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Branch - Milne Force)

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 1 Oct To 3 Oct

Am. Form 10-1
(1-1-43)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	1 Oct		11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 30 Sep issued 11 Aust Div Distribution Lists as at 30 Sep issued The following units and dets were placed on notice to move to LAE:- 29 Aust Supply Pl - 104 Aust Bde W'shop and 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less dets already at TAMBU BAY) 32 Aust FS Sec which will relieve 'E' Aust FS Sec, the latter returning to BUNA area - Det 2/118 Aust Bde W'shop - Det 162 Aust Lt AA Bty. Notice received that det 5 Aust Div Mobile Laundry and decn unit is to move from MILNE BAY to BUNA for attachment to 2/7 AGH. G 1, LO and ADC still confined to 2/11 AGH whilst G 11 continues to carry on with pre-selection of offrs board.	Appx 'A' Appx 'B'
	2 Oct		Message re day-light saving The following units were warned for Mvmt to LAE:- 2/7 AGH - 2/124 Aust Bde W'shop. In addition notice received that the following units and dets will arrive BUNA shortly:- On pl 2/4 MAC - det 18 Ord stores and det 77 AASL Bty and W'shop sec, the latter to relieve 67 AASL Bty at CRO BAY GOC NGF Lieut-Gen Sir Iven McKay and Col Peyton 41 US Div Liaison Offr to 1 Aust Corps visited this HQ - then accompanied by GOC 11 Aust Div made a tour of inspection of BUNA waterfront and 2/11 AGH	Appx 'C'
	3 Oct		GOC visited 1 Aust Corps 11 Aust Div Trg Instrn No 16 - Morse Code Trg	Appx 'D'

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2115
(adapted.)

Unit GS Branch '11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 3 Oct To 6 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	3 Oct		11 Aust Div Op Instn No 26 and adm Instn 40 issued	Appx 'E' <i>JP</i>
	4 Oct		Notice received that the following units and dets are moving to BUNA:- det 2/7 Adv W'shops - det 19 Aust Ord	
			Amn Coy - det 6 Aust DOC from MOROBE - 3 pl 4 Aust Fd Bakery. Capt ROBERTSON (LO) returned from hospital.	
			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 110 issued	Appx 'F' <i>JP</i>
			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 17 :- Trg of 11 Aust Div Carr Coy	Appx 'G' <i>JP</i>
	5 Oct		GS memo No 8 Correspondence on General Adm Amdt issued	Appx 'H' <i>JP</i>
			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 18 issued	Appx 'I' <i>JP</i>
			The following warning orders were received and issued:-	
			Det 19 Aust Ord Amn Coy moving MORESEY - BUNA 4 Aust Fd Coy to move MOROBE - LAE. 20 Aust Fd Coy moving from AUST - BUNA	
			for onward move to LAE Det 2/11 Aust Fd Coy moving from AUST to BUNA for onward move to LAE Det 2/11 AGH moving	
			AUST to BUNA - Det 165 Aust Gen Tpt moving AUST - BUNA	<i>JP</i>
	6 Oct		11 Aust Div Distribution Lists as at 6 Oct issued	Appx 'J' <i>JP</i>
			Following units placed on notice to move LAE:- 4 Aust Line	
			Sec from MOROBE - 2/67 Aust LAD, 2/123 Aust Bde W'shop and 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk from BUNA. GOC attended funeral	
			of the late Brig SEWELL at SOPUTA CEMETARY.	<i>JP</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 7 Oct To 9 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	7 Oct		G 1 returned from 2/11 AGH - At 1430 hrs Comd addressed all offrs of Div HQ and Services and outlined what was required of the staff. Points stressed were the need for co-operation amongst individuals, branches and services, the necessity to strive for greater efficiency and the importance of keeping physically and mentally fit. Lieut NORRIE departed to attend FIRST AUST ARMY Junior Staff School.	
	8 Oct		11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 7 Oct issued Following units and dets on notice for movt:- 234 Aust Lt AA Bty from MORESBY to ORO BAY to relieve 'C' Bty 210 CA Bn (AA) - det 66 Aust MAC, 2/11 Aust Fd Coy, det 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy and 284 Aust LAD AUST to BUNA - One sec 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy placed on notice for movt BUNA - MILNE BAY.	Appx 'K'
	9 Oct		11 Aust Div GS memo 9 issued (Promulgation of orders from Higher Authority)	
			Air raid red at 2025L/9 and shortly afterwards two enemy planes dropped 10 x 150 kilogramme bombs in the vic of CAPE SUDEST. An US amphibious Engrs unit suffered casualties of 3 killed but there was no other damage. The all clear was sounded at 2053 hrs. At 2148 hrs there was a further red alert and a number of planes estimated from 10 to 12 made four runs over DOBODURA AREA. Three sticks of bombs were dropped resulting in some casualties and slight damage	Appx 'L'

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 9 Oct To 11 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBOIURA	9 Oct		At DOBOIURA VILLAGE 5 natives were killed and 1 wounded whilst an European overseer was also wounded. AA Gp HQ suffered casualties of three wounded and a hut and some tents were destroyed. Direct hits were scored on a petrol dump resulting in a large fire which destroyed approx 200 drums. Tps from 'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt were called out and quickly had the fire in hand. During the second raid the AA fire was very concentrated but it is not known whether the gunners had any success. It is considered by AA authorities that metal strips attached to balloons were dropped by the raiding planes to interfere with RADAR. If so this is the first occasion such tactics have been employed by the enemy in the SWPA	
	10 Oct		Notice received that the following units are enroute from mainland - BUNA :- 247 LAD with role to carry out first echelon repairs in BUNA Base Sub Area, 255 Aust LAD and one pl 2/4 Aust MAC for onward move.	
			11 Aust Div Trg Instn 19 (Use of 6 pr tk/A guns in close sp inf)	Appx 1M: <i>[initials]</i>
	11 Oct		Notice received that balance 127 Aust Bde W'shop is to move from MORESBY - BUNA by air at rate of one plane load each day. Unit passed to comd 2 Aust Corps. HQ 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery is to move from MILNE BAY to BUNA and come under comd	

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div (Erase heading not required) Date and Time.—From 11 Oct To 12 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	11 Oct		'G' Tp 2/1 Aust tk/A regt is to move from 5 Aust Div area to BUNA thence to MILNE BAY. 2 Aust Corps requested that det 1 Aust tk bn at MOROBE be moved to MILNE BAY to maintenance tks in that area.	
	12 Oct		Air raid red 2320 L/11 and shortly afterwards two or three 'BETTYS' made a run over DOBODURA AREA. Approx 12 bombs fell 200 yds NW of fighter strip without causing damage or casualties, later a single enemy plane made a second run dropping from 2 to 4 bombs SW of number 7 strip. Again without any damage or casualties. All clear 0040L/12.	
			161 Aust Sup Depot pl placed on notice for move NASSAU BAY to BUNA	
			11 Aust Div Int Summary 111 issued	Appx 'N' <i>X</i>
			11 Aust Div SO's Safety Precautions to be observed when using live amn or explosives	Appx 'O' <i>X</i>
			30 FS Sec moving from AUST to BUNA for onward move to LAE.	
			GOC accompanied by G 1 and G 11(L) visited the following units:- 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty 'O' Aust Hy Bty - 18 Aust L of C	
			Sigs - 8 Aust Movt Control Gp - 72 Aust DCRE works 12 Aust Fd - 10 Aust Fd Coy and 11 Aust Div Pro Coy. During	
			afternoon G 1 visited 36 Aust Inf Bn and discussed trg. Average Sig Times Serial 5 issued	Appx 'F' <i>X</i>
			11 Aust Div Op Instn 27 (Security BUNA waterfront area)	Appx 'Q' <i>X</i>

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Army Form C.2115
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required). 12 Oct 14 Oct
Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROBET	13 Oct		Air raid between 0340 and 0520 hrs approx 18 bombs being dropped.	
DOBODURA	13 Oct		9 Aust Graves Regn and eng Unit placed on notice for move GONA - FINSCHHAFEN. Det 'D' Aust Hy Bty due to arrive BUNA shortly and come under comd 11 Aust Div with role coast def BUNA. Det 162 Aust Gen Tpt Coy moving AUST - BUNA and	
			come under comd 11 Aust Div on arrival. 53 Aust Hy AA Regt plus sig sec and w'shop sec enroute from AUST and will stay	
			at BUNA pending on move to LAE. Air Raid red 1155 hrs - all clear 1222 hrs - no action. GOC and G 1 attended	
			practice seawards by 'F' Hy Bty and then visited ADC (ORO BAY SECTION) Lt-Col DALTON and tp of 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty	
			entertained Lt-Gen MORSEHEAD at mess in evening. One hy tp 2/13 Aust AA Regt moving AUST - BUNA coming U/C	
			11 Aust Div on arrival. Role AA defence BUNA.	<i>JP</i>
DOBODURA	14 Oct		Air raid red 0408 hrs - all clear 0515 hrs at least 2 A/C	
ORO BAY	14 Oct		Report on air raid 20 bombs dropped, casualties 1 OR damage negligible.	
BUNA	14 Oct		Report on air raid 12 bombs dropped all in bay no damage.	
DOBODURA	14 Oct		Captured documents G4657 issued GS Memo No 10 G4661 issued	Appx 'R' Appx 'S'
			Code words G4647 issued 83 AASL Bty moving AUST - ORO BAY coming under comd 11 Aust Div	Appx 'T'

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Army Form C.218
(adapted.)

Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

(Erase heading not required). 14 Oct 16 Oct
Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	14 Oct		Det HQ 31 Aust Hy AA Bty 472 - 473 Hy AA Tps moving AUST - BUNA coming under comd 11 Aust Div on arrival. Role AA defence	
			ORO BAY. Det HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt sig sec and w'shop Det 2/7 Aust Lt AA Bty and w'shop both moving AUST - BUNA	
			under comd 11 Aust Div on arrival Role AA defence ORO BAY. GOC accompanied by G 1 visited 19 Aust Inf Bn special pl trg	
			at SANANANDA. Witnessed exercise Pl in attack with sp from 25 prs and 6 pr Tk/A guns. Ball amn used and exercise	
			successful. A Tp 14 Fd Regt and one tp 2/11 Aust Tk/A bty assisted. Red alert 2206 hrs. All clear 2326 hrs.	
			Report from 6 Aust Inf Bde bombs jettisoned vic GONA one plane no damage reported. Report from 'F' Hy Bty ORO BAY	
			five bombs dropped HARVEY BAY six bombs dropped 500 yds in front of No 1 gun. 4 bombs dropped mouth of ORO BAY. 4 bombs	
			dropped vic CAPE SUDEST damage unknown. Capt ROBERTSON (LO) left for MOROBE	
	15 Oct		Red alert 0820 Hrs - All clear 0910 hrs Report on air raid. Unknown number of bombs dropped ORO BAY	
			No damage and no casualties. In evening ^{night} air action extending from ORO BAY to near GASMATA 46 enemy A/C destroyed and 11	
			probably destroyed. Our losses 1 A/C Memo:- 'Getting about in New Guinea' G4687 issued	Appx 'U' <i>X</i>
	16 Oct		Memo:- Staff duties issued The following were placed on notice to move BUNA - LAE.	Appx 'V' <i>X</i>
			2/124 Bde Ord Fd Pk 38 Aust Emp Coy 2/2 Locks op Coy HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy - 42 Aust Sup Dep Pl.	

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 16 Oct To 17 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	16 Oct		56 Aust Pl BIPOD balance of 2/7 AGH 4 Aust Fd Bakery 133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 20 Aust Fd Coy. Notice received det. 84 AASL Bty moving AUST - BUNA for on move to MOROBE, under comd 11 Aust Div on arrival. Role AA defence MOROBE. Notice received 2/1 Aust Hy AA Sig Sec to move MORESBY - MOROBE and come under comd 11 Aust Div. No move expected before 25 Oct.	
			Second Programme of Trg OR's HQ Div G4701 issued 11 Aust Div Trg Instn 20. Chemical Warfare G4684 issued GOC visited AADC and American Air Force.	Appx 'W' <i>JP</i> Appx 'X' <i>JP</i>
MOROBE	16 Oct		Red alert 2330 hrs All clear 0015 hrs Report AA engaged no bombs dropped	<i>JP</i>
DOBODURA	17 Oct		Red alert 1000 hrs All clear 1140 hrs 11 Aust Div Location Statement G4695 issued 21 Bty 106 Tk/A Regt placed under comd 2 Aust Corps for movt to LAE 6 pr guns for bty to be forwarded from MILNE BAY. Notice received 4 Adv Pk Pl of 9 W'shop and Pk Coy is to move MORESBY - BUNA and come under comd 11 Aust Div on arrival. Report on air raid. No casualties or damage sustained. All enemy A/C participating being fighters. In evening air action 24 enemy A/C were destroyed with 6 probably destroyed. Our losses were 4 A/C. Area of action ORO BAY - BUNA 11 Aust Div Int Summary No 112 issued GOC visited BUNA wharf in afternoon.	Appx 'Y' <i>JP</i> Appx 'Z' <i>JP</i>

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 17 Oct To 21 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	17 Oct		GOC sent letter to NGF pointing out the necessity for Hy AA at BUNA and drawing attention that AA defence of ORO BAY and MOROBE are being increased while the only mention of BUNA has been the advice that one Hy AA tp is to come here at some future time. Corps requested to leave 106 Tk/A Regt here because of manpower and the serious effect on morale and efficiency of 6 Aust Inf Bde of continued employment as labourers except for one pl per Bn on trg.	
GONA	18 Oct		A B24 crashed in vicinity of GONA at approx 1800 hrs. A patrol from 19 Aust Inf Bn found crew of 10 safe and brought them in to Bn HQ.	
DOBODURA	19 Oct		GOC accompanied by G 1 visited units under cmd.	
	20 Oct		Staff postings GS Branch Code words G4764 issued G 1 discussed with AADC AA def of BUNA in view of incoming AA units	Appx 'AA' Appx 'AB'
	21 Oct		11 Aust Div Op Instrn No 28 G4775 issued G 1 discussed with OC 'O' Aust Hy Bty new sitings for 155 mm guns at CAPE ENDALADERE. Also posn for B Aust Hy Bty in vicinity of SANANANDA Pt.	Appx 'AC'

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.211P
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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 21 Oct To 25 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	21 Oct		Red alert 1805 hrs All Clear 1815 hrs no action	
	22 Oct		11 Aust Div Trg Instn G4783 issued Average Sig Times Serial No 6 G4787 issued	Appx 'AD' <i>AD</i> Appx 'AE' <i>AE</i>
			GOC visited NIGITURA G 1 went to BUNA to see demonstration of smoke screening of port. It is doubtful if a smoke screen as laid down will be of great value in this area	
	23 Oct		GOC accompanied by Maj-Gen CANNON GOG visited Docks and installations during morning and 2/11 AGH in afternoon Offrs Lectures. G4805 issued	Appx 'AF' <i>AF</i>
	24 Oct		GS MEMO No 11 G4811 issued 11 Aust Div GS Instn No 36 G4796 issued	Appx 'AG' <i>AG</i> Appx 'AH' <i>AH</i>
			Red alert 0930 hrs All clear 0940 hrs no action GOC held conference with Maj-Gen BERRYMAN JCGS NGF	
	25 Oct		11 Aust Div Int Summary K113 issued G 1 sat on Pre-selection of Officers board at 'C' Sqn 2/8 Armd Regt.	Appx 'AJ' <i>AJ</i>

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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 26 Oct To 28 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	26 Oct		Quartering Plan - BUNA - DOBODURA Sector G4835 issued Maj-Gen GILBREATH Comd Gen Embarkation SANFRANSISCO and Brig-	Appx AK <i>[initials]</i>
MOROBE	26 Oct		Gen DONALDSON shown over BUNA area by G 111(1) Red alert 0500 hrs - All clear 0533 hrs no action	
			Signal received advising move of 7 Aust Docks Coy from AUST to BUNA. Under command 11 Aust Div for local adm pending fwd move to FINSCHAFEN.	<i>[initials]</i>
DOBODURA	27 Oct		Red alert 0310 hrs - All clear 0420 hrs no action GOC called on 2 Aust Corps.	
			G 1 sat on Offrs preselection board at C Sqn 2/8 Armd Regt Signal received advising move of dets HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	
			and 2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty from AUST to BUNA. To come under command 11 Aust Div. Role AA defence of MOROBE. Signal	
			received advising move of det 32 Aust Docks Op Coy and det 1 pl 1 Port Maint Coy from AUST to BUNA. To come under command	
			11 Aust Div for duties at BUNA. Signal received to move det 11 Aust Water Tst Gp from BUNA to MOROBE at earliest date.	
			To rejoin unit HQ.	<i>[initials]</i>
ORO BAY	28 Oct		Red alert 0045 hrs - All clear 0125 hrs no action. Red alert 0150 hrs - All clear 0230 hrs. Report on Raid:- One enemy A/C made one run over ORO BAY, 2/5 Aust Bty AA Bty engaged firing 48 rds. 8 bombs dropped vic HARVEY BAY. No damage or casualties.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 28 Oct To 30 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUNA	28 Oct		Report on raid :- 12 bombs dropped vic amn dump BUNA no damage or casualties.	
			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 23 G4914 issued	Appx A7 <i>[initials]</i>
DOBODURA			A practice smoke screen was laid over ORO BAY from the sea under direction of Maj CARTER, LHQ CW. An advantageous wind assisted in making the test a success.	<i>[initials]</i>
	29 Oct		HQ 11 Aust Div conducted a HQ movt exercise commencing 0730 hrs and finishing 1700 hrs. GSO 1 directed exercise.	
			GOC visited exercise site in morning and afternoon. Also visited 2 Aust Corps.	
			Warning order received to prepare 106 CCS less Lt sec for move ORO BAY to LAE. To come under command 5 Aust Div	
			Warning order issued to move 2/11 Aust Fd Coy from BUNA to LAE. To come under command 5 Aust Div.	
			Lt-Col GRAY, Svy Staff Offr arrived 11 Aust Div area to inspect Svy Btys in formation	<i>[initials]</i>
DOBODURA	30 Oct		Lessons from allied bombings of LAE G4937 issued GS memo 12 G4936 issued	Apex AM <i>[initials]</i> ADPX AN <i>[initials]</i>
			GSO 1 conducted a criticism of the HQ exercise. Many valuable points were brought out for future exercises. GOC visited	
			2 Aust Corps	
			Red alert 1015 hrs - All clear 1130 hrs no action reported	<i>[initials]</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit. GS Branch 11 Aust Div (Erase heading not required). 31 Oct To 31 Oct
Date and Time.—From.....

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit GS Branch 11 Aust Div.

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Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Appendices			Att List of Appendices for month of October 1943.	
A			11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 30 Sep 43.	
B			11 Aust Div Distribution List as at 30 Sep	
C			Message re Daylight Saving	
D			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 16	
E			11 Aust Div Adm Instn No 40 and Op Instn No 26	
F			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 110	
G			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 17 Trg of 11 Aust Div Carr Coy	
H			GS memo No 8 correspondence on General Adm Amdt	
I			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 18	
J			11 Aust Div Distribution List as at 6 Oct	
K			11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 7 Oct	
L			GS memo No 9 Promulgation of orders from Higher Authority	
M			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 19 - Use of 6 Pr Tk/A guns in close	sp of inf.
N			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 111	
O			11 Aust Div Standing Orders Safety Precautions to be observed	when using live amn
P			Average Sig Times Serial No 5	(or explosives)
Q			11 Aust Div Op Instn No 27 - Security BUNA waterfront area	
R			Captured Documents	
S			GS memo No 10 Courier A/C	
T			Code Words	
U			Memo "Getting About in NG"	
V			Memo Staff Duties	
W			Second programme of Trg OR's HQ 11 Aust Div	
X			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 20 - Chemical warfare	
Y			11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 15 Oct	
Z			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 112	

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Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Appendices			Att List of Appendices for month of October 1943	
AA			Staff Posting GSbranch	
AB			Code Words	
AC			11 Aust Div Op Instn No 28 -Area Smoke Screening BUNA	
AD			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 21 - Trg of Div HQ	
AE			Average Sig Times serial No 6	
AF			Offrs Lectures	
AG			GS Memo No 11 CCourier A/C	
AH			11 Aust Div GS Instn No 36 - Veh Markings	
AI			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 113	
AK			Quartering Plan - BUNA DOBODURA Sector	
AL			11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 23 - Schools	
AM			Lessons from Allied bombings of IAE	
AN			GS Memo 12	
AO			11 Aust Div Int Summary No 114	
AP			11 Aust Div Daily revsits for Oct	

WAR DIARY

APPX '17'

G.4596

SECRET.

HQ 11 Aust Div.

1 Oct 43.

11 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 hrs Copy No 43
30 SEP 43.

1. Ref Maps ORO BAY, BUNA EAST SPECIAL, MOROBE, all 1 in to
1 ml.
2. Herewith 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs
30 Sep 43.
3. Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Sep 43 will be des-
troyed and an acknowledgement rendered on the form below.

CS Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION.

6 Aust Inf Bde
'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
RAA 11 Aust Div
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
RAE 11 Aust Div
Sigs 11 Aust Div
11 Aust Div Carr Coy
1 Aust Base Sub Area
3 Aust Base Sub Area
NGF
1 Aust Corps
9 Aust Div (Rear)
PATE
No 3 HQ AL Comd Sec
AADC (197 AAA Gp)
COSC (ORO BAY)
ADCS
ANGAU

Copy No. DISTRIBUTION.

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3 Comd
4 G
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12 ASME
13 Pro
14 - 15 Pay
16 Post
17 32 Aust FS Sec
18 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp
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11 Aust Div.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of copy(s) Nos 43.... of
11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 30 Sep 43.
2. 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Sep 43
has been destroyed.

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Ser	Unit	Map	Ref	Remarks. Projected Javes.
<u>HQ & HQ Tps.</u>				
1	HQ 11 Aust Div	BUNA	232159	
2	32 Aust FS Sec	"	235159	
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5				
<u>ARMED.</u>				
6	'C' Sqdn 2/8 Aust Arm'd Regt "		341160	
7				
<u>ARTY.</u>				
8	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div	BUNA	258158	
9	3 Aust Svy Bty	"	220130	
10				
11				
<u>FIELD DEFS ARTY.</u>				
12	'F' Hy Bty	ORO BAY	347006	
13	'O' Hy Bty	BUNA	276254	
14	170 Aust CASL Sqn	ORO BAY	347006	
15				
<u>AA DEFS ARTY.</u>				
16	Adv HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	MOROB	358283	
17	2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty	"	359283	
18	Adv HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	ORO BAY	323002	
19	HQ 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty	" "	323002	H1 342021 H2 329000
20	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	BUNA	384212	
21	162 Aust Lt AA Bty	MOROB	355265	less one Tp NASSAU
22	Det 67 Aust CASL Bty	ORO BAY	328016	
23				
24				
<u>ENGRS.</u>				
25	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div	BUNA	231157	det MORLESBY
26	12 Aust Fd Coy	"	273202	less 3 pl 246264
27	Part 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy	"	222154	less det 280060
28	31 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	"	222154	
29				
30				
<u>SIGS.</u>				
31	Sigs 11 Aust Div	BUNA	255155	
32	44 Aust Cipher Sec	"	232159	
33	6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	138190	
34	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	255155	
35	Det Fortress Sigs	ORO BAY	347006	att 'F' Hy Bty.
36	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	"	323002	
37	2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	MOROB	359283	
38	Det 114 Aust Lt AA Regt			
39	Sig Sec	"	353290	att 162 Aust Lt AA Bty
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Ser No	Unit	Dep	Ref	Remarks. Projected Moves.
<u>INF.</u>				
41	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	BUNA	138190	
42	HQ 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	257194	
43	'HQ' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	260189	
44	'B' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	286239	
45	'C' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	256259	
46	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177302	
47	'HQ' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177304	
48	'A' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	178310	
49	'B' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	141310	
50	'C' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	176306	
51	'D' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	204292	
52	36 Aust Inf Bn (less 17 Pl	"	155214	17 Pl DOUGLAS HBR.
53	11 Aust Div Carr Coy	"	SOPUT	
54				
55				
<u>AASC.</u>				
56	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div	BUNA	211145	
57	Adv HQ 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	200133	
58	One Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	201131	
59	HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	212144	
60	14 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	139191	
61	15 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	211145	
62				
63				
<u>MEDICAL.</u>				
64	HQ 6 Aust Fd Amb	BUNA	195135	
65	'A' Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	245266	
66	'B' Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	257196	
67	'A' Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	"	263197	
68	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	"	155214	u/c local adm only.
69				
70				
71				
<u>ORD.</u>				
72	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	BUNA	264194	less det TAMBU BAY.
73	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	149205	
74	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	264194	
75				
76	2/94 Aust LAD	BUNA	242162	att 'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt.
77				
78	269 Aust LAD	"	139191	att 6 Aust Inf Bde.
79				
80	2/124 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	264194	less det LAE
81	104 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	264194	less det TAMBU
82	Det 127 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	264194	staging
83	137 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	149205	att 6 Aust Inf Bde
84	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop	"	237180	
85	4 Bty Sub Sec 2/2 Aust Hy AA Regt	MOROBE	359283	att 2/4 Aust Hy AAStr
86	2/2 Aust Comp Wkshop	"		
87	Det 67 AASL Bty Wkshop Sec	ORO BAY	339044 337047	att 2/5 Aust Hy AAStr

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Seq No	Unit	Map	Ref	Remarks Projected Moves.
<u>PRO.</u>				
88	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	BUNA	237162	
89	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	"	262194	
90				
<u>PAY.</u>				
91	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BUNA	232160	
<u>POST.</u>				
92	11 Aust Div Postal Unit	BUNA	232161	
<u>MISC.</u>				
93	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BUNA	270210	
94	Det 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	"	210130	
95	Det ANGAU	"	219147	
96	7 Aust Div Details	"	220156	staging
<u>1. AUST BASE SUB AREA.</u>				
<u>HQ & HQ UNITS.</u>				
97	HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area	BUNA	262194	
	BUNA Transit Area Staff	"	276254	
99	Det 8 Aust Movt Control	"	245266	
100	No 3 HQ AL Comd Sec	"	119077	att US Air Corps.
<u>ENGRS.</u>				
101	72 Aust LCRC Works	BUNA	243266	
102	10 Aust Fd Coy	"	261165	less det MORCBE.
103	6 Aust Docks Operating Coy	"	235263	less det MORCBE.
104	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp	RAE	235263	
105	Det 13 Aust Fd Svy Depot	"	262194	
106				
<u>SIGS.</u>				
107	HQ 3 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	BUNA	248263	det 262194 ORO BAY.
108	Det 1 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	222153	det 119076
109	Det 4 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	225155	
110	HQ & Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	"	248263	det 234160
111				
112	HQ 19 Aust D/R Sec	"	248263	
113	HQ 27 Aust Line Sec	"	RECEPTION CAMP	awaiting movt.
114	Det 29 Aust Line Sec	"	248263	
115				
116				
117				
<u>AASC.</u>				
118	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	BUNA	286238	
119	'A' Pl 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	282248	
120	HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	262194	
121	169 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263193	
122				
123	HQ 31 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	254261	
124	69 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263203	
125	136 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	

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Ser No	Unit	Map	Ref	Remarks. Projected Moves
<u>SC (Contd)</u>				
126	146 Aust Sup Depot P1	BUNA	262203	
127	177 Aust Sup Depot P1	"	254261	
128	229 Aust Sup Depot P1	"	254261	
129	53 Aust P1 BIPOD	"	268206	
130	54 Aust P1 BIPOD	"	268254	
131	3 P1 3 Aust BIPOD	ORO BAY	307012	
132	3 & 4 Pls 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery	"	309027	
133	66 Aust MAG	BUNA	249163	
134				
135				
<u>MEDICAL.</u>				
136	2/7 AGH	BUNA	250160	
137	2/11 AGH	"	258163	
138	106 Aust CCS	ORO BAY	318010	less Lt Sec LAE.
139	11 AMCU	BUNA	273256	u/o NCF
140	17 AMCU	"	218149	
141	105 Adv Depot Medical Stores	"	249163	
142				
143				
<u>ORD.</u>				
144	2/1 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	ORO BAY	324015	
145	2/1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	BUNA	261191	
146	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
147	8 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	"	262257	
148	7 Aust AAOD (Provision Sec)	"	251262	
149	42 Aust FOD	"	251262	
150	101 Aust FAD	"	260268	
151	Det 127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk			} Transit Camp.
152	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk			
<u>PAY.</u>				
153	72 Aust Depot Cash Office	BUNA	262194	
<u>POST.</u>				
154	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	BUNA	256261	
<u>MISC.</u>				
155	26 Aust Salvage Unit	BUNA	271209	
156	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy	"	240263	
157	Det 32 Aust Emp Coy	ORO BAY	306024	
158	9 Aust Graves & Eng Unit	BUNA		
159	10 Aust Graves & Eng Unit	"	374244	
160	15 Aust Graves & Eng Unit	"	150206	
161	Det Aust Canteens Service	"	218149	
162	Det YMCA	"	218149	
163	Det ACF	"	218149	
164				
165				
166				
<u>3 AUST BASE SUB AREA.</u>				
<u>HQ & HQ UNITS.</u>				
167	HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area	LOROE	353269	
168	Det 8 Aust Mvmt Control Gp	"	350295	
169				

Ref No	Unit	Map	Ref	Remarks. Projected Moves.
<u>ARMED.</u>				
170	1 Aust Tk Bn	MOROBE		staging.
<u>ENGERS.</u>				
171	4 Aust Fd Coy	MOROBE		staging
172	Det 10 Aust Fd Coy	"	360280	
173	Det 6 Docks Operating Coy	"	350295	
174	Det 5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	"		staging.
175				
<u>SIGS.</u>				
176	1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Antea Ttp	MOROBE		staging
177	Dets 18 & 19 L of C Sigs	"	353289	
178	3 Coy Carr Pigeons	"		
179	12 Aust Line Sec	BUNZ		} awaiting movt to MOROBE.
180	18 Aust Line Sec	"		
181	89 Aust Line Sec	"		
182				
<u>INF.</u>				
183	'A' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	MOROBE	355290	
184	'B' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"		NASSAU BAY
185	'A' Coy 2/1 Aust LG Bn	"	355288	
186				
<u>ASC.</u>				
187	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy ASC	MOROBE		staging
188	160 Aust Sup Legot Pl	"	355289	det TALBU BAY,
189	161 Aust Sup Legot Pl			NASSAU BAY.
190				
<u>MEDICAL.</u>				
191	2/2 Aust CCS	MOROBE	369270	less det BUNZ awaiting
192	Det 10 Aust Fd Amb	"		movt
193	Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	"	359295	u/c 1 Aust Corps.
194				staging.
195				
<u>ORD.</u>				
196	Det 102 FAD	MOROBE	349290	det NASSAU & TALBU
197				BAYS.
<u>AESE.</u>				
198	Sec 4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop	MOROBE		staging.
199	209 Aust LAD	"		staging
200				
<u>PRO.</u>				
201	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy			TALBU BAY.
<u>BAY.</u>				
202	500 Depot Cash Office	MOROBE	360280	
<u>WIFE.</u>				
203	Det ANGAU	MOROBE	334290	
204				
<u>US UNITS.</u>				
205	641 TD Bn US	ORO BAY	316998	ops only

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APPX 'B'

SECRET.

Hq 11 Aust Div.
1 Oct 43.

DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

Hereunder Hq 11 Aust Div Distribution Lists as at 30 Sep 43.

List 'A' Bde and Div Tps.

List 'B' Bns and Equivalents.

List 'C' Coys and Equivalents and all sub units.

2. Distribution Lists as at 31 Aug will be destroyed.

Ser No	Unit	'A'	'B'	'C'
1	6 Aust Inf Bde	1	6	23
2	'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armcd Regt	1	1	2
3	RAA 11 Aust Div	1	2	3
4	'F' Hy Bty	1	1	2
5	'O' Hy Bty	1	1	2
6	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	1	2	4
7	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	1	2	4
8	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	1	1	5
9	162 Aust Lt AA Bty	1	1	5
10	Det 67 AASL Bty	1	1	2
11	RAE 11 Aust Div	1	4	6
12	Sigs 11 Aust Div	1	2	7
13	1 Aust Base Sub Area	1	15	60
14	3 Aust Base Sub Area	1	15	30
15	Comd	1	1	1
16	G	2	2	2
17	AG	2	2	2
18	AASC	1	3	6
19	32 Aust FS Sec	1	1	1
20	Medical	1	4	6
21	Ord	1	4	5
22	AEME	1	11	12
23	Pro	1	2	3
24	Pay	1	1	1
25	Post	1	1	1
26	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1	1
27	File	1	1	1
28	War Diary	2	2	2
Totals		31	89	199

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List 'A'.

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APPX 'C'

TO: (1) 6 Aust Inf Bde (2) 'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Arm Regt (3) RHA 11 Aust Div (4) 'F' Bty (5) 'O' Bty (6) 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt (7) 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt (8) 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty (9) 162 Aust Lt AA Bty (10) Det 87 AA SL Bty (11) RHA 11 Aust Div (12) Sigs 11 Aust Div (13) 1 Aust Base Sub Area (14) 4 Aust Base Sub Area (15) Comd (16) G (17) L (18) L (19) 132 Aust FG Bde (20) Medical (21) Ord (22) AEME (23) Pro (24) Pay (25) Post (26) 11 Aust Div Salvage Unit (27) File (28) War Diary (29) AIGAU

FROM: 11 Aust Div 0.759 2

daylight saving time commences 0200 hrs 3 oct when L time becomes effective EASTERN AUST TIME ZONE (.) other zones except WEST AUST change similarly (.) advise units under comd ack all infmd

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

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IMPORTANT to 6 9 14
DRIS to 2 3 4 7 10 23 29
HAND to 11 12 15 16 17 19
20 21 22 24 25

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HQ 11 Aust Div.
3 Oct 43.

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11 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 16.

Ref 11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 12 - 27 Aug 43.

General

1. HQ 156579 dated 11 Sep 43 states

" MORSE CODE TRAINING

1. The standard of Morse Operating both of Aust Corps of Signals and Regimental Signal Personnel is in many cases far from satisfactory and much delay is being caused through unnecessary repetition and corruptions of Cipher Texts.

2. Morse Operators generally are found to be more proficient in receiving than sending, indicating that insufficient attention is being given to instruction in the correct use of the Morse Key.

3. To remedy this defect special attention in the training of Operators will be given to the following :-

(a) Operators must become equally proficient in both sending and receiving. Once an Operator has learned the Morse Code and can receive approx 6/3 words per minute constant practice will be given so that the Operator will improve simultaneously in receiving and sending.

(b) Individual instn in sending must be given and Operators constantly supervised to prevent the adoption of incorrect operating characteristics.

4. The Pamphlet entitled "The Morse Code" and How to Learn It has been widely distributed and this training manual gives precise instns of the correct methods to be adopted in teaching Morse Operators.

5. Formations will arrange for special attention to be given to the improvement of Morse Operating both in trg and Field Units."

Sch and Courses

2. The following action will be taken to implement the above instn :-

(a) Sigs 11 Aust Div will include in Syllabus of Sig Sch commencing early Oct such morse code trg as is now considered necessary.

(b) Sigs 11 Aust Div will incl Sig Sec 9 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec 2/5 Aust Fd Regt in trg arrangements.

(c) 6 Aust Inf Bde will arrange trg of bn sig personnel.

(d) Arty units will make arrangements with Sigs 11 Aust Div to ensure that necessary trg is carried out by unit sig pers.

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6 Aust Inf Bde (6)
RAA 11 Aust Div
'C' Coy Ety
2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt
Sigs 11 Aust Div
Comd
G (2)
War Diary (2) ✓
File (2)
Spares (6)

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11 AUST. DIV. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.40

SYSTEM OF ADM BUNA BASE SUB-AREA

QUOTE A/8370

HQ
11 AUST. DIV.

3 Oct. '43.

OBJECT

1. To define adm responsibility in Buna Base Sub-area in accordance with 11 Aust Div Op Instn No.26.

ADM ORG

2. Units shown in Appendix 'A' to 11 Aust Div Op Instn No.26 will be responsible to the HQ of Arms and Services shown in such appendix for gen and local adm.
3. 3 Aust Base Sub Area will cease to exist on a date to be notified. Instructions for disposal of units will be issued, as necessary.

MAINTENANCE FORWARD OF BUNA

4. The provisions of NGF Adm Instn No.125 are repeated hereunder for information :

"Supplies, Stores, etc., for troops forward of LAE will initially be drawn from BUNA.

HQ 1 Aust Corps is responsible for calling forward maintenance and reserve stocks direct from MILNE BAY and BUNA and through NGF where units are located elsewhere and for advising New Guinea Force when the Port at LAE is capable of taking shipments direct from the mainland."

5. 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No.33 is amended to comply herewith.
6. This instn will come into effect on and from 1200L/4.
7. Acknowledge.

SIGNED AT 1815 ON 3 OCT 43

Chitambar
Col.
AA & QMG, 11 AUST DIV.

DISTRIBUTION:COPY NO:METHOD

1 Aust Base Sub-Area	1 - 60	SDR
3 " " " "	61	DRLS
Lae Frt Comd	62	"
US Adv Base B	63	"
USA SOS ORO BAY	64	"
Rep Comd TF 76 (Capt. Christoph)	65	"
NOIC BUNA	66	"
" ORO BAY	67	"
FATF	68	"
NG FORCE	69	"
1 Aust Corps	70	"
Comd	71	HAND
G	72	"
DAAG	73	"
DAQMG	74	"
CRE	75	"
CASC	76	"
ADMS	77	"
ADOS	78	"
CENE	79	"
Camp	80	"
War Diary	81 - 82	"
Spares	83 - 88	"
File	89	"

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3 Oct 43.

11 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 26

Copy No. 81

ORGANISATION AND COMMAND OF
FORCES IN 11 AUST DIV AREA.

1. Under the terms of NGF Operation Instruction 88 of 5 Aug 43 that portion of the North East area of NEW GUINEA from incl ORO BAY to excl NASSAU BAY was defined as the NORTH EASTERN SECTOR and GOC 11 Aust Div was appointed Comd NORTH EASTERN SECTOR.
2. NGF Operation Instruction 97 of 1 Oct 43 refers to the NORTH EASTERN SECTOR and reads (inter alia) as follows :-

"NORTH EASTERN SECTOR as defined in NGF Operation Instruction 88 ceases to exist. 1 Base Sub Area is replaced by BUNA Base Sub Area and 3 Base Sub Area will be abolished as soon as practicable.

11 Aust Div will remain under operational command 1 Aust Corps until HQ 1 Aust Corps moves to LAE, when it will pass to direct command of NGF.

BUNA Base Sub Area is under command NGF for general adm; it is under command Comd 11 Aust Div, who in all matters affecting the command and administration of that Sub Area will be responsible direct to NGF."
3. Pursuant to NGF Operation Instruction 97 action as under will be taken :-
 - (a) HQ 1 Base Sub Area will, on a date to be mutually arranged between HQ 11 Aust Div and HQ 1 Base Sub Area, be absorbed within BUNA BASE SUB AREA.
 - (b) Units at present under command 1 Base Sub Area will pass to command 11 Aust Div at 1200 hrs 4 Oct 43. Units concerned and the sub-allotment of command are shown in Appx 'A' att.
 - (c) 3 Base Sub Area is in process now of being abolished and such process will be gradually continued concurrent with the finalisation of MOROBE as a base. Until otherwise directed, 3 Base Sub Area will function under existing name and under command 11 Aust Div. 3 Base Sub Area will retain command of all units now under command.
4. Further instructions for the implementation of NGF Operation Instruction 97 will be issued separately in 11 Aust Div Acm Instn No 40.

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Issued through Sigs

Signed at 1900 hrs.

UTION

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GS 11 Aust Div.

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Lae Frt Comd	62	"
US Adv Base B	63	"
USA SOS ORO BAY	64	"
Rep Comd TF 76 (Capt. Christoph)	65	"
NOIC BUNA	66	"
" ORO BAY	67	"
FATF	68	"
NG FORCE	69	"
1 Aust Corps	70	"
Comd	71	LAND
G	72	"
DAAG	73	"
DAQMG	74	"
CRE	75	"
CASC	76	"
ADMS	77	"
ADOS	78	"
CEME	79	"
Camp	80	"
War Diary	81 - 82	"
Spares	83 - 88	"
File	89	"

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Appx 'A' to 11 Aust Div
Op Instn No 26 dated
3 Oct 43.

Copy No. **81**

CHANGE OF COMMAND - 1 BASE SUB AREA UNITS.

UNIT (a)	Command passes at 1200 hrs 4 Oct 43 to (b)	Remarks (c)
<u>HC UNITS</u>		
BUNA Transit Area Staff } Det 8 Aust Movt Control }	11 Aust Div	
<u>ENGRS</u>		
6 Docks Op Coy } Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp } 72 Aust DCRE Works } 19 Aust Fd Coy } Det 13 Fd Svy Depot }	11 Aust Div	✓
RAE 11 Aust Div		
<u>SIGS</u>		
HQ 3 Coy 18 L of C Sigs } Det 1 Coy 18 L of C Sigs } Det 4 Coy 18 L of C Sigs } HQ and Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless } Sec } HQ 19 Aust D/R Sec } HQ 27 Aust Line Sec } Det 29 Aust Line Sec }	Sigs 11 Aust Div	for local adm and discipline only.
<u>AASC</u>		
165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy } A Pl 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy } HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy } HQ 31 Aust Sup Depot Coy } 89 Sup Depot Pl } 136 Aust Sup Depot Pl } 146 Aust Sup Depot Pl } 169 Aust Sup Depot Pl } 177 Aust Sup Depot Pl } 229 Aust Sup Depot Pl } 53 Aust Pl BIPOD } 54 Aust Pl BIPOD } 3 Pl 3 Aust BIPOD } 3 & 4 Pls 2/2 Aust Fd Bky } K86 Aust MAC }	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div	for adm only - under comd ADMS 11 Aust Div for all other purposes
<u>MEDICAL</u>		
2/7 AGH } 2/11 AGH } 106 Aust CCS } 105 Adv Med Stores } 11 AAMCU } 17 AAMCU }	ADMS 11 Aust Div	

UNIT	Command passes at 1200 hrs 4 Oct 43	Remarks
<u>ORD</u> 42 Aust FOD 101 Aust FAD 2/1 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop 8 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop 118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	ADOS 11 Aust Div	for local adm only
<u>PAY</u> 72 Aust Depot Cash Office	11 Aust Div	
<u>POST</u> 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	11 Aust Div	
<u>MISC</u> 26 Aust Salvage Unit Det 20 Aust Eng Coy Det 32 Aust Eng Coy 9 Aust Graves & Eng Unit 10 Aust Graves & Eng Unit 15 Aust Graves & Eng Unit Det NGF AA Amenities Service Det ADCS	11 Aust Div	for local adm only

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HQ 11 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY NO 110.

Copy No 42

(Compiled from infm received from 0900 hrs 26 Sep to 0900 hrs 3 Oct 43)

PART I - OPERATIONS.

A. LAND

OWN & ENEMY

LINE AREA

Action during the past week has been confined to rounding up enemy stragglers. On 24 Sep pursuit of the enemy remnants moving NW near the right bank of the BUSU River was continued through difficult country. A patrol to a log bridge over the BUSU R at 617595 on 25 Sep found a large enemy camp nearby capable of holding 1500 Japanese. Five enemy were killed and natives report that the enemy had left the area making for MADANG. An additional 15 Japs were killed by our patrols on 28 Sep at 615635 on the enemy's line of retreat. A patrol to KEMEN on 30 Sep found many fires in the area. Natives reported that there were 40 to 50 enemy, apparently stragglers, in the vicinity.

HUON GULF AREA

Our tps moving eastwards from FOPOI along the shores of the HUON GULF have made fast progress. The LONGI R was reached on 25 Sep from which place a patrol pushed north to SAMBEANG (approx 10 miles north of TIGEDU). A fighting patrol also crossed the river and moved some miles further east without contacting the enemy. An unserviceable mountain gun was captured at 4142 and ten handcuffed natives were found shot. On 27 Sep fwd tps reached TIGEDU (436429) but made no contact with the enemy. Three abandoned enemy 75mm guns were found by our tps in their move east. Continuing its unopposed advance eastwards this force moved through KASANGA (607444) on 29 Sep, and they were reported to have reached the track junc 641487 on the afternoon of 30 Sep. No contact was made with the enemy but there were indications of a recent enemy withdrawal north along the track towards LOGAENG. Our tps were last reported moving towards BUKI 656496.

PINESCHHAFFEN

The Japanese have stubbornly opposed our advance south of the BUKI R and progress has been slow with much hard fighting.

On 24 Sep a company crossed the BUKI R and established a bridgehead at Sq 6159. Against stiff opposition it succeeded in reaching the high ground at 615591 suffering only light casualties. Enemy in some strength were found to be dug in across the slopes of the KREUTBERG RANGE running NE in Sq 6259, and were also reported in bunker posns with strong MG support in SALANKAUA PLANTATION. They also held the high ground near ILEBEE creek where 14 MGs were sited. On 26 Sep other tps passed through the bridgehead and captured enemy posns on the NE slopes KREUTBERG RANGE. Severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our arty supported the attack. Next day our tps advanced further and in the afternoon closed in on enemy strongpoints in SALANKAUA PLANTATION. In the morning heavy fire from a 75mm gun, MGs and mortars was directed against our tps who by 2000 hrs had reached 630590, 628594, 628598, and 655602. Our arty engaged a 75mm gun and MGs in the general area 6557 silencing them.

On the same day another force moving south reached 650614.

On 29 Sep our tps continued to move south from BULI R through an abandoned enemy posn to ILEBEE Creek where fire from KARAKOG area halted our advance. Enemy MGs, mortars and a 75mm gun came under fire from our arty. On the same day another force advanced through thick country on the high ground west of KARAKOG.

A report on 29 Sep stated that there were indications that the enemy may be withdrawing from FINSCHHAFEN. Our patrols observed enemy movements north along the track through TIREBORO GURUNTER RUMANA to SATELBERG.

Enemy killed in this area up to the morning 30 Sep were conservatively estimated at 175. This figure does not include those killed by our arty, mortar fire or by bombing.

SATELBERG, previously reported to be free of enemy, was reoccupied by the enemy of strength one bn on 27 Sep.

Our standing patrol on the SATELBERG track about 560662 was attacked three times on night 27/28 Sep. The attacks were repulsed, seven Japs were killed and weapons and eqpt captured.

A captured document revealed the HQ of the enemy force to be at SISI which locality was heavily shelled by our arty on 28 Sep.

A patrol advancing 1500 yds west along the SATELBERG track on 29 Sep made no further contact. Further patrols have moved forward in strength in an endeavour to locate the enemy.

FINSCHHAFEN

A late report states that FINSCHHAFEN was occupied by our tps on 2 Oct. By last light 2 Oct our tps had occupied KARAKOG FINSCHHAFEN KOLEM and SIBANG. Contact has been established with our tps moving along south shore of LANGELAK BAY, MARKHAM VALLEY. The advance in the UPPER MARKHAM VALLEY has been

rapid. On 24 Sep our patrols crossed the UMI River and occupied a posn at 755935 whilst another patrol had crossed the MARELAN occupying a posn overlooking SAGERAK, which was evacuated by the enemy on 25 Sep on the approach of our tps. Patrols also moved north to outflank NARUAPUM. Tac/R reported a large enemy force about 5 miles NW of KALAPIT.

Further progress was made on the 26 Sep. Patrols passing through RUMU 716953 reached ANTIWIGAN making no contact with the enemy. The northern patrols reported 70 enemy in the general area around NARUAPUM. Extensive patrolling on 27 Sep failed to locate the enemy who appeared to have withdrawn to KARAWASA. Air reconnaissance on 27 Sep and early on 28 Sep showed there were additional foxholes constructed at RAGITSARIA 655048.

WANKON HILL 652016 was occupied on 29 Sep and the advance was continued to KARAWASA.

To the north our patrols moved along the northern track towards ATSUNAS. 670026. No opposition was met on 30 Sep; by nightfall our tps were bivouaced in the general area sq 5308.

A report from BENI FORCE on 30 Sep stated that the enemy had withdrawn from the upper RAMU.

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RAU VALLEY.

Enemy defensive preparations have been observed at BULBUL and new trenches exist along the first creek from there off the GURAP RIVER.

The track KESAWAI "DULPU" appears little used. On 24 Sep KESAWAI was reported occupied by 50 enemy and ONE KUMPS by 80. On 25 Sep patrols in the KATAHUSA area reported indications of 24 enemy crossing WEI RIVER, probably near WAISA.

Our patrols from BENI BENI swam the river on the night 23/24 Sep and ambushed a party of 100 Japanese west of KESAWAI. Forty-five of the enemy were killed and many wounded. Our casualties were light.

A delayed report stated that on 20 Sep a patrol base near KESAWAI was attacked by 60 Japs. The attack being partially successful and some capt was captured by the enemy.

SEA ENEMY

RABAU

Second phase interpretation of photographs taken at RABAU on 20 Sep reveal the merchant tonnage present to have been 119,000 and not 86,000 as first reported. It was noticeable that the proportion of large merchant vessels in harbour was much greater than usual.

Sightings of shipping en route to RABAU continue, a noteworthy feature in the past week being the sighting of an auxiliary aircraft carrier.

NEW GUINEA PORTS

It has now been suggested that sightings of enemy shipping arriving in NEW GUINEA ports during the past two months had not revealed a tonnage of sufficient capacity to carry supplies for the considerable enemy units in the area. It was further suggested that the possibility that vessels had arrived from the NW sector could not be ruled out.

It has now been established beyond reasonable doubt that a convoy of considerable importance reached HANSA BAY on 7 Aug, and was cleared successfully by 9 Aug. It appears certain that this convoy left PALAP, made a landfall at WENAM and proceeded along the coast to HANSA BAY. It was not sighted by Allied units.

Particular interest attaches to this convoy because it landed its supplies at a most opportune time. Japanese air units were short of fuel, missions flown by bombers had been reduced and preference for fuel had been given to fighters. Food was also in short supply.

The installation of numerous AA positions at HANSA BAY and the preparation of a second air strip may point to the fact that the enemy has plans for the continued use of this harbour as port of entry for NEW GUINEA.

WENAM

During an Allied air attack on 27 Sep, a number of cargo vessels and some small vessels, apparently oil-carriers, were attacked by our aircraft.

Total tonnage is difficult to assess but was possibly as high as 12,000. These vessels may have been part of a convoy of eight vessels sighted 253 miles north of AITAPE late on 21 Sep and not sighted again.

(NGF WEEKLY INT SUMMARY NO 141).

SUBMARINES

In the evening of 25 Sep in the FINSCHHAFEN area a submarine approached the beach about 6364, but withdrew when fired on by our tps.

A possible submarine was sighted off the TAMI IS at 1800 hrs 27 Sep.

BARGE ACTIVITY.

Our tps reported considerable barge activity in the FINSCHHAFEN HARBOUR during the week.

On night 30 Sep 1 Oct our patrol craft sank two barges heavily loaded with stores off VINCKE POINT 426455. These barges were on a SE course. A third barge which was laden with tps was strafed on the beach and large fires, which may have been burning stores, were started.

C. AIR - OWN

A feature of the air activity during the past week has been the support given to our tps in the FINSCHHAFEN area and the further heavy attacks against the airfields, dumps and installations at WEWAK.

FINSCHHAFEN

BOSTONS and VULTEE VENGEANCE dive bombers made four attacks in support of our ground troops in the FINSCHHAFEN area. Reports from ground tps indicate that the attacks were accurate and effective.

RAMU MARKHAM VALLEY

On 25 Sep three LIBERATORS and six FORTRESSES dropped incendiary bombs in the general area of the headwaters of the RAMU R. Twenty-three MITCHELLS bombed and strafed the track and villages of MARINGGUSIN (709976) to BOPARIMPUM (485165). Many huts were destroyed and fires started.

BOGADJIL ROAD.

On 25 and 27 Sep LIBERATORS bombed the BOGADJIL Rd. In the first attack one bridge was destroyed and direct hits were scored while results of the second attack were unobserved.

WEWAK.

Three heavy attacks have been made against the airfields, dumps and installations in the WEWAK area.

The first was on 26 Sep when 19 LIBERATORS bombed DAGUA strip and dump area, BUT airdrome, NUBIA Plantation and HANSA BAY. Results were generally unobserved but air crews claim target areas covered by bombs. One enemy A/C was definitely destroyed on the ground and four or five by bombers. Three single seater fighters attempted interception over NUBIA but were driven off.

One of the heaviest attacks in the NEW GUINEA area was carried out on 27 Sep. 91 MITCHELLS and 17 LIBERATORS covered by approx 130 fighters attacked BORAM, WEWAK, BUT and DAGUA airfields and shipping in the WEWAK harbour and off MUSCHU and KAIRIRU islands. Between 50 and 60 aircraft were destroyed on the ground and many fires were started. Two 4000 ton freighters, one 1500 ton tanker, one 1000 ton freighter, one 500 ton lugger, a lugger loaded with fuel, a barge and a power launch were destroyed. Direct hits were scored on one 2000 ton freighter and one 1000 ton freighter both of which were damaged. Two 500 ton luggers, one 500 ton unidentified vessel and four power launches were damaged.

In KAIRIRU Plantation accurate bombing and strafing caused severe damage among stores and dumps. A small number of enemy fighters intercepted. Their attacks showed lack of aggressiveness. The bombers claim to have destroyed five and one probable and the fighters claim three destroyed. Three MITCHELLS were lost.

Again on the following day 41 LIBERATORS escorted by a large force of fighters, bombed WEMAK town and dump areas. Fires and explosions were observed and the fighters claim seven enemy fighters destroyed and two probably destroyed without loss to themselves.

BARGE SEARCH.

No serviceable barges were sighted by MITCHELLS from REIN BAY to CAPE BUDIANG on 25 Sep but machinegun posns were bombed in IBOKI Plantation.

Three THUNDERBOLTS attacked and sank two barges as SAIDOR and thoroughly strafed coastal villages between SAIDOR and IEPUS PT on 26 Sep.

One barge was destroyed off LOLABAU IS (near UBILI) by SEAFIGHTERS on 29 Sep whilst on the same day four THUNDERBOLTS destroyed 4 barges at KAIENG WP 5971.

AIR - ENEMY

The enemy's air activity has been confined to attacks against our ground tps, supply dumps and installations in the FINECHAFEN area. These attacks have been daily occurrences, sometimes as many as three attacks each day. Some damage and casualties have been inflicted but generally the damage done has not been commensurate with the number of attacks made.

PART II.

1. ENEMY COB - LAND

79 INF REGT

Patrols of the Regt were active at WESA on 12 Aug and a cancelled operation order indicated that one battalion was to have moved to OGL area early in Sep. The Regt is probably located now in the BOGADJIL area, but elements may be disposed to protect the SW approaches from the RAMU RIVER to YOKOPI - MARINA S. I. of C.

5 DIV

Annotations made on an enemy map presumably late in 42 included 1 Bn 11 Inf Regt and 2 Bn 42 Inf Regt at WEMAK. Lt-Col HANAKA, Itsuichi, commander of 2 Bn 42 Inf Regt, is considered to be the same person as the commander of HANAKA Det which landed at MADANG in Dec 43 with 3 Bn 21 Inf Regt.

In the estimate of strength for WEMAK and MADANG are included 1 Bn 11 Inf Regt. and 2 Bn 42 Inf Regt respectively.

Information has necessitated the following adjustments on enemy strengths as at 25 Sep :-

WEMAK	18,000	
Plus 1 Bn 11 Inf Regt	700	18,700
MADANG	10,600	
Plus 2 Bn 42 Inf Regt	700	11,300

FINSCHHAFFEN

The original estimate of 350 was made up of :-

11 Coy 21 Inf Regt	150
SNLP (Gn)	50
Miscellaneous Tps	150

According to a diary of a member of 9 Coy 80 Inf Regt, his Coy with 2 MG Sec 41 Div, Sigs and Engrs attached were at BUBUI (MAPE RIVER) on 6 Sep whence they were ordered to ARNDT PT to construct coastal defences. The strength of 9 Coy on 17 Sep was given as 200 and was previously accounted for in the main by the miscellaneous troops listed above, tentatively placed in the area to provide for such a contingency.

A PW from the same Coy who moved by the same route, viz overland from BOGADJIM to SIO thence by barge, arrived at ARNDT PT by 6 Sep. The party was stated as being 500 strong of which 200 moved on to FINSCHHAFFEN.

Based on the foregoing, revised strength is as follows :-

11 Coy 21 Inf Regt	150
9 Coy 80 Inf Regt	130
2 MG Sec	20
Sigs and Engrs	50
Miscellaneous Tps	<u>350</u>

Less estimated casualties	700	
	<u>200</u>	500

An order captured on 27 Sep indicated the intention of a "battalion group" attack from SATELBERG on 26 Sep.

Abandoned equipment near the MONGI RIVER suggested a force of 4/500. This force may have moved overland to SATELBERG and may be that referred to in the captured order mentioned above.

Thus the minimum strength for FINSCHHAFFEN area is increased to 1000 with a maximum of 1800.

IDENTIFICATIONS

Documents found BOANA MISSION dated 16 Sep give the following identifications:

- 1 regtl Hq
- 1 Bn 115 Regt
- 2 Bn 115 Regt
- HIKOSAKI-Tai (probably a coy of 15 Ind Engr Regt)

Elements of SASSEBO No 2 SNLP have been identified in the BUMI River area.

A captured map at BUA 312394 shows that the force known as MONGI R detachment had as its main strength

- 6 Coy (possibly 80 Regt)
- 7 Coy (possibly 80 Regt)
- OKANO Coy (possibly 51 Div)

Comment: This force has probably now arrived in the FINSCHHAFFEN area.

ORGANIZATION

14 FD ARTY REGT

Reference has been made to 8 Coy of 3 Bn 14 FD Art'y Regt. Thus it is apparent that each bn has only 3 coys those of 3 Bn being 7, 8 and 9.

PERSONNEL

78 REGT

2 Bn	CO	Capt KAGAWA, Shiji
3 Bn 9 Coy	CO	Capt HASHIKUMI, Shizuo

80 REGT

3 Bn	Lt-Col TAMAGI, Shigeru
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

A captured document dated 26 Sep indicates that the enemy may attempt to hold the area between FINSCHHAFEN and MARI R. It is reported that there are strong bunkers in SAKAMURA Plantation, and also possible defensive posns near SW end of LANGELAN BAY.

(1 Aust Corps Daily Int Summary
No 5).

PART V.

SECURITY

Attention has previously been drawn to the danger of troops taking diaries and other personal documents into fwd areas.

That the Japanese place great value on the acquisition of these articles is shown by the following extract from a recently captured enemy document:

"There are articles on abandoned enemy dead and they are to be searched immediately after battle, and the things they possess, particularly documents, diaries and maps, which have very great value, collected.

Although all units have already considered the collection of this profitable material in general, lower units have not yet given it their full consideration. Only abandoned weapons and provisions are being collected, and the collection of the most valuable intelligence material is being sadly neglected, and thus, if the high ranking officers pay attention to this point, and if possible, it may be necessary to detail one section of a reserve unit to collect such material.

Captured ordnance and material, except that having to be used immediately by front line units, must, according to regulations, be sent back, and although it may not be possible at the time, some measure for its preservation is to be planned, so that it may be put to immediate and complete use by the capturing unit in the future."

The vital importance of collecting all diaries and other personal papers from all troops before going fwd is again stressed.

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APPX '6'

4 Oct 43
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11 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 17

TRG of 11 Aust. Div. Carr Coy.

GENERAL:

1. Although the uses of a Div Carr Coy in ESEA area are limited due to nature of terrain Coy must be prepared to operate in all types of country and will be trained accordingly. It is anticipated that calls for working parties will be heavy but a minimum strength of one pl will be kept trg.

TRG.

2. Personnel will be trained in accordance with principles set out in MTP No 39 Part 11 1941 and in particular special consideration will be given to aspects dealt with in following paras.

BASIC TRG:

3. Individual and collective inf trg will be concurrent with trg as carr crew personnel.

WEAPON TRG:

4. Personnel will be ^{trained} in ALL inf weapons. This trg will also include a thorough knowledge of both US Army and JAP inf weapons.

FIELD CRAFT:

5. In particular the following aspects should be considered for close country.

- (a) Appreciation of ground
- (b) Maintenance of direction
- (c) Camflg and concealment
- (d) Method of dealing with natural and artificial
hazardous obstacles
- (e) Neutralisation of mine and booby traps

JUNGLE CRAFT:

6. All ranks will be trained in the ability to live in small gps in close country for periods up to 7 days.

MAP READING:

7. All ranks will attain a high standard.

AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION:

8. All ofrs will receive elementary trg in air photo interpretation and be able to read air photos as they would a map.

REPORTS AND MESSAGES:

9. It will be necessary for all personnel to be able to prepare and write,

- (a) Patrol reports
- (b) Recon reports
- (c) Situation reports
- (d) Clear concise and correct messages.

MEG TRG:

10. Mounted and dismounted action will be taught: it is not considered necessary to cover indirect fire methods.

TACTICAL TRG:

11. Tactical trg will be based on the principles as set out in the above mentioned MTP and Infantry Minor Tactics 1941 with such modifications as considered necessary for close country. To facilitate cooperation with inf, a sound knowledge of inf minor tactics is necessary.

ANTI MALARIAL TRG:

12. Anti malarial precautions will be taught and members of coy should be encouraged to take pride in the success which constant anti malarial measures will have on the fighting efficiency of their unit.

CODE OF SIGNALS:

13. All personnel will be acquainted with the signals given in Infantry Section Leading 1938 Chap 11 Para 40. New and standard signals for mounted section are contained in ATM (Aust) No 22.

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11 Aust Div Carr Coy (2)

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War Diary (2)

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WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
4 Oct 43.

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GS MEMO NO 8

CORRESPONDENCE ON GENERAL AIM AMENDMENT.

GS Memo No 8 of 15 Sep 43 will be amended by deleting the words "North Eastern Sector HQ" and/or "NE Sector HQ" wherever they appear and substituting in place thereof the words "BUNA Base Sub Area".

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APPX 'I'

5 Oct 43
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11 AUST DIV TRG INSTR NO 18.

Attached as Appx 'A' are notes made by an experienced bn comd during recent ops at LAE. Bn concerned landed RED BEACH 5 Sep 43 and led the adv west along the coast across the DUEU RIVER to LAE.

It will be noticed that again emphasis has been laid on the fact that current text books although sometimes needing adaption according to circumstances, are correct in the principles they teach.

W. L. Wright
Capt for Lt Col.
GS 11 Aust Div.

Distribution.

6 Aust Inf Bde	(12)
C Sqn 2/8 Aust. Armcd Rgt.	
RAA 11 Aust Div	
F Hy Bty	
C Hy Bty	
RAE 11 Aust Div	(4)
Sigs 11 Aust Div	
3 Aust Base Sub Area	(5)
Comd	
G 1	(2)
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AQ	
AAEC	
Medical	
Ord	
File	
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spares	(10)

Appx 'A' to HQ 11 Aust Div
Trg Instrn No 18.

Issued 4 Oct 43.

NOTES ON OPERATIONS RED BEACH - LAE
5 Sep - 16 Sep 1943

COMPILED DURING BN ADVANCE TO LAE

OPERATIONS

1. The Principles of War and the following drills and principles brought out in Trg were amply proved.

- (a) No Bn. patrol should be less than pl. strength.
- (b) Pressure once commenced MUST be maintained.
- (c) "Softening" by sp arms is wasteful unless the exact posn of the enemy is located and can be observed; then it is more effective than against the GERMAN.
- (d) Enemy posns must be "hit" with the maximum force available and preparation made to follow up the disorganised enemy with strong patrols. It has been shown that this lowers his morale more than anything else. Wherever possible this "striking force" or patrol should be kept "in hand" but must be secondary to the original attacking force. For this reason it is better to commence an attack on fixed defences early in the day because if an attack is not culminated until say 1630 hrs it is too late to put in the "striking force" to maintain pressure.
- (e) The JAP is no match for the well trained AIF soldier especially if the latter has already had battle experience.
- (f) JAP tactics are poor but no chances may be taken as he is unexpected at times in his movements.
- (g) A drill for formation of perimeters and a firm base each night is essential. The Bn. should be trained to move into these formations in no more than 15 - 20 mins. It was found that an area approximating 80 yards by 250 yards met the average tactical situation. Where the terrain does not permit of the above a series or chain of inter-locking coy localities is the alternative.
- (h) It was proved that tracks shown on photomaps and maps often proved to be either creeks, or non-existent and it was necessary and more satisfactory to move on a direct bearing.
- (i) Encirclement is of proved worth but attack by infiltration is often forced on one by terrain and jungle growths.
- (j) Adequate recce by patrolling is of more value than ever and becomes absolutely VITAL under jungle conditions. No op was carried out by this unit without it.
Cups
- (k) Discharger should be issued on a scale of at least one per sec and 7 sec grenades for this purpose always borne in mind by all CSM's

AMM, WEAPONS AND CARRIAGE CT

2.

- (a) Four 3" Mortars and 200 - 240 bombs were carried
- (b) Two Vickers MG's were carried with 20 belts per gun incl what was in the Bn.dump.
- (c) TK/A Pl. were used to carry MG belts and 3" Mortar bombs. Extra 3" bombs were willingly carried by the 2 rear Rifle Coys - 32 carriers per coy - when the men realised the value. Spare HQ Coy personnel were used for carrying forward

SUPS AND CARE OF AMM AND WEAPONS

3.

- (a) It is absolutely essential to keep dumps - amm and sups - up to the Bn's bivouac area each night. Coy ration parties from Coy to Bn dump were practicable.
- (b) OIL is essential in plentiful supply. Our weapons proved admirably suited for this warfare provided the troops had the means to keep them operative.
- (c) Grenades easily become affected by water and let us down at times badly.
- (d) Light black silk waterproof and light-proof shelters are earnestly advocated, one per coy, RAP, and 2 to Bn. HQ. Coys require them to take messages at night. As most OO's for the campaign had to be passed at night the lack of light proof shelters was a serious handicap.
- (e) Rations were only barely sufficient and variety poor.
- (f) The men received a tobacco ration of 2 ozs on 8 Sep and on 19 Sep there was still no word of a further issue.
- (g) Canned meat is one of the finest things we have but is quite inadequate.
- (h) Personal eqpt.- Gas capes were found to be indispensable and to lighten the man load may easily act as dual purpose raincoat and ground sheet.

MEDICAL

- 4. (a) In swamp country it is essential that the men get their feet out of boots and wet socks at every opportunity and keep boots and socks free from dirt.
- (b) Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the regular taking of salt tablets against enervation and muscular fatigue. At least two tabs per day in action.
- (c) Water must be taken from the fastest running part of streams, men are too prone to take water from still edge instead of wading into the faster running water.
- (d) The system of evacuation is good but stretcher bearers in units should be double the number.

Conclusion: On all occasions it has been found that our text books may need adaption but never alteration.

WAR DIARY

APPX 'J'

SECRET.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
1 OCT 43.

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DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

Hereunder HQ 11 Aust Div Distribution Lists as at
6 Oct 43:-

List 'A' Bde and Div Tps.
List 'B' Bns and Equivalents.
List 'C' Coys and Equivalents and all sub units.

2. Distribution lists as at 1 Oct 43 will be destroyed.

Ser No.	Unit	'A'	'B'	'C'
1	6 Aust Inf Bde	1	6	23
2	101 Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	2
3	RAA 11 Aust Div	1	2	2
4	1F Hy Bty	1	1	2
5	10 Hy Bty	1	1	2
6	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	1	2	4
7	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	1	2	4
8	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	1	1	5
9	162 Aust Lt AA Bty	1	1	5
10	Det 67 Aust AASL Bty	1	1	2
11	RAA 11 Aust Div	1	7	9
12	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	1	1	2
13	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp RAE	1	1	1
14	Sigs 11 Aust Div	1	4	14
15	3 Aust Base Sub Area	1	15	30
16	BUNA Transit Area Staff	1	1	1
17	8 Aust Mvmt Control Gp	1	1	1
18	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy	1	1	2
19				
20	9 Aust Graves and Eng Unit	1	1	1
21	10 Aust Graves and Eng Unit	1	1	1
22	15 Aust Graves and Eng Unit	1	1	1
23	Det YMCA	1	1	1
24				
25	Comd	1	1	1
26	G	2	2	2
27	AQ	2	2	2
28	AASO	1	6	21
29	FS Sec	1	1	1
30	Medical	1	5	13
31	Ord	1	10	15
32	ASME	1	9	10
33	Pro	1	2	3
34	Pay	1	1	2
35	Post	1	2	2
36	Salvage	1	1	2
37	File	1	1	1
38	War Diary	2	2	2
TOTALS		39	98	193

At 11/11/43
GS Lt Col
11 Aust Div

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APPX 'K'

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SECRET.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
8 Oct 43.

Copy No. 48

11 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HRS 7 OCT 43.

Ref maps ORO BAY, BUNA EAST SPECIAL, MOROBE all 1 in to 1 ml.

2. Herewith 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 7 Oct 43.
3. Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 30 Sep 43 will be destroyed and an acknowledgement rendered on the form below.

W. L. G. / Lt-Col.
GS 11 Aust Div.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
8 Aust Inf Bde	1	AADC (208 AAA Gp)	24
'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Arm'd Regt	2	COSC (ORO BAY)	25
RAA 11 Aust Div	3	Comd	26
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	4	G	27 - 28
RAE 11 Aust Div	5	AQ	29 - 32
6 Aust Docks Op Coy	6	ASC	33 - 36
Sigs 11 Aust Div	7 - 10	Medical	37
8 Aust Base Sub Area	11	Ord	38
BUNA Transit Area Staff	12	AEME	39
8 Aust Mvmt Control Gp	13 - 14	PRO	40 - 41
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	15	PAY	42
ADCS	16	Post	43
ANCAU	17	FS Sec	44
NGF	18 - 19	Salvage	45
1 Aust Corps	20 - 21	Duty Offr	46
FATE	22	file	47
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Date.....

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Receipt is acknowledged of copy(s) Nos. 48.... of
11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 7 Oct 43.

3. 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 30 Sep 43
has been destroyed.

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SER NO.	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES.
<u>11 AUST DIV and BUNA BASE SUB AREA</u>				
<u>HQ & EC TFS.</u>				
1	HQ 11 Aust Div and BUNA Base Sub Area	BUNA	232159	
1A	BUNA Transit Area Staff	"	276254	
2	8 Aust Mvmt Control Gp	"	245266	
3	Det ANGAU	"	219147	
4	32 Aust ES Sec	"	235159	awaiting movt
<u>ARMED</u>				
5	10 th Sqn 2/8 Aust Armcd Regt	BUNA	241160	
6				
<u>ARTY</u>				
7	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div	BUNA	258158	
8	One Tp 14 Aust Fd Regt	"		staging
9				
10				
11				
12	5 Aust Svy Bty	BUNA	220130	
<u>FXD DEFS ARTY</u>				
13	10 th Hy Bty	ORO BAY	347006	
14	10 th Hy Bty	BUNA	276254	
15	170 Aust CASL Sec	OROBAY	347006	
16				
<u>AA DEFS ARTY</u>				
17	Adv HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	MOROBE	358283	
18	HQ 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty	"	359283	
19	Adv HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	OROBAY	323002	
20	HQ 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty	"	323002	H1 342021 E2 329000
21	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	BUNA	284212	
22	162 Aust Lt AA Bty	MOROBE	355265	less one Tp NASSAU BAY
23	Det 67 Aust AASL Bty	OROBAY	328016	
24				
25				
<u>ENGES</u>				
26	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div	BUNA	251157	det MORESBY
27	10 Aust Fd Coy	"	261165	det MOROBE
28	12 Aust Fd Coy	"	273202	less 3 pl 275255
29	72 Aust DCRE Works	"	243266	
30	Part 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy	"	222154	less det 280060
31	51 Aust Camflg Unit	"	222154	
32	Det 13 Aust Fd Svy Depot	"	262194	
33	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	"	235263	less det MOROBE
34	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp RAE	"	235263	
35				
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<u>SIGS.</u>				
41	Sigs 11 Aust Div	BUNA	225155	
42	44 Aust Cipher Sec	"	232159	
43	6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	138190	
44	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	235155	
45	Det Fortress Sigs	OROBAY	347006	att 'F' Hy Bty.
46	2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	MOROBE	359283	
47	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	ORO BAY	325002	
48	162 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec	MOROBE	353290	

Ser No	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES.
<u>SIGS (Contd)</u>				
49	Det 1 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	BUNA	222155	det 119076
50	HQ 3 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	248263	det 262194 ORO BAY.
51	Det 4 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	225155	
52	HQ & Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	"	248263	det 234160
53	HQ 19 Aust D/A Sec	"	248263	
54	HQ 27 Aust Line Sec	RECEPTION CAMP		awaiting movt
55	29 Aust Line Sec	BUNA	248263	
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60				
<u>INF</u>				
61	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	BUNA	138190	
62	HQ 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	257194	
63	'HQ' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	260189	
64	'B' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	286239	
65	'C' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	256259	
66	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177302	
67	'HQ' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177304	
68	'A' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	178310	
69	'B' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	141310	
70	'C' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	178506	
71	'D' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	204292	
72	56 Aust Inf Bn (less 17 Pl)	"	155214	17 Pl DOUGLAS HBR.
73	11 Aust Div Carr Coy	"	157204	to rejoin unit.
74				
75				
<u>AASC</u>				
76	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div	BUNA	210147	
77	Adv HQ 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	200153	
78	One pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	200131	
79	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	258258	
80	'A' Pl 2/103 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	283243	
81	HQ 25 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	262194	
82	169 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263193	
83	HQ 31 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	254261	
83a	Det 2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"		
84	89 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	253203	
85	133 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
86	146 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263203	
87	177 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
88	229 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	251201	
89	HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	212144	
90	14 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	139191	
91	15 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	209149	
92	53 Aust Pl BIPCD	"	258206	
94 X	3 pl 3 Aust BIPCD	ORO BAY	307012	
95	3 & 4 Pls 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery	"	309027	
96	66 Aust MCC	BUNA	249163	
97 X	54 Aust Pl BIPCD			
98				
100				
<u>MEDICAL</u>				
101	HQ 6 Aust Fd Amb	BUNA	195135	
102	'A' Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	245266	
103	'B' Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	257193	
104	3/7 AGH	"	250160	awaiting movt
105	2/11 AGH	"	258163	
106	106 Aust CCS	ORO BAY	318010	less Lt Sec LAG.

Ser No.	UNIT	MLP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES.
<u>MEDICAL (Contd)</u>				
107				
108				
109	11 AMBU	BUNA	273256	
110	17 AMBU	"	218149	
111	105 Adv Depot Medical Stores	"	249163	
112	'A' Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	"	263197	
113	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	"	155214	u/c local adm ONLY
114				
115				
116				
<u>ORD</u>				
117	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less det)	BUNA	264194	awaiting movt
118	Det 127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	264195	
119	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	149205	
120	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	264194	
121	Det 4 Aust AOD	"	251262	
122	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
123	7 Aust AOD Provision Sec	"	251262	
124	HQ 10 Aust AAD	"	260258	
125	det 2/1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
126	det 4 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
127	det 16 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
128	det 17 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
129				
130				
131	2/1 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop ORO BAY		324015	
132	8 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop BUNA		262257	
133				
134				
135				
136				
137				
<u>ARE</u>				
138	2/94 Aust LAD	BUNA	241160	att 'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt.
139	269 Aust LAD	"	159191	att 6 Aust Inf Bde
140	2/124 Aust Bde Wkshop (less det)	"	264194	awaiting movt
141	104 Aust Bde Wkshop (less det)	"	264194	awaiting movt
142	Det 127 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	264194	staging
143	137 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	149205	att 6 Aust Inf Bde
144	2/8 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop	"	237180	
145	4 Bty Sub Sec 2/2 Aust Hy AA Regt	KORORAE	359283	att 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty
146	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop Sec	ORO BAY	339044	att 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty
147	Det 67 AA SL Bty Wkshop Sec	" "	337047	
148				
149				
150				
<u>PRO</u>				
151	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	BUNA	237162	
152	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	"	262194	
153				
<u>PAY</u>				
154	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BUNA	232160	
155	72 Aust Depot Cash Office	"	262194	
<u>POST</u>				
156	11 Aust Div Postal Unit	BUNA	232161	
157	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	"	256261	
158				

Ser No.	UNIT	Man	Ref	Remarks Projected Moves.
<u>GRAVES</u>				
159	9 Aust Graves Regn & Eng Unit	BUNL		
160	10 Aust Graves Regn & Eng Unit	"	274244	
161	15 Aust Graves Regn & Eng Unit	"	150205	
<u>MISC</u>				
162	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BUNL	270210	
163	det 26 Aust Salvage Unit	"	271209	
164	11 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	"	210130	
164A	det 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	"	210130	
165	Det 20 Aust Eng Coy	"	240203	
166	Det 32 Aust Eng Coy	ORO	BAY306024	
167	7 Aust Div Details (veh pool)	BUNL	220156	staging
168	Det AICS	"	218149	
169	Det YAC	"	218149	
170	Det ACF	"	218149	
171				
172				
173				
174				
175				
176				
177				
178				
179				
180				
<u>3 AUST BASE SUB AREA.</u>				
<u>HQ & HQ UNITS</u>				
181	HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area	MOROBE	353289	dets NASSAU & TAMBU BAYS.
182	Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	"	350295	
183				
<u>ARMED</u>				
184	1 Aust Tk Bn	MOROBE	354292	staging
<u>ENGRS</u>				
185	4 Aust Fd Coy	MOROBE	362277	awaiting movt
186	Det 10 Aust Fd Coy	"	360280	
187	Det 6 Aust Docks Up Coy	"	350293	awaiting movt
188	Det 5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	"		staging
189	Det 1 Aust Water Gp RAE	"	550294	dets NASSAU & TAMBU BAYS
<u>SIGS</u>				
190	1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Mntce Tp	MOROBE		staging
191	Det 18 & 19 L of 3 Sigs	"	353289	
192	3 Coy Carr Pigeons	"		
193	12 Aust Line Sec	BUNL) awaiting movt to MOROBE.
194	18 Aust Line Sec	"		
195	20 Aust Line Sec	"		
196	4 Aust Line Sec	MOROBE		awaiting movt.
<u>INF</u>				
197	'A' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	MOROBE	355290	
198	'D' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"		NASSAU & TAMBU BAYS.
199	'A' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	"	355283	
200				
<u>ASC</u>				
201	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy ASC	MOROBE		staging
202	160 Aust Sup Depot Fl	"	355289	det TAMBU BAY
203	161 Aust Sup Depot Fl			NASSAU BAY.
204				

Ser No.	UNIT	Map	Ref	Remarks Projected Moves.
	<u>MEDICAL</u>			
205	2/2 Aust CCS	MOROBE	368270	less det BUN. await- ing movt.
206	Det 10 Aust Fd Amb	"	359285	u/c 1 Aust Corps
207	Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	"		staging
208				
209				
	<u>ORD</u>			
210	Det 102 F.D	MOROBE	349290	det NASSAU & TAMBURAY.
211				
	<u>REME</u>			
212	Sec 4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop	MOROBE		staging
213	209 Aust LAD	"		staging
214				
	<u>PRO</u>			
215	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	MOROBE	350294	
	<u>PAY</u>			
216	Sub Depot Cash Office	MOROBE	360280	
	<u>POST</u>			
217	Det 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	MOROBE	350294	
	<u>MISC</u>			
218	Det AUGAU	MOROBE	334290	

WAR DIARY

APPX 'L'

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
9 Oct 43.

G.4565

GS MEMO NO 9.

PROMULGATION OF ORDERS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

Signal 08909 of 7 Oct from NGF reads :-

"Any order or instruction from higher formations outlining future operations will NOT be distributed without using code names for all localities referred to."

2. (a) Branches and services desirous of promulgating such orders to units under command will act accordingly.

(b) GS will issue code lists on restricted distribution.

(c) Application will be made to GS for names of places NOT included in these lists.

3. In promulgating such orders care will be taken only to pass such parts as are necessary for action by recipients.


GS Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

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11 Aust Div.
10 Oct 43.

11 AUST LIV TRG INSTN No 19
USE OF 6 PR TKA GUNS IN CLOSE SP OF INF.

G.4606

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instn is

- (a) to arrange for practice in cooperation between inf and Tka guns in dealing with prepared defences -
- (b) to arrive at a battle drill.

PRACTICE

- 2. 6 Aust Inf Bde will arrange an exercise on or about 15 Oct 43 (this HQ to be notified exact date and time) in an area to be selected by the Bde, involving an attack by at least one pl on an enemy posn including bunkers or pill boxes.
- 3. 2/12 Aust Tka Bty has agreed to cooperate, to take part in the exercise and to assist in preparations, para 4 below. Bty Comd is to contact 6 Aust Inf Bde to discuss details.

WORKS

- 4. 6 Aust Inf Bde will construct two bunkers, properly built and tactically sited, with cleared fds of fire.
- 5. Every attempt will be made to achieve realism. The bunkers must NOT be obvious nor must they be so hidden that they could NOT in fact fulfil their function.
- 6. As it will NOT be practicable to have men in the bunkers, fire coming from them will be simulated by small red screens operated by remote control.
- 7. 31 Aust Camflg Unit will assist in the camflg work.

EXERCISE.

8. The following outline is proposed :-

- (a) The selected pl forms part of a coy adv through jungle. One tp Tka is in sp of the coy. In fact one sec Tka plus extra personnel as required can work with the pl.
- (b) Pl recce bunker area, calls on Tka for assistance and points out bunkers located.
- (c) Tka guns employed to destroy bunkers and/or to cover attack by inf.

9. A "dry run" will take place first to test technique and then a practice with ball amm to perfect the battle drill.

AMM.

10. As 6 pr HE is NOT at present available in this area, solid shot will be used. Application will be made for allotment.

REPORTS

11. At the conclusion of the exercise 6 Aust Inf Bde will submit a report outlining the accepted drill and making any recommendations for further study.

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Alb. Smith Lt-Col.
GS 11 Aust Div.

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11 AUGUST DIV BN SUMMARY NO 111

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APPX 'N'

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(Compiled from info received from 0900 hrs
8 Oct 45 to 0900 hrs 10 Oct 45.)

PART I - OPERATIONS.

LAKE - OUR and ENEMY.

RAMU VALLEY.

The advance down the RAMU VALLEY has been rapid; small pockets of enemy resistance have been quickly neutralised. After crossing the CUBAP 2 on 2 Oct our patrols reached KALIGUEN 778401. On the night 2/3 Oct the enemy was driven from a posn at 792385, and during 3 Oct our tps attacked a post at 825429 from which the enemy withdrew. In both attacks casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Slight opposition was overcome at 783151 on 4 Oct and WAMPUBI was occupied. The village of DUMPU approx 8 miles from the end of the Jap HP rd to BUCALUBI was occupied in strength on 5 Oct, with forward tps disposed along the URIA River to KUMBARUM 793370. The DUMPU airfield was quickly put into commission.

Meanwhile another column of our tps from BEWA BEWA patrolled the DUMPU-KESAWAI track on 2 Oct but found no enemy and reported KESAWAI clear of enemy on 6 Oct.

A small party of Japanese in a village at 685594 were fired on by our arty on 4 Oct. A patrol sent to investigate reported small enemy pockets in the KULBARUM area.

A captured operational order issued by 78 Regt dated 0700 hrs 5 Oct was captured on 7 Oct at KULBARUM, and disclosed that the YAMASHITA platoon will block the FARA River valley and one bn will block the URIA River valley.

BEBEI was occupied on 7 Oct whilst patrols pushed forward to 689604 reporting enemy patrols in area 682304 on night 7/8 Oct. A patrol to SURIMA reported that bridges over SURITAI 2 at 771837 and 772528 have been destroyed.

NORTH of LAE.

Small parties of enemy stragglers have been reported in the KELEN area north of LAE and have been harassed by our patrols. On 4 Sep our patrols to KELEN found many fires in the area. Natives reported that there were 40 to 50 enemy, apparently stragglers, in the vicinity.

Eighteen Japs were killed whilst withdrawing along a track north of KELEN on 1 Oct.

Another party of our tps were in the KUNDA BRIDGE - LUSOM area with strong fighting patrols to GAKEN and KEMEN and north into the mountains. Small parties of enemy stragglers were reported in the area.

FINSCHHAFFEN.

The village of FINSCHHAFFEN was occupied by our tps at 1130 hrs 2 Oct. This force, comprising a bn, crossed the SUMI River near its mouth early in the morning and advanced south through SALANKAUA Plantation on the axis of the main track 637601. No enemy resistance was met and there were signs of a hurried withdrawal. This withdrawal was forced by a successful attack made on 1 Oct on the enemy strongposts around KAKAKOG from the NW. The enemy resisted stubbornly all day but were finally driven from many posns. One hundred Japanese marines were killed and a large number of HMGs, LMGs and quantities of ammunition were captured. The bn then occupied a posn on a spur about 100 yds north of KAKAKOG, and it was found that the enemy had evacuated a large part of SALANKAUA Plantation. Mopping up proceeded on 1/2 Oct.

On the same day our tps holding the track at 623592 repulsed an enemy attack inflicting casualties and our arty engaged two barges in GREAT HARBOUR setting one on fire.

Meanwhile the force moving along the coast from LAE secured DREGER HARBOUR and patrols move on to TIBULUM Plantation 6254 without meeting any opposition.

The whole of the FINSCHAFEN area was reported clear on 2 Oct. Large quantities of valuable equipment were found abandoned. KOTAM and SIBANG areas were occupied and contact was established with the force south of LANGEMAK R.V.

During mopping up operations a number of enemy were killed and some prisoners captured. One of these stated that the remnants of his unit had left FINSCHAFEN at dawn on 2 Oct via the inland track through TIMORO GURUNKOR KUMAWA and SATELBERG. South of the LAPE River our tps attacked a small enemy party near GODOA (618553) killing two, and another patrol to LOGALENG 6552 reported the village clear of enemy. Defences on the high ground had been abandoned and a field gun and several HMGs were captured.

In the SATELBERG road area there was some sharp fighting on 2 Oct on the track near 580662. An enemy pocket near 586655 was attacked. On the coastal track our patrols attacked an enemy force about 40 strong 2000 yds north of SONG R and inflicted casualties. In this area large enemy patrols attacked our outposts but were repulsed.

On 4 Oct on the SATELBERG track a company which had been isolated near JIVEVANENG 589660 succeeded in rejoining the main body. This coy reported continuous attacks during the time it was isolated. All these were repulsed and at least 50 enemy were killed. Late on 5 Oct the enemy evacuated his posn on track enabling our tps to re-occupy JIVEVANENG.

To relieve the pressure at JIVEVANENG another column moved inland from the coastal track at 630631 to KUMAWA 5664 where an enemy patrol was encountered of whom six were killed. This force moved north from KUMAWA and fwd tps were fired on by the enemy at 566650. This post was shelled by our arty and a small force left to contain it. The main body moved NE along the track to SISI 512658 and encountered a strongly dug in enemy posn on the track at 564647 east to 567650. The enemy resisted strongly with MG and fighting patrol and at last light our fwd tps were on high ground overlooking track junc at 568648 and KUMAWA. Contact was also established with the enemy on the SATELBERG track west of JIVEVANENG. North of KUMAWA our forces were in contact with the enemy throughout 7 Oct. A large enemy force tried unsuccessfully to cut our standing patrols at 565645 from the west. Twelve enemy were killed during the day and others wounded. Further attacks were made on our posns on 8 Oct but were repulsed. Our arty has been active in support of our fwd tps. To the north along the coastal track junc 645725 was occupied on 6 Oct. Shortly before mid-day 7 Oct this force had reached 646735 and a patrol fwd to 653737 took one prisoner.

TAMI ISLANDS.

Our tps occupied KALAL Island, the chief island of the groups early on 3 Oct without opposition. Natives reported that approx 200 enemy with extensive wireless equipment left the islands some three weeks before.

B. SEA - ENEMY

RABAU.

Photographs taken on 1 Oct reveal the following in harbour :-

2 cruisers
10 destroyers
5 submarines
4 auxiliaries
26 merchant vessels (tonnage 132,037)

Three large tankers were included among the merchant vessels. This is a much higher tanker tonnage than is usually found and may foreshadow that the enemy anticipates increased use of RABAU by naval units. At the last sighting of RABAU HAREOUR on 20 Sep 22 naval vessels and 119,700 tons of merchant shipping were present.

HOLLANDIA

Two medium vessels were seen at HOLLANDIA on 25 Sep. A merchant vessel was also sighted at this anchorage on 25 Sep. The presence of 23 barges which are probably used for lightering may indicate that greater use is to be made of this port in future.

WEWAK.

Photo interpretation of damage caused to shipping in this area during the raid on 27 Sep reveal that 11,000 tons of merchant shipping was destroyed or probably destroyed in addition to 20 luggers. This destruction following heavy damage inflicted on 2 Sep coupled with the fact that Allied striking forces are moving nearer to WEWAK would possibly explain increased use of HOLLANDIA.

ALBON.

A concentration of shipping photographs at ALBON on 0729L/2 contained the following :-

1 freighter transport	8000 tons
1 " "	5000 "
1 " "	4500 "
2 " "	1000 " each.
1 stack aft freighter	1500 "
13 merchant vessels	250 - 600 tons and numerous
harbour craft.	

It is considered that these ships may be destined for NEW GUINEA.

WESTERN NEW BRITAIN.

Reinforcement of Western NEW BRITAIN and ROOKE ISLAND is continuing. A large concentration was sighted at LOLOBAU IS during the week, another at DAGI RIVER, two merchant vessels at GROVE IS and one near UIMA IS, and barges at ROOKE IS. There were also indications of a probable warship seven miles ESE CASIATA, and an unconfirmed sighting of barges in RICHTOFEN BAY. A fire was encountered by our A/C over ROOKE IS.

C. AIR - OWN.

Air activity has been limited during the past week and has been confined generally to attacks on barges along the RAI coast in NEW BRITAIN.

BOGADJIL

Heavy bombers on 5 Oct damaged buildings in BOGADJIL, caused explosions in supply area at ERIMA Plantation and scored hits on both approaches to the GORI RIVER. Huts were hit and fires started at BOGADJIL.

CAPE HOSKINS.

Nine MARAUDERS bombed the strip, dispersal areas and camps at CAPE HOSKINS. Large explosions were observed at the western end of the runway and other targets were accurately bombed.

GASLATA.

Twenty-two KITTYHAWKS bombed GASLATA starting fires on 5 Oct.

BARGE SWEEPS.

On 3 Oct 9 MITCHELLS on a barge sweep from CAPE BUSHING to CAPE GLOUCESTER and around ROOKE ISLAND coast destroyed one or two camouflaged and possibly loaded barges, north of LUGUNEN POINT. GAROVE ISLAND was attacked by 6 MITCHELLS on 4 Oct, launches were bombed and strafed and buildings destroyed. Eleven MITCHELLS attacked 9 barges along the RAI coast on 5 Oct but results were not observed. Two MITCHELLS are missing from this mission. One was hit by AA fire and crashed in flames and the other was last seen disappearing into cloud and has not returned to base.

Small craft off CAPE RAOUL on the north coast of NEW BRITAIN were attacked by MITCHELLS on 6 Oct. One launch was damaged and tracers were seen entering two patrol vessels. A number of Japanese swimming near TAMO River and barges in ROTTOCK BAY were strafed. In the afternoon another group of MITCHELLS bombed and strafed installations on UMEA ISLAND, destroying one building and three barges were attacked in BORGEN BAY with unobserved results.

Three BEAUFIGHTERS on the same day attacked 5 barges and one launch at LOLABAU ISLAND. One was sunk and two left burning.

FINSCHHAFFEN

On morning 9 Oct nine BOSTONS and 12 VULTEE VENGEANCES attacked enemy defensive posns in the vicinity SISI Village. Weather over the target was bad and rain squalls and low clouds made observation difficult. Ten VULTEE VENGEANCES and three BOSTONS also attacked SATELBERG. Buildings were destroyed and pilots reported possible ammunition dumps were blown up at 561675 and 560675.

ENEMY AIR.

FINSCHHAFFEN

Activity by the enemy air force has been chiefly concentrated in the FINSCHHAFFEN area. At least ten raids have been reported during the week. Some casualties and damage have been reported.

BUNK.

The enemy made two attacks in the area at 2023 hrs and 2148 hrs on 9 Oct. In the first raid two enemy planes dropped approx 10 x 150kg bombs in vicinity SOENA Plantation, killing thirteen. The second raid was carried out by at least twelve enemy planes. Three sticks of bombs were dropped in the LOBODURA Village area. One European was killed and three injured. Five natives were killed and one wounded. A patrol dump was hit and some huts destroyed.

PART II.

ENEMY 00B - LAND

54 DIV

An undated entry in a recently captured document stated that the disembarkation of this Division at WEWAK had been completed. A detachment of the engrs is known to have arrived at FINSCHHAFFEN from SIO on 6 Sep. The Div is tentatively placed at WEWAK, strength estimated at 15,000.

30 DIV

There is documentary evidence that HQ are established at SIO.

79 INF REGT

The movement of three companies during Aug and early Sep is now known.

On 22 Aug 12 Coy was at USINI with a detachment at GOBUI (WO 2172) and patrols operating towards BUNUI. By 3 Sep 4 Coy was established at WAMPUN engaged in reconnaissance of the left bank of the RAMU RIVER, and 10 Coy was then moving to the "KORABA" area (WO5275). An order issued on 6 Sep for the relief of 12 Coy 78 Inf Regt was probably carried out.

There has been no further reference to the Regt and it probably remains in the BOGABEM - YOKOPI area.

33 and 44 IND ENGR REGTS

An undated map, presumably of July 25, showed both units as working on the road forward of JOKOPI. It is considered that they are still employed in the area and strength has been increased by 1200.

FINSCHHAFEN

Prior to the Allied landing in the area the enemy force was under command of one "YAMAUCHI", and included the following units :-

HQ 80 Inf Regt	125
2 Bn 80 Inf Regt (6,7,8 Coys)	600
3 Bn 80 Inf Regt (9, 11 Coys)	280
3 Bn 238 Inf Regt (9 Coy)	150
2 Bn 238 Inf Regt (5 Coy)	150
3 Bn 21 Inf Regt (11 Coy)	150
21 Ind Lt Mortar Unit	100
3 MG Sec, Sigs, Engrs	70
SNLP Garrison	50

1675

Less reported killed to 6 Oct 225

1450

On 6 Sep 80 Inf Regt was ordered to despatch a force consisting of approx three coys of infantry and one platoon of the Regtl Gun Coy to the MONGI RIVER area. The abandoned equipment found near the MONGI RIVER no doubt belonged to this force which apparently moved back to SATELBERG early in September.

An attack by a "Battalion Group" was to have been made on 26 Sep from the direction of SATELBERG against our troops near HELDSBACH. It did not eventuate but the following units are known to have been included in the force :-

9, 11 Coys 80 Inf Regt
5, 9 Coys 238 Inf Regt
21 Ind Lt Mortar Unit

It is considered that approx 200 troops remain at SATELBERG as a rearguard and that the balance of the force is en route for SIO. Thus an additional 1,250 have been added tentatively to enemy strength at SIO.

68 DIV

On 13 May the Div was ordered to take over the guarding of Western NEW BRITAIN, including UMBOI and GAROVE ISLAND. Included in their task was the establishment of the airfields at CAPE GLOUCESTER and TULLUVU, and L of C duties at the latter place.

Indications are that 141 Inf Regt is concentrated at CAPE BURNING and ROOKE ISLAND.

Until the organisation of the Div is established strengths by areas cannot be estimated with any certainty but 6/7000 is considered to be a reasonable figure for Western NEW BRITAIN incl CASIMTA, UMBOI and GAROVE ISLAND.

51 DIV

The tpt Regt of this Div, less 3 Coy, arrived at LAKUS ISLAND from RABUL on 15 Apr. The main force was to construct a new airfield at HYANE HARBOUR, and one section was to work on the airfield at LORENGAU.

EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE RIFLE GRENADE and GRENADE DISCHARGER

A description of this weapon appears in Appendix "A" hereto.

ENEMY TACTICS

The following extracts from a Japanese note book dated 12 Aug 43, which was captured at WHITTAKER'S on 13 Sep 43, are of considerable interest :-

Front Line Butai Patrols -

1. Selected Platoon patrols will penetrate deep into the enemy lines and make surprise attacks and cut enemy communication lines. They should attack the Transport Tai and capture material.
2. More than 2km from our Butai area there are ideal points where we can send up smoke and endeavour to dissipate the enemy artillery fire.
3. Endeavour to build a false position quite some distance from the real position and decoy the artillery fire to this.

Other than Front Line Butai Patrols

1. When sending out a patrol they will endeavour to decoy the enemy artillery fire by sending up smoke in the places mentioned in paragraph 2.
2. But they must carry this out accurately according to officers' instructions and must absolutely take the necessary precautions not to decoy enemy fire upon the real positions.

A report on the efficiency of dummy positions and dummy guns, dated 8 Aug 43, indicates that in the SOLOMONS these plans have met with some degree of success.

From experiments made in the fighting at LUNDA area, even against the enemy's tactics of relying upon the omnipotence of fire power, suitably prepared dummy positions and dummy guns were extremely effective in drawing enemy artillery and bombing attacks.

(1 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No 51)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHY

TRACKS NORTH OF LUMPU

- (a) A captured sketch map indicates a track running north from KUMBARUM along the east bank of the URLA R to GURUMBU No 3 (742610) thence to GURUMBU No 2 (750617) which is identical with Key Point No 3 mentioned in 20 Div 00 No 1 dated 8 Sep.
- (b) SURINA (SURINAM) is now thought to be situated at 778530.

(1 Aust Corps Int Report No 32).

PART V - SECURITY

THE CHANGE FROM THE DEFENSIVE TO THE OFFENSIVE.

During the early days of the War, the vigour and enterprise with which the enemy sought to obtain information about our plans was largely tempered by his conviction that our defeat was inevitable. Moreover, since it was he who was continually on the offensive, his chief concern was to prevent leakage of information about his plans, rather than to gain information about our own.

The situation is now reversed. The Allies are on the offensive, and the enemy is seeking by every means in his power to gain information - even though it be but the merest indication - about our plans and intentions. All who are responsible for security education must therefore re-double their efforts, and should continually drive home this point in all lectures and talks which they may give. All personnel must realise that the more we take the offensive, the more jealously we must protect the security of information about our intentions.

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JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE RIFLE - GRENADEDESCRIPTION:

The Japanese Rifle Grenade is a copy of the German G Pzgr or possibly the larger GR, Gpzgr. The grenade incorporates the MUMRO or hollow charge principle and is fired from an adapter which is attached to the standard 6.5mm WEISS 38 Rifle. The body is made in two parts and is fitted with a ballistic cap and cone to form an air space in order to utilize the hollow charge principle. It contains a bursting charge of 3.81 oz TNT and a 70 grain booster of unknown composition. The lower cylindrical body contains the fuse and consists of an aluminium case fitted at its base, with a rifled collar for engagement of the rifling in the adapter barrel. The grenade is inserted into the barrel with a twisting motion in order that the rifle collar engages with the rifling. A flash cap is situated immediately above the fuse, followed by the detonator and a booster pellet. No prior data was available on this projectile.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Weight of complete grenade	12.45 oz
Weight of explosive charge	3.81 oz
Weight of booster	.70 gr
Weight of fuse	.71 oz
Weight of detonator	.50 oz
Weight of primer	6 gr
Weight of base plate and spigot	.65 oz
Weight of body	4.61 oz
Weight of fuse, detonator and primer	4.03 oz
Weight complete, inert	8.28 oz
Overall length	7.03 in
Length of body (less ballistic cap)	5.218 in
Length of fuse housing	3.124 in
Length of cone	2.562 in
Diameter of cone at top	1.516 in
Diameter of cone at bottom	.230 in
Thickness of cone $\frac{1}{8}$ " from top	.012 in
Thickness of cone at bottom	.059 in

FUSE:

(a) The base detonating fuse is composed of the following components :-

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| (i) Fuse base plate and spigot | (iv) Firing pin |
| (ii) Firing pin housing | (v) Arming Spring |
| (iii) Setback spring | (vi) Flash cap |
| | (vii) Booster |

(b) The fuse base plate with a protruding spigot is screwed (into the) base of the grenade. The fuse and setback spring are held in position by spigot. On top of the firing housing and encircling the firing pin, is an arming spring. Upon setback, the firing pin housing compresses the set back spring and is locked in the rear position by four stirrup-like springs which protrude from the side of the firing pin housing. Also upon setback, the arming spring reasserts itself into the circular groove provided in the fuse housing. This action clears the way between the firing pin and flash cap. A creep spring which fits over the firing pin prevents the assembly due to vibration of the projectile in flight. Upon impact, the weight of the firing pin assembly compresses the spring and the firing pin penetrates the flash cap and explodes the detonator. The resultant explosion sets off the booster which in turn explodes the main bursting charge.

The grenade was fired statically against a mild steel block and appenetration of three and seven-eighth inches in length and half an inch in diameter at the top of penetration was the result. The cone appeared to have melted and fused with the mild steel block.

Foreign Material Branch
Aberdeen Proving Ground
Maryland USA.

TO FIRE:

(1) The grenade is loaded into the discharger barrel as described. A 6.5mm propellant cartridge (possibly ballastite) with a wooden projectile fitted instead of the usual metal projectile, is loaded into the breach of the rifle and fired in the usual manner. The grenade is safe to handle since the fuse is not armed until the grenade is in flight. The grenade is fired by impact with the target, a base detonating inertia actuated fuse, being carried in the rear of the projectile behind the bursting charge.

(2) While this is the only instance of use by the Japanese of the hollow charge principle that has been discovered to date, it is expected that they will employ it in other weapons. The penetrating effect obtained is not dependent on impact velocity and the Japanese have in quantity a variety of low velocity weapons of fairly large calibre which are suitable for firing hollow charge projectiles. Such weapons are the Type 92 (1932) 70mm Battalion Gun and the Model 41 (1903) 75mm Regimental Gun.

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11 Oct 43.

11 AUST DIV

STANDING ORDERS.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN USING LIVE AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

OBJECT

1. These standing orders are issued in order to minimise the chances of accident through faulty or careless handling of weapons during training and operations. They will be observed on all occasions when the tactical situation admits.

SCOPE

2. They deal primarily with precautions to be observed in connection with the use of small arms with live ammunition.

OTHER WEAPONS and EXPLOSIVES

3. (a) The safety precautions laid down in the appropriate instructions for practice for the particular class of artillery will be observed during artillery shoots.
(b) Precautions laid down in the appropriate Engineer and/or Ordnance Manuals will be observed as applicable when handling explosives and artillery ammunition.

PROMULGATION

4. Unit Commanders will ensure
 - (a) that these instructions, where applicable, are re-published in their unit standing orders and amplified as necessary;
 - (b) that they are promulgated to all ranks under command, particular care being taken to bring them to the notice of each new draft of reinforcements as it joins the unit;and (c) that, prior to each training exercise in which live amn is to be used, sub-unit comds make sure that all ranks are thoroughly conversant with the safety arrangements for, and the precautions applicable to, the type of exercise projected,

CATEGORIES.

5. In general, occasions demanding the application of safety precautions may be grouped into the following categories :-
 - (a) Those required when practices are carried out on authorised ranges, where the line of fire is fixed, distances are known to the firers, and proper communications exist or can be installed to enable complete control of all firers to be exercised immediately and effectively.
 - (b) Those required during battle practices and field firing or other exercises where live amn is used to simulate battle conditions where distances are NOT known to the firers and lines of fire and firing positions are NOT fixed.
 - (c) Those required during operations - particularly when sub-units and individuals have to move with weapons loaded.

INSTRUCTIONS APPLICABLE.

6. The following instructions will apply as indicated, and the senior officer, W/O or NCO i/c of each sub-unit or detachment will be responsible for ensuring that all individuals under his command are conversant with and observe the safety precautions prescribed :-

(a) During Range Practices

- (i) The precautions prescribed in S.T Vol I Pamphlet No 1 paras 41 - 43 will be enforced strictly during all range practices on ranges having no effective stop butts.
- (ii) The danger area will be considered as extending for a distance of 300 yds behind and 400 yds on each flank of the target line.
- (iii) Firing points should, if practicable, be sited so that the line of sight is NOT above the horizontal at any range.

(b) During Battle Practices and Field Firing.

Appx 'A' att are detailed safety precautions to be observed when using live amm and explosives in all battle practices, field firing and exercises of a similar nature. This will be read in conjunction with appx 'B' of "The Instructors Handbook on Field Craft and Battle Drill" which gives certain safety rules for the use of live amm for training purposes.

- (c) During Operations normal safety precautions will be supplied in so far as the tactical situation permits. Where the tactical situation necessitates keeping weapons charged they will NOT be cocked or otherwise made "active" until such time as they are required to be used against the enemy or unless the close proximity of the enemy demands otherwise in which case the safety catch or other safety device will be applied until the enemy is actually engaged. Mines and booby traps will NOT be made active until placed in position tactically. Except as provided above, charged weapons will be made safe as for training exercises as indicated in para 7 hereunder.

WEAPONS - SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS FOR

7. (a) Except as provided in para 6(c) above, when not actually engaging a target individual weapons when charged or loaded will be made safe as laid down in the sub-paras below.
- (b) During range practices or other training exercises involving the use of live amm the safety officers and other officers detailed to conduct or supervise the firing will check each weapon before and after firing, and particularly prior to any change of fire position, to ensure that the weapons are made safe.
 - (c) Rifle .303
During exercises or operations, the rifle magazine may be charged but NO round will be loaded into the chamber until firing is to be commenced. Action will NOT be cocked and the safety catch will be applied up to this stage.
During range practices the safety precautions referred to in para 6(a) above will be observed and enforced.
 - (d) Pistol .38, .45 (or other type not mentioned hereunder) - Safety precautions laid down in S.T Vol 1, Pam 11a, Lesson 1, para 2 will always be observed.
On all other occasions, the pistol will be carried in the case, loaded when the tactical situation demands, and will only be drawn for a specific purpose. If fitted with a safety catch, it will be applied until it is necessary to engage a target.
 - (e) Pistol, Verex. - Will not be loaded until the situation demands.
To discharge a flare, the pistol will be held with the arm extended full above the head at an angle of not less than 45° to the horizontal.

- (f) SMG - During exercises involving the use of live amm, and in operations, SMGs may be carried with the magazine in position, but the action will NOT be cocked and the change lever will be on safe until a target is about to be engaged.
- (g) LMG - Safety precautions prescribed in S.T Vol 1 Pam 4 will be observed.
During range practices, guns will NOT be loaded until ordered by the officer or NCO i/c of the firing point.
During exercises involving the use of live amm or during operations, LMGs may be carried with the magazine in position, but the action will NOT be cocked and the change lever will be on 'safe'.
- (h) MG - For exercises and range practices, the safety precautions prescribed in S.T Vol I Pam 7 will be observed and the prescribed safety angles will be observed at all times.
- (j) Mortar - 3 in. - Safety precautions prescribed in S.T Vol I Pam 9 will be observed. Attention is directed to Sec 34 of the abovenamed publication when battle practice or field firing is contemplated.
Owing to the danger of "shorts", if the barrel or charge is damaged, where any doubt exists, the barrel will be dried out and the secondary charge changed prior to opening fire.
Where this is not practicable during operations the first charge will be fired with safety cap on the fuze.
- (k) Mortar 2 in - Safety precautions prescribed in S.T Vol I, Pam 8 and in S.T Vol I Pam 9 will be observed. Precautions against suspected dampness as mentioned in sub-para (g) above will also be taken.
- (l) Grenades and Dischargers.
Safety precautions prescribed in S.T Vol I Pam 13 and in particular appx III, will be observed when any type of grenade is used in exercises or range practices.
On no account will observers or spectators be permitted to observe from positions in the open at a distance from the point of origin less than the width of the 100% danger zone of grenade or bomb employed.

USE OF BLANK AMM.

- 8. (a) Blank amm will NOT be used or carried in exercises where ball amm is employed.
- (b) When blank amm is used in two-sided training exercises fire unit commanders and safety officers will NOT permit fire to continue when the opposing forces reach a distance of 50 yds or less from one another.

INSPECTION OF ARMS and EQPT.

- 9. (a) Prior to Exercises and Range Practices.
Unit and sub-unit commanders will ensure that before amm is issued for an exercise with live amm, or to carry out range practices, the arms, equipment and clothing of all ranks participating are inspected to ensure that no weapons are loaded, and that no individual is in possession of any unauthorised amm.
- (b) After Exercises and Range Practices
Immediately on conclusion of an exercise with live amm or of range practices, unit and sub-unit commanders will ensure that all weapons are "cleared", all arms, equipment and clothing of personnel participating are inspected, and that any unexpended amm in possession of individuals is withdrawn and suitably disposed of.

EXPLOSIVES.

10. (a) Preparation and placing of charges, mines, booby traps etc will be carried out only by personnel trained in their use.
- (b) In all cases where mines, charges, or booby traps are placed a detailed record of their location and nature will be kept by the unit placing them, which will also be responsible for warning neighbouring units and formations of the position of such charges etc.
- (c) Where, owing to the progress of operations, such charges etc no longer fulfil a useful purpose, they will, if practicable, be withdrawn or otherwise suitably disposed of, under arrangements of the unit responsible for placing them in the first instance.
- (d) Where the unit moves from the area, or the procedure mentioned in sub-para (c) above is impracticable for other reasons, the unit comd concerned will be responsible for ensuring that the record of location is passed to the incoming unit or units, if any, and to the next higher authority, which will be responsible for subsequent warnings or other appropriate action.
- (e) Wherever practicable, only service explosives, fuzes etc as issued will be used. Improvised "thunder-flashes", fireworks, etc will NOT be prepared, when the approved pattern is obtainable from service sources, nor will they be prepared in any circumstances without the prior approval of the commanding officer of the unit. The latter will then be responsible for issuing instructions to ensure the safety of personnel both during the preparation and subsequent use of such devices.

AUTHORISED RANGES and FIELD FIRING AREAS.

11. (a) During training in rear areas live ammunition will be used only on authorised ranges or field firing areas apart for the purpose, or in case of a hostile attack. Where such ranges or areas have NOT been proclaimed, application for the use of a particular area will be submitted for approval to higher authority with full particulars of requirements.
- (b) Higher authority will at all times be notified of practices or exercises involving live amm in sufficient time to allow promulgation to all concerned.
- (c) Indiscriminate discharge of weapons will at all times be treated as a serious offence requiring drastic disciplinary action. Where such firing results in the wounding or death of any person, the individual or individuals responsible will be charged inter alia with manslaughter or occasioning bodily harm.

CONCLUSION

12. It is the responsibility of all officers, WOs and NCOs to take suitable steps, within their respective spheres of command, to enforce the prescribed safety precautions and to take any additional steps which may be necessary to safeguard life and property against accident, when weapons, ammunition and explosives of any kind are being handled or otherwise used.

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APPENDIX 'A' ISSUED WITH
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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN
USING LIVE AMMUNITION and EXPLOSIVES.

BATTLE PRACTICES, FIELD FIRING
and SIMILAR EXERCISES.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

1. The Commanding Officer is responsible that
 - (a) the area has been approved for the type of exercise projected and is adequate in size to provide the necessary safety margin beyond and to the flanks of the target area for the types of weapons to be used.
 - (b) that all concerned (including the civil population where applicable) have been given adequate warning through the proper channels to enable them to vacate the danger area and to remove all livestock etc to a place of safety; that the date, times of commencing and finishing, the approx target areas, direction of fire and danger area have been included in the warning notification.
 - (c) that arrangements are made to piquet approaches to the danger area to prevent the entry of persons and animals thereto whilst the exercise is in progress, and that the danger area is inspected carefully prior to the commencement of the exercise to ensure that no persons or livestock remain in it.
 - (d) that instructions regarding safety precautions are adequate and made known to all concerned prior to the exercise and that the necessary arrangements, incl communications, are made to control the operation.
 - (e) that all personnel participating are adequately trained and have passed the TsOET for the weapons which they will be required to use.
 - (f) that all weapons are correctly zeroed prior to the exercise.
 - (g) that immediately the exercise concludes, an inspection of the area is made by a responsible officer to note and record particulars of any damage done to property resulting from the exercise. This officer will collect any claims for compensation from the tenants or land-owners concerned for forwarding to higher authority together with particulars of the alleged damage as noted in the record of inspection.

SAFETY OFFICERS.

2. (a) Normally, a Chief Safety Officer will be detailed to control all arrangements for safety during the exercise. He may be assisted by Safety Officers detailed to supervise and control the safety arrangements for a specified group of fire units. An Assistant Safety Officer, who may be a WO or reliable senior NCO, will be detailed to accompany and control the safety arrangements for each fire unit throughout the exercise.
 - (b) Safety personnel may be used to carry out umpire duties in addition to their other duties.
3. The Chief Safety Officer will :-
 - (a) Work out the detailed safety arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the scheme. In this he must consider :-

- (i) Characteristics of the various weapons and the danger zones of the projectiles.
 - (ii) Location of targets in relation to the probable fire positions of sub-units engaging them. This may necessitate the imposition of restrictions as to times when fire may be opened or must cease on a particular target; confining sub-units to specified lines of approach or fire position in order to ensure that fire is applied to the target only from a safe direction; prohibiting fire on particular targets while neighbouring sub-units are passing through particular locality; indicating safety angles for flank or overhead fire (if the latter is permitted).
 - (iii) Depth of the danger area behind and to the flanks of targets in relation to lines of fire from different localities from which they may be engaged.
- (b) Issue the necessary instructions to the various Safety and Assistant Safety Officers and ensure that they are fully conversant with their responsibilities and duties.
 - (c) Ensure that communications are adequate to enable him to control the safety organisation throughout the exercise.

4. Each Safety Officer will :-

- (a) Prior to the exercise familiarise himself with the scheme of the exercise, and his particular responsibilities and duties in connection therewith. He will also ensure that his assistants are conversant with their tasks.
- (b) Carry out such duties as may be allotted by the Chief Safety Officer and in particular control and supervise the action of the Assistant Safety Officers in his group.
- (c) Maintain touch with the Chief Safety Officer and his Assistant Safety Officers throughout the exercise, and draw his attention to any dangerous situations which may be tending to develop as the exercise progresses.

5. Each Asst Safety Officer will :-

- (a) Prior to the exercise familiarise himself generally with the scheme for the exercise and in particular that part with which he is primarily concerned, as well as with his duties.
- (b) Carry out such duties as may have been allotted to him by the Chief Safety Officer through the safety officer of his group.
- (c) Accompany the fire unit to which he is allotted throughout the exercise, to ensure that any special instructions regarding its line of advance, fire positions, targets, lines of fire, and restrictions on the period during which it may engage targets are strictly enforced.
- (d) Ensure that proper fire discipline and control are maintained, and that all normal safety precautions are properly observed.
- (e) Maintain contact with the Safety Officer for his group, and immediately report to him any happening which may jeopardise safety.

6. (a) Safety personnel will have complete discretion in deciding whether or not fire is permissible during any particular phase and will be responsible for stopping immediately the fire of any sub-unit or units which may be dangerous.

- (b) Safety personnel will NOT attempt to assume personal command of a sub-unit or group, but will exercise control through the commanders of the sub-unit or group concerned. Nor will they interfere with the tactical handling of sub-units unless it is absolutely necessary in the interests of safety, in which case they will confine their instructions to the sub-unit commands concerned to the minimum necessary to ensure safety.
- (c) Instructions by safety personnel in the course of their duties will be obeyed implicitly and without delay by the sub-units and individuals to whom they are given.

"BATTLE INOCULATION"

7. The instructions contained in the "Instructors Handbook on Field Craft and Battle Drill" Appx B Sec A will be strictly observed when training of this nature is performed.

SPECTATORS

8. (a) Spectators will be kept in rear of sub-units carrying out the exercise and will not be permitted to approach any firing point in use to a distance less than 50 yds from the firers.
- (b) Movement of spectators will be strictly controlled and they will conform to instructions issued by safety personnel.

BLINDS.

9. All "blinds" will be located and marked by personnel specially detailed for the purpose and appropriate action will be taken for their disposal on completion of the exercise.

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APPX 'P'

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ 11 Aust Div.

11 Oct 43

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AVERAGE SIG TIMES.

SERIAL NO 5.

In accordance with 11 Aust Div GS memo No 6 following are current times for outward signals. These times are not to be regarded as firm and will vary from day to day for many reasons. They are, however, an indication.

LINK	IMMEDIATE	IMPORTANT.	ORDINARY	REMARKS
1. MOROBE (14/32 Bn)	3 hrs	7 hrs	10 hrs (a)	Majority of traffic passed over link No. 1. (b) Comms to MOROBE are unreliable at night.
2. MOROBE-NGF-11 Div-MILNE BAY.	5 "	8 "	16 "	10 hrs MILNE BAY ordinary traffic.
3. 2 Aust Corps	Fullerphone - delay very slight.			
4. 5 Aust Div	7 hrs	10 hrs	DRIS	} Via 2 Aust Corps incl estimated clearance by 2 Aust Corps
5. 7 Aust Div	7 "	10 "	DRIS	
6. 9 Aust Div	7 "	10 "	DRIS	
7. NGF (via 2 Aust Corps)	4 "	5 "	9 hrs	
8. NGF (via W/T)	4 "	5 "	DRIS	

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4. Passes

(a) See 11 Aust Div DRO A423 of 9 Oct 43 which provides that:

The BUNA Wharf area is out of bounds to all ranks except those whose duty requires them to be in that area.

Passes for entry into the area will be issued by HQ 11 Aust Div on application.

- (b)(i) All men off ships must be in possession of an approved means of identification and a ships leave pass.
- (ii) Att as Appx 'A' are NGF Security Regulations controlling the movement of Seamen. Copies of these regulations will be provided by this HQ for serving to incoming Ship's Masters by NOIC BUNA.
- (iii) Ref Appx 'A' para 1. Naval Intelligence is to carry out checks of credentials and identity papers in such ships as NOIC shall decide and as frequently as possible.
- (iv) Approved points of entry will be notified to all concerned by GS(Int) 11 Aust Div who will also arrange for clear and obvious signposting defining such points of entry and enclosure limits, etc.

5. FSW will carry out continuous independent checks and will report direct to GS(Int) 11 Aust Div.

6. Pro

- (a) Will establish posts and provide police and moving patrols to the best and fullest extent of their resources in order to implement the provisions of para 2 sub paras (a) - (f) incl, and (j) - (k) incl above.
- (b) In particular pro will, to the best of their ability :-
 - (i) Warn off wandering parties with no particular task.
 - (ii) Check passes of individuals and parties entering the prescribed area.
 - (iii) In conjunction with FSW check passes and identities of people inside the area particularly those NOT engaged on organized jobs, including civilians and/or seamen.
 - (iv) Check parties and vehs leaving the area for stolen goods - spot check system carried out with assistance of OC or NCO i/c party - see para 2(g).
 - (v) Prevent entry of pers without passes and exit of seamen beyond the prescribed limits without special authority.
 - (vi) Arrest any man in unauthorised possession of goods.

7. Guards

- (a) Units and sub units will post guards wherever possible. This will be on an increasing scale as men become available and thus reduce the strain on present resources.
- (b) It may be possible at a later date to make additional units available to assist.

GENERAL

8. It is very difficult under present conditions to prevent petty pilfering during unloading and transit to dumps, but by rigid control at exits removal of goods will be prevented.

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APPX 'Q'

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12 Oct 43.
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11 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTN NO 27.

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SECURITY - BUNA WATERFRONT AREA

Ref Map BUNA 1 inch to 1 mile.

OBJECT

1. The object of this instn is to define the policy for ensuring security in the waterfront area. Some of the provisions set out below are already in force and full implementation is dependent on available manpower.

POLICY

2. Intention
 - (a) Entry of unauthorised people into the area will be prevented.
 - (b) Rigid identity checks will be maintained.
 - (c) Movement of men off ships will be checked and curtailed.
 - (d) Opening of holds, unloading and carriage of stores will be supervised.
 - (e) Movement of stolen goods from the area will be prevented, as it is realised that under present conditions some pilfering within the area cannot be avoided.
 - (f) Pro will be employed as police in accordance with their normal function and NOT as guards.
 - (g) Working parties will retain their normal sub unit organization and will work under their own offrs and NCOs. These parties will perform their duties as directed by Docks Op and Emp or other specialized personnel allotted for the purpose.
 - (h) Units will be responsible for their own protection.
 - (j) Vigorous action will be taken against men caught stealing. Officers and W & NCOs i/c working parties will ensure that adequate supervision is exercised continually to prevent members of such parties from pilfering.
 - (k) Security regulations will be issued to ships and enforced.
 - (l) All comds will issue proper and detailed written instns to all subordinates concerned. Order boards will be prepared and handed over on relief of guards, sentries, piquets etc.

METHOD

3. Fencing
 - (a) Beach and Stores dump area will be fenced by RAE 11 Aust Div and limited gateways provided.
 - (b) Exact delineations of fence and positions of entrance will be decided on the ground by "Q" 11 Aust Div.
 - (c) RAE 11 Aust Div will carry out such additional fencing around dumps and other areas as "Q" branch shall direct.
 - (d) These fences, in conjunction with notices mentioned in para 4, will enclose and indicate the "prescribed areas" herein referred to.

9. In special cases arrangements will be made at the direction of 11 Aust Div for searching of crews quarters before ships sail. Where it is suspected that cargo has been breached, or that members of the crew have been concerned in pilfering, application should be made by the MCO or OC Docks Operating Unit to this HQ for such action to be taken without delay.

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SECURITY REGULATIONS

MOVEMENT OF SEAMEN AND CIVILIANS FROM VESSELS ENTERING PORTS
OF NORTH-EASTERN NEW GUINEA

THE ATTENTION OF THE MASTERS OF ALL SHIPS ENTERING PORTS
IN THIS AREA IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

1. NO person will be permitted to leave ship until their credentials and identity papers have been approved by Army Intelligence. Where this is impracticable approval may be granted by Naval Intelligence.
2. NO person whose identity papers have NOT been so approved will be permitted to leave the vessel whilst in port.
3. Personnel granted shore leave must carry in their possession an approved means of identification AND a ship's leave pass showing the name of ship and the individual to whom it is issued.
4. Personnel going ashore must do so via the approved point of entry which will be defined by Army Intelligence. They must present identification papers and leave pass to Provost on duty both on leaving and re-entering the said point of entry.
5. Personnel permitted ashore must NOT go beyond limits indicated by signs.
6. The approved points of entry and the location of the necessary restriction signs will be defined by the commander of the formation or sub-area responsible for the security of the port.
7. A list of the required types of identification papers is given hereunder:-
 - (a) British Seamen (including Aust):
 - Aust "Civil Identity Card" (C R 3), and "Permit to Board ships"
 - or Aust "Document of Identity"
 - or British Seamen's Paybook
 - or English or Dominion Pass-Port
 - or British Mercantile Marine National Registration Identity Card.
 - (b) US Seamen:
 - US "Seaman's Certificate of Identification" ("Z" paper)
 - or US "Seaman's Pass-Port"
 - or US "Coast Guard Identification Card"
 - or Aust "Certificate of Registration of Alien Seamen".
 - (c) British Indians and Fijians:
 - "Certificate of Service in Mercantile Marine" issued by Customs Dept of India
 - or Certificate of Nationality and Identity of British Coloured Seamen
 - or Shipping Company's Identity Card for Coloured Seamen which has been approved and endorsed in this port
 - (d) All Other Aliens (including Indonesians, Malaya, Chinese, Etc)
 - or Aust "Certificate of Registration of Alien Seamen"
 - or Aust "Alien Registration Card"
 - or Shipping Company's Identity Card which has been approved and endorsed in this port.

8. The Master of the ship will notify NOIC or US ATS without fail, of any persons engaged, discharged, hospitalized, missing or stowed away while in this port.

F.H. Berryman
(F.H. BERRYMAN) Major General
Deputy Chief of the General Staff

7 Sep 43

WAR DIARY

APPX "R"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SUBJECT: CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

HQ 11 Aust Div
14/3 Oct 43
G.4657

6 Aust Inf Bde (5)
C Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
RAA 11 Aust Div (2)
106 Aust Tk/A Regt
F Hy Bty
O Hy Bty
2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt (2)
2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt (2)
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
162 Aust Lt AA Bty
RAE 11 Aust Div (7)
11 Aust Div Carr Coy
3 Aust Base Sub-Area (6)
AQ
E Aust FS Sec.
File (2)

1. Attached is copy of letter from NG Force over the signature of the DCGS on the subject of recently captured enemy documents. It will be noticed that the letter stresses the importance of captured documents in revealing enemy plans and intentions as well as their value for building up our knowledge of the enemy OOB and strengths.

2. It is desired that contents of this letter be made known to troops under cmd.

W. G. G.
GS 11 Aust Div. Lt-Col.

COPY.

SUBJECT: CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

NG Force
8 Oct 43
GSI/2612

2 Aust Corps
3 Aust Div

During the course of the operations which culminated in the successful capture of SALAMAUA, LAE and FINSCHHAFEN, together with the successful occupation of the UPPER MARKHAM and UPPER RAMU VALLEYS, a large number of enemy documents have been captured by forward troops and promptly sent back through intelligence channels to this HQ.

2. The most important of these documents are enumerated on the attached sheet. They have been a most important factor in the successful conduct of the campaign. In addition to this list, many useful documents have been received which if not affecting the immediate operations, have greatly assisted in the building up of the enemy OOB and our knowledge of his intentions.

3. It is desired that 2 Aust Corps should bring this letter to the notice of 5 Aust Div, 7 Aust Div and 9 Aust Div with an expression of the appreciation of this HQ, at the same time requesting them to thank forward troops and in particular, the individual officers and men who obtained the documents and also those responsible for their quick despatch to this HQ. Similar action is desired by 3 Aust Div.

4. Captured documents and the interrogation of prisoners form at present the most fruitful source of our information of enemy strengths and intentions and thereby materially assist our Commanders to form their operational plans.

(Sgd) F.H. BERRYMAN Major General
Deputy Chief of the General Staff

20 DIV OPERATION ORDER NO 1 OF 18 SEP 43

Captured by 7 Aust Div at KAIAPIT on 21 Sep.

This document revealed the enemy's intention to establish an L of C from KWATO to KAIAPIT whence an attack was to be launched down the MARKHAM VALLEY against our troops at NADZAB. The enemy units involved were enumerated with their strengths, and the location of HQ and dump areas were shown on a map attached to the order.

EVACUATION PLAN (by barges) SALAMAU to LAE

Captured by 7 Aust Div at HEATHS 14 Sep.

This document was a loose carbon sheet which listed the personnel to be evacuated and the number of barges provided for each group. It provided the first reliable basis upon which the strength of the SALAMAU Garrison remnants could be estimated.

WITHDRAWAL PLAN LAE - SIO

Captured by 7 Aust Div at HEATHS 14 Sep.

This document contained details of the main points concerning the evacuation and revealed the intention of marching to SIO.

AERO-NAVIGATION MAP (marked with enemy dispositions)

Found LAE 24 Sep. Finder unknown.

Inter alia, this map revealed that two battalions of 5 Div were in MADANG and WEWAK respectively on approx January 43.

PROPOSED ATTACK ON BENA BENA

Found at TSILI TSILI by F/Lt N.O. CLAPPISON, OC, Air Technical Intelligence Inspection.

A note-book; contained a rough diagrammatic sketch of the BENA BENA area, which, together with a vague reference to three battalions of infantry, provided the basis for an appreciation of the enemy's intention to attack our troops in the BENA BENA area in September or October.

LOCATION OF 54 DIV

At FINSCHHAFFEN, 20 Aust Inf Bde captured a "Convoy Operation Order" dated 6 Sep which stated that 54 Engr Unit had arrived from SIO.

In a diary captured at FINSCHHAFFEN on 2 Oct by the same brigade, mention was made that 54 Div had completed unloading operations at WEWAK.

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APPX 5

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
14 Oct 43.
G.4661

GS MEMO NO 10.

COURIER A/C.

1. Advice has been received that USASOS air safe hand courier A/C service is extended to KIRIWINA IS and LAE.
2. Daily schedule is now as follows :-

NORTHEBOUND A/C.

Departs: MORESEY	0600 hrs
LAE	0740 "
DOBOURA	0855 "
GOODENOUGH IS	1010 "
KIRIWINA IS	1100 "
WOODLARK IS	1215 "
MILNE BAY	1350 "
Arrives: MORESEY	1520 "

SOUTHBOWN A/C.

Departs: MORESEY	0600 hrs
MILNE BAY	0750 "
WOODLARK IS	0925 "
KIRIWINA IS	1040 "
GOODENOUGH IS	1130 "
DOBOURA	1245 "
LAE	1400 "
Arrives: MORESEY	1520 "

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11 Aust Div.

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APPX "T"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MOST SECRET

HQ 11 AUST DIV

14 OCT 43

G4647

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CODE WORDS

This cancels list G3977 of 4 Sep 43 which will now be destroyed by fire and certificate of destruction furnished to GS(Int) 11 Aust Div.

2. Lists follow:-

LIST 'A' FORMATIONS

<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
ESCALATOR	NGF
KEYBOARD	9 AUST DIV
OUTLOOK	7 AUST DIV
PHOSPHOROUS	NGF

LIST 'B' PLACE NAMES

ABET	ADELAIDE
ACACIA	SYDNEY
ACTS	PERMANTLE
ALDER	TOWNSVILLE
AMOEBA	GOOLENOUGH IS
APPARITION	NADZAB
ARABIC	NEW BRITAIN
ARTERITIS	SOLMON IS
ASSESSOR	NASSAU BAY
ASTER	PORT DARWIN
ATAR	MILNE BAY
BIHO	ORO BAY
BILLSTICKING	HUON PENINSULAR
BINOCULAR	LAE
BRAN	DOBODURA
BRAVES	PERTH
BY PRODUCT	KIRIWIPA
CARDIAC	NEW IRELAND
CENTRAL	NEW GUINIA IS
CHIVALRY	BUNA
CITADEL	CAIRNS
CONVICTION	HUON GULF
CURB	MERAUKE
DIMINISH	FINSCHHAVEN
DIPPER	BOUGAINVILLE IS
DOUBLET	SALAMUA
ECHO	SYDNEY
EGAT	GOOLENOUGH IS
ENGAMEL	BUKA IS
EQUILIBRIUM	MA-LANG
ETCH	KIRIWIPA IS
EXCHEQUER	MARKHAM VALLEY
FORSOOTH	BRISBANE
FUND	WOOLLARK IS

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GOWN
GOPA
GROUNDHOG
HOSPITABLE
HYOSCINE
INGA
JADE
JUB.
KNEECAP
LEATHERBACK
LECTERN
LEFT
LETTERBOX
LIMB
MAZE
MOSEBAG
OKRA
ONUG
PALLIASSE
PELICAN
PENUMBR.
PILU
PINAFORE
PARTICO
PCTSHOT
SCRAMOUC
SNOWMAN
SPAVIN
TEAK
WALK

CAIRNS
TUFI
NORRA (NST)
MELBOURNE
ADELAIDE
KANA KOPA
PERTH
THURSDAY IS
ALBANY
WOODLARK
TOMBA
BRISBANE
DOBODURA
SAHARA IS
MELBOURNE
GERALDTON
TOWNSVILLE
BUNA
WU-BUCOLO VALLEY
MILNE BAY
ORO BAY
MILLINGIMBI
FREMANTLE
MORCEE
EXMOUTH GULF
PORT MORESBY
MELBOURNE
AUSTRALIA
PORT MORESBY
PORT DARWIN

3. Code name has not yet been assigned for 2 Aust Corps. It will be promulgated when available.

4. This list will NOT be reproduced nor will code names be distributed except as particularly required.

GS *[Signature]* Lt-Col.
M1 Aust Div.

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WAR DIARY

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APPX "U"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 11 Aust Div
15 Oct 43

G4687

SUBJECT: PUBLICATION - "GETTING ABOUT IN NEW GUINEA"

1. It has been directed by the GOC-in-C that all copies of above publication be immediately withdrawn.
2. Units will accordingly return all copies to HQ 11 Aust Div without delay.

[Signature]
GS

[Signature]
Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

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List 'B'

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ 11 Aust Div.
15 Oct 43.

SUBJECT: STAFF DUTIES.

1. The following extract from an ATM so exactly expresses views which I have held for a long time that I repeat it:

"There is no more valuable subordinate than the man to whom you can give a piece of work and then forget it, in the confident expectation that the next time it is brought to your notice it will come in the form of a report that the thing has been done."

2. This applies to us all, whatever our rank or appointment.
3. Negative reports are as essential as positive ones and progress reports often set a superior's mind at rest. In other words if you have not been successful tell the fellow who gave the order about it or tell him what progress you have made as soon as possible.
4. Para 6 ATM 23 is worth reading carefully. It is mostly old stuff but it is not always remembered.

J. G. Lavin Lt-Col.
GS 11 Aust Div.

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G III(O)
G III(Int)
G III(CW)
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

SECOND PROGRAMME OF TRG - ORS DIV HQ.
PERIOD ENDING 6 NOV 43.

(Ref 11 Aust Div GS Instn No 14)

NOTE: Camp Comdt will divide pers
available for trg into two gps
and maintain rolls accordingly.

APPROX W
HQ 11 Aust Div
16 Oct 43
G 4701.

DURATION OF PARADES:

Half-day 3 hrs
Full day 6 hrs

PLACE OF REPORTING:

Vicinity Camp Comdt's
Office.

SERIAL NO.	DATE	TIMES	SUBJECT	PARADE COMMENCES	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	16 Oct	15 mins "	Drill with Arms	1330 hrs	Dress - drill order Pers to train - Gp 1.
		40 "	Revision - Fire Control Orders		
		40 "	IMG : Elementary Handling		
		95 "	Prismatic Compass and simple map reading to be used in directional march.		
2	20 Oct	-	as for Serial 1.		Pers to train - Gp 2.
3	23 Oct	-	Range practice - rifle only Tables to be fired - 5 rounds grouping - 100yds " " application - " " " " " " 200yds " " rapid " " " " snap " "	0915 hrs	Dress - drill order Range - SOPUTA Gp 1 will fire in morning - Gp 2 in afternoon. Camp will arrange for Gp 1 to return to Div HQ before Gp 2 departs.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
4	30 Oct	-	<p>Range practice - IMG and OSMG</p> <p>Tables to be fired:</p> <p>IMG 5 rounds Repetition Ranging 200yds</p> <p>" " Automatic</p> <p>25 " Application</p> <p>" Automatic</p> <p>OSMG 10 " Ranging 30yds</p> <p>10 " Repetition</p> <p>10 " Automatic</p>	0915hrs	as for Serial 3
5	3 Nov	-	<p>Construction of Assault course involving</p> <p>8 ft wall, ramp, dummies and 20 ft</p> <p>suspension bridge</p>	1330hrs	Drill order
6	6 Nov	-	<p>Continuation Serial 5</p>	1330hrs	Drill order
					Pers to train Gp 1
					Pers to train Gp 2

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Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

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APPX X

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

RESTRICTED
HQ 11 Aust Div.
15 Oct 43.

11 AUST DIV TRG INSTN 20,
CHEMICAL WARFARE.

G.4684

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instn is :-
 - (a) To define the CW Trg policy.
 - (b) To ensure a standard of gas trg sufficient to maintain fighting efficiency in the presence of gas.

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

2. The following instns will be carried out :-
 - (a) Issue A/Gas eqpt to the individual in accordance with the scale shown in Appx 'A' to the limit of available resources. It will NOT be worn unless ordered, but it will be fully maintained with particular care concerning troubles caused by this climate.
 - (b) Carry out complete inspections at least once per month of all A/Gas eqpt.
 - (c) Include A/Gas trg in all syllabi.
 - (d) Submit all ranks quarterly to TsOET as laid down in Gas Trg (Aust) 1942 Sec 15; such TsOET to be held for the periods
Jan - Mar
Apr - Jun
Jul - Sep
Oct - Dec
and results forwarded to HQ 11 Aust Div. Return for Jul - Sep quarter will be submitted by 24 Oct, thereafter returns will be lodged by 20th of month following conclusion of the tests. All returns will show :-
 - (i) Number of pers tested.
 - (ii) Number of pers not tested and reasons therefor.
 - (iii) Number of pers qualified.
 - (iv) Percentage qualified in relation to number tested.
 - (v) Report on results of monthly inspections.

Att as Appx 'B' is a list of specimen questions suitable for inclusion in TsOET.

- (e) Detail a unit gas offr or NCO whose duties will be to supervise trg, care and maintenance of A/Gas eqpt.
- (f) Submit with return required on 24 Oct 43 :-
 - (i) The name of offr or NCO detailed to act as unit gas offr.
 - (ii) A list of all Offrs and ORs who have attended a gas school, in each case list to show Army Number, Rank, Name and particulars of schools attended.

CW INTELLIGENCE.

3. Info relating to enemy CW eqpt or suspected offensive action must be reported immediately by the quickest means direct to HQ 11 Aust Div. For example, the presence in HG of enemy gas eqpt would be of great significance in future ops.

DISPOSAL OF A/GAS EQPT.

4. (a) Units returning to the Australian mainland will move with any articles of personal A/Gas eqpt that may be on issue to them.
- (b) Individuals returning to the mainland will return all A/Gas eqpt to unit QM store, unless proceeding to a school, when they will take only such A/Gas eqpt as laid down in joining instns.
- (c) Units moving to fwd areas will take such A/Gas eqpt as is stipulated by HQ 11 Aust Div. Eqpt left behind will be suitably stored in unit dumps ready for onward movement if required.

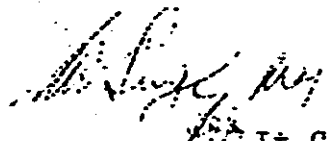
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5. The difficulties of A/Gas trg in this area and under present conditions are realised but these must not allow laxity in trg in a subject which may be of vital importance before the war is over.

Issued through Sigs

Distribution

List A
plus extra copies Appxs 'A' & 'B'
to allow distribution down to units.


GS Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

RESTRICTED
 Appx 'A' to
 11 Aust Div Trg Instrn 20
 Dated 15 Oct 43.

A. A/GAS EQUIPMENT TO BE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUAL.

Ser No	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)
1.	Respirator A/Gas, complete	Disinfection of Respirator to be carried out as laid down in Gas Trg (Aust) 1942 Sec 16a.
2.	Ointment A/Gas No 2 tins (8 tubes 1/4 oz ea)	
3.	Capes A/Gas.	If carried in rolled position, must be unrolled and hung by straps for 8 hrs in every 24 hrs.
4.	Eyeshields A/Gas (pkts of 3)	
5.	Cotton Waste 1 oz.	

B. A/GAS EQUIPMENT TO BE HELD IN UNIT RESERVE.

Ser No	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)
1.	Capsules Lachrymatory	Issue 5% of strength (Monthly)
2.	Detectors, Gas, Ground pads of 25	Issue 20% of strength (plus 4% reserve)
3.	Detector, Gas, Sleeve prs	Issue 1 all ranks.
4.	Detector, Gas spray Frames Lk III (Aust)	Issue 2% of strength.
5.	Detector Paint No 1 8 oz tins	4 ozs per A & B vehs. 1 lb per 32 capes or suits light A/Gas. 1 lb per 25 Detectors, Gas Spray Frames Lk III (Aust).
6.	Lines, Natural whipcord.	1 lb per 250 or less respirators.
7.	Ointment A/Gas No 1 (2 oz contrs)	4 per mortar, arty piece and LMG plus 100% reserve. 2 per LMG, SAIG and Tk/A rifle.
8.	Rattles, Trench, Lk III	1 per pl or similar sub unit.
9.	Tools, detaching, Lk I	1 per 250 or less respirators.
10.	Tools, extracting inlet valve.	do.
11.	Tools, positioning inlet valve	do.
12.	Valves, inlet	13% of respirators.
13.	Valves, outlet	do.
14.	Signs, Warning, Gas Lk II	20% of strength.

Ser No	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS.
15.	Tape, adhesive $\frac{1}{2}$ " yds	5 % of respirators
16.	Webbing, elastic, $\frac{3}{4}$ " yds	do.
17.	Wires, binding, 11 in	50% of respirators.
18.	Boots, rubber, knee prs	20 per arm'd regt.
19.	Gloves, A/Gas prs	3 per jacket, light, A/Gas 2 per stretcher-bearer 1 per motor cyclist and member of jeep crew. 1 per LT veh (for driver) 50% of strength in SL units. 2% of strength for decontamination duties (Minimum 4 per unit).
20.	Hoods, A/Gas	
21.	Jackets, light, A/Gas	1 per AFV (excl carriers) 1 each per carrier crew. 1 per 4 signallers 2% of unit for decontamination duties (Minimum 4 per unit).
22.	Overboots, A/Gas prs	1 per stretcher-bearer 1 per 2 signallers 2% of strength for decontamination duties. (Minimum 4 per unit).
23.	Trousers, light, A/Gas prs	1 per Jacket, light, A/Gas.
24.	Valises, A/Gas	1 per member of carrier crew.
25.	White cyllin or Izal pints	1 per 60 respirators. AASG supply

RESTRICTED.

Appx 'B' to
11 Aust Div Trg Instr 20
dated 15 Oct 43.

SPECIMEN QUESTIONS SUITABLE FOR TSOET.

Note: These questions are issued as typical of the types of questions all ranks are expected to be able to answer; but are not exhaustive in their scope.

1. CARE AND CLEANING OF THE RESPIRATOR.

- (a) Describe the application of anti-dim.
- (b) How would you clean a very dirty haversack?
- (c) What steps are necessary to clean a facepiece after use?
- (d) Name two types of "Disinfection" and when they are carried out?
- (e) What is the strength of the solution used in disinfection?
- (f) State the two main causes of damage to a container.

2. USE AND CARE OF OTHER ITEMS OF GAS EQPT.

- (a) For what period will the cape A/GS provide protection against liquid blister gas?
- (b) How many eyeshields are issued to the individual and where are they carried?
- (c) What do you consider the most important points in preventing deterioration of the cape A/Gas?
- (d) How are detectors, gas, ground used?
- (e) Against what blister gases is No 2 Ointment effective?
- (f) Describe how you would use a tube of No 2 Ointment in personal decon.

3. WAR GASES AS TAUGHT IN INITIAL TRG.

- (a) Name four gas of war gases and one gas from each gp.
- (b) State two methods by which Lewisite may be recognised in the fd to distinguish it from mustard gas.
- (c) Name three lung gases.
- (d) By what smell can phosgene be recognised in the fd?
- (e) Name three of the toxic smokes.
- (f) What are the effects of nose gases on the body?
- (g) What are the three stages of the action of a blister gas on the skin?
- (h) Name three gases that are filtered off by the pads at the base of the type E container?

4. GAS DETECTORS AND GAS WARNING SIGNS.

- (a) What detectors are carried by an NCO?
- (b) By what detectors is Arthur gas detected in the fd?
- (c) What is the reaction of detector paint to Lewisite vapour?
- (d) How are detectors, gas spray used?
- (e) Explain the use of gas warning signs.
- (f) How far should gas warning signs be placed from the limits of contamination?
- (g) What precautions are necessary in the use of detectors Type A?
- (h) In what manner is detector paint used on a vehicle?

5. ACTION ON HEARING AURAL OR VISUAL WARNING "SPRAY".

- (a) For what purpose is the gas rattle used?
- (b) What would be your action on hearing the gas rattle?
- (c) What is the alarm for a spray attack?
- (d) What would be your action on hearing "SPRAY"?
- (e) Would you adjust your cape immediately on the word "SPRAY"? If not, what action would you take?

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APPX Y

SECRET.
HQ 11 Aust Div.
16 Oct 43.
G.4695

11 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT
AS AT 2359 HRS 15 OCT 43.

Copy No 49

Ref maps ORO BAY, BURMA EAST SPECIAL, MYROBE all 1 in to 1 ml.

- 2. Herewith 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Oct 43.
- 3. Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 7 Oct 43 will be destroyed and an acknowledgement rendered on the form below.

GS Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No.	DISTRIBUTION	Copy No.
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Date.....

11 Aust Div.

- 1. Receipt is acknowledged of copy(s) Nos..... of 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Oct 43.
- 2. 11 Aust Div Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 7 Oct 43 has been destroyed.

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SEQ NO.	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES
<u>11 AUST DIV and BUNA BASE SUB AREA</u>				
<u>HQ & HQ TPS</u>				
1	HQ 11 Aust Div and BUNA Base Sub Area	BUNA	232159	
1A	BUNA Transit Area Staff	"	276254	
2	8 Aust Movt Control Gp	"	245266	
3	Det ANGAU	"	219147	
4				
<u>ARMED</u>				
5	100 Sep 2/3 Aust Armcd Regt	BUNA	241160	
6				
<u>ARMY</u>				
7	HQ Rm 11 Aust Div	BUNA	258158	
8	HQ 14 Aust Fd Regt	"	265198	staging
9	HQ 106 Aust Tka Regt	"		Transit camp
10	22 Bty Aust Tka Regt	"		
11	22 Bty Aust Tka Regt (less two tps)	"		
12	5 Aust Svy Bty	"	220130	
<u>FLYING SQUADS ARMY</u>				
13	100 Fly Bty	ORO BAY	347006	
14	100 Fly Bty	BUNA	276254	
15	Det 'D' Fly Bty	"		not yet disembarked
16	170 Aust CASL Sec	ORO BAY	347006	
<u>AA DEFS ARMY</u>				
17	Aust HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	MOROE	358283	
18	HQ 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty	"	359283	
19	Aust HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	ORO BAY	323002	
20	HQ 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty	"	323002	H1 342021 H2 329000
21	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	BUNA	285212	
22	One Tp 162 Aust Lt AA Bty	MOROE	355265	
23	Det 67 Aust AA SL Bty	ORO BAY	328016	
24				
25				
26				
27				
28				
<u>ENGINES</u>				
29	HQ Rm 11 Aust Div	BUNA	231157	det MORESBY
30	10 Aust Fd Coy	"	261165	det MOROE
31	12 Aust Fd Coy	"	375202	less 3 Pl 275255
32	72 Aust CORE Works	"	243266	
33	Part 55 Aust Fd Fk Coy	"	222154	less det 290060
34	11 Aust Camflg Unit	"		transit camp
35	31 Aust Camflg Unit	"	222154	
36	Det 10 Aust Fd Svy Depot	"		
37	6 Aust Socks Cp Coy	"	235263	less det MOROE.
38	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Rm	"	235263	
39	5 Aust CRE Works	"		transit Camp u/c local adm only.
40				
<u>SIGS</u>				
41	Sigs 11 Aust Div	BUNA	225155	
42	44 Aust Cipher Sec	"	232159	
43	6 Aust Int Sec Sig Sec	"	138130	
44	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	225155	
44a	Det 106 Aust Tka Regt Sig Sec	"		Transit Camp
45	Det Fortress Sigs	ORO BAY	347006	det 100 Fly Bty
46	2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	MOROE	355265	
47	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	ORO BAY	347006	
48	Det 162 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec	MOROE	355265	

NO.	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES
<u>SIGS (Contd)</u>				
49	Det 1 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	BUNA	222153	det 119076
50	HQ 3 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	248263	det 262194 ORO BAY
51	Det 4 Coy 18 L of C Sigs	"	225155	
52	HQ & Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	"	225155	
53	HQ 19 Aust D/R Sec	"	248263	
54				
55	29 Aust Line Sec	BUNA	248263	
56				
57				
58				
59				
60				
<u>INF</u>				
61	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	BUNA	138190	
62	HQ 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	257194	
63	'HQ' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	260189	
64	'B' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	286239	
65	'C' Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	256259	
66	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177302	
67	'HQ' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	177304	
68	'A' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	178310	
69	'B' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	141310	
70	'C' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	176306	
71	'D' Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn	"	204292	
72	56 Aust Inf Bn (less 17 Pl)	"	155214	17 Pl DOUGLAS HBR
73	11 Aust Div Carr Coy	"	157204	to rejoin unit.
74				
75				
<u>AASC</u>				
76	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div	BUNA	210147	
77	Adv HQ 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	200133	
78	One Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	200131	
79	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	286238	
80	'A' Pl 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	282249	
81	HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	262134	
82	169 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263195	
83	HQ 31 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	254261	
84	Det 2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
85	89 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	263203	
86	138 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
87	146 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	262203	
88	177 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
89	229 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	254261	
90	HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	212144	
91	14 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	139191	
92	15 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	209149	
93	53 Aust Pl BIPOB	"	268206	
94	54 Aust Pl BIPOB	"	268254	less det MOROBE
95	3 Pl 3 Aust BIPOB	ORO BAY	507012	
96	3 & 4 Pls 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery	"	309027	
97	66 Aust MAC	BUNA	249163	
98				
99				
100				
<u>MEDICAL</u>				
101	HQ 6 Aust Fd Amb	BUNA	195135	
102	" Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	245266	
103	" Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	"	257196	
104	2/7 AGH (less det)	"	250160	awaiting movt
105	2/11 AGH	"	259163	
106	106 Aust FCS	ORO BAY	318010	less 1t sec LAE.

Ref No.	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES.
<u>MEDICAL (Contd)</u>				
107				
108	11 AAMCU	BUNA	273256	
109	17 AAMCU	"	218149	
110	104 Aust Adv Dep Medical Stores	"		Transit Camp, u/c local adm only.
111	105 Adv Depot Medical Stores	"	249163	
112	141 Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	"	263197	
113	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	"	155214	u/c local adm only
114				
115				
116				
<u>ORD</u>				
117				
118	Det 127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	BUNA	264195	
119	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	149205	
120	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	264194	
121	HQ 4 Aust ACE	"	251262	
122	Det 10 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
123	Det 14 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
124	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
125	Det 18 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
126	Det 19 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	251262	
127	7 Aust AmOD Provision Sec	"	251262	
128	HQ 10 Aust AAD	"	260258	
129	Det 2/1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
130	Det 4 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
131	Det 16 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
132	Det 17 Aust Ord Amn Coy	"	260258	
133				
134				
135	2/1 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	ORO BAY	324015	
136	6 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	BUNA	262257	
137				
<u>ASME</u>				
138	2/94 Aust LAD	BUNA	241160	att 'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
139	269 Aust LAD	"	159191	att 6 Aust Inf Bde
140	Det 263 Aust LAD	"		Transit att 106 Aust TKA Regt
141	Det 284 Aust LAD	"		CAMP Transit att 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy
142				Camp
143	2/137 Aust Bde Wkshop	"	149205	att 6 Aust Inf Bde
144	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop	"	237130	
145	4 Bty Sub Sec 2/2 Aust Hy Am Regt			
146	2/2 Aust Comp Am Regt Wkshop Sec	OROROE	359283	att 2/4 Aust Hy Am Bty
147	Det 67 AMSL Wkshop Sec	ORO BAY	359044	att 2/5 Aust Hy Am Bty
148		"	357047	
149				
150				
<u>PRO</u>				
151	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	BUNA	237162	
152	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	"	262194	One Sec awaiting move
153				
<u>PAY</u>				
154	11 Aust Div Bg Cash Office	BUNA	232160	
155	72 Aust Depot Cash Office	"	262194	

REF No.	UNIT	MAP	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES
	<u>POST</u>			
156	11 Aust Div Postal Unit	BUNA	232161	
157	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	"	256261	
158				
	<u>GRAVES</u>			
159	9 Aust Graves Regn & Eng Unit	BUNA	GONA	Awaiting movt
160				
161	15 Aust Graves Regn & Eng Unit	"	150205	
	<u>MISC</u>			
162	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BUNA	270210	
163	Det 26 Aust Salvage Unit	"	271209	
164	11 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	"	210130	
165	Det 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	"	210130	
166	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy	"	240263	
167	Det 52 Aust Emp Coy	OROROE	306024	
168	7 Aust Div Details (veh pool)	BUNA	220156	Staging
169	Det ADGS	"	218149	
170	Det YKCA	"	218149	
171	Det ACS	"	218149	
172				
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174				
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179				
180				
	<u>3 AUST BASE SUB AREA</u>			
	<u>HQ & HQ Units</u>			
181	HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area	MOROE	353289	Dets NASSAU & TAMEU BAYS
182	Det 6 Aust Movt Control Gp	"	350295	
183				
	<u>ARMED</u>			
184	1 Aust Tk Bn	MOROE	354292	Staging
	<u>ENGINS</u>			
185	4 Aust Fd Coy	MOROE	362277	Awaiting Movt
186	Det 10 Aust Fd Coy	"	360280	
187	Det 6 Aust Docks Op Coy	"	350293	15 pers ONLY
188	Det 5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	"		Staging
189	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp RAE	"	350294	Dets NASSAU & TAMEU BAY
	<u>SIGS</u>			
190	1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Mntce Tp	MOROE		
191	Det 18 & 19 L of C Sigs	"	353289	Staging
192	3 Coy Carr Pigeons	"		
193	12 Aust Line Sec	"		
194	18 Aust Line Sec	"		
195	20 Aust Line Sec	"		
196	4 Aust Line Sec	"		Awaiting movt
	<u>INF</u>			
197	4 Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	MOROE	355290	
198	4 Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	"		
199	4 Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	"	355288	NASSAU & TAMEU BAYS
200				

	UNIT	REF	REF	REMARKS PROJECTED MOVES
	<u>ASCC</u>			
201	Det 2 Aust Armd Bde Coy ASC	MOROSE		
202	180 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	355289	Staging
203	181 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"		Det TAREBU BAY
204	Det 54 Aust Pl BIPOD	"		NASSAU B.Y
	<u>MEDICAL</u>			
205	2/2 Aust CCS	MOROSE	368270	Less Det BULL
206	Det 10 Aust Fd Amb	"		awaiting movt
207	Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	"	359285	U/c 2 Aust Corps
208	107 Aust Adv Depot Medical	"		Staging
209	Stores	"		
	<u>ORD</u>			
210	Det 102 F&D	MOROSE	349290	Det NASSAU & TAREBU
211				BAYS
	<u>ASF</u>			
212	Sec 4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop	MOROSE		Staging
213	209 Aust L&D	"		Staging
214				
	<u>PRO</u>			
215	Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	MOROSE	350294	
	<u>PAY</u>			
216	Det 11 Aust Div Cash Office	MOROSE	360280	
	<u>POST</u>			
217	Det 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	MOROSE	350294	
	<u>LISS</u>			
218	Det ANGAU	MOROSE	534290	

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11 MUST DIV INT SUMMARY NO 112

(Compiled from info received from
0900 hrs 10 Oct to 0900 hrs 17 Oct 43.)

LAND - OWN - ENEMY

ALL VALLEY

Our tps have continued their advance up the UAL RIVER, towards the terminus of the Jap LR rd at PAIPA. The enemy has endeavoured to make a stand in the hilly country north of KUMBAUK. Activity by our patrols on 9 Oct indicated that the enemy had established a series of position protecting his main route through GUALIBU No 2 750616. The posns running from SURBAK - spur 755578 - astride track at KUMBAUK 755576 - UAL R area 755605 - PAIPA R area 718018. On 10 Oct a patrol reported extensive enemy posns on the high ground 694607 and inflicted a number of casualties. Further east on the same day our forces moved closer to enemy posns at 7554.

The high feature 705575 was occupied by our tps on 11 Oct and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy. During the day our arty was active in support. The enemy, following his usual tactics despatched a patrol to attack our gun posns which was repulsed without accomplishing its mission. During the night 10/11 Oct our tps on the right flank forced the enemy to retire from the 4100 feature at 7454 and later on 11 Oct were in contact with the enemy in the area 7657.

heavy casualties were inflicted on a Jap force estimated at two companies on the slopes about 3860 on 12 Oct. On the following day contact was broken by the enemy and the only activity in this area was a harassing fire from the enemy battalion guns. These were later silenced by an air attack.

On the steep slopes NW of KUMBAUK 30 enemy were killed on 12 Oct. A further ten jumped over a precipice to escape our tps.

In all 92 enemy dead were counted on 12 Oct. This brings the total for all operations by this Division since the attack on PAIPA on 19 Sep to 407 definitely accounted for.

A patrol attacked a small enemy force about 7458 early on 15 Oct inflicting casualties. Patrols were also active in the vicinity of GALLIGOO-WJ1202 and EGOT WJ2103 in the hinterland west of BOGALJIE.

LEE.

Mopping up operations continue in this area. At least 80 have been killed by our patrols during the past week and many enemy dead have been found. Those encountered by our patrols have been reported weak and poorly equipped. There were indications that some of the enemy were naval personnel. The mopping up is taking place near the villages of LULBAP 599609, BAMBAP 570718, KALAP 610036, and BAMBOK 598692 whilst patrols have contacted parties west of LBU 3 south of the KUMBAUK RIVER.

SATILBERG.

Heavy fighting has taken place during the week along the SATILBERG rd west of JIVETAP and north of KUMBAUK. Strong enemy posns have been constructed and these are being vigorously defended. At KUMBAUK the enemy has held strong posns on the high ground astride both tracks leading northwards from the track junction just north of KUMBAUK. Enemy posns astride the SATILBERG track at 585662 which were occupied by an outflanking move from the north on 9 Oct consisted of 103 deep foxholes all of which were occupied. Twenty-two enemy dead were counted in this area but the nature of the fighting precluded a full count.

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The enemy withdrew slightly on 11 Oct with his forward posns astride track 580661 and north of KUMAWA from 569650 to 563648.

On morning 13 Oct our tps attacked strong enemy posns on high ground west of KUMAWA at 565644. These posns give observation north to SATELBERG and south to GURUNAKOR. After heavy fighting our tps dislodged the enemy from this dominating point. Twentyfive enemy dead, all marines were counted near the track but many are believed to have been killed in the jungle. The native villages of FIOR 562700, LALANGKOO 553701 and an un-named village at 591594 all believed to be occupied by the enemy were registered by our arty on 13 and 14 Oct. The enemy is still holding firmly his posns on the SATELBERG rd although there is some evidence of his running short of provisions and amm. This, however must be treated with reserve.

The village of TIKLORUO 593537 was occupied on 12 Oct after our arty had shelled it. A patrol to the NW thereof on the following day found an enemy posn at 591594 killing 2 marines.

BONGA AREA - BONGA.

Our patrols in this area on 11 Oct found signs of enemy movt north of the track which runs west from BONGA at 644730. On 12 Oct about 50 enemy carrying bags approached BONGA from the north. They were engaged by our arty, LMGs and mortars and withdrew to the track NE of the village. Enemy casualties were unknown but a patrol moving fwd to investigate was fired upon by the enemy.

Our patrols drove the enemy from posns on the high ground at 614854 killing three and wounding others on 14 Oct. An enemy party approached our standing patrol in the BONGA area on the evening 14 Oct and our patrols opened fire at close range with unknown results.

B. SEA - OWN.

VITIAZ STRAIT.

On the night 12/13 Oct our light service craft sunk one enemy ketch and damaged another NW anchorage on TUAU ISLAND, XL2437. They also strafed the beach at GIZARUK XL9383 and damaged 6 to 8 barges.

SEA - EMILY - RABAU.

Photographic coverage of RABAU on four occasions between 6 and 11 Oct showed shipping tonnages between 100,000 and 140,000. Sightings of vessels in transit are evidence of continued heavy use of the port. Naval reports indicate that vessels in the shipping lanes to the NW of RABAU have suffered loss at the hands of our forces. On 7/8 Oct a 7,500 ton vessel and on 10 Oct a 5,000 ton vessel were sunk.

NEW BRITAIN COASTS.

Reconnaissances of the north and south coasts of NEW BRITAIN and attacks on these areas have been on a limited scale, but such info as is available points to considerable activity in both areas.

Enemy warships were in the CAPE GLOUCESTER area on Oct 8 and 9, and on the first occasion it is probable that the merchant vessels or transports were unloading at the KALINGI anchorage. There are indications of heavy traffic between the CAPE GLOUCESTER area and ROOKE I since that date. It is safe to assume that a very considerable strengthening of defences and reinforcements of ROOKE I and CAPE GLOUCESTER has taken place.

An 8,000 ton transport was reported aground 3 miles north of CAPE GLOUCESTER at 2315L/12. No confirmation of this report has yet been received but it is possible that this ship was one of the group reported off the coast on 8 Oct.

Barges were seen and attacked on the south coast of the Island in HARRY REID BAY, and on 11 Oct a thousand ton stack aft vessel was in the area on a course for WILE BAY. Barges were also sighted in the ITTE River (CAPE BUSHCHING). Barges were sighted along the north coast at LOLOBAU I and BORGEM BAY.

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C. AIR - O.M.

RABAU

Between 1030 and 1045 hrs 12 Oct 109 MITCHELLS and 12 BEAUFIGHTERS escorted by 90 LIGHTNINGS attacked VUKAKANAU, RAPOFO and TOBERA airfields. The attack gained complete surprise, enemy transport A/C bombers and fighters being caught unprepared on the ground or taking off. Air fire was erratic and ineffective. Preliminary reports show that at least 60 A/C were destroyed on the ground while two enemy bombers and six fighters were shot down by our medium bombers apart from 11 shot down by fighters. In addition fuel and ammo dumps were destroyed and many large fires started. Not more than 20 enemy fighters intercepted. One MITCHELL and one BEAUFIGHTER were lost.

About 1216 hrs more than 80 LIBERATORS bombed enemy shipping in SHIPSON HARBOUR. Full details of the raid have not as yet been received, preliminary reports stating that at least 14 vessels including 10/12000 ton tanker 3 destroyers 5 large freighters (31,000 tons in all) 1 submarine, 1 special provision ship (refrigeration) were sunk or damaged beyond repair. In addition at least 24 craft were destroyed. Approx 60 enemy fighters intercepted, 14 of which are known to have been shot down. Another force endeavouring to attack RABAU on 13 Oct had to withdraw in account of bad weather.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

On morning 10 Oct 4 THUNDERBOLTS strafed and left burning 3 barges and 3 fuel dumps each of 20 to 30 drums. On 15 Oct 11 LIBERATORS which were unable to get through to RABAU bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER, scoring hits on No 2 Strip and dump area.

CAPE HOSKINS - GASLITA.

Nine LIBERATORS of the force abovementioned bombed CAPE HOSKINS on 15 Oct and four bombed GASLITA.

SATTELBERG

On morning 10 Oct 11 VULCAN VENGANCES and 9 BOSTONS attacked targets in support our ground ops. The bombing and strafing was reported accurate. There was a large explosion and a column of smoke was seen rising from the rear of a building at SATTELBERG.

ALEXISBAFER.

Twentyseven MITCHELLS and 10 BEAUFIGHTERS accurately bombed airfields and nearby targets on 13 Oct. Two enemy fighters were destroyed on the ground. In addition two possible oil dumps and ammo dumps were hit.

ATTACKS ON BARGES AND SHIPPING.

On 10 Oct BEAUFIGHTERS strafed 2 barges on the SE side of LOLOBAU I, destroying three and damaging a fourth. Three barges in WILE BAY were set on fire. On the same morning one BEAUFIGHTER bombed and strafed a 1,500/2,500 ton freighter 55 miles E CAPE ST GEORGE scoring a direct hit. On 14 Oct 24 MITCHELLS attacked villages, plantations and barges along NEW BRITAIN coast from SAG SAG LA5384 to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Fires were started but attacks on barges were not observed.

INTERCEPTION

On morning 11 Oct 4 THUNDERBOLTS on an offensive sweep over BUKA area intercepted 32 enemy fighters and 12 bombers. Eight enemy A/C were destroyed and three probably destroyed. Own losses NIL.

Particulars of interception over ORO BAY- GASLITA on 15 Oct are described under ENEMY AIR.

ENEMY AIR

There has been a marked increase in enemy air activity during the past week more particularly in the attention paid to the BUKA - DOBODUA - ORO BAY area. From the number of planes employed the damage has been negligible and his losses in A/C together with the damage caused at RABUL have been very great.

BUKA - ORO BAY

JAP A/C raided this area on four occasions during the past week. The first raid was about midnight 11/12 Oct. Three, possibly four medium bombers dropped 16 bombs near the air fields at DOBODUA. There were no casualties or damage.

In early morning 14 Oct at least two enemy A/C bombed ORO BAY and BUKA areas. A total of 32 bombs were dropped the majority of which fell in the sea. Minor damage and 1 casualty was reported.

Enemy bombers were again over ORO BAY and CAPE SUDEST for over an hour on 14 Oct dropping an unknown number of bombs but causing neither damage or casualties. Whilst at 0820 hrs on 14 Oct a force of enemy dive bombers escorted by more than 20 fighters attempted to attack shipping in ORO BAY. Seventy seven of our fighters intercepted and after destroying most of the dive bombers and many of the fighters pursued the remnants of the fighters towards GASLITA, where the enemy was reinforced by more than 40 fighters. These were engaged by our fighters. The total enemy losses were 26 Dive Bombers, 20 Fighters destroyed, 11 A/C probably destroyed. 1 Lightning is missing, two others crash landed. The only damage to our shipping was a near miss on a landing craft which was slightly damaged.

LAE

On night 10/11 Oct enemy A/C made three raids on LAE. There were only two casualties and no damage was caused.

MOROE

In the early morning 13 Oct enemy bombers dropped 16 bombs at MOROE. There is no report of any damage or casualties.

FINSCHEFEN

The enemy again paid much attention to this area during the week. Seven raids being reported. 1 A/C was shot down by fire off CAPE CRETEN on night 10/11 Oct. There are no reports of casualties or damage being inflicted.

PART 11.

ENEMY COB - LAND

78 INF REGT

Subsequent to the encounter at KALAPIT on 19 Sep, 9 and 11 Coys of 3 Bn apparently withdrew from the RABU VALLEY towards GURUBU. According to a P.W., the battalion was then engaged, with 2 Bn, in carrying supplies from KANKIYO to WALPUN. Information to date indicated that 10 and 12 Coys have not been involved in operations.

1 Bn apparently remained in the area forward of WAMPUN. A reasonable explanation for the slight opposition encountered by our troops at this village on 4 Oct is provided by information from a PW. He stated that the 4 Coys of 1 Bn were in action, but that each was only 80 strong. Of the remainder of each Coy approx 80 were unfit due to Malaria and 40 were transporting provisions.

Effective strength for 78 Regt is estimated to be 1500.

79 INF REGT

A PW has stated that this Regiment withdrew from YOKOPI to the YAULA - KWATO area late in September. Until more definite information is available it remains included in the estimate of strength for MADANG - BOGADJIL area.

26 FD ARTY REGT

3 Bn is known to have been in the KWATO area on 25 Aug. It is probable that Regtl HQ, 2 and 3 Bns are now between BOGADJIL and KWATO and these elements remain included in the estimated strength for the MADANG - BOGADJIL area.

66 INF REGT REINFORCEMENTS

A PW has stated that two platoons, in all 60 strong, arrived at FINSCHHAFEN via WENAK and SIO early in September en route to LAE. Strength of identified units in the SIO - SATELBERG area is increased therefore to 1915. However, it is probable that other reinforcements are now in the area and it is considered that present strength is 3000 to 5500.

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4. ENEMY ORGANIZATION

Regimental QF (Tk A) Company

From a notebook captured at FINSCHHAFEN on 22 Sep 43 the organization and manning state of the above unit in the case of one regiment (possibly 238 Regt) was in Jun as follows :

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
HQ	1	16
No 1 Pl	1	18
No 2 Pl	1	18
No 3 Pl	1	18
amm Pl	-	29
TOTAL	<u>4</u>	<u>99</u>

Comments :-

- There would normally be six 37 mm QF guns in the Company.
- The notebook from which this schedule is taken belonged to 2nd Lieut OSUMI, who was OC of No 1 Pl. The organization and strengths may therefore be accepted as reasonably accurate at the time.
- It is, however, known that the organization, armament and strength of these companies are quite flexible. The normal WE accepted at the WASHINGTON Conference in Jul 43 shows two gun platoons each of three sections, besides the ammunition platoon, and a total strength of three officers and 127 ORs.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No 6)

5. JAPANESE TREATMENT OF PW AND NATIVES

The following memorandum of verbal order given by the Commanding Officer of SASEBO No 5 SNLF to the CO No 2 Detachment, was found at SALALUA on 21 Sep 43:-

(a) Treatment of Prisoners.

"Every effort should be made to make use of such prisoners as can be used. In the present circumstances there is no need to make special efforts to increase the number of our prisoners. Should any doubt arise in connection with the treatment of prisoners those who display hostile feelings are to be disposed of; those who do not should be dealt with in accordance with what you would believe to be the Imperial wishes. In dealing with them, I personally am resolved to be guided by the Imperial Poem:
"For my Country's sake, shatter the foe that wreaks evil,
But forget not to have compassion on him."

(b) Treatment of Natives.

"Those who display hostility to us should be disposed of rigorously and without mercy. Those who submit to us should be governed with benevolence. There are indications that the Australian Government has shown considerable skill and kindness in their dealings with natives. This is a point that calls for careful thought.

The natives have a strong sense of hero-worship; making white people work before their eyes, and other similar steps, might produce good results."

(2 Aust Corps Int. Report No 5).

PART V - SECURITY

UNCENSORED MAIL

One breach of security that has proved very difficult to detect is the "Safe Hand" system used for the delivery of uncensored letters and packages to the mainland.

It is known that this traffic is widespread and is used for the transmission of letters containing military information, illegally produced photographs, and small examples of enemy equipment with a "souvenir" value. In fact for all types of enclosure that would not be passed by a Franking Officer of a Field Censor.

This type of mail is entrusted to personnel travelling to the mainland; either soldiers on leave or duty, or to members of ships' or aircraft crews. In some cases the letters may be delivered direct to the persons nominated by the sender, but where this is not possible they are posted through the normal civilian channels either at the port of entry or at the destination of the person to whom they are entrusted.

It is from these letters posted in civilian channels that an indication of the extent of this practice has been obtained.

The fear of becoming involved in any obvious breach of security regulations tends to prevent the majority of the recipients of such "Safe Hand" mail from publicising the fact. But human nature occasionally overcomes the traditional fear of the law and it becomes common knowledge that Mrs..... is getting the uncensored news from NEW GUINEA. It is then only a question of time until Mrs.... is called upon to explain the rumors regarding the information or photographs she possesses.

The greatest danger, however, lies in the letter carrier himself. If he is a fellow soldier he does it as a favour with no responsibility for any loss or delay in transit. If the letter is lost, he cannot hope to recover it.

If the letter carrier is a merchant seaman he may be a complete stranger to the troops he carries letters for. Believing that a letter handed to this man will reach its destination uncensored, a soldier may be tempted to (give it a go) and try the system out. He may be tempted to write a letter giving all the information about himself and his unit in order to either impress the folks at home with his own importance and knowledge, or to satisfy their frequent questions as to his whereabouts and future movements.

But does this soldier stop to think of the consequences of such a foolish action? For all he knows the seaman may be an enemy agent trying to collect as many of these letters as possible for the excellent information they contain.

If the letter does not reach its intended destination the sender is not in a position to make any complaint regarding its non-delivery. Probably he will not meet the seaman again. Once he parts with the letter he cannot prevent it getting into the hands of the enemy.


The mere fact that this practice has not been detected in a particular unit should not be taken to imply that it is unknown among its personnel.

Its dangers should be emphasised in Security Lectures and the co-operation of the troops themselves obtained in order to stamp out the practice before the leakage becomes obvious.

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APPOINTMENT	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	OFFRS' PRESENT UNIT	REMARKS
GSO 1.	SX 3200	Lt-Col	J.C. IRWIN	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	Departs 24 days Home Leave 19 Oct - expected return end Nov 43 In Hospital - expected return 30 Oct 43. Attending First Aust Army Jnr Staff Sch - expected return end Jan 44 From BUHA BASE SUB AREA - to act as GSO. 111 (0) during absence of Capt BODDAM WHETHAM.
GSO 11.	NX111821	Maj	C.E. SINGE	1/45 Aust Inf Bn	
GSO 11.(L)	NX 4114	Capt	W.L. SPEIGHT	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
GSO 111.(0)	NX100063	Capt	T.C. BODDAM WHETHAM	17 Aust Inf Bn	
GSO 111.(1)	NX122195	Capt	H.F. MORTON	2 Aust Army Tk Bn	
GSO 111.(C.W.)	NX100060	Capt	J.M. BORTHWICK	2 Aust Inf Bn	
GSO 111.(L)	NX 76320	Capt	R.F. MORRIS	25 Aust Inf Bn	
Capt (Int Corps)	NX107675	Capt	R.A.B. THOMPSON	Aust Int Corps	
L.O. (Maj)	NX100072	Capt	Vacant		
L.O. (Capt)	NX100072	Capt	T.A. ROBERTSON	18 Aust Inf Bn	
L.O. (Capt)	NX102195	Capt	K.B. TOLLIS	1/45 Aust Inf Bn	
Att	NX116815	Capt	B.A. SELBY	SUR	
CLERKS					
EO. 1	NX110826	EO 11	L. CAMPBELL		
S/SGT	NX110863	S/SGT	T.W. ROSSITER		
SGT RECORDER	NX123971	SGT	W. DEATON		
(1)	N 265183	CPL	R.H. JOHNSON		
(2)	NX105105	L/CPL	L.S. BORTHORNE		
(3)	NX130216	L/CPL	G.E. WALKOM		
(4)	NX124981	Pte	S. BILLIAU		
(5)	NX110989	Pte	R. YOUNG		
(6)	QX 31993	Pte	W.H. MISCAMBLE		
Map Issuer (Cpl)	QX 50393	L/SGT	P. THOMPSON-JONES		
DRAUGHTSMEN	NX123973	CPL	L. LAWRENCE		
(1)	NX102481	CPL	K.P. KING		
(2)	NX 80553	L/CPL	J.W. ADAIR		
(3)					

APPOINTMENT	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	OFFERS' PARENT UNIT	REMARKS
Att	HX107232 HX107227 V 186121	L/SGT SGT A/CPL	R. BENNETT H.H. LOVELL V.J. RULE		Typist Draughtsman - Supernumerary to Est from BUHA BASE Sub Area.

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HQ 11 AUST DIV,
20 Oct 43

SUBJECT: CODE WORDS

1. Following are additions to list G3637 issued 14 Oct 43.

List 'B' Place Names.

BACKHANDER	-	CAPE GLOUCESTER
LAZARETTO	-	GASMATA

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Distribution:

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RAA	1
RAE	2
SIGS	3
COMD	4
G	5-6
AQ	7-9
SASC	10
MEDICAL	11
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11 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTN NO 28.

AREA SMOKE SCREENING - BUNA

INFORMATION

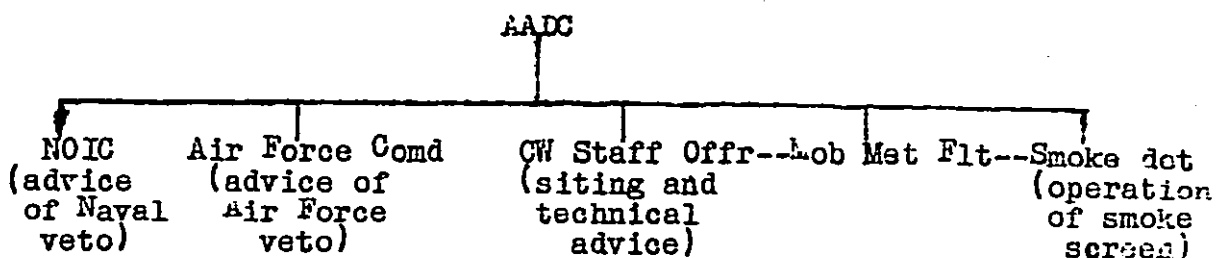
1. Area smoke screening has proved of great value as part of air defence in other theatres of war during the past three years. Successful day and night screening have been employed.
2. (a) It has been decided that area smoke screening in NEW GUINEA should be restricted to selected ports, with the principal object of protecting shipping.
- (b) Effective screening of ports in NEW GUINEA will not always be possible. Factors which may contribute to this condition include:
 - (i) Inadequate air raid warning.
 - (ii) Unfavourable meteorological conditions - either calms or sea breezes. The latter condition can be overcome by use of small craft and naval smoke floats.
 - (iii) Unfavourable local topography.
- (c) Subject to the abovementioned limitations area screening should prove of value as part of air defence of selected ports in NEW GUINEA.

INTENTION

3. To undertake test smoke screening in daylight of BUNA anchorages and wharves.

METHOD

4. AADC, HQ 208 AAA Gp is to control the smoke screening and will be advised technically by G1(CW) LHQ. Chain of responsibilities is shown below:



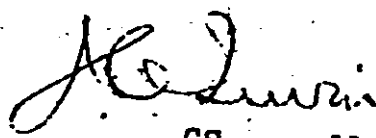
5. RAE 11 Aust Div will provide 2 NCOs 12 ORs to be under control of Technical Officer (CW) HQ NGF and to perform duties of the smoke det.
6. HQ 2 Aust Corps is requested to provide met forecasts (from 1 Aust Mob Met Flt) as required.
7. First Air Task Force is requested to undertake aerial observation of the smoke screen from heights of approximately 2000 ft and 10,000 ft, and to photograph the target area both obliquely and vertically at intervals of 2 minutes from H minus 2 to H plus 30.
8. NOIC BUN. is requested to arrange for observation from a suitably anchored vessel of the height of the screen formed, at intervals of 2 minutes commencing at H hour.

9. (a) H hour will be 1500L 22 Oct 43.
(b) The screen is expected to be effective for 20 - 30 minutes.
10. Pro
(a) Four MP will report to G1(CW) LHQ at HQ 11 Aust Div at 0900L hrs 22 Oct 43 and will remain under his orders until completion of test.
(b) Task: to clear generator areas from H minus 15 to H plus 30 and prevent approach of unauthorised pers.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Time of signature 2340L hrs.

Method of issue - through Sigs

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DISTRIBUTION:

6 Aust Inf Bde
RAA 11 Aust Div
RAE 11 Aust Div
6 Docks Op Coy
8 Aust Movt Control Gp
2 Aust Corps (2)
Port Director BUNA
FATF
AADG 208 AAA Gp
Comd
G {4} (2 copies for G1(CW) LHQ)
AQ (2)
AASC
Medical
FS Sec
Ord
Pro
File (2)
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WAR DIARY

APPX 'A'

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HQ 11 Aust Div
21 Oct 43
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11 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 21

TRG OF DIV HQ

Ref Map BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml.

INTENTION

1. HQ 11 Aust Div will carry out an exercise in moving, setting up and establishing HQ in the fd.

METHOD

2. Director: GSO I
3. Date: 29 Oct 43
4. Duration: The exercise will start after first light and pers will return to camp by 1700L hrs.
5. To take part: The whole HQ incl att units, pers and services except:
 - (a) G Branch duty offr and duty clerk.
 - (i) Such members of AQ staff and the Services as are necessary to carry on essential work. AQ will detail pers to participate.
 - (ii) Enough offr and OR reps of AQ Branch and the Services will take part to enable them to practice selection and layout of areas and establishment of skeleton comms.
 - (b) Reps HQ RAA, HQ RAE, Sigs 11 Aust Div.
6. Type of Move : A
7. Grouping: For the purpose of this exercise, and for training and study, composition of gps will be as set out in Appx 'A'.
8. Dress: Jungle Marching Order as set out in Appx 'B'.
9. Tactical Picture:
 - (a) Exercise Div OOB is set out in Appx 'C'.
 - (b) 6 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes are fwd in area CAPE ENDAIADERE - GONA.
 - (c) 7 Aust Inf Bde in res in area 1916, with 11 Aust Div Carr Coy and Sqn 7 Aust Cav (Commando) Rep.
 - (d) HQ 11 Aust Div is at SOPUTA and is to move to new location. For exercise purposes Div HQ will move from present location. Timings will be adjusted accordingly to allow for the much reduced marching distance.

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10. Orders Issued by G I :

- (a) HQ 11 Aust Div will move to area 2316.
- (b) Open new site 1100L hrs, close present location same time.
- (c) Composition of parties as in Appx 'A'.
- (d) G will issue detailed orders to move.
- (e) Policy for protection of HQ in new site is shown in Appx 'D'.

11. Exercise Procedure:

- (a) Gps will assemble in a suitable place within the present HQ area and will move off as ordered by G.
- (b) Full security measures will be taken on the move, at halts, and at new location.
- (c) Warning Orders, messages, location sketches etc will be issued by pers responsible, as for a tactical move. All documents issued will be prefixed with word "EXERCISE" in blocks.
- (d)(i) It will be assumed that a limited number of native porters are available.
- (ii) All stores and equipment will be made up in 35 lb native loads.
- (iii) The number of natives required will be notified to Camp by 1200L hrs 27 Oct 43. Jeeps will be used in lieu of porters but no material in addition to the prepared 35 lb loads will be taken Drs only will ride in jeeps.
- (e) On completion of exercise and in light of experience gained schedules will be prepared setting out in detail the equipment carried and proposed alterations. These will also be valuable for possible future air moves.
- (f) Drs and spare pers will be used for def and will be assumed as assisting the Gd Pl as they normally would. Camp will carry out duties of OC Gd Pl in addition to his own duties.
- (g) Tents and flys will be pitched, messes established living areas allotted for offrs and ORs and batmen will construct bivouacs etc.

12. Tentage: Suggested minimum tentage for initial set up is shown in appx 'E'.

13. Criticism: will be held in Men's Recreation Hut at 1945 hrs 30 Oct 43. All offrs and senior NCOs NOT detail for duty will attend.

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14. Rations (i) On the man - one day fd op ration and one emergency.
(ii) In unit bulk - two days SWPA rations or equivalent.

15. Midday Meal Prepared at new site.

INTERCOMN

16. Sigs 11 Aust Div will recon for and make all arrangements for the establishment of full div comms but will NOT actually lay line except for two telephones, one G and one AQ, connected to present div switchboard.

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Method of Issue - Hand

Distribution:

RAA 11 Aust Div
RAE 11 Aust Div
Sigs 11 Aust Div
E Sec FSW
Comd
G (2)
AQ (2)
Camp
ASC
Medical
Ord
Pro
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Appx A to 11 Aust Div
Trg Instn 21
Dated 21 Oct 43.

COMPOSITION OF GPS

1. Recce Gp

G III (0)
DAQMG
DAPM
DADMS or Medical Rep
Assistant Camp

One G Clerk
One AQ Clerk
One Draughtsman
Three Orderlies
Camflg Offr
OC Gd Pl
Sec Gd Pl
Seven Batmen
Five MPs
Cook
Hygiene Man
Water Duty Man

RAA Repts
RAE Repts
Sigs Party

2. Comd Gp

GOC
ADC
G I
AQ
ADMS
One LO
CRA
CRE

Two Orderlies
Eight Batmen
Protective det as required

3. Main Body

Personnel NOT incl in Recce Gp, Comd Gp,
or Rear Party.

4. Rear Party

G II (L)
DAAG
One LO
Camp
G Clerk
AQ Clerk
Two Orderlies
Working Party.

- 5 Senior Offr in each Gp is responsible for organising the Gp into parties approx Sec strength and for distributing offrs and NCOs. Branches should be split up.

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DRESS : JUNGLE MARCHING ORDER

1. Equipment and necessities carried on the man - in addition to weapon, machete, axe and/or shovel a large number of which required. Articles carried must be reduced to a bare minimum. The following list has been found satisfactory in ops:

(a) In Haversack: (Carried on the back).

Sweater or windsheeter (or in bed roll)
Socks (one pair)
Laces (two pairs at least)
Mess tin
Tommy cooker
Knife
Fork
Spoon
Half a towel
Toilet gear
Bootpolish; dubbin, or mineral jelly
Tea, sugar, milk
Salt or salt tablets
Length of cord (9 feet)

(b) In Basic Pouches: (on front of equipment)

Magazines, Bren or T.S.M.G. (as distributed in the section)
Grenades, No 36 4 seconds (two). (Two members of each rifle section carry three 7 second grenades each instead)
Discharger cups (one, as distributed in section)
Toilet paper
Flannelette
Emergency ration (one day)
Hard rations (one day)
Tobacco, matches (in waterproof tin)
Bottle Insect Repellant

(c) In One Utility Pouch: (worn on the left rear of the belt)

Emergency rations (two days)
Hard rations (one day)
Anti-mosquito lotion
Individual medical kit (iodine, aspirin, etc - if available)
Water sterilising outfit
Atebrin
Talcum powder

(d) Gas Cape:

Carried in "roll" position on top of haversack

(e) In Bed Roll:

Ground sheet
Half a blanket (if required)
Trousers
Shirt
Socks (one pair)
Mosquito net
The bed roll having been rolled is then folded in three equal parts and secured around haversack by cords. Alternatively, it may be attached to the web belt at the back.

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(f) Miscellaneous:

Field dressing (where ordered but readily available)	} carried } where } convenient
Issue jack-knife (with tin opener attached)	
Small torch - for officers and NCOs.	
Paybook, paper, etc (in gas wallet)	
Pencil (in gas wallet)	

2. Equipment will be standardized as far as possible throughout Div HQ after exhaustive trials have been completed. Offrs will carry similar equipment to ORs.

3. In addition specialist personnel will be required to carry small extra items e.g.

Clerks: Message pads and pencils
Medical: Medical gear and sups.

4. Notes:

(a) Fd dressing, handkerchiefs etc carried in pockets.

(b) Cross straps of web equipment may be omitted and haversack hooked to basic pouches. Haversack straps should be padded with towelling or shoulder pads provided. Braces should however be carried for use when haversack is left off. A spare belt is also useful for offrs so that pistol can be carried in periods when full equipment is NOT required.

(c) Maps and other items which must be kept dry can be carried in blanket roll.

(d) Every offr and man must carry two grenades either in basic pouch or slung on belt. Dummy blocks will be used for exercise purposes to give correct bulk and weight of amm and grenades.

(e) It will probably be necessary to arrange carriage by HQ personnel of such items as :

telephones
wire
cooking gear

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EXERCISE OOB 11 AUST DIV.

HQ : HQ 11 Aust Div

ARTY : HQ RAA 11 Aust Div
2/7 Aust Fd Regt
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)

ENGRS : HQ RAE 11 Aust Div
10 Aust Fd Coy
11 Aust Fd Coy
12 Aust Fd Coy
55 Aust Fd Pk Coy
31 Aust Camflg Unit

SIGS : Sigs 11 Aust Div
44 Aust Cipher Sec
2/7 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

INF : HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde
14/32 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust Inf Bn
36 Aust Inf Bn
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
15 Aust Inf Bn
42 Aust Inf Bn
47 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aust Div Carr Coy

AASC : HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div
23 Aust Sup Dep Coy
165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

MEDICAL : 6 Aust Fd Amb
10 Aust Fd Amb
12 Aust Fd Amb

ORD : 127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

ASST : 101 Aust Bde Wkshops
105 Aust Bde Wkshops
2/137 Aust Bde Wkshops

PAY : 11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office

PRO : 11 Aust Div Pro Coy

POSTAL : 11 Aust Div Postal Unit

MISC : 11 Aust Div Salvage Unit
11 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Deon Unit

ATT : 2/2 Sqn 7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
16-P1 2/1 HQ Gd Bn.

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Trg Instn 21
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EXERCISE POLICY FOR PROTECTION OF DIV HQ

Ref Standing Orders for War 11 Aust Div Chapter II Sec 5.

1. Protective Measures

(a) All ranks will keep their arms and equipment near them, immediately available at all times. Weapon pits will be dug as required.

(b) Slit trenches will NOT be dug unless ordered.

2. Security

(a) Intervisible sentry posts will be established around the perimeters of the area. These posts will be manned by day and by night by HQ Gd Pl supplemented as necessary by batmen and drs. At night reliefs will sleep near their posts.

(b) In addition, internal sentries, who will combine the duties of air raid sentries, will be posted as required to provide depth.

(c) Fire and visibility lanes will be cut but they must NOT be obvious, only sufficient thinning out being done for the purpose.

(d) Sentries will NOT patrol but will remain silent and still.

(e) Sentries will carry whistles.

(f) AALLG posts will as far as possible coincide with ground def LMG posts.

(g) Cable route into HQ area will pass through a sentry post.

(h) Maximum use will be made of trip wires and other warning devices.

3. Defence Policy

(a) Mutually sp defended areas will be occupied by 1, 2 and 3 pls to incl posts manned by Gd Pl.

(b) 4 and 5 pls res.

(c) Automatic weapons, Tk A rifles etc on HQ establishment will be allotted by GSO II on advice of OC Gd Pl.

(d) Fire lanes will be cleared.

(e) On alarm sentry posts will come under comd pl in whose area they lie.

4. Written Orders for def of Div HQ will be issued by G Branch as soon as practicable.

5. Co-ordination

(a) Each comd of an adm area is responsible for local protection of his area.
(b) GSO II will approve and co-ordinate the plan for def of whole HQ incl RAA, RAE, Sigs, AASC, Adm Areas etc if separate but in same general area.

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SUGGESTED MINIMUM TENTAGE FOR INITIAL HQ SET UP

1. The following scale is for trial

G Branch

	Tent Complete	Fly
GOC (140 or 180 lbs)	1	
G I and G II		1
G Staff		1
G Clerks		1
AQ	} plus staff	1
Q		1
A		1
ADOS, CEME		1
Medical		1
Camp		1
Cash Office	}	1
Postal		
Totals	- 1 complete tent 10 Flys	

NO living tents.

2. This represents first requirements and caters for worst posn concerning porters.

As HQ settles and more carriage and tpt is available complete tents and more flys can be brought fwd.

In the meantime the greatest use will be made of local facilities and improvised shelters.

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APPX "HE"

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23 Oct 43.

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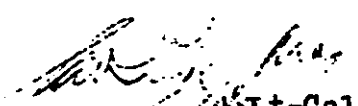
SUBJECT: OFFER LECTURES.

In conformity with 11 Aust Div Trg Instn No 14 offer lectures will be held at 1930 hrs each Saturday night in G11's office. Duration of lectures approx 30 minutes.

2. All offers GS Branch less duty offer will attend. Other Branches are requested to send as many offers as can be released.

3. There follows first schedule of lectures:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>
23 Oct	Survey in New Guinea	Capt THOMPSON
6 Nov	Training	Lt-Col IRWIN
13 Nov	Aspects of 'A'	Maj WILLIS
20 Nov	Allied Air Force in N.G.	Capt BRADDOCK
27 Nov	AAES	Lieut WOOD


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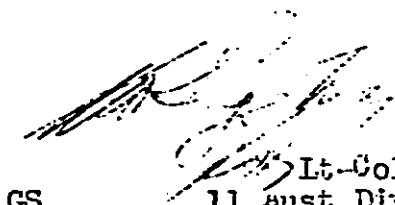
1. USASOS air safe hand courier A/C schedule has been amended from incl 22 Oct 43.
2. 11 Aust Div GS Memo 10 is cancelled.
3. New time table follows:

(a) MORESBY - LAE

	<u>NORTHBOUND A/C</u>		<u>SOUTHBOUND A/C</u>	
Departs	MORESBY 0700hrs	Departs	LAE 0800hrs	
	DOBODURA 0805		DOBODURA 1055	
Arrives	LAE 0905	Arrives	MORESBY 1140	

(b) MORESBY - WOODLARK IS.

	<u>SOUTHBOUND A/C</u>		<u>NORTHBOUND A/C</u>	
Departs	MORESBY 0700hrs	Departs	WOODLARK IS 1210hrs	
	MILNE BAY 0840		MILNE BAY 1410	
	GOODENOUGH IS 0945			
	KIRIWINA IS 1040			
Arrives	WOODLARK IS 1140	Arrives	MORESBY 1530	


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11 AUST DIV GS INSTN 36

VEH MARKINGS

CORRECT

1. The object of this instr is to promulgate unit veh markings.

POLICY

2. Due to the composition of the forces under Div Comd the present multiplicity of unit veh markings carries no significance and also causes confusion. It is necessary that a system be adopted whereby the marking of vehs establishes, to those concerned, the identity of units.
3. (a) This instr cancels all previous instns on veh markings issued by HQ 11 Aust Div.
(b) The system laid down herein will be adopted immediately and the necessary painting and stencilling completed by 3 Nov 43.
4. In the case of units whose vehs are also tactically marked the present system of marking will remain except that:
(a) Such units will conform to the instns regarding use of Div Sign as in paras 6 and 9 below.
(b) Serial number plates will be divided into two parts, the top portion being 2 in x 8 in and used for tactical marking. Size of figures and letters will be adjusted accordingly.

USE OF DIV SIGN

5. 11 Aust Div sign is a coconut palm tree in white on a black background. Design is shown in Appx 'A' att.
6. Units mentioned in Appx 'B' att only are authorised to and will use this sign. All other units excepting:
(a) Corps and higher formation units temporarily under comd
(b) Units of other formations under comd while staging in the area
(c) Units under comd for local adm only
will obliterate various Div signs now on vehs.
7. Units authorised to use Div sign and not already in possession of stencil will apply to HQ 11 Aust Div for issue. Allotment is on the basis of one stencil per unit.

SERIAL NUMBERS

3. Appxs 'B' and 'C' att give allotment of veh serial numbers and colours of figures and plates. All units mentioned in these Appxs will ensure that vehs are so marked.

SIZE OF MARKINGS

9. Div Sign

The overall dimensions of Div sign is 8 in x 8 in. This will not be altered except in the case of trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton (jeeps) when it is painted on the offside of the metal strip below the windscreen. Overall dimensions then become 7 in x 7 in but the size of the palm tree design is not affected.

10. Figures

- (a) For vehs other than trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton figures will be 6 in high on a background of 8 in x 8 in.
- (b) Figures remain same size for trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton with background reduced to 7 in x 7 in when placed in posn as in para 9 above. When painted on the rear bumper bar of this type of veh the figures will be reduced to 4 in high with background of 5 in x 5 in.

POSN OF MARKINGS

- 11. Vehs will be marked in positions only as shown in Appx 'D' att.

GENERAL

- 12. As veh serial numbers are not known for all units under comd the lists shown as Appxs 'B' and 'C' are not complete. When additional veh serial numbers are known they will be promulgated in the form of amendments to this instn.

Similarly serial numbers of units arriving in area will be promulgated in lists issued periodically.

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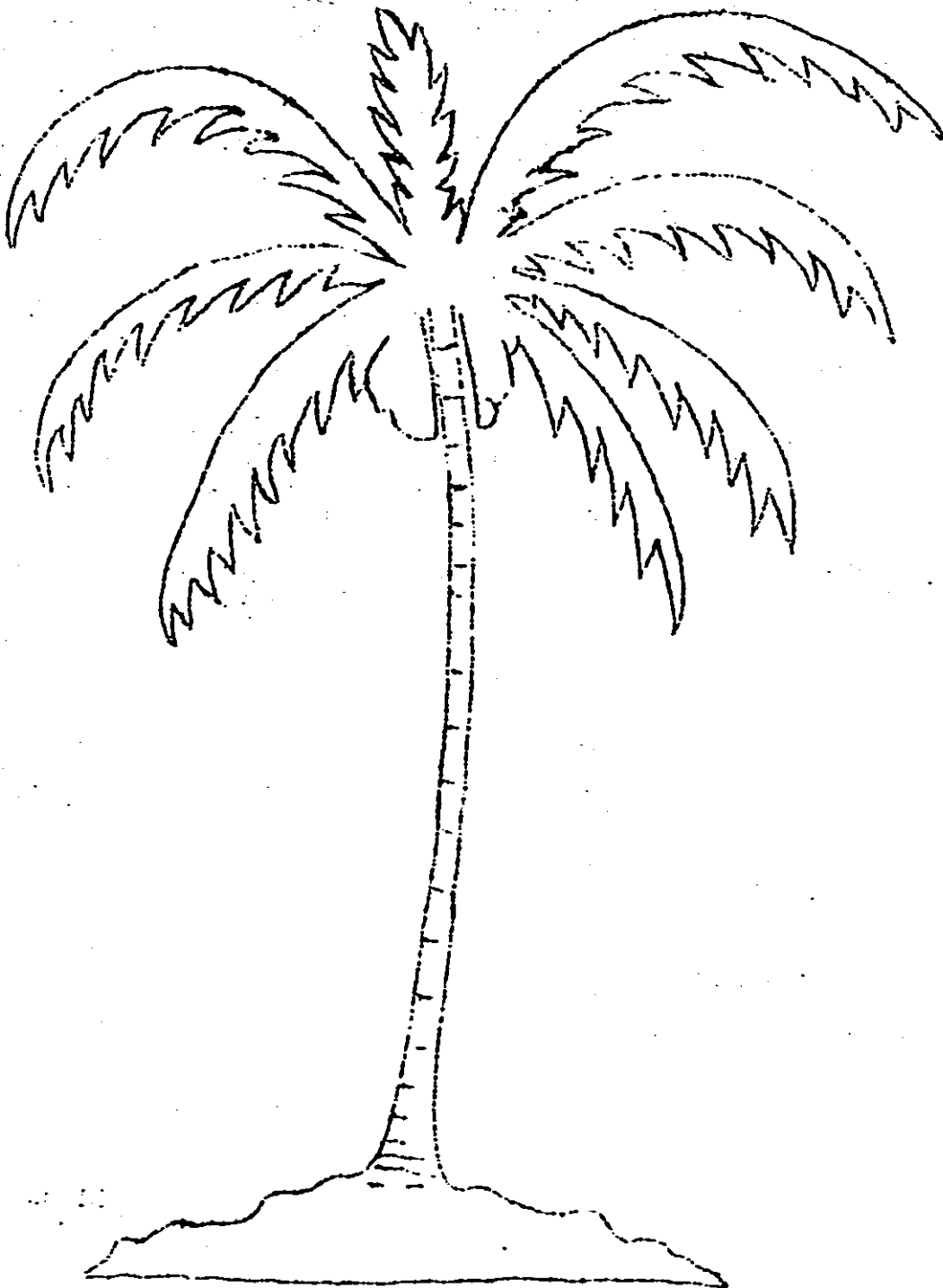
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11 AUST DIV VEH SIGN



STENCIL 8" x 8"

CYRALL

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 11 Aust Div
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 Dated 23 Oct 43

UNITS AUTHORISED TO USE DIV VEH SIGN
 AND ALLOCATION OF VEH SERIAL NUMBERS THEREFOR

Arm or Service	HQ and Unit	Veh Serial Number	Background
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
HQ	HQ 11 Aust Div	84	Black
ARTY	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	69	Red over Blue Horizontal
		48	"
ENGRS	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div 55 Aust Fd Pk 12 Aust Fd Coy	81	Blue
		67	"
		60	"
SIGS	Sigs 11 Aust Div 44 Aust Cipher Sec 6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	66	White over Blue Horizontal
		68	"
		88	"
INF	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde 14/32 Aust Inf Bn 19 Aust Inf Bn 56 Aust Inf Bn 11 Aust Div Carr Coy	88	Red
		50	"
		99	"
		56	"
		39	Black
AASC	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div HQ 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy One Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy 14 Aust Sup Depot Pl 15 Aust Sup Depot Pl	59	Red and Green Diagonal (Red Top left)
		97	"
		97	"
		64	"
		64	"
		64	"
MEDICAL	6 Aust Fd Amb	57	Black
ORD	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	83	Black
AEME	2/137 Aust Bde. Wkshop 269 IAD 284 IAD	76	Black
		88	"
		67	"
MISC	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	Black
	11 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"
	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	"
	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit	78	"
	11 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	71	"

NOTE: Veh serial numbers will be in white excepting Sig units which will use red.

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VEH SERIAL NUMBERS OF UNITS OTHER
 THAN 11 AUST DIV UNITS

Arm or Service	Unit	Veh Serial Number	Background
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
ARMED	'C' Sqn 2/6 Aust Arm'd Regt	51	Red
ARTY	'A' Tp 14 Aust Fd Regt	54	Red over Blue Horizontal
	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty	56	"
	106 Aust Tk A Regt	62	"
	5 Aust Svy Bty	87	"
ENGRS	10 Aust Fd Coy	138	Blue
	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	733	"
SIGS	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty Sig Sec	56	White over Blue Horizontal
	106 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	62	"
	NG L of C Sigs	6	"
AASC	'A' Pl 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	160	Red and Green Diagonal (Red top left)
	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	165	"
	HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy	868	"
	169 Aust Sup Depot Pl	868	"
	66 MAC	804	"
MEDICAL	2/11 Aust AGH	848	Black
	106 Aust CCS	297	"
	11 AAMCU	696	"
	17 AAMCU	696	"
	105 Adv Dep Medical Stores	708	"
AEME	2/94 Aust LAD	51	Black
	263 Aust LAD	62	"
	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop	280	"
MISC	20 Aust Emp Coy	833	Black
	32 Aust Emp Coy	833	"
	72 Aust Dep Cash Office	379	"
	Det 2/2 L of C Pro Coy	93	"
	BUNA TRANSIT area staff	353	"

NOTE: As for Appx 'B'.

POSITION OF MARKINGS

ADJX 'D' to
11 Aust Div
GS Instn 36
Dated 23 Oct 43

DIV SIGN			VEH SERIAL NUMBER		REMARKS
TYPE OF VEH (b)	FRONT (c)	REAR (d)	FRONT (e)	REAR (f)	
Car D.S.	Offside mudguard	Nearside mudguard	On plate. If no plate then on nearside mudguard in line with Div Sign	On plate. If no plate then in centre of boot door.	
Car Utility 6 seater	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	Offside of lower panel	
Truck 1/4-ton (Jeep)	Offside of metal strip below windscreen. Where no windscreen fitted a metal plate 8 in x 8 in to be att to offside bumper bar holding nut	nearside rear above tail light. If veh eqpt with container water sign is painted on outside of container.	Nearside of metal strip below windscreen. Where no windscreen fitted then on nearside of bumper bar. If no bumper bar att metal plate 8 in x 8 in to nearside bumper bar holding nuts	Centre of offside bumper bar	If necessary to place veh serial number on bumper bar as in column (e) figures to be reduced to 4 in and background to 5 in x 5 in.
Other trucks	Offside mudguard	Nearside of tail-board	On plate. If no plate then on nearside mudguard in line with Div Sign.	Offside of tail-board.	

Types of vehs not specified above will be marked to correspond as near as possible to types shown.

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11 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY NO 113

(Compiled from infm received from
0800 hrs 17 Oct to 0900 hrs 24 Oct 43.)

LAND - OWN -- ENEMY

RAMU VALLEY.

The total enemy known killed from 19 Sep to 17 Oct is 525. Extensive patrolling continues in the area and although contacts have been made no enemy attack has developed. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy on 17 Oct at about 6965. A patrol has reported the track from URAGINA to JAPPA to be clear of enemy and encountered an enemy defensive position of unknown strength astride the track (BAGASIN sheet 490943).

On 22 Oct enemy patrols were contacted at 683619 and 544693. TAG/R reports on 22 Oct show increased enemy activity on BOGADJIM YAULA Rd including the use of LF.

LAE.

Mopping up of villages is proceeding in the LAE area. On 18 Oct natives reported that some enemy troops were in the villages of BUGA (393433) KANING (357503) and SAMEEANG (335525). A platoon attacking the enemy at TEWAI (614785) killed 27 and captured 2. On 19 Oct seven villages were cleared of Japs and 17 enemy killed. On 20 Oct BUGA was reported clear of enemy. On 21 Oct patrols cleared up several villages in the KUMBUK area killing eighteen enemy and capturing five.

FINSCHHAFFEN.

The enemy has launched a full scale attack, using a strength of 2 Regts, in an endeavour to re-occupy the FINSCHHAFFEN area.

At early light on 17 Oct three 36 foot barges attempted a landing on SCARLETT Beach. Two barges were disabled by fire and the third withdrew 37 Japs being killed. Of the survivors 24 out of 30 were subsequently mopped up. Machine guns and flame throwers were among captured equipment. Simultaneously the enemy attacked in strength from the direction of WAREO and PALANKO towards our positions on the high ground west of KATIKA. All direct attacks were repulsed but the enemy succeeded in infiltrating through our defended localities, one platoon penetrating through KATIKA to the coast at the mouth of the SIKI River.

During 19 Oct our tps formed a perimeter from the cape at 644683 to 653683 then north to 689710 and then along the 710 north grid line to the coast, with the enemy in occupation of KATIKA village and the SIKI R to the coast.

In the JIVEVANENG area forward tps at 640672 and in area 5966 were in contact with the enemy and a patrol located an enemy ambush position about 580565.

Enemy dead counted as a result of operations on 17 and 18 Oct are 202, but many more casualties are thought to have been inflicted. In the afternoon of 19 Oct our tps unsuccessfully attempted to dislodge the enemy from KATIKA but succeeded in taking the high ground overlooking the village. Enemy attempts to drive our tps from the south bank of the SIKI River were unsuccessful.

On the 19 and 20 Oct our Arty and Mortars engaged enemy positions on the SATELBE at 597683 and an attempt by a coy of our tps to dislodge the enemy was unsuccessful.

On the 20 Oct our Artillery and Mortars engaged the enemy in the KATIKA sector where they were reported to have dug in with a strength of about 150. On 20 Oct a patrol drove the enemy from a post at 560655 killing 26.

On night 21/22 Oct the enemy evacuated posns KATIKA and SIKI River mouth and established a position astride the track at 650682. Units mopping up counted 50 enemy dead. A general re-grouping of our forces has taken place and troops are consolidating and patrolling.

An enemy attack at 1945 hrs on 22 Oct eastwards astride the KATIKA track was repulsed. It is not clear whether the enemy has withdrawn from the positions previously occupied forward of KULAWA. Large enemy camps have been located at 558661, 565676, 575693, 569697 and on the SONGA - WAREO track.

B. SEA - OWN.

On the morning of 15 Oct our light surface craft sank 4 type A barges loaded with troops off SIO.

On night 18/19 Oct light surface craft strafed a beached barge at KALENA BR (2915) and set fire to huts near WANDOKI (595868).

SEA - ENEMY.

During night 19/20 Oct our landing craft contacted an enemy submarine on the way into the beach at LANGELEK BAY and were continually sniped while beaching.

At 1035 hrs 20 Oct an enemy convoy of 6 ships was sighted in position 2°30'S 149°E heading east.

At 1115 hrs on 22 Oct a convoy was sighted at 0°40'S - 158°50'E believed to consist of 1 hy cruiser, one destroyer and 6 merchant vessels.

At 1428 hrs on 22 Oct an enemy hospital ship was sighted near GAROJE ISLAND.

C. AIR - OWN.

RABAU

At 1300 hrs on 18 Oct 61 MITCHELLS attacked airfields and shipping at RABAU, accounting for 25 enemy A/C on the ground and 25 in the air, and one 5500/7500 ton transport, one destroyer, one corvette and one PT boat. Fuel dumps were also destroyed. Two MITCHELLS were lost and four damaged.

On 23 Oct six sqns LIBERATORS with fighter escort bombed VUNAKANAU and ROPOPO airfields.

LIGHTNINGS destroyed nine fighters and probably an additional five. One LIGHTNING was lost.

FINSCHHAGEN AREA

On 19 Oct ten VULTEE VENGEANCES and nine BOSTONS bombed and strafed enemy held villages and supply lines.

On 21 Oct sixty one LIBERATORS and nineteen MITCHELLS dropped 230 tons of bombs and strafed the SATELBERG WAREO areas causing extensive damage and destroying the majority of targets.

On 22 Oct ten MITCHELLS bombed supply and bivouac areas in MASANGKO village and 1000 yds to the west.

On 23 Oct 14 THUNDERBOLTS destroyed three, possibly 6 enemy aircraft and, on the same day KITTYHAWKS destroyed one light bomber.

VIEWAK Early 19 Oct 4 THUNDERBOLTS shot down six enemy float planes taking off in the VIEWAK area.

At 1000 hours 22 Oct 26 MITCHELLS and 21 THUNDERBOLTS attacked supply dumps, airfields and shipping in the VIEWAK area. Fires were started at BUT and DAGUA and one sea truck, two luggers sunk. Direct hits were obtained on two transports. Three enemy fighters were shot down.

BOGADWIN - YAUJA ROAD

On the morning 20 Oct four MITCHELLS with 75 mm cannon bombed and strafed bridges and buildings on this road.

On 21 Oct 4 MITCHELLS again attacked the road north of YAUJA destroying a bridge near BUACK and causing a landslide on the road near YAUJA.

On the afternoon of 21 Oct KITTYHAWKS divebombed and strafed enemy troops in DAUJOINA and nearby villages.

BARGE & COASTAL SWEEPS.

Ten MITCHELLS bombed enemy barges and supply dumps near LAKONA village and the mouth of the MASSAWENG River hitting a probable am dump.

ENEMY AIR.

BUNA - ORO BAY

At 1000 hrs on 17 Oct 30 to 40 enemy fighters appeared over the area and were intercepted by 58 of our fighters which destroyed 24 and probably destroyed six for the loss of three of our own aircraft.

FINSCHHAFEN

At 1105 hrs on 17 Oct six bombers with 12 fighters dropped 40 bombs in areas held by our troops causing no damage. Intercepting KITTYHAWKS destroyed three bombers.

On 19 Oct between 0200 and 0600 fourteen enemy bombers dropped eighty six bombs near EUMI R the airstrip KAKAKOG and GREAT HR causing a few casualties and some slight damage to L of C.

From 0100 to 0700 hrs 20 Oct about 30 aircraft dropped 83 bombs near SCARLET Beach and SALAN MEUA Plantation causing slight damage and casualties.

Early on the same morning enemy aircraft attacked our convoy in LANCERAK BAY and were engaged by escorting warships. The warships were also attacked but not materially damaged.

On the afternoon of 20 Oct four ZEROS strafed three of our barges causing damage and casualties on one craft.

On the morning of 21 Oct five aircraft dropped thirteen bombs and strafed GREAT HR and KAKAKOG areas. No damage or casualties were reported.

Early 22 Oct two aircraft attacked EUMI R area the only damage being dislocation of sig comms. On night 23 Oct bombs were dropped without effect in the area.

PART 11

ENEMY OOB - LAND

79 INF REGT

An order issued to 2 Bn 26 Fd Arty Regt by Lt-Gen KATAGIRI at SATELBERG on 12 Oct stated that the main force of 79 Inf Regt was to attack our troops north of the SONG RIVER. The date of the attack was not stated, but it is probable that the Regt was involved in the drive east from SATELBERG to KATIKA on 18 Oct.

Part of 10 Coy and a detachment of 20 Engr Regt landed south of the SONG RIVER on the night 16/17 Oct. The total strength of the force appears to have been approximately 70 of which 61 were reported killed by 17 Oct.

26 FD ARTY REGT

In order to assist the abovementioned landing, 2 Bn was to move south from BONGA and attack our gun positions along the south bank of the SONG RIVER. The attack did not materialize and as there has been no enemy artillery fire reported to date, it would appear that the Bn was to be employed as infantry.

Complete details of the order, which apparently formed part of a general offensive plan, are not yet to hand, but a captured map showed that, in conjunction with abovementioned, 80 Inf Regt was to have been employed.

Included in the distribution list was 4 Bn 26 Fd Arty Regt. Although it was thought that this Regt may have consisted of four battalions this is the first reliable evidence that such is the case.

80 INF REGT

A marked map indicates that the whole of 3 Bn was at LOGAWENG on 13 Sep. 10 and 12 Coys had not been identified previously in the SATELBERG area.

The Regt1 Troops which had been tentatively placed in the SAIDOR - FUNGAIR area are probably also in the SIO - SATELBERG area by now.

To account for probable additional movement having taken place east from MADANG, strength for SAIDOR - FUNGAIR is estimated at 300.

20 ENGR REGT

In view of the presence of elements of this Regt in the SIO - SATELBERG area, one company has been included in the estimate of strength for that place.

65 DIV

From a diary entry, complete details of which are not yet to hand, it appears that the following units, probably of 1 Bn 141 Inf Regt arrived at CAPE BUSHING between 20 and 28 Aug:-

Bn HQ
2 Coy
1 MG Unit
Bn Gun Pl

It is stated that the CO 141 Inf Regt had arrived at TULUVU on 30 Jul and that the main body of the Regt was to assemble there by 15 Aug.

There is reliable information that the main strength of 122 Inf Regt of this Div was in the MARSHALLS with elements in the PHILIPPINES in September 43.

21 AERODROME BN

This unit has been identified as being in the MADANG area in Jul 43.

YOKOPI - RAMU VALLEY

An additional 290 enemy killed increases the total casualties to 480 for the period 17 Sep to 18 Oct.

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IDENTIFICATIONS

The following additional code names and numbers of units in NEW GUINEA have been obtained:-

112 L of C Hospital	MO 6412
21 Mortar Bn	NAMI 8123
81 Land Duty Unit	YO 3031
4 S/L Coy	MO 5066 ?

EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE TYPE 91 INFANTRY RIFLE

The existence of this type of rifle is based on statements made by a PW and should be assessed accordingly. The PW, who was a sniper captured in the TAMBU BAY area, stated that this type was carried by cavalry, engineer and transport troops.

It was described as being almost identical with the Type 99 except for calibre which is 6.5 mm, and takes the same ammunition as the "MEIJI 38". Attachments consisted of a detachable telescopic sight on the left side of the bolt and a heavy wire bipod hinged to the centre of the stock, which folded up to the muzzle when not in use.

Maximum range was given as 2400 metres, effective 600 metres. There was no offset on the rear sight for AA use but the PW was taught to estimate lead on the right or left corner of it.

BOOBY TRAPS

Several instances have been reported recently which show the increasing use of booby traps by the Japanese. According to one PW captured at SALAMAU, the most common booby traps were either hand grenades which exploded when objects attached to them were removed, or mines concealed by branches on foot tracks. During the recent operations at LAE, the following were encountered:-

WARNING DEVICES: Hand grenades with detonator pointing downward held by a retaining pin were suspended in a shell case or piece of down pipe. The retaining pin was attached to a trip wire which, when pulled, released the grenade which fell and exploded on impact.

These traps were apparently designed to give warning only, as a man standing 10 feet away from the explosion was unharmed.

To disarm:

- (a) If completely buried, remove earth cover
- (b) Remove tin cover
- (c) Support grenade with fingers while withdrawing the supporting pin, then lift out grenade.

- (a) Carefully remove flexible brass fuze cover and take out striker and creep spring.

ANTI-PERSONNEL DEVICES: Two types were encountered. In some cases light mortar bombs with safety pins removed were placed in soil partly covering buried documents and equipment. The second type consisted of detonators fastened to signal wires. The detonators were apparently intended to explode when the wires were trodden on or run through the hand.

PART 111

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Revised copies of 4 m to 1" strats of LAE - SAG SAG, MARKHAM and MADANG are to hand and available for issue.

PART V.

SECURITY

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS IN EMERGENCIES

Information has been received that, in the case of one Japanese combat unit, the following security precautions were taken. Instructions were issued dealing with leakage of information, handling of Secret Documents, and "Enemy Agents". These instructions also provided that personal diaries were NOT to be taken into combat areas, and required that all documents likely to be of value to the "enemy" should be destroyed if in danger of being captured.

Documents were carried in wicker and metal suitcases and trunks, and, in each of these was placed a small tin of petrol which was to be used to burn the documents if the necessity arose.

Although this appears to be an innovation in Japanese security precautions, the practice, whilst not new to Australian Forces, is one that could be more widely adopted by our units in contact with the enemy.

Added point is given to the above by the following extract from a recently captured enemy document:-

" No 1 Coy of JINNO Bn, killed an Australian Major, and captured a cipher book (ANGO SHO), a map, op orders and other documents".

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WAR DIARY

APPX AR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ 11 Aust Div
25 Oct 43
G-4835

SUBJECT: QUARTERING PLAN - BUNA-DOBODURA SECTOR Copy No 22

1. Ref 11 Aust Div G-3787 of 24 Aug and G-4028 of 9 Sep.
2. Att are Appxs 'A' and 'B' showing areas, localities and rifle ranges as amended to 24 Oct.
3. All copies of Appx 'B' issued with 11 Aust Div G-3787 of 24 Aug and Appx 'A' issued with 11 Aust Div G-4028 of 9 Sep will be destroyed and att Appxs substituted.

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Lt-Col.
11 Aust Div.

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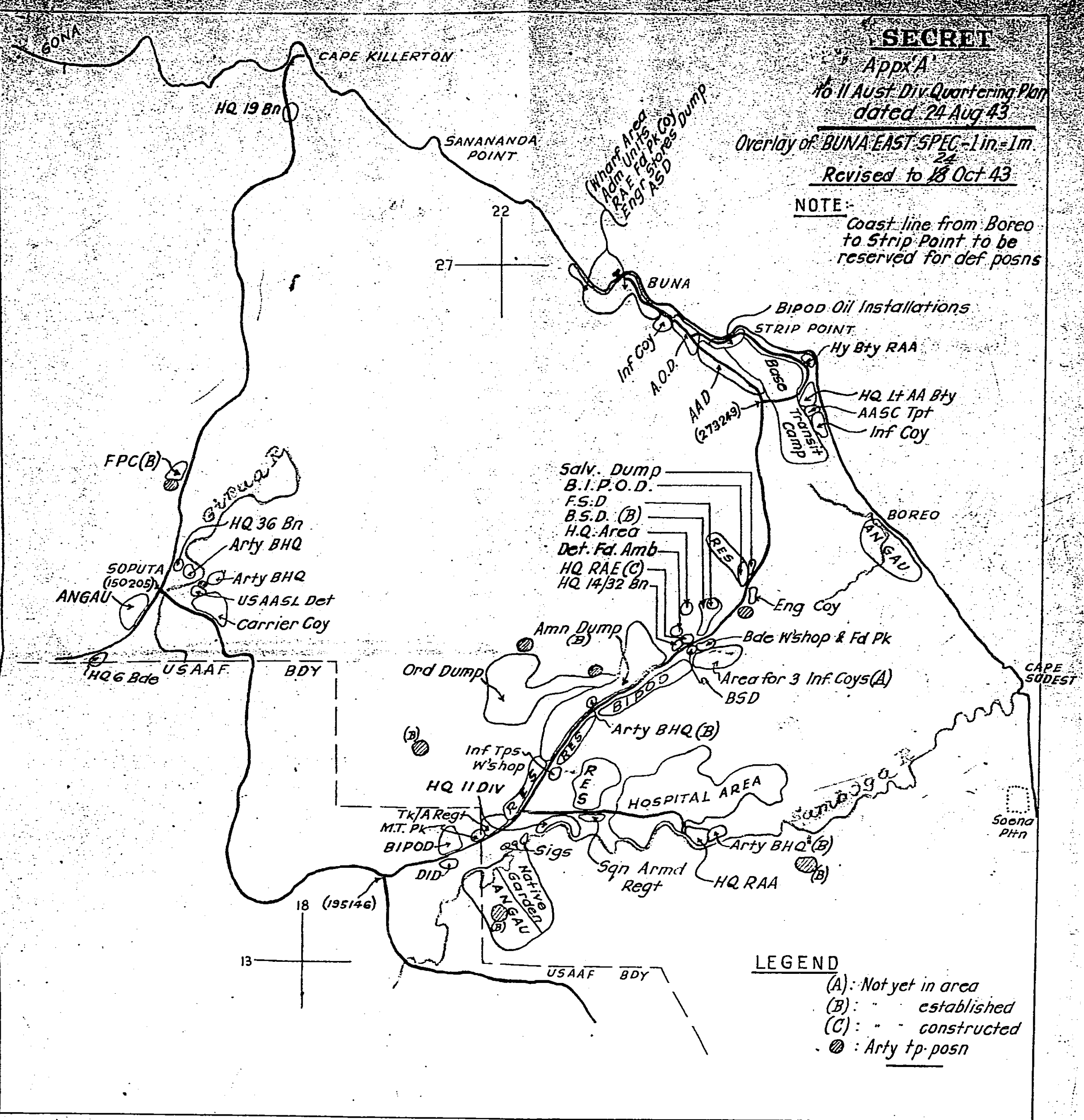
Appx A
To II Aust Div Quartering Plan
dated 24 Aug 43

Overlay of BUNA EAST SPEC-1 in 1m

Revised to 18 Oct 43

NOTE:

Coast line from Boreo to Strip Point to be reserved for def posns



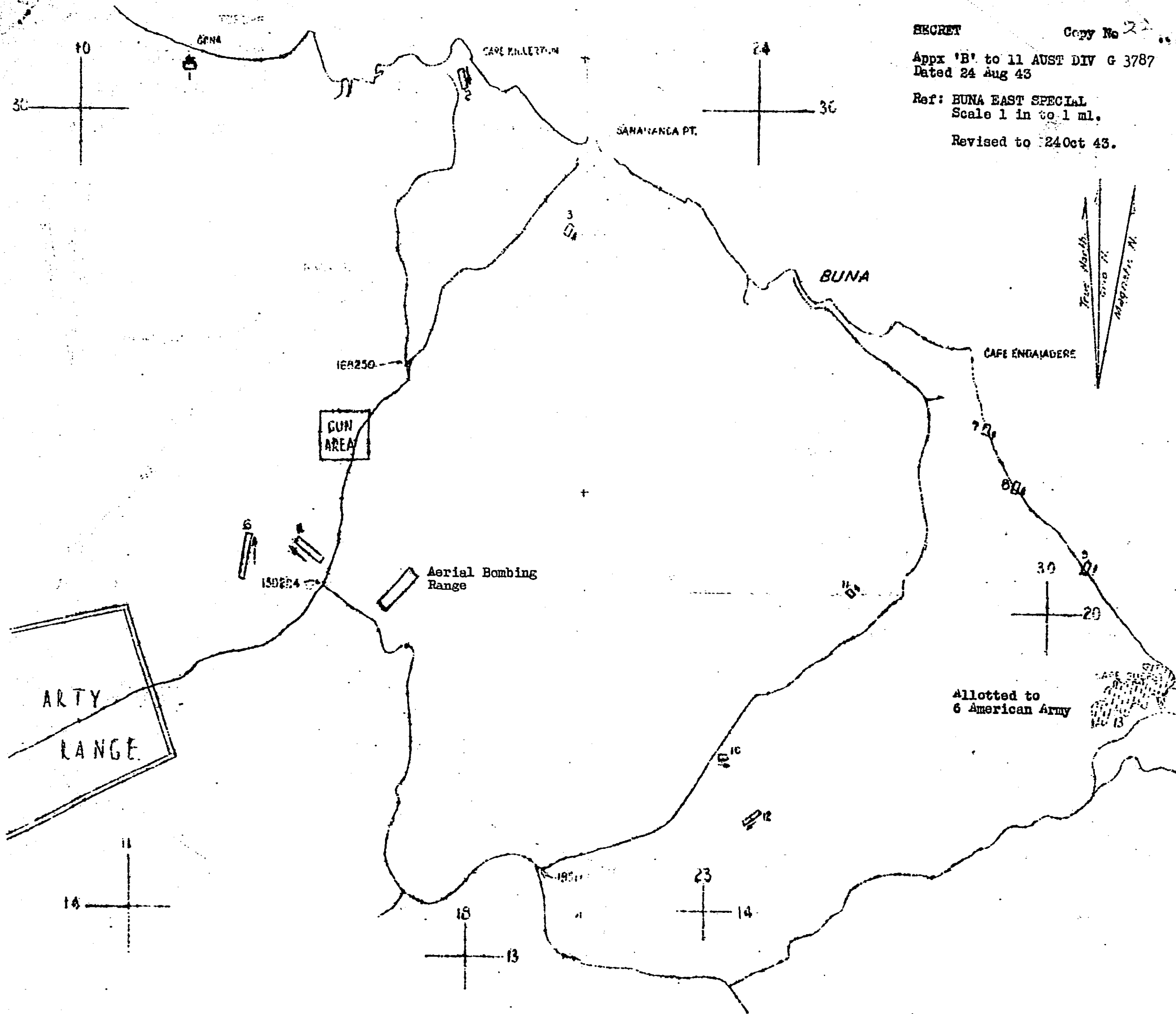
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Appx 'B' to 11 AUST DIV G 3787
Dated 24 Aug 43

Ref: BUNA EAST SPECIAL
Scale 1 in to 1 ml.

Revised to 24 Oct 43.



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SQ 11 AUST DIV.
2 Oct 43.

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11 AUST DIV TRG INSTN 83

SCHOOLS

1. The following schools are to be conducted under Div arrangements. These will be followed up by unit schools to pass on info:-

(a) CAMFLG

Object: To train selected NCOs in the principles of camflg and in particular to cover aspects of personal camflg and concealment.

Dates: 8 - 10 Nov.

Place: SQ 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

To attend: 6 Aust Inf Bde 6 NCOs
Rm 11 Aust Div 4 NCOs
'C' Sqn 2/8 Aust Armcd Regt 2 NCOs

Instructors: 1 Oftr, 1 NCO 31 Aust Camflg Unit.

(b) MINFIELDS

Objects (i) To train unit pers in laying mines and to obtain uniformity in the policy for naming, marking and recording minefields.

(ii) To teach the correct methods of identifying and lifting our own, American and Jap minefields.

Dates: Course 1 8 - 10 Nov
" 2 11 - 13 Nov
" 3 14 - 16 Nov

Place: Course 1 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
" 2 19 " " "
" 3 36 " " "

To attend: Course 1 Pnr Pl 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
" 2 " " 19 Aust Inf Bn
" 3 " " 36 Aust Inf Bn

Instructors: Trg team from RAE 11 Aust Div which will tour and instruct in unit lines. Unit concerned will provide accomodation for the trg team. RAE 11 Aust Div will release respective Pnr Pls during above dates to enable them to rejoin units for purpose of the sch.

2. Joining instns and syllabi for the above courses will be issued separately.

SIG TRG

3. Sigs 11 Aust Div are now conducting a series of 10 day line and W/T operator's courses for Aust Corps of Sig pers. These courses will continue to be held at Sigs camp every two weeks.

4. 6 Aust Inf Bde is conducting similar courses for Bn Sig Pers.

COOKING AND CATERING

5. S/Sgt BLACK AGCS is now att to the Div and is moving from unit to unit on an itinerary laid down by this HQ. Itinerary for period ending 30 Nov is as follows:-

Oct 28 - Nov 13 2/17 Aust Lt as Bty
6 Aust Fd Amb
HQ BUKA Transit Staff

Nov 14 - Nov 18 127 Aust Bde Workshops

Nov 19 - Nov 23 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

Nov 24 - Nov 30 106 Aust CCS

6. During his stay with each unit S/Sgt BLACK will:

- (a) Instruct cooks in the proper methods of preparing dehydrated foods and in the best methods of preparing normal rations.
- (b) Provide recipes based on dehydrated and tinned foods.
- (c) Instruct in the improvisation of cooking gear.
- (d) Trade test cook learners.
- (e) Advise on kitchen economy and hygiene.

7. It will be realised that the standard of unit cooking is always capable of improvement and to this end units will give all assistance to S/Sgt BLACK.

INF NCOs COURSES.

8. 6 Aust Inf Bde has arranged a series of 13 day courses for NCOs of the Bde at BENALL AIRSTRIP. First course will commence on 1 Nov and attention is being paid to the importance of, amongst other subjects, fieldcraft in the trg of Inf NCOs.

9. At a later date it is intended to hold short courses on fieldcraft under Div arrangements.

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LT-COL.
GS 11 AUST DIV.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 11. AUST DIV,
16 OCT 43.

G. 2.5.57

SUBJECT: LESSONS FROM ALLIED BOMBING OF LAE

1. A detailed inspection of LAE by an offr of 5 Bomber command disclosed that although certain areas had been devastated little material damage had been caused to Jap posns by our very heavy attacks, and that such bombing would NOT cause any casualties.
2. With 1000 lb bombs buildings were destroyed but NOT gun posns and revetments unless a direct hit or near miss within 10/15 feet was obtained.
3. This confirms previous experience in other theatres and will be promulgated to all ranks in order to correct exaggerated ideas as to the possible effect of enemy bombing on them.

J. G. D. L. LT-COL.
GS 11 AUST DIV.

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APPX "HN"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

E. 11 AUST DIV,
30 OCT 43.

G.4956

SUBJECT: GS MEMO. 12.

1. There is a growing tendency to say "hullo" when answering the telephone.
2. This wastes time and increases congestion on frequently overburdened lines.
3. This practice will cease and all ranks will answer the telephone by stating their appointment or by their rank and name.

J. S. Smith
SI-COL.
GS 11 AUST DIV.

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APPX "A0"

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Copy No. 41

11 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY NO 114

(Compiled from infm received from
0900 hrs 24 Oct to 0900 hrs 31 Oct 43).

LAND - OWN - ENEMY

RAIM VALLEY.

Activity in this area has been chiefly confined to patrolling during the past week. After an air strike on 25 Oct a patrol raided enemy posns estimated at two companies strength in the area 7063 and inflicted casualties. On the same day another patrol reached KEY POINT 4 about 7659 without making contacts. A small enemy posn in area 6762 was occupied on 28 Oct. It is now reported that the enemy force which opposed our advance along the track from WAMPUN to GURUMBU may have withdrawn by a track to the north coast. However the extent of the withdrawal from GURUMBU is not known, and our tps are investigating.

LAE AREA

Mopping up in the CROMWELL MENS north of LAE continues. Patrols in the BAINDUANG, 649834 KISTERN (703772) and AVIN (671789) killed 51 and captured 3 JAPS during the past week. The enemy are reported by natives to have recruited and armed a number of native boys from the MARKHA and WAIN districts (near ECANA) whilst natives in the HUBE district 3575 are stated to be sympathetic towards the JAPANESE.

Enemy forces were sighted in the MONGIR area at 388512 on the 23 Sep but escaped before our tps could make contact. On 25 Oct our patrol moved from YALJON to SAMBEANG 335525 but saw no enemy.

FINSCHHAFFEN AREA

Since 23 Oct when the enemy launched four fruitless attacks on our perimeter the enemy has gradually withdrawn from his fwd posns. Offensive patrolling by our tps has been the main activity during the week, and enemy defensive posns were found at 636690, 636699 and 636679. These were accurately engaged by our mortars.

The enemy has withdrawn from his fwd posns north and south of KATKA track to higher ground. The withdrawal began on night 25/26 Oct when the enemy evacuated his posn at 636678 after heavy mortar fire. Next morning a patrol reconnoitred west along SIKI Creek to the 631 grid line and our tps moved fwd and occupied a new line, from 636682 to 634685.

On 27 Oct a patrol as far west as 621694 saw no enemy. Further south another patrol ambushed an enemy party at 617686 inflicting casualties, and observed another enemy force at 615688. Latest reports from the KATKA area state that our patrols are still testing the strength and dispositions of the enemy.

In the northern sector our patrols reported on the 27 Oct that 27 enemy were dug in along the creek at 646744. One of these patrols also reported that both the BONGA-WAKEO track and the coastal track north of BONGA appear to be well used.

South of SATELBERG a patrol to GURUMBU 564620 saw no enemy on 28 Oct.

Our arty has been active during the period shelling enemy posns and engaging with harassing fire.

B. SEA - OWN.

Attack on Barges.

On night 23/24 Oct our light naval craft attacked four enemy barges off NANDA (436011) and sank two. The barges returned our fire, and shore batteries also engaged. Our casualties were one killed and two wounded.

One large Type A barge is reported probably destroyed and one smaller one damaged on night 28/29 Oct.

Our light surface craft barge hunting along the RAI coast during the week report being followed by lights. The enemy coast watching system is apparently equipped with signal lights. On the approach of our craft the light at each watching post is switched on and when our craft leave the area these lights are extinguished.

Attack on Submarine.

At 2030 hrs 25 Oct an enemy submarine was sighted by our light surface craft SE of TAMI IS. At 07 12 south 148 03 east on an easterly course. Our craft attacked and hit the conning tower. The submarine submerged and moved off eastwards.

SEA - ENEMY.

Shipping sightings during the past week have confirmed that rapid reorganisation and regrouping of enemy forces in the SWPA is in ~~progress~~ process.

The main features of the regrouping as far as this theatre is concerned are as follows:

- (a) The hurried reinforcement of RABAU.
An unusual feature of this activity was the sighting during daylight of two large convoys in the BISMARCK SEA moving between 3° South and RABAU. Air cover was provided for these ships by land-based fighters which may have used the new strip at LOS NEGROS.
- (b) The reinforcement from RABAU of keypoints along the north and south coasts of NEW BRITAIN.
Warships, merchant vessels and barges were used along the north coast, and warships and barges along the south coast.
- (c) Movement of troops forward from WEWAK to the MADANG area.
This movement was carried out by sea-trucks, coasters and barges.

(NGF Int Summary No 145).

RABAU

A coverage of the harbour on 26 Oct revealed more than 100,000 tons of merchant shipping in addition to 21 warships.

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK

On 19 Oct a 2500 ton freighter was seen off MUSCHU ISLAND.

On 22 Oct a 700 ton ship laden with troops was sighted at WEWAK. Further evidence of probable staging from WEWAK forward is provided by the following sightings:

21 Oct ten barges in HANSA BAY; 22 Oct four to six barges off KAUF, one destroyer off BORAI, one sea-truck and ten barges at ULINGAN HARBOUR; on 23 Oct twenty barges in HANSA BAY and on 24 Oct six barges in ULINGAN HARBOUR and eight at

MONKAT ISLAND, ALEXISHAFEN.

HANSA BAY.

In addition to the barges mentioned earlier, a small convoy appears to have reached HANSA BAY. At 1430L/25 a 2500 ton freighter, a 1000 ton freighter and two 400 ton luggers were in harbour.

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C.AIR-OWN

Again the main Allied attacks have been directed against the airfields at RABAUL. In four raids commencing 23 Oct 192 enemy A/C have been destroyed 19 damaged and 33 probably destroyed, whilst our losses have been negligible.

The first raid occurred on 23 Oct when 49 LIBERATORS bombed RABOPO airfield. 100 tons of bombs were dropped of which 75% fell in the target area. Thirteen enemy fighters were shot down and twelve probably destroyed. All our planes returned.

At 1115 hrs on 24 Oct 59 MITCHELLS escorted by 90 LIGHTNINGS bombed and strafed VUNAKANAU, ROPOPO and TOBERA airfields. At least 45 grounded A/C were destroyed and an RDF station two blgs and a dump were demolished by direct hits and numerous blgs searchlight posns and airfield installations were strafed. The MITCHELLS destroyed eight intercepting fighters and the LIGHTNINGS 34. Two of the MITCHELLS were lost and one LIGHTNING.

LUKUNAI airfield and the dump area NE of SIMPSON'S HARBOUR were attacked at 1230 hrs on 25 Oct by 50 LIBERATORS. 140 tons of bombs were dropped large fires were started and preliminary examination of photographs reveal 21 A/C destroyed on the ground. A large number of enemy fighters intercepted-by these 37 were shot down. One LIBERATOR crash landed in the sea, the members of the ~~xxxx~~ crew were rescued.

Another heavy raid was carried out on 29 Oct when 57 LIBERATORS escorted by 67 LIGHTNINGS bombed VUNAKANAU airfield revetment and dispersal areas. All crews report the target area completely covered by large fires black smoke and dust.

The LIGHTNINGS intercepted a force of 40 to 50 fighters twelve of which were reported destroyed and five probably destroyed another twelve were destroyed by LIBERATORS. One LIGHTNING was lost and four damaged.

REIN BAY

At 0100 hrs 24 Oct two LIBERATORS bombed a destroyer and a large merchant vessel in REIN BAY. The bombs overshot and no damage was reported. Three destroyers five large unidentified vessels and 15 barges were sighted.

BOGADJIM-YAULA RD

9 MITCHELLS attacked targets of opportunity on the BOGADJIM RD on 24 Oct using 75 mm cannon. Huts were destroyed and a bridge and the road damaged.

On 25 Oct 8 KETTYHAWES dive bombed and strafed an enemy position in the FARIA R valley.

MADANG - ALEKISHAFEN

17 MITCHELLS equipped with 75 mm cannon bombed and strafed dispersal areas and supply dumps near the airfield at ALEKISHAFEN on 24 Oct. AA posns were destroyed and bldgs and dumps left on fire.

At 1100L/29 17 MITCHELLS attacked dumps, concentrations and bridges along GOGOL R to JABOB village. Many fires were started but results were unobserved.

FINSCHHAFEN AREA

BOSTONS gave direct support to our tps in this area on the 24 and 25 Oct, bombing and strafing enemy posns.

BARGE SEARCH

Between 1645 and 1800 hrs 28 Oct four THUNDERBOLTS searched the north coast of NEW BRITAIN to TALASEA and four searched the RAI coast from SIO to FORTIFICATION Pt. Three barges approx 70 feet long were strafed and destroyed off TALASEA IS (XO 0496). Huts at CAPE NEUMAYER (XN 5326), one barge off CAPE MENSING and two in BORDEN BAY were strafed with unobserved results.

On the RAI coast SIB Mission was strafed and a house left burning about 20 huts were strafed on SIALUM IS and large fires started and two barges were destroyed on beach near KANOMI.

INTERCEPTION

At 1740 hrs 27 Oct eight KITTYHAWKS and eight AIROCOBRAS intercepted 9 enemy bombers and 15 fighters over SATELBERG. Our A/C shot down twelve enemy A/C without loss. The enemy released a number of parachutes over SATELBERG just prior to the interception and appeared to be engaged in a supply dropping mission. One AIROCOBRA is missing.

ENEMY AIR

FINSCHHAFEN

On 23 Oct six enemy A/C dropped 66 bombs in this area which appeared to have been directed against our shipping. No damage or casualties are reported.

Some damage and casualties were reported as a result of a raid on the south shore of LANGEMAK BAY on 25 Oct when 37 bombs were dropped.

The only other air activity reported in this area has been the dropping of supplies to his garrison in the SATELBERG area. An interception of which has been previously referred to.

BUNA - ORO BAY.

Early on 29 Oct one enemy A/C dropped bombs at BUNA and HARVEY BAY causing neither damage or casualties.

PART 11

ENEMY COB - LAND

20 Div

According to documentary evidence now to hand, the movement

of the main force of 20 Div from BOGADJIM to FINSCHHAFEN was to begin on 11 Aug and be completed by 25 Oct.

The first echelon, consisting of 2 and 3 bns 80 Inf Regt, 3 Bn 26 Fd Arty Regt and Signal personnel were placed under comd of Maj-Gen YAMADA, who was responsible for their movement as from 11 Aug.

The movement of the second echelon was to commence on 10 Sep and to be completed by 25 Oct. Included in this echelon were 3000 personnel of 79 Inf Regt, 8 Coy 78 Inf Regt, HQ and 1 bn 26 Fd Arty Regt, 20 Div Sigs, 20 Engr Regt, 33 Ind Engr Regt, 20 Tps Regt and 20 Div Med Unit.

A large proportion of the personnel were to march the whole distance, stores being transported in barges by 9 shipping Engr Regt. However, on 23 Sep, 5 Shipping Engr Regt also came under command of the Div and appears to have transported the main body of the second echelon to NAMBARIWA by barge. Apparently, many of the troops were moved thence by barge to WALD BAY.

A PW from 3 Bn 79 Inf Regt stated that his Regt marched south from KALASA by the inland route, carrying food and ammunition, and arrived in the SATELBERG area on approximately 14 Oct.

He also stated that personnel of 26 Fd Arty Regt could not bring their 75 mm field guns overland with them but were equipped with six "Type 91" Mtn Guns.

41 DIV

It has been suggested before that it is probable that either 237 or 239 Inf Regts, or both, had moved east from WENAK, at least to the MADANG area. A PW has now stated that he heard 41 Div was to be moved to YAULA in order to reinforce 20 Div Troops.

Now that 79 Inf Regt has been committed in the SATELBERG area, this may well be so. However, until more definite information is to hand, both 237 and 239 Inf Regts remain included in the estimate of strength for WENAK.

54 DIV

Some confirmation of the presence of this division in NEW GUINEA is provided by a PW who stated that elements at least were in the area, but that they were not east of MADANG.

57 DIV

An undated entry in a diary stated that 1 and 2 Bns of 52 Inf Regt of this Div were at MADANG. The Division was last reported in JAVA in 1942 and has recently been unlocated. Until more information is obtained, the diary entry is treated with reserve.

5 DIV

A PW has stated that he heard from a reliable source that this Division had been withdrawn to PALAU to reorganise and that it had left for an unknown destination.

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EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE HAND GRENADE NEW TYPE

A new type Japanese Hand Grenade with a non-serrated body was encountered at KISKA. As Japanese Grenades, unlike other

munitions, bear no type or model numbers, and no container was recovered, type number cannot be stated.

Dimensions :-

Length : 3.5 in
Diameter : 1.75 in
Weight : 10 Ozs.

The body of the grenade is smooth and cylindrical both inside and outside with a rim at each end. It is closed by a threaded plug which is bored to take a threaded fuse body. The sleeve, which holds the firing pin and firing pin retainer spring in place, is fastened to the fuse by means of a small screw. The detonator booster is crimped to the low portion of the fuse body. The safety pin which prevents the striker from penetrating the primer, is held in place by a cord. The grenade is fired by removing the safety pin and striking the head of the grenade on some hard object as with the types "91" and "97".

The workmanship of the grenade is quite good and ordnance experts consider the fuse an improvement on the types "21" and "97" grenades.

Most of the samples examined were manufactured in Aug 42.

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PART V

SECURITY

GAS: JAP INSTRUCTIONS AS TO INTERROGATING PW

A captured enemy "Most Secret" file of directives and instructions on Chemical Warfare includes the following reference to PW:-

" The capture of prisoners is exceedingly important as an effective method of obtaining gas intelligence, and each unit, if prisoners are captured, must question them on the matters indicated in para 11, and while reporting the results to the MO BUTAI HQ (Eighteenth Army HQ) will forward the information with despatch.

Each unit, if enemy gas material is captured (both offensive and defensive material) will attach the established identifications and immediately forward it to the MO BUREAU HQ."

The matters indicated in para 11 (referred to above) concern types and effectiveness of gas, methods and capabilities of the use of gas equipment of units, defensive equipment, training, tendency to use gas, meteorological data, and other kindred details.

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11 US Div (Rear Details); 1st 11 Aust Div; 208 11 Aust Div; 11th (UK) Div;
Beach East BUNA; MUGAU; 11th 11 Aust Div; 11th 11 Aust Div; 11th 11 Aust Div; 11th 11 Aust Div;

FROM: 11 Aust Div

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RE/BAT NO 238 to 2000K/30 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV (.) no change (.) 2 (.)
7 AUST DIV to 0800K/30 (.) 21 bde (.) 3/14 on moving MISION HILL to
11th 11 Aust Div for night 29/30 sep (.) 2/16 bn arrived MISION HILL remaining
there night 29/30 sep (.) 21 bde 2/27 bn RAGUSUNA (.) 2/8 ind coy
moving on northern track towards MISIONAS (.) 15 bde (.) 2/8 ind coy
arrived MISIONAS (.) 25 bde (.) 2/25 bn arrived KALAT (.) 2/8 ind coy
night 28/29 sep patrol 2/2 ind coy swam RAGUSUNA River ambushed 100 Japs
west KESARAI (.) 45 Japs killed many wounded (.) 9 AUST DIV to
1015K/30 (.) 20 bde (.) night 29/30 sep 2/43 bn landed beach 6469 (.)
now relieving coys 2/17 bn beachhead area and on SATELBERG TRACK (.)
one coy 2/15 bn advanced south across MT ford 632600 through abandoned
enemy posn to HLEBEE CREEK where fire from KAKAKOG area encountered (.)
some weapons found (.) one coy 2/13 bn advanced on high ground west
KAKAKOG (.) patrol 2/17 bn advanced 1500 yds west from posn astride
SATELBERG track 580662 (.) no contact (.) patrols moving fwd to make
contact now concentrating north BUMI RIVER (.) 4 bde (.) 1:00K/29 (.)
22 bn less one coy reached KESARAI (.) no contact (.) 2/24 bn (.)
active patrolling KESARAI area no further contacts (.) 4 (.) 11th 11 Aust Div
29 sep (.) 3 BEAUFIGHTERS strafed and destroyed one barge off LOLABAU
IS (.) 4 THUNDERBOLTS strafed and destroyed 4 barges MAU and KALANG (.)
5 (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 0645K/30 three medium bombers dropped 9 bombs
between beachhead and gun posns south KATIKA no damage (.) all infd (.)

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41 US Div (Rear Details); 107 Am. Gp; 308 Am. Gp; COSC ORO BAY;
NOIC (ORO BAY); Beach East BUNA; JMWAVE; A; DAMEG; DAAG; AMAG;
Mid: Orid: AEME;

FROM: 11 Aust Div

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REVSIT NO 239 to 2000K/1 (.) 1 (.) 7 RESE DIV to 0300K/1 (.) 21 bds (.)
advance towards GUCAP RIVER continues no contact (.) night 30 Sep 1 Oct
bde II 2/14 bn 559075 (.) 2/16 bn 535089 (.) 2/27 bn 545085 (.) 2/6
IND coy no further report (.) NADAL 3 area (.) 1000K/30 one coy 24 bn
relieved 2/2 par bn C&EP DIDDY (.) 2/2 par bn concentrated KALAB (.)
SENA FORCE (.) 20 coy 60 enemy attacked our patrol base LOGELL (.)
captured W/T set and maps (.) A 3 C 15 2/7 ind coy concentra 24
KALAB (.) 2 (.) 9 RESE DIV to 1550K/1 (.) 20 bds (.) 1350K/1 (.)
2/13 bn reported heavily engaged but apparently making progress (.)
2 bds (.) 1500K/30 patrol 23 bn at track (JMS350197) no contact but
indications enemy withdrawing along track to LOGALLING (.) 22 bn
advance continues (.) 2/24 bn (.) natives report 10/50 Japs vic KEMEN
(.) 3 (.) AIROPS 1 oct (.) 1100K/1 ten VULME VANGANOS eight BOLLOS
bombed and strafed enemy posts SALANUA PT POL. VILLAGE LAMBA PT and
in SALANUA plantation (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 0500 to 0700K/1 three air
raids 20 bds area (.) no damage or casualties

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MOIC (ORG BAY): Beach 208 BUN: AMBUD: 11: LAMIC: DMAG: AASG:

FROM: 11 Aust Div:

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REVISIT NO 240 to 2000K/2 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0800K/2 (.) 31 bds (.)
all bds concentrated vicinity air strip Hill (.) patrols fwd to
GUSAP RIVER (.) bds 24 532088 (.) 15 bds (.) patrol 24 bn moving to
BOAMA (.) 2/2 par bn (.) bn complete KALAPIT and assumed responsibility
def KALAPIT area (.) 2 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 1015K/2 (.) 20 bds (.) after
resisting strongly throughout 1 oct enemy driven from many posns NW
KAKAKOC leaving approx 100 dead (.) many weapons LMGs captured (.)
2/13 bn less one coy then established on spur immediately north
KAKAKOC Village (.) as result enemy vacated large part SALANKAUA
Plantation (.) mopping up proceeded 1/2 oct (.) enemy unsuccessfully
attacked coy 2/13 bn holding track 623592 (.) morning 2 oct 2/17 bn
crossed BUMI River near mouth advanced south through SALANKAUA
PLANTATION (.) no enemy resistance but signs hurried withdrawal (.)
11304/2 FINSCHHAFEN VILLAGE 644596 captured (.) 1600K/1 our arty
engaged 2 enemy barges GREAT HARBOUR 1 left burning (.) 4 bds (.)
22 bn secured DREGER HBR (.) patrol then moved TIMBULUM PLANTATION
via coastal track no contact (.) another patrol reached junc KONGI
BULUM RIVERS LS 2757 (.) 2/24 bn (.) PIB patrols killed 18 Japs along
track north from KEMEN (.) 3 (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 1740K/1 guns posn s
20 bds area bombed and s traied no details yet known (.) 4 (.) AIRCPS
2 oct (.) 9 MARAUDERS bombed HOSKINS PENINSULA NE. BRITAIN causing
large explosions 1 DINAH destroyed over target (.)

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REVERT NO 241 to 2000L/3 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV (.) 4 inf bde gr less
22 bn is now under comd 5 AUST DIV (.) 2 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0800L/3 (.)
21 bde (.) two coys 2/16 bn crossed GUSAP River patrolling towards
KAIGULAN and DUMPU (.) remainder bde GUSAP River area with HQ PUNANET
(.) 25 bde KARAWASA area (.) 2/6 Indep Coy west RAGITSARIA (.) BEIN
FORCE (.) 2/7 Indep Coy less B pl KUMILANG (.) patrol at KAIGULAN (.)
Div HQ closed MADZAB opened area HOUSE SAK SAK 0700L/3 (.) 3 (.) 9
AUST DIV (.) 20 bde (.) 1600L/2 2/17 bn at KOLEM mopping up NUCIDI
PENINSULA (.) 2/13 bn KAKAKOG-FINSCHHAFFEN area (.) 1800L/2 FINSCHHAFFEN
reported clear, much enemy eqpt abandoned (.) remnants enemy apparently
left FINSCHHAFFEN first light 2 Oct via inland track (.) 2/15 bn
SIM BANG area (.) contact made with 22 bn patrol across LINGELAK BAY
vicinity GODOWA (.) elements 2/43 bn engaged with enemy force south
GATELBERG track 586656 making some progress (.) 1200L/2 patrol engaged
enemy party approx 40 on BONGA track 2000 yds north SONG RIVER (.)
some casualties inflicted (.) 4 bde (.) patrol 22 bn reported LOGAWENG
area clear of enemy (.) one fd gun several HMGs abandoned (.) 0945L/2
patrol attacked small enemy party GODOWA killing 2 (.) 1100L/3 22 bn
under comd 20 bde (.) morning 3 Oct unopposed landing made on KALAL
ISLAND of TAKI ISLAND Gp with RADAR eqpt (.) 4 (.) AIROPS 3 Oct (.)
9 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed 2 barges vicinity LAGUNEN PT (.) one
barge destroyed (.)

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REVSIT NO 242 to 2000L/4 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV (.) no report (.)
2 (.) 7 AUST DIV (.) to 0800L/4 (.) 15 bde (.) reverted to comd
5 Div 0920L/3 (.) 21 bde (.) night 2/3 oct Japs driven from 792395
with casualties (.) during 3 oct contact made WAMPUM 8045 and
825429 where Japs withdrew with casualties (.) AIGULAN occupied
no opposition (.) 25 bde (.) area house SAK SAK (.) 2/7 ind coy (.)
directly under comd 7 Div 0600L/4 in SUM BUM area (.) 2/2 ind coy (.)
2 oct patrolled track DUMPU-KESAMAI without contact (.) 3 (.) 9 AUST
DIV to 0830L/3 (.) 20 bde (.) 0730 hrs strong enemy patrols which
attacked our outpost posn 655705 were repulsed with casualties (.)
patrol pursued no further contact (.) morning 3 oct skirmishes
continued (.) during afternoon strong enemy force again attacked
outpost posn 655705 (.) attacks repulsed but last light 3 oct fwd
elements enemy estimated strength one coy still approx 800 yds north
SONG RIVER near coastal track (.) during 3 oct enemy force established
themselves across SATELBERG RD at 591661 thus isolating one coy in
JIVEN NENG 589660 (.) this force not yet dislodged (.) 4 (.) ENEMY
AIR (.) 0800L/4 4 HELENS bombed and strafed HELDSBACK plantation and
BEACH 6468 (.) no damage 1 casualty (.) 5 (.) AIROPS 4 oct (.) six
B25s bombed strafed bldgs launches GAROVL IS (.) 2 launches destroyed
fires started bldg area

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVSIT NO 243 to 0800L/5 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV (.) WAMPUM AREA
occupied in force slight enemy opposition (.) fwd elements now at
DUMPU with patrols fwd towards FARIA RIVER (.) PW captured WARRIS
CREEK states Jap line of withdrawal WAMPUM - GURUMPU (.) 2 (.)
9 AUST DIV to 0900L/5 (.) 20 bde (.) during 4 Oct enemy abandoned
posn 800 yds north SONG RIVER leaving few dead and much eqpt (.)
many more casualties believed inflicted (.) patrols pursued enemy
and located their posn 654706 (.) 0900L/5 (.) enemy now withdrawn
to astride track 1500 yds north SONG RIVER. isolated coy JIVENANENG
has rejoined main body (.) reported continuous attacks all repulsed
(.) enemy casualties 50 certain killed probably more (.) our
casualties light (.) patrols to TIRIMORO 5958 report recent enemy
occupation although no enemy seen (.) 22 bn (.) Bn HQ 655529 (.)
patrol to SAWMILL 608548 reported no contact but extensive posns
south bank LAPE RIVER for 1200 yds NW of SAWMILL (.) 14 Fd Regt
2/7 Fd Coy moved LAE under comd 5 Div (.) 3 (.) AIROPS 4 Oct (.)
six MITCHELLS attacked GAROVE IS (.) two motor launches destroyed
(.) eight BEAUFORTS bombed dumps and camps CAPE HOSKINS (.) 5 Oct
(.) four FORTRESSES bombed bridges BOGADJIE rd nil hits (.) eight
LIBERATORS one FORTRESS bombed BOGADJIE village EREMA plantation
bridge GORI river (.) eleven MITCHELLS attacked nine barges KAI
coast results unobserved two MITCHELLS missing (.) twentytwo
KITTYHAWKS bombed GASALATA fires started one LIBERATOR missing from
sea land recce (.)

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REVSIT NO 244 to 2000L/6 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0800L/6 (.) 21
bde (.) line of URUA RIVER from DUMPU to KUMBARUM 709570 occupied
in strength (.) 2 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0800L/6 (.) 20 bde (.) late
afternoon 5 oct enemy withdrew from east of JIVEVANENG leaving
much eqpt and many dead (.) north of SONG RIVER outflanking
movement forced enemy to withdraw from track at 643703 (.) 4 bde (.)
HQ moved LAE under comd 5 Div (.) 26 bde (.) patrolling to GAWAN
715556 and KELEN 610688 and further north into mountains to cut off
small parties of enemy stragglers (.) 3 (.) AIROPS 6 Oct (.)
three BEAUFIGHTERS attacked five barges one launch off LOLOBAU IS (.)
one barge sunk two left burning

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REVST NO 245 to 2000L/7 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0800L/7 (.) small
pocket enemy remains KUMBARUM (.) arty engaged small party Japs in
village 685594 (.) patrol moving investigate (.) KESAWAI reported
clear of enemy (.) 2 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0800L/7 (.) 20 bde (.) in
contact SATELBERG track 580661 (.) our tps from KUMANA holding
enemy on track 566650 whilst moving to SISI 5765 (.) 0800L/7 (.)
our tps from KUMANA adv against strong enemy opposition to posn
high ground covering track junc 568647 (.) track junc 645725 occupied
with patrols to BONGA (.) 3 (.) EARLY AIR (.) 7 Oct (.) enemy A/C
bombed landing beach FINSCHERFAN inflicting light casualties (.)

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CCSC ORO BAY; NOIC ORO BAY; Beach East BUNA; ANGAU; AQ; DASCAG;
JAG; RASC; Med; Ord; AEME;

FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVST NO 245 to 1000L/8 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV 0800L/8 (.) Jap order dated 5 Oct captured KUMBARUM indicates one bn 78 Regt is to attempt to delay our tps area URLA RIVER Valley (.) 21 bde (.) fwd tps moved to REBELI 659553 (.) 2 (.) 9 Aust Div to 1130L/8 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn moving FINSCHHAFFEN to KUMANA (.) native reports large number of Japs east of SATELBERG and PALANKO (.) enemy counter attacked KUMANA area suffering by casualties (.) 3 (.) ENEMY AIR 7 Oct (.) 1110 hrs 5 med bombers escort 14 fighters attacked SCARLETT BEACH slight damage and casualties (.) 1725 hrs 7 Oct 11 bombers 18 fighters attacked 20 bde gun areas NO damage.

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVSIT NO 247 to 2100L/9 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/9 (.)
15 bde (.) ANGAU reps report natives estimate approx 100 Japs area
BAMBOK 5969 - BAWAN 5772 being reinforced from SIO (.) 29 bde (.)
mopping up ops continue area BUANG RIVER - MARAHAN POINT (.) 2 (.)
7 AUST DIV to 0900L/9 (.) 21 bde (.) fwd tps reached 689604 (.)
night 7/8 oct enemy patrols active 692604 (.) 25 bde (.) patrol
reached 769538 (.) report bridges blown at 771557 and 772528 (.)
3 (.) BENA FORCE (.) patrol reports no enemy ETIABE RIVER ref M'DANG
strat W06365 (.) 4 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/9 (.) 20 bde (.) no change
north and west of KULAMA (.) 2/3 pnr bn arrived FINSCHRAFFEN 7 oct (.)
now area 633598 (.) hy sec 2/3 CCS 2/2 MG bn less coy departed LAE
for FINSCHRAFFEN 7 and 8 oct respectively (.) patrols on track BONGA
area report no sign enemy (.) 5 (.) LAOS 9 oct (.) three BOSTONS
twelve VULTURE VENGEANCES bombed strafed SATELBERG 1200 hrs (.)
buildings and possible amm dumps destroyed

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CINSCC CRO BAY: NOIC (CRO BAY): Beach Mast BUNA: ANGAU: AQ:
DAFIC: DAAG: AASC: Med: Ord: AEME:

FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVSIT NO 248 to 2100L/10 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/10 (.)
21 bde (.) fwd tps reached 718613 (.) 2 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/10
(.) 20 bde (.) JIVEVANEG area (.) put flanking move to north
reached high ground astride track at 585662 (.) then
mopped up except for isolated pockets (.) enemy counter attack
repulsed with heavy losses (.) Jap dead counted to date JIVEVANEG
KUMANA res exceed 400 (.) late in the afternoon of 9 Oct further
enemy counter attacks were repulsed with heavy losses (.) 3 (.)
enemy air (.) two raids DOBODURA area night 9 Oct (.) few casualties
slight damage (.) 4 (.) AIR OPS 10 Oct (.) 11 VOLTEE VENGEANCE
9 B STOPS bombed strafed targets S. TELBERG area support 20 bde (.)
4 THUNDERBOLTS strafed and left burning three barges three fuel
dumps CAPE GLOUCESTER.

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REVSET NO 249 to 2100L/11 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000L/10 (.)
mopping up continues (.) estimated 57 Jap s moving from area 572500 to
MARKHAM PT (.) 2 (.) 7 AUST DIV no change (.) 3 (.) 9 AUST DIV no
further reports (.) adv HQ closed LAE area 1800L/10 reopens adv HQ
20 bde approx 1200L/11 (.) 4 (.) AIROPS 11 Oct (.) 4 THUNDERBOLTS
destroyed 8 A/C definite. 3 probables WEWAK (.) BEAUFORTS bombed
1/2000 ton freighter CAPE ORFORD sinking (.) BEAUFIGHTERS destroyed
6 barges WIDE BAY (.) 5 (.) ENEMY AIR (.) three raids LAE night
10/11 Oct (.) slight damage nil casualties (.) two raids DOBOUGRA
night 11/12 Oct (.) nil damage or casualties

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REVSIT NO 250 to 2100 L/12 (.) 1 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900 L/12 (.)
Adv HQ 9 DIV 634567 (.) 1500 L/10 further strong enemy attack on
JIVEVANENG posn repulsed with hy losses (.) 11 Oct fwd tps reported
reduced enemy activity and signs evacuation fwd posns (.) Native
report enemy short of food supported by examination enemy dead (.)
weak JAP posn located TIMIMORO 593587 (.) HQ 24 BDE 644691 (.) 2
(.) 7 AUST DIV to 2100 L/11 (.) high ground 703575 occupied with
hy enemy casualties (.) our tps in contact 7637 (.) 3 (.) ENEMY AIR
(.) 6 a/c bombed SONG RIVER area no damage or casualties (.) 4 (.)
AIROPS 12 Oct (.) 109 MITCHELLS 12 BEAUFIGHTERS escorted by 90
LIGHTNINGS attacked VUNAKANAU RAPOPO TOBERA airfield RABAUL 1030 hrs
(.) approx 60 enemy a/c destroyed on ground 11 shot down (.) fuel
amm dumps blwn up extensive fires started all targets (.) one
MITCHELL one BEAUFIGHTER lost (.) 1200 hours approx 80 LIBERATORS
bombed shipping SEMPSON HBR two destroyers sunk one large tanker
left burning twelve ships seen smoking (.) 60 enemy a/c intercepted
14 shot down three LIBERATORS missing (.) preliminary reports
only (.)

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AASC: Med: Ord: AILE:

FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVISIT NO 251 to 2100L/13 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/13 (.) to
date 50 certain Jap dead counted OML River Valley (.) 2/7 Commando
Sqn mouth MOSLA RIVER 6155 (.) 3 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/13 (.)
20 bde (.) TIRLACU occupied 0800L/13 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/43 bn 2/3 pnr bn
less one coy under comd from 1800L/12 (.) boundary with 20 bde incl
SATELEBERG - JIVEV KENG thence all incl rd to north edge FILLSBACH 6366
to 648669 (.) 22 bn (.) under comd HQ 9 DIV (.) Bn HQ 625547 (.) 5 (.)
AIROPS 12 Oct (.) RABAU attack by 39 MITCHELLS 73 LIBERATORS
escorted by 66 LIGHTNINGS turned back by weather (.) eleven LIBERATORS
bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) four bombed CAPE MOSKINS (.) four bombed
CASINTA and one bombed LINDENLAFER plantation (.) 4 (.) ENEMY AIR (.)
0400L/14 (.) two enemy planes raided ORO BAY - BURU (.) approx ten
bombs dropped (.) one casualty slight damage ORO BAY (.)

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15

REVSIT NO 252 to 2100L/14 (.) 1 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/14 (.)
high ground KUMBARUM occupied 2/5 fd coy elements 54 bty arrived
DUMPU (.) HQ 21 bde moving KUMBARUM (.) 2/6 commando sqn reverted
div comd 1200L/13 moving BEBEI (.) 2 (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/14 (.)
20 bde (.) attack 1000L/13 dislodged enemy marines from dominating
high ground west of KUMAWA (.) 25 JAPS killed believed more (.)
patrol from TIRIMORO located enemy posn 591594 (.) HQ 2/28 bn and
two coys arrived beach 6468 (.) 3 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000L/13 (.)
BAWAN occupied total 23 JAPS killed (.) KUMBUM found deserted (.)
4 (.) AIROPS 14 Oct (.) ALEXISHAFEN (.) 27 MITCHELLS 10 MARAUDERS
bombed airfield dump personnel area (.) two fighters destroyed on
ground possible oil dump blown up 44 posns hit many large fires
started (.) two sqns MITCHELLS took off to attack CAPE GLOUCESTER
reports NOT yet available.(.)

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16

REVEIT NO 253 to 2100L/15 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000L/14 (.)
patrolling continues (.) 2 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/15 (.) patrols
from 2/2 commando sqn operating area GALIGOO RAMU strat WJ 1202 (.)
2/16 bn relieved 2/27 bn which moved res GUYS POST 684593 (.) 3 (.)
9 AUST DIV to 2100L/14 (.) remainder 2/28 bn less one pl e coy
arrived BEACH 6468 0300 hrs (.) patrol to 636765 NO contact (.)
patrol drove enemy off high ground 614684 (.) AIROPS 15 Oct (.)
1325L/27 MITCHELLS bombed dump personnel areas SLO PESCHEL PT fires
started (.) 0830/0915L 69 P38's 8 P40's intercepted approx 30
dive bombers escorted by approx 60 fighters ORO BAY GASMATA (.)
26 DBs 20 fighters destroyed 11 probables (.) 1 P38 missing (.)

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 AASC : Med : Ord : AELE :

FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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17

REVISE NO 254 to 2100L/16 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000L/15 (.)
 investigating ANGAU native report estimated 200 Japs vicinity mouth
 MONGI RIVER (.) 2 (.) 7 Aust Div to 0900L/16 (.) patrol 2/2
 Commando sqn in contact with enemy vic EGOI (.) 3 (.) 9 Aust Div
 to 2100L/15 (.) 1000L/14 approx 200 Japs with rifles reported moving
 south river MONGI approx S2949 (.) 6 A/C bombed SCARLET BEACH result
 NOT yet known (.) 4 (.) AIROPS 16 Oct (.) Further 36 MITCHELLS attacked
 SIO area mission destroyed huts hit 1 MITCHELL missing (.) 16 Oct (.)
 36 MITCHELLS attacked WEWAK BORAK air fields approx 15 A/C destroyed on
 ground (.) MITCHELLS and escorting fighters destroyed 20 intercepting
 enemy fighters 1 MITCHELL lost (.) 24 MITCHELLS attacked ALEXISEWATER
 buildings destroyed hits on AA posns claimed with 75 mm strafing (.)
 MITCHELLS and fighters destroyed 15 enemy fighters 6 probables 1 MITCHELL
 lost (.) 12 MITCHELLS attacked coast NALBARTIA SIO huts two barges
 destroyed (.) LIGHTTHINGS shot down two fighters east of LADANG (.)

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV

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REVSIT NO 255 to 2100L/17 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000L/16 (.)
PIS patrol located fresh Jap camp 590347 14 Oct killed 5 Japs (.)
2 (.) 7 DIV to 2100L/17 (.) patrol 2/2 Commando Sqn attacked 30
Japs 595716 inflicting casualties (.) 3 (.) 9 DIV to 1116L/17 (.)
enemy attacks from north 0500L/16 by estimated one coy and 1600L/16
by one and half coys on 2/17 Bn area JIVENENANG repulsed (.) three
enemy barges endeavoured to effect a landing north end SCARLET
beach 0415L/17 (.) two barges disabled by fire from bofors and
42/a guns (.) third barge withdrew (.) 37 enemy killed 30 fled
north inshore engaged (.) enemy attack developed east from line
W. PEO and PALANKO reached line 615685 614676 by 1115L/17 (.)
AIROPS 17 oct (.) approx 55 LIGHTNINGS 3 KITTYHAWKS intercepted
30/40 enemy fighters ORO BAY BUNA area 1020L (.) 24 enemy A/C
destroyed 6 probable (.) own losses 2 LIGHTNINGS 1 KITTYHAWK (.)
2 LIGHTNINGS damaged (.) 1500L 1555L 9 MITCHELLS 9 BOSTONS
attacked SATTELBERG bldgs destroyed (.) MITCHELLS later searched
coast to SIO NIL unusual sightings (.)

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19

REVSIT No 256 to 2000L/18 (.) 1 (.) 5 AUST DIV to 2000 L/17 (.) 42 Bn
relieved 2/24 Bn 1200L/17 HQ now 674565 (.) 2 (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/18
(.) 17 Oct active patrolling by our forces continued in 21 Bde area
(.) Some casualties inflicted on enemy about 6965 (.) 3 (.) 9 AUST DIV
to 2000L/18 (.) 2/32 bn div res west of airfield 6354 (.) remnants
enemy landing party mopped up and further 24 enemy killed (.) enemy land
force attacking east infiltrated between posns on high ground 6163
6067 (.) 1100L/17 attacked HQ 2/3 pnr Bn enemy repulsed (.) Bn HQ
withdrew KATIKA (.) enemy fighting close to SCARLETT BEACH (.) 2/28 Bn
engaging (.) Main fighting taking place between 67 and 69 northing
Grids (.) Lt AA posns at 637692 attacked from SW and 639672 from the
West (.) enemy engaged with direct fire BOFORS and LMGs (.) 24 Fd Bty
at 639672 assisted with fire over open sights (.) engagement proceeding (.)
4 (.) Enemy Air (.) 17 Oct 6 MB escorted by 12 fighters dropped 40 bombs
SINSCHAEFEN (.) KITTYHAWKS intercepted three bombers destroyed (.) 5 (.)
AIROPS 18 Oct (.) 1300L/18 51 MITCHELLS unescorted attacked TCBERA and
RAPOPC airfields shipping RABAU (.) 25 A/C destroyed on ground (.) 22
destroyed in combat 8 probably destroyed (.) One 7000 tons tpt one
destroyer one PT boat sunk one corvette left sinking (.) Two MITCHELLS
lost four damaged (.) Six LIBERATORS bombed SIO area three CAPE
GLUCESTER and 15 CAPE HOSKINS (.) reports incomplete (.) One LIBERATOR
destroyed (.) Three missing (.)

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REVSIT No 257 to 2100L/19 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/19(.) adv HQ 24 bn JANDOERMAIN 635795 (.)
pl attacked TEWAI 614785 killed 27 enemy captured 2 (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/19(.) HQ 25 bde 610565 (.) 2/33 bn 6056
2/25 bn 6157 2/31 bn KUMBARUM area less one coy GURUMBU area
(.) 2/6 commando sqn 585594 1200L/18 moved EVAPIA river (.)
2/7 commando sqn KESAWAI (.) 2/2 pnr bn less three coys area
BEBEI (.)

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV 0900L/19 (.) fighting continued area SCARLET
BEACH during afternoon (.) pressure maintained on 2/28 bn
area KATIKA filtration attempted north and south village (.)
attacks from west towards centre SCARLET BEACH (.) 2/28 bn
repulsed all direct attacks with hy losses to enemy but
infiltration continued (.) disposition 2/28 bn (.) HQ 2/28
bn 643864 A coy 641891 to 642887 D coy 642687 to 642683 C coy
642683 to coast at 644688 (.) 2/43 bn D coy 643690 B coy
644692 (.) 1500L/18 enemy elements penetrated coast at mouth
SIKI river 644681 (.) 2/13 bn C coy in contact enemy approx
1 pl SIKI river 640678 (.) 24 bde in close perimeter
protecting SCARLET BEACH from UAPE 644683 due west to 638683
thence due north to 2/43 bn posn high ground north river
SONG (.) 20 bde. B C D coys 2/3 pnr bn under comd (.) 2/13 bn
less two coys and with under comd A coy 2/32 bn north
HELDSEACH with C coy 640677 B coy 637672 (.) B coy 2/32 bn
640655 (.) 1500L/18 enemy patrol attempted move eastward
south of JIVEVANANG (.) engaged by 2/17 bn line in posn
astride track 597663 (.) 2/17 bn fwd coy in contact small
parties enemy (.) 2/3 pnr bn B coy moving to area 607664 (.)
otherwise quiet (.) A and B coys 22 bn arrived KAKAKOG under
comd 2/2 MG bn pending arrival div res (.)

FOUR (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 0200L/20 to 0600L/20 approx 14 bombers
continuously FINSCHLAFEN area (.) 86 bombs dropped area river
BUNI airfield KAKAKOG and GREAT HARBOUR no damage slight
casualties (.)

FIVE (.) AIROPS 19 Oct (.) 10 VULTEE VENGEANCES and 9 BOSTONS bombed
and strafed enemy held village SATELBERG area and supply line
west of SCARLET BEACH (.)

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REVSIT No 258 to 2100L/20 (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 2100L/19 (.) 2/31 bn less one coy area 6257 (.) 2/6
sqn F/LCONS 5364 (.) patrol 2/2 com sqn 19 oct reported track
URAGINA WO 3684 to JAPIA WO 4559 clear of enemy (.) enemy def
posn found astride track at WO 4693

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 2100L/19 (.) enemy attacks on 2/28 bn posns repulsed
(.) intermittent fighting 24 bde perimeter during day but no
major attack (.) 24 bde area 17/18 oct 202 enemy dead many
more casualties believed inflicted (.) 2/13 bn C coy 642679
repulsed three enemy attacks at 0700L/19 (.) 2/32 bn D coy
TAM island relieved by composite pl div carr coy rejoined
bn (.) 1630L/19 2/28 bn A and B coys counter attacked enemy
and by last night secured high ground astride KATIKA track
637682 (.) enemy still holding KATIKA and north bank SIKI
to coast (.) 26 bde C sqn 1 army tk bn arrived LINGELAK BAY
night 19/20 oct (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 0100L/20 to 0700L/20 approx 30 enemy A/C over
area (.) 83 bombs dropped SCARLETT beach SALANKAU plantation
area and in sea (.) slight casualties

FOUR (.) AIROPS 20 oct (.) four MITCHELLS bombed and strafed with
75 mm cannon bridges and bldgs BOGADJIM YAULA rd (.) four
THUNDERBOLTS shot down six enemy float planes WEWAK

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REVSIT No 259 to 2100 1/21 (.)

ONE (.) 5 Aust Div to 0900 1/21 (.) In MONGI RIVER area tps
reported BUGA area 3845 clear of enemy

TWO (.) 9 Aust Div to 0900 1/21 (.) Sounds enemy digging night
20/21 oct fwd 24 bde perimeter south river SONG (.)
harassed by our arty, mortar MG fire (.) enemy estimated
150 still dug in north river SIKI from incl KATIKA to
coast (.) HQ 26 bde 630665 2/33 bn 629657 2/24 bn 625644
2/48 bn 627641 C sqn 1 army tk bn 618549 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR 20 Oct (.) 4 Zeros strafed three of our barges
off BUMI R one craft was damaged and some casualties
reported (.) 21 oct (.) 5 aircraft dropped thirteen bombs
and strafed the GREAT HARBOUR and KAKAGOG area no
damages or casualties (.)

FOUR (.) AIROPS 21 Oct (.) 61 Liberators 19 Mitchells attacked
SATELBERG WAREO village areas (.) all buildings demolished
areas well covered (.) 230 tons bombs dropped (.) four
Mitchells attacked BOGADJIM rd huts and one bridge
destroyed landslide caused across rd (.)

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REVSIT NO 260 to 2100L/22 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/22 (.) our patrols active 21 oct (.)
total 18 enemy killed BAINDUANG (649834) KUMBEUM (575696)
LUMBAIP (599669) KWAMBELANG (644812) (.) 5 enemy captured
BAINDUANG (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV (.) no further report (.)

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/22 (.) 21 oct (.) aggressive patrolling
by our tps took place in all sectors (.) 2/3 pnr bn complete
inside 24 bde perimeter (.) 24 bde patrols located enemy
dug in from 635694 to 633691 (.) our arty shelled enemy
defences 637690, 625677 and track junction 573661 during
night 21/22 oct (.)

FOUR (.) AIR - ENEMY 22 oct (.) two enemy A/C bombed BUNTA R area (.)
signal communications dislocated otherwise no damage (.)

FIVE (.) AIRCPS 21 oct (.) Kittyhawks divebombed & strafed enemy
troops DAUMCINA & nearby villages (.) 22 oct (.) ten
Mitchells bombed supply bivouac areas MASANGKOC village
& 1000 yds west (.) bombs amongst tents & huts (.) ten
Mitchells bombed enemy barges supply dumps LAKUNA village
& mouth MASATUNG R probable ammunition dump hit

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01083 24

REVST NO 261 to 2100L/23 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/23 (.) 22 oct (.) north of LAE further villages cleared enemy stragglers (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/23 (.) bndys incl 25 bde with 21 bde mouth river FARIA 5300 feature 6363 thence NE to jap rd (.) incl 25 bde with 2/6 Sqn EVAPIR river (.) incl 2/6 sqn with 2/7 sqn KIAPS 499637 sup camp 582772 (.) incl 2/7 sqn & 2/2 sqn river RAMU to junc river BOKU to KARONA 4278 track to ORGORUNA 1 4681 KISA 4782 BIRI 4983 WIYAI 4790 JAPPA 4893 thence river NURU (.) 22 oct (.) patrol 2/16 bn made contact with enemy patrol 683619 (.) 2/6 sqn located enemy posn 554693 (.) TAG/R report shows increased enemy activity BOGADJIM - YAULA ROAD including heavy MT

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 2100L/22 (.) night 21/22 oct enemy evacuated posns from incl KATIKA to mouth SIKI R & from contact area SCARLET beach (.) still in posn astride KATIKA track 630682 (.) 2/28 bn mopping up counted 50 enemy dead (.) 2/32 bn less two coys moved by sea SCARLET beach under comd 24 bde (.) 24 bde perimeter now runs from 639696 to river SIKI at 636679 where junc pt with 2/48 bn (.) 1945L/21 strong enemy attack east astride KATIKA track repulsed (.) 2/48 bn on line 636679 to 626669 (.) 2/13 bn less two coys 599663 (.) 2/13 bn A & D coys relieved by 22 bn A & D coys TIRMORO 5958 & 590567 former moving to rejoin bn 23 oct (.) enemy camps located at 558661 565676 575693 569697 (.)

FOUR (.) AIROPS 23 oct (.) six sqns liberators bombed VUNAKANAU RAPOFO airfields RABAU reports not yet available (.) escorting lightnings destroyed nine intercepting enemy fighters probably destroyed five (.) one lightning lost two damaged (.) FINSCHHAFEN area (.) 14 thunderbolts destroyed three probably six enemy fighters approx 1045 hrs (.) nine kittyhawks destroyed one enemy light bomber 10 miles east FINSCHHAFEN 1110 hrs (.) our losses nil

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DAQM : DAAG : AASO : Mac : Otd : AEME :

FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01094 25

REVSIT NO 262 to 2100L/24 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/24 (.) north of LAE elements of villages
continues (.) six Japs killed two captured BAINDUANG area.
(649834) & KISILAH (702772) 23 Oct (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 2100L/23 (.) Locations (.) 2/7 Sqn 490669
patrolling north to river BOKU (.) patrol 22 oct dispersed
enemy standing patrol 462782 (.) 2/6 sqn 532646 patrolling
towards YOKCHI (.) Hq 25 Bde 612577 2/25 bn 618575 2/31 bn
627586 2/33 bn 604577 (.) Hq 21 Bde 705562 2/14 bn 708566
patrolling to GURUMBU 2/27 bn 687591 small enemy force
driven from posn 663620 2/16 bn 715610 patrolling north
and east (.) B Coy PIB 700543 with patrol area 6462 (.)

THREE (.) 9AUST DIV to 0900L/24 (.) 2/32 bn relieved 2/28 bn on posn
24 bde perimeter (.) 19.0L/23 3 enemy attacks on 2/32 bn
astride KARIKA track all repulsed further enemy attack
repulsed 2000L/23 (.) continued enemy movement both ways
on track PALANKO - ARABOX 596687 engaged by arty (.) 2/13
bn A & D coys rejoined Bn and relieved 2/43 bn C coy 612667
(.) 2/43 bn C coy moving to rejoin bn (.) patrol 2/15 bn
attacked enemy post 555643 (.) dispositions 24 bde (.)
2/43 bn north from incl river SONG 2/26 bn 630696 to 630639
2/32 bn 630689 to 630673 (.) 808 sngr aviation bn lose one
coy and 102 AA bn lose 2 boys arrived LANGEMAK BAY moving
area DEGER HARBOUR (.)

FOUR (.) ENEMY AIR 23 oct (.) 6 enemy A/C dropped 66 bombs FINSCHHAFFEN
area (.) no damage or casualties (.) 24 oct (.) 2 enemy A/C
dropped 15 parachutes PALANKO area probably snps (.) area
engaged by our arty and strafed by KITTYHAWKS (.)

FIVE (.) AIROPS 23 oct (.) torpedo bomber BEAUFORTS & BOSTONS
escorted by KITTYHAWKS of RAAF COLD attacked GASMATA with
success also sinking small vessel off ANWER RIVER one
beaufort missing. 24 oct (.) 59 MITCHELLS escorted by 90
LIGHTINGS again attacked RABUL airstrips (.) destroyed
on ground 45 enemy A/C damaged 19 enemy large fires started (.)
top cover shot down 34 probably destroyed 14 (.) MITCHELLS
accounted for 8 definitely 1 probable of force of intercepting
enemy fighters (.) SAMUELBERG area bombed and strafed by
BOSTONS

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01101 25

REVSIT NO 262 to 2100L/25 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV D Coy 24 Bn killed 4 japs and found 17 dead
AVIN area (671789) (.) patrol captured one jap north of
YALU

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV patrols active

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV patrolling on all sectors patrol 2/43 Bn reports
seeing carrying party of 22 incl escort on track to BONGA
(.) KATIKA area night 24/25 intermittent firing and some
enemy movement 2/43 Bn sector (.) 26 Bde patrol located
enemy posn and killed four at 635678

FOUR (.) SEA OWN night 23/24 our light surface craft attacked
four enemy barges off NANDA (456011) sinking one type A
and one larger barge (.) our craft fired on by shore bat
one killed two wounded (.) enemy submarine attacked by
light surface craft SE TAMI IS 2030L/23 conning tower hit
sub submerged and moved east.

FIVE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) early 25 our 7 A/C dropped 37 bombs north
and south shores LANGEMAK BAY some casualties and slight
damage

SIX (.) AIROPS 24 oct (.) ALEXISHATEN 17 MITCHELLS bombed strafed
dispersal dump areas buildings huts and by AA positions
destroyed (.) REIN BAY 2 LIBERATORS bombed destroyer and
merchant vessel nil hits (.) 3 destroyers 5 V/I vessels
15 barges sighted (.) later sweeps failed to relocate (.)
25 oct 1100L 9 BOSTONS bombed strafed enemy posns 638775
635786 613808 and villages MASSAMENG R mouth attack
accurate (.) LIBERATORS attacked RABAU 25 oct no full
report 37 enemy A/C shot down probably 15 more destroyed

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01115 27

REVSIT NO 263 to 2100/26 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/26 (.) indications track YALJON (332541)
to JOANGENG and SAFELBERG used by enemy (.) 25 oct patrol
29/46 bn moved YALJON to SAMBEANG (335525) no enemy seen (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/26 (.) 25 oct following an air strike
patrol 2/16 bn raided enemy posns estimated two coys in area
7033 and inflicted casualties (.) patrol 2/14 bn reached
key point 4 about 7659 without contact (.)

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/26 (.) disposns (.) 2/43 D coy 655712
B coy 648911 A coy 648705 C coy 649599 (.) 2/28 bn D coy
642694 C coy 637690 B coy 640689 A coy 642688 2/5 pnr bn
B coy 639692 (.) 2/32 bn B coy 657636 A coy 639624 D coy
638681 C coy 640682 2/3 pnr bn A coy 641690 (.) two tps
C sqn 1 tk bn moved by sea to area POLA 641591 (.) 2/32 bn
in close contact with enemy along whole front west KATIKI
(.) enemy defensive posn found at 636690 655689 655679 and
25 enemy 653731 (.) evening 25 oct our mortars accurately
engaged enemy post 636677 (.) patrol 22 bn encountered jap
party 559605 which immediately withdrew (.)

FOUR (.) AIROPS 25 oct (.) 50 LIBERATORS bombed LIMUNAI airfield (.)
large fires started & photographs taken show 21 A/C
destroyed on ground (.) 37 intercepting fighters shot
down (.) one LIBERATOR crash landed in sea, eight members
of crew safe (.) 26 oct (.) 11 sqns MITCHELLS took off to
attack RABAUL but weather prevented attack

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01132 28

REVSIT NO 264 to 2100L/27 (.)

ONE (.) 5 AUST DIV to 0900L/27 (.) 26 oct further clearing up activity
north LAE (.) patrol 24 bn in area 7084, NW BAINDUANG, killed
4 japs (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/27 (.) SITNOR (.)

THREE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 2100L/26 (.) patrol 2/43 bn ambushed 15 enemy
650730 killed 2 (.) perimeter 2/32 bn pushed west disposns
now C coy 633683 A Coy 634685 (.) following by mortaring
night 25/26 oct enemy withdrew from posn 636678 (.) patrol
west along river SIKI to 631 easting reported no contact (.)
2/48 bn occupied area D Coy 632681 B 627677 A Coy 640676
C Coy 633673 (.)

FOUR (.) AIRCPS 27 Oct (.) 8 KITTYHAWKS intercepted 9 enemy bombers
and 15 fighters over SAKELBERG (.) our A/C shot down 1
bomber and 5 fighters with loss (.) enemy A/C dropped
number of parachutes prob sups before interception

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01144 29

REVSIT NO 265 to 0900L/29 (.)

ONE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 2100L/27 (.) A & B coys 2/3 pnr bn rejoined
bn 656597 (.) C sqn 1 tk bn less two tps now at POLA 641532
(.) adv party 870 engr aviation bn B bty 544 CA regt A bty
237 AA Regt arrived LANGEMAK BAY (.)

TWO (.) 5 AUST DIV, 7 AUST DIV no report

THREE (.) Air raid BUNA 29 oct (.) red 0133 all clear 0300 hrs (.)
preliminary reports 12 x 50 kg probably AP bombs vicinity
amm depot BUNA (.) 8 bombs HARVEY BAY (.) nil damage or
casualties

FOUR (.) AIROPS 27 Oct (.) AIRACOBAS intercepted 12/15 enemy
bombers 15/20 fighters FINSCHAFEN area 5 bombers 1 fighter
destroyed 4 bombers probable our losses one (.) 28 Oct (.)
barge search RAI 60AST 5 destroyed 3 strafed

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MESSAGE NO 266 to 2100L/29 (.)

ONE (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/29 (.) 2/27 bn occupied small enemy posn
area 5762 (.) 2/2 pbr bn KULBARU: under comd 21 bde (.)

TWO (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/29 (.) patrol 2/48 bn located strong
enemy posn 610678 held by approx 50 Japs (.) during night
28/29 oct our tps patrolled actively but no important change
took place (.)

THREE (.) SEA OWN (.) night 28/29 oct two of our MTBs attacked two
barges off BLUCHER PT (.) one destroyed one damaged (.)

FOUR (.) SEA SWIFT (.) 1930L/28 two unidentified warships were seen
entering the bay near CAPE TORKORO (XK 9160) off UELLI (.)

FIVE (.) AIROPS 29 oct (.) 57 LIBERATORS escorted by 67 LIGHTNINGs
attacked MUKAKANAU airstrip and dispersal areas at approx
1230 hrs (.) preliminary reports target area covered smoke
many large fires (.) bombers shot down 11 definite three
probables fighters destroyed 12 definite five probables (.)
one LIGHTNING missing four damaged (.) 17 MITCHELLS attacked
targets along GOGOL River JABOBI village in MADANG area
fires started

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV 01167 E1

REVSIN NO 267 to 2100L/30 (.)

ONE (.) 9 AUST DIV to 0900L/30 (.) pl 2/13 and 2/17 bn occupied
posns sq 4566 and sq 5661 respectively (.) KWEMBANG 559591
held by enemy estimated one coy (.) B coy 22 bn moved to
617548 (.) C coy 2/3 pnr bn under comd RAE for rd construction
(.) move 4 bde (less units under comd 9 div) and 4 fd amo
to FINSCHHAFEN commences 30 Oct (.) estimated completion
of move 6 nov (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 0900L/30 (.) patrol 2/6 sqn located enemy
posn 582722 (.)

THREE (.) A ENEMY (.) morning 29 oct two enemy A/C made extensive
recco over FINSCHHAFEN area (.)

FOUR (.) AIROPS 30 oct (.) 0200L/30 LIBERATORS on armed recco bombed
1c cruiser and two destroyers in PLANET HARBOUR WT 7639
(.) one destroyer sunk (.) one near miss near second
destroyer (.) 9 MITCHELLS strafed barges and buildings
HEIN BAY

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