mainland). The best anchorage is in 14 fathoms between ADMOSIN IS and the MISSION STATION. There is also an anchorage for large ships West of SEK IS.

BOSTREM BAY provides a good harbour for small vessels. It should be noted that vessels of 2000 tons have proceeded from MADANG to SEK using the inside passage but expert knowledge of the local channels is required.

Aerodrome

This is a very small aerodrome with a gravel surface, sand-covered and firm in all weathers. There may be two runways of 590 meters and 465 meters ("Notices to Airmen"), but a civil aviation pilot, who has flown to the aerodrome, speaks of only one runway with a "dog leg" in it. It is not a good aerodrome and is incapable of extension.

Roads.

There is a horse track from MADANG to ALEXISHAFEN which if bridged could be used by M.T. It takes approximately 5 hours to walk from MADANG to ALEXISHAFEN. There are well kept tracks running from ALEXISHAFEN inland to the ADELBERT mountains.

(c) MADANG

MADANG on the NE coast of Australian New Guinea is the administrative centre of MADANG district. It has a small township and is 150 miles by air from LAE. Prior to the last war MADANG was the capital of German New Guinea. Its position and installations will make it valuable to the enemy, but it is a bad malarial area and as mosquito precautions have been recently neglected, malaria incidence will be particularly heavy early in enemy occupation, especially as this disease is more prevelant during the N.W. season (October - April)

Harbour

There is a landlocked harbour at the Southern end of a long lagoon that runs to MADANG from ALEXISHAFEN. It is entered by the deep and narrow Dallman Pass and there is no difficulty in the approach. The Harbour contains an outer anchorage called QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE, which is reported to be capable of containing 1 large ship. In 1910 the large cruisers S.M.S.Scharnhorst, Emden and Nurnberg as well as the "Planet" were anchored in the harbour for several days. The lagoon to the north of the Fleet Anchorage, from Ragetta Is to RASCH PASS, could be used as a fleet anchorage, particularly

is the wide stretch of about 1 sq ml, between R.M.B and T.B ISLETS.

Installations

There are two wharves each 52 ft in length, with a schooner wharf in between. There is also a wharf and a small jetty adjacent to the GOVERNMENT STORE.

Aerodrome

The government aerodrome is 1 ml West of MADANG township and has a runway 1140 yds by 70 yds constructed of rolled coral. New runways have been reported but neither the exact sites nor sizes have been confirmed.

(d) FINSCHHAFEN

At FINSCHHAFEN there is a coastal strip of fairly flat plantation country stretching back a mile and three-quarters. Beyond that the country rises to approximately 1000 ft. There is a bridle track which affords land communication with LAE via KOPOI.

Harbour

The outer harbour is suitable for several destroyers or one large vessel.

The middle Harbour is accessible only to vessels drawing approximately 14 ft. The Harbour is not easy to distinguish except from the North : a light used to be placed on the point of the Peninsula when a vessel was expected.

Landing Grounds

The Landing ground is 2½ miles North of FINSCHHAFEN. The runway is 600 yards by 70 yards with a good surface. The runway was reported cleared on 5 Jan but no A/C were reported. On 6 Jan natives were reported to be clearing the ground for A/C.

S/P Anchorage

There is an emergency S/P alighting area at FINSCHHAFEN.

Landing Grounds not yet occupied by the Enemy

In addition to the four bases described above there are several other aerodromes and landing grounds on the North coast of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea which the enemy has not yet seized. He may be expected to take an interest in them soon. The list of them proceeding from the Dutch Border towards the South is :-

(a) AITAPE :- (96 miles W of MADANG). At AITAPE there was a small aerodrome 700 yards by 80 yards, serviceable only in dry weather.

(b) TADJI :- (7½ miles East of AITAPE). At TADJI there was an aerodrome with a good surface and a runway 700 yards by 70 yards, officially reported as capable of extension to approximately 1100 yards. The approaches are good, on flat but open and swampy country.

The aerodrome is located on a plantation and a local informant is of the opinion that on the same site a runway of 2000 yards in the direction of the prevailing winds could be obtained.

(c) BUT:- (between TADJI and WEWAK). It should be noted that the coastline between AITAPE and WEWAK, a distance of about 90 miles is intercepted by 78 streams and rivers, and that, therefore, the establishment of road communications would be very difficult.

The aerodrome has a firm level surface with a runway 1020 yards by 50 yards, capable of extension to 1330 yards. The approaches are not particularly good.

(d) NUBIA: (93 miles NW of MADANG on the coast of HOMSA BAY). Nubia has a runway of 620 yards by 50 yards without possibilities of extension. The surrounding country is bushy and hilly and unsuitable for forced landings.

(e) SAIDOR:- (On the coast 55 miles SE of MADANG). SAIDOR has a runway of 800 or 900 yards and it is thought capable of extension to 1200 yards or more. There is good grass covered, coral surface. On 25 Nov 42, the strip was thought to be serviceable.

S/P ALIGHTING AREAS

MADANG and VANIMO are known alighting areas, but there are a number of other sites suitable for this purpose.

POSSIBLE SITES STILL UNDEVELOPED

The enemy has normally chosen existing aerodromes and strips for his own sites and he is most likely to continue to form his bases on the coastal area where facilities already exist. There are however other areas, as yet undeveloped, with suitable terrain for landing strips and the possibility that he will develop them cannot be overlooked. Such areas are listed below.

(a) COASTAL AREAS

(i) VANIMO - (170 mls WNW of WEWAK). The coastal area to the West of VANIMO appears to be suitable for airfield construction.

(ii) SAIDOR - (55 mls SE of MADANG). Between SAIDOR and KALASA (30 mls SE of SAIDOR) there are flat ridges on which landing strips might be formed.

(b) ISLAND AREAS

PELLELUHU GP

The NINIGO or PELLELUHU group of islands (160 mls NNE of WEWAK) consists of 6 atolls comprising approximately 50 islands on the reef. All are low and flat and some are covered with cocoanut palms and the possibilites of landing strip construction cannot be over looked.

(c) INLAND AREAS

(i) WEWAK - MAPRIK - Inland from WEWAK between MAPRIK and the SEPIK RIVER, there are innumerable areas suitable for air strips. A good motor road runs from MAPRIK to BUKUI and then due SOUTH to the SEPIK RIVER. Skirting the road are extensive grass plains encircled by timber country which could provide excellent dispersal and camouflage areas.

(ii) SEPIK - RAMU RIVERS - The flat country along the SEPIK and the RAMU RIVERS affords opportunities for aerodrome development.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS

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PART V - SECURITY

SECURITY OF OPERATIONS: GHQ Home Forces, Great Britain, in their "Periodical Notes on Security (8)" of 10 Oct 42 give an interesting and instructive account from the Security angle, of the DIEPPE raid of 19 Aug 42; since "Security of Operations" is such a vital factor in the success or failure of any operation, a precis of the above "Notes" has been prepared and is given below.

Although this was an amphibious move, many of the precautions taken prior to embarkation are equally applicable to movement by rail and road in Australia.

(1) The problem of ensuring the greatest possible secrecy with regard to this operation was the subject of the most careful consideration and planning. The fact that zero day had been originally fixed for 20 June 42, and that the operation was not carried out until 19 August, having in the meanwhile been postponed, then cancelled, and then revived, complicated the security arrangements considerably.

(2) Control of the number of those having knowledge of the plan was maintained by C.O.H.Q. by the issue of operation cards to all those "in the know". Those holding such cards were only permitted to discuss the operation with persons holding a similar card.

(3) The dates of the briefing of commanders and troops were as follows : Brigade Commanders on 1 August; Battalion Commanders on 4 August (in broad outline) and on 10 August (in detail); Company Commanders on 14 August; F.S Personnel on 15 August; troops on 18 August (on board or immediately prior to embarkation). The briefing of personnel connected with the airborne attack caused some anxiety: firstly because R...F. personnel involved were briefed before the postponement in the middle of June, i.e. 2 - 3 weeks before the actual mounting of the raid; this was due to the need for the early briefing of the pilots and observers in order that they could memorise from a map details of the dropping zones, etc.: secondly because the parachute bn, was briefed four days before the actual zero day and mingled in the interval with civilians and personnel of other units; this was due to the day by day postponement of the raid owing to weather conditions.

(4) It was not considered necessary to take any special measures to deceive the enemy by giving false indications as to the objective and date of the operation. It was realised that he would gain knowledge, through air reconnaissance, of the combined operations training being carried out in the ISLE OF WIGHT area, and that he would deduce therefrom the likelihood of a raid. Owing to the central position of the Island, however, it was felt that he would have no clue as to the objective, beyond the fact that it would probably be between BREST and CALAIS: nor, with care, need he be given any advance clue as to the Zero day.

Our own troops were led to believe that they were simply going to carry out training in combined operations in preparation for the invasion of the Continent at a later date.

Great care was taken to ensure that the final embarkation for the operation was as similar as possible to the many previous training embarkations. One Bn. was so convinced that the final embarkation was just the beginning of another exercise, that its ammunition was purposely left behind as an unnecessary encumbrance.

(5) Particular care was taken to ensure that the necessary administrative arrangements were made as inconspicuously as possible.

Since the Force was mainly Canadian, all additional material required was supplied from British rather than Canadian sources, and placed on board the assault ships before the embarkation. Active preparations for the reception of the Force on its return from the raid (e.g. provision of ambulances, escorts for P/W, etc.) were delayed till the last possible moment.

(6) Since the majority of the troops had not been briefed prior to embarkation, permission was given for operation orders to be taken on board the craft. In addition, each Bde. H.Q. was authorised to take two copies of these orders ashore. One of the latter copies was captured when a Bde H.Q was overrun, and it is feared that it has proved of value to the enemy. With regard to the copies carried in the craft, in some cases the arrangements for their safe custody, collection and return broke down and in consequence a certain number were later found abandoned in the craft, and some are still missing.

(7) Officers' identity cards were withdrawn after embarkation, the pass-word and identity discs being regarded as sufficient for any identification required during the operation. O.Rs. were allowed to retain their paybooks, but it has since been agreed that these should have been withdrawn. Orders were issued that personal papers were to be collected from all ranks by the senior military officer in each ship or draft and handed over to the captain of the ship.

Formation and regimental flashes were not removed, as it was generally agreed that the nature of the operation was such that they would be of no real assistance to the enemy.

(8) Eight F.S. parties were detailed to search for documents and equipment; five of these consisted of two N.C.O's, the other three of an I O with one N.C.O. Only two of these parties succeeded in penetrating any distance inland.

(9) Since the operation there have been very widespread rumours that information had leaked to the enemy and that he had made full preparations at DIEPPE to meet the raid: from censorship reports it is clear that this belief was widely held by the majority of the Canadians who took part in the operation.

There is, however, no evidence whatever that there was any actual leakage to the enemy. In fact, all available evidence indicates that no such leakage occurred, and that, although the enemy is generally on the alert along the whole coast-line during weather favourable for raids, he was not specifically expecting an attack on DIEPPE at that time. For example, the captured guard report book of a German coastal battery shows nothing abnormal up to the time when the alarm was given at 0400 hours on 19 Aug. Personnel of this Bty undressed and went to sleep on the night 18/19 Aug.

(10) Conclusion

The following four points arising from the security aspect of the raid may be mentioned in conclusion.

(a) It is known that it is possible to keep the enemy in ignorance of the vital details of a major raid.

(b) It has been learnt that the strict supervision of security instructions is required at all stages to ensure that such instructions, e.g. with regard to the taking of documents into action, are not forgotten or neglected in the rush of final preparations and departure.

(c) Owing to the widespread rumour that the enemy knew of the raid in advance, the importance and urgency of security has become more generally recognised and appreciated.

(d) It seems likely that in any offensive operation there will be a considerable number of intelligence targets, with which F.S. Personnel will be called on to deal in conjunction with the forward fighting troops.

(11) Postscript

Of the many reports received on the security of this operation, one will illustrates the type of coincidence which is so often encountered by those engaged in Ib work :-

> Those who solved the crossword puzzle of a newspaper on 17 Aug found that the word for "18 down" was DIEPPE. (Aug 18 was D day for the raid).

The case after investigation was found to be due to pure coincidence.

(From notes by GHQ Home Forces 10 Oct 42).

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CENSORSHIP - SIMPLE CODES

Simple codes indicating locations appear to be escaping the notice of Unit Censors in forward areas. In one such case, the writer's address was excised, but his location was indicated by placing faint dots under the letters "B" "U" "N" "A". Similar codes have been noted in letters written by U S personnel.

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GENERAL

Attached as Appendix "C" are extracts from RAF Comd Operational Bulletin on "NIGHT VISIBILITY".

Attached as Appendix "D" are Names and Numbers of Allied A/C Types.

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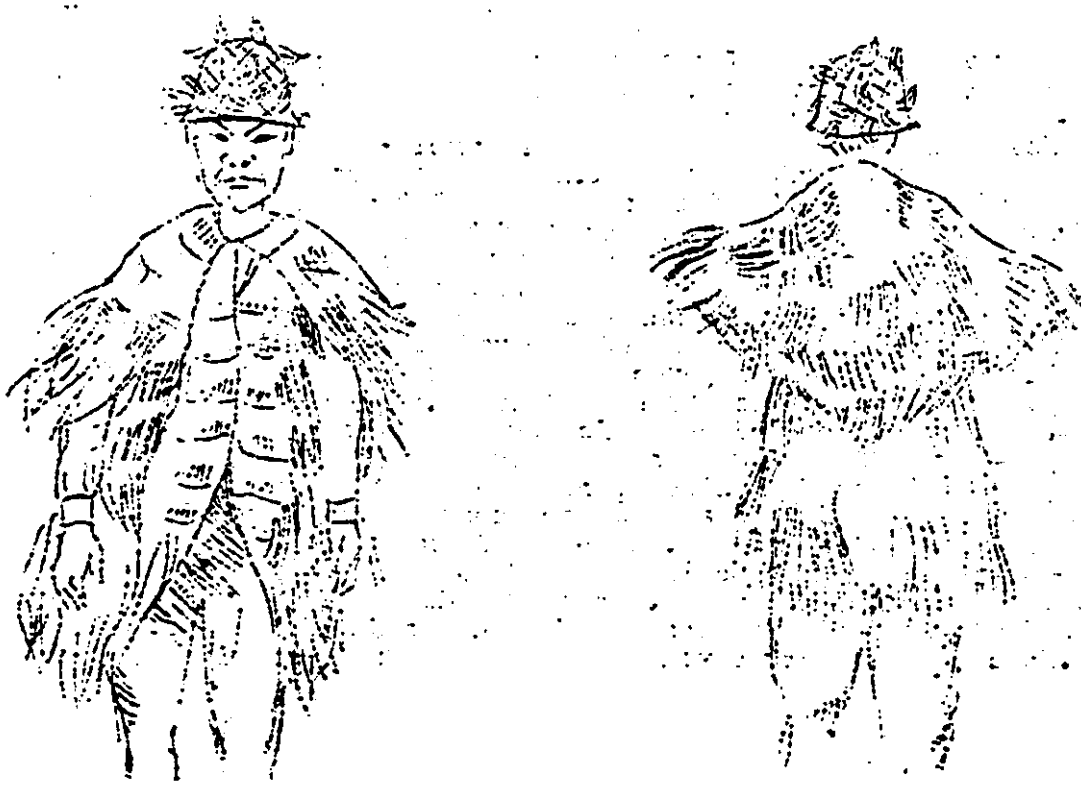
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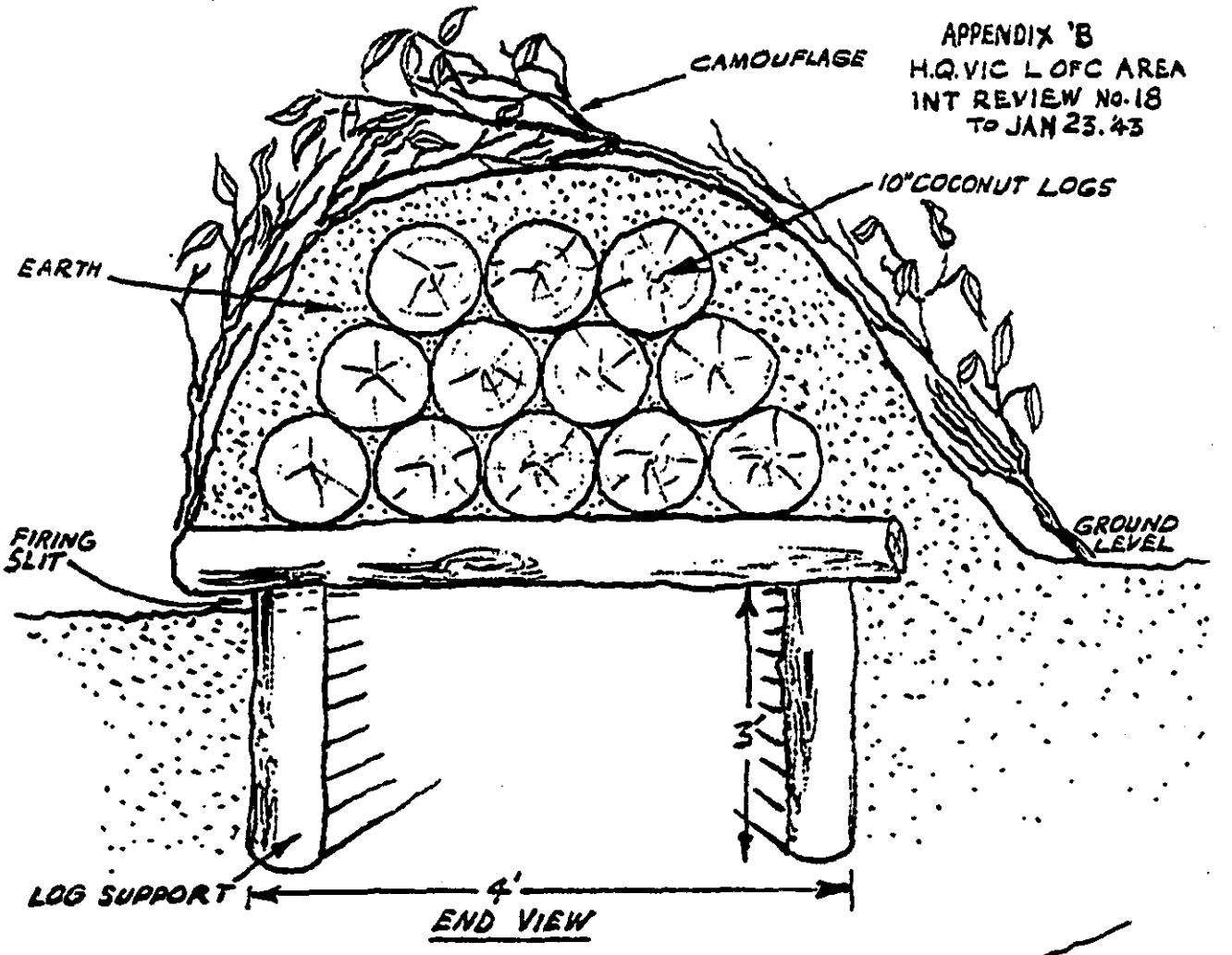
JAPANESE CAMOUFLAGE GARMENT

This cape-type garment made from coconut palm leaf fibre, was worn by enemy troops in the SOLOMONS operations. The garments were captured in bale lots, indicating contemplated wide usage. It is possible that the place of manufacture was FORMOSA or the PHILIPPINES.

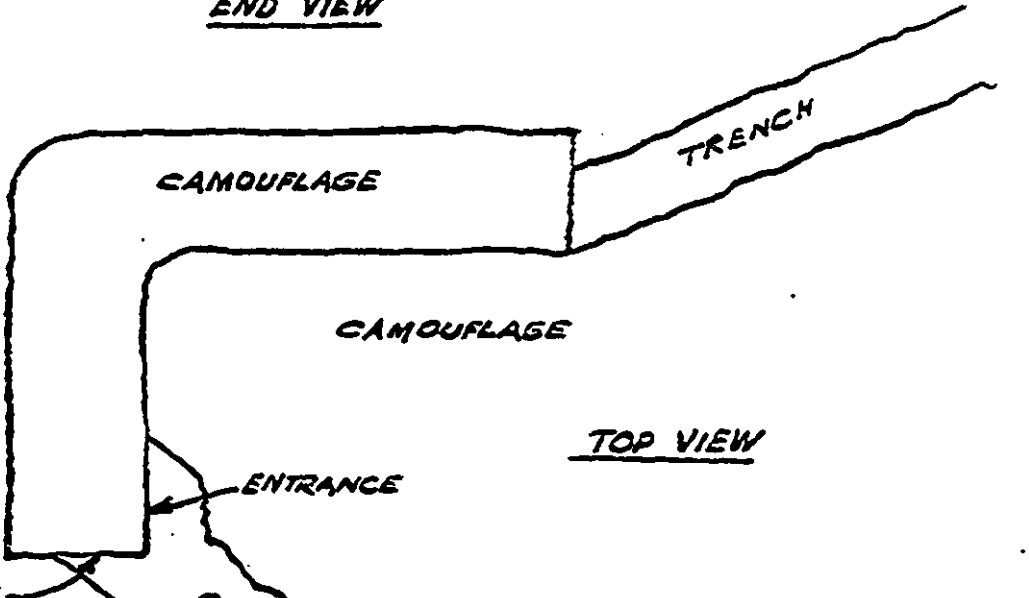
The colour of the garment is a light cocoa brown that blends easily with the foliage in the tops of palm trees and with the normal vegetable debris found in palm groves - a very appropriate colour and texture for the area in which employed. Composition is principally of dry palm leaves with the sheathing removed from all except the butt ends, which are folded over and sewed back to the leaves. A small cord passes through the loops thus formed, thereby strengthening the material of the garment. The edges of the leaves are also stitched together to form the continuous piece of the cape. The neck of the cape is bound with cheap oilcloth. This oil-cloth serves as a housing for the cord, which passes around the neck of the wearer. To the inside of the cape is secured an additional piece which encircles the body of the wearer. A cord is secured to the apex of each panel of the body-piece and passes through the neck piece, acting as shoulder straps for the body piece. Minor adjustments in fit are secured by taking up or letting out these cords. Across the front of the body the two panels of the body piece come together, and are probably tied together by cords. The body piece is sewed to the cape in the back in such a manner that the cape bulges up and would cover the pack customarily carried on the back.



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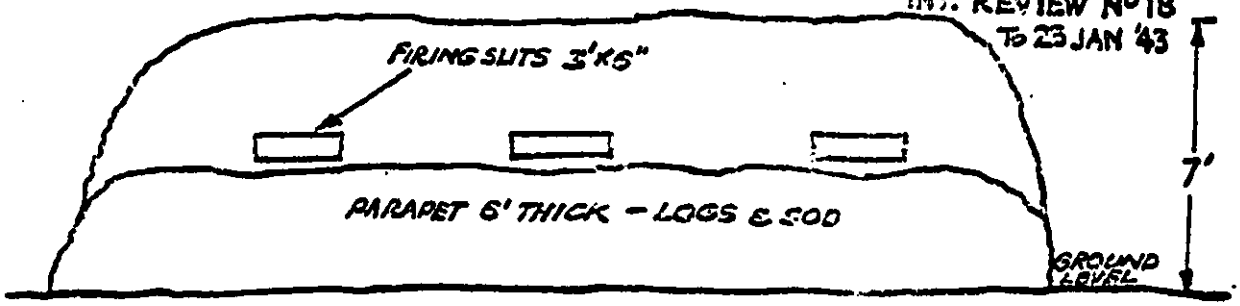
TOP VIEW

NOTE : The angular plan of some of the dugouts made it impossible to eliminate all enemy resistance from one dugout by throwing in a grenade. There have been instances where this was apparently assumed, with the result that men who have actually got into the entrenchments, have been shot from behind.

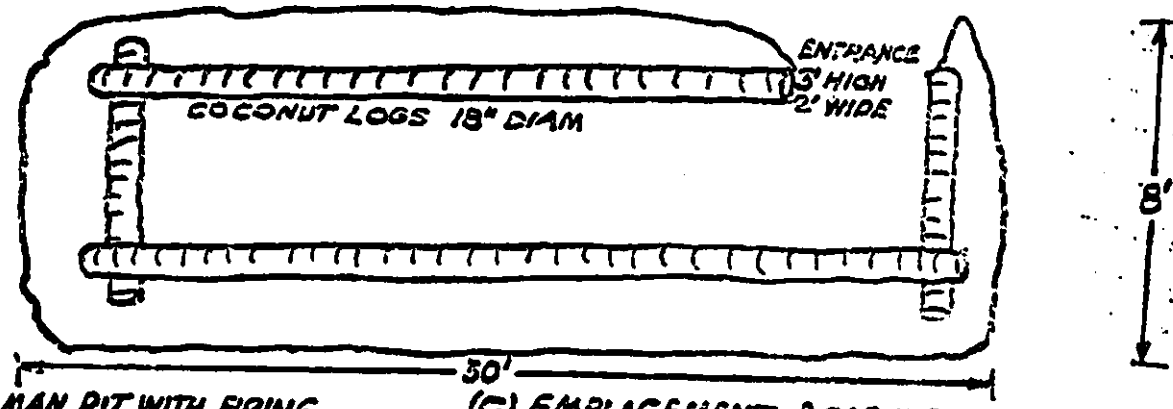
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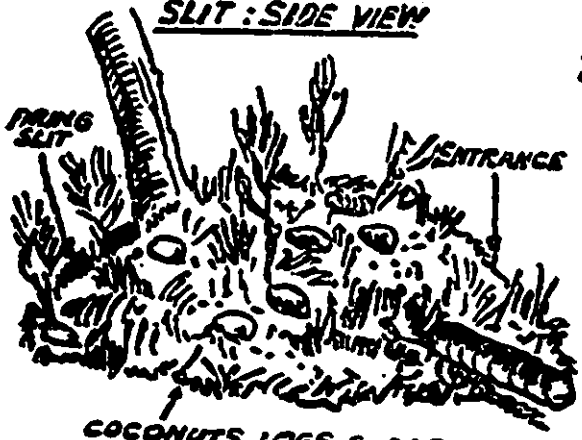
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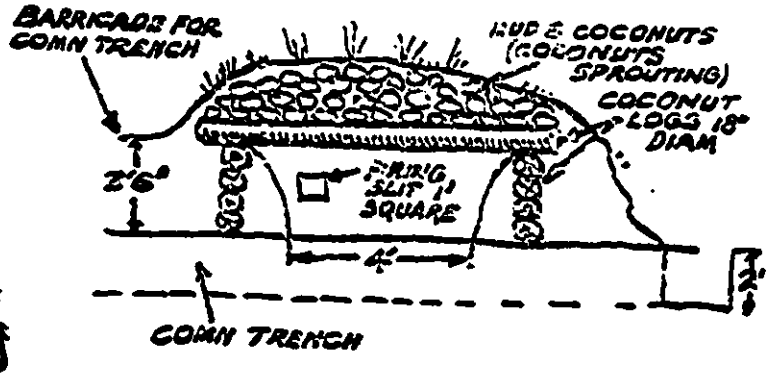
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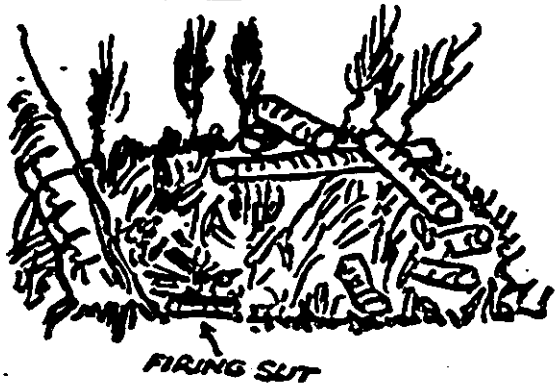
(B) ONE MAN PIT WITH FIRING SLIT: SIDE VIEW



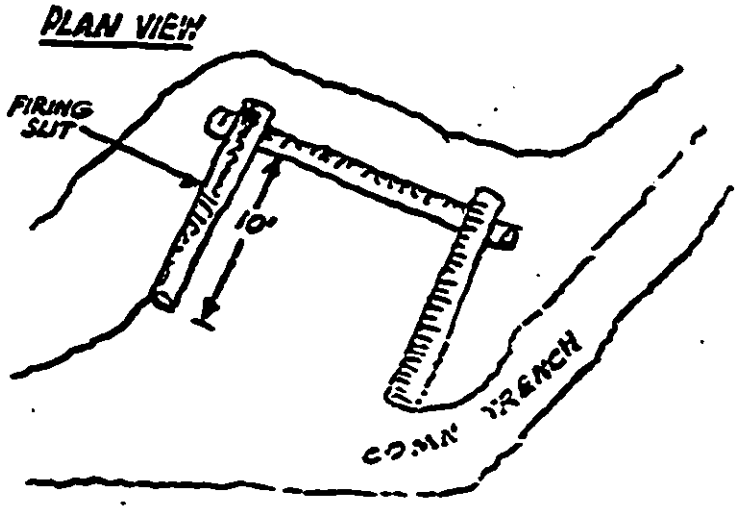
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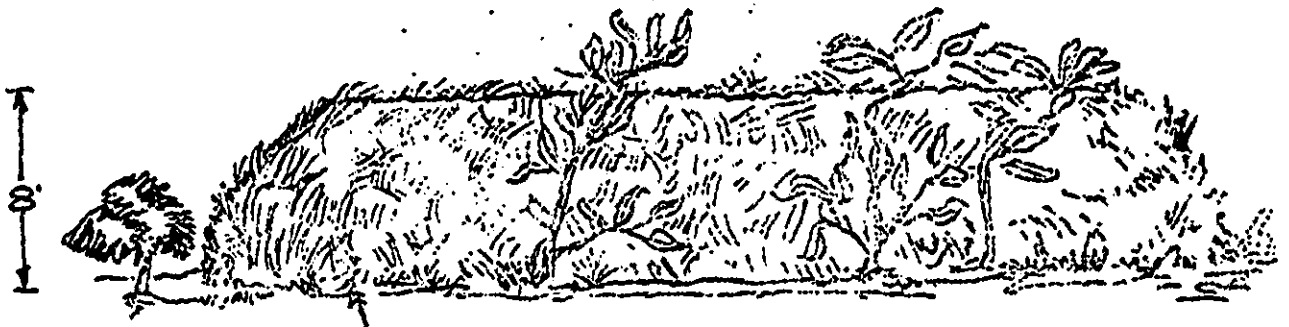


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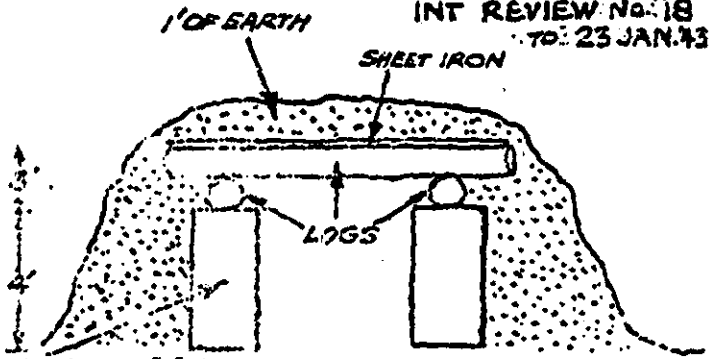


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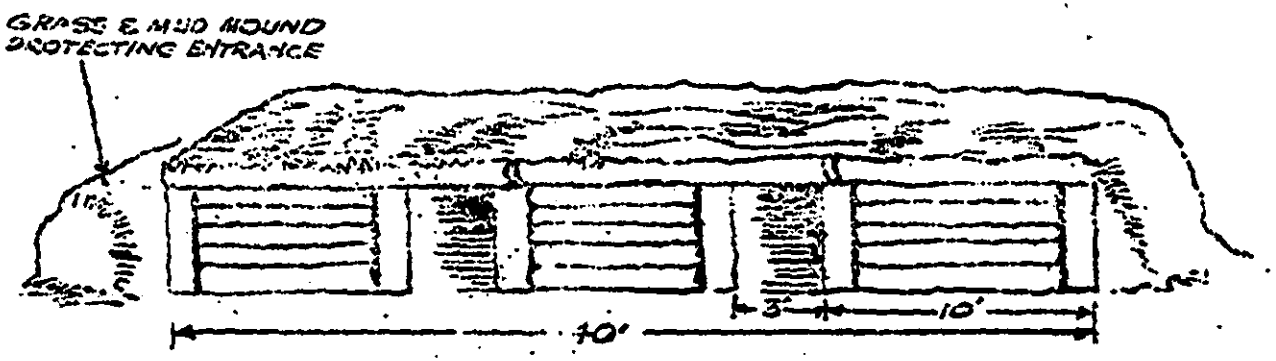
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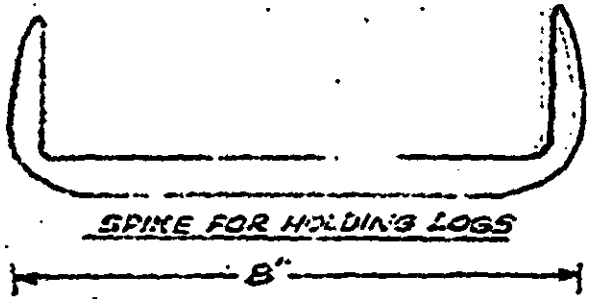
FRONT VIEW



CROSS SECTION



REAR VIEW SHOWING CONSTRUCTION



SPIKE FOR HOLDING LOGS

All dugouts and bunkers have had firing slits so small as to be invisible from the front, and with hy overhead cover made it impossible to reduce them with a frontal assault with infantry. It is therefore necessary either to secure a direct hit with artillery or to overrun or envelop them and attack from the rear.

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APPENDIX C

NIGHT VISIBILITY :

The following extracts from RAAF Command Operational Information Bulletin 32/1942, are equally applicable to personnel manning A/A guns at night, MT Drivers and patrols.

(i) Dark Adaptation : Everyone knows that on going from a brightly lit room to dim light one sees little, but that after eyes have become "used to the dark" they are able to see again, quite well in dim light. The eye has the extraordinary power of becoming up to ten thousand times more sensitive in dim light than in bright sunlight. This process, which is called dark adaptation, occurs very slowly, and in complete darkness or very dim light the eyes go on becoming more sensitive for about an hour, rapidly for about the first ten minutes and more slowly afterwards.

The time taken for the eyes to become fully accustomed to the dark depends on the brightness of the light to which they were exposed before coming into the dark. Thus, while it takes nearly an hour to become fully dark adapted on entering a dark room from daylight or from a brightly lit mess, it will only take about ten minutes after being in a dispersal hut lit by candle light. It is possible to pre-adapt the eyes with dark goggles while in a lighted room. Pre-adaptation goggles are light, tight fitting and contain glass filters which permit only a small amount of light to reach the eye even in a brightly lit room, but enough to enable the wearer to see his way about without difficulty. By the use of these goggles for an hour before going into the dark it is possible for the eyes to become nearly fully dark adapted while still in a room with ordinary lighting, and so the wearer is able to see clearly immediately he goes out into the night by removing the goggles.

(ii) The Presence of other Lights : The maximum sensitivity of the eye is only obtained in complete darkness, and hence it is important to avoid the use of unnecessary light in aircraft. Reflected moonlight from perspex or glass windscreens has the same effect on vision as lighting inside aircraft. Luminous instruments may, on dark nights, become a source of interference with vision outside the machine, both by reason of their being sources of light and also because the eye has to alter its focus in order to see them. For this reason it is advisable to avoid staring hard at instruments and they should be glanced at for short periods only. If the lighting is adjustable, illumination should be kept as low as possible.

(iii) Contrast : Vision, particularly at night, depends on the contrast between an object and its background. Therefore, reducing the contrast between an object and its background reduces the possibility of seeing that object. Anything which scatters some of the light does this and looking through scratched perspex or slightly dirty glass of the windscreen or goggles has a detrimental effect on vision at night. It is of the utmost importance for aircrews to pay particular attention to the cleaning of the windscreen etc, before taking off on an operational sortie.

(iv) Distraction, Fatigue, Discomfort : Another factor impairing vision at night is distraction; this may come from, for instance, a dashboard light seen out of the corner of one's eye or the framing of a windscreen. The closer the face is to the windscreen the more the frame is out of the field

of view and the better night vision will be through the windscreen. But other senses can provide distraction which will impair night vision, such as noise and bodily discomfort. Whereas by day, fatigue and discomfort, e.g. inadequate or unsuitable clothing, cold etc, may not appreciably increase the time taken to see another aircraft, at night, especially on a dark night when the time taken to see an aircraft, even when it has once come within visible range, may be several seconds, factors such as fatigue and discomfort play a very much larger part and may result in missing the enemy.

(v) Best use of Eyes at Night: The sensitive surface at the back of the eye which receives light is most sensitive in daylight at the centre; but at night the most sensitive part is a little way from the centre. For this reason objects are often best seen on a dark night out of the corner of the eye and may disappear if looked at directly. The eye at night readily fatigues if the gaze is kept directed for long in any one direction, and so staring should be avoided when searching in the dark. A roving movement of the eyes is to be preferred, taking care that the whole area of the sky is covered by looking systematically first in one quarter of the field and then in each other quarter successively. If an object is seen out of the corner of the eye the temptation to look at it directly should be resisted, as if this is done it may disappear. It is seen best if the eye looks a little (10 degrees) to the side of it.

(vi) Searchlight Glare: The glare from searchlights is extremely detrimental to night vision even when not directly looked at, and it is therefore the source of a problem not easily soluble. The use of a special type of "blinker" might be a help in this respect. If any pilots have ideas on this or any other factor affecting night visibility they are invited to forward them through the usual channels.

(vii) Summary:

(i) Take care to avoid bright lights before taking-off.

(ii) Allow time for dark adaption.

(iii) Use pre-adaptation goggles.

(iv) Use oxygen from ground level; this improves night vision at heights which are below normal oxygen height.

(v) Avoid using lights or torches unnecessarily inside the aircraft.

(vi) Keep your eyes as close to the windscreen as possible, and when the target is sighted do not stare at it, look out of the corner of your eye.

(vii) Keep all transparent surfaces scrupulously clean.

(viii) Do not stare vaguely into space, try to visualise the target at the range at which you expect to find it.

(ix) See that you are adequately clothed and comfortable.

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APPENDIX D

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT TYPES

Operational American aircraft in all theatres, and Australian and British aircraft in the SWPA, by number and by name are included in the following lists:-

American Aircraft

U S A F Name	Manufacturer's Name and Serial Number if any	U S Designation	R A F Designation	Purpose
A-17	Northrop	-	Nomad	S/E LB
A-18	Curtis	-	-	2/E LB
A-20	Douglas DB-7 (Day)	-	Boston	2/E MB
"	(Night)	-	Havoc	2/E F
A-24 (SBD)	Douglas	-	Dauntless	S/E DB
A-29	Lockheed 14	Hudson	Hudson	2/E MB
A-31	Vultee 72	Vengeance	Vengeance	S/E DB
B-17	Boeing B-299	Fortress	Fortress	4/E HB
B-18A	Douglas (DB-280)		Digby	2/E MB
B-24	Consolidated 32	Liberator	Liberator	4/E HB
B-25	NA-40	Mitchell	Mitchell	2/E MB
B-26	Martin	Marauder	Marauder	2/E MB
	Martin 167	-	Maryland	2/E MB
A-30	Martin 187	-	Baltimore	2/E MB
C-38, 39 41 and 42	Douglas DC-2	DC-2	DC-2	2/E Transport
C-60	Lockheed 18	Lodestar	Lodestar	2/E Transport
C-47, 53,68	Douglas DC-3	DC-3	Dakota	2/E Transport
C-54	Douglas DC-4	DC-4	-	4/E Transport
C-46	Curtiss CW-20	Commando	-	2/E Transport
F4F	Grumman G-36	Wildcat	Martlet	S/E SSF
F5F	Grumman	Skyrocket	-	2/E SSF
F4U	Vought	Corsair	-	S/E SSF
OS2U	Vought	Kingfisher	-	S/E Scout
SOC	Curtiss	Seagull	-	S/E Scout
SB2U	Vought	Vindicator	Chesapeake	S/E Scout B
TBD	Douglas	Devastator	-	SE/TB
TBF	Grumman	Avenger	-	S/E TB
SBA	Brewster (340)	Buccaneer	Burmuda	S/E DB
SBC	Curtiss	Helldiver	Cleveland	S/E DB
SB2C-1 (A-25)	Curtiss	Helldiver	-	S/E DB
PBB	Boeing	Sea Ranger	-	2/E FB
PBM	Martin	Mariner	-	2/E FB
PBY	Consolidated 28	Catalina	Catalina	2/E FB
PB2Y	Consolidated 29	Coronado	Coronado	4/E FB
PB2M	Martin	Mars	-	4/E FB
P-38	Lockheed 322-61	Lightning	Lightning	2/E SSF
P-39	Bell (P-400)	Airacobra	Airacobra	S/E SSF
P-40 B,C	Curtiss H-81	Tomahawk	Tomahawk	S/E SSF
P-40 D,E	Curtiss 87	Kittyhawk	Kittyhawk	S/E SSF
P-40F	Curtiss (Merlin Engine)	Warhawk	Warhawk	S/E SSF
P-43	Republic	Lancer	Lancer	S/E SSF
P-44	Republic	Warrior	Warrior	S/E SSF
P-48	Vultee 48-64	Vanguard	Vanguard	S/E SSF
P-51	North American (73)	Apache	Mustang	S/E SSF
L-1	Vultee	Vigilant		S/E Liaison
L-3	Leronca			S/E Liaison
L-4	Taylorcraft			S/E Liaison

British and Australian A/C (Operational in this theatre)

Australian Ident No	Manufacturer's Name and Serial Number if any	R A F Designation	Purpose
A-46	Commonwealth A/C CA-12	Boomerang	S/E SSF
A-19	Bristol	Beaufighter	2/E F
A-9	Bristol	Beaufort	2/E MB
A-4	A V ROYE	Anson	2/E Recce & Trainer
A-25	Airspeed	Oxford	2/E Recce & Trainer
A-3	Commonwealth A/C	Wackett	S/E Trainer
A-20	Commonwealth	Wirraway	S/E Recce & Trainer
A-17	De Havilland	Tiger Moth	S/E Trainer
A-2	Vickers Armstrong (Supermarine)	Seagull (Walrus)	S/E F/B
A-18	Short	Empire	4/E F/B Transport

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CHANGES TO ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF JAPANESE DIVISIONS

8 DIVISION

Reliable information indicates the presence of 8 Division in BATAVIA.

This division is believed to have been stationed continuously in MANCHOUKUO since 1937 and is reported to have had no combat experience other than in the fighting around KOPEI (CHINA) during September and October 1937.

It is recruited from HIROSAKI district and is said to include a mechanized cavalry regiment and an armoured detachment.

A document captured at AMBOGA about the middle of December linked 5 infantry regiment of 8 division with 170 infantry (21 IMB) for operations in NEW GUINEA but apparently 5 regiment did not land and presumably is still at RABAUL. It is not known for certain whether 5 regiment formed part of 8 division but present indications are that it may have come under command of 21 IMB.

6 DIVISION

In Para 11 of Enemy O.O.B. Part 11 OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE reference was made to the 53 regiment of 17 division being at PALAU.

Later information revealed that this identification was not correct and that both the 23 and 45 infantry regiments of 6 division are probably at PALAU. Confirmation is still awaited.

57 DIVISION

According to information received from War Office, 57 division is located in MANCHOUKUO. Order of Battle records should be altered accordingly.

65 BRIGADE (DIVISION)

An entry dated 28 November in a captured enemy document stated that the 65 Brigade (Division) was to have captured an airfield in the SOLOMONS.

There is still no evidence that this formation ever arrived in SWPA but shipping movements from the PHILLIPPINES to RABAUL suggest it may have done so therefore, it is still located tentatively at RABAUL.

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IDENTIFICATIONS

NAMED UNITS -

YONEYAMA Butai	Reported previously - may be 170 Infantry Regiment. Prior to the appointment of WATANABE the regiment was commanded by KOGA and later, so it is believed, by YONEYAMA.
YAMANAKA Butai	This unit is probably at SAUMLAKI but there is no information to date to indicate its composition.

OTHER UNITS -

25 Base Force	There is evidence to suggest the enemy has established this new Base Force at KOEPANG. It seems to have some association with the army at BATAVIA.

It is reported but not yet confirmed that the following enemy units are at MUNDA (NEW GEORGIA):-

SASEBO No 6 and MAIZURU Special Naval Landing Parties,
2 Battalion of 229 Infantry Regiment,
8th Combined Special Landing Force (composition unknown),
58 Field anti-aircraft battalion,
23 Field pom-pom gun company,
15 Field anti-aircraft defence unit.

Staff Officer OHASHI.

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PERSONALITIES

NEW GUINEA AREA:

21 Independent Mixed Brigade

The following are the full names of portion of the personnel:-

Brigade Commander	Maj-Gen YAMAGATA Tsuyo
Staff Officer (Engineers)	Lt-Col AOYAGI Sumiharu (Alternative AOYANAGI)
Adjutant (Cavalry)	Lt-Col KUSUMI Ichiro
Commander 170 Infantry Regiment	Col WATANABE Yoshiyuki
" No 1 Battalion, 170 Infantry Regiment	Lt-Col IKENAKA Norinao
" No 2 Battalion, 170 Infantry Regiment	Maj SUSUKI Masaoki
" No 3 Battalion, 170 Infantry Regiment	Maj IWASAKI Tsunezo
" Tank Unit	Capt YAMAGUCHI Ikuo
" Artillery Unit	Lt-Col TAKAHASHI Rokuro
" Signal Unit	Capt DOI Masasuke
" Engineer Unit	Capt ISHIKAWA Masamichi
" Motor Transport Unit	Capt IZUO Makoto
" Field Hospital	Maj MIYAMOTO Saburo

Lt-Gen	ADACHI	Commander 18 Army
	TOMOZ	Believed to command a signal unit in 229 Infantry Regiment.
	OTAGAKI	Believed to command an ammunition unit in 229 Infantry Regiment.
	ORITA	Believed to command No 1 Battalion in 229 Infantry Regiment.
	SATO Yoshiichi	Believed to command No 2 Battalion in 229 Infantry Regiment.
	KOGA	Believed to command Infantry Gun Unit in 229 Infantry Regiment.

OTHER AREAS:

Maj	MUROMACHI Naotake	Appears to hold a battalion command in 61 Infantry Depot Regiment.
LteCol	HAYASHI Moichiro	Appears to have been commanding officer of No 3 Battalion, 108 Infantry Regiment in May 1942.
	TADANI	It is likely that one battalion of 217 Infantry Regiment, 54 Division is commanded by an officer of this name.
	OSAWA	Believed to be battalion commander of 68 Infantry Regiment.

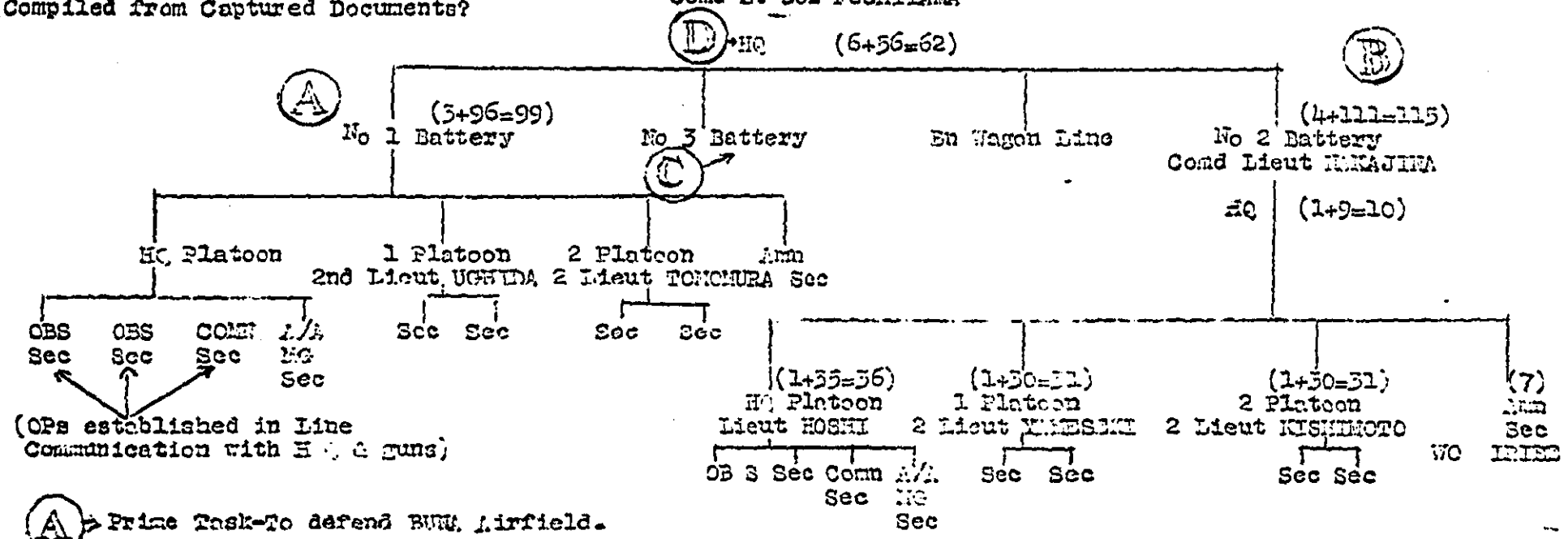
Personalities cont'd

Lt-Gen	TADA	Chief of Arms Inspectorate.
Col	YAMAMOTO Shigemi	Believed to command a Depot unit within 3 Division District.
Maj-Gen	MORIMOTO Iichiro	Now reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, PHILLIPPINES.
Maj-Gen	SAITO Masatoshi	Now reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, JAVA.
?Lt-Col	NAKANO Juichi	Now reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, FORMOSA.
Col	NOGUCHI Yuzuru	Reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, KOREA.
Maj-Gen	SASA Akira	Now reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, SIAM.
Maj-Gen	FUKUEI Shimpei	Reported as Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, MALAYA.
Maj-Gen	TAKUMI Hiroshi	Now reported as Chief Military Affairs Department, Zentsuji Division.
Col	TACHIBANA Yoshio	Now reported as Commanding Officer, HIROSHIMA Regimental District.
Col	TSUTSUI Koichi	Reported as Commanding Officer, MORIOKA Regimental District.
?Lt-Gen	TSUCHIHASHI Yuitsu.	Suggested he commands 48 Division TIMOR.

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Probable Organization of 47 FD AA Battalion as on 30 Sep 42.
(Compiled from Captured Documents?

47 FD AA BATTALION
(of 3rd INDEPENDENT AA REGIMENT)



A → Prime Task-To defend BUNA Airfield.

B → Prime Task-To defend Coast at GIRUWA.

C → Transferred for duty to 45 FD AA on 25 Aug.

D → Located GIRUWA.

	O	OR3	TOTAL	75mm	13.2mm	2n R/R
Bn HQ	6	56	62			
No 1 Company	3	96	99	4	2	2
No 2 Company	4	111	115	4	2*	2
No 3 Company						
Bn Wagon Line						

*No 2 Company also assigned 1 captured MG.

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SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS
and
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

NW SECTOR -

Recent enemy actions in TIMOR, activity by the army and army air force in the KAI and TANIMBAR Islands (the force at SAUMLAKI BAY has been raised to one Battalion) and increased interest in the South coast of NEW GUINEA as far as MERAUKE, may easily be accounted for as defensive measures designed to secure the TIMOR area against a potential threat from AUSTRALIA. On the other hand, these moves may equally well be explained as the preparation of a firm base for overseas operations and this interpretation is supported by the fact that the observed use of LAIVAI as a port appears to be in excess of the requirements of the forces known to be in NE part of the Island. It is true that 48 Division, which was recently identified there, is a two regiment Formosan formation whose past history suggests that it is more fitted for garrison duties than for an offensive campaign, but this will still fit into the general picture of the development of a strong forward base with the main striking troops held in the back-ground until they are called forward for actual use.

NE SECTOR -

The heavy shipping concentration at RABAUL has in effect been maintained by the enemy although the total figures have [illegible] from 92 vessels of all types on 2 Jan to 75 on 5 Jan. After adequate allowance has been made for naval vessels and for shipping required for normal maintenance of the forces known to be in the area, there is still sufficient left to transport 2 Divisions to GUADALCANAL or to NEW GUINEA.

From this shipping concentration came the convoy to LAE of one or two light cruisers, four destroyers and four to five transports, which was thoroughly attacked by our air force on 6,7 and 8 Jan. Total losses of ships and aircraft inflicted on the enemy are given in Part' Careful estimates show that the convoy originally carried the equivalent of two regiments with their stores, supplies and equipment and a proportion of divisional troops. It appears that of these rather more than 5000 men with their stores, supplies and equipment were landed. The original force at LAE is estimated to have consisted of 3-4000 troops including a large proportion of maintenance, construction and Lines of Communication units, while the new force is apparently a regimental group with remnants of a second. The reason for this large increase may be defensive. It is known that the enemy has always regarded the LAE - SALAMAUA area as vital and from the beginning of his occupation has devoted much energy to its fortification and to an extensive programme of field works. It may now be regarded as a fortress with an adequate garrison of fighting troops, and as such is additional evidence of the enemy's intention to maintain his footing in NEW GUINEA at all costs. The development of air fields at FINSCHAVEN and MADANG gives him two bases that can be used for the air support of LAE if th[illegible]

Work at these two latter places is still proceeding with the utmost speed. At FINSCHHAFEN it is reported that 2000 men are engaged and that there has been a mass eviction of natives, while at MADANG new blast bays and pens and additional A/A positions have been constructed and (more significant) bridges have been built over the GUM and GOGOL Rivers.

BUNA-SANANDA-AMBOGA:

With the completion of the BUNA campaign on 3 Jan our forces have been regrouped for the attack on the SANANANDA area and River AMBOGA. A U.S. Battalion has already driven the enemy back on the right and captured TARAKENA on 8 Jan. Movement in this area is greatly restricted by the swampy nature of the ground of which the enemy took full advantage in planning his defences. There is in consequence no continuous line but a series of defended localities. The present positions known to be occupied by the enemy are roughly as follows:-

(a) From just West of TARAKENA, SSW to Tarakena Creek.
(b) Two areas across the main SOPUTA-SANANANDA track, one just north of the road block at 187266, the other some 1500 yards further South.
(c) A block house near track junction at 205282.
(d) From SURIBAI in a concave arc to the track corner at 182298.

It is estimated that the enemy has at least 2000 men in the SANANANDA area: 1500 North of the road block and 500 South of it. It is believed that in both cases the enemy is short of food and weapons. (LHQ I.S. No.23).

PART I - OPERATIONS

LAND

NEW GUINEA

BUNA-TARAKENA Area

On 3 Jan all organised enemy resistance at BUNA GOVT STA was destroyed and mopping up of stragglers continued. In mopping up 50 Japs were killed and PWs were taken. At TARAKENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA Village) enemy activity had increased (believed to be elements from the Govt Sta area).

On 4 Jan an Allied patrol contacted these enemy forces at TARAKENA, the enemy offered strong opposition and our patrol moved to SIWORI Village.

On 7 Jan our tps moving toward TARAKENA along the SIWORI - TARAKENA track were held up 500 yds from TARAKENA by enemy MG fire. This enemy opposition was overcome on 8 Jan, 20 Japs being killed, and our forces occupied TARAKENA capturing 5 LMGs and 1 mortar.

On 10 Jan an enemy party were constructing a bunker on the TARAKENA-GIRUWA track 750 yds SE of GIRUWA. Our arty fire destroyed this bunker causing enemy casualties, some Japanese fled into the water and were killed there by our rifle and MG fire.

Some enemy on 11 Jan fired 3 rounds from a psn on beach near GIRUWA from a 25 mm gun at TARAKENA. Our arty fire forced these enemy to withdraw into the jungle. Our forces then crossed the KOOUMONJI CREEK near TARAKENA, established a bridge head causing the enemy in this area to flee. Some Allied tps then moved to psn 1150 yds SSW of SIWORI attempting to locate a new track across to the SOPUTA-SANANANDA track. (Infm to 11 Jan)

SANANANDA area

Allied thrusts against enemy prepared psns continue. On 8 Jan enemy using MGs and occupying prepared psns, consisting of bunkers with overhead cover were located in area South of road block. In this area enemy strength estimated at 500 with 1500 further North. Our forces pushed fwd on 10 Jan, occupied an enemy pocket 450 yds East of road block and 250 yds South of SANANANDA track. Enemy rifles and grenades were captured in this action.

On 12 Jan our forces attacked on the East of road block but were held up by an enemy perimeter of pill boxes 400 yds NE of road block. At a point 400 yds SW of road block our other forces supported by tanks overcame an enemy strong point, then advanced 70 yds until held up by a strong line of enemy pill boxes.
(Infm to 12 Jan)

MAMBARE-KUMUSI areas

The enemy are reported to still occupy the East island in mouth of MAMBARE River.

At KUMUSI some Japs were located and attacked by our patrols on the 9 Jan 5 Japs were killed and 2 PWs taken.

SALAMAUA

On 11 Jan our psns vicinity of MUBO (approx 11 mls SSW of SALAMAUA) were attacked by 5 enemy parties. The enemy was forced to withdraw with by casualties in face of MG and mortar fire from our pill boxes. Fighting still continues, enemy casualties estimated at 116 killed.

This is the heaviest action yet reported in this area, and the first indication of Allied prepared psns.

LAE

Enemy tps landed from convoy which recently reached LAE apparently billeted at SUTIBUR (2 mls North of LAE) and LABU. Ferrying of tps from LAE to LABU has been observed recently.

MADANG

Consolidation of Japanese psns continues. Japanese are forcing native workmen to build houses, repair road etc. Japanese patrols on 11 Jan were converging on the centre section of RAMU River from KAIAPIT (21 mls SSE of MADANG).

SEA

SOLOMONS

General movement of small groups of shipping in the SOLOMONS area has occurred throughout the week.

On 9 Jan 5 submarines were operating in SOLOMONS SEA while 3 or 4 submarines were in area North of SOLOMON IS. These 2 groups are not believed to be identical.

6 or more destroyers were off KOLOMBANGARA IS (NEW GEORGIA) course SE on the same day.

8 destroyers were SE of SHORTLAND IS on a course ESE and on night 10/11 Jan these destroyers were again observed off CAPE ESPERANCE (GUADALCANAL). This group probably carrying supplies to GUADALCANAL.

NEW BRITAIN

Enemy shipping at RABAUL on 11 Jan was reported as :

1	A/C carrier
37	large vessels
24	small vessels
62	

The convoy to LAE and possibly some of the shipping observed in the SOLOMONS area would account for the decrease in vessels at RABAUL.

Approx 4 submarines were in the area during the week.

TIMOR

1 gunboat 2 cargo vessels were observed off KOEPANG course East by South, and 1 cargo further West of KOEPANG. These vessels probably carrying supplies to KOEPANG.

AIR

Allied

Heavy air attacks have again been delivered by our air force over the whole area.

Enemy tps, dumps and drome at LAE have suffered most from these attacks. The enemy's bases further North at FINSCHAFFEN, MADANG and WEWAK were bombed several times.

SALAMAUA, MUBO, MAMBARE and SANANANDA areas were bombed and strafed.

The LAE convoy was bombed and straffed whilst disembarking tps and when returning near GASMATA, 3 or four vessels were sunk and many zeros destroyed.

In the NW buildings and drome at FUTJOKO in TIMOR were attacked and the jetty at DOBO in ARAE IS was hit.

In the SOLOMONS buildings and wharf at SORAKEN, NW of BOUGAINVILLE were destroyed.

Enemy

Enemy air activity remains on a small scale. Allied shipping at ORO BAY just South of BUNA was attacked on 9 Jan by 6 enemy naval dive bombers - little damage was caused.

Two raids were made on LAE/RAUKE. No damage was reported.

Heavy losses have been suffered by enemy aircraft from attempted interception.

It is reported that the Japanese are constructing a large airfield 5 mls NW of BURN on BOUGAINVILLE IS in the SOLOMONS.

(File M.I.1/2. Compiled from Daily Ops & Int Sums)

STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY FORCES

AIR

The estimated numbers of land based aircraft in the NE and NW sectors of the SWPA on 7 Jan were as follows :-

	NE	NW
Fighters	82	29
Bombers	77	57
Flying Boats	30	4
Float Planes	37	28
Observation and Transport Aircraft	12	10
TOTAL	238	128

For the purposes of comparison the aircraft strength in both areas on 31st Dec was stated to be:-

NE Sector - 243 Aircraft NW Sector 129 Aircraft - Total 372

It is considered probably that Army Air Reinforcements have arrived in the NW Sector.

The Army Bomber Unit thought to be operating from AMBON is considered to be portion of a larger force possibly stationed in the CELEBES. There may be further detachments of Army Air Units in TIMOR.

(HQ I.S. No 23)

Attached as Appendix B is a map showing Japanese bomber bases in SWPA, with limits of bombing and reconnaissance from such bases.

PART II OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. ENEMY O.O.B. (Not to be reproduced)

Information received since 1 January reveals the following changes and additions to the Order of Battle as published in HQ Vic L of C Area Weekly Intelligence Revew No 16.

1. FIRST and SECOND ARMIES

The headquarters of the First and Second Armies are reported to be at UJINA in JAPAN.

COMMENT

UJINA, which is situated on the Inland Seas 3½ km from HIROSHIMA is the Port for HIROSHIMA province. Many of the convoys which have proceeded to SWPA from JAPAN have sailed from this port.

2. 4 DIVISION

It appears that War Office identification of 4 Division in the PHILIPPINES was based largely on the fact that it's former commander Lt-Gen KITANO, Kenzo was known to be there. Now, however there is reason to believe that KITANO commands 9 Division and 4 Division becomes unlocated pending receipt of further information.

3. GUARDS DIVISION

The commander and Chief of Staff of this Division are in SUMATRA and it is presumed that the Division is also there having moved from MALAYA possibly en route to SWPA.

4. 27 INFANTRY REGIMENT

According to a report from reliable sources the 27 Infantry Regiment was recently at SAIPAN.

28 INFANTRY REGIMENT

This regiment is known to have been associated with 124 regiment under command of 35 brigade in the SOLOMONS.

COMMENT

Both the 7 division and the 7 depot division include regiments known as 27 and 28 but as the 7 division is still in SAGHALIEN, according to Chinese sources, it is likely that the two regiments are from the depot division and that they are operating independently of each other.

5. 32.35,36 and 37 DIVISIONS

These divisions are all reported to be greatly below strength but although only two regiments of the 32 division were identified during the operations in CHEKIANG province in CENTRAL CHINA there is no positive evidence which suggests it is a two-regiment division.

War Office consider that all the above mentioned divisions may be on a two-regiment basis provided they are employed on garrison duties but in this event it is suggested that Chinese puppet troops may be used to supplement them.

6. 35 DIVISION

The cavalry regiment of this division is reported to be moving SE from MANILA and it is probable that the transport regiment has arrived at GUADALCANAL already. This is not necessarily an indication that the 35 Division is coming to GUADALCANAL but such a move is thought to be possible as there is a slight doubt whether it may not have moved to PHILIPPINES from THAILAND instead of returning to CENTRAL CHINA as was believed to be the case.

7, 45 DIVISION

A formation referred to as "MUTO" Heidan (divisional group) was at MEDAN SUMATRA on January 6 and in view of the previous identification of 45 division in this area it is possible that "MUTO" is the commanding officer. There is a possibility that he may be GOC Guards Division but this is unlikely in view of his record of past service. (see Personalities)

8. 229 REGIMENT (38 DIVISION)

Probably the entire 229 Regiment has been annihilated - 3 Battalions during operations around BUNA - the remainder at sea in the SOLOMONS - but the composition of 38 Division will still be shown as previously.

9. 48 DIVISION

Now definitely identified in TIMOR.

10. YAKO 60 BATTALION

An enemy unit operation in BUIN-FAISI area has been referred to as the ARMY YAKO 60 BUTAI WATANABE T.I.

It is concluded that YAKO is an abbreviation for YASEN (FIELD) KOSHA (ANTI AIRCRAFT) HOHEI (ARTILLERY) and that WATANABE TAI is a company of the 47 ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNIT headquarters of which are at RABAUL.

11. 53 INFANTRY REGIMENT (17 DIVISION)

This regiment, commanded by Colonel MIDORIGAWA, Shunji is probably at PALAU, but as yet there is no reason to anticipate the presence of the remainder of the division.

12. "GOU" DIVISION

A reliable report received during the early part of December indicated the arrival at RABAUL of a formation referred to as the "GOU" division. Pending the receipt of further information which will provide a clue to the identity of the division it will be included in the Order of Battle as "GOU" division.

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IDENTIFICATIONS - Named Units.

KENMOTSU BUTAI	No 3 Battalion of 229 Infantry Regiment, Commander Maj KENMOTSU.
SAEKI BUTAI	Operated in MALAYAN campaign; had a tank Company under Capt YAMANE Chika attached.
HYAKUTAKE BUTAI	At one time formed part of South China Force, and contained an INOUE BUTAI.
OKAMURA BUTAI) KAETSU BUTAI)	These two units were part of North China Force. There are also slight indications of association with 6 Division District in Japan.

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PERSONALITIES

Lt-Col IMAI)
Lt-Col MIZUTANI) Were in MANILA in May 42 possibly attached to Headquarters 14 Army.

Lt-General MUTO Akira

15.9.32	C.in C. KWANTUNG Army.
15.7.40	Director Military Affairs Bureau of War Ministry. Very "Anti-political" outlook.
20.4.42	Said to have been dismissed from Bureau of Military Affairs following air raids by U.S.
6.1.43	Probably commands 45 Division SUMATRA (MEDAN)

Born in 1892 MUTO served on the staff of the KWANTUNG Army and was also in 1938 a staff officer in SHANGHAI and PEKING. A confirmed enemy of all foreigners, MUTO was able to play an obstructive part in the conference held in TOKYO in July 39, to settle questions arising out of the Anti-British demonstrations at TIENTSIN. On returning to CHINA, he observed that the British had been taught a lesson, and for this and other "remarkable" utterances, MUTO became something of a national hero. In 1940 he was placed in charge of the War Ministry Military Affairs Bureau. In this new post MUTO had scope for his strategical ideas and identified himself with extremist elements in the Army. MUTO's dismissal was announced immediately after the first air raids on TOKYO.

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ENEMY ORGANISATION

Attached as Appendix "A" is a chart showing the organisation of 21 Independent Mixed Brigade in the NEW GUINEA Area.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Japanese Ammunition Wagon

The following description of an ammunition wagon captured at GONA, has been received from NEW GUINEA.

Length	11 ft 3 ins
Width	6 ft
Height	2 ft 11 ins
Wheel Base	7 ft

BRIDGESTONE tyres (24 x 6) are fitted to the four wheels, and the connecting turntable, which is rather an ingenious device, projects out 4 ft in front.

The compartments vary in size and are mostly perforated, thereby enabling shells to be packed tightly and safely.

A number of corridors throughout the wagon separate the numerous compartments.

The plating, being approx 1/16 of an inch thick, is NOT bullet proof and the wagon is riddled with holes - probably due to machine gun fire from the air.

The roof, apart from a man-hole measuring 1 ft x 2 ft 10 ins, has been camouflaged with sods and blocks of wood. Gun fittings suitable for AA gun are also situated on the roof.

(b) Japanese Hand Thrown Toxic Smoke Candles

A quantity of enemy "nose gas" and "tear gas" candles has been found in the SOPUTA Area.

To date there has been no indication of the enemy attempting to use gas, and in view of the small number of these generators found, it is considered possible that they may have been brought for the purpose of testing respirators.

(c) Japanese Substitution of Rubber for Leather

A Japanese ammunition pouch and bayonet frog, captured in the BUNA area, were found to have been made from stout sheet rubber (2mm thick) reinforced with moulded fabric.

As this type of equipment is normally manufactured from leather, the following possibilities are therefore suggested :-

(i) Naval equipment - (not affected by salt water to the degree of leather).

(ii) Shortage of leather and increased availability of rubber.

(iii) Possibility of this equipment being manufactured by Japanese in Netherlands East Indies and indicating the subsequent movement of troops from that area to BUNA.

(iv) Rapidity and ease of manufacture (in the case of ammunition pouch rubber sheeting was moulded, seams being

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

TOPOGRAPHY -

1. J55/5 - Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Road 327159-330151-340151, formed metalled not shown on Military Survey.

2. J55/5 - Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Road 340153 - 348149 formed and metalled, not shown on Military Survey.

3. J55/5 - Ref RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Section Road at 376148 impassable M.T. in wet weather (Class B3) Subject to further recce.

4. J55/9 - Ref CRANBOURNE 1" to 1 mile. Section PT NEPEAN Rd 129903 - 127915 under repair - no dislocation of traffic and road classed A1.

(Vic Grn Bde 8/1/43)

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS

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PART V - SECURITY

Reports reaching this Headquarters indicate that the evasion of unit censorship by
(a) the use of civil post and telegraph facilities, and
(b) the misuse of green envelopes
is, to a large degree, the result of two factors.

Firstly, officers in many units unreasonably delay franking letters submitted to them, secondly it is evident that a large proportion of soldiers do not realize the possible complications of evasion of censorship.

It is the duty of all officers to see that there is no delay in the franking and despatch of their men's mail and more time and attention should be given to the security education of troops.

(LHQ I.S. No.23)

MORALE OF ENEMY -

Two extracts dated 13 Nov from letters written by members of the A.I.F. in LIBYA of the morale of GERMANS and ITALIANS.

(i) "Indicative of the pounding which Jerry is getting are the prisoners coming in. They are not the old arrogant self possessed brutes who used to say they'd be free again in a week, but are miserably uncomfortable wretches, who are all glad to be out of the war. Some of 'em are only rosy cheeked boys who've never had a shave. Our artillery has shaken them up some. The barrage with which the show started was something fantas-

(ii) "I saw Italians coming in by the truck loads driving their own trucks, new diesels as a matter of fact just putting themselves in the POW Camp without any guards; that gives an idea of what a mongrel breed the Dago is. My mate and I saw Ities thumbing lifts on the road from our trucks wanting to be taken back to the POW. This may sound fantastic to you or anyone else but never the less its the gospel."

The following para is to be repeated in all Unit Intelligence Summaries and brought to the notice of all ranks :-

SECURITY OF MATERIAL -

Frequent reports are being received at these H.Q. of Army eqpt being lost, damaged or destroyed by the careless handling by personnel. Sabotage, when wilful, is universally condemned and unit Security offrs frequently lecture tps and safeguard their eqpt from any saboteurs. The experience of our Army in Australia however has shown that in the past more material is lost by carelessness than wilful destruction and all ranks should be impressed with the importance of looking after Army eqpt. Security Offrs should therefore bring home to personnel that :-

(a) It is the individual responsibility of every soldier to look after Army eqpt.

(b) Although he himself might not use the eqpt, the life or liberty of his fellow soldier on the battlefield may depend on the presence or efficiency of the eqpt, and

(c) it is sabotaging the war effort to handle eqpt carelessly so that its use is lost, even for other times.

Ack.

Major for
Col G S, Vic L of C Area.

HQ Vic L of C Area,
Melbourne,
19 Jan '43.

Appendix ... to H.Q. Vic. L. of C. Area
Intelligence Review No 17 of 15 Jan 43

COMPOSITION OF 21 INDEPENDENT MIXED BRIGADE IN NEW GUINEA AREA

(From infm obtained in Captured Documents)

21 I.M.B (Known also as YAMAGATA Brigade)

HQ (265)

"NISHI 9821 → 170 Col REGIMENT WATANABE | TANK UNIT | ARTILLERY UNIT | A/A ARTY UNIT | COMMUNICATION UNIT | ENGINEER UNIT | FIELD HOSPITAL

HQ (90) — Lt-Col TAKAHASHI

1 Bn — Col IKENAKA
2 Bn (WAKE IS)
3 Bn — IWASAKI
Regt Gun Coy — 1st Lieut SHIMAMURA

3 BATTALION
IWASAKI
HQ (6+39=45)

9 Coy 3+95=98
10 Coy 4+90=94
11 Coy 3+92=95
12 Coy Lieut NODA (3+98=101)
HQ Sec Sgt MORI

1 Pl — Lieut HIETO
2 Pl — WO TAJIRA
2 Pl — 2 nd Lieut OI

Inf Gun Pl (1+34=35)
2nd Lieut YAMAMOTO
HQ Sec Sgt MATSUMOTO

1 Pl
Ammn Sec
L/Cpl INOUE
Cpl BABA
2 Pl
L/ Cpl NAGAI

3+93=96
No 3 MG Coy
Lieut IWAMOTO
HQ Sec Sgt NAKAMURA

1 Pl — 2 nd Lieut SHINYA
Ammn Sec
2 Pl — 2 nd Lieut HANDAKA

THAILAND
HAINAN ID.
LUZON
PHILLIPINE ISLANDS
PALAWAN
MINDANAO
MALAYA
SUMATRA
BORNEO
CELEBES
FALEMBANG
BATAVIA
SURABAYA
JAVA
FLORES
TIMOR
DILLI
KUPANG
PENFOEI
SUMBA
ARU IS
YAP
PELEW IS.
MARIANA OR LADRONE IS
SAIPAN IS.
GUAM
U.S.
JAPANESE MANDATE
CAROLINE ISLANDS
MARSHALL IS
EQUATOR
AUST.
NAURU ID
GT. BR.
KONUITI
GILBERT IS
NEW GUINEA
MADANG
RABAUL
SALAMAUA
LAE
BUKA
BUIN
KAHILI
SOLOMON IS
MALAITA ID
SAN CRISTOBAL
RENNEL ID.
ELLICE IS
SABAI
DARU
PORT MORESBY
TAGULA ID
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WAVE HILL
BRUNETTE DOWNS
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LEGEND

- JAPANESE BOMBER BASES
- BEING DEVELOPED
- BOMBING LIMIT 700 MILES
- RECCE LIMIT 850 MILES

SCALE: 1 in. = 418 M.
Jan '45

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

GENERAL :

Photographic reconnaissance shows that on 30 Dec, some 85 ships aggregating possibly 320,000 tons, were concentrated in RABAUL Harbour or its vicinity. On 2 Jan this had risen to 87 ships of nearly 340,000 tons. This is the largest concentration of shipping at RABAUL to date. The previous record was 60 ships representing 260,000 tons on 20 Oct. In addition, 4 hy cruisers, 1 lt cruiser and 6 destroyers were sighted in the BUIN-FAISI area on 2 Jan. Apart from the obvious possibility of further serious attempts to land troops and supplies on GUADALCANAL and /or some part of NEW GUINEA, it may be that large scale troop movements representing the arrival of reinforcements and the relief of formations exhausted by fighting is intended. In this connection it is interesting to note that about 75,000 tons of shipping is required constantly in this area for normal supply and maintenance. There is still no real indication of the enemy's intentions.

Aerodromes and landing grounds at present in use or under construction by the enemy from SOEMBA Island in the West, to MUNDA in NEW GEORGIA in the East, form a nearly continuous chain linking the NW and NE sectors and making it possible for the enemy to switch his available aircraft from one side of SWPA to the other at short notice. Until recently, the greater part of DUTCH NEW GUINEA formed the largest gap in this chain, but the development of HOLLANDIA, the existence of at least usable strips at BABO and at MOEMI, and the probable intended development of KAUKENAU (450 men arrived there on 21 Dec) will reduce this gap to less than 400 miles. Further, in addition to forward operational bases such as KOEPANG, DILLI, FUIJORO, MATHUS Island and DOBO in the West, and LAE, SALAMAUA, CAPE GLOUCESTER, GASMATA, FAISI and MUNDA in the East, there are supporting bases some 250 to 500 miles further back, e.g. KENDARI, AMBON and BABO in the NW, LORENGAU, the RABAUL group and BUKA in the NE. The development of landing grounds at HUMBOLDT BAY (HOLLANDIA), WEWAK, MALANG and FINSCHHAVEN forms a lateral link between the NW and the NE groups.

TIMOR :

It is now confirmed that about 5,000 troops complete with Motor Transport, equipment and stores were landed at LAIVAI about 24 Dec, and that LAIVAI is being developed as a base. A further 5 vessels were in the Harbour on 30 Dec. The number of enemy troops on the island has risen from 8,000 on 24 Nov to more than 20,000 on 1 Jan, including 48 Division which has now been identified there. In addition, most of these troops have been concentrated at the PORTUGESE end, leaving DUTCH TIMOR with relatively small forces. Latest movements by the enemy include the occupation of BEACO, LORE and possibly ALLAMBATA, a far more vigorous effort than any previously made to eliminate our guerilla forces in the mountainous regions, and the cutting of our communications with the coast by patrols based on BETANO and BECO. There is no evidence that the enemy contemplates

offensive operations from the Island against NW AUSTRALIA, but it certainly appears that he is determined to remove the nuisance value that our troops have undoubtedly had, and to consolidate his hold on the Island against any potential threat from DARWIN. Furthermore, the occupation of anchorages on the SE coast may be connected with possible raids by submarines and small surface vessels against Allied seaborne supply routes along the North coast of AUSTRALIA.

MERAUKE :

Five raids have been made on MERAUKE. Two of these have been heavy, (30 Dec, 22 bombers; 31 Dec, 18 bombers). In both these cases considerable damage was caused, though there were relatively few casualties. It is noteworthy that the docks area was not hit although other obvious targets were. These attacks, together with activity at KAUKENAU and AT.BO may be the prelude to a attempt to gain possession of the place. Its use as a base for raids by submarines or small surface craft and the potential threat of such a move against PORT MORESBY need not be stressed.

BUNA-CAPE SANANDA :

After weeks of fierce fighting the epic Japanese resistance at BUNA has been finally overcome by the Allied forces. Supported by artillery and tanks our tps occupied the whole area on 1 to 3 Jan.

Further North the enemy resistance still continues at TARAKENA (2400 yds NW of BUNA Village) and on the GORUTA-SANANDA track.

Progress has been made on both sides of the track by our patrols and the enemy is being subjected to constant air and arty attacks.

PART 1 - OPERATIONS

LAND

NEW GUINEA

BUNA area:

30 Dec. Our fwd tps reorganised at GIROPA POINT. The Japs were observed moving stores from inland locations to coast. Slight progress was made in the gardens of Govt Station.

On 31 Dec, our arty scored direct hits on 6 bunkers vicinity of NW end of dispersal bays, escaping enemy were successfully machine gunned. Allied tps supported by tanks commenced attack in the direction of beach. Half the beach (central portion) was occupied between GIROPA POINT and mouth of SINEMI CK. The second phase of the attack was launched and at 1500 hrs 1 Jan the whole of the coast was occupied from a point approx 150 yds EAST of GIROPA POINT to mouth of the SINEMI CK where hy fighting lasted for 5 hours. Stronger resistance was encountered at mouth of GIROPA CREEK.

More ground was captured in the Govt Station Area, and one of our patrols made contact with the left flank of our tps SOUTH of GIROPA POINT.

At 1530 hrs 2 Jan GIROPA POINT area was cleared of enemy and by 1730 hrs Govt Station was in Allied hands. The only remaining resistance was from a small enemy pocket NEXT of GIROPA CREEK. This pocket was later surrounded and on 3 Jan all organised enemy resistance was destroyed, and mopping up proceeded. It was reported that during the actions 200 Japs were killed at the Govt Station, and 450 in the GIROPA POINT area.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA area :

In the vicinity of the road block junction the enemy were reported to be using fire bays with connecting trenches to move their weapons as required. On 31 Dec activity was confined to offensive patrols with the arty concentrated on located Jap psns. Three fourths of the track was reported under water.

On 2 Jan a cav patrol ambushed and killed 6 Japs in the road block area. Long range patrolling was carried out by cav tps behind the enemy lines with the object of disrupting their rear areas. A large enemy dump located from the air was successfully shelled.

Slight progress was made on both sides of the track on the 3rd, 10 Japs being killed.

On 4 Jan our patrols contacted enemy MG post and killed 6 Japs NW of the road block junction. Our arty shelled the suspected enemy HQ 1 mile South of SANANANDA POINT, but no details have been received.

At TARAKENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA Village) signs of increased enemy activity were noted. An Allied patrol contacted a stronger enemy force there and withdrew to SIWORI Village.

On 5 Jan our patrols were active and contacted enemy approx 800 yds EAST of road block. 5 Japs were killed. It is estimated that 100 Japs were astride track approx 500 yds West of next track junction South of the road block junction.

On 7 Jan slight advance was made from the West on left of track running North from the road block. 14 Japs were killed and 18 wounded.

Allied tps were held up 530 yds from TARAKENA by enemy MG's covering track from SIWORI.

MAMBARE-AMBOGA area :

On night of 28/29 Dec two launches arrived at DUVIRA CREEK near the mouth of MAMBARE River from the direction of SALAMAUA. Next day an Allied patrol raided a party of 30 to 40 enemy near the launches. Some Japs were killed and 1 launch damaged. Our casualties were nil. Another patrol sunk 1 motor barge at the mouth of the KUMUSI River.

On 1 Jan 28 enemy barges were still at CAPE WARD HUNT near the mouth of the MAMBARE. Natives reported that a few Japs remained at DUVIRA CREEK hidden in the swamp between the creek and beach.

On 5 Jan some Allied tps attacked strong enemy psn on KUROV CREEK (1500 yds EAST of mouth of AMBOGA River).

Prior to 6 Jan some enemy evacuated DUVIRA CREEK but some enemy still remain on island at mouth of MAMBARE River.

LAE-SALAMAUA

Our patrols have reported that the track from SALAMAUA to BUSAMA (8 mls NW) has been mined and is patrolled regularly by the Japs.

NORTHERN NEW GUINEA

The enemy are consolidating their position at WEWAK and MADANG. A force estimated at 2000 has been established at FINSCHHAFEN, and patrols are extending inland.

TIMOR:

The latest addition of troops brought enemy strength in TIMOR to 20,000. The majority of these troops are in the Eastern part of the Island.

Troops and supplies have been moved inland from the coastal ports of BAUCAU and LAUTEM (on the NE coast).

It is reported that BEACO (on the SE coast) has been strongly occupied by the enemy. This harbourage was possibly one of our means of sea communication.

Unknown numbers of enemy have been active in the Central region of PORTUGESE TIMOR and BETANO (another coastal town on the South coast) but no details have yet been received.

SEA

TIMOR

3 merchant vessels were anchored off KOEPANG on 2 Jan. 1 possible tanker, 2 small vessels anchored at LAUTEM on 6 Jan.

NEW GUINEA

The congregation of enemy shipping at RABAUL has been increased during the week. From sightings the composition of these vessels would appear to be :-

2	cruisers
14	destroyers
1	possible A/C carrier
1	possible S/P tender
49	merchant vessels
20	smaller vessels
87	

On the 6 Jan a convoy (probably from the force at RABAUL- of -

4	transports
2	cruisers
4	destroyers

were sighted 70 mls EAST of GASMATA on course WSW. Allied A/C shadowed and attacked these ships. Early on the 7 Jan 1 transport was sunk and another left burning, the remainder reached LAE in the afternoon. 14 or more of the escorting zeros were shot down.

7 enemy submarines have been operating in the NEW BRITAIN- NEW IRELAND area. Another 4 have also been operating along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA.

SOLOMONS

There has been a slight increase in heavy naval units in the SOLOMONS. The probable composition of these vessels in the area would be -

1	possible battleship
4	hy cruisers
14	destroyers.

AIR

Allied aircraft have been particularly active over the entire area.

In TIMOR the drome at PUNCRO was bombed and the NE ports of LAIVAI and BAUCAU and BEACO (on South coast) were strafed. Enemy vessels at KAI and TANIMBAR IS were also attacked.

4 heavy raids were made on shipping at RABAUL. Altogether 14 vessels received direct hits or near misses and 16 is believed the majority of these were sunk.

LAE dromo was bombed daily and considerable damage has been caused. MADANG, FINSCHHAFEN and GASMATA have been attacked and swoops have been made on enemy positions from SANANANDA to SALAMAUA.

Enemy aircraft losses from attempted interception have been heavy. Apart from interception their air activity has been confined to two raids on TUFI, on the NEW GUINEA coast South of BUNA. No damage was caused. File M.I. 1/2. (Compiled from Daily Ops Summaries)

STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

The estimated numbers of land based aircraft in the NE and NW sectors of the SWPA on 31 Dec were as follows :-

	NE	NW	
Fighters	88	30	
Bombers	89	57	
Flying Boats	20	4	
Float Planes	37	28	
Observation and Transport Aircraft	9	10	
	243	129	TOTAL 372

For the purpose of comparison the aircraft strength in both areas on 24 Dec was stated to be :-

NE Sector - 307 Aircraft NW Sector - 112 Aircraft
TOTAL 419

It is considered probable that fighters seen at MUNDA have been transferred there from NEW BRITAIN-NEW IRELAND area.

It is believed that reinforcements of NEW BRITAIN and SOLOMONS IS areas is proceeding, but sufficient evidence for an assessment is not yet to hand.

(LHQ I.S. 22)

PART II - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Japanese Infantry Flame Thrower

This equipment is carried and operated by one man, no special protective clothing being worn.

Capacity - 3 gallons
Weight - 68 lbs
Range of Flame - 30 yds
Duration - 10 seconds.

According to a recently interrogated PW, flame throwers were issued to 55 Engineer Regt on the scale of one per platoon. A petrol driven compressor, capable of being transported by two native carriers, is used to charge the compression cylinder.

(LHQ I.S.22)

Japanese Collapsible Boats

A PW described a boat used by the Japanese in crossing the river near SAMBO. It was constructed of wood and made up of four independent watertight sections which when hooked together, formed a boat capable of carrying 10 men.

This boat was drawn back and forth across the river by a system of ropes and pulleys.

(LHQ I.S.22)

Interchangeability of Small Arms Ammn

Tests have been made to ascertain whether British 9mm and .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. can be used in Japanese machine guns.

The results of the tests, to date, are as follows :-

(i) 9 mm S.A.A. as used in the British Sten S.M.G. and the Australian AUSTEN S.M.G. is NOT suitable for use in Japanese Medium Machine Guns.

(ii) .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. is NOT suitable for use with the 7.7 mm "JUKI" Type '92' H.M.G. owing to chamber differences.

Tests are still being made on a M.M.G. of approx .303 in. calibre and also a H.M.G. which may possibly take our .5 A/Tk rifle S.A.A.
(LHQ I.S.22)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

TOPOGRAPHY

1. Ref Map RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Bridge ref 355181 recently destroyed by fire. (10 Bn VDC)

2. Ref Map RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile. Track ref 374156 to 374164 shown as fenced formed road - now fenced unformed road.
(10 Bn VDC)

CLIMATIC

All country VDC Bns report recent dry weather greatly increased risk of grass fires in country areas.
(SE & SW Gps VDC)

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS

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PART V - SECURITY

The practice among troops of despatching captured enemy war material through the post as souvenirs is growing to an alarming extent.

Parcels recently intercepted by Post and Telegraph Censorship have been found to contain such articles as:-

Japanese Respirators
Japanese Small Arms
Japanese Ammunitions (live)
Parts of Japanese Aircraft
Japanese Grenades (live)
Japanese Telescopic Sights
Japanese Rations
Japanese Waterbottles
Japanese diaries and other documents.

The value of articles of this nature for Intelligence and research purposes is just as obvious as is the criminal folly of sending live ammunition, grenades and the like to civilians through the post.

The number of these parcels and the fact that they are "franked" and impressed with a Unit Censor Stamp makes it quite obvious that officers and other ranks are either unaware of the nature of Unit Censorship instructions or are deliberately disregarding them.

If the former alternative be true, steps should be taken to ensure that unit censorship instructions are promulgated in all unit Routine orders, if the latter, the strictest disciplinary action is clearly indicated. In either event the need of properly educating troops in Security and Censorship is made abundantly clear.

Furthermore, reports received at this Headquarters indicate that what has hiterto been regarded as "Souveniring", particularly in the case of small arms and ammunition, may in reality be a regular "Traffic" carried on for subsersive purposes. These reports make it the more urgent to ensure that the practice is stamped out forthwith.

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The following National Security (General) Regulation is promulgated for information and necessary action for all persons concerned.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

EXEMPTION UNDER REMOVAL OF DIRECTION SIGNS ORDER

I ERIC CLIVE PEGUS PLANT Commander of Victoria Lines of Communication Area in pursuance of the powers conferred by paragraph 5 of the Removal of Direction Signs Order and being authorised by the Minister of State for the Army to act on his behalf in the said area for the purpose of that paragraph do hereby exempt from the application of the said Order all road direction posts and name boards or name plates on railway stations provided that :-

(a) any such road direction post, name board or name plate shall be erected in such manner that it may be readily removed or destroyed;
(b) any lettering or any such road direction post name board or name plate shall not be higher than four inches; and
(c) the name of any city, town or place in the Schedule hereunder shall not appear on any road direction post.

THE SCHEDULE

ALBURY	DANDENONG	PORTLAND	WARRNAMBOOL
ARARAT	GEELONG	QUEENSCLIFF	YALLOURN
BALLARAT	HAMILTON	SALE	
BAIRNSDALE	HORSHAM	SEYMOUR	
BENDIGO	MORWELL	TOCUMWAL	
CAMPERDOWN	MELBOURNE	WANGARATTA	
COLAC	PORTSEA		

Dated this 24 day of December 1942.

Signed
E.C. Plant.

Major-General,
Commander, Victoria Lines of,
Communication Area.

ENEMY BREACH OF THE RULES OF WARFARE

1. "Requests have been received from the War Office and from the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Australia, that any evidence of breaches of the rules of warfare committed by the Japanese, be made available.

2. It is desired that reports, verified where possible by signed statements, be submitted on any allegations of breaches of the rules of warfare which may come from any source including Censorship.
(L H Q SM23869)

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Major for
Col G S, Vic L of C Area.

HQ Vic L of C Area,
Melbourne,
11 Jan '43.

JAPANESE ARMY

Estimated Distribution of Divisions
(on information to 1 Jan 43)

No.	LOCATION	REMARKS
GUARDS	MALAYA (3,4,& 6 Regts)	Formed in 1941 from 1st Guards Brigade with addition of 6 Regiment from JAPAN.
GUARDS	JAPAN (1,2,& 5 Regts)	Guards Reserve Div formed from 2nd Guards Brigade.
1	MANCHOUKUO	Has been stationed here since Sep 40.
2	GUADALCANAL	Definite identification of 4, 29, and 16 regiments.
3	BURMA	Reported to have moved from CENTRAL CHINA.
4	PHILIPPINES	Not definite
5	JAVA (3 Regts)	41 Regt Ex this Div is in NEW GUINEA as part of HORII Force
6	BURMA	Part reported SWPA but no identification as yet.
7	SAGHALIEN	Has had very little active service experience. Located here since 3/41.
8	MANCHOUKUO	Reported continuously here since 1937.
9	JAVA	Not a definite identification - may be in PHILIPPINES.
10	MANCHOUKUO	Reported here continuously since Aug 40.
11	MANCHOUKUO	Reported here continuously since early 1938.
12	MANCHOUKUO	Reported here continuously since 1937.
13	CENTRAL CHINA	Formed in 1940 and located here ever since.
14	MANCHOUKUO	Here since Dec 1940.
15	CENTRAL CHINA	Previously reported in NORTH CHINA and later in BORNEO.
16	PHILIPPINES (Possibly 2 Regts only)	According to unconfirmed report now in NORTH CHINA. 20 Regt possibly in GUADALCANAL.
17	NORTH CHINA	Returned to CHINA from BURMA about 6/42.

No.	LOCATION	REMARKS
18	BURMA	
19	KOREA	Appears to be permanently stationed here.
20	KOREA	Appears to be permanently stationed here.
21	FRENCH INDO CHINA	Said to be en route S.PA. (no confirmation).
22	CENTRAL CHINA	Has taken part in recent fighting in CENTRAL CHINA.
23	MANCHOUKUO	Continuously located here since 1938.
24	MANCHOUKUO	Continuously located here since 1938.
25	MANCHOUKUO	Previously reported in BORNEO.
26	NORTH CHINA	Located here since 1937.
27	NORTH CHINA	Believed stationed here since formation in 1938.
28	CANTON	Reported transfer to MANCHOUKUO not confirmed.
29	MANCHOUKUO (part GUADALCANAL ?)	New unconfirmed identification. 20/ Regt possibly in this area.
31	MANCHOUKUO	New identification (unconfirmed).
32	Unlocated (Was N.CHINA)	May be moving.
33	BURMA	Definite recent identification.
34	CENTRAL CHINA	On garrison duty here since '39.
35	NORTH CHINA	Formed in '39 and stationed in N.CHINA until 1/42 then THAILAND.
36	NORTH CHINA	In NORTH CHINA since '39 but now reported moving.
37	NORTH CHINA	Stationed N.CHINA since formation in 1939.
38	GUADALCANAL	Part NEW GUINEA.
39	CENTRAL CHINA	Located in this area since 1939.
40	CENTRAL CHINA	Located in this area since 1939.
41	NORTH CHINA	Possibly moving.
42	NORTH CHINA	2 Regt Div. formed from 3 I.M. Bde.
44	CENTRAL CHINA	2 Regt Div. formed from 14 I.M.Bde.
45	SUMATRA	
46	Unlocated	
48	JAVA (Detachment at TIMOR)	Not a definite identification.
50	KOREA	New identification, confirmation awaited.
51	FRENCH INDO CHINA	Not definite.
52	MANCHOUKUO	Probable but no recent identification.
53	MANCHOUKUO	Probable but no recent identification.

No.	LOCATION	REMARKS
54	MANCHOUKUO	Probable but no recent identification.
55	BURMA	Only two Regts ever identified although said to include three.
56	BURMA	
57	JAVA (possibly PHILIPPINES)	
58	CENTRAL CHINA	Formed from 18 Ind Mixed Bde. (2 Regt Div)
60	CENTRAL CHINA	Formed from 11 & 17 Ind Mixed Bde. (2 Regt Div)
65	PHILIPPINES or RABAUL	Indications that part at least was intended for SWPA.
69	NORTH CHINA	Formed from 16 Ind Mixed Bde. (2 Regt Div)
70	CENTRAL CHINA	Formed from 20 Ind Mixed Bde. (2 Regt Div)
71	MANCHOUKUO	New identification - confirmation awaited.
88	CELEBES	Believed still here.
104	SOUTH CHINA	2 Battalions of 170 Regiment identified SWPA. This Regt apparently withdrawn from 104 Div about Jan 42.
110	NORTH CHINA	
116	CENTRAL CHINA	

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DIVISIONS LOCATED BUT NOT IDENTIFIED:

JAPAN	16 Divs	
THAILAND	2 Divs	
MANCHOUKUO	13 Divs	
BURMA	1 Div	
MALAYA	1 Div	TOTAL - 33.

DIVISIONS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AND NOW UNLOCATED:

32 Division formerly in NORTH CHINA
46 Division.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DIVISIONS -

Identified and located	62
Located but unidentified	33
Previously identified now unlocated	2

Depot Divisions:-

FORMOSA	1
JAPAN	15
KOREA	2
TOTAL	115

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NOTE:- Information received subsequent to the completion of the foregoing estimated distribution of enemy forces, appears on the following page.

1. GUARDS DIVISION

The presence in SUMATRA of a Guards Division is reliably reported but not yet confirmed. There is no information to show which of the two Guards Divisions is referred to, but probably it is that from MALAYA. Possibly the Division is on route to SWPA.

2. 13 DIVISION

It is reported once again that a regiment of the 13 Division left CHINA some time ago. On 18 Aug 1942 there was reason to believe that the Commander of the 58 Regiment was in JAVA. This suggests the reorganization of the 13 Division on a three regiment basis by the removal of the 58 Regiment.

There are no indications to suggest the present whereabouts of this regiment, but possibly it forms part of a new unidentified division which may be located in JAVA.

3. 16 DIVISION

This division is now believed to be located at RABAUL. So far however, the 20 infantry Regiment only has been identified, therefore, the division identification will be regarded as doubtful.

4. 48 DIVISION

Probably the entire division is now in TIMOR.

5. PHILIPPINES

Two unidentified divisions are reported to be in this area.

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IDENTIFICATIONS

NEW GUINEA - NEW BRITAIN:

MIZUSAKI BUTAI	This unit appears to be part of the Naval organization of the 8th Base Group at RABAUL.
NOZAWA BUTAI	Is associated with No 81 Garrison which is believed to be the Naval Base garrison at RABAUL.
KENMOTSU BUTAI	This is the same unit as OSAMONO or KEN BUTSU BUTAI.
KAWAOKA BUTAI	Part of NANKAI Force and possibly associated with "MANCHOURUO 52 BUTAI".
TSURAGI) Detachments YOKOI)	These units operated with 14th Construction Unit.

SOLOMONS:

AOBA BUTAI	[illegible] association with 4 Inf Regt now appears confirmed. In this case the name is NOT related to that of the commander, but was taken from the name of a Shrine in the Regimental Home Area.

OTHER AREAS:

HANAWA BUTAI	Appears to be part of 42 Inf Regt.
SAKATA BUTAI	A unit which was at JOHORE BHARU in Feb 42.
UZUGAWA BUTAI	A unit of CENTRAL CHINA Force.

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PERSONALITIES

NEW GUINEA AREA:

YAMAGATA Tsuyuo	Maj-Gen	Commander 21 Indep Mixed Bde, is believed to have been C-in-C in Northern French Indo-China. Considerable doubt is now thrown on the earlier identification of SAKURADA Takeshi as commander 21 Indep. Mixed Bde.
IMENAKA	Lt-Col	Commander 1st Battalion 170 Inf Regt. (NOTE - This battalion has NOT been identified in NEW GUINEA.)
INAGAKI Takekichi	Maj	Commander of a Battalion of 228 Regiment.
TSURUTA Suyeharu	1st Lieut	Company Commander in 228 Regt.
IWAHORI Seiichi	1st Lieut	Attached to Headquarters of a Battalion of 229 Regiment.
IWATA Toruo	2nd Lieut	No 3 Machine Gun Company of 229 Regiment.
KUSAKABE Daisuke	Capt	Commander 11 Company 229 Regt *
KIMIO Jitsutaro	1st Lieut	Platoon Commander in 11 Company 229 Regiment *
ISHIHARA Iwao	2nd Lieut	Platoon Commander in 11 Company 229 Regiment *
SUZUKI Kazuichi	Probationary	Platoon Commander in 11 Company 229 Regiment *

*These appointments were in Sep 42.

MOTO Hidemitsu	Lt-Col	These names have been mentioned in conjunction with 38 Div Engineers. The relationship to the unit is NOT known.
NUMA Shuzo	Lt-Col	
HAYASHI		
YAMAMOTO Tsune	Maj	Believed killed in GONA Area.
GODO Shisudo	Lieut	Reported commander 12 Company 17 Regt
HANATSUYA	Lieut	Reported commander No 1 Platoon 12 Company 17 Regiment *
NAMBA	Lieut	Reported commander No 2 Platoon 12 Company 17 Regiment *
TAKAHASHI	Lieut	Reported commander No 3 Platoon 12 Company 17 Regiment *

* Definite identification of 17 Regiment in this area has NOT been made.

Personalities cont'd.

SOLOMONS AREA:

MIZUNO Eishitoru	Maj	Subordinate commander in IKKI unit on GUADALCANAL.

OTHER AREAS:

TANIGUCHI Masazaburo	Lt-Col	The given name can also be read "SHOSABURO".
OKABE Kanichi	Col	Probably commanded 41 Regiment during portion of MALAYAN campaign.
KAWAMURA Saburo		Appears to have commanded 9 Infantry Brigade, 5 Div during MALAYAN campaign.
SATA Kaname	Maj-Gen	Department of Military Administration LUZON.
SUGIYAMA	Maj	PHILIPPINE Constabulary.
KATSUYA	Lt-Col	Chief of Information Board, PHILIPPINES.
[illegible]ACHI	Gen	Department of Administration, MINDANAO.

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