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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jun *To* 3 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field BOUGAINVILLE 587058	1 Jun		On the central sector 27 Aust Inf Bn patrols penetrated to within 25 yds of Jap positions at SISIVIE during the day. 7pl A Coy PIB contacted 30 Japs moving towards NUMA NUMA on the trail between CHAMBERS HILL and TOKOPERAPAIA. 7 Japs were killed. One Jap was killed at 686157.	
	2 Jun		Central Sector 16pl of 27 Aust Inf Bn relieved 17 pl at the petrol base at 691155. Artillery and mortars harassed the Jap positions at BASE POINT 3 throughout the day.	
	3 Jun		Arrangements have been completed for the weekly screening of pictures at 23 Aust Inf Bde DONALD DUCK THEATRE, and commencing on 9 Jun at 27 Aust Inf Bn site once per week.	
		1000	BM and staff had a conference with 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy, PIB and ANGAU informing them of the projected operations at ASITAVI PT. The above units are to submit requirements to make up deficiencies in WE.	
			Owing to heavy rain overnight, the LARUMA RIVER had risen 2 ft, thereby delaying the movement of advance parties of 7 Aust Inf Bn to PEARL RIDGE. However all vehicles had cleared No 1 Crossing by 0800 hrs.	
			Operations- Central Sector 27 Aust Inf Bn- At 1330 hrs, following accurate artillery and mortar fire, strong fighting patrols from D coy closed on the enemy-held position at 693159. After a heavy exchange of fire, the position was occupied by D coy at 1415 hrs. At 1530 hrs, a Jap counter-attack, strength unknown, was repulsed. The main Jap defences consisted of 8 bunkers, of which 3 had been destroyed and 4 badly damaged by our artillery and mortar fire. Jap snipers were active throughout the afternoon, and throughout the night, the Japs harassed our forward troops with HMG and LMG fire.	

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 3 Jun *To* 4 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	3 Jun		Attempts by the Japs to infiltrate into our new positions were unsuccessful. Locations:- D coy 693159 13pl 691155 Casualties:-own 5 wounded including 3 walking wounded, enemy 9 killed including1 offr, 3 wounded. 7 Aust Inf Bn:- Advance parties of 7 Aust Inf Bn moved from TOROKINA to PEARL RIDGE Sector. 15 pl moved out from PEARL RIDGE to relieve 7 pl PIB of the patrol base at 715168. 11pl and 14pl are located at BERRYS HILL.	
	4 Jun		A summary of the week's operations is shown as appendix "H3.". The Bde Comd, BM and SC conferred on loading tables and general plans for loading the KIAMA for ASITAVI. Maj REID, Capt SLATTERY ANGAU discussed their commitments. Brig MANN, CE? later called and discussed engineer stores and equipment required for the NUMA TRAIL and the ASITAVI landing. He asked for continuance of use of BN pioneer platoons for completion of tramway and road maintenance. Lt H FREEMAN,2 Aust Corps Military History Section,called on the Bde Comd and gave an assurance to report and photograph both the BARGES HILL tramway and the ASITAVI landing. A team from 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ competed in a Quiz session conducted by 9 AC TOROKINA broadcasting station. The BM took Capt ROBERTS,OC ASITAVI force to interview the G(11) Air 2 Aust Corps, concerning methods of requesting air support for the operations. OPERATIONS:- Central Sector 27 Aust Inf Bn. Artillery was directed against Jap positions at 694161 during the early hours of the morning.At1535 hrs, D coy engaged Japs forward of their perimeter wounding one. 7 Aust Inf Bn. The relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn by 7 Aust Inf Bn commenced during the day. Locations:- 15 pl MAPIA 715168 11 pl 683159 9 pl CHOKO RIDGE 618127 7 pl KEENANS 605146. Casualties inflicted by 27 Aust Inf Bn and attached troops since 19 Apr total 122 killed 32 wounded 22 bodies found. Own casualties 4 killed 9 wounded. A particularly fine effort.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 5 Jun *To* 5 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	5 Jun		The Bde Comd called on 8 Aust Inf Bn and discussed the possibility of one rifle coy and mortar platoon being available at 24 hrs notice to move with 7 Aust Inf Bn (ROB FORCE) to ASITAVI. (Mortars are the only specialists at present available, other specialist platoons still being on Outer Islands) The Bde Comd later visited Brig LEGGE who is able to supply all ship needs for movement of ROBFORCE, or, if necessary, is able to supply that force if compelled to move across country via WAKUNAI RIVER. The Bde Comd and Brig MANN, CE, discussed the application for transfer of Lt MENZIES, 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy as IO, 7 Aust Inf Bn. This was agreed to, but did not eventuate. The Bde Comd met the BGS, 2 Aust Corps, but was unable to obtain any definite information concerning the relief of 8 Aust Inf Bn on the OUTER Islands. The GOC, 2 Aust Corps, again gave assurance that 8 Aust Inf Bn would be moved to TOROKINA less 2 pls at EMIRAU and 1 pl at GREEN Islands. Advice was received from the GSO(1) Ops that 2 Mtn Bty would come under command at 1800 hrs. This was later amended to 0800 hrs 6 Jun.	
		1500	Lt-Col ELLIOTT-SMITH and Maj OLIVER PIB called at Bde HQ.	
			Operations:- Central Sector:- The relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn by 7 Aust Inf Bn continued throughout the day. At 1600 hrs, 14 pl recce party(7 Aust Inf Bn) made contact 200 yds NORTH of their base(693159) BASE POINT 3 Area. Two Japs were killed and an LMG was captured. These were the first casualties inflicted on the enemy by 7 Aust Inf Bn. Two additional Jap Bodies were found at 684155 and another at BASE POINT 3. The following features have been named :- Ref map KOWARO 1:25000 TIERNANS SPUR 692160 to 693156 EDWARDS KNOLL 691154 CALS REST 693155 GILLS HILL 683159	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 5 Jun *To* 6 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	5 Jun		The BM asked the GSO(1) Ops,2 Aust Corps, for particulars of wireless set ATR 4A and also requested 2 SCR 536 w/s for comns from ship to shore be available while a NO 11 set was being erected. Informed that NO SCR 536 sets are available and no particulars of ATR 4A at hand.	
	6 Jun	0800	2 Aust Mtn Bty came under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde but is to remain within the TOROKINA area pending further instruction. HQ 4 Fd Regt is now on warning order to move to TOROKINA from the Northern Sector, and on arrival reverts to command of 2 Aust Corps.10 Bty remains under command 4 Fd Regt and in support 23 Aust Inf Bde. The Bde Comd took Maj Stevens and party (2 Aust Mtn Bty) to PEARL RIDGE and went forward to BARKERS BROW. The Bde Comd had a conference with the COs of 7 and 27 Aust Inf Bns who reported the change over to be quite satisfactory.D coy 27 Aust Inf Bn can remain on PEARL RIDGE until Monday. Maj STEVENS of 2 Mtn Bty and Maj YOTT of 10 Bty 4 Fd Regt discussed artillery problems.It is proposed to move 2 Mtn Bty to BARKERS BROW but this can not be carried out until the tramway construction is completed.No movement will take place until after a further conference with the CCRA. A warning order was issued to 8 Aust Inf Bn to prepare for movement from the Outer Islands to TOROKINA. Owing to the continued use of wheel chains on jeeps operating from jeep head to BERRYS HILL,it is found that these chains become US after about 2 months of wear.Arrangements have been completed for the replacement of 10 sets by 11 Jun 45. Operations:- Central Sector:- 7 Aust Inf Bn Two Japs were ambushed and killed moving along the NUMA NUMA TRAIL towards WEARNES HILL.A patrol operating from KEENANS RIDGE killed one of seven Japs sighted at SISIVIE 614162. In an endeavour to locate a suitable base for a company on WAKUNAI RIVERfrom where patrols could operate towards the EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE,	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	6 Jun		a patrol reached 711256 and reported enemy activity on the bank of the WAKUNAI RIVER.The patrol is continuing. The Bn relief is continuing and throughout the day B coy 7 Aust Inf Bn relieved B coy 27 Aust Inf Bn at BERRYS HILL684151.B coy 27 Aust Inf Bn has moved back to TOROKINA 569958.B coy 1 PIB is located at 684117. The jeep road between PEARL RIDGE at 679130 and BERRYS HILL 684151 is now known as SHANKS ROAD,in memory of Lt Gordon SHANKS who was killed in this vicinity.	
	7 Jun	0900	The Bde Comd and the CCRA discussed the possibility of 2 Aust Mtn Bty moving with ROBFORCE to ASITAVI.As no firm date can be given for the completion of BARGES HILL tramway therefore the relief of 10 Bty being delayed,the CCRA agreed to this proposal.D coy 8 Aust Inf Bn will move as reinforcement to ROBFORCE and will take over base responsibilities and so permitting 7 Aust Inf Bn to pursue an offensive role.2 Aust Mtn Bty will probably move with D coy 8 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1000	The Bde Comd had a further conference with the BGS,2 Aust Corps,who ~~stated that 11 Aust Inf Bde was to commence movement from the NORTHERN SECTOR on 18 Jun and that 27 Aust Inf Bn would be completely withdrawn from the Central Sector to take over the 11 Bde role.~~7 Aust Inf Bn is to carry on in clearing up Jap positions forward of BERRYS HILL and keep moving forward steadily.	
		1400	The Bde Comd called on Lt-col POPE and talked over problems likely to be encountered on BONIS PENINSULA.A request will be made to 2 Aust Corps ~~for tank support in this sector. Lt-col IRWIN called on the Bde Comd and discussed the medical plan for the Northern Sector.~~	
			~~Operations:- Central Sector:-~~ At 0800 hrs 27 Aust Inf Bn HQ closed on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL and reopened in the TOROKINA PERIMETER at 574955.At the same time 7 Aust Inf Bn HQ opened at KOWARO684118.Native scouts returned from the NUMA NUMA area and comfirm information previously reported by natives.Details as in our Int Summary No 165.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	7 Jun		At 1130 hrs, after harassing artillery fire a patrol found that the Jap position at 685157 (OLD VIVIE SPUR) had been evacuated during the past 24 hrs. Two new graves were found in the area. This position was known to the Japs as the KUMA position which, on the 27 Mar, was occupied by an officer and 16 ORs. The patrol to WAKUTAI RIVER located a suitable company base and supply dropping ground at 760244. No contact has been made in this area. In the SISIVIE sector, an 8 pl patrol was fired on by two LMGs and one JUKI from SISIVIE614162. No casualties were inflicted. Artillery harassed Jap positions on WEARNES HILL throughout the night. Locations:- A sec 82 Dental Unit 569958 C sec 82 Dental Unit 659090	
	8 Jun	0900	The Bde Comd visited 2/4 Aust Armd Regt LOB and met Maj COCHRANE. It is anticipated that Lt-col MILLS will return to TOROKINA within 14 days when a conference will be held re the possibility of use of tanks in the Northern Sector.	
			At a conference at HQ 2 Aust Corps, orders were received for the commencement of relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde by 27 Aust Inf Bn group on 20 Jun. It was pointed out that no engineers would be available and that present artillery would be withdrawn from the area. The Bde Comd protested against this proposal. 2 Aust Corps report that the Japanese have no artillery in this area. The Bde Comd then asked for a period of 4 days artillery silence.	
			The Bde Comd examined the ASITAVI project. SANDFORD AIB reports the presence of Japs at TEIHUP and suggests a landing be made at YAUWAN. Lt-col CHALLEN LO(1)2 Aust Corps will discuss the plan with the Bde Comd and then make a landing at YAUWAN from a Catalina to outline the plan to SANDFORD.	
			Maj MORAN, adm comd 8 Aust Inf Bn reported in from EMIRAU. The troops are all in good condition and are anxious for their early relief and subsequent move to TOROKINA.	
			Advice was received that NX 65 Lt-col L J LOUGHRAN has been appointed to command 8 Aust Inf Bn.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	8 Jun		Operations:- Central Sector:- 7 Aust Inf Bn Offensive patrol against BASE POINT 3 position was continued throughout the day. At 0950 hrs, a patrol with FOO contacted and engaged a Jap prepared position astride the track at 694163. Casualties enemy one killed own one (FOO, Lt MORGAN) killed. The Jap captured an Owen SMG in this encounter and later in the afternoon, an OSMG was heard firing. A section of 10 pl relieved 11 pl at 686157 and a PIB patrol relieved 15 pl of the patrol base at MAPIA 715168. The WAKUNAI RIVER patrol returned to BERRYS HILL reporting no contact throughout the patrol. Locations:- 7 Bn 9 pl KEENANS RIDGE 607148 C coy less 15 pl 693159 27 Bn C coy 676130	
	9 Jun	0830	The feature 685157 to 688154 will bw known as RUSHS KNOLL A conference was held with the Bde Staff, outlining the plan for the relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde and the future role of 23 Aust Inf Bde.	
		0830	The SC and Lt-col COURT, 2 Aust Corps, departed for SORAKEN to make a survey of the general situation. It is anticipated that Bde and Bn recce parties will move to SORAKEN on Monday.	
		1000	Maj CAMPBELL, AAES, called and discussed a report on Sgt ODGERS, AAES, attached to this Hq. The censure part of the discussion with 2 Aust Corps is now closed.	
		1400	Col BUTTS, CLO, called and promised legal assistance of Capt M E EWING while Capt J LAVAN is in Australia on leave.	
		1430	The Bde Comd visited the Mil Sec Brig A BAXTER-COX and discussed the appointment of a staff captain to this Hq. Capt A LEWIS of 13 Aust Inf Bde was suggested and accepted. The appointment of Lt-col LOUGHRAN to command of 8 Aust Inf Bn was also discussed.	
			No further information has been received re the progress of the tramway at BARGES HILL.	
		1800	The Bde Comd and the BM attended dinner at 27 Aust Inf Bn Mess. The Bde Hq rugby team won its first competition match in 4 Base area competition defeating VOLCANOS 17 to 9.	

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Unit Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 9 Jun *To* 10 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	9 Jun		Operations:-Central Sector:- Further advances were made in the BASE POINT 3 Sector throughout the day. At 1630 hrs,13 pl consolidated at 693160 and were later engaged by 2 Jap LMGs. Own casualties one wounded.No opposition was encountered during the move forward. PIB established a patrol base at 738198 BASE POINT 2 area. LOCATIONS:- 7 Bn A coy less 7 and 9 pls 681137 27 Bn C coy 676130 2 Mtn Bty TOROKINA 563924	
	10 Jun		The proposed trip to YAUWAN by Lt-col CHALLEN and the BM was deferred.	
		0800	The Bde Comd visited 7 Aust Inf Bn and enroute inspected the work on the tramway.The progress is not satisfactory.On completion of the tramway, the CO,7 Aust Inf Bn will produce plans for the (a)movement of fighting patrols to NUMA NUMA and (b) movement of the Bn to NUMA NUMA.Heavy stores would be landed by sea after a beach head is established.	
			On return from PEARL RIDGE,information was received about 11 Aust Inf Bde operations at PORTON,details of which are given in attached int summaries.	
		1800	The Bde Comd and the BM attended a sing sing at ANGAU compound.	
			Operations Central Sector:- During the night 9/10 Jun, two Japs approached 13 pl position at 693160 and were engaged by LMG fire.One Jap was killed. Patrols operated forward of TIERNANS SPUR and reported no enemy movement along the track to 694161. A PIB patrol operating in the area NW of WEARNES HILL reported contact with a suspected enemy food party of which one was killed.The patrol confirmed the presence of Japanese on NEW VIVIE feature. Locations:- 27 Bn 14 pl relieved 13 pl 693160 C coy TOROKINA 577693 7 Bn 13 pl 693159 A summary of the weeks operations in this sector will be found as Appendix "H 11"	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 11 Jun *To* 11 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	11 Jun	0800	Lt-col CHALLEN and the BM departed by Catalina for YAUWAN and contacted Capt SANDFORD AIB. SANDFORD can supply 80 natives from PIPIPAIA area and, if necessary, help in an overland move to ASITAVI. The natives between TEIHUP and NUMA NUMA are very pro-Japanese. SC(Capt G A MACONACHIE) reported on his trip to SORAKEN, stressing the need for extra troops to handle base area, thus allowing 27 Aust Inf Bn freedom for operational role. He suggested moving base installations from FREDDIE BEACH to RATSUA, thus reducing L of C by 1½ hrs barge travel. Capt EWING reported in from 2 Aust Corps and is to assist with legal matters as required. Operations Central Sector:- By 11 Jun, the relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn by 7 Aust Inf Bn was completed in the Central Sector of BOUGAINVILLE. The campaign had been one of continual patrolling against well-prepared Japanese positions. Throughout, the Japs had shown no aggression whatever, being content to remain and fight from well sited positions. The total casualties inflicted by 27 Aust Inf Bn and attached troops for the period 19 Apr 45 to 10 Jun 45 was 122 killed 32 wounded and 26 bodies found. Own casualties totalled 4 killed and nine wounded. The CO, officers and troops were congratulated by the Bde Comd on their fine performance. The experience gained in the operation should fit this Bn for any future action. 7 Aust Inf Bn. At 0900 hrs the enemy unsuccessfully launched an attack against 14 pl position at 693160, BASE POINT 3. This was followed up by an assault by 13 pl who, under cover of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, moved through 14 pl and engaged the Jap position at 691163. By 1100 hrs 13 pl had consolidated its position at 686165 and recce patrols immediately forwards of the position made no further contact. In all 10 japs were killed, own casualties being 3 killed one wounded. Enemy equipment captured included two Australian Owen SMG. Flamethrowers were used against the Jap bunker positions in the engagement. 14 pl advanced its position to 688164. Artillery fire harassed Jap positions on WARNES HILL throughout the day and night.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 12 Jun *To* 12 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	12 Jun	1000	The Bde Comd visited the BGS,2 Aust Corps,and discussed the set-up at RATSUA in lieu of PORTON Ptn as previously anticipated. The role of 27 Aust Inf Bn is to form a firm base in the RATSUA area from where active patrolling will be carried out. The Bde Comd requested additional troops for the task(at least 2 bns)andthe immediate ~~release of 8 Aust Inf Bn from the outer islands.The possibility~~ of deferring any further progress along the NUMA NUMA trail was discussed,with a view to holding the PEARL RIDGE area by resting troops and thus allowing 2 bns of 23 Aust Inf Bde,plus tanks of 2/4 Aust Armd Regt to operate in the BONIS PENINSULA.As the GOC,2 Aust Corps,is away from HQ,no discussion was obtained. The Bde Comd met Lt-col CHALLEN re the ASITAVI project which will possibly be cancelled in view of the above plans. Arrangements were completed for the Bde Comd and an engineer officer to visit SORAKEN area tomorrow. Lt SEARLE was given a target date of 30 Jun for completion of the tramway at BARGES HILL. Advance elements of 8 Aust Inf Bn arrived from GREEN IS. Chaplain GOLDMAN had lunch at Bde HQ;he is at present visiting all Jews within the bde. <u>Operations Central Sector</u>:- At 1345 hrs,patrols contacted 8 Japs at 693163,250 yds forward of C coy perimeter.Casualties enemy one killedone probably killed own nil.An accurate arty R shoot was directed on Jap positions at 693167. A PIB patrol operating along the NUMA NUMA TRAIL located 7 Japs living in huts in the TOKOPERAPAIA area.A detailed recce was carried out and plans were made for fighting patrols for the following day 13 Jun. In the SISIVIE area,a 9 pl patrol found that the Jap position at 614162 had been evacuated on the previous day.One new and 8 old graves were found in the area besides documents and equipment.	

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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn is ~~now~~ now at BERRYS HILL 684149.

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Unit Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 13 Jun *To* 14 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	13 Jun	0800	The Bde Comd, Lt-col POPE and a 27 Aust Inf Bn recce party with the LO 3 ~~Kt CLIFTON~~ Lt CLIFTON departed for SORAKEN and enroute passed the C in C and the GOC, 2 Aust Corps, returning from a fishing trip at SAPOSA IS. On arrival at FREDDIE BEACH, the 27 Bn recce party moved to RATSUA to contact the 31/51 Bn. The plan to date is to establish a firm base at RATSUA with one bn group, less engineers, and with a curtailed amount of watercraft. The Bde Comd recced FREDDIE BEACH area in case of change in plan for future operations. 11 Aust Inf Bde is at present established at FREDDIE BEACH.	
			Operations Central Sector:-	
			At 0930 hrs, following accurate artillery fire, 15 pl advanced along the NEW VIVIE feature and consolidated at approx 690163. Strong opposition was encountered enroute and a total of 5 Japs were killed.	
			Patrols moved 150 yds EAST of 690163 but reported no further contact.	
			B coy 7 Aust Inf Bn enroute to WAKUNAI R 696245 to establish a company base reached 671183.	
			Locations:- C coy and 13 pl 692160 14 pl 692161	
			6 pl B coy 1 PIB is now located with PIB Rear Details at TOROKINA 606903.	
	14 Jun		With Brig STEVENSON, comd 11 Aust Inf Bde, Brig POTTS carried out a recce of RATSUA area, 26 Aust Inf Bn and 31/51 Aust Inf Bn where he met Lt-cols CALLINAN, KELLY and POPE. It is quite obvious that two battalions are required to carry out the role in this area. Tracks and water points need much attention by engineers and unit pioneer platoons.	
		1030	A signal was received from 2 Aust Corps stating that a second battalion of 23 Aust Inf Bde would be made available for operations in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE. 4 tanks were also available. Lt-col POPE was instructed to remain in the RATSUA area and carry out a recce of the 26 Aust Inf Bn area with a view to its relief and that of 8 Aust Inf Bn relieving 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	14 Jun	1330	The Bde Comd received instructions to remain at SORAKEN and meet the GOC, 2 Aust Corps, at SAPOSA IS at 1230 hrs 15 Jun. The Bde Comd carried out further inspection of FREDDIE BEACH area and hospital. At TOROKINA, the BM was summoned to a conference with the BGS, 2 Aust Corps, and was informed of change in plan- namely - 6 and 27 Aust Inf Bns to move to Northern Sector - ASITAVI project cancelled- 7Aust Inf Bn operations now restricted to patrolling and harassing.	
		1500	A conference was called of all new commanders and staff and the amended plans were passed on.	
			Operations - Central Sector:- Patrols probed forward of C coy position at 692160 and located an extensive enemy position at 694165 WEARNES HILL area. The strength of the position is unknown but one LMG was located. One Jap sentry was killed and 30 rounds of ammunition, including dum dum bullets, were captured. Artillery and mortars later accurately engaged the position.	
	15 Jun	1230	The Bde Comd met the GOC, 2 Aust Corps, Col LEHIR, 2/1 AGH, Col BUTTS, LSO 2, 2 Aust Corps and Maj JENNER, mil hist sec, 2 Aust Corps at SAPOSA IS. At lunch the GOC discussed the outline plan with Brigs STEVENSON and POTTS; the task being to seize the neck of land on a general line PORTON- TARBUT, with ADB protecting the right flank from the vicinity of RURI BAY. If necessary to use more troops, the Bde Comd to discuss subject with BGS on return to TOROKINA.	
		1400	A Bde recce party with Lt-col CHALLEN amd Maj TAYLOR, both of 2 Aust Corps, arrived at FREDDIE BEACH. The Bde Comd had a brief conference with Lt-col CHALLEN and the Bde staff and then at 1530 hrs, with Lt-col POPE, and the 27 Aust Inf Bn recce party, departed for TOROKINA arriving there at 2145 hrs after a very rough trip. The Bde Comd and party had to use the GOCs launch due to the disobedience of orders by FSB crew. An excellent YMCA hamper was issued to all troops of this bde today and was much appreciated.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	15 Jun		Operations Central Sector:- At 16 00 hrs a patrol returned from TOKUA having engaged an enemy position at 637176, killing two Japs without loss. It is estimated that the position is occupied by 8 to 10 Japs armed with rifles only. At 1100 hrs, B coy reached 697245 and established a firm base. Locations D coy 676130 Artillery, mortars and MMG continued to harass WEARNES HILL area throughout the night.	
	16 Jun	0830	The Bde Comd discussed 2 Aust Corps instructions with the BM and the SC.	
		1000	The Bde Comd called on the BGS and discussed his plans. BnHQ and two companies 8 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 31/51 Aust Inf Bn and 27 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bn on the right flank, with 27 Aust Inf Bn patrolling along MIDDLE TRACK towards SIAR Ptn and 8 Bn pushing forward towards PORTON. The Bde Comd stressed the necessity of engineer assistance but was unable to obtain further artillery support. The role of the Bde, as already outlined, to contain, harass and secure PORTON- TARBUT area.	
		1400	The Bde Comd had a conference with LtCols POPE AND MORAN and outlined the plans for future operations in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE.	
		1800	The Bde Comd, BM and SC had dinner with 27 Aust Inf Bn officers.	
			Operations Central Sector:- Following a bombing and straffing attack on Jap positions at WEARNES HILL by NZ CORSAIR aircraft at 0830 hrs, a fighting patrol consisting of 15 pl. and supported by artillery, mortar and MMG fire moved along the track in a NE direction from 697161. Two features (approx 600 yds along the track) were engaged and after a heavy exchange of fire, the enemy were forced to withdraw. Equipment captured included one LMG, one grenade discharger, rifles and three swords. The patrol attempted to follow up and continue on to the third feature but at 694165, was held up by sustained LMG and rifle fire. Artillery later engaged the position 694166. Casualties for the action own two killed two wounded enemy one killed.	

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Unit Ho 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 16 Jun *To* 18 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	16 Jun		Locations:- C coy Ho and 18 pl 69 0162 13 pl 690163	
	17 Jun		23 Aust Inf Bde Op Instruction 29 was finalised and issued on receipt of 2 Aust Corps Instruction No 18. 23 Aust Inf Bde Op Instruction 29 is attached as Appendix "F6". The Bde Comd requested the use of AUSTER aircraft to take the BM to SORAKEN but this was refused. After a heated debate at night with the BGS, 2 Aust Corps, the Bde Comd obtained the use of FSB for that purpose. The 2 Aust Corps appreciation of relief problems is hopeless.	
		1600	Lt-col IRWIN, 17 Fd Amb, requested the retention of an operating detail at TOROKINA until the relief was completed. The Bde recce party returned from SORAKEN.	
			Capt CAMPBELL, 23 Aust Fd Coy, recommended that one platoon at least be attached to 23 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1800	Lt-col ZACCHARINE and Lt-col IRWIN were present to Mess.	
			Operations Central Sector:- 7 Aust Inf Bn. Following artillery and mortar fire a fighting patrol advanced 50 yds along the track from 694165 to 694165 where it was held up by sustained LMG and rifle fire from an enemy position at 694166. The Japs used smoke grenades for the first time. Patrols to the west of this position observed 8 to 10 Japs reinforcing the area. At 1645 hrs the patrol withdrew 50 yds to enable artillery and mortars to engage the enemy position. Casualties enemy 4 probably killed own 2 wounded. Artillery and mortars continued to harass Jap positions throughout the night. A summary of the weeks operations is shown as appendix "H 18".	
	18 Jun		C coy 8 Aust Inf Bn arrived from GREEN IS and are now located at TOROKINA 565947.	
		0930	27 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) held a ceremonial parade on SUMMERTIME Oval and were inspected by the Bde Comd who later addressed them, complimenting the battalion on their efforts and results.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	18 Jun		in the NUMA NUMA sector and also outlined the operations that are ahead of the Brigade. The Bde Comd took the salute at a march past. The Bde Comd and IO then had morning tea with officers of the 27 Aust Inf Bn and met the officers of the recce party from 26 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1100	The Bde Comd called on the CE, 2 Aust Corps, and received information that Ho 23 Aust Fd Coy plus 3 pl would come under command 23 Aust Inf Bde for operations in the northern sector.	
			The Bde Comd called on the CCRA and discussed the possibility of using B tp 141 Hy AA Bty for harassing Japanese barge traffic across BUKA PASSAGE. The CCRA agreed but permission will have to be obtained as 141 Hy AA Bty are first Aust Army troops.	
			Col WALKER, adm comd 4 Base Sub Area, also agreed to the proposals.	
			Lt-col ELLIOTT-SMITH, Maj OLIVER and sig offr PIB called and discussed future operations.	
			The BGS insisted that 2 Aust Mtn Bty move to PEARL RIDGE earliest; that instruction being relayed to the Bty Comd, Maj STEVENS.	
			Lt ~~KK~~ R L SMITH, 27 Aust Inf Bn, replaced Lt S CLIFTON as LO3 on Bde Hq as Lt-col POPE requires the services of the latter within the Bn.	
			The BM returned from 11 Aust Inf Bde Hq SORAKEN and reported that plans were completed for the handover from 11 Aust Inf Bde.	
			Operations Central Sector:-	
			In the WEARNES HILL area C coy 7 Aust Inf Bn patrols observed 5 Japs armed with two LMGs and rifles moving north along the feature at 694167. Two bunkers were also located. Later patrols engaged the enemy position at 694166 one Jap being killed. The Japs are still in occupation of 694166. Artillery and mortars continued to harass Jap positions.	
			The relief of C coy by D coy as forward company was commenced during the day	
			Locations:- C coy Hq and 15 pl 694164	
			13 pl 692161	
			14 pl 676130	
			18 pl 694165	

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Unit Ho 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 18 Jun *To* 19 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	18 Jun		In the WAKUNAI R area B coy patrols report that the track from 718262 to BURITSIOTORARA is not used by Japs. Native villages were located at 687248, 697250 and 702260. Natives stated that Japs conveyed vegetables and fruits from the BURITSIOTORARA gardens to PIPIRAI and the coastal areas by handcart. At 1100 hrs, a patrol returned from TOKUA and reported having killed 3 Japs in an engagement of a defensive position at 637176. It is estimated that the position is now held by 8 Japs armed with rifles only. In the MAPIA area, a PIB patrol encountered 10 Japs at 733168 of ~~xxxxx~~ whom 3 were killed and the remainder dispersed in the NUMA NUMA area.	
	19 Jun	~~xx~~	23 Aust Fd Coy less a pl reverts to comd of 23 Aust Inf Bde from 3 Aust Div at 191800L. Col REEVES, CSO, Lt-col HOOKER, B Aust Corps Sigs, Lt-col ELLIOTT-SMITH and Maj OLIVER went to roadhead NUMA NUMA with the Bde Comd and inspected the progress which had been made with the BARGES HILL tramway. The tramway is now completed to MORETONS REST. The Bde Comd discussed engineer problems with Capt HAIG, Lt SEARLE and Lt BRACK, all engineer officers. Operations Central Sector:- At 1330 hrs, a patrol from SISIVIE to TOKUA ambushed 8 Japs carrying rifles, packs and cooking gear as they approached TOKUA from the direction of ~~I~~BU; (location of contact 636177). 4 of the enemy party were killed and documents and equipment were captured. At 1730 hrs the patrol arrived back at SISIVIE. In the WEARNES HILL sector, the relief of C coy by D coy was completed and vigorous patrolling was maintained against Jap positions immediately forward. Suitable approaches to WEARNES HILL from the west were located and our artillery and mortars continued to harass throughout the night. Locations:- Dcoy Hq and 17 pl 694164 18 pl 694165 C coy Hq and 15 pl BAKERS BROW 13 pl 692161	

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Unit Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 19 Jun *To* 20 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	19 Jun		Operations Northern Sector:- Preparations for the relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde by 23 Aust Inf Bde of responsibilities of the northern sector of BOUGAINVILLE have been completed in accordance with 2 Aust Corps Op Instr No 18. The BONIS PENINSULA is to be known as the northern sector. The following troops, now under command 11 Aust Inf Bde are to come under command 23 Aust Inf Bde at 2400 hrs 25 Jun. 12 Bty 4 Fd Regt Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt A coy PIB 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy less one pl Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy One tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt with in support 39 Aust MT Sec A and B secs 82 Aust Dental Unit. Robinsons AIB party is moving to a suitable position in the general area SE of RURI from where they will patrol, observe and report any enemy movement south along the east coast and MIDDLE TRACK with particular reference to any movement towards RATSUA and POPORA. The role of 23 Aust Inf Bde is to contain the enemy troops in the BONIS PENINSULA and to carry out active patrolling towards BUKA PASSAGE. Details of role of 23 Aust Inf Bde in both central and northern sectors is shown as appendix "F ?".	
	20 Jun	1000	The BGS, 2 Aust Corps, discussed the freezing of the NUMA NUMA project once Lt-col DUNKLEY's present role is completed, thus relieving 7 Aust Inf Bn group for operations with the remainder of the brigade at RATSUA. On the arrival of the tanks at SORAKEN Ptn a period of infantry-tank co-oprtation will be carried out there with the view to the surprise employment of tanks in an advance on PORTOW. The Bde Comd Made a request to the BGS that 141 Aust Hy AA Bty be made available for harassing Jap barge traffic across BUKA PASSAGE. ~~Operations Central Sector~~:-	

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Unit Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 20 Jun *To* 21 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	20 Jun		Operations Central Sector:- At 0800 hrs the movement of 2 Aust Mtn Bty from TOROKINA to PEARL RIDGE was commenced. 2 Aust Mtn Bty is ~~xx~~ ultimately ~~xxxxxx~~ to be relieved by 4 Aust fd Regt of the artillery role in this sector. Continuing their vigorous action against strong Jap positions on WEARNES HILL, D coy succeeded in capturing the Jap position at 694166 at 1045 hrs. Supported by accurate artillery and mortar fire and while 17 pl held the position on the track at 694165, 18 pl moved around to the left flank and came in at the rear of the Jap position and then south along the track to make contact with 17 pl. 17 pl later pushed forward to approx 694168 where strong Jap positions were located. Jap snipers were active throughout and 17 and 18 pls withdrew to more favourable ground at 694164 and 694165 so enabling artillery to engage the Jap positions. Documents and equipment captured included one LMG 4 rifles and a sword. Casualties own 4 killed including one officer. Northern Sector:- The movement of 27 Aust Inf Bn from TOROKINA to RATSUA was commenced at 0300 hrs There they are to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bn of the operational role on the right flank of BONIS PENINSULA.	
	21 Jun		Brig CHALMERS, CCRA, and Brig DUNCAN, British Army Inspector of Arty Training called prior to moving up to PEARL RIDGE. The latter has just completed a survey of artillery problems in India. Col MORAN, DDME, and Lt-col CONNORS, AEME called and discussed Australian army equipment and inventions. Brig DAWKINS, DDMS 2 Aust Corps and Lt-col IRWIN, 17 Fd ~~Regt~~ Amb called and discussed the prospect of establishing a light section at FREDDIE BEACH, SORAKEN. B sec 82 Aust Dental Unit moved to KOWARO 565950 from TOROKINA. B coy 8 Aust Inf Bn less a small detachment in charge of TREASURY IS staging camp, is now located at TOROKINA 565947 ex TREASURY. Elements of 2 Aust Mtn Bty are now located at 676130 in the PEARL RIDGE sector from where they are to assume artillery responsibility for the Central sector.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 21 Jun *To* 22 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	21 Jun	1600	Brig MANN,CE, rang and asked to retain HQ 23 Aust ~~Inf~~ Fd Coy in TOROKINA for a period- to which the Bde Comd concurred. 8 Aust Inf Bn officers volleyball team played a social match against Bde HQ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ officers,the latter proving a little superior. Operations Central Sector:- At 1230 hrs D coy patrols observed three Japs at 693158 of whom one was killed and one probably killed.7 pl PIB established a base at 675169 ,while B coy patrols along the WAKUNAI R report enemy movement between 703250 and 740276.Suitable OPs for NUMA NUMA Ptn and INUS PT were located on the hill features at 729283 and 738294. On the BURITSIOTORARA sector,at 0945 hrs sighted 10 to 20 Japs in full marching order at 662245 moving towards BURITSIOTORARA.Unfortunately the patrol was not in a position to effectively engage the Japs-two Japs were killed.The patrol moved on and established a base at 685247 from which it will operate north of BURITSIOTORARA on 22Jun. In the MAPIA area 5 Japs were observed preparing defensive positions at 721168 of which one was killed and 2 wounded by a PIB patrol.Own casualties for the day were nil. NORTHERN SECTOR The movement of 27 Aust Inf Bn was continued throughout the day.Adv HQ is now located between RATSUA and RURI BAY at CHABAI 312709.	
	22 Jun	0800	Brig MANN,CE, and Brig VEALE,CE 1 Aust Army,called enroute to PEARL RIDGE.	
		1000	The Bde Comd called on the BGS,2 Aust Corps,-later discussed plans for operations in the northern sector with the GOC,2 Aust Corps.Operations are to be limited to minor actions and no direct move is to be made towards PORTON.23 Aust Inf Bde must retain the NUMA NUMA sector and if necessary relieve 27 Aust Inf Bn with 7 Aust Inf Bn at a later date. The GOC assured the Bde Comd that 23 Aust Inf Bde would later take part in operations in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE as a complete brigade.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 22 Jun *To* 23 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	22 Jun		The Bde Comd saw the DAQMG and asked for extra natives to assist in the movement of 2 Aust Mtn Bty to PEARL RIDGE. The relief of 10 Bty is to be completed as soon as possible but without interruption to the present operations of 7 Aust Inf Bn. The Bde Comd called on Maj SOTHERLAND, 141 Aust Hy AA Bty and discussed the possibility of an active role for the Bty which was very favorably received. Operations Central Sector:- During the night 21/22 Jun the enemy immediately forward of 18 pl at 694165 in the WEARNES HILL sector engaged 18 pl with rifle fire from approx 692168. No casualties were caused. After the extensive patrolling of the previous day activities were on a reduced scale and limited to local recce patrols. No movement was reported throughout the day. Artillery registered on 694164. Northern Sector:-	
		0800	HQ 17 Aust Fd Amb opened at FREDDIE BEACH in the SORAKEN area at 247596. 27 Aust Inf Bn assumed comd of the right sector of North BOUGAINVILLE from the 26 Aust Inf Bn (11 Aust Inf Bde). 27 Aust Inf Bn has B coy, D coy and 15 pl of 26 Aust Inf Bn temporarily under comd. Locations:- 27 Bn A coy 314712 D coy 306712	
	23 Jun		Brig GARRETT, BGS 2 Aust Corps, called and checked on plans for 23 Aust Inf Bde in North BOUGAINVILLE. A request was made to him for another pl of 23 Aust Fd Coy and also 4 AA guns instead of two of 141 Aust HY AA Bty. Both were refused as also was a request for an AUSTER aircraft for the purpose of carrying out a recce of BONIS PENINSULA. The necessity for the economy of 25 pr ammunition was stressed- 15 rounds per gun per day.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 23 Jun *To* 24 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	23 Jun		Operations Central Sector:- Operations in this sector were limited to active patrolling throughout the day. Artillery and mortars continually harassed Jap positions at BASE POINT 3. Northern Sector:- Due to the handover from 26 Aust Inf Bn, operations were limited to protective security patrols.	
	24 Jun		Application was made to 2 Aust Corps for aircraft to strike WEARNES HILL on 25 Jun. This was refused because of high priority tasks in South BOUGAINVILLE. Operations Central Sector:- Aggressive patrolling resulted in the occupation of 2 further enemy positions at the NW end of WEARNES HILL during the day. Four Japs previously reported as probably killed in the actions of 17 and 20 Jun are now confirmed. Locations:- D coy HQ and 17 pl 694169 16 pl 691169 18 pl 693171 Patrols operating 200 yds further forward report further unoccupied positions. A summary of the week's operations is shown as appendix "H24" Northern Sector:-	
		1000	The advance party of 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ, consisting of the Bde Comd, BM, SC and IO departed TOROKINA for North BOUGAINVILLE.	
		1600	The party arrived at FREDDIE BEACH, SORAKEN and were met by Brig STEVEVSON and Maj HASSELL, BM 11 Aust Inf Bde. A coy 27 Aust Inf Bn patrols sighted one Jap at 314713 and later discovered an enemy position 100 yds further west. D coy engaged three Japs in the MIDDLE TRACK, wounding one. 4 Japs in ambush at 316705 killed one PIB native.	

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Unit ~~HQ 23 AUST INF BDE~~ *Date and Time.—From* 24 Jun *To* 25 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958	24 Jun		D coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn(11 Aust Inf Bde) made a slight advance during the day. Locations:- D coy less 17 and 18 pls 286697; 17 pl 286698; 18 pl 289703	
	25 Jun		Most of the day was spent with opposite numbers of the 11 Aust Inf Bde staff, in preparation for the handover.The Bde Comd, Brig STEVENSON, and the BM visited the 31/51 Aust Inf Bn and then the 27 Aust Inf Bn.The relief by the latter is running very smoothly. Brig STEVENSON expressed dissatisfaction with the cleanliness of his areas-they were not good at all.Indications are that the morale of 11 Aust Inf Bde troops is low due no doubt to the long period in contact with jungle warfare.The present L of C from RATSUA is cumbersome,too drawn out and must ultimately cause trouble.To maintain health,morale and fighting spirit of the troops in this area, it is essential that the action be aggressive with PORTON as first objective. The Bde Comd and party called at SAPOSA IS enroute from RATSUA to FREDDIE BEACH and inspected installations and the camp of the 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy.The layout and hygiene is bad,leaving much to be desired. Operations Central Sector:- Following the occupation of the main features of WEARNES HILL on 24 Jun,patrols from D coy operated forward and located an abandonned Jap HQ at 693173,with an occupied signal post at 694174.Captured documents had previously indicated the possibility of a HQ in this area.Three Japs were observed preparing defensive positions at 694174; this position was engaged by rifle and LMG fire to which the Japs replied.8 pl PIB established a position at 697186 to the north of this Jap position.PIB patrols also operated along the NUMA NUMA trail encountering three Japs at ~~XXX~~ 742169,1000 yds north of CHAMBERS HILL,killing one.B coy 7 Aust Inf Bn patrols set ambushes on the BURITSIOTORARA-PIPIPAIA LofC but reported no Jap movement between 688801 and 682291. The track is two feet wide at this point. Northern Sector:-	
		2400	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde assumed command of the Northern Sector from 11 Aust Inf Bde. Locations:- HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 243595; ~~27 Aust Inf Bn HQ 312709~~	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 25 Jun *To* 26 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	25 Jun		B coy less 12 pl 314692 — 12 pl 319705 C coy less13 pl 326712 — 13 pl 332717 A coy 315714 — D coy 306712 The 31/51 Aust Inf Bn is now holding the left flank of this sector until relieved by 8 Aust Inf Bn. At 1805L two Jap LMGs inaccurately fired on 17 pl at 288703.Fire was returned with unobserved results.	
	26 Jun	0800	~~The greater part of 11 Aust Inf Bde HQ departed for TOROKINA during the day,~~ Brig STEVENSON remaining to complete the handover. With Brig STEVENSON,the Bde Comd,BM and Amenities officer with escort embarked for TAIOF IS and inspected the OP at the north end of that island.This OP provides excellent coverage of BUKA PASSAGE and MADEHAS IS.A new landing point on the western side was recced and considered suitable. Capt TAME of ANGAU attached to 23 Aust Inf Bde received information direct from ~~2 Aust Corps of the projected visit of the Governor-General of Australia to SAPOSA~~ IS.23 ~~Aust~~ Inf Bde has received no notification to date. Operations Central Sector:- Heavy opposition was encountered by D coy 7 Aust Inf Bn patrols at 694175 as they advanced north along the WEARNES HILL RIDGE.One Jap was killed before the patrol withdrew to enable artillery and mortars to engage the Jap position. In the WAKUNAI R area B coy patrols ambushed a food carrying party of 6 at 647233, approx 1000 yds east of IBU airstrip.Four Japs were killed without loss.The track at this point is reported to be 12 ft wide but overgrown except for a wellworn 3 ft ~~wide foot pad.~~ Northern Sector:- The movement of 27 Aust Inf Bn to the northern,sector from TOROKINA has now been completed.At 1445 hrs,an A coy patrol engaged 5 Japs at 314717,~~killingxxxxxxx~~ wounding one.Later at 1515 hrs a patrol engaged 5 Japs at 301714,killing one and wounding one.At 301714 five Japs ambushed a D coy patrol,wounding one.Jap ambush parties have been increased along our entire LofC during the last 3 days.This is ~~possibly due to the decrease of active patrolling during the relief of the battalions.~~	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 26 Jun *To* 27 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	26 Jun		On the 31/51 Aust Inf Bn front,a jeep was ambushed at 297698,own casualties being one killed and one wounded.Recce patrols along that LofC reported no contact. Amended Locations of 31/51 Bn are D coyHQ and 16 pl 288702 17 pl 287702 18 pl 289704.	
			At 1635 hrs the advance party of 8 Aust Inf Bn arrived at HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.	
	27 Jun	0730	Brig STEVENSON depatted by FSB for TOROKINA. The Bde Comd met Capt LESLIE,OC 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy detand later discussed the policy of D11 and SIW with Capt EWING,acting Bde Legal Officer.	
		1300	Maj BERRY,comd 12 Bty and Lt SPARKS called and discussed artillery ammunition problems with the Bde Comd and staff.	
		1400	Advice was received from Capt ROBINSON AIB that Japs had been observed moving west across the CHINDPATS R- apparently in good condition and newly equipped. One pl PIB were ordered to move at first light 28 Jun to UMUM and cover all approaches towards RURI BAY and TANIMBAUBAU.ANGAU ordered to patrol between RATSUA PORA PORA and COMPTON R.	
			Communications on the northern sector are at present most unsatisfactory and Capt COX was instructed to take immediate action to rectify same.	
			The movement of 8 Aust Inf Bn is progressing welland the battalion is rapidly concentrating from the outer islands. Maj MORAN,adm comd,called on the Bde Comd enroute RATSUA.	
			A DO letter from the GOC was received by the Bde Comd,telling of the arrival of the Duke of Gloucester at SAPOSA IS for a rest period.One company is to be px provided by 8 Aust Inf Bn for protection of the island and an ALC 15 to be available to continually patrol at night around the island. Both these protective measures can be ill-afforded at this time.	
			Operations Central Sector:-	
			Following an airstrike by RNZAF Corsairs on Jap positions north of WEARNES HILL fighting patrols followed in and encountered heavy LMG and rifle fire at 694174. Artillery and mortars later engaged the area. Casualties one, 1 killed, 2 wounded, 1 died of wounds.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 27 Jun *To* 28 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	27 Jun		At 1700 hrs,one Jap was killed while obtaining water at 697190.Throughout the night 27/28 Jun artillery harassed the Jap positions at 694174. 2 Aust Mtn Bty and det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt is now located at 679133. Northern Sector:- 27 Aust Inf Bn. At 0645 hrs an armed kanaka was observed near the PIB perimeter at 318705 and later in the day two PIB boys were wounded by a booby trap in that vicinity. An A coy patrol returned at 1710 hrs having engaged an enemy standing patrol of approx 10 Japs at 315718 on the southern edge of KUNAI C.Three Japs were killed. A well-worn footpad leads northethrough the kunai from this point.It is believed that the main Jap force on the right sector is in position on the north edge of KUNAI C. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.At 1240 hrs,a ration party moving between B coy forward and B coy rear was ambushed by Japs with 2 LMGs and rifles at 297700.The Japs fled to the east of the track;the area later being engaged by artillery fire.Own casualties 2 slightly wounded. PIB patrols in the BUOI Ptn area reported no enemy movement seen.	
	28 Jun	0900	Majs BERRY and SUTHERLAND,141 Aust Hy AA Bty,carried out a recce of SORAKEN Ptn for sites for AA guns and selected a position on the extreme northern tip of SORAKEN Peninsula.	
		1200	A report was received from ROBINSON AIB stating that the Japs reported two days previously had now withdrawn across the eastern bank of the CHINDPATS R. A signal was sent to TOROKINA requesting Lt SCOTT,2/4 Aust Armd Regt,report to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde at the earliest.	
		1400	The BM visited the ~~SAPOSA~~ SAPOSA rest camp with a view to planning the defence of the island during the visit of the Governor-General.Lt SHIELDS,PA to the GOC,2 Aust Corps,stayed the night and discussed the visit of the Governor-General.He requested that the mobile cinema and picture screen be removed from FREDDIE BEACH and be taken to SAPOSA IS during the stay of the Duke of Gloucester He,in turn,was requested to attempt to have a cinema unit made available from TOROKINA for that purpose.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 28 Jun *To* 29 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	28 Jun		Signal communications between FREDDIE BEACH and RATSUA are still bad, little improvement being noticed over the last few days. Maj TODD, OC 23 Aust Fd Coy, arrived to carry out general engineer recce of the ~~xxi~~ island. Operations Central Sector:- ~~Active patrolling has been continued against the Jap position immediately~~ north of WEARNES HILL. D coy patrols have recced around both flanks of the Jap position at 694174 and heard movement at 695177. 6 pl PIB relieved 8 pl PIB of their base at 697186, enroute to which they were fired on from 694174. B coy has established a patrol base on the high feature at 738294, 3000 yds SW of the mouth of the WAKUNAI R, from where good observation is possible of NUMA NUMA Ptn and INUS PT. 7 pl is now located on SMITHS HILL 681137. Northern Sector:- 8 Aust Inf Bn. At 0600 hrs the main body of 8 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) arrived at RATSUA ~~JETTY to relieve 31/51 Aust Inf Bn on the left flank of the sector.~~ A coy and 14 pl still garrison the outer islands and are preparing for their early move to BOUGAINVILLE. By 1640 hrs the relief of 31/51 Aust Inf Bn was completed Locations:- HQ 8 Bn 300679 C coy 296701 D coy 288703 B coy FREDDIE BEACH with 11 pl at TAIOF IS. 27 Aust Inf Bn. At 1430 hrs, a patrol located 5 enemy at 302714 which was subsequently engaged by artillery fire. At 0630 hrs, a PIB patrol moved to establish an ambush at UMUM 381696 and watch for movement of a reported Jap force moving north along the east coast of BOUGAINVILLE. Locations:- 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy 1 pl 311708 2 pl 310707 HQ A coy PIB 312689 At 0945 hrs, a small craft of the assault boat type was sighted moving from PORTON to BUKA IS. ANGAU reported the sighting of 4 Japs in the vicinity of PORA PORA and a section of 28 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt was sent to investigate. Stray Japs have been reported in this locality on previous occasions.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 29 Jun *To* 30 Jun

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	29 Jun	1800	50 personnel of 8 Aust Inf Bn arrived direct from GREEN IS and EMIRAU IS at SORAKEN Lt K BRIDGE (RAN) AIB arrived at SORAKEN enroute to BANIU to relieve Capt BOBINSONAIB.Two PW arrived at Bdes HQ,having been captured by Capt ROBINSON at TINPUTZ on 20 Jun.They stated that they had deserted from the SHISHI position in the Central Sector.The morale of Jap troops in the Central Sector is very low,due to the continual artillery and mortar bombardment.At least 20 Japs have been killed in this position. Operations Central Sector:- An ambush party from B coy operating on the Jap L of C north of BURITSI TORARA killed three Japs.At 1000 hrs,the patrol base at 738294 was attacked by 20 Japs using automatic weapons and rifles.At the time the bulk of the 7 Bn patrol were on recce forward towards ASITAVI PT.The troops holding the patrol base were forced to withdraw and made their way back to the company area on the WAKUNAI R.Later at 1200 hrs,sustained firing was heard in the direction of the patrol base .This was due to the return of the recce patrol to its patrol base at 738294.In the attack that followed one Jap was killed and three wounded without loss to ourselves.The remaining Japs were forced to withdraw.The total casualties inflicted on the Japs were 2 killed 3 probably killed and 7 wounded. Northern Sector:- A delayed report from ROBINSON AIB at BANIU states that 70 of the 100 Japs contacted withdrew-the exact casualties resulting from the action are not known. Of 4 Japs sighted at 0900 hrs at 294704,one was killed by 8 Bn patrols. At 0930 hrs,an escort party from 27 Bn on the RURI BAY RD was ambushed by a Jap mine party at 325709.The Japs probably used a 75 mm shell,electrically detonated.Own casualties were two killed.Again at 1230 hrs a further jeep was ambushed by 3 Japs with an LMG at 308697,two Fd Security personnel being killed,and one Jap wounded. Single Japs were killed at 314718,328723 and 306714.Enemy barge activity across BUKA PASSAGE was again reported.	
	30 Jun	0800	The Bde Comd and TO moved to RATSUA,visiting first the 8 Aust Inf Bn and arriving at the 27 Aust Inf Bn for lunch.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 30 Jun *To*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 243595	30 Jun	1600	Brig MANN,CE, and Brig McDONALD who is to take over that posting,arrived at FREDDIE BEACH to carry out a general engineer recce of the area. Operations Central Sector:- Following an accurate airstrike by RNZAF Corsairs,a strong fighting patrol supported by artillery and mortars engaged the position at the rear of WEARNES HILL at 694274.The Japs were drived from the forward slopes ofthe feature,but heavy fire from prepared bunker positions manned by an estimated 15 to 20 Japs with an HMG and LMGs prevented any further advance.Own casualties were one killed one wounded and 2 missing.A PIB patrol operated to the immediate north of this position and contacted 7 Japs in a new area at 697190,of whom one was killed,2 probably killed and 4 wounded.One of our own native scouts died of wounds. Northern Sector:- Jap ambush parties continued to operate throughout the day.At 309700,a signal wire was cut,the wire being used as leads to a 75 mm shell placed on the track. 27 Aust Inf Bn patrols engaged 10 Japs at 313718,killing five,own casualties being one wounded. At 1530 hrs,while carrying out registration of DF tasks,one shell from 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy fell in 13 pl 27 Bn area at RURI BAY track junction.Own casualties one killed and 4 wounded. 8 Aust Inf Bn operations were carried out without loss,the following Jap casualties being inflicted 293705 4 killed,one Jap body found, 297679, 3 Japs killed in bunker position at 287703 and another Jap probably killed outside D coy perimeter.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit _____ *Date and Time.—From* _____ *To* _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES MONTH OF JUNE 45

				Killed	Wounded	PW	Missing	Prob Killed	Died of Wounds	Bodies found
Central Sector	27 BN	own		5						
		enemy	17	4						3
	7 BN	own	13	25					2	
		enemy	65	10				5		4
Northern Sector	27 BN	own	2	4					2	
		enemy	14	3						
	8 BN	own		1						
		enemy	9					1		1

TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE

CENTRAL SECTOR

OWN 15 killed,31 wounded and 2 died of wounds.

ENEMY 186 killed,42 wounded and 5 probably killed- 30 bodies found.

NORTHERN SECTOR

OWN 2 killed,5 wounded and 2 died of wounds.

ENEMY 23 killed,3 wounded,1 probably killed and 1 body found.

for B.M. 23 Aust Inf. Bde
Maj.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
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Unit _____ *Date and Time.—From* _____ *To* _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE 587958			Brig WX 1574 A W POTTS Bde Comd Maj VX 10378 R F DIXON BM Capt VX 117148 G R MACONACHIE BM(L) Lt VX 114120 J L TREVENEN IO Capt VX 47188 E S WORRALL LO 1 Lt NX 160013 D B DUNSTAN LO 2 Lt WX 28748 G D WRIGHT LO 3 Lt SX 5711 G A BRANSON TO	
			SERVICES Capt VX 39052 L G POWELL BASCO Capt WX 33868 J M LAVAN AALC Lt VX 100371 A W F WILSON BOO Lt WX 30121 R E JONES EO Lt NX 105757 A G ELLIOTT HO Lt SX 28244 C C RIX AO	
			CHAPLAINS NX 163533 F J FRY Chaplain 4th Class det 7 Aust Inf Bn VX 94301 C D M PILKINGTON do do " 8 Aust Inf Bn SX 32806 H E A RAWLINS do do " 27 Aust Inf Bn	
			"X" LIST OFFICERS Maj WX 11052 A R DRIVER LHQ Staff School(Aust) Grade 1 Wing since 3/3/45 Capt NX 70682 A M HEATHWOOD do do do " Grade 2 Wing since 27/5/45 Capt VX 114122 G C FARRAR do do do " Grade 3 Wing since 25/3/45.	

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

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183. DUTY OFFICERS — DUTY NCOs

Fri	8 Jun	Lt	BRAISON	Cpl	HALL
Sat	9 Jun	Lt	ELLIOTT	Sgt	SIMPSON
Sun	10 Jun	Lt	CLIFTON	Cpl	CAIRE
Mon	11 Jun	Lt	GRANVILLE	Sgt	McMURRAY
Tues	12 Jun	Lt	RIX	Sjt	AUSTIN
Wed	13 Jun	Capt	POWELL	S/Sjt	ANGEL
Thur	14 Jun	Lt	TREVENEN	Cpl	JOCKOMO
Fri	15 Jun	Lt	CLIFTON	Sjt	ELLIS
Sat	16 Jun	Lt	ELLIOTT	Cpl	O'FARRELL
Sun	17 Jun	Lt	BRAISON	Sgt	LADNER

[signature]
Capt,
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

184.

DUTY OFFICERS

Mon	18 Jun	Lt C	CLIFTON
Tues	19 "	Lt J	TREVENEN
Wed	20 "	Lt C	RIX
Thurs	21 "	Lt	GRANVILLE
Fri	22 "	Lt A	WILSON
Sat	23 "	Lt A	ELLIOTT
Sun	24 "	Capt	POWELL
Mon	25 "	Lt G	BRANSON

DUTY NCOS

Cpl	HALL
Sgt	SIMPSON
Cpl	CAIRE
Sgt	McMURRAY
Sgt	AUSTIN
S/Sgt	ANGEL
Cpl	JOOKOFF
Sgt	ELLIS

E Macnamara Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

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			DUTY OFFICERS		DUTY NCOS
Wed	27	Jun	Lt C C RIX	Cpl	K L HALL
Thurs	28	"	Capt E S WORRALL	Sgt	R SIMPSON
Fri	29	"	Capt R M EWING	Sgt	J A McMURRAY
Sat	30	"	Lt G H. GLANVILLE	S/Sgt	N S ANGEL
Sun	1	Jul	Lt C L ALEXANDER	Cpl	M W JOCKOFF
Mon	2	"	Lt A G ELLIOTT	S/Sgt	R H CUMMINS
Tues	3	"	Capt L G POWELL	Sgt	R S BENNETT
Wed	4	"	Lt G A BRANSON	Sgt	N LADNER
Thurs	5	"	Lt J L TREVENEN	Sgt	M WILL
Fri	6	"	Lt R L SMITH	Sgt	R N OBST
Sat	7	"	Lt C C RIX	Cpl	J G CAMERON
Sun	8	"	Capt E S WORRALL	Cpl	R A CAMPLIN
Mon	9	"	Capt R M EWING	Sgt	F STANTON

Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2154

20 Jun 45

CODE NAMES

1. Attached hereto are CODE NAMES, Lists A, B, C and D for use by units of 23 Bde.

2. The dates on which code lists become effective will be notified to units by signal.

3. Ack.

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~~Maj~~
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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CODE NAMES — List A

1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	LULO
2.	12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	VOTA
3.	Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	FUPO
4.	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	PAFA
5.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	RETO
6.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	PUTA
7.	27 " " " "	FEKA
8.	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy	MUSA
9.	A Coy 1 PIB	SATO
10.	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) MDS	HONA
11.	" " " " " ADS	LASO
12.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	BOSA
13.	109 Aust Bde Wksp	TORO
14.	2/108 Aust LAD	REDI
15.	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)	BIXO
16.	DID FREDDIE BEACH	LEJA
17.	DID RATSUA	LIRU
18.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	LODA
19.		HIFU
20.		BOVI

NOTE: Lists will be destroyed by fire when obsolete.

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CODE NAMES

List B

1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde		LIBO
2.	12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt		DIVO
3.	Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		BIVU
4.	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)		DABI
5.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		HAFU
6.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		LOMU
7.	27 " " " "		LEKU
8.	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy		LUNA
9.	A Coy 1 PIB		LUNO
10.	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	MDS	KUFI
11.	" " " " "	ADS	DOMU
12.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		BULU
13.	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)		DUSA
14.	2/108 Aust LAD		DOFU
15.	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl		LOSU
16.	DID FREDDIE BEACH		FAVO
17.	DID RATSUA		HOBA
18.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		HIBA
19.			FIDA
20.			DISI

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CODE NAMES — List C

1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde		DABI
2.	12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt		HAFU
3.	Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		LOMU
4.	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)		LEKU
5.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		LUMA
6.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		LUNO
7.	27 " " " "		KUFI
8.	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy		BOLU
9.	A Coy 1 PIB		DUSA
10.	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	MDS	BOFU
11.	" " " " "	ADS	KOMO
12.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		LOSU
13.	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)		DOMU
14.	2/108 Aust LAD		LASO
15.	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl		BOVI
16.	DID FREDDIE BEACH		HIFU
17.	DID RATSUA		LODO
18.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		LEMU
19.			BAXI
20.			KABO

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CODE NAMES

List D

1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	KAVI
2.	12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	LIRU
3.	Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	LEJA
4.	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	KOFA
5.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FUFO
6.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	LATA
7.	27 " " " "	FAVO
8	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy	HOBA
9.	A Coy 1 PIB	HIBA
10.	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) MDS	FIDA
11.	" " " " " ADS	BOVI
12.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	LUMA
13.	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	LUNO
14.	2/108 Aust LAD	KUFI
15.	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)	BOLU
16	DID FREDDIE BEACH	DUSA
17.	DID RATSUA	BOFU
18.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	LOSU
19.		DOMU
20.		LASO

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Subject: CODE NAMES AND APPOINTMENTS CODE — SECRET

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2153

20 Jun 45

CODE NAMES

GENERAL

1. The object of this instr is to define the policy for promulgation and use of CODE WORDS within 23 Bde.

DEFINITION

2. A code word is a secret four letter pronounceable word allotted to units for use in communications forward of Bde HQ.

POLICY

3. PROMULGATION OF CODE NAMES

(a) Bde HQ will compile and issue to units, lists of code names for the appropriate units and sub-units.

(b) Units will only be issued with code names of units with whom they are likely to be in signal contact.

(c) In turn, units will issue their sub-units with essential code names only.

(d) The dates on which code name lists become effective will be notified to units by signal.

4. USE OF CODE NAMES

(a) Code names will be used in the following circumstances:-

(i) In all RT messages and conversations.

(ii) In LT and line telephony, when in contact with the enemy or when signal lines pass through "danger zones".

(b) Code name lists must NOT fall into enemy hands and loss or theft will be reported to this HQ immediately.

(c) Cancelled code name lists will be destroyed by fire.

5. All previous code names are cancelled.

APPOINTMENTS CODE

1. The following standard appointment code names will be used in conjunction with unit CODE NAMES:-

Commander	SUNRAY
Adjt	SEAGULL
QM	MOLAR
IO	ACORN
Sig Offr	PRONTO
RAA	SHELLDRAKE
RAE	HOLDFAST
Sup & Tpt	PLAYTIME
MO	STARLIGHT
Ord	RICKSHAW
AEME	BLUEBELL

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution;

12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 39 Aust Wireless Task Sec
4 Aust Cipher Sec
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 " " " "
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy
A Coy 1 PIB
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy
Det 222 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) - RATSUA
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)
Comd
BM
SC
IO
LO
TO
BASCO
Amen Offr
Hyg Offr
War Diary (2)✓
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Subject: PASSWORDS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2160

27 Jun 45

1. Passwords will be used by all tps in the area bounded by NAGAM R - GENGA R incl SORAKEN PLTN.

2. The passwords listed below will be used from 0600 hrs on the date indicated until 0600 hrs on the following date:

27	Jun	-	LILY
28	"	-	LOCAL
29	"	-	FLOWER
30	"	-	LATERAL
1	Jul	-	FAILURE
2	"	-	CHOLERA
3	"	-	SHILLING
4	"	-	TRAVELLER
5	"	-	PARALLEL
6	"	-	BULLETIN

3. Addressees will ensure that passwords are promulgated to all personnel.

4. Ack.

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

16 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (to notify attached signal units)
Det 5 Sqn RAAF Signals
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)
Det 40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery Coy
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD
Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)
ANGAU RLAR
Command Post FREDDIE BLACK
Det 2 Aust Corps Salv Unit
Det 19 Aust Malarial Control Unit
BM
SC
IO
Offrs Mess
23 Bde CSM
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Subject: AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE NO 11.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2145
10 June 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is Amendment No 1 to 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement No 11.

2. This amendment includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 8 June 45.

3. Acknowledge.

Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.
A.D.

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Subject: AMENDMENT NO 1 TO HQ 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE NO 11.

Appx "A" to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2145 of 10 June 45.

Ref Maps:
TOROKINA : 1 in to 1 mile
KOWARO : 1 : 25000
GREEN IS : 4 in to 1 mile
EMIRAU IS : 4 in to 1 mile
TREASURY IS : 4 in to 1 mile
NEW GEORGIA HASTY TERRAIN : 1 : 20000

Amend the following to read:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
18 a					72437632	
22				KOWARO	684118	
22(a)				less 7&9 Pls	681137	
22(b)				KOWARO	684157	
22(c)				KOWARO	693159	
22(e)				KOWARO	673112	
24				TOROKINA	574955	To move to SORAKEN
24(c)				TOROKINA	575954	"
24(d)				TOROKINA	578955	"
24(h)				TOROKINA	569958	"
24(i)				KOWARO	676130	"
24(j)				TOROKINA	573954	"
25		48050	B Coy 1 PIB less 6 Pl	KOWARO	684117	
32	ST	92068	One sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	TOROKINA	564945	Under comd 4 Aust Base Sub Area
35				TOROKINA	569958	
37				KOWARO	659090	
40				TOROKINA	588960	

Delete the following:

1 (a)
24(a)
24(e)
24(b)
24(g)
32(a)
32(b)

Add the following:

10(a)	Arty	48483	2 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech) AIF	TOROKINA	563924	
22(f)			7 & 9 Pl A Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	KOWARO	607143	
25(a)	Inf	48050	6 Pl B Coy 1 PIB	TOROKINA	671966	

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Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 12

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2157

23 Jun '45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 12.

2. This statement includes location and commands of units of 23 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 22 Jun 45.

3. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this HQ by units concerned.

4. Please destroy 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 11.

5. Acknowledge.

Maj:
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Encl/

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23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4
2 Aust Mtn Bty	5
4 Aust Fd Regt	6
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
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Appendix "A" to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2157 of 23 Jun 45.

23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 12
as at 2359 hrs 22 Jun 45

Ref Maps:
- TOROKINA - 1 in to 1 mile
- KOWARO - 1 : 25000
- IBU - 1 : 25000
- CHABAI - 1 : 25000 (3188)
- SORAKEN - 1 : 25000 dyeline 13 Jun 45
- GREEN ISLAND - 4 inch to 1 mile
- EMIRAU ISLAND - 4 inch to 1 mile
- TREASURY ISLAND 4 inch to 1 mile
- NEW GEORGIA HASTY TERRAIN - 1 : 20000

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No. (c)	Unit (d)	Ref Map (e)	Location (f)	Remarks (g)
1	HQ Unit	61547	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	TOROKINA	587958	Under comd 2 Aust Corps to move to SORAKEN
2		45129	Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	KOWARO	657095	Att 10 Bty 4 Fd Regt for local adm
3		45129	Det 6 Aust " " "	EMIRAU	72697634	LHQ Tps att 32 HAA Bty for local adm. To move JACQUINOT BAY.
4		61438	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Co	GREEN	2774152	(Army tps under
5			" " " " " "	TREASURY	193726	(8 Bn for local adm
6			" " " " " "	EMIRAU	72417640	(
7			" " " " " "	MUNDA	4234068	(
8		49226	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN	2744206	
9		49257	52 " " " "			Corps tps under 8 Bn for local adm
10	ARTY	45986	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	EMIRAU KOWARO	72497665 657095	do do do Under comd 11 Bde in sp 23 Bde; for local adm. To move TOROKINA on relief by 2 Aust Mtn Bty
11		48483	2 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech) (AIF)	KOWARO	677130	
12		92006	6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	To move AUST. Under

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
13	ARTY	47517	HQ 32 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	) 8 Bn for adm
14		48519	474 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (AIF)	"	72757606	)
15		48520	475 " " " " "	"	72417679	)
16	ENGRS	46157	23 Aust Fd Coy less	TOROKINA		To move NORTHERN
16 a			1 Pl do	KOWARO	685121	SECTOR
16 b			3 Pl do			Under comd 3 Div
17	SIGS	49275	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less	TOROKINA	587958	
17 a			Det do do	KOWARO	684149	
18		48012	Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (AIF)	GREEN	2784163	Corps tps; under 8 Bn for local adm
19		45272	36 Aust WT Sec (AIF) less	GREEN	2784163	) Corps tps; under
19 a			Det do do	EMIRAU	72437632	) 8 Bn for local
20		45274	38 Aust WT Sec (AIF) less			) adm
20 a			Det do do	TREASURY	1904711	do do do
21		48864	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec(TypeA)	MUNDA	4234068	do do do
22		48371	Det NG AA & Coast Arty Sig SEC (AIF)	GREEN	2784163	do do do
23		47389	B Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec	EMIRAU	72697634	do do do
24	INF	46175	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	KOWARO	684151	
24 a			A Coy less 7 & 9 Pls	"	684149	
24 b			7 Pl	"	681137	
24 c			9 Pl	"	605146	
24 d			B Coy	"	614163	
24 e			C Coy	IBU	697245	
24 f			D Coy	KOWARO	685126	
24 g			HQ Coy	"	694164	
24 h			Rear HQ	"	684151	
24 i			LOB Area	"	659090	
25		46176	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	577954	
25 a			HQ Coy	TOROKINA	565950	) Under Comd 2 Corps for Ops
25 b			A Coy	"	565949	) to move NORTHERN SECTOR
25 c			B Coy less	EMIRAU	72357631	) to relieve 31/51 Bn
25 d			Det B Coy	TOROKINA	565947	)
25 e			C Coy less	TREASURY	1904172	)
25 f			14 Pl	TOROKINA	565947	)
25 g			D Coy	GREEN	2774160	)
				TOROKINA	565949	)

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
26		46170	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	[illegible]	312709	Relieving 26 Bn
26 a			LOB Area	TOROKINA	579953	
26 b			HQ Coy			) En route to NORTHERN SECTOR
26 c			B Coy			)
26 d			C Coy			)
26 e			A Coy	CHABAI	314712	
26 f			D Coy	"	306712	
27		48050	B Coy Papuan Inf Bn	KOWARO	684117	
28		61005	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	588958	To move to NORTHERN SECTOR
29		45203	3 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy	KOWARO	687128	
30	INT	45161	Det "P" FS Sec (AIF)	"	684149	Corps tps
31	S & T	49448	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	TOROKINA	568932	
32		49446	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	"	566930	
32 a			Det do do	SORAKEN	244592	
33		49447	244 do do LESS	KOWARO	659090	
33 a			B Sec do do	EMIRAU	72707623	
33 b			C " do do	GREEN	2794155	
34	MED	46180	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	SORAKEN	244594	
34 a			B Coy do do less	EMIRAU	72467632	
34 a.b			[illegible]	([illegible]	[illegible]	
35		45969	Det B Coy do	TREASURY	1903711	
35 a			B Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	KOWARO	659090	Corps tps in sp
36	DENTAL	45384	Light Sec do do	KOWARO	681137	
36 a			A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)			En route NORTERN SECTOR
36 b			B Sec do do	TOROKINA	565950	
37	ORD	46238	C Sec do do	KOWARO	659090	
38	AIME	46237	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	588957	
38 a			109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF) less	" "	588958	
38 b			Det do do do	GREEN	2914185	
38 c			Det do do do	TREASURY	1901712	
39		46174	Det do do do	EMIRAU	72547621	
40		45987	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	TOROKINA	58896 0	To move NORTHERN SECTOR
41	POSTAL	46186	Det 214 Aust LAD (Type D)	KOWARO	657095	For local adm only. Att 10 Bty 4 Fd Regt in sp 23 Bde
42	PROVOST	49492	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	TOROKINA	587958	
42 a			14 Aust Indep Pro Pl less	"	597963	
42 b			Det do do do	"	602000	
43	MISC	45543	Det do do do	KOWARO	659090	
43 a			Det NG Sec AA Canteen Service	GREEN		) LHQ tps. For local adm
			do do do	EMIRAU		) only

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SUM ARY OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 2 AUST CORPS
3 JUN 45 - PRESIDED OVER BY BGS 2 AUST CORPS

Offrs attending: Senior Staff Offrs 2 Aust Corps
Gll Air, AIB Rep, Bde Comd, BM,
SC, CO 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

OUTLINE PLAN

BGS outlined a plan for mov of a coy group of 7 Bn plus a pl PIB through to the EAST coast in vicinity of ASATAVI PT.
Lt SANDFORD with apprex two coys of Kanakas operating in the area is to recce a suitable beach head for an unopposed ldg. Details of the ldg area to be advised to 2 Corps by Monday 4 Jun.

COMPOSITION OF FORCE

Suggested composition by BGS was:

One Coy Inf
Det Sigs
Pl PIB
Two dets mor
Sec MMG
Sec 101 Hy Mor
ANGAU Reps
One Engr for FBE AIB operator with one WS ATR 4A
Det 17 Aust Fd Amb

Lt SANDFORD's force to come under comd Coy 7 Bn on junction of forces.
7 Bn to be prepared to reinforce with an additional coy moving by boat if required.

ROLE

It is intended the coy will establish a firm beach head, developed to a defensive area with use of wire, then operate NORTH and SOUTH with strong patrols.

SUPPORT

If necessary preliminary bombardment of proposed beach by Corsairs.
Air cover will be given during the actual ldg, requests for sp direct from ground to air.
Tac/R planes available as required.

SIGS

It was proposed B Corps Sigs provide one W/S 112 plus det of Corps sigs to operat same. In view of the additional weight of set, proposal NOT adopted - 23 Bde Sig Sec to provide one W/S 11 plus two operators working back to 7 Bn HQ with a listening out set at HQ 23 Bde. AIB operator and WS ATR 4A will establish comms from ship to shore prior to disembarkation of tps.
Alternative comms will be 208 from coy to bn, ground to air comms with Tac/R using CC BP 8. Frequency for air sp - 4475 kilos
" " Tac/R only - 4885 kilos

MOVT

Corvette KIAMA will move tps - capacity 200 pers 10 days sups - no movt before recce report by SANDFORD. Ldg craft available will lift forty tps each wave.
Q Branch to ensure sufficient life jackets - one per person - to be available on ship.

SUPS

10 days rations on board plus two on the man. Re-supply by air dropping - dropping ground to be prepared and to be in defended locality.

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AMN

First line plus 10 days contact rate. 200 rds 4.2 Mor.

NATIVE LABOUR

Requested by Bde Comd 100 carriers be made available by Lt SANDFORD for porterage and unloading of coy stores. Agreed with by 2 Corps, Lt SANDFORD being advised.
All stores to be packed in one man loads as far as practicable.

MED

Catalina on call at 12 hrs notice for evac of cas. One mile each side of landing pt to be clear of enemy. Three fires 100 yds apart to be made on beach on approach of aircraft. White "T" panel to be displayed indicating wind direction, also gives "OK for ldg" to pilot.
One F D E to battalion, to be employed in clearing debris for landing area, and evac of cas from shore to plane.

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MESSAGE FORM

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Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 23 Inf Bde — Originator

Date—Time of Origin: 082145L JUNE 45.

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 27 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 28 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 27 bn gp will commence relief 11 inf bde on 20 jun (.) following at present under comd 11 inf bde pass in sp 27 bn on assumption responsibilities 101 hy mortar coy A coy PIB (.) initial role 27 bn in BONIS PENINSULA will be to contain enemy forces and carry out active patrolling (.) GRO details for move to be fwd this HQ earliest (.) details recce and adv party later

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SECRET

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9 Jun 45

23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 28

Ref Maps: NUMA NUMA 1:25000
IBU 1:25000
KOWARO 1:25000
BOUGAINVILLE 4 ml to 1 in

TO:- Lt Col DUNKLEY 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

INFM

1. (a) The Jap grn at NUMA NUMA plantation has been increased by the withdrawal of the BONIS PENINSULA grn to that area. Estimated str is now 900.

(b) Lt SANDFORD AIB who has been operating in the TEOP-INUS PT area with a view to recce a suitable beachhead for an unopposed ldg reports enemy at:

KEVISIA	699464 Str approx 50
Near TEIHUP	724370 Str unknown
ASITAVI PT	747331 Str 40/50

(c) Lt SANDFORD considers ldgs in area ASITAVI impracticable, if ldg is still to be made he suggests YAUWAUN 680500.

(d) GSO 1 Liaison 2 Aust Corps is to contact Lt SANDFORD at TIANAN 670525 in the near future and ascertain if ldgs on the EAST coast are still possible.

PLAN

2. In view of the above infm an endeavour may have to be made to secure a beach-head vicinity ASITAVI PT via an overland route.

TASKS

3. (a) Tasks in gen

Your task will be to secure a firm base in the gen area WAKUNAI RIVER 7024 with a further fwd base in the gen area 7429 thence to coast.

(b) Tasks in particular

(i) Eliminate the following pockets of resistance:

WEARNES HILL	694166
BASE PT 3	694161 to 687164
TOKUA	636175
SISIVIE	613162

(ii) Contain the following enemy localities and prevent any infiltration on to the L of C:

TOKOPERAPAIA	762303
BASE PT 2	sq 7518
BURITSICTORARA	670245
IBU	634236

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ADDITIONAL TPS

4. As per this HQ OP Instr 27 of 24 May 45 plus in sp

17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less one coy

TIMINGS

5. It is expected all pockets of resistance will be eliminated by 20 Jun.

Firm base on WAKUNAI RIVER to be est by 15 Jun and patrols to be available to reach EAST coast by 18 Jun if required.

ENGRS

6. 4 Aust Base Sub Area will assume responsibilities for rd maint to rd head on 12 Jun 45.

ADM

7. Sups

Sups to fwd bases by air when dropping grounds constructed otherwise normal. An additional 60 natives will have been made available by 11 Jun for initial mov to base.

Med

Arrangements in conjunction with 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) as required.

INTERCOMN

8. (a) Bde HQ remains present location

(b) L/T W/T to this HQ

(c) 23 Bde Sig Sec will be responsible for extension of copper line from rd head to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

ACK

Maj
for Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

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Method of Issue S D S.

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1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy	3
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	4
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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

12 Jun 45

23 AUST INF BDE ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 15

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOROKINA AREA - 23 AUST INF BDE GP

1. As from 12 Jun 45 RMO 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be the only MO of the Bde Gp in TOROKINA area available to conduct routine sick parades.
Units will attend sick parades daily as follows:

(a)	RAP 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	- 0800 hrs -	Own unit
(b)	RAP 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	- 0830 hrs -	LOB 7 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) LOB 27 " " " 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
(c)	RAP HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	- 0900 hrs -	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde & att tps. 66 & 67 Pl Aust Tpt Pl (TS) 109 Aust Bde Wksps 2/108 Aust LAD 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl

Personnel concerned will be paraded to respective RAP's accompanied by AAFs A46. The importance of punctuality is stressed to enable the above schedule to be maintained.

2. MEDICAL RETURNS

All units will submit weekly RAP returns (Amendment No. 2 to Instructions to Medical Officers page 6) to 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF). One copy only is required. RMO 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will arrange. DDMS Pro-forma "A" is only required from the three Aust Inf Bns and 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF).

3. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

As from 11 Jun 45 all units in the area will draw supplies from Dispensary 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF). Indents will be submitted weekly on AAF D50 (a) in duplicate each Monday and stores will be collected on Tuesday. These supplies will be for use the following week. RAPs will not hold reserves while in TOROKINA area. The "on hand" column must be filled in. RMO 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will supervise supplies and sign indents.

4. EVACUATION OF SICK

General medical and surgical cases will be evacuated to 106 Aust CCS (AIF). "Specialist" cases will be evacuated direct to 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp.

5. UNITS NOT IN AREA

In accordance with the usual principle that units are served by the nearest RAP, the following will attend Sick Parades and draw supplies at 106 Aust CCS (AIF):

40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl

Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution: List "C" less Serials 1,2,3,8,10,11,15, 29-37.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: 23 Inf Bde

Date—Time of Origin: 161430L JUNE 45.

—Office Date Stamp—

For Action

8 Bn 27 Bn 23 Bde Sig Sec 28 Gd Pl
40 Tpt Pl 243 Sup Dep Pl 17 Fd Amb A Sec 82 Dental
Unit B Sec 82 Dental Unit 109 Fd Pk 109 Wksps
2/108 LAD 14 Pro Pl

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

7 Bn

—Message Instructions— GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 37 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 23 aust inf bde

less 7 bn gp and dets 23 bde sig sec 109 fd pk 109 wksps

14 pro pl will prepare for move to NORTHERN SECTOR (.) NO move

before 20 jun (.) det 40 tpt pl only will move less vehs (.)

GRO 318/43 details this HQ 171200L (.) all ack all infm

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SECRET

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23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 29

7 Jun 45

Ref Maps

CHABAI	1:25000	dyeline 28 Mar 45
SORAKEN	1:25000	dyeline 23 Mar 45
IBU	1:25000	
KOWARO	1:25000	

INFM

1. Enemy

(a) For strs and disposns in NORTHERN SECTOR Int Summary att as appx A.

(b) For CENTRAL SECTOR as per normal Int Summary.

2. Own Tps

(a) 11 Aust Inf Bde less one Coy is holding def posns from a line rd - track junc 328713 to BUOI PTN sq 6928

(b) ROBINSONS AIB party is moving to a general area SE of RURI where they will patrol and report enemy mov SOUTH along the EAST coast track with particular ref to mov towards RATSUA - POROPORA.

(c) 8 Aust Inf Bn " less one coy will conc in TOROKINA area by approx 27 Jun and reverts comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

3. Topography

(a) BONIS PENINSULA will be known as NORTHERN SECTOR.

(b) The track running NW from 319706 to 275730 will be known as MIDDLE TRACK.

(c) NUMA NUMA trail and area will be known as CENTRAL SECTOR.

4. Additional Tps

(a) Coming under comd on relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde

12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt
A Coy 1 PIB
101 Aust H y Mortar Coy Less one Pl
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy
One Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt (From 3 Aust Div on date to be notified)

(b) In sp on relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde

Det 39 Aust Wireless Sec (1t)

(c) Under Comd for local adm on relief 11 Aust Inf Bde

4 Aust Cypher Sec
Det ATIS
Det ANGAU

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Det 19 Aust Malaria Control Unit
Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy
Det Aust Corps Sal Unit
Det AACS
Det 2 Aust Corps Cash Office
Det 5 Sqn Sigs RAAF

INTENTION

5. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will relieve 11 Aust Inf Bde Gp in the BONIS PENINSULA.. and will be responsible for ops in NORTHERN and CENTRAL SECTORS.

METHOD

6. Northern Sector

Commencing 20 Jun 27 Aust Inf Bn with in sp

101 Aust Hy Mortars less one Pl
A Coy 1 PIB

will relieve 26 Aust Inf Bn in the present area

7. Role 27 Aust Inf Bn

To contain the enemy fwd of own area and to harass enemy posns by active patrolling.

8. 8 Aust Inf Bn less one Coy will relieve:

31/51 Aust Inf Bn in BUOI PTN area with two Coys
Two Secs at TIAOF ISLAND
One Sec at TOROKORI ISLAND
One Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn at FREDDY BEACH

9. Role 8 Aust Inf Bn

To form firm base and prevent enemy infiltration into RATSUA.

10. Inter Bn Bdy

Track running NW from 279706 to 712685 incl to 27 Aust Inf Bn

11. Grouping For Mov

Serial	Unit or Sub Unit	Comd For Mov
1	Adv Party 27 Aust Inf Bn	27 Bn to nominate
2.	27 Aust Inf Bn less two coys	
	Two secs Sup Dep Pl	
	Det 40 Aust Tpt Pl	27 Bn to nominate
	Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	
	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	
3.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	
	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less dets	
	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less rear gd	
	2 Coys 27 Aust Inf Bn	
	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl less two secs	27 Bn to nominate
	17 Aust Fd Amb less two coys	
	2/108 Aust LAD	
	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	
	14 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl less dets	

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Serial	Unit or Sub Unit	Comd For Mov
4	8 Aust Inf Bn less one Coy 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk less det 109 Aust Bde Wksp less det	8 Bn to nominate

12. Timings For Mov

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13. Central Sector

23 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 28 of 9 Jun is cancelled as from receipt of this instr.

14. 7 Aust Inf Bn
with under comd: One Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy
B Coy 1 PIB
Det P Aust FS Sec
Det ANGAU

in sp: 2 Aust Mtn Bty
Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt
1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy
B Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb
C Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit

will remain responsible for CENTRAL SECTOR

15. Role

(a) To prevent enemy penetrations WEST via trails from NUMA NUMA to LARUMA VALLEY

(b) To proceed with the elimination of enemy grns fwd of NUMA NUMA providing this can be accomplished by the emp of fighting patrols of maximum str one pl

16. Arty

(a) On relief of 11 Aust Inf Bde 12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will remain under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) 2 Aust Mtn Bty will move to PEARL RIDGE on completion of Powered Tramway and be in sp 7 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) When mov 2 Aust Mtn Bty is completed 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt ceases to be in sp 7 Aust Inf Bn and will conc TOROKINA area.

17. Engrs

1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy will remain in sp 7 Aust Inf Bn and be responsible for track maint from rd head fwd.

18. Air

(a) Northern Sector

All requests to be submitted to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Central Sector

Requests to be submitted direct to HQ 2 Aust Corps

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ADM

19. Issued under Adm Instr 16 of 18 Jun

INTERCOMN

20. Bde HQ

On mov closes TOROKINA reopens FREDDY BEACH on date and time to be notified.

21. Northern Sector

(a) L/T to units with sig centre at 313698

(b) W/T link - W/S No 11 to bns

22. Central Sector

(a) W/T on bde link direct to 23 Bde HQ.

(b) Alternative - L/T to rear 23 Bde HQ for retransmission to Bde HQ on Corps link.

(c) Responsibility for RITA exchange reverts to 7 Aust Inf Bn 210900L

(d) Maint of line rear 23 Aust Inf Bde to rd head responsibility of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig .

ACK

Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Signature 1720454

Method of Issue SDS

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy Op Instr	Appx "A"
7 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
8 Aust Inf Bn	2	2
27 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
4 Aust Fd Regt	4	4
2 Aust Mtn Bty	5	
101 Aust H y Mortar Coy	6	5
23 Aust Fd Coy	7	
245 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8	
17 Aust Fd Amb	9	
8 Aust Fd Amb	10	
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	11	
2/108 Aust LAD	12	
109 Aust B de Ord Fd Pk	13	
109 Aust B de Wksp	14	
11 Aust Inf Bde	15 - 16	
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Appendix "A" to
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instr 29

Copy No 13

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY STRENGTHS, DISPOSITIONS, CAPABILITIES AND POSSIBLE INTENTIONS

BONIS PENINSULA

Ref Maps: BUKA DROME 1:25000 revised Dec 44
CHABAI 1:25000 dyeline 28 Mar 45
SORAKEN 1:25000 dyeline revised 23 Mar 45

INFM

1. (a) Enemy Str

The principal unit defending the BONIS PENINSULA is 87 NAVAL GD FORCE estimated as follows:

	REGULAR	CIVILIAN LABOURERS	LOCATION
HQ Tps	170		
1 Bn		180	BONIS - SORUM - TA[illegible]
2 Bn		180	BONIS - SORUM
3 Bn		165	CHINDAWON - RURI
4 Bn		190	PORTOM - TARLENA
Naval Tps in 1 - 4 Bn	130		
	300	665	
TOTAL			965

During the past three months civilian labourers have been given infantry training and with a stiffening of regular naval troops have been organised into four bns

(b) Reinforcements

The following rfts are available from BUKA ISLAND

Combat Tps	500		
AA & CD Arty	200		
Base Tps	150		
Civilian Labourers		550	
	850	550	
TOTAL			1400

Continuous barge mov has been reported between BUKA ISLAND and BONIS PENINSULA

2. ESTIMATED ARTY FIRE POWER

1 x 150 mm	How	
2 x 75 mm	Fd/Mtn Guns	
5 x 75 mm	AA	The bulk of these guns are sited on BUKA and SOHANA ISLANDS
20 x 20/25mm	AA	
13 x 13 mm	AA	

An unknown number of 75 mm Fd/Mtn, 70 mm Bn and 37/47 mm Tk A guns may have been handed over to the Navy by Army Ord Depot before the Army evacuation from BO

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ENEMY INTENTIONS

3. The enemy's eventual intentions are NOT clear. It is possible that he may use this newly formed force to cover the withdrawal of regular Naval tps behind the barrier of BUKA PASSAGE, where the main enemy concentrations of AA Arty are situated. However, enemy resistance has shown no signs of slackening, and the enemy may have decided to hold strongly on BONIS PENINSULA, forward of his dumps and installations

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MOVEMENT OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP FROM TOROKINA TO NORTHERN SECTOR

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EMBARKATION PT: BEACH 4 TOROKINA

Serial	Unit	Personnel Offr	Personnel OR	Personnel Total	Stores Tons DW	Vehicles 3 Ton	Vehicles Jeep	Vehicles Trlr	Guns 2 pr	Date and Time Embarkation	Craft	Lifting vehicles 3 Tons No	Lifting vehicles 3 Tons Time of reporting unit lines	Remarks
1	27 Aust Inf Bn	4	36	60	3	-	-	-	-	200730L	ALC 40	6	200630L	27 Bn stores & wk party 8 ORs report Beach 4 200700L
	23 Bde HQ	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	"	AB2016	-	"	
	23 Bde Sig Sec		3	3	¼	-	-	-	-	"	"	-		1 x 3 ton veh with 2 tons amn from 2 Corps reports 27 Bn 200630L & moves with convoy. Wk party 8 Bn 7 ORs responsible for off-loading.
	243 Sup Dep Pl		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
	17 Aust Fd Amb		3	3	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
	Det 12 Div Postal		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
2	17 Aust Fd Amb	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	211200L	AV2059	4	211000L	Heavy stores to be loaded on AV2059
	17 " " "	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	211800L	ALC 40	4	211600L	
	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	211200L	AV2059	2	211000L	
	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	211200L	"	1	211000L	Unit tpt
	2 Aust Corps Maint	-	-	-	11½	-	-	-	-		"			Loading under Corps arrangements
	27 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	211800L	ALC 40 AB2119	4	211600L	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	22	163	175	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	AV2085	10	211815L	
	27 " " "	12	93	108	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	AV2059	6	211915L	
	27 " " "	5	77	80	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	ALC 40 AB2119	4	211915L	
	17 Aust Fd Amb	2	78	80	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	ALC 40 AB2121	4	211915L	
	17 Aust Fd Amb		20	20	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	AV2059	1	211915L	
	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl		6	6	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	AV2059	-	-	Unit tpt
	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	-	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	212100L	AV2059	-	-	Unit tpt

a) Tpt to be supplied by 40 Aust Tpt Pl. (b) All units excl 27 Aust Inf Bn for FREDDY BEACH (c) Time of dep of convoys - serial (1) 200800L (2) 212200L

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FROM 2 CORPS 181605L June 45

TO 3 DIV

INFO 23 INF BDE LOB 2/4 ARMD REGT

~~GR48 RT~~

G02625. SECRET. ONE TP INCL ONE EXTRA TK PLUS DET WKSP 2/4 ARMD REGT TO COME UNDER COMD 23 INF BDE AS FROM 0800 HRS 23 JUN. TP AND DET T TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR LOB 2/4 ARMD REGT TO MOVE TO SORAKEN UNDER ORDERS 23 INF BDE

~~FT 181605L~~

~~NFINS 19 2 E 2 E 23 2/4 48 2625 2/4 23 0800 23 2/4 LT~~

~~XXXXXX 2/4 23~~

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23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 16
(Issued in conjunction with 23 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 29 dated 17 Jun 45)

Ref Maps:- NORTHERN SECTOR

BUKA DROME	1 : 25000	May 45
CHABAI	1 : 25000	"
SORAKEN	1 : 25000	"

CENTRAL SECTOR

KOWARO	1 : 25000
IBU	1 : 25000
NUMA NUMA	1 : 25000

GENERAL - -

1. This Instr deals Adm set-up made necessary by new role allotted the Bde. Separate Adm layouts will function for each of CENTRAL and NORTHERN SECTORS.

2. Units will leave LOB pers in present camp sites. Canteen arrangements will be unit responsibility for these pers.

3. Water replenishment to be arranged by Bde TO and units advised.

4. On relief 26 Bn will take over 27 Bn camp site. Hand over certificates will be prepared and signed copy sent to this HQ.

5. LOB pers will attend sick parades 106 CCS by mutual arrangement.

CENTRAL SECTOR

SUPS

6. 243 Sup Dep Pl will close FSD TOROKINA 566930 at 191800L handing over to 222 Sup Dep Pl in same site.

7. Units and LOB of the Bde remaining in TOROKINA will submit indents direct to 222 Sup Dep Pl as per present schedule.

8. 243 Sup Dep Pl will prepare for mov to NORTHERN SECTOR.

9. 244 Sup Dep Pl will assume responsibility for sups amn POL as from and incl 24 Jun 45.

10. 244 Sup Dep Pl will draw on Base Installations direct under arrangements BASCO.

MEDICAL

11. Relief of 17 Fd Amb on NUMA TRAIL was effected 17 Jun 45 by 8 Fd Amb.

12. 8 Fd Amb will be responsible for evacuation of casualties and medical arrangements CENTRAL SECTOR.

13. 7 Bn Gp will demand on 8 Fd Amb for medical stores.

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REP & REC

14. Det 109 Bde Wksp will take over from 2/108 LAD at Rd Head under mutual arrangement and assume responsibility for Rep and Rec.

15. Det 109 Bde Ord Fd Pk present site.

ORD

16. Stores dump will be maintained in present Bde HQ area and normal indenting will be continued.

PRO

17. Det 14 Pro Pl will remain to man TCPs NUMA TRAIL.

ENGR STORES

18. 7 Bn Gp will demand on 1 Pl 23 Fd Coy.

19. 1 x 118 c ft refrigerator 7 Bn LOB area to be transferred 19 Fd Amb to replace unit being left NORTHERN SECTOR.

NORTHERN SECTOR

GENERAL

20. 23 Bde Gp are to take over from 11 Bde Gp in situ standing camp buildings and permanent fixtures. No transfers of accn stores tentage.

21. Vehs other than tech vehs will be exchanged by units with their opposite numbers in 11 Bde Gp. Vehs in 11 Bde Gp in excess of holdings of units 23 Bde Gp are being brought out and transfers as above effected. Separate instr will be issued.

SUPS

22. 243 Sup Dep Pl to assume responsibility for sups amn POL with DIDs F BEACH and RATSUA under arrangements BASCO.

23. Units fwd of RATSUA BAY will indent on nearest DID situated at 293678. Units vicinity F BEACH draw on DID. 245595

24. WPs at CHABAI 302677, 311 687, 308693 and several WPs exist F BEACH area locations NOT definite.

MEDICAL

25. 17 Fd Amb take over from 19 Fd Amb responsibility for evacuation of casualties and medical arrangements. Time for handover to be mutually arranged.

MDS.. 247597
ADS. 302678

26. Amb barge is available for evacuations from RATSUA jetty (ADS) to F BEACH (MDS) and hospital launch "STRADBROKE" from MDS to 106 CCS.

REP & REC

27. 2/108 LAD situated F BEACH with dets fwd as required.

28. 109 Bde Wksp less det and 109 Bde Ord Fd Pk less det F BEACH.

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ORD

29. FOD to be maintained vicinity Bde HQ. Normal indenting to BOO.

SAL

30. Det 2 Aust Corp Sal Unit at F BEACH.

PRO

31. 14 Pro Pl less det at F BEACH. TCP RATSUA jetty.

CANTEENS

32. CIP F BEACH.

ENGR STORES

33. S 18s to this HQuntil further advised.

34. 1 x 300 c ft refrigerator 243 Sup Dep Pl transferred to 11 Bde to replace unit taken over DID F BEACH.
1 x 118 c ft refrigerator transferred from 27 Bn to 26 Bn to replace 1 x 300 c ft DID F BEACH.

PAY

35. Det 2 Corps Cash Office at F BEACH.

POSTAL

36. Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit to remain present site 23 Bde HQ with det at F BEACH. Mail will be sent to LOB areas for sorting by unit postal rep and fwded to F BEACH.

ACK.

Time of Signature 1910 hrs

Issued by I.O

J.H. Macnaughtie Capt,
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution:

	Copy No
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3
4 Aust Fd Regt	4
2 Aust Mtn Bty	5
101 Hy Mortar Coy	6
23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	7
40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	8
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	9
244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	10
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	11
8 Aust Fd Amb	12
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	13
B Sec " "	14
C Sec " "	15
2/108 Aust LAD	16
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	17
109 Aust Bde Wksp	18
11 Aust Inf Bde	19
Comd	20
BM	21
IO	22
SC	23
TO	24
Sigs	25
BASCO	26
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14 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl	28
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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A27/8/2518

22 Jun 45

TRANSFER OF VEHS: 23 AUST INF BDE - 11 AUST INF BDE

Object

1. The following transfer of vehs has been found necessary to meet the requirements in NORTHERN SECTOR.

2. Inter-unit transfers to be effected by 23 Aust Inf Bde in TOROKINA area:

Trucks 15 cwt

243 Sup Dep Pl	to	27 Aust Inf Bn	1
do	to	17 Aust Fd Amb	1
14 Indep Pro Pl	to	7 Aust Inf Bn	1

Authority: This instr.

Trailers Water 80 Gal & Truck 3 ton Water

109 Aust Bde Wksp	to	11 Aust Inf Bde	1 Trlr Water 80 Gal
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	to	11 " " "	1 " " " "
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	to	11 " " "	1 Truck 3 ton Water

3. 4 Aust Base Sub Area will be transferring 3 trailers Water 80 Gal to 11 Aust Inf Bde (2 Aust Corps QM1319 of 22 Jun 45 refers).

4. (a) Transfers from 23 Aust Inf Bde units will be handed over in TOROKINA area to 11 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Transfers from 11 Aust Inf Bde units will be taken over by 23 Aust Inf Bde units in NORTHERN SECTOR

(c) Details of transfers to be effected by 23 Aust Inf Bde units are as per Appendix "A".

(d) Authority for transfer : 2 Aust Corps Op Instr No 18 of 15 Jun 45.

5. ALL vehs will be G 4 before transfer.

[illegible] Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

7	Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
8	" " " "	
27	" " " "	
109	" Bde Wksp	Comd
109	" " Ord Fd Pk	BM
14	" Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	SC
40	" Tpt Pl (TS)	TO
243	" Sup Dep Pl	BOO
17	" Fd Amb (AIF)	BASCO
11	" Inf Bde	File

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TRANSFER OF VEHS BETWEEN 23 AUST INF BDE AND 11 AUST INF BDE

APPENDIX "A"

Vehs in NORTHERN SECTOR held by 11 Bde units	JEEPS		TRAILERS		TRUCKS	TRUCKS	TRLRS	TO BE TRANSFERRED	JEEPS	TRLRS	TRUCKS	TRUCK TRLRS	
	Freddie	Matsun	Freddie	Matsun	3-ton GS	3-ton water	Water 80gal	TO 11 BDE UNITS BY			3tonGS	3 ton water	80gal
HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	2		2					23 Aust Inf Bde	2	2			
11 Inf Bde Pro Pl	1		1					14 Bde Ind Pro Pl	1				
								17 Aust Fd Amb		1			
11 Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl		1		1				23 Aust Inf Bde	1				
								27 Aust Inf Bn		1			
26 Aust Inf Bn		7		7				27 Aust Inf Bn	7	7			
31/51 Aust Inf Bn	2	5	2	5				8 Aust Inf Bn	5	5			
								14 Aust Pro Pl	2				
								17 Aust Fd Amb		2			
76 Aust Tpt Pl	5	4	7	2	5	1		40 Aust Tpt Pl	5	6	5		
								8 Aust Inf Bn				1	
								27 Aust Inf Bn	2				
								14 Aust Pro Pl	2				
								7 Aust Inf Bn		3			
223 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2		2					27 Aust Inf Bn	1				
								17 Aust Fd Amb	1	1			
								109 Ord Fd Pk		1			
19 Aust Fd Amb	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	17 Aust Fd Amb	4	2	1	1	1

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22 Jun 45

MOVEMENT ORDER HQ 23 AUST INF BDE

INFM

1. (a) HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde, 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, 28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt are moving to NORTHERN SECTOR 24 Jun 45 from 4 BEACH TOROKINA to take over site at present occupied by HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Craft allotted for the move as follows:-

AV 2057[illegible]6 300 ton vessel
AV 2085 " " "
3 x ALC 40
1 x ALC 20

(c) Units moving from this Bde on same date as under:-

2 Coys 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl
A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb

METHOD

2. Adv Party

(a) Comd and batman — Sig O and batman
BM " " — IO no "
SC " " — Clerk (detailed by Chief Clerk)

(b) Time & Place of Mov

Bde HQ 240930L
4 BEACH 241000L

Mov to NORTHERN SECTOR by FSB
TO to arrange tpt from Bde HQ.

3. Main Body

(a) OC Capt L G POWELL
Lt C C RIX to be in charge of packing, assembling and loading of stores.

(b) Composition

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

(c) Details of loading of stores and mov of pers issued in separate Mov Table.

4. Rear Party

(a) OC Lt A W F WILSON BOO.

(b) Details of party:

Bde HQ - 1 cook 1 cook's offsider 1 batman
Tpt - 4 dvrs
Sigs - 6

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Gd Pl	-	3	
Ord clerk	-	1	
Postal	-	2	
Hygiene	-	1	
Educ	-	1	Total: 1 offr 21 OR

(c) Rear party will remain in present Bde HQ site and be responsible for security and maintenance.

5. Ration Indents

Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp will indent for rear party under arrangements BASCO.

ADM

6. (a) Pers

Personnel will move with personal arms and eqpt. A minimum of baggage will be taken by each individual. Unwanted gear will be packed & marked with number & name and stored under arrangements CQMS.

(b) Stores

Packed ready for mov by 231800L. Marking of stores in accordance with instr already issued.

(c) Tentage

47 12 x 14 tents will be struck and transferred to 11 Aust Inf Bde by 241200L in exchange for equivalent number from that unit. Balance of tentage less that named by SC will be taken to NORTHERN SECTOR.

(d) Forms & Tables

50 FS forms & 50 FS tables will be transferred by 241200L to 11 Aust Inf Bde in exchange for equivalent left in HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde site.
11 Aust Inf Bde are providing tpt for tents forms and tables.

(e) Rations

All pers moving to NORTHERN SECTOR will carry one day's rations.

(f) Dress

Colour patches will NOT be worn in NORTHERN SECTOR.

7. Reveille 24 Jun - 0600 hrs
Breakfast - 0630 "

Evening meal before mov to 4 BEACH for embarkation.

8. Tpt

Supplied by 40 Aust Tpt Pl and supplemented by unit tpt. TO to supervise allotment to sub-units for tpt of stores & pers. (See Mov Table issued separately).

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9. Canteen

(a) Unit canteen will move with Bde HQ.

(b) Rear party will ~~use canteen in 17 Aust Fd Amb~~ LOB area.

(c) Beer issues will be drawn as at present for rear party. Pers moving to NORTHERN SECTOR will have 12 bottles per man held by Canteens Services for issue on return to TORROKINA. No liquor will be taken to NORTHERN SECTOR.

10. Pay

Rear party will draw pay through 40 Aust Tpt Pl by mutual arrangement.

11. Postal

See 23 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr 15 of 18 Jun 45.

12. Medical

As for para 11

13. Hygiene

Areas will be left in a clean and hygienic condition. Hyg Offr to make careful check.

14. Censorship

Censor stamp will be held by OC rear party.

Ack.

Signed at 23/00.2

Method of issue - Runner

[signature] Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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BOO	7
Sigs	8
Gd Pl	9
Amen	10
Educ	11
Hyg Offr	12
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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LISTS

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H 23 Aust Inf Bde
G1/8/2554

24 Jun 45

1. Herewith HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Distribution Lists as at 24 Jun 45.

2. This list supercedes Distribution List issued under reference G1/8/1992 of 12 MAY 45, which will not be destroyed.

Serial	Unit	A	B	C	D
1	16 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		1	1	1
2	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt		1	1	1
3	12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt		1	1	1
4	2 Aust Mtn Bty		1	1	1
5	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)		1	1	3
6	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)		1	1	1
7	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		1	1	6
8	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	1	1	6
9	8 " " " "	1	1	1	4
10	27 " " " "	1	1	1	1
11	A Coy 1 PIB		1	1	3
12	B " "		1	1	1
13	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		1	1	1
14	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)		1	1	1
15	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)		1	1	1
16	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)		1	1	1
17	244 " " " " "		1	1	4
18	Det 13 Aust Fd Bkg Coy		1	1	1
19	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)		1	1	1
20	A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)		1	1	1
21	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		1	1	1
22	B Sec " " " " "		1	1	1
23	C Sec " " " " "		1	1	1
24	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		1	1	1
25	109 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)		1	1	1
26	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)		1	1	1
27	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit		1	1	1
28	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)		1	1	1
29	Det ANGAU FRIDDLE BEACH			1	1
30	Det ANGAU PEARL RIDGE			1	1
31	Det 2 Aust Corps Salv Unit (AIF)		1	1	1
32	Comd	1	1	1	1
33	BM	1	1	1	1
34	SC	1	1	1	1
35	IO	1	1	1	1
36	LO		1	1	1
37	TO		1	1	1
38	BASCO		1	1	1
39	Legal Offr		1	1	1
40	BOO		1	1	1
41	Amen Offr		1	1	1
42	Educ Offr		1	1	1
43	Hyg Offr		1	1	1
44	War Diary	2	2	2	2
45	File	1	1	1	1

[signature]
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution: List C

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
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Date 25 JUL 1945
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
24 Jun 45

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HQ 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA ADM INSTRUCTION NO 18

OBJECT:

1. To arrange the transfer of responsibility from 23 Aust Inf Bde to HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area for the Control and Maintenance of F Beach and F Beach Area SORAKEN.

INTENTION:

2. By arrangement with 2 Aust Corps to replace operational personnel and eqpt under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde with corresponding personnel and eqpt from HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area

RESPONSIBILITY:

3 HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area will assume the responsibility for manning and maintenance of the location known as F BEACH SORAKEN and its immediate vicinity and for the administration and discipline of all troops within such area which will comprise

Det 2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit		7
Det AAPS		2
Det AACS		2
Det AAPC		2
Det 2/1 Aust Mov Cont Gp		2
Det 16 Aust Wks Coy	1 - 40	
YMCA		1
Staging personnel	10 - 70	
	11 -126	

TIME AND SPACE:

4. The assumption of responsibility for the control and maintenance of F Beach and F Beach area will be within 14 days from date arrival main body i.e. 8 Aug 45.

TROOPS

5. (a) 16 Aust Wks Coy will provide the necessary personnel to carry out the tasks required, such personnel to comprise:

Officers (Lt)	1	-	
Sgts		2	
Clerks (TG3)		1	
Orderlies		3	
Dvr		1	
Batman		1	
Cook (TG2)		2	
Labour		30	to incl 5 gen duties 3 winchmen
	1 - 40		

and will relieve the present det of 8 Aust Inf Bn when erection of accommodation completed.

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(b) 5 CRE Wks to make available a section of engrs 12 personnel to carry out all necessary tasks and advise on engr works generally.

COMD:

6. (a) Maj NEWTON 30 Aust Sup Dep Coy will administer comd of F Beach and the surrounding area and all miscellaneous units within such area as referred to in para 3.

(b) Det of Engrs to be attached to 23 Aust Fd Coy for discipline and duty whilst located in SORAKEN area.

MOVEMENT:

7. (a) Maj NEWTON will proceed to SORAKEN on craft leaving Beach 4 at 232330 and will on arrival SORAKEN prepare for the reception and accommodation of the main body due to depart TOROKINA for SORAKEN on 25 Jul 45.

(b) OC 16 Aust Wks Coy will prepare those personnel referred to in para 4 above for movement to SORAKEN on 25 Jul 45, personnel to be ready for movement by 250600L.

(c) 5 CRE Wks will prepare one section of engrs 12 personnel to move to SORAKEN on 25 Jul 45, personnel to be ready for movement by 250600L.

(d) 2/1 Aust Mov Cont Gp to arrange tn for 1 offr and 52 ORs to SORAKEN on 25 Jul 45.

ACCOMMODATION:

8. (a) Upon arrival SORAKEN all personnel of the det will be accommodated in the personnel staging camp at present under control of 23 Aust Inf Bde and manned by a pl of 8 Aust Inf Bn, such accommodation will be provided only until the detachment erects its own huttage, such huttage to be completed within 14 days after arrival.

VEHS:

9. (a) One 4x4 Jeep and trailer will be forwarded from TOROKINA at earliest opportunity for use by the det comd.

(b) All other tpt required will be drawn from resources of the 23 Aust Inf Bde.

EQPT:

10. All personnel will move complete with arms and personal gear, mosquito net, blankets (2), cots folding, mess eqpt etc.

AMN:

11. 50 rounds per man to be carried in detachment stores.

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STORES (accn)

12. 16 Aust Wks Coy will arrange to draw sufficient accn stores prior to their departure from TOROKINA for the maintenance of a maximum of 12 offrs and 124 ORs.

ENGR (Wks)

13.(a) 5 CRE Wks will be responsible for the erection of accn for the hutting of 12 offrs and 124 ORs in the area at present occupied by the pl of 8 Aust Inf Bn hutting to be in accordance with that specified under 14(a).

(b) 5 CRE Wks will provide sufficient labour to assist 23 Aust Fd Coy in the erection of and repairs to installations within 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ Adm Area.

TASKS

14. Engrs (a) The erection of accn in the transit area to house 12 Offrs and 124 ORs

i.e. 5 huts 60x 20 for OR quarters
1 hut 30x 20 for Offrs quarters
1 hut 20x 20 for " Mess

(b) To assist 23 Fd Coy in the erection of

1 hut 80 x 20 in DID area for expense stores
3 - 60 x 20 in Bn rest camp area
1 - 40 x 20 Fd Bkry
1 - 30 x 20 Flour shed

and in the reconditioning of

5 - 40 x 30 amn shelters
2 - 80 x 20 DID

Det 16 Wks Coy

(c) Discharge and load all craft operating from F Beach SORAKEN and to maintain the Beach area.

(d) To assist the det of engrs in the erection of hutted accn in the transit area as defined in para 14(a) above

(e) When not otherwise employed on beach tasks assist 23 Aust Fd Coy in the reconditioning of installations as referred to in para 14(b) above.

ENGR (Stores)

15. To be provided by 5 CRE from Engr Stores dump and shipped at earliest opportunity. AF T58 to be lodged with 2/1 Mov Control Gp forthwith.

AASC:

16. SUPS) - D I D SORAKEN
POL)

ORD STORES

17. Indents for det to be submitted ~~through HQ 16 Aust Wks Coy~~ direct to BOO 23 Aust Fd Bde

LABSA.
Pill. 6 of 5 Aug Rpt.

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MED

18. (a) DADMS HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area to provide 2 Med Ordêrlies and to establish a RAP in the staging camp area.

(b) Hospitalization - MDS (17 Fd Amb)

CANTEENS

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For Action

TO 22 bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

4 base sub area.

ORIGINATOR'S No. SD 2787 confidential ⊙ two 9th Lt AA guns with crew being made available by 4 base sub area anti barge tasks NORTH sector ⊙ advise when ready to receive ⊙ under cond 22 bde on arrival for o/p and local harassing.

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TOR 251400L.

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For Action

TO MOV SORRELL.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

> CORPS > 3 BDE

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

QM. 1628 Confidential 0 AM 1592 ETD

>60630 L loading adv party 8 Bns 15

all ranks approx 40 crates fresh vegetables.

Cond

BM 26/5

SC 26/5.

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BASCO 27/6

TOR 251807L

261545

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FROM (A) — Originator: S Bdr — Date—Time of Origin: 28/1020 June — Office Date Stamp: R/363

For Action

TO 22 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. G.2061 SECRET ⊙ pl. ux

GREEN and EMIRAU scheduled

Annui TOROKINA approx. 28 June

new designated direct SORAKEN

E.T.A. approx 27 June ⊙ Please

arrange reception pending arrival

remainder Ops.

TOR 28/1545

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TO 10 FD BTY
RAA 2 CORPS
23 BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

RAA 2 CORPS.
23 BDE

—Message Instructions— GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. AB586

SECRET O 2 mtn bty assumes comd arty your sector 291200L O your guns will remain in action until 290630L O available transport estimated 14/3 tonners and 8 tractors arty and 1 diamond T will report to you before 281700L O your bty will concentrate this area by 301200L O sig cable salvagable in 3 days will be wound in O you may at your discretion leave two OP parties plus 6 men for retrieving wire until 3 jul 45 O ack

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Subject: ANTI-MALARIAL DISCIPLINE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A14/5/2582

29 Jun '45

COs All Units

1. In reviewing the period May 44 to Jun 45, which embraces the Bde tour of duty in tropical areas, a high standard of Anti-Malarial discipline has been achieved.

2. In the period covered, the Bde Gp's incidence is 44 and that of Bns only, totals 31.

3. It is as well if, at this stage, we appreciate the fact that these climatic and operational conditions have not been severe.

4. The real test lies ahead.

5. The enthusiasm of the Sec and Pl leaders in particular must be maintained, and they should realise that future roles may involve sea sickness, diarrhoea or operational exhaustion upsets the routine which will prejudice the retention of a sufficient atebrin content in the body and this aspect requires special consideration.

6. To repeat, the real test of our discipline lies ahead, and the present results will be maintained.

G A S Pitt Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 160
(Information to 011300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE : 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEIY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE - 27 AUST INF BN

Patrols have penetrated to within 25 yds of the Jap posns at SISIVIE. It is suspected that, by means of vines, trees outside the perimeter are shaken in an attempt to draw our fire. No contact has been made in this area during the past 24 hours. 7 pl 1 PIB operating along the NUMA NUMA trail between CHAMBERS HILL and TOKOPERAPAIA contacted 30 japs armed with rifles, 2 LMGs and 1 JUKI moving towards NUMA NUMA at 010730L (. Following an engagement in which 7 japs were killed, the enemy withdrew to prepared posns. Japs clothing was in fair condition but they wore no boots. Another Jap was killed by our LMG fire from BERRYS HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 26 BN.

A patrol to 285701, NE of BUIOPln, found the enemy posn vacated; it had probably been manned by 15 Japs. One jap body was found. 300 yds N of this posn a PIB patrol found a track junc with well worn tracks leading N and NE. Locations: 7 pl - 288706; 6 and 9 pls - 288703. A"B"Coy patrol was fired on at 289702, NE of BUOI pln. On the east coast one of our patrols engaged an enemy posn near SIAR. Location, 2 pl 101 Hy Mortar Unit - 297701.

GENERAL - Our arty engaged 311718, 296701, 263715, 312719, 262715. At 311130L an enemy gun on SOHANA Is fired two rounds. A canoe was observed moving between MINAN and SOHANA IS.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - OSO AREA - 57/60 AUST INF BN.

A patrol from C Coy fired on an enemy posn of unknown strength at 995444, N of TONNU, on the COMMANDO ROAD. Fwd of the coy posn another four japs were fired on. At 003429, S of TONNU, an enemy party was observed digging in, and 20 footprints leading east were found. The enemy continued to shell unit area.

TOHU Area - 24 Bn. One jeep was damaged by a booby trap at 966427, Location B Coy - 974429.

58/59 Bn. C and D Coys advanced approx 1500 yds SE towards the MAMAGATA Road Junc without encountering any opposition. Locations - C Coy - 971406; D Coy - 967413; A Coy - 957417. A patrol from D Coy reported an extensive located enemy posn, booby trapped, at 964407, N of RUNAI. Nearby a slightly damaged prime mover, also booby trapped, was found. One of our jeeps was damaged by a mine at 970427.

HIRU HIRU Area - 42 Bn. Locations; Bn HQ - 929434; A Coy - 935438; B Coy - 932434; C Coy - 924439; D Coy - 933430.

RAFFLES FOREE A patrol base has been est at 070393, on the MOBIAI River. Location ; 11 pl PIB - 085459.

OTHER FRONTS. PART IV. BORNEO, TARAKAN ISLAND.

A feature east of MT API was unsuccessfully attacked by 2/23 Bn. Enemy cas to 2824001 - killed 674, probably killed 149, PW 20.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 161
(Information to 021300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - [illegible]: 25,000 & L : 63,360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE - 27 AUST INF BN

At patrol base 691155 17 pl was relieved by 16 pl. Patrols have reported no contact during the past 24 hrs. Arty & mortars continue to accurately engage targets in the BASE POINT 3 area.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - OSO AREA - 57/60 BN

C Coy has now completed its encircling mov and is now astride the rd at 997434. One Jap was wounded in this area and the footprints of 12 Japs were observed heading north. The enemy shelled the area square 9944.

TOHU AREA - 24 BN

One Jap was sighted at 984438. Snipers have been active in the B Coy area.
58/59 Bn - An occupied Jap posn was found at 968406, N of RUNAI; a patrol engaged, and one Jap was wounded. At 011130L an enemy party attacked C Coy but was beaten off after 5 minutes.

MORONAI AREA - RAFFLES FORCE

A concentration of Japs is reported at KAPARA; an ANGAU agent killed one enemy sgt in the area. 2 Japs were sighted at 045384 near URAI, and a party mov N at 076509 on the OGORATA R.

TOKINOTU AREA - 15 BN - Location: Bn HQ - 890460.

HIRU HIRU AREA - 42 BN - 2 Japs with surrander leaflets were captured at 923392, W of the HONGORAI R.

RUMIKI AREA - 47 BN - Locations: 10 Pl - 964481.
11 Pl - 970473.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 26 BN

A Coy less 9 Pl is now at 286703 with 9 Pl at 285700. A PIB patrol mov 100 yds NE report an enemy posn and 6 huts; 2 Japs were probably killed in the area. and one dead Jap was found. B Coy less 10 Pl is now at 295699 with 10 Pl at 294702. During afternoon 1 Jun 10 Pl was attacked in this posn. C Coy less 15 Pl is now at 308720 with 15 Pl at 313718. A patrol to 312719, 1700 yds SW of SIAR killed 6 of an est 20 Japs. 2 Japs bodies were found near 15 Pl. At 011830L D Coy set out to move NW through the C Coy area. At 305714 2 of 5 Japs were killed; these pers wore no military insignia. Locations: D Coy less 18 Pl - 305714. 18 Pl - 300718. One Jap was probably killed at 311704. Our 3" mortars engaged enemy posns at SIAR. Our arty engaged targets at 290702, 289701, 311721 and 310721.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS - BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Patrol engagements have occurred N of TARAKAN and a feature S of the DJOETA oilfds has been taken by tps of 2/24 Bn. A track in the same area has been cleared of the enemy. Enemy cas to 302400I.
Killed 699. Probably killed 151. PW 20.
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23 Aust Inf Bde

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS PEARL RIDGE - NUMA NUMA FOR WEEK ENDING 5 JUN 45

Ref Maps KOMAIO - IBU - PIPIPAIA - NUMA NUMA 1 : 25000

1. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(a) Base Point 3 - WHARVES HILL

Operations during the past week have been directed mainly against jap positions in this area. Two successful offensive actions have been fought in the area of 693159 (BASE POINT 3) and D Coy occupied that position on 3 Jun 45.

On 30 May 11 corsairs 26 Sqn RNZAF bombed jap positions on the feature between 696158 and 694161. Low cloud made sighting and approach difficult and only 50% of the bombs landed in the target area. 17 Pl investigated the result of the air attack and found 20/25 japs well entrenched. In the engagement that followed 10 japs were killed and several wounded.

Accurate artillery and morter fire was continued against these jap positions, and at 1330 hrs 3 Jun strong fighting patrols of D Coy closed in on the enemy position at 693159. A heavy exchange of fire followed and by 1415 hrs D Coy had successfully occupied the position. A jap counter attack at 1530 hrs was repulsed. Jap snipers continued to operate throughout the afternoon and during the night japs unsuccessfully attempted to infiltrate into the Coy perimeter under cover of machine gun fire. Total cas enemy 9 killed 3 wounded own 6 wounded incl 3 walking wounded. Captured equipment included 2 LMGs 7 rifles and documents. 13 Pl later occupied the area 691155.

Three jap held positions now remain in this area.

(i) WHARVES HILL 696167 str 30 - 40
(ii) NEW VIVIE area from approx 686164 to 691161 str 25 - 30
(iii) SW of OLD VIVIE at 686157 str 15 - 20.

(b) NUMA NUMA TRAIL - MAPIA

Following the contact with 25 Japs on 27 May, 7 Pl 1 PIB made further contact with approx 30 Japs moving towards NUMA NUMA between CHAMBERS HILL 736159 and TOKO PIPAPAIA 763204. Seven Japs were killed before they withdrew to prepared positions close to the track. (Note - This patrol has not returned and details of the action are not available).

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A document captured on 27 May indicated that a Jap carrier party was to leave BASE POINT 1 on 26 May for BASE POINT 3 and commence return trip on 28th. It is possible that both contacts of 27 May and 1 Jun were with the same force. There are indications of reinforcement of BASE POINTS 1 and 2, TOKO-PERAPAIA and CHAMBERS HILL area.

(c) SISIVIE

Patrols have continued to carry out close recces of this position and succeeded in penetrating to within 25 yds. An arty OP was established at 614164 on 29 May from where accurate fire was directed against positions at 614162.

(d) BONITSIO TOMARA

A recce of Jap defences in this area reveals that they are located at track junc 670245 and not at the village as previously reported. Strength is estimated at 50/60. At all times the Jap has sentries posted at good observation posts and approaches are covered by LMG fire. Two japs were ambushed at the IBU - BONITSIOTOMARA - PIPIPAIA L of C which is in constant use.

(e) NUMA NUMA - (ANGAU PATROLS)

An ANGAU scout on return from NUMA NUMA on 28 May reported a possible Jap HQ at KESIOPAIA 706293. The area has recently been cleared of secondary growth and camp area is still in course of construction. The scout stated that the 2 i/c of this force was killed by an NGIB patrol on approx 19 Apr. This report is as yet unconfirmed

2. 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

On 2 Jun 15 Pl moved from TOROKINA to PEARL RIDGE and on the following day moved out to MAPIA 715168 to relieve 7 Pl IPIB of patrol duties in that area.

On 3 Jun 11 and 14 Pl moved to BENNYS HILL.

3. 10 Bty 4 Fd Arty Regt

Accurate artillery fire has continued to be directed against jap defences at SISIVIE, BASE POINT 3 and CHARNES HILL. An indication of the effectiveness of the fire is contained in a report from D Coy, on occupation of jap posn 693159, which stated that of 8 bunkers in the area, three had been completely damaged and four badly damaged.

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4. 1 PL 23 AUST FD COY

The construction of a powered TRAMWAY between ROADHEAD - MORETON'S REST - BARGES HILL has been commenced.

The 2 ft gauge line is to be constructed to lift a maximum of one ton with a minimum daily load of ten tons. The haul will be in two lifts

(a) Loading station on KETAI Ck (ROAD HEAD) to MORETON'S REST.

(b) MORETON'S REST to BARGES HILL.

A total length of 4600 ft.

When completed approximately 80 natives will be released for porterage of stores forward of Jeep head.

The Jeep road has been extended from PEARL RIDGE to BERRYS HILL 684151.

5. CASUALTIES TO 3 JUN 45

Enemy - 122 killed, 31 wounded, 22 bodies found.

Own - 4 killed, 9 wounded.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
WEEK ENDING 3 JUN 45

REF MAP KOWARO 1:25000

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1.	29 MAY 45	Recce patrol operating in East Pt 3 area confirm 1 Jap killed by recce patrol 27 May.	
2.	29 MAY 45	Enemy engaged Jap patrol - 1 bunker damaged.	
3.	29 MAY 45	Patrol reports enemy in occupation of KEARNS Hill. Patrol fired on - result 1 Jap killed. (Patrol 42)	
4.	30 MAY 45	Following airstrike by 4 Corsair a/c, patrol followed up & engaged 25 Japs in trench system on Pt 3. - result 10 Japs killed and unstated number wounded.	
5.	30 MAY 45	Patrol reports enemy post 4 hrs North of 738140. Info not confirmed - investigation proceeding. (Patrol 43)	
6.	31 MAY 45	Patrol from KEARNS moved to within 25 yds of SISIVIE post. One new bunker observed.	
7.	1 JUN 45	PIB patrol engaged force approx str 25, armed with 30 rifles, 2 LMGs & 1 Juki along track between CRAMBERS Knoll and COUTTS Hill. Following engagement enemy withdrew into prepared posns advised Hows 10mm Team. Cas: enemy 7 killed.	
8.	1 JUN 45	5 Bn engaged enemy posns at East Pt 3 with LMG's from KEARNS Hill. 1 Jap killed.	
9.	2 JUN 45	Patrol engaged enemy posns with LMG. results unobserved but later heard around patrol perimeter.	
10.	3 JUN 45	Following counter preparation atty fire on enemy posn (7 Pl 27 Bn) attacked and gained objective. Enemy later launched counter attack which was repulsed. Equip captured incl 2 LMGs 7.92 Juki. Cas: own 5 wounded, enemy cas 9 killed, 5 wounded.	

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 162

War Diary

(Information to 041300L)

Ref Maps - BOUGAINVILLE ; 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63,360

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - PEARL RIDGE

27 Bn

During afternoon 2 Jun patrols from 12 Pl engaged enemy positions at 686156 (BASE POINT 3 area) with LMG fire. Results were unobserved. Later movement was heard on the perimeter of the patrol base at 691155.

At 1330 hrs 3 Jun, following accurate artillery and mortar fire, strong fighting patrols from D Coy, closed on the enemy held position at 693159. After a heavy exchange of fire, the patrols and the remainder of D Coy occupied the feature at 1415 hrs. At 1530 hrs Japs counter attacked with a force of unknown strength, but were repulsed. The position was held by 15 to 20 Japs. The main defences consisted of 8 bunkers, of which 3 had been destroyed and 4 badly damaged by our arty and mortar fire. Sniping by Japs continued throughout the afternoon. Throughout the night 3/4 JUNE Japs harassed the position with HMG and LMG fire and unsuccessfully attempted to infiltrate. At 0515 hrs arty fire was directed against Japs in the area of 694161. Three Japs including an officer were killed during the engagement and it is thought that more dead will be found later. Captured equipment included 2 LMG's, 7 rifles and documents.

Locations - D Coy 693159
13 Pl 691155

7 Bn .

On 3 Jun 15 Pl moved out to relieve 7 Pl 1 PIB of patrol base at 715168. 11 Pl and 14 Pl are now located on BERRYS HILL.

3 AUST DIV - MORONAI Area - RAFFLES FORCE

At 021500L an eight-man patrol operating on the BUIN Road at 085345 ambushed a large enemy party, killing 19 incl 2 offrs, and wounding several others. This enemy party was immediately reinforced by approx 90 well equipped naval troops who attacked using mortars and automatic weapons, and attempted to outflank. Our patrol broke contact and returned to base.

At 030625L a patrol from B Tp 2/8 Cdo Sqn attacked 18 Japs in gardens at 075386 in the MOBIAI River fork, killing 16. Captured equipment incl swords, rifles, documents and flags, some of which bore an anchor insignia.

At 030910L a patrol from A Tp ambushed an enemy party moving north at 047383 near URAI killing nine.

An enemy position at 047402, occupied on 27 May, was found today to have been vacated.

TOKINOTU Area - 15 Bn

At 885462, near TOKINOTU, a patrol found a small enemy camp which had been used by approx four Japs, night 2/3 June. Location : D Coy - PURIATA River Mouth.

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HIRU HIRU Area - 42 Bn

One armed Japanese was found at 906365, near AITARA.

TOHU Area - 24 Bn

A heavily booby-trapped enemy position was found vacated at 976415, east of TOHU.

RUNAI Area - 58/59 Bn

Following an air strike, A Coy, supported by tanks moved through D Coy and penetrated to 983386 on the BUIN Road. [illegible] west of the HARI River fork. En route an engagement was fought at 976391, and in a hutted area 200 yds north of the road.

Further stiff opposition incl 150mm gun fire was encountered at 982386, but a final attack with tank support took the enemy position. Throughout the action booby traps and mines were encountered and our tanks were engaged by a 20mm Tk A gun. Two enemy are known to have been killed and three wounded; captured equipment incl 1 JUKI, 1 Tk A gun (20mm) and ammunition.

During the morning small enemy parties harassed C Coy. As 15 Pl moved out to attack, 40 Japs were sighted at 978394, north of the BUIN Rd; artillery fire was brought down, and the enemy withdrew. In the afternoon further enemy parties continued to attack the Coy Position; all attacks were beaten off.

Locations : C Coy less 15 Pl 983393
15 Pl 976396
B Coy 978389

PIB patrols report signs of recent enemy activity at 006414, near AMIO on the TAI TAI Rd, and an abandoned enemy camp containing med equipment at 005450, south of KOPINKO.

At 982378 near the MAMAGATA Junction, a patrol surprised a small enemy party killing two.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI Area

26 Bn An enemy party is well dug-in near A Coy.
A small enemy party is reported on the track near B Coy.
C Coy exchanged fire with an enemy party east of the coy perimeter.
D Coy reports intensive enemy activity in the area throughout the day. A party of 7/12 Japs was attacked; two were killed and two wounded.
Locations : 13 Pl and 4 Pl 304715; D Coy 304718.

31/51 Bn

An advance party has moved into the RATSUA area.
Locations : Bn HQ with 26 Bn HQ
B Coy with 26 Bn B Coy
D Coy with 26 Bn A Coy

GENERAL

Considerable barge movement is reported in the SOHANA Is - BUKA PASSAGE area. Explosions and columns of smoke are reported in the CHINATOWN area.

Native scouts returned from BUKA report many Japanese naval troops at HANGAN, on the east coast. Other Jap troops are blasting into the cliffs at HAHEILA further south.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 3 June

Supporting 3 Div advance 70 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed both sides of BUIN Rd from 979390 to 988384. Patrol CORSAIRS at ARIGUA strafed two barges both of which exploded and burned fiercely.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS - BORNEO - TARAKAN IS

Further gains have been made against enemy positions in the central hills. Enemy cas to 020900I : Killed 781, probably killed 162, PW 32.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 163
(Information to 051300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25,000 & 1 : 63,360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE - 27 BN

By 1530 hrs 4 Jun D Coy had completed consolidation of their posn at 693159. Recce of the area revealed that a total of 9 Japs had been killed and 3 wounded. Later in the afternoon Japs fwd of the posn were engaged by LMG fire - one being wounded.
Cas inflicted by 27 Bn and att tps since 19 Apr total 122 killed, 32 wounded, 22 bodies found.

7 Bn - The relief of 27 Bn by 7 Bn commenced on 4 Jun. Locations: 7 Pl 605146. 9 Pl - 618127. 11 Pl - 683159. 15 Pl - 715168. 8 Pl B Coy 1 PIB departed TOROKINA for PEARL RIDGE 5 Jun.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 26 BN-31/51 BN

The relief of 26 Bn has begun and the following dispositions have been made: HQ 31/51 Bn - 301681. HQ 26 Bn - 311713. B Coy 31/51 Bn relieved B Coy 26 Bn at 294702, with 10 & 11 Pls at 293704. B Coy 26 Bn is now with C Coy 26 Bn. D Coy 31/51 Bn relieved A Coy 26 Bn at 286701 with 16 Pl at 286704, 18 Pl at 289703. A Coy 26 Bn is now at 312710.
Activity - 26 Bn - During night 3/4 Jun enemy activity was heard near the Coy perimeter; at 041100L a 16 Pl & PIB patrol attacked these Japs at 313723, killing, it is estimated, at least 34. The D Coy perimeter was also harassed throughout the night.
31/51 Bn - A patrol from B Coy exchanged fire with an enemy party at 290706 NE of BUOI PTN. Our arty engaged the posn which was later found vacated, though some Japs are thought to remain in the area. PIB patrols op in the D Coy area encountered an enemy party at 289703, NE of the Ptn, killing 2.
GENERAL - One barge was sighted off CHINATOWN and a 20 ft craft was enaged and destroyed off PORTON. Our arty engaged tsrgets at 311720, 298719, 295718, 296705, 290708 and 293705.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - OSO AREA - 57/60 Bn

During 3 Jun B Coy adv over difficult terrain to 003416 near AMIO. C Coy, sp by HQ F Tp 2/4 Armd Regt, followed 14 Pl across the KUTANA R at 997434, and re-grouped at 001431, S of TONNU. Throughout the afternoon enemy arty engaged the Coy area. A Coy mov to 998433 near TONNU and D Coy to 997444, S of WINCHESTER JUNCTION (formerly known as OSO JUNCTION). A patrol to 005419, N of AMIO, observed 40 Japs digging in. Natives report a strongly guarded 75mm gun at 013430, NW of KAPARA. On 4 Jun, A Coy, less 9 Pl, mov to 001431 without opposition; 9 Pl reached 016428, near KAPARA. B Coy, less 12 Pl, mov to 001414 S of AMOI; 16 Pl reached 005416 on the COMMANDO road. At 040600L C Coy (at 001431) was engaged by an enemy party, but no attack developed and an adv was made at 041000L. Booby traps were encountered but sp by tks the coy reached 006425 W of TAITAI. D Coy (now at 997444, with 18 Pl at 997434) reports Japs at the track junc 017432, and sentries along the rd to KAPARA.

TOH U AREA - 24 BN

A patrol from D Coy attacked an enemy posn at 976398, SE of RUNAI, killing one and wounding one. The patrol was then heavily engaged from nearby posns and broke contact. Inthe vicinity of RUNAI 2 fresh large graves were found near an abandoned posn. Location: D Coy - 969398.

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MAMAGATA ROAD JUNCTION AREA - 58/59 BN

At 040600L the enemy shelled the area 979388. During night 3/4 Jun an enemy party attacked A Coy but was driven off. At 040700L 9 Pl sp by tks secured a posn against enemy opposition on the BOROCO R. The coy is now at 983386, 700 yds from the rd junc. One Jap was killed & 7 graves were found. B Coy adv to the PEPERU R, and now occupies the high ground covering the ford at 992387. Patrols from C Coy attempting to mov to the MONOITU MISSION and PEPERU R were driven back and throughout the afternoon the coy repulsed several attacks. One enemy is known to have been killed. At 040900L, D Coy mov out tnrough A Coy & after an engagement at 986384, reached the MAMAGATA ROAD JUNCTION.

MORONAI AREA - RAFFLES FORCE

The action reported in Daily Int Summary No. 162 at 075386 is now reported to have taken place at 072375. In the UNANAI area, native scouts ambushed 9 enemy killing 3.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN

Another feature S of the DJOETA oilfds has been captured by our tps. A ration supply train of 2/48 Bn was ambushed N of TARAKAN. Enemy cas to 031050I : - Killed 796; Probably killed 162; PW 32.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 164
(Information to 061300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25,000 & 1 : 63,360

PART 1. War Diary

1. LAND - OWN & ENEM Y

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE -

The relief of 27 Bn by 7 Bn is continuing. On the completion of the relief of 17 pl 27 Bn by 14 Pl 7 Bn at 693159 (BASE POINT 3 area), 14 Pl patrols made contact 200 yds further N at 694161. 2 Japs were killed and a LMG captured. 2 additional Jap bodies have been found at 684155 and another at BASE POINT 3. Arty continues to harass the remaining Jap posns in BASE POINT 3 area.
Locations: Ref Map: KOWARO 1: 25000. TOROKINA 1: 63360.
27 Bn - 16 Pl 17 Pl - 677129. 13 Pl - 683143. A Coy - 573955.
7 Bn - 14 Pl - 693159. 4 Pl - 657095. 2/108 LAD - 588960.
GENERAL - The following posns have been named:

TIERNAN'S SPUR	-	692160 to 693156
CALS REST	-	693155
EDWARDS KNOLL	-	691154
GILLS HILL	-	683159

(b) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

On 4 Jun a patrol reported the area between the OGORATA and MORI Rivers clear of the enemy. Natives report approx 80 Japs mov E on the KAPARA-KINGORI Rd, and smaller parties at 016432 and 019420 in the KAPARA area. Location: 9 Pl PIB has established a patrol base at 095351.
TOH U AREA - 24 BN - An enemy posn is reported at 003402, above the TAI TAI JUNCTION; there are signs that 12 Japs recently mov S from 968396, S of RUNAI. Locations: B Coy less 10 Pl - 980388; 10 Pl - 974429; C Coy - 998401.
SIROI AREA - 57/60 Bn - Locations: A Coy less 9 Pl - 005418; 9 Pl - 016428; B Coy less 12 Pl - 004410; 12 Pl - 001414; C Coy - 000424; D Coy less 16 & 18 Pls - 997444; 16 & 18 Pls - 997434.
Our tps have found a veh park containing 4 3 ton trucks; One small truck and a prime mover destroyed by bombing; all vehs carried new tyres. Small Jap parties were sighted at 016431, N of KAPARA, and 006408, S of AMIO. One Jap was killed at 007421.
MAMAGATA JUNCTION - 58/59 Bn - A recce party and escort mov to the ford at 993388, encountered many mines en route and was fired on at the ford. A Pl from B Coy sp by tks mov out to engage this posn but found it vacated. Patrols found strong enemy posns in the vicinity of the PEPERU- HARI River ford. 20 Japs were observed mov S at 997380, near the HARI R ford, and a small enemy force was engaged at 988397, W of MONOITU MISSION, killing one. Another Jap was killed at 991389. One of our Jeeps was fired on at 971394. Locations: D Coy PIB - 975392. The posn of MONOITU MISSION is given as 994394.
TOKO AREA - 15 Bn - One Jap was sighted at 839440, near the mouth of the PURIATA R.
H IRU HIRU AREA - 42 Bn - A patrol base has been established at 923386.

(c) 11 AUST IN F BDE - SOPAKEN - RURI AREA - 31/51 Bn

During the night 4/5 Jun the enemy harassed B Coy's posn. Patrol op in the Coy area made no contact. Locations: B Coy less 11 Pl - 293704. 11 Pl - 289704. An enemy posn at 288704 in the D Coy area was attacked by our tps who encountered strong opposition.
26 Bn - The enemy is occupying the area 313720, 1700 yds SW of SIAR in str. Locations: B Coy less 11 Pl - 313718. 11 Pl - 308719. During night 4/5 Jun enemy mov washeard round the C Coy posns. A patrol to 309718 was fired on. Locations: C Coy less 13 Pl - 305718. A D Coy patrol to 301718 was engaged by the enemy who also attacked the D Coy posn but was repulsed. One Jap was killed & 2 wounded in the area.
GENERAL: Barge mov is reported in BUKA PASSAGE. (2 Aust Corps Int Summary 146)

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 165
(INFORMATION TO 071300 L JUN 45.)

Ref maps GOUGAINVILLE 1:63,360, 1:25,000. DISTRIBUTION: As for Summary 151 - add 2 MTN Bty.

PART I.

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE.

7 Bn. A patrol from 15 pl operating along the NUMA NUMA TRAIL killed two japs moving towards WEARNES HILL on 6 Jun. Patrols operating in the BASE POINT THREE area on 7 Jun report that during the last 24 hrs the japs have evacuated their posns on the spur 689155 to 678164. (This posn was known to the japs as the KUMA POSITION which, on 27 May, was occupied by an offr and 16 OR.)

A patrol along the WAKUNAI River reports enemy activity on both sides of the river at 711256. The enemy strength is unstated. In the SISIVIE area 614162 six japs were observed by a 7 pl patrol. One jap was killed.

An ANGAU native has returned from NUMA NUMA and confirms the report of a jap signal station on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL at approx 761250 which is approx 100 yds from the southern limit of BASE POINT ONE. He also reports that there is no motor transport in the area; that the japs have a motor boat hidden at the mouth of the TEPEROI River (possibly 853264); and that TEPEROI village is now located at 847258 and is occupied by natives and japs.

Locations:

7 Bn HQ	KOWARO	684118
B Coy 7 Bn	KOWARO	684151
27 Bn HQ	TOROKINA	574955
B Coy 27 Bn	TOROKINA	569958
2/108 LAD	TOROKINA	588960
8 Pl 1 PIB	KOWARO	684117

Place names: The jeep road between PEARL RIDGE and 679130 and BERRYS HILL 684151 will be known as SHANKS ROAD.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE -- SORAKEN-RURI AREA.

31/51 Bn. Amended locations B Coy - Coy less 11 Pl 297703, 11 Pl 293707. Enemy parties have been sighted and engaged at 294708, 297702, 293715 and 297708, NE of BUOI Pln. One of our patrols cut Jap signal wires at 293706. Several shots were fired into 16 pl area.

26 Bn. Throughout night 5/6 Jun enemy parties were active around the B coy perimeter. C Coy is now with D Coy at 302721. Our 3-inch mortars engaged an enemy posn at 299718. A 5 pl patrol to SIAR encountered an enemy posn, which was later engaged by 3-inch mortars. On 5 Jun the sig line to Bn HQ from 5 Pl was cut.

GENERAL. Out arty engaged the following tgts during 5/6 Jun - 299720, 289705, 262721 and barge suspected to be moving off PORTON. TAIOF OP which is now at 140728 reports a large gun at 128764, on MADEHAS IS. Two barges and one small craft were observed at BUKA PASSAGE.

(c) 3 AUST DIV --

MORONAI-RAFFLES Force. ANGAU scouts report 20 enemy moving morth a along the KINGORI-SIKURAI Rd. PIB scouts report that enemy sentries are active on the road area 0536. Thirty Japs were observed moving WEST of RUSEI, (posn unstated). Locations 9 Pl PIB 055390, 10 Pl 074388. TOHU Area - 47 Bn. Bn HQ 963423, A Coy 961421, B Coy 967425. C Coy 995446, D Coy 980435.

24 Bn. At 061310L the enemy shelled the area 989381. Locations, A Coy 989381, B Coy 983386.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS. From NEW HANOVER reported that jap submarine shelled the NW corner of island. Later patrol verified fact and found the submarine had been cruising between NEMTO and NEITAP Is, had fired one shell which passed over UNKALIK Is, landed in MATANALAVA village - no damage. Sub stayed in area during day, sent up white signal flares. One jap shot by natives 687463, one at 703462.
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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 166
(Information received to 081300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE - 7 BN

The patrol to the WAKUNAI R reports no contact during the past 24 hrs and have located a suitable Coy base and air dropping ground at 700244. A patrol from 8 Pl was fired on by 2 LMGs and 1 JUKI from the Jap posn at SISIVIE 614162. There were no cas. Documents and eqpt found in the vacated Jap posn 685157 (report in Int Summary No. 165) incl 4 type 36 grenades and the badge of a 1st Lt. 11 Pl are now located at 686157. Throughout the night 7/8 Jun our arty harassed Jap posns at WEARNES HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - MORONAI AREA - RAFFLES FORCE

PIB patrols found the BUIN Rd in square 0735 booby trapped and the sentries in the area very alert. 9 Pl PIB report no enemy mov or concentrations N of the BUIN Rd between the MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers. A patrol to SISIKATAKORI 111342 reports no sign of the enemy N of the rd and W of the MIVO R; the rd SISAKATAKORI - JOBUMBEI 104403 is not being used by the enemy. Ambushes set at 048438 & 050429, in the KINGORI area, produced no results. The PANAKAI area 035437 is reported to be occupied by the enemy. The enemy base formati is thought to be at DIO DIO (E of the MIVO R mouth).

RUNAI AREA - 24 BN

An armd patrol reached MAMAGATA without encountering opposition; the patrol is now bivouaced at 968324, near the coast. Extensive patrolling was carried out in the UNAN AI area and in the angle formed by the MAMAGATA Rd junc, but no enemy mov was seen. Locations: BN HQ - 981387. C Coy - 003398.

MAMAGATA ROAD JUN C - 58/59 BN

The A Coy posn E of the PEPERU R ford was attacked by a small enemy patrol from the S at 071115L. One of our patrols which followed the enemy party as it withdrew found a vacated enemy posn, capable of accomodating 100/150, fwd and both flanks of the coy posn. Later sp by tks, A Coy adv a further 200 yds against slight opposition. Following an air strike, B Coy adv to the rd bend W of the HARI R ford (998383). Enemy opposition and shelling were encountered. C Coy has occupied B Coy's vacated posn at 996392. D Coy has adv against slight opposition to 000396, N of the TAI TAI junc. Throughout the day the enemy's arty has been active against our posns.

SIROI AREA - 57/60 BN

Intercoy and contact patrols to 24 Bn and 58/59 Bn report no contact; no enemy mov was seen in the TAI TAI area. Locations: HQ F Tp 2/4 Armd Regt - with B Coy - 13 Pl now with C Coy - 005418 ; 5 Pl - 001432. HQ 15 Bde - Location - 964403.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 3/51 BN

3 Naval tps approached the B Coy perimeter from the N & were killed. 4 Japs were observed at 296707, W of B Coy; one was killed and one wounded. A main track has been found running N from 299704. D Coy is now located in the area 291704. Patrols from 16 Pl and PIB, op immediately N of BUOI PLTN report the area to be a maze of tracks, and to be held in considerable str. 2 Japs were killed and one wounded. Our 3" mortars have now begun to engage known enemy posns in this area.

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26 BN

A B Coy patrol was engaged at 316722 outside the Coy perimeter.
C Coy patrol found an enemy ambush out side the coy perimeter.
D Coy has now reached a track junc at 305723. An air strike on enemy posns near SIAR is reported to have been accurate, but patrols later mov into the area encountered LMG and rifle fire. 2 enemy were probably killed and 2 dead bodies found.

GENERAL : 2 canoes containing 11 pers were seen to cross BUKA PASSAGE to CHINATOWN. A large barge was later seen loading stores on BONIS PENINSULA at 172792.

NOTE: References to 11 Bde area now given on sheets CHABAI 1 : 25000 and SORAKEN dyeline 1 : 25000.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 167

(Infm to 091300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 and 1:63360

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde

7 Bn - PEARL RIDGE - Patrols continue to operate against the remaining jap posns in the BASE POINT 3 Area. Prepared posns astride the track at 694163 were engaged by SA fire and arty. One Jap was killed and arty scored direct hits on bunker posns. A section of 10 Pl has relieved 11 pl on RUSHS HILL at 686157. An additional jap body was found in this area. On the NUMA NUMA trail a pl of B Coy 1 PIB has relieved 15 pl at the patrol base at approx 715168. There has been no further contact in this area. N o further contact or signs of enemy mov have been reported from the WAKUNAI RIVER area. Arty has engaged targets at 694163 and harassed jap posns at WEARNES HILL
Locations: 7 Bn 9 pl 607148; A Coy less 7 and 9 pl 681137
C Coy less 15 Pl 693159
27 Bn: C Coy 67613 0

GENERAL - The feature from 683157 to 688154 will be known as RUSH's KNOLL.

PATROL REPORTS

Patrols operating in the INUS - ASITAVIA area report having definitely killed 25 japs at KEVISIA 699464 an additional 32 possibly killed. The japs are living in dugouts, over which houses have been built. It is estimatedthe 50 japs remain in the area. Further contact was made near TEIHUP at 724370. Japs are reported to be employing natives as guides and sentries at ASITAVI Pt where 40/50 japs are located.

(b) 3 DIV

RAFFLES FORCE; PID patrols attempting to cross the BUIN Road at 056368, 081355 and 087348, found sentries alert, the undergrowth cleared on both sides of the road, and posns prepared. Concentrations of enemy were observed at 050367, NORTH of the road, and overlooking the ford at 079356. Considerable mov SOUTH is reported on the KINGORI-RUSEI road.
KUNAI Area 24 Bn In the MAMAGATA area , a suitable beach for barge landings has been found between 956326 and 964322. It is estimated that along the AITARA track between the MAMAGATA junc and 982354, the enemy recently deployed a force of 400/500. This force is thought to have moved east within the last two days.
Locations: B n HQ - 981387.
SIROI Area - 57/60 Bn Patrols operating along the line of the HARI River, EAST of TAITAI, killed four and wounded five of the enemy.
MAMAGATA AREA - 58/59 BN - A patrol to 996376 observed a large enemy party on the E bank of the HARI R and small scattered parties on the W bank. An enemy party at 997377 was engaged and 2 killed. Later an A Coy patrol crossed the river in this area and reported considerable enemy activity. Returning to the W bank the patrol killed 2 Japs. An enemy party at 998381 fired on B Coy; earlier D Coy had repulsed 2 attacks by small enemy parties. Location: C Coy - 991387.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 31/51 BN

At 080400L a successful ldg was made by A Coy at 264722, in the PORTON Ptn. A beach head has been established and contact has been made with the enemy.
General: Throughout the day barges carrying tps were observed mov from BONIS to CHINATOWN . On one occasion a barge-load of tps was seen to mov from CHINATOWN to BONIS, but 20 mins later the same barge, still loaded with tps, mov back to CHINATOWN.
26 Bn: A Coy relieved B Coy at 316721; B Coy is now at 312713. At 080700L a small enemy party attacked D Coy perimeter, losing one killed and one probably killed. (2 Aust Corps Inrt Summary 149)

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Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000 1 : 63,360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde

7 Bn - PEARL RIDGE

At 091630L 13 Pl moved forward 100 yds from their position on TIERNANS SPUR and occupied 693160. No opposition was encountered during the move, but during consolidation the Japs opened fire with 2 LMGs.

During the morning 10 Jun, a patrol forward of 13 Pl position reported no Jap movement at 694161.

A patrol recce'd the NEW VIVIE SPUR and report enemy movement between 683169 and 685165. Three Japs were seen.

PIB have established a base at 738158 in the CHAMBERS HILL area. Arty continues to harass the enemy positions at 694163.

MAMAGATA JUNC - 24 Bn

A large artillery posn at 989371 was accurately bombed. A prime-mover was found in the area. Three Japanese surrendered to C Coy, A party of 15 Japanese was encountered at 986363 on the AITARA track; two were killed and one wounded. A 150mm gun was found at 990384.

58/59 Bn

D Coy is now at 008394 east of UNANAI. During the day six enemy attacks were beaten off, but the Coy is held up by a strong posn. Between 6-9 Jun the Coy killed nine Japanese.

Another Japanese posn, str 20, has been located at 995370, east of the HARI R.

SIROI Area - 57/60 Bn

A patrol reports that KAPANA is occupied. Five Japanese were sighted at 051430 further east. Location; A Coy - 012421.

RAFFLES FORCE

Enemy activity was heard in the DIO DIO area and a large concentration is reported at 049360 on the BUIN Rd north of KUSEI.

11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI Area

8 June - 31/51 Bn

Locations: 11 Pl with B Coy 299704; D Coy less 16 and 18 Pls 290703; 16 Pl 288702; 18 Pl 290704.

While this regrouping was taking place our troops were met with heavy fire from enemy posns at 291705, north of BUOI plantation. It is considered that the enemy garrison in this area numbers 60/70. Another posn, containing 20, has been found 500 yds further west.

Considerable activity is reported throughout the area north of BUOI plantation and west of D Coy.

Locations: D Coy less 17 Pl and 18 Pl 290703; 17 Pl 290704; 18 Pl 293705. (Later infm 31/51 Bn 11 Aust Inf Bde).

GENERAL

Several barges were observed carrying troops from BONIS to CHINATOWN. At 090925L one barge carried troops in the reverse direction

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PIB

An enemy posn containing 15/20 Japs was found at 304723 near D Coy 26 Bn, and another similar force located 600 yards further south.

Operating north of BUOI plantation and west of 31/51 Bn, patrols killed two Japs, and later observed 16 naval troops, moving down from the north.

9 June

26 Bn

Location: D Coy - 307717

PIB

Patrols report enemy posns xx west of D Coy and C Coy, operating against our L of C to these posns.

PORTON Area - A Coy Gp 31/51 Bn

The reconnaissance in force carried out by A Coy 31/51 Bn in the PORTON plantation area was withdrawn on 9/10 June after meeting opposition. Information concerning enemy strengths and dispositions was obtained.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Is

Our troops continue to engage enemy forces remaining in the central hills. Enemy casualties to 072400I:- Killed 829, probably killed 175, PW 32.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS PEARL RIDGE - NUMA NUMA SECTOR
FOR WEEK ENDING 10 JUN 45

Ref Maps: KOWARO - IBU - PIPIPAIA - NUMA NUMA - TEIHUP
1 : 25000 TEOP 1 : 63360

1. 27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

The relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) by 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) was commenced on 3 Jun 45.

Following D Coy's consolidation on the BASE POINT 3 position at 693150, Japs unduccessfully attempted to infiltrate into the Coy perimeter under cover of machine gun fire. On 4 Jun 13 Pl moved forward to 691155.

By 11 Jun the relief of 27 Bn was completed.

Locations:

27 Bn HQ	TOROKINA	574955
HQ Coy		575954
A "		578955
B "		569958
C "		577953
D "		573954

The total casualties inflicted by 27 Bn and attached tps for the period 19 Apr to 10 Jun was 122 Killed 32 wounded 26 bodies found. Own casualties totalled four killed and nine wounded.

2. 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

On assuming responsibility in this sector, 7 Bn were disposed as follows:

Bn HQ	KOWARO	684118
A Coy less		681137
7 Pl	KEENANS RIDGE	685146
9 Pl	CHOKO	618127
B Coy	BERRYS HILL	684151
C Coy	TIERNANS SPUR	693159
D Coy	TOROKINA	573954
HQ Coy	MARTINS KNOLL	673112

(a) BASE POINT 3

Within 3½ hrs of its occupation of position at 693159, 14 Pl (forward pl of Bn) patrolled forward and killed two Japs at 694161.

Active patrolling continued against the Jap BASE POINT 3 positions and on 7 Jun, following harassing arty fire, a patrol found the Jap positions on the OLD VIVIE SPUR at 695157 to be unoccupied. The evacuation had taken place during the previous 24 hrs. New graves, documents and equipment were found in the area.

(This position was known to the Japs as KUMA YAMA position and on 27 MAY 45 was known to be occupied by 1st Lt ITO (possibly OC 6 Coy 2[illegible] Bn 81 Regt) and 16 OR with 2 LMGs and one mortar.)

On 8 JUN a patrol with FOO engaged prepared Jap positions astride a track at 694163; cas own 1 offr (FOO) killed enemy 1 killed.

On the following day, 13 Pl moved forward 100 yds to 693160, and after consolidation, were fired on by 2 Jap LMGs. One of two enemy seen approaching the position during the night was killed.

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(b) NUMA NUMA TRAIL

15 Pl relieved 7 Pl B Coy 1 PIB of the patrol duties along NUMA NUMA TRAIL in the vicinity of MAPIA on 4 JUN. On 6 JUN two Japs were seen moving along the trail towards WEARNES HILL. Both were killed. On 8 JUN 15 Pl was relieved by 8 Pl B Coy 1 PIB.

An ANGAU native returned from NUMA NUMA on 6 JUN and confirms the report of a Jap signal station on the trail at approx 761250, which is approx 100 yds from the southern limit of BASE POINT 1. He also reports no MT in the area; that the Japs have a motor boat hid on at the mouth of the TEPEROI RIVER (possibly used to convey gun crew and ammunition to reported coastal gun at 841289); and that the TEPEROI village is now located at 847258 and is occupied by both natives and Japs.

(c) SB IVIE

Patrols have continued to carry out close recces of this position. Of 6 Japs observed on 6 JUN, one was killed. On the following day, Japs fired at one of our OPs with 2 LMGs and 1 JUKI. No movement has been reported between SISIVIE and TOKUA.

(d) WAKUNAI RIVER

A suitable position for a company base has been located at 697244, with a dropping ground 150x x 50x at 696245.

Signs of Jap activity were apparent along the WAKUNAI RIVER between 702248 and 711255. Natives state that Japs periodically visited these areas to gather food.

3. AIB - TEOP - ASITAVI AREA

AIB patrols have been operating from a base at TEOMBAI 632504 and on 1 JUN moved south to recce the ASITAVI area for a suitable beach on which to land a coy group of 7 Bn for operations against Jap positions at NUMA NUMA.

On 5 JUN AIB natives attacked KEVISIA (3000 yds west of INUS) wiping out the entire Japanese garrison of 57. Later, under cover of mortar fire, Japanese naval troops moved forward from a camp 100 yds east of KEVISIA to occupy the village. (This is the first report of naval personnel in this area, and it is possible that they have moved south from BANIU-TEOP area).

Japs (str unstated) are also reported to be at 724370, 2000 yds WEST of TEIHUP, and at ASITAVI (40/50) where natives are being employed as sentries.

The result of AIB recce is not to hand.

4. 23 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC

The construction of a 1 pr spaced 237 lb copper NVC line from HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 587958 to ROAD HEAD 659090 was commenced on 26 Apr. The task was completed on 16 MAY. The line was tree slung and small ring insulators (the only type available) were used throughout. With the exception of several short stretches, a trail, 8 ft wide, was blazed through heavily timbered jungle country and over hanging jungle growth was cut back to 10 ft. In all 20 personnel were employed; 15 OR 7 Bn blazed the trail and 5 OR 23 Bde Sig Sec as construction party.

5. ADDITIONAL PLACE NAMES

TIERNANS SPUR	692160 to 693156
CALS REST	693155
EDWARDS KNOLL	691154
GILLS HILL	683159
RUSHS KNOLL	683157 to 688154
SHANKS ROAD	Jeep road from PEARL RIDGE 679130 to BERRYS HILL 684151

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6. CASUALTIES

27 Bn from 19 APR to 10 JUN :

Enemy 122 killed 32 wounded 26 bodies found

Own 4 killed 9 wounded.

7 Bn

Enemy 8 killed 1 body found

Own 1 killed 1 wounded

7. / The locations of enemy contacts are shown in trace "p" attached.

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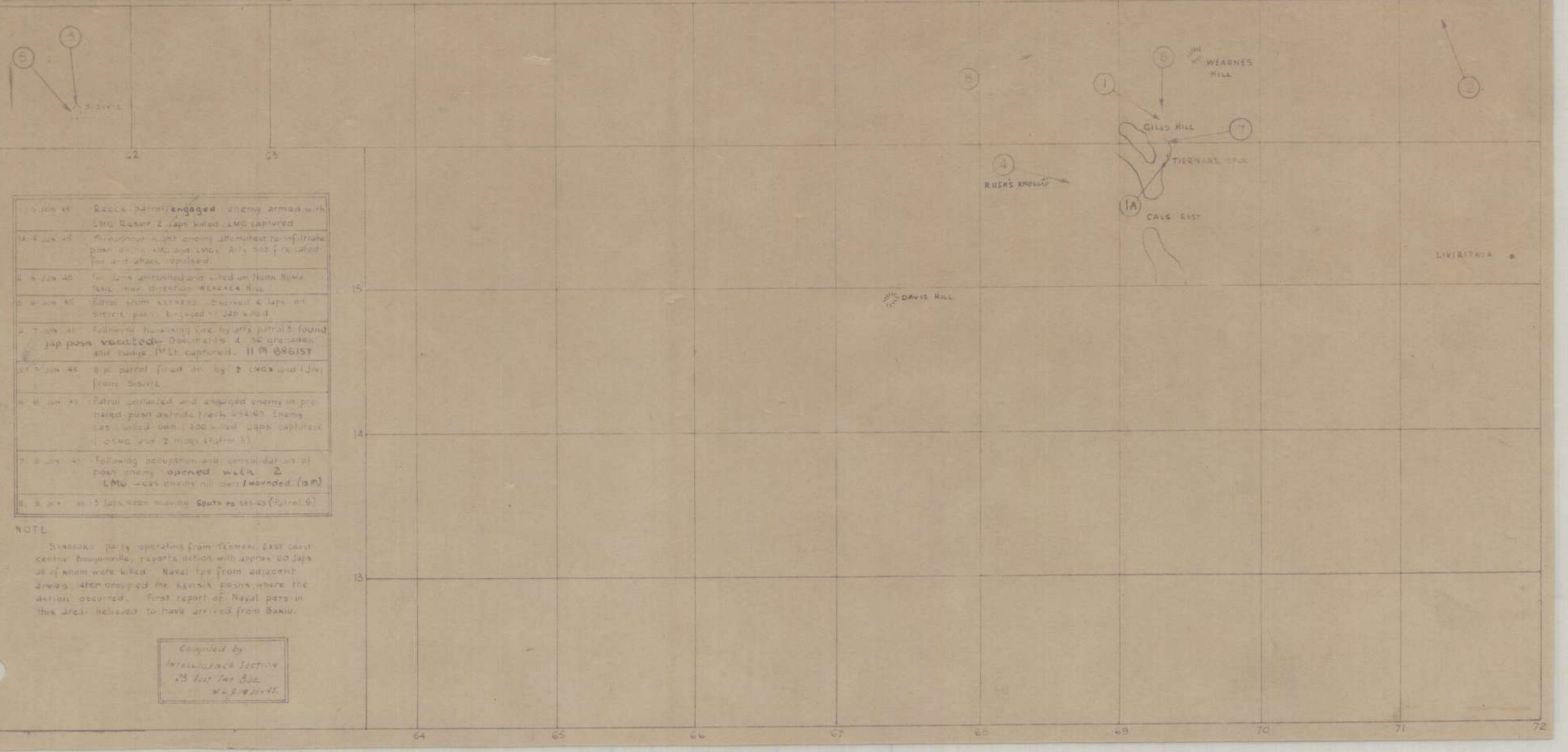
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SUMMARY OF OPERATION

WEEK ENDING 10 JUN 45

REF MAP KOWARO 1:25000

TRACE P



5 JUN 45	Recce patrol engaged enemy armed with LMG Result 2 Japs killed LMG captured
4 JUN 45	Throughout night enemy attempted to infiltrate posn on [illegible] LMG and LMGs Arty fire called for and attack repulsed.
6 JUN 45	Two Japs ambushed and killed on Numa Numa Trail near direction WEARNES Hill
6 JUN 45	Patrol from [illegible] observed 6 Japs on Sisivis path. Engaged 1 Jap killed.
7 JUN 45	Following harassing fire by arty patrol 3 found Jap posn vacated. Documents 4 36 grenades and badge (Maj Lt captured. 11 Pl 886157
8 JUN 45	8 pl patrol fired on by ? LMGs and 1 [illegible] from Sisivis
8 JUN 45	Patrol patrolled and engaged enemy in prepared posn astride track. 4 Japs killed own 1 Jap killed Japs captured 1 pistol and 2 mags (Patrol 5)
9 JUN 45	Following occupation and consolidation of posn enemy opened with 2 LMG - cas enemy nil own 1 wounded (13 Pl)
9 JUN 45	3 Japs seen moving South Rd [illegible] (Patrol 6)

NOTE.

Sunshine party operating from Teomeal East coast central Bougainville, reports action with approx 60 Japs all of whom were killed. Naval ips from adjacent areas, after occupied the Kevisis posns where the action occurred. First report of Naval pers in this area believed to have arrived from Banio.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 169
(Information to 111300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE : 1 : 63,360
1 : 25,000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE - 7 BN

During the night 9/10 Jun 2 Japs approached 13 Pl posn at 693160. One Jap was killed. Patrols op to the immediate N of TIERNAN'S SPUR reported no enemy along the track to 694161. On 10 Jun a PIB patrol op in the area NW of WEARNES HILL reported contact with enemy (suspected food party) of which one was killed. Patrol confirms the report of enemy occupation at 684168 where at least one LMG is located. 14 Pl relieved 13 Pl at 693160 on 10 Jun. At 0900 hrs 11 Jun the enemy unsuccessfully launched an attack against 14 Pl. At 1000 hrs under cover of arty mortar and MG fire, 13 pl mov through 14 pl and engaged the enemy posn at 691163 (BASE POINT THREE). By 1100 hrs 13 pl had consolidated its posn at 686165 . Recce patrols fwd made no further contact . Flamethrowers were employed against jap bunker posns encountered. In all, nine japs were killed. LMG fire was heard throughout the night 10/11 Jun in the vicinity of CHAMBERS HILL. Our PIB patrols are investigating. Arty continued to harass Jap posns on WEARNES HILL.

27 Bn. The relief of 27 Bn in the PEARL RIDGE sector is now completed. During the period 19 Apr to 10 Jun 27 Bn and att tps inflicted the following casualties on the japs - 122 killed, 32 wounded, 26 bodies found.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE.

A party of 60 japs was observed moving SOUTH on the KINGORI - KUSEI track; two were seen at 070380 near the MOBIAI River fork and considerable activity is reported at 057367 near MUSAKA. A patrol operating in the MIVO fwd area reports no enemy NORTH of the BUIN Road EAST of the river. However, there is considerable foot traffic along the road in both directions. An ambush set near the ford observed 17 japs with mortars moving WEST, and later opened fire on 13 moving EAST, killing 11. PIB patrols report no japs at PIARINO 231404, KIKIMOGU 233375 and MAKORAI 216377. However, a patrol was fired on at 077437, NORTH of MATALASI, and an alert enemy concentration is reported at 225367, SW of KIKIMOGU.
Location: 9 pl PIB - 047447

SIROI area - 57/60 bn.

One of our patrols was fired on at 021430, NE of KAPARA; another patrol was fired on at 030429, EAST of KA...A. A long range patrol reached KATSUWA 095406 without making contact.

MAMAGATA JUNC - 58/59 Bn.

An enemy posn at 013390, near the HARI River, engaged one of our patrols; further EAST, on the river, seven enemy were observed. The sound of enemy activity was heard at 016370, near HARI 1. At 091830L an enemy patrol attacked our D Coy posn but was repulsed.

24 Bn. A patrol engagement took place at 982355 on the MAMAGATA track; 3 japs were killed.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - PORTON AREA - 31/51 Bn.

It is reported that the enemy force encountered by our recce force numbered 100, which during night 8/9 jun was reinforced by 200 tps who arrived by MT. It is est that our force killed at least 50 japs.

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BUOI PLANTATION AREA - D

D Coy patrols to the coast along the northern and southern boundaries of the pln report no contact. Locations; Bn HQ 300679; B Coy 297700; 16 pl 289700; 17 pl 288699; 18 pl 292702.

RURI AREA - 26 Bn.

Locations: Bn HQ 312710; A Coy 315717; B Coy 315706; C Coy 304718; D Coy 306712. Patrols operating in the A Coy area clashed with enemy parties, wounding one. One jap was sighted at 301714. Our hy mortars engaged an enemy posn at 302719.

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(Information to 121300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILIE 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PEARL RIDGE AREA -

7 BN

Following 13 pl's occupation of 686165, 14 pl moved up and consolidated at 688164. More documents and two OSMGs were captured.

On morning 12 Jun a very accurate Arty/R shoot was directed against Jap positions on WEARNES HILL.

7 Bn HQ is now located at BERRYS HILL 684149.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 31/51 BN

PORTON AREA

Further reports indicate that our force killed a total of 143 Japs during the engagement in that area.

BUOI PLANTATION AREA - B Coy is now at 291699, patrols EAST & WEST of the perimeter contacted 2 isolated Japs, but a patrol made contact with D Coy without encountering the enemy. Enemy posns at 296701 were engaged by our mortars. A small party of Japs engaged the D Coy perimeter. A PIB patrol op in the area N of BUOI Ptn, (previously reported held in str by the enemy), reports no contact.

26 Bn - RURI AREA - A Coy patrols sighted one Jap at 317716. Our mortars engaged enemy posns at 314718. 4 Japs were sighted on the C Coy perimeter; our mortars engaged enemy posns at 303719. Locations: 5 Pl - 311717; PIB - 309710.
A Small enemy party ambushed one of our supply jeeps at 327712, where it had struck a mine.
GENERAL : Barge mov of tps across BUKA PASSAGE continues. Explosions and columns of smoke are reported in the vicinity of BONIS strip.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

A Jap patrol was observed op N of KATSUWA. Our patrols op in squares 0243, 0343, 0443, 0244, 0344, 0444 and on the KINGORI - RUSEI track, report no sign of the enemy. However, 35 Japs are reported digging in at 039428 W of KAPANA. Small arms fire was heard from the vicinity of 077437 N of MATALASI.
MAMAGOTA JUNC - 24 Bn

The enemy ambushed 2 of our tps at 989370 on the MAMAGOTA Rd. B Coy patrols carried out diversionary actions along the rd below the HARI R fork and caused 30 Japs to abandon posns at 992371.

58/59 Bn - Locations: A Coy has mov to 015398, B Coy to 998383, C Coy to 105397 and D Coy to 013390 where the enemy is holding the high ground E of the river. Considerable enemy activity is reported in the vicinity of HARI 1, near the HARI R ford and on the river between the ford and A Coy. During these patrols 2 enemy were killed and a track running N and S at HARI 1 showed signs of hy use.

57/60 Bn - OGORATA R AREA

The bn, less D Coy and a rear HQ, has mov to 048406, near the MORI R North of URAI, without making contact, The remainder of the unit is concentrated at 005413.

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(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS.

A delayed summary gives details of a reconnaissance by natives of BUKA Is at the beginning of June. The following dispositions are given:- TELATU 172942, 10 naval tps; NOKIA 148889, 15 enemy with a larger garrison, ammunition and food dumps to the west and SW; HANGAN 187868, many naval troops; PORKA 080912, many troops in 8 huts; LONAHAN 198937, 20 naval tps below the cliffs; HANEILA 185832, some Japanese; MARSUNG 105235, LONTIS 058203, PORARAN Is and TAHAITAHAI 230077, small parties; KOHISO 109059, a large party.

The natives further state that some of the AA guns covering BUKA strip have been moved to NOKIA and others dismantled and hidden. Many barges continue to use the NOVA R as a L of C to NOKIA.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 171.

(Information to 131300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 and 1:63360.

PART I.

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE.

7 Aust Inf bn - PEARL RIDGE AREA.

On 12 Jun patrols from C Coy continued to push forward in BASE POINT 3 area and contacted 8 japs 250 yds NORTH of the Coy perimeter. Two japs were killed. Accurate arty registration was recorded on jap posns at 693167.

On morning 13 Jun following arty fire on enemy posns 15 Pl advanced along the NEW VIVIE feature and consolidated at approx 690163. Slight opposition was encountered en route - three japs being killed.

A patrol from 9 pl to SISIVIE on 12 Jun found the jap posn at 614162 had been evacuated on the previous day. Documents and equipment, also one new and eight old graves, were found in the area.

A PIB patrol operating on the NUMA NUMA trail have located 7 japs living in huts in the vicinity of TOKOPERÆPAIA.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area.

26 Bn. One Jap was wounded when an enemy ambush was located at 316722, near A Coy. Location - C Coy - 330720; 4 pl - with Bn HQ.

31/51 Bn. A PIB patrol operating near the coast NORTH of BUOI pln killed three japs. One Jap was seen EAST of the pln.

General. A small craft loaded with tps mov from CHINATOWN to BONIS.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - MAMAGOTA June Area.

24 Bn. Following a demonstration at the HARI River f ork, our tps mov NORTH along the EAST bank of the HARI River.

57/60 Bn. The main unit body has reached 052398, NORTH of URAI. Contact was made with seven japs at 049403. A D Coy patrol to 037428, WEST of KAPANA, was fired on, and withdrew.

58/59 Bn. A D Coy patrol to the EAST bank of the HARI River at (14390, engaged an enemy patrol, wounding two. Small enemy gps were sighted at 005394 and 015398. A tree sniper was killed and a PW taken in the D Coy area. The enemy shelled our tractor train. Locations: F Tp and 5 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt - with C Coy at 015397; Bn HQ - 012391.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS.

Natives now state that there are 5 AA guns on MALABITA HILL. WEST of this feature, 20 japs are reported living in a garden at 329316, (B1), and a fuel dump is reported on the road from 331313 to 334313, (C1). It is reported that there are no japs on the KAHILI strip, but enemy parties are living nearby to the NW, WEST and EAST: however, there are no enemy tps in the beach area.

PART IV.

OTHER FRONTS.

BORNEO - BRUNEI BAY.

At 100915I elements of 9 Aust Div, after e ffective naval and air support, made unopposed landings on LABUAN IS, BAURA IS and BRUNEI PENINSULA, on the NW coast of BORNEO.

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On LABUAN IS, 2/28 Bn and 2/43 Bn landed EAST of the town of LABUAN and have now cleared the town area, the Govt House area, and have penetrated 4000 yd's NORTH of the beach-head, encircling the main airstrip. One tp of 2/2 Cdo Sqn landed at the same time on the WEST side of VICTORIA HARBOUR, opposite the town of LABUAN.

The 2/17 Bn landed on the NORTH coast of BRUNEI PENINSULA and secured the peninsula as far west as a line from BRUNEI BLUFF to a point WEST of BROOKETON. Patrols have also penetrated 2000 y ds further WEST of this line.

On MAURA IS our tps have occupied the whole of the SOUTH coast without encountering opposition.

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Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 and 1:63360

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - 7 Aust Inf Bn - CENTRAL SECTOR

Closer recce of the jap posn at 690163 which was captured by 15 Pl on 13 Jun, discloses that a total of 5 japs were killed. Patrols moved 150 yds east of that posn without further contact.
Locations C Coy 13 Pl 692160 14 Pl 692161. B Coy, moving to est a coy base near the WAKUNAI R at 696245 reached 671183 night 13/14 Jun. 6 Pl B Coy 1 PIB is now located with PIB Rear Details at TOROKINA 606903.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA

26 Bn - Locations: A Coy - 311709; B Coy - 316694; D Coy 311699; PIB - 317706.

31/51 Bn A patrol operating immediately East of B Coy reports no contact. An ambush set at 289701 in the D Coy area sighted two Jap naval tps. Patrols operating throughout the area 1000 yards North of BUOI plantation reported no contact, but found that all tracks in the area had recently been used. However a PIB patrol reports that an enemy party remains at 218699, near the coast 200 yards North of the plantation.
Locations: D Coy less 16 and 18 pls - 288698; 16 Pl - 288699; 18 Pl - 291700.

(c) 3 AUST DIV

MAMAGOTA JUNC AREA - 24 Bn

A, C and D Coys staged demonstrations in the vicinity of the HARI R fork and SW of HARI 1. PIB patrols killed four Japs near UNANAI and two near HARI 1. On the MAMAGOTA track four Japs were observed reading surrender leaflets but escaped when their capture was attempted.

MUSAKAWA AREA

Adv Bn HQ is now at 057376 and patrols are operating South towards the BUIN Rd, and have killed six Japs and wounded three. On 11 Jun a patrol operating West of MUSAKAWA ambushed an enemy party of ten, killing five and wounding one. At 037428, near KAPANA, a D Coy patrol attacked an enemy posn, and with tank support advanced a further 100 yds East. The patrol has dug in for the night at 043426. In the contact at 049403, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 171) it is now reported that our patrol followed up the enemy withdrawal and encountered another 40 Japs, killing eight and wounding many others,
ATKINSON FORCE, consisting of one Pl of D Coy and one Pl PIB is at 102406, East of KATSUWA.

HARI Area - 58/59 Bn

PIKE FORCE, consisting of A and C Coys supported by two Tps of Tanks, moved South from 015397 against light opposition and consolidated near HARI 1. This force is still incontact.
D Coy cleared the HARI 3 area (014391) at 131000L and moved South against light opposition to 009381, near HARI 2.
PIB patrols operating South of HARI 2, killed five Japs and wounded one in patrol clashes.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 174
(Information to 161300L JUN 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE : 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 BN

Following a bombing & strafing attack by Corsair A/C on Jap posns at WEARNES HILL at 0830 hrs 16 Jun a fighting patrol consisting of 15 pl sp by arty, mortar and MMG fire moved along track in NE direction from 693161. Two features approx 600 yds along track were engaged and after hy exchange of fire the enemy were forced to withdraw. Eq captured included 1 LMG, 1 Grenade Discharger, rifles and 3 swords. Patrol attempted to follow up enemy onto third feature but were held up by hy LMG and rifle fire. Enemy cas unknown to date. At 1600 hrs 15 Jun our patrol returned from TOKUA, stated that the enemy posn at 637176 was engaged and 2 Japs were killed. Estimate the position is occupied by approx 8 to 10 Japs armed with rifles only. At 1100 hrs 15 Jun B Coy arrived at [illegible]45 on the WAKUNAI RIVER and est a firm base. D Coy is now at 676136.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 26 Bn

Patrols located strong, well-dug enemy posns at 314716 and 303718, and probably killed 6 Japs.

31/51 Bn: Patrols op N of BUOI Ptn encountered 2 Japs at 286702 & were observed by a suspected pro-Jap native, near the coast at 270705 Enemy posns at 296701 & 289700 were engaged by our 3 inch mortars. The enemy in the latter posn answered with erratic small arms fire.

General: During night 14/15 Jun the soundof vehs, and possibly a tank, were heard in the CHINDAWAN area, At 140700L 4 explosions were heard in the same area. Barge traffic was observed in BUKA PASSAGE. It is now estimated that in the recent engagement at PORTON, tps of 42 Ldg Craft Coy killed 31 Japs.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

PIB patrols attacked strong enemy parties at 061427, 063433, 050430 and 055426, in the KINGORI-MERAKA area. In these engagements the PIB natives killed 19 Japs and probably 2 others. At 066445, a party of 70 Japs was observed moving NE.

HARI AREA - 24 BN

One of our patrols ambushed an est 100 Japs at 082361, W of the OGORATA RIVER, killimg 12 and wounding 3. Locations: B Coy - 998396 D Coy - 001379.

58/59 Bn: On 14 Jun one of our tks received a hit from a concealed 150 mm gun; the tank was damaged, but continued to engage and destroyed the gun. After a strong enemy posn at the HARI R ford had been heavily engaged by our mortars, B Coy, sp by tanks and flamethrowers adv against ground opposition and mines, found the posn vacated and and pushed on to 023366, E of HARI 1. There, the Coy was attacked from the S and W, but the attack was beaten off.
PIKE FORCE; (consisting of 7 Pl, 9 Pl, 14 Pl 10 Tp and flamethrowers) advanced against opposition to the OGORATA R ford.
Locations: Bn HQ - 999383; A Coy less 7 Pl and 9 Pl - 017371;
B Coy, plus 3 Tp - 025365; C Coy less 14 Pl, plus 5 Tp - 022367
D Coy, less 18 Pl, plus F Tp - 000381; 18 Pl - 017371.

OGORATA AREA - 57/60 Bn

Continuing the outflanking mov, parties moved through the MUSAKA area and reached a posn near the BUIN R, 1200 yds EAST of the OGORATA R.

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Several Paj parties were encountered; seven enemy were killed and three wounded. D Coy armoured patrol encountered and destroyed a 75 mm gun at 049401, N of URAI.
ATKINSON FORCE (str 61 Europeans, 60 natives) has now est a base o on the MIVO R at 114409. Carrier lines to this force have twice encountered opposition near KATSUWA.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts report a small enemy partyat 725373, W of TEIHUR. NORTH of TOAGULAI the enemy is making a determined effort to eradicate our native scouts. Guided by a kempei, 100 Japs attacked the scouts'posn; so far the enemy has lost 10 killed and has withdrawn to MORULA 178416.
On 12 Jun an enemy party exploded one of our booby traps; the number of enemy injured is unknpwn but there is evidence that the party suffered some cas.
From CHOISEUL it is reported that on 10 Jun a small enemy party visited LIULIU.

PART IV

- OTHER FRONTS

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BRUNEI BAY : Tps of 2/17 Bn are in contact with the enemy 2000 yds N of BRUNEI town, while 2/15 Bn is moving in from the NE. Patrols from 2/17 Bn are patrolling the NORTH coast of the peninsula without making contact.

LABUAN ISLAND: 2/43 Bn has adv to within 1500 yds of the TIMBALI strip, on the W coast of the island.
Moving E of MACARTHUR Road, 2/28 Bn has adv 6000 yds from the town of LABUAN.

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(Infm to 171300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 and 1:63360

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - Central Sector - 7 Bn

Following accurate arty and mortar fire on enemy posn 694166 14 Pl advanced along track to 69401655 where the pl was held up by hy LMG and rifle fire, the enemy also used smoke grenades. Enemy cas 4 probably killed. Investigation reveals 1 enemy killed in engagement 16 Jun (reported in Int Summary No174)
Locations: C Coy HQ and 18 Pl 690162; 13 Pl 690163; 14 Pl 69401655
15 Pl 694166

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA - 26 Bn

A patrol from A Coy reports an enemy ambush party of 20 at 302711 West of the MIDDLE TRACK (Note: This track runs from 319707 - 275729, ref map BANIU 1 : 63360) All other patrols throughout the Coy areas report no contact.
31/51 Bn: C Coy has now moved to 283693 in BUOI plantation; a patrol 1000 yds to the W reported no contact. A D Coy patrol sighted 3 Japs and wounded one at 284700, N of BUOI plantation. Further W at 274699 a PIB patrol sighted 5 Japs, killed three and wounded one. In the B Coy area 10 Pl and 11 Pl advanced and occupied a small feature at 296701 against light rifle fire; one Jap was killed.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - HARI R Area - 15 Bn

One PW was captured at 988370.

RUSEI AREA - 57/60 Bn -

By night 15/16 Jun the bn had completed its outflanking mov and took up a posn astride the BUIN Rd vicinity 051360. In the area patrol encountered an enemy party, killing six and wounded two, The B Coy armoured patrol rejoined the unit and at 161350L, the Coy supported by tanks continued the advance eastward along the road. After moving 300 yds the leading tank received three disabling hits from a 150 mm gun. Moving S of the road A Coy located a vacated enemy HQ containing abandoned equipment at 051352. One Jap was killed in the area. The Coy is now at 063348, 1000 yds W of the MOBIAI R.

24 Bn - A patrol base has been est at 052429 near KINGORI.
Locations: Bn HQ - 998386; A Coy - 011374

58/59 Bn - Portion of PIKE Force, constructed a crossing on the OGORATA R and reported the E bank clear of the enemy. The remain of the force, supported by tanks then moved E along the BUIN Rd, dispersed an enemy party at 045360 and killed two Japs manipulating booby traps at 048360. Moving forward from this posn one of our tanks was damaged by a powerful mine, possibly constructed from an aerial bomb. However the patrol continued andreached B Coy 57/60 Bn. Later D Coy supported by tanks moved forward and joined 57/60 Bn. Three enemy dead were found at 022366.
The elements of PIKE FORCE have now returned to their respective Coys.
Locations: Bn HQ 035363; ACoy 023367; B Coy 037363; C Coy 039362; D Coy 045361

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RAFFLES FORCE

A party of seven Japs was ambushed and killed at 122341 E of the MIVO R ford. No defensive posns were found in the ford area, but further W near the MOBIAI R Ford considerable enemy activity was observed.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts report a large scale mov of Jap from the S to to KEVISIA. It is estimated that the enemy party numbers 300 plus armed natives. In the TUPERU - TOAGULAI area a strong Jap party continues to engage closely our native scouts. During the night 15/16 Jun the natives captured one PW and on 16 Jun our aircraft struck the area.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN IS

Considerable progress has been made by our troops in the central hills. A party of escaped PW, consisting of one CHINESE doctor and 85 NEI troops, has been recovered by 2/23 Bn.

BRUNEI BAY

Tps of 2/17 Bn have captured the town of BRUNEI against opposition.

LABUAN IS

The area W of the main airstrip is reported clear of the enemy. Tps of the 2/43 Bn have captured the TIMBALAI strip and patrolled to LAYANGAN. Patrols from 2/28 Bn have operated N into the BETHUNE HEAD feature without making contact.
Tps of 2/11 Cdo Sqn moving SW towards Mt TIMBALAI located a WT sta.
Enemy cas to 140600I: Killed 171, PW 2.

CORRECTION TO DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 174

HARI Area - 24 Bn, line 1. For 082361 read 032361.
Para 1 (c) - RAFFLES FORCE - Note. All contacts made by PIB patrols during 15 Jun, were with Jap naval tps.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - CENTRAL SECTOR - BOUGAINVILLE
For week ending 17 Jun '45

Ref Maps: KOMARO - IBU - PIPIPAIA - NUMA NUMA - TEIMUP 1 : 25000

1. 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

(a) BASE POINT 3 - BEARNES HILL

Continuous pressure has been applied to the jap held positions in this area during the week with very good results. All of the main defended localities in BASE POINT 3 have been overcome and the forward elements of the battalion are now located at 694165 approx 200 yds SOUTH of BEARNES HILL. Throughout the week's fighting the jap has fought back stubbornly and has opposed every forward move.

At 0900 hrs 11 Jun a jap attack on 14 Pl at 693160 was repulsed and later in the morning, 13 Pl assisted by arty mortar and MMG fire, advanced 400 yds and consolidated. Equipment and documents were captured. Casualties enemy - 9 killed - own three killed one died of wounds. Flame throwers were used in this encounter for the first time in this sector.

Further advances were made on 13 Jun and the Japanese TORA posn was captured. (attached as trace "Q" is a copy of a jap map, later captured, which shows the Japanese defences in BASE POINT 3 - BEARNES HILL AREA).

Extensive posns were located at 694165 on 14 Jun. An air strike planned for 15 Jun was weathered out until the following morning when at 0820 hrs 12 corsairs 18 Sqn RNZAF accurately bombed jap positions of BEARNES HILL from 693167 to 695165. Fighting patrols which followed in after the strike state that 6 direct hits were scored on one enemy posn which they found abandoned. Patrols vigorously opposed two enemy posns at 694164 and forced the enemy to withdraw.

Further advances were made on 17 Jun to 69401655 where progress was halted by sustained enemy LMG and rifle fire. The patrol later withdrew 150 yds and arty and mortar fire was directed against the jap posns.

7 Bn HQ moved forward to BERNYS HILL 684149 on 12 Jun.

Forward locations as at 17 Jun were

C Coy HQ and 18 Pl	690162
13 Pl	690163
14 Pl	694164
15 Pl	694165

(b) SAKUNAI RIVER

B Coy established a coy base at 697245 on the SAKUNAI R at 1100 hrs 15 Jun. A supply dropping area has been cleared. From this base, patrols will operate to IBU, BURITSIOIORARA and towards the SAKUNAI R mouth.

(c) NUMA NUMA TRAIL

B coy PID patrols have continued to operate along the trail and on 12 Jun sighted 7 Japs in huts in the vicinity of TOKOPERAPAIA. Sentries were alert and no engagement eventuated.

(d) KEVIVIA

As a result of continuous harassing of the jap posn at 614162 by patrols from KEENANS RIDGE and CHOKO, the Japs were found to have withdrawn from the posn on 12 Jun. 9 Pl later occupied the area. Equipment, documents and 9 graves (1 new 8 old) were found.

(e) ASITAVI FT - KEVIVIA

Lt SALDFORD's AIB party continued to operate against Japs in this are on 16 Jun large scale movement from the SOUTH to KEVIVIA was observed.

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Armed natives were reported to be operating with the japs who are thought to be massing to launch an attack on SANDFORD'S party.

A strike was directed against the jap posn in the area bounded by 7C7467 7C6464 710467 710464 on 17 Jun but the results of same are not yet available.

On 11 Jun a 2 Corps recce party landed by catalina at YAUWAUN 660500 and contacted SANDFORD. It was later decided to defer the proposal to establish a beach head on the eastern coast in the vicinity of ASIT VI ~~or~~ to the immediate north.

Casualties

7 Aust Inf Bn	enemy	27 killed	4 probably killed	1 body found
To 17 Jun	own	6 "	7 wounded	
Total since 19 Apr	enemy	149 killed	38 probably killed	27 bodies found
	own	10 "	16 "	

2. 8 AUST INF BN (AIF)

As a result of a review of the defence requirements for the OUTER ISLANDS (TREASURY GREEN and EMIRAU) the infantry garrisons from these islands are to be withdrawn as soon as practicable.

The move of 8 Bn pers from TREASURY and GREEN commenced during the week. A Coy less one Pl is to temporarily remain at EMIRAU and the detached Pl to relieve C Coy at GREEN ISLAND.

3. NORTHERN SECTOR - BONIS PENINSULA

In accordance with 2 Corps Op Instrs Nos 17 and 18 for the relief of 11 Bde in the BONIS PENINSULA by 23 Bde less 7 Bn Gp, 23 Bde and 27 Bn parties have carried out their recce in that area. Upon relief of 11 Bde, 23 Bde will be responsible for operations in both NORTHERN and CENTRAL SECTORS of BOUGAINVILLE.

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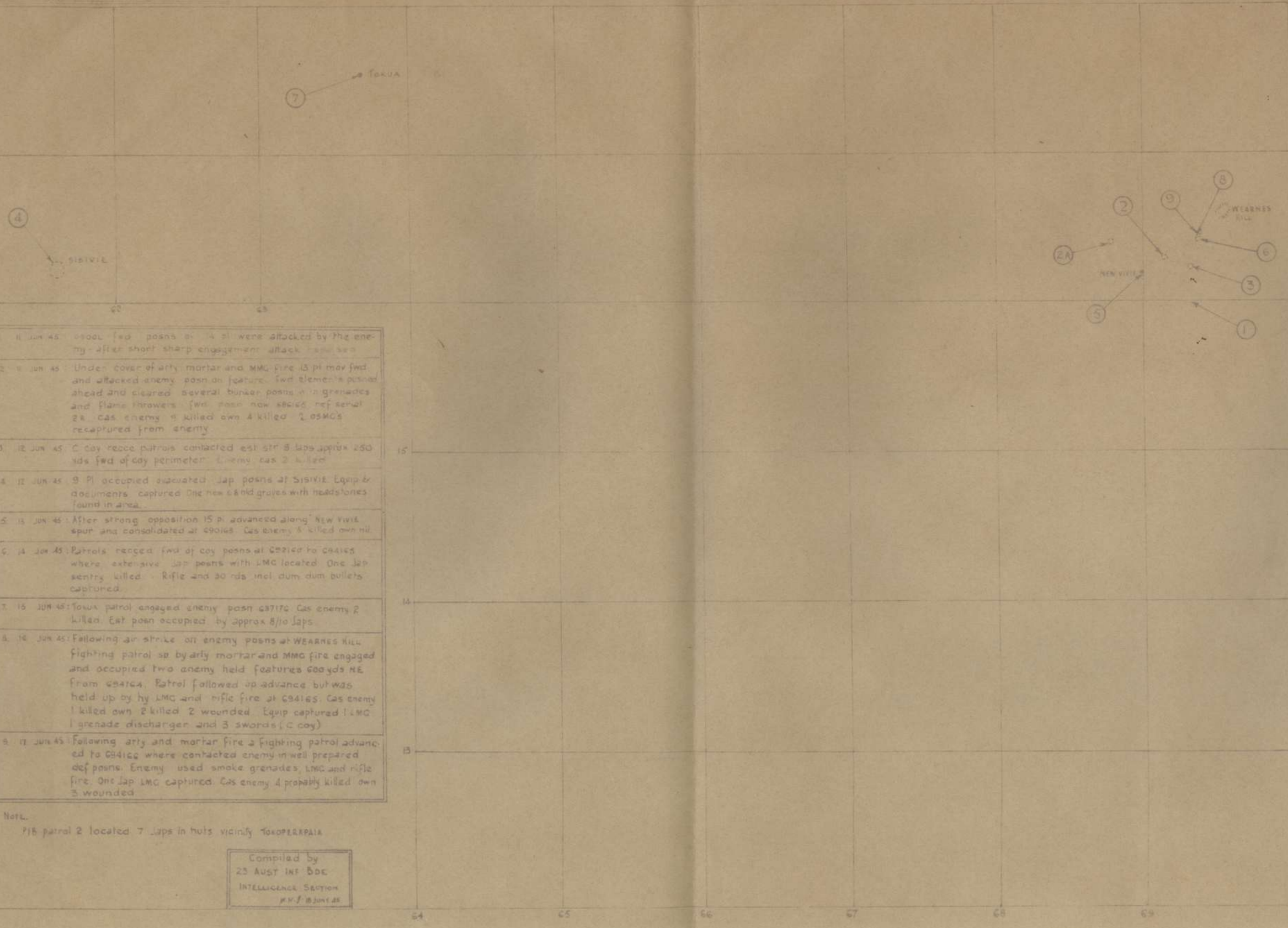
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

WEEK ENDING 17 JUNE 1945

REF MAP KOWARO 1:25000

TRACE 'P'



1.	11 JUN 45	0900L fwd posns of 14 Pl were attacked by the enemy after short sharp engagement attack repulsed
2.	11 JUN 45	Under cover of arty mortar and MMG fire 13 Pl mov fwd and attacked enemy posn on feature. Fwd elements pushed ahead and cleared several bunker posns with grenades and flame throwers. Fwd posn now secure ref serial 24. Cas enemy 9 killed own 4 killed 2 LMGs recaptured from enemy
3.	12 JUN 45	C coy recce patrols contacted est str 8 Japs approx 250 yds fwd of coy perimeter. Enemy cas 2 killed
4.	12 JUN 45	9 Pl occupied evacuated Jap posns at SISIVIE. Equip & documents captured. One new & 8 old graves with headstones found in area.
5.	13 JUN 45	After strong opposition 15 Pl advanced along NEW VIVIE spur and consolidated at C90165. Cas enemy 5 killed own nil.
6.	14 JUN 45	Patrols recced fwd of coy posns at C92160 to C94165 where extensive Jap posns with LMG located. One Jap sentry killed. Rifle and 30 rds incl dum dum bullets captured.
7.	15 JUN 45	TOKUA patrol engaged enemy posn C93170. Cas enemy 2 killed. Est posn occupied by approx 8/10 Japs.
8.	16 JUN 45	Following air strike on enemy posns at WEARNES HILL fighting patrol sp by arty mortar and MMG fire engaged and occupied two enemy held features 600 yds NE from C94164. Patrol followed up advance but was held up by hy LMG and rifle fire at C94165. Cas enemy 1 killed own 2 killed 2 wounded. Equip captured 1 LMG 1 grenade discharger and 3 swords (C coy)
9.	17 JUN 45	Following arty and mortar fire a fighting patrol advanced to C94166 where contacted enemy in well prepared def posns. Enemy used smoke grenades, LMG and rifle fire. One Jap LMG captured. Cas enemy 4 probably killed own 3 wounded.

Note.

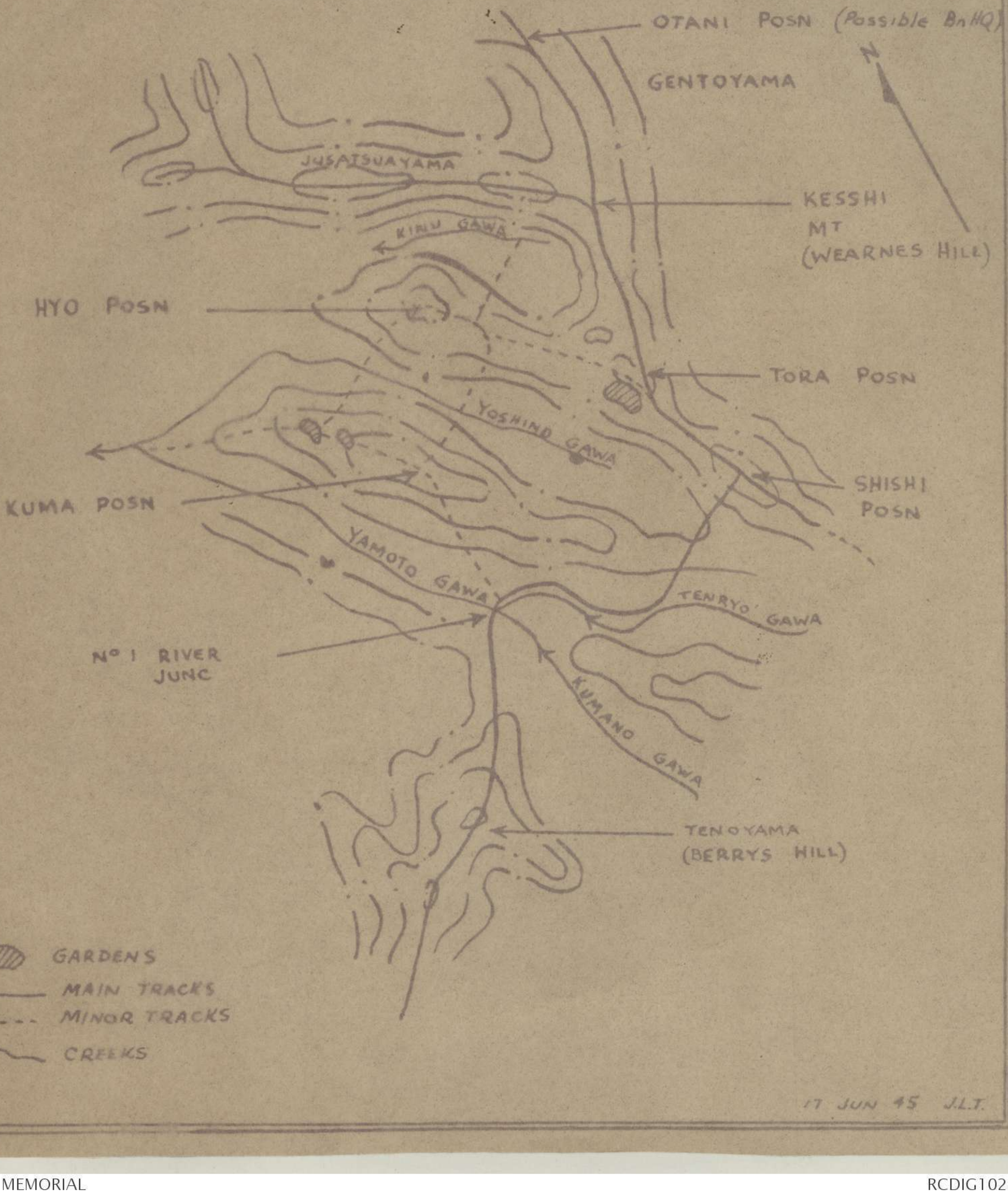
PIB patrol 2 located 7 Japs in huts vicinity TOKOPEEKPAIA

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WEARNES HILL - BERRYS HILL

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 176
(Information to 181300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 BN

At 1630 hrs on 17 Jun a patrol to the WEST of the enemy posn 694166 observed 8/10 Japs reinforcing posn. However, on the morning 18 Jun a C Coy patrol to the EAST of the enemy held posn 694166 observed 5 Japs 150 yds in rear of that posn. They were carrying 2 LMGs and 3 rifles and were moving N along the feature. 2 bunkers were also observed in the same area. At 1130 hrs on 18 Jun our patrol to TOKUA returned and reported 3 Japs killed in engagement at enemy posn 637176. Patrol estimated that the posn is now held by approx 8 Japs armed with rifles only. Arty continues to harass enemy posn WEARNES HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA

26 Bn: Patrols found indications of an enemy posn at 323713; one Jap sentry was observed. There is also evidence that the enemy has recently manned an OP at 325715. Location: 8 Pl - 306712.
31/51 Bn: 2 Japs naval tps were observed near 12 Pl; one was killed. A patrol from 11 Pl was fired on at 297702; our mortars later engaged the area. At 272691, S of BUOI PLTN, 2 Japs were observed moving NE. Locations: 16 Pl - 288699; 17 Pl - 289700; 18 Pl - and 3 Pl - PIB - 288698.
GENERAL: At 171250L a barge was observed dropping objects overboard in RAMUN BAY (SOUTH BUKA).

(c) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

PIB patrols report an enemy party of 30 at 085416 S of MORONEI. 2 other parties of unknown str are reported at 084420 and 074118 near MATALASI.

MAMAGOTA JUNC - 15 BN

Locations: Adv Bn HQ - 979388; A Coy - 989381; B Coy - 988374; C Coy - 992388; D Coy - 983387.

HARI AREA - 24 BN

B Coy sp by tks has established a base at 052430 in the KINGORI area. A patrol from D Coy op in squares 0037, 0036 S of the HARI R ford found vacated enemy posns capable of accomodating 1000 men. A wrecked American aircraft was found in the area. One PW was taken at 002378.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

In the N native scouts have moved out to reconnoitre the RURI area. The large enemy party at KEVISIA (reported in Daily Int Summary No. 157) was attacked by aircraft today. Scouts have not yet examined the area, but it would appear that the strike was on the target. A native patrol attacked KOVIDAU on 15 Jun but found that the enemy had vacated the area. 15 new graves were fonnd and the remaining huts and def were destroyed; the natives then moved along KIETA track, killing 9 of the withdrawing Japs. From CHOISEUL it is reported that the Japs at PORO PORO are still cultivating crops and have constructed a 30 ft canoe which is now in the LAVELLE R. The sentries at TEREKUKURE are alert and the grn there does not appear to have been reduced.

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LATER INFORMATION - 57/60 AUST INF BN - RUSEI AREA

Moving S of the BUIN ROAD A Coy reached 068350, W of the MOBIAI RIVER after beating off many attacks and sighting several parties of Japs. A B Coy patrol attempting to locate the 150mm gun at 056360 (referred in Daily Int Summary No/175) was fired on from a wired enemy posn. Our patrol withdrew and our arty engaged. Between 170410L and 170530L enemy parties attacked 11 Pl from the NE; however, these attacks were beaten off and another patrol moved out and located the gun, sighting 26 Japs in the area, and killing one. The gun was engaged by tk fire with unobserved results; another 150mm opened fire from a posn further E. The coy is now at 055360. C Coy moving to outflank to the N encountered and engaged 2 enemy posns and finally occupied the area 053365 where one dead Jap was found. A PIB patrol surprised and killed 5 Japs at 055362.

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23 AUST INFBDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 177

(Infm to 191300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 1:63360

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AustInf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 BN

During the afternoon 18 Jun C Coy patrols operating in WEARNES HILL area observed five japs, armed with 2 LMGs and 3 rifles moving north along thefeature at 694167. Two bunkers were also located. Later patrols engagedthe enemy posn at 694166. One Jap was killed. An additional one jap was killed by 13 Pl on 11 Jun in the action reported in Int Summary No 169.
D Coy is relieving C Coy in this area.
Locations: D Coy HQ & 17 pl 694164; 18 Pl 694165; 14 Pl 676130; 13 Pl 692161;
In the WAKUNAI R area, B Coy patrols report that the track from 718262 to BURITSIOTORARA is not used by japs. Nativevillages were located at 687248 697259 and 702260 (.) Natives state that japs convey vegs from the BURITSIOTORARA gardens to PIPIPAIA and coastal areas by handcart.
In theMAPIA area, a PIB patrol encountered 10 japs at 733168 Three japs were killed and the remainder dispersed in the direction of NUMA NUMA.
TOROKINA - 8 Bn
Locations: C Coy 565947 ex GREEN ISLAND.23 Aust Fd Coy less one pl reverts to command 23 Bde as from 191800L

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RURI AREA

26 Bn - An A Coy patrol engaged a small enemy party at 305715 near.theMIDDLE TRACK. A patrol from C Coy to 322715, 326719, ~~327~~ 329713 south of SIAR, reported no contact. However an enemy party at 314718 was engaged. In the D Coy area two jeeps were damaged by a mine and SA fire at 312703. Nearby one of our patrols engaged a naval party killing three. Later three 75 mm shells improvised as mines were fouhd.
31/51 Bn - B Coy, less 12 pl has now gone to 296700; 12 pl is now dug in on a feature to be known as SPENCERS RIDGE at 295702. An enemy party at 296703 was engaged by our mortar. A C Coy patrol operating in BUOI PLATN sq 2869 reports no contact An enemy posn at 288701 was engaged by one of our patrols and ~~xxxxx~~ mortars. The enemy engaged 17 Pl with ineffective MG fire.
GENERAL - At 180400L a lakatoi containing four pers attempting to destroy one of our watercraft at SAPOSA with improvised bombs. It was not determined whether it was a native or Jap party.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

A patrol accompanied by a FOO, located 30 enemy at 064425 in the MERAKA area; the posn waslater engaged by our arty. In sq 0741 another patrol sighted a party of 25 Japs; these tps were later reinforced by a strong party from KINGORI.
RUSEI AREA - 57/60 Bn

A C Coy patrol operating in the MOBLAI R ford area reports considerable activity. At 073352, thepatrol counted 98 Japs moving west. Later an A Coy patrol in the same area found many enemy parties and cut several signal lines. C Coy made an outflanking move and cut the BUIN rd at 061367; this mov was contested by the enemy but the coy posn has now been est.

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The BUIN rd was also cut by B Coy 057358; five Japs were sighted but withdrew to the north. At 180710L the enemy shelled the rd between 052359 and 042361 with 50 rds. One PW taken at 058352.

58/59 Bn The enemy arty engaged the area040362 and 053350. A D Coy patrol engaged an enemy party, killing three. at 046366 south of MUSAKAKA. Four enemy dead were dound at 052366.

24 Bn A patrol of the MOBIAI R crossing at 073347 south of the BUIN rd reports the footprints of a small enemy party moving east. A patrol moving to contact ATKINSON FORCE reached 017388, on the MOBIAI R.
An ambush party at 070347 reports no contact.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Parties of Japs escorting wounded, apparently in the KEVISIA strike, have been observed moving north towards TEOPASINA. Native scouts have already made contact and killed ten.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - LABUAN ISLAND

All organised resistance has ceased on the island.

BRUNEI BAY

2/17 Bn has pushed 7 miles beyond BRUNEI on the TUTONG rd.

Enemy cas to 142400I: Killed 200; PW 3.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 178
(Information to 201300I Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000 & 1 : 63360

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 BN

A patrol to TOKUA on 19 Jun ambushed 8 Japs, carrying rifles packs and cooking gear, on the TOKUA - IBU TRACK at 636177 (one hundred yds N of the Jap posn at TOKUA). Japs were moving to TOKUA from the direction of IBU. 4 were killed, and documents & eqpt captured.

Continuing their vigorous action against the strong Jap posns on WEARNES HILL, D Coy succeeded in capturing the Jap posn at 694166 at 1045 hrs 20 Jun. While 17 pl held a posn on the track at 694165, 18 Pl moved round the left flank and came in at the rear of the Jap posn and then pushed S along the track to make contact with 17 pl. 17 pl later pushed fwd to approx 694168 where strong Jap posns were located. Documents & eqpt captured incl one LMG, 4 rifles and 1 sword.

Locations: 16 pl - 692161. 14 pl - 686124.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN-RURI AREA

26 Bn - Patrols op SW of SIAR and N of RATSUA report no contact. Our mortars engaged posns at 314718 and 318719.

31/51 Bn - A patrol op at 296703 in the SPENCERS HILL area was fired on by automatic weapons; our mortars later engaged the area. ACCoy patrol along the southern and western boundaries of BUOI PLTN found vacated def posns.

Several small enemy sightings were made in the vicinity of 289701, NE of the PLTN and our fwd patrols were fired on. One Jap body was found at 296698.

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(c) 3 AUST DIV - RAFFLES FORCE

An enemy party of 60 found at 077414 E of MATALASI was engaged by arty fire. Later a patrol moving to investigate the target ambushed 6 Jap, killimg 3 and wounding one. In the target area the enemy was still found to be in occupation; the patrol withdrew and further arty fire was brought down. Another patrol found vacated enemy posns near MERAKA at 064425; the posns had been occupied night 18/19 Jun and showed signs of hasty evac. The posns had been accurately engaged by our arty. All tracks in this area show signs of enemy mov eastward.

HARI AREA - 24 BN

A B Coy patrol to 062426 near MERAKA encountered an enemy posn. B & C Coys are now at 052430 near KINGORI. A patrol from 073347 to 067351 S of the BUIN rd near the MOBIAI R, found a well worn track carrying signal cable. A posn at 067338 was engaged; 3 Japs were killed and 2 wounded. Vacated enemy posns were found at 038354 & 001375 S of the BUIN Rd; the former was capable of accomodating 200 men, and the latter contained 2 70mm guns stripped of breech blocks and an 81mm mortar. One dead body was found. D Coy is now dug in at 042370 on the KINGORI track.

RUSEI AREA - 58/59 BN

A patrol located 4 occupied pill boxes at 054361 NE of RUSEI. The enemy shelled the BUIN Rd between 039362 & 045361. Two tps of tks have now joined A Coy.

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57/60 Bn - Patrols to the MOBIAI R ford contacted 12 ener moving south; 5 enemy were killed. Another patrol to 068360 observed considerable activity near the BUIN Rd. A strong patrol from B Coy moved out and occupied the enemy 150mm gun posn at 056360; the gun had been destroyed by the enemy. 300 yds further N a small enemy posn was found and one Jap was killed. A tp of tks has now joined B Coy. C Coy is now facing a strong enemy posn on the BUIN Rd at 061367. The en had engaged our posn with mortar and LMG fire, but a tp of tks has joined the coy and our arty is shelling the enemy.

GENERAL: One Jap surrendered to B Coy 15 Bn at 991371.

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PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - BRUNEI

Fwd tps of 2/17 Bn have captured TUTONG; the town was found to have been badly damaged by recent bombing.

WESTON

An unopposed ldg has been made by 2/32 Bn at WESTON on the E shore of BRUNEI BAY. Patrols have already moved inland.

TARAKAN

Coastwise amphibious ops are being carried out on the E coast of the island. Tps of 2/48 Bn have moved from AMAL to BINALATOENG RIVER.

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(Information to 211300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1@25000 and 1:63360.

PART I.

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR.

7 bn. Following the occupation of the Jap posn at 694266 on WEARIES HILL on the morning 20 Jun, 17 pl patrols pushed fwd 200 yds and encountered well prepared defs. Jap snipers op continually through the afternoon, from dominating posns and later in the afternoon 17 & 18 pls withdrew to more favourable posns at 694164 and 694165. Documents and eqpt captured incl one LMG and 4 rifles. Arty and mortars continue to harass Jap posns in this area. A patrol returned from BURITSIO TORARA at 1700 hrs 20 Jun and report the track from BURITSIOTORARA to IBU to be very weell defined but infrequently used. One Jap was killed.

B Coy patrols are op along the WAKUNAI RIVER and report enemy activity in the vicinity of 740276. Suitable OPs for obs rvation of NUR[illegible]N and [illegible] PT were located at 739293 and 728294.

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2 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN-RURI AREA.

26 Bn. An A Coy patrol made contact at 305715; however, patrols operating north of the coy posn report no contact.

Other patrols report no mov seen west and south of SIAR, but there is evidence that a small party of japs scaled the cliffs 50 yds north of the 5 pl perimeter; one jap was fired on.

31/51 Bn. At 289701, near 17 pl two japs were killed; another was sighted in the SPENCERS RIDGE area.

Patrols operating throughout sq 2870 north of BUOI PLTN and on the coastal boundary of the PLTN report no contact.

GENERAL. A reconnaissance of SEVAN ISLAND, south of TAIOF ISLAND, revealed improvised demolition charges similar to those used against our water craft on 18 Jun.

The sound of MT and a tractor was hearing during 20 Jun.

The adv party of 27 bn has arrived in the Bde area.

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(c) 3 AUST DIV O RUSEI AREA

57/60 Bn. During the day the enemy made determined but unsuccessful attacks on A and B Coys. An A Coy patrol found an enemy party 200 yds east of the coy posn. One jap waskilled and the enemy withdrew.- Another enemy party waslocated at 057336 west of the MOBIAI RIVER. C Coy has advanced 300 yds along the BUIN ROAD to 063366. No enemy tps were encountered, but the area had been heavily mined and booby-trapped. Two Japs surrendered at 051357. The enemy heavily shelledthe A Coy, C Coy and Bn HQ area[illegible] and 105 mm guns.

58/59 Bn. A patrol located a large freshly dug enemy posn at 089363 SE of MUSAKAKA; nins enemy were seen to withdraw when the patrol appeared. The enemy shelled the B Coy area.

24 Bn. After a B Coy patrol had located a strong enemy posn at 068421 [illegible] of [illegible] fwd, outflanked the posn and pushed on to

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074403 on the KOROKO RIVER.

The D Coy patrol base at 074372 on the MOBIAI RIVER reports that a jeep and tank track could be cut across country to the coy posn.

HARI RIVER AREA - 42 Bn.

TheBn has begun to moveinto the HARI RIVER area.

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(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS.

From the KEVISIA Area it is reported that our recent strike on the large enemy concentration was very successful. It is now considered probable that the enemy had concentrated to destroy our native scouts operating in the area. However, further jap parties, numbering more than 100, have moved up from the south and are building huts near the previously bombed area.

Scouts operating further north report no enemy between ARUAI RIVER and the southern boundary of TEOPASINA PLTN.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 180
(Information to 221300L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25,000 and 1 : 63,360

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde

CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

WEARNES HILL: D Coy patrols operating to the immediate NW of WEARNES HILL observed three japs at 693168. One was killed and one wounded. 7 Pl PIB established a base at 678169 and patrols forward to 685174 made no contact. At 1945 hrs 21 Jun japs engaged 18 Pl at 694165 with rifle fire from a range of 300 yds. During the afternoon 21 Jun arty harassed jap posns in WEARNES HILL area. PIB patrols operating on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL EAST of WEARNES HILL engaged five japs digging defensive posns at 721168, killing one and wounding two.

BURITSIOTOKARA

The track between BURITSIOTOKARA and IBU is well defended but infrequently used. However at 0945 hrs 21 Jun a party of 10/20 japs carrying full marching order were observed at 662245. Two japs were killed. That patrol was based at 685247 on night 21/22 Jun. Documents captured at TOKUA on 19 Jun reveal that the ration party, ambushed by our patrols, was carrying sufficient rations to the TOKUA garrison for 20 men for one month. Document also confirms the presence of 9 Coy 81 Inf Regt in that area.

LOCATIONS 2 Mtn Bty advance party PEARL RIDGE 670130
B Coy 8 Bn TOROKINA 665047

NORTHERN SECTOR

Adv HQ 27 Bn has opened at 312709 and 17 Fd Amb has opened at FREDDIE BEACH 247596.

(b) 11 Aust Inf Bde - SORAKEN - KURI Area

26 Bn - A patrol to the enemy position at 314718 found that the enemy had withdrawn.
Five figures were observed on the coast at 343716, east of KURI.
During night 20/21 Jun enemy movement was heard around the PIB perimeter at 317706, on the MIDDLE TRACK; booby traps were sprung and fire exchanged. This morning a patrol found an improvised mine (75mm shell-type) and evidence of enemy casualtios.

31/51 Bn - Ambushes set at 296702 in the SPENCERS RIDGE area report no contact.
A patrol to 287701 saw no enemy movement, but heard rifle and HMG fire from approx 288702.
A patrol to the coast at 272698, north of BUOI PLTN, surprised ten Japanese, killing three and wounding one.

GENERAL - Location : PIB Pl - 293393
An Arty R shoot on two vehicles at PORTON destroyed one.

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(c) 3 Aust Div - MUAR area - 24 Jun

In the action at 083421 on 20 Jun, (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 179) it is now known that the enemy lost two killed and four wounded.

Today C Coy, less 15 Pl, moved on to 087407 on the MUAR. An attempt was made this morning by 15 Pl to clean out the enemy party outflanked yesterday at 083421, but though five were killed, the enemy, a strong, well-armed party, held the positions. The Pl has now rejoined C Coy.

Patrols from the D Coy base on the BULI MUAR contacted small enemy parties at 073373 (killing one), and 072375, where the enemy was immediately joined by a further treaty five. Six enemy were killed in the subsequent action before our patrol broke contact. The patrol base has now been moved further north to 070383.

Another patrol dispersed five Japanese at 083383 on the TOHOLO - MIVO. There are signs of considerable enemy activity along the track on the east bank of this river.

57/60 Bn - The A Coy posn which was attacked and heavily shelled during 20 Jun was again attacked at 201800L. On 21 Jun patrols found vacated enemy positions at 075355 on the BULI road, un-wired booby traps were found and one Japanese was killed 300 yds further east.

Further enemy posns were found in squares 0637 and 0635; activity was also heard on the track, running east from 063548. Five enemy dead were found in vacated posns sq 0536.

TKINSON ROAD - A patrol moving to KUAMU saw 60 naval tps moving west.

58/50 Bn - The fresh footprints of a small enemy party were observed leading east below the BULI road near MUAR.

BATU ANAM ROAD - Enemy activity is reported at 140367 on the MUAR - KUAMU Rd at 079417 near KUHINU. A patrol contacted TKINSON ROAD 201436 between the TOHOLO and MIVO RIVERS.

GENERAL - There is evidence that the enemy west of the MOBILI MIVER is increasing in str and activity.

Hqs Inf Bde - 42 Bn - Locations: Bn HQ - 001377; A Coy 002374; D Coy - 000377.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No 162).

(d) MOVEMENT OF P.T.O. JAPS - More Japs mov north from KEVISIA during night 20/21 Jun. (NOTE: Since 15 Jun when 300 japs were reported at KEVISIA, several parties have been reported mov north towards TENGIAH, some of them wounded as a result of our air strike on 17 Jun. Scouts pursuing the earliest of these parties have reached TENGIAH but report no japs, though tracks leading further north show signs of traffic. Meanwhile, further parties of japs have moved up from the south and are digging in at KEVISIA. Native scouts report that since 6 Jun they have killed at least 47 japs in the hills behind KIRA. (A1).
(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No 162).

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - BRUNEI BAY - A force of 200 japs is reported immediately SE of BRUNEI. A patrol landed unopposed near the mouth of the PANDARUAN R, S BRUNEI BAY. The force which landed at WESTON has now moved 2 miles inland along the railway line to LINKUNGAN; no enemy mov has been seen.
(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No 162)

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

For week ending 24 Jun 45.

Ref Maps: KOWARO : IBU 1/25000

1. 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

(a) BASE POINT 3 - WEARNES HILL

The relief of C Coy by D Coy as forward company was effected at the commencement of the weeks operations; initial locations being

D Coy HQ and	17 Pl	694164
	18 Pl	694165
	16 Pl	692161

Aggressive actions took place and despite determined resistance the company pushed forward and occupied the following positions by 24 Jun.

D Coy HQ &	17 Pl	694169
	16 Pl	691169
	18 Pl	693171

The main part of WEARNES HILL has now been captured and the advance is continuing along the ridge running to the NORTH of WEARNES HILL. The country over which these actions have taken place is particularly difficult and the existing maps gave only a general idea of the features. A captured map did assist slightly.

The jap has shown no sign of slacking his defence and each advance made by 7 Bn has been vigorously opposed.

(b) NUMA NUMA TRAIL

Further indications of the japs intention to retain control of the NUMA NUMA L of C was given by the contact by PIB with 5 japs digging new defensive positions at 721168. One jap was killed and two wounded.

(c) BURITSIOTORARA

The major contact in this area was on 21 Jun, when 10/20 japs, with full marching order were engaged while entering the BURITSIOTORARA village from the direction of IBU. Unfortunately, the japs moved into the area while our patrol was carrying out a recce and time did not permit an effective ambush to be laid.

(d) TOKUA

On 19 Jun eight japs, carrying rifle packs and cooking gear were ambushed while approaching TOKUA from the direction of IBU. Four japs were killed and captured documents revealed them to be carrying rations for 20 men for a period of one month. A personal letter from 1st Lt MIURA, Intendance Officer 81 Regt, was addressed to Capt TANIGUCHI (OC 9 Coy 81 Regt) at TOKUA, requested that one man be sent to IBU on 12 Jul to take delivery of stores for the "flag ceremony" The flag ceremony is carried out on 14 Jul and commemorates the anniversary of the handing over of the regimental colors to 81 Jap Regt. Our patrols estimate that only 8 japs remain at TOKUA.

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(e) CASUALTIES

7 Aust Inf Bn to 24 Jun 45:

Enemy - 49 killed 2 probably killed 4 bodies found apart from those listed as killed.

Own - 10 killed 12 wounded.

Total since 19 Apr 45.

Enemy - 171 killed 2 probably killed 30 bodies found apart from those listed as killed.

Own - 14 killed 21 wounded.

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Distribution:

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIB)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
~~12 Fd Bty~~
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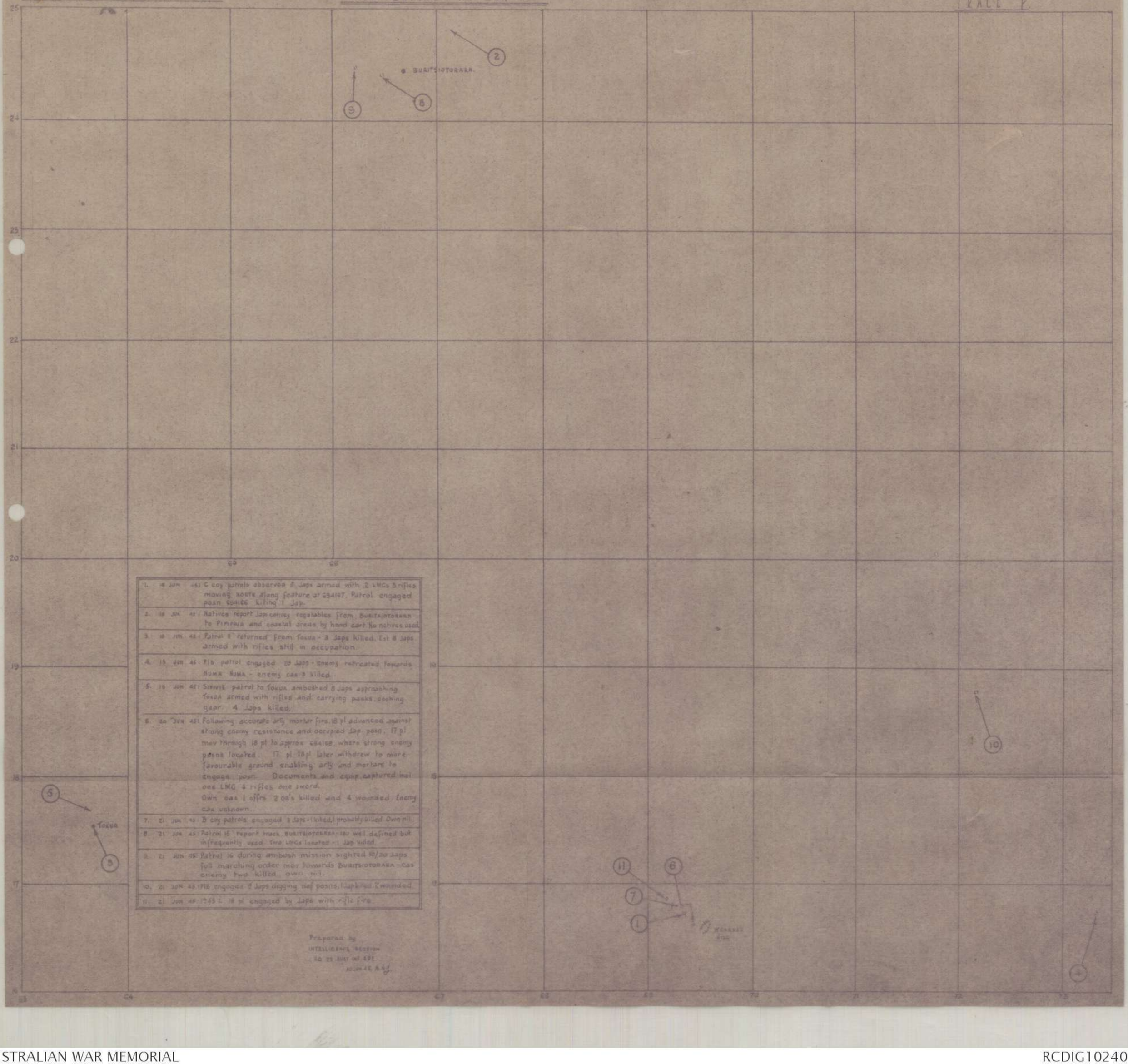
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - CENTRAL SECTOR.

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REF MAPS: KOWARO 1BU 1:25000

WEEK ENDING 24 JUN 43

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1.	18 JUN 43	C coy patrols observed 8 Japs armed with 2 LMGs 5 rifles moving NORTH along feature at G34167. Patrol engaged posn G34166 killing 1 Jap.
2.	18 JUN 43	Natives report Japs convey vegetables from BUAITSIOTORARA to PIMPARA and coastal areas by hand cart. No natives used.
3.	18 JUN 43	Patrol 11 returned from TOKUA - 3 Japs killed. Est 8 Japs armed with rifles still in occupation.
4.	19 JUN 43	F/b patrol engaged 20 Japs - enemy retreated towards KUMA KUMA - enemy cas 3 killed.
5.	19 JUN 43	SIEWIE patrol to TOKUA ambushed 8 Japs approaching TOKUA armed with rifles and carrying packs, cooking gear. 4 Japs killed.
6.	20 JUN 43	Following accurate arty mortar fire, 18 pl advanced against strong enemy resistance and occupied Jap posn. 17 pl mov through 18 pl to approx G34168, where strong enemy posns located. 17 pl, 18 pl later withdrew to more favourable ground enabling arty and mortars to engage posn. Documents and equip captured incl one LMG, 4 rifles, one sword. Own cas 1 offrs 2 OR's killed and 4 wounded. Enemy cas unknown.
7.	21 JUN 43	B coy patrols engaged 3 Japs - 1 killed, 1 probably killed. Own nil.
8.	21 JUN 43	Patrol 16 report track BUAITSIOTORARA - IBU well defined but infrequently used. Two LMGs located - 1 Jap killed.
9.	21 JUN 43	Patrol 16 during ambush mission sighted 10/20 Japs full marching order mov towards BUAITSIOTORARA - Cas enemy two killed, own nil.
10.	21 JUN 43	1715 engaged 8 Japs digging def posns, 1 killed, 2 wounded.
11.	21 JUN 43	1755 L 18 pl engaged by Japs with rifle fire.

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(?) AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 181
(Information to 250600L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: NORTHERN SECTOR

BUKA PASSAGE	-	1 : 25000	revised MAY 45
GHABAI (3188)	-	1 : 25000	" "
SORAKEN dyeline	-	1 : 25000	" 15 JUN 45
BUKA ISLAND	-	1 : 63360	
TAIOF ISLAND	-	1 : 63360	

CENTRAL SECTOR

BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000 Series

PART 1

LAND - OWN & ENEM Y

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

Aggressive patrolling resulted in the occupation of 2 enemy posns at the NW end of WEARNES HILL on 24 Jun. D Coy are now located - Coy HQ & 17 Pl - 694169; 16 Pl - 691169 and 18 Pl - 693171. Patrols op 200 yds fwd of 691169 report further unoccupied posns. Four Japs, previously reported as probably killed in the actions on 17 & 20 Jun, are now confirmed. Arty continues to harass Jap posns to the NORTH of WEARNES HILL. Op from their base on the WAKUNAI R, B Coy patrols report no enemy along the RIVER to as far EAST at 730271.

NORTHERN SECTOR - 27 Bn

A patrol from A Coy sighted one Jap at 314713 and later discovered an enemy posn 100 yds further West. D Coy engaged 3 Japs on the MIDDLE TRACK wounding one. 4 Japs, occupying an ambush posn at 316705 killed one PIB native.

23 Bde

Adv party Bde HQ arrived 243595 at 241500L.

(b) 11 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR - 31/51 Bn

An adv has been made in the D Coy area. Locations: D Coy less 17 Pl and 18 Pl - 286697; 17 Pl - 286698; 18 Pl 289703. Several Japs were sighted singly and in pairs north of BUOI Pltn.

General

It is reported that 3 Japs and 100 natives recently occupied TAROTHIAN IS.

(c) SOUTHERN SECTOR - 3 Aust Div - RAFFLES FORCE

A patrol op E of the MIVO R was fired on by an enemy party at 144444.

15 Bn

Four PW have been taken.

24 Bn

Patrols report small enemy parties at 078396 near the TOHODO R; tracks running N in this area show signs of recent use. Another small party was seen moving N at 067367 SW of the MOBIAI - TOHODO R fork. In the MERAKA area a patrol from B Coy engaged a strong enemy posn at 068421, killing 2 & wounding one. The patrol then drew back and allowed arty to engage the posn; however the posn was later found to be still occupied. The sound of gun fire was heard by [illegible]

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An enemy party [illegible]
MERAKA; however the Pl outflanked the posn and joined [illegible].

58/59 Bn

A Coy has moved fwd and occupied 073349 on the MOBIAI R below the BUIN Rd after driving out an enemy force in the area and killing one. A patrol observed 40/50 Japs at 060373 E of MUSAKAKA.

57/60 Bn

At 231600L A Coy reached its objective at 082353 on the MOBIAI R above the BUIN Rd. At last light on 23 Jun and during 24 Jun the enemy shelled the Coy area using 75 mm and 105 mm guns and attacked twice during the afternoon, unsuccessfully. The carrier line was also attacked during the afternoon and the Coy is now out of communication. Sp by tks, 10 Pl moved along the BUIN Rd to 075355 where enemy mov was observed. Our tks engaged but their fire was returned by 105 mm, 75 mm, 37 mm guns, HMGs & LMGs. The remainder of B Coy then joined 10 Pl, but despite attacks on the enemy posns and outflanking moves N and S of the rd, the enemy was not dislodged. The action is continuing but the Coy is out of comm. D Coy has now reached 084364 E of the MOBIAI R. One PW was taken by C Coy.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROLS

It is reported that the tps moving NORTH from KEVISIA are army tps.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 165)

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Distribution:

2 Aust Corps (AIF) (2)
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23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) (2)
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23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (8)
8 " " " " (6)
27 " " " " (6)
31/51 " " " (6)
A Coy 1 PIB
B Coy 1 PIB
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)
40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl
244 " " " "
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) MDS
" " " " " ADS
B Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)
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C " " " " " "
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
109 " " Wksps (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD
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Det ANGAU FREDDIE BEACH
" " BATSUA
" " PEARL RIDGE
Det 2 Aust Corps Salv Unit
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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 182

(Information to 260600L)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 63360, 1 : 25000 revised editions.

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 27 Bn

Following the occupation of WEARNES HILL on 24 Jun, patrols operating SWL of D Coy posns at 693171 located an abandoned Jap HQ at 693173 with an occupied signal post at 694174. Equipment found included rifles signal equipment and documents. Three Japs were observed preparing defensive posns at 694174; our patrol engaged the posn to which the enemy replied with rifle fire. 8 Pl PIB has established a posn at 697186 to the north of the jap posns mentioned above. B Coy patrols set ambushes on the BURITSIOTORARA - PIPIPAIA L of C but report no mov between 688301 and 682291. Track is two feet wide with an additional clearing of 3 ft on each side, but shows no sign of recent use. 8 Pl has established an 6371666, 1200 yds south of the jap [illegible] TOKUA. PIB patrols operating along NUMA TRAIL encountered 3 japs at 742169, 2000 yds north of CHAMBERS HILL, killing one. Arty harassed jap posns NORTH WEARNES HILL night 25/26 jun.

27 Bn

A PIB patrol to sq 3272 returned at 1415 hrs and reported contact with japs with 1 LMG and 5 rifles at track junc 327725. Our patrol withdrew when fired on. A PIB patrol to CHINDAMON reports the coastal track impracticable for mov. In C Coy area an enemy LMG fired on our listening post at 327713. Cas nil. D Coy patrol to 303717 report that the area clear of enemy. An A Coy patrol to 310707 then to 314719 via kunai edge report that area clear except for a possible enemy posn at 314718. Natives state that few japs remain in this area.

(b) 23 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR

At 252400L 23 Bde assumed command of NORTHERN SECTOR from 11 Bde; the main dispositions being as follows -

23 Bde HQ	SORAKEN	243595
27 Bn HQ	CHABAI	312709
A Coy	"	315714
B Coy less 12 Pl	"	314692
12 Pl	"	319705
C Coy less 13 Pl	"	326712
13 Pl	"	331717
D Coy	"	306712
A Coy PIB less 3 Pl	"	318705
31/51 Bn HQ	"	286670
Det A Coy	TAIOF IS	146707
B Coy less 12 Pl	CHABAI	294701
12 Pl	"	293703
D Coy HQ and 16 Pl	"	288702
17 Pl	"	287702
18 Pl	"	289704
3 Pl A Coy PIB	"	276294
12 Bty 4 Fd Regt	SORAKEN	234647
E Tp	"	236657
F Tp	"	234658

(c) 11 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR - 31/51 Bn

During the morning 25 jun the Bn and adv party and C Coy departed for TORCKINA. Japs engaged 295704 with LMG, rifle and grenade fire. Our mortars replied with fire on to 296705. Three separate ambushes were set by japs using LMG, rifles and grenades along the L of C area between 293698 and 290698. 1 Jap was wounded and our sig cable was cut in the vicinity. D Coy patrol killed 1 lone Jap at 288703. Later 6 Japs armed with rifles engaged the perimeter.

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A PIB patrol to BUOI jetty and a patrol to the NE tip of the pltn report no mov.

GENERAL

At 0925 hrs 25 Jun a fast small craft was sighted moving from BUNG IS towards TARLENA.

(d) SOUTHERN SECTOR - 3 Aust Div - RAFFLES FORCE

A patrol has reached KOLIPAINO 188491. The area 144444 (reported occupied in Dailt Int Summary No 180) is now clear of the enemy. Another patrol returned from the MIVO R area reports considerable activity at 107403 and near the BUIN Rd in sqs 1133, 1233, 1334 and 1532. A freshly cut track was found running parallel to and North of the BUIN Rd, through sqs, 1234, 1334 and 1433.

24 Bn

The unit less B and C Coys has now concentrated on the MOBIAI R. A B Coy patrol called down an arty concentration on enemy posns at 068421 in the MERAKA area. A patrol from C Coy heard considerable enemy activity at 106401 near MUSARAKA.

58/59 Bn

The unit took over localities vacated by 57/60 Bn. Locations:- A Coy - 073347; B Coy - 081353; C Coy - 068362; D Coy - 071358. Enemy activity was heard by patrols at 086342, 085353 and 094354 East of the MOBIAI R. The patrol which crossed the river at 085353 immediately came under 75 mm gun fire. An armd patrol reported the road between D and B Coys clear of the enemy.

57/60 Bn

The unit has now taken up the following dispositions :- A Coy - 058358; B Coy - 053359; C Coy - 080366; D Coy - 084364. A B Coy patrol to 075355 on the BUIN Rd found vacated enemy posns capable of accommodating 200 Japs. 1 37 mm gun was found destroyed by tank fire and a considerable quantity of equipment was located. The enemy cas for the action at 075355 on 24 Jun (reported in Int Summary No 181) are now known to be 4 killed and 1 wounded. The A Coy action at 082353 (also reported in Int Summary No 181) continued until 241500L. Patrols at first light 25 Jun found that the enemy had withdrawn leaving 5 dead.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No 156).

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 183
(Information to 270600L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 63360 1 : 25000 revised editions

PART 1

LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

A D Coy patrol adv NORTH along the WEARNES HILL RIDGE encountered hy oppostion at 694175. One Jap was killed before the patrol withdrew to enable arty & mortars to engage the Jap posn. A PIB patrol set an ambush at 694184 but observed no mov. The track at this point indicates very recent mov of Japs towards WEARNES HILL. Two sig lines run along the track.

B Coy patrols op from the WAKUNAI R, ambushed a Jap food carrying party of 6 at 647233, approx 1000 yds EAST of IBU air strip. Four Japs were killed. A track at this point is reported to be 12 ft wide but overgrown except for a well worn 3 ft foot pad.

Arty & mortars harassed the Jap posns at 694175 during night 26/27 Jun.

(b) 23 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR - 27 Bn

A Coy - patrol to 314718 engaged five enemy at 314717, wounding one Jap. The area to 320717 is reported clear.

D Coy - A patrol located a Jap posn at 296714 and was later ambushed by 5 enemy at 301714. The patrol withdrew after engaging the Japs; the cas of which are unknown. Later a recce patrol returned to 297714 but made no contact. At 1415L hrs a patrol located enemy posns at 302729 and engaged 5 Japs at 305717; one Jap killed, one wounded. A security patrol from D Coy 27 Bn to B Coy 31/51 Bn reported no enemy.

8 Bn - The adv party of 8 Bn had arrived at 31/51 Bn.

31/51 Bn (11 Aust Inf Bde) - B Coy

A patrol to the reported enemy posn at 295704 revealed no sign of any enemy mov. At 0925 hrs 2 Japs armed with an LMG and rifle ambushed a jeep on the track at 297698 (south of B Coy). The fire came from the EAST of the track and recce patrols later in that area reported no mov. The Japs captured one SMG. At 1255L patrol fired on by one Jap and one native at 288701; nil cas. Arty and hy mortars harassed Jap posns to the north of 18 Pl and east of 17 Pl during morning 26 Jun.

The amended locations of D Coy are HQ & 16 Pl - 288702; 17 Pl - 287702; 18 Pl - 289704.

PIB patrols op along the north fringe of BUOI PLTN report no contact.

CORRECTION

Para (b) of Int Summary No. 181 should read "It i s estimated that three Japs and probably natives occupied TAROTIAN IS."

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROLS

On 26 Jun a large party, part of the force of Japs which has been moving NORTH from KEVISIA, moving WEST from TEOP, cut the jungle and evaded an ambush set by native scouts on the AMAZON RIVER. The Japs were later reported to be camped on the east end of RAUA Pltn.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 184 SECRET
(Information received to 280600L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1/63360 & 1 : 25000 revised

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

Following an air strike on morning 27 Jun to the north of WEARNES HILL fighting patrols followed in and encountered hy LMG and rifle fire at 694174. Arty & mortars later engaged the posn. PIB patrol established an ambush on the L of C NORTH of WEARNES HILL but observed no mov. At 271700L one Jap was killed at 697190 while obtaining water. Throughout the night 27/28 Jun arty harassed Jap posns at 694174.

2 Mtn Bty with det 5 Mob Met Flight is now located on PEARL RIDGE at 679133.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

8 Bn - The main body of 8 Bn arrived RATSUA jetty morning 28 Jun from TOROKINA.

27 Bn - At 0645 hrs 27 Jun an armed kanaka was observed near PIB perimeter at 318705 and was engaged by fire but results were unobserved. Later in the day 2 of our natives were wounded in that locality by a booby trap, possibly laid by the kanaka.

A Coy - A patrol to 315719 returned at 271710L and encountered a standing patrol of approx 10 strong at 315718 on the southern edge of C KUNAI patch; 3 Japs were killed. It is believed that the main Jap body is on the northern edge of the kunai. One enemy LMG was put out of action.

C Coy - A morning patrol to 321716, 325716 and then south to 326712 reported no sign of enemy activity. A 13 Pl patrol moved north to 327723 and then east for 100 yds along a well used track to SIAR Pltn. No mov was seen but chopping was heard at 328723.

D Coy - A security patrol to B Coy 31/51 Bn reported no mov.

31/51 Bn (11 Aust Inf Bde

B Coy - At 1240 hrs, a ration party moving between B Coy fwd and B Coy rear was ambushed by Japs with 2 LMGs and rifles at 297700. The Japs fled to the east of the track; the area was subsequently engaged with arty fire. Patrols op in the area during the afternoon reported no mov. Two of our natives were injured when a booby trap was accidentally fired at B Coy rear.

D Coy - L of C patrols to B Coy rear reported no enemy mov. 3" mortars registered DF task fwd of 18 pl.

PIB - Patrol to BUOI jetty via BUOI Pltn reported no enemy activity.

(c) GENERAL

A Corsair recce on morning 27 Jun reported the sighting of a barge moving NORTH between TAIOF and MADEHAS ISLANDS, and was later sighted in the vicinity of CAPE LANAHAN. The barge which was loaded with produce, was reported to have an Australian roundel painted on the deck and that its crew was wearing Aust clothing. As none of our watercraft were op in this area, it is considered to be a Jap deception measure. A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb has relieved A Coy 19 Fd Amb at ADS at 300678. Tac/R on 26 Jun reports possible Jap staging camp areas on BUKA IS at 059043 & 051037 and 20 huts along the cliff face between 197936 & 198942. Huts and caves at 210965 & 206956 were shelled by Aust vessels. Our OP at TOROKORI IS has been withdrawn.

(d) PATROL REPORTS - Following the engagement on 26 Jun on the E bank of BANIU R, Japs are reported to have retreated inland in the direction of NANKARIO 478634 where an old Jap camp & gardens are located. (2 Aust Corps GI 406).

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 135)
(Infm to 290600L Jun 45)

Ref Maps:BOUGAINVILLE 1:63360 and 1:25000 revised

PART I

1. LAND & OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 AUST INF BN

Active patrolling has been continued against the Jap posn immediately NORTH of WEARNES HILL. D Coy patrols recce round both flanks of the jap posn at 694174 and heard enemy mov at (?)5177. 6 Pl PIB relieved 8 pl PIB of their base at 697186, en route to which they were fired on from 694174.
B Coy has est a patrol base on the high feature at 738294, 3000 yds SW of the mouth of the WAKUNAI R, from where good observation is possible of NUMA NUMA PLTN and INUS POINT.
7 Pl is now located on SMITHS HILL at 684737.

NORTHERN SECTOR - 8 BN

By 1630 hrs 28 Jun the relief of 31/51 bn by 8 Bn in the RATSUA area was completed.
8 Bn HQ 300679 C Coy 296701 D Coy 288703; B Coy is at FREDDIE BEACH less 11 pl at TAIOF ISLAND.

27 Bn - A Coy
An ambush party to 314719 on the southern edge of KUNAI C reported no enemy activity in that area, but sighted three japs at 315716 250 yds NORTH of A Coy perimeter.
D Coy A patrol to 301714 reported the sighting of 5 japs at 302714 and withdrew to enable arty fire to engage the area, and later moved through the area to 301714 without sighting any mov.
A further patrol to 314719 reported no mov. During the day mortars registered tasks to the WEST and NORTH OF 13 pl posn. During the night 28/29 jun mov was heard around 13 pl perimeter.
New locations are as follows: HQ A Coy PIB 312689; 1 pl 101 Hy Mortar Coy 311708; 2 Pl 101 Hy Mortar Coy 310707.
An ANGAU security patrol from RATSUA to PORA PORA was fired on by 4 japs near PORA PORA. One Jap was killed in the encounter. Later a 28 Gd Pl patrol searched the area but found no signs of enemy mov. That patrol is now based approx 500 yds SOUTH of PORA PORA.

Barge sightings - 28 Jun At 0945 a small craft of the assault boat type was sighted moving from PORTON towards BUKA. At 1700 hrs our barges retiring from RATSUA sighted a small enemy craft heading NORTH from BUNG IS and 15 min later observed one small and one large powered craft heading from BUNG IS towards PORTON.

A Tac/R report of the RURI HEAD - UMUM area on the morning 28 jun revealed signs of recent wheel tracks along the MT road at 357721, but no mov was seen.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 186
(Information to 300600L Jun 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000 revised

PART 1

1. **LAND - OWN & ENEMY**

(a) 23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

Am ambush party from B Coy op on the Jap L of C NORTH of BURITSIOTORARA killed 3 Japs. At 1000 hrs 29 Jun the patrol base at 738294 was attacked by 20 Japs using three automatic weapons and rifles, and forced our patrol to withdraw back to the coy area on the WAKUNAI R. Later at 1200 hrs hy fire was heard from the direction of the first attack, and it is suspected that one of our patrols op towards the coast was engaged while returning to its base.

NORTHERN SECTOR - 8 Bn

A patrol op to the NW of C Coy posn killed one of 4 Japs sighted at 294704. The Japs seen were armed with one LMG and 3 rifles, and it is considered likely that more Japs are in that area. The patrol withdrew and accurate mortar fire was brought down on the area. 15 Pl fired on a lone Jap at 289703. At 1300 hrs 4 enemy were sighted moving in a northerly direction at 287701, 300 yds SW of D Coy. Patrols op fwd and to the right of D Coy reported no movement. PIB patrols op in the BUOI PLTN report no sightings of enemy.

27 Bn

Enemy ambush parties were active in the right sector during the morning 29 Jun. An escort party on the RURI BAY rd at 325709 was ambushed by a Jap party, who probably used a land mine or 75 mm shell. Later at 1200 hrs a jeep was ambushed by 3 Japs with LMG 308697 on the L of C between 27 Bn Tac HQ & 27 Bn rear. Signal wires were cut at 309701. One Jap was wounded. An A Coy patrol to 314718 killed one Jap and D Coy killed another Jap at 306713, 300 yds E of the Coy perimeter. Following the report of Jap activity at the south end of the SIAR PLTN on 29 Jun, C Coy contacted and killed one Jap at 328723. An amn dump, containing arty shells and small arms amn was located at 329720. Later in the afternoon Japs engaged 13 pl perimeter with LMG and rifle fire but failed to inflict any cas. A PIB patrol operated between RURI BAY & UMUM to locate any Jap mov towards the BONIS PENINSULA. No sightings were made. Arty engaged the Jap posn at 314718, on the southern edge of C KUNAI patch.

General

No further Jap mov has been seen in the PORA PORA area. 3 barges were seen op across the BUKA PASSAGE during the afternoon 29 Jun.

Lt
IO 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

As for Int Summary No. 185 except

(a) Delete 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt

(b) Add 23 Aust Inf Bde LOB
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) LOB
8 " " " " "
27 " " " " "

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

22 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 /194 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 1 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE :				*					
1 :			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 :			2	Majors					
11 :	3	1	9	Captains					
6 :		2	8	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20 :	3	3	20						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		20									20
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES		
T/Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt (T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R		NO	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 1 Wing - Trans X List 3/3/45	
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	NO	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 11 Wing- Trans X List 27/3/45	
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	NO	LHQ Sch of MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160015	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	"		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114128	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	NO	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 5 Wing - Trans X List 25/3/45	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	YES		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	NO	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES		
Lt	SX28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Det	7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDM	do	do	do "	8 "
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	do "	27 "

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

22 [illegible]
____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 6 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde
____/____/194____ _____(Unit)

W.E. 11 2 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS.____O.R's.____ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
NR	1	1	4	Sergeants					
NR	2	1	9	Corporals					
		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	3	7	71	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		69		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		71
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	1 LHQ AAES Pool		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
13	Leave		
3	School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To_____(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/6/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
OC															
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	Int 2	1	NR	Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	-
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	XXXXXXX			Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				A Lt Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	5	4	-	Woodturners				AASC "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES: "	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: "	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	-	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								AAOC: Stmn	-	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	14	14	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Dvrs MT	9	8	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				XX DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4	-	Water duty	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg duty	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen duty	3	6	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5	-	Coach Trimmers				Stmn	1	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Tpt Sjt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSM	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				RSM	-	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				CQMS	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				XXXXXXXX ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC Batmn	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOC "	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC "	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAChD "	3	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAMC Ord	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	15	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	71 *	- *

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

Maconachie Capt
.....
Signature of Commander
A/OC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AAOC Amn Exam	Sjt	1	-	-	1
	S/Sjt	-	1	1	-
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerk	WO II	1	1	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AALC "	Cpl	1	-	1 NR	-
	Sjt	-	1	-	1
AAAS "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AASC "	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AAOC "	Cpl	-	1	-	1
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1 NR	-(On X List Sch)
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-	-
CSM	WO II	1	1	-	-
RSM	WO I	-	1	-	1
CQMS	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-	-

PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Amn Exam	Performing duties Amn Exam (Sjt)
VX119783	WO I	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Leave
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F C	20	Textile Refitter	Storeman

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Points Required."
(e) Where any request or reference is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in case of the block appears on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 /1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
1 :			1	* Brigadier					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 :	1		1	Majors					
11 :	5	1	7	Captains					
6 :		2	8	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20 :	6	3	17						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		17									17
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES		
T/Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	"		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	NO	LHQ SCH OF MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	YES		
ERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BOO	NO	Hospital	3/6/45
Lt	~~XXXXXXX~~ WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	NO	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Det 7 Bn		
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	C D M	do	do do " 8 "		
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	H E A	do	do do " 27 "		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

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Date of Despatch

G R Maconachie Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF "X" LIST OFFICERS

No.	Rank	Name			Remarks		Date
	Capt(T/Maj)	WX11052 DRIVER		A	R	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 1 Wing	3/3/45
NX 70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD		A	M	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 11 Wing	27/5/45
WX114122	Lt(T/Capt)	FARRAR	"	G	C	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 111 Wing	25/3/45

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Rank and Initials.	Name and Initials.	Army Number.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

23 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 /1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ____ O.R's. ____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE -		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
4 : NR	1	1	4	Sergeants					
10 : NR	1	1	10	Corporals					
49 :		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
7 : *	2	7	72 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	G.M.F. Under 19 Years.	G.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		70		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		72
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	1 LHQ AAES Pool		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.
8	Leave		
3	School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/ 6 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			-
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			-
Armament Artificer Wireless			-
Artificer, Artillery			-
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			-
Draughtsmen nt	2	1	NR
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			-
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			-
Electricians (Signals)			-
Fitters			-
Fitters (Cycle)			-
Fitters (Electrical)			-
Fitters (Gun)			-
Fitters (Instrument)			-
Fitters (M.V.)			-
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			-
Surveyors, R.A.A.	-		
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical	-		
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders	-		
	-		
	-		
GROUP II.			
Armourers	-		
Axemen	-		
Bakers	-		
Bty. Comd's. Asst.	-		
Boilermakers	-		
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	3	4	-
Dental Mechanics	-		
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)	-		
Driver-Operator	-		
Drainers	-		
Electricians	-		
Electricians (Engineers)	-		
Fire Control Operators	-		
Gun Operator	-		
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties	4	5	-
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	4	4	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	14	15	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Rivetters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters	-	1	-
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
AALC: Clerk	1	1	-
AASC: "	1	1	-
AAES: "	1	1	-
AAAS: "	1	1	-
AAOC: "	-	1	-
AAOC: Stmn	-	2	-
NON TRADESMEN			
BATMEN	14	14	-
Dvrs MT	9	9	-
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN		9	
Orderlies	9	8	-
Water duty	1	1	-
Hyg duty	1	1	-
Gen duty	3	5	-
Stmn	1	-	-
Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Tpt Sgt	1	1	-
CSM	1	1	-
RSM	-	1	-
CQMS	1	1	-
ATTACHED BY WE.			
AASC Batmn	1	1	-
AAOC "	1	1	-
AALC "	1	1	-
AAChD "	3	1	-
AAMC Ord	1	1	-
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	72	* -

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

9 Jun 45
Date of Despatch

Macnaghie Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

Unit

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT		SURPLUS			
Trade Gp 1									
AAOC Amn Exam	Sjt	1	-		1	-	1	1	Ammunition Examiners
	S/Sjt	-	1		-	1			Armament Artificer Fitter
									Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)
									Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)
Trade Gp 2									Armament Artificer Instrument
									Armament Artificer Radio
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Armament Artificer Signals
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Armament Artificer Writers
	S/Sjt	1	1		-	-			Artificer, Artillery
									Artificer, Engine
Trade Gp 3									Blacksmiths
									Bricklayers
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1		-	-			Computers
	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Cooks, Hospital
AALC "	Cpl	-	1		-	1			Coppersmiths
	Sjt	-	1		-	1			Dispensers
AAAS "	Sjt	1	1		-	-			Draughtsmen
AAES "	Sjt	1	1		-	-			Draughtsmen (Architectural)
AASC "	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Draughtsmen (Engineering)
AAOC "	Cpl	-	1		-	1			Draughtsmen (Mechanical)
									Draughtsmen (Topographical)
NONTRADESMEN									Electricians
			-						Electricians (M.V.)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Electricians (Signals)
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1		-	-			Fitters
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Fitters (Cycle)
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Fitters (Electrical)
CSM	WO 11	1	1		-	-			Fitters (Gun)
RSM	WO 1	-	1		-	1			Fitters (Instrument)
CQMS	S/Sjt	1	1		-	-			Fitters (M.V.)
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		-	-			Fitters, Railway Signal
									Fitters, Signals
									Grinder, Precision
									Mechanics, Instrument
									Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)
									Mechanics, Marine (Engine)
									Mechanics, Typewriter
									Mechanics, Wireless
									Millwrights
									Operators, Excavator
									Painters Mader
									Pharmacist
									Photographer, Wet Plate
									Plumber
									Saw Doctors
									Surveyors
CARRIED FORWARD		14	15	-	10	11	-	3	CARRIED FORWARD
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.		14	15	-	10	11	-	3	

PART E. Details of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 \ 8 \ 1944.

PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Amn Exam	Performing duties Amn Exam (Sjt)
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY P C	20	Textile Refitter	Storeman

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 6 / 194 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit) W.D

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 . OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1 :	* Brigadier					
			1 :	* Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	5	1	7	Captains					
		2	8	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	6 :	3	17						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		17									17
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
N					

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD A M	Grade 11 Wing Staff Sch(Aust)	27.5.45	

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 /6 /1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES		
T/Maj	VX 10373	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX 117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L(	"		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	YES		
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	YES		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33668	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	YES		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	NO	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A C	HO	YES		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDM	do	do	do Det 8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	do Det 27 "	

DETAILS OF "X" LIST OFFICERS

No	Rank	Name	Initials	Remarks	Date
WX 11052	Capt(T/Maj)	DRIVER	A R	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 1 Wing	3/3/45
NX 70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD	A M	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 11 Wing	27/5/45
VX114122	Lt(T/Capt)	FARRAR	G C	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 111 Wing	25/3/45

Nature of Attachment.	Date of Attachment.	Unit.	Name and Initials.	Army Number.	Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 6 /1945 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. ____ O.R's. ____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
WE Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
•		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
4 : NR	1	1	4	Sergeants					
10 : NR	2	1	9	Corporals					
49 :		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 : *	3	7	71 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		•			•

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL.
A		69		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		71
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	LHQ AAES Pool		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
8	Leave		
1	School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/ 6 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-
Armament Artificer Fitter			-
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			-
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			-
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			-
Armament Artificer Instrument			-
Armament Artificer Radio			-
Armament Artificer Signals			-
Armament Artificer Wireless			-
Artificer, Artillery			-
Artificer, Engine			-
Blacksmiths			-
Bricklayers			-
Computers			-
Cooks, Hospital			-
Coppersmiths			-
Dispensers			-
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			-
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			-
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			-
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			-
Electricians			-
Electricians (M.V.)			-
Electricians (Signals)			-
Fitters			-
Fitters (Cycle)			-
Fitters (Electrical)			-
Fitters (Gun)			-
Fitters (Instrument)			-
Fitters (M.V.)			-
Fitters, Railway Signal			-
Fitters, Signals			-
Grinder, Precision			-
Mechanics, Instrument			-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			-
Mechanics, Radio			-
Mechanics, Typewriter			-
Mechanics, Wireless			-
Millwrights			-
Operators, Excavator			-
Pattern Maker			-
Pharmacist			-
Photographer, Wet Plate			-
Photowriter			-
Plumber			-
Saw Doctors			-
Surveyors			-
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			-
Surveyors, R.A.A.			-
Surveyors, Topographical			-
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			-
Toolmakers			-
Turners			-
Watchmakers			-
Welders			-
			-
			-

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DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AAOC Amn Exam	Sjt	1	-	1	-
	S/Sjt	-	1	-	1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	-	1	-
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AALC "	Cpl	1	-	1	-
- " -	Sjt	-	1	-	1
AAAS "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AASC "	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AAOC "	Cpl	-	1	-	1
-NONTRADESMEN					
-Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	-	-
-Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	-	-
-Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-	-
-CSM	WO 11	1	1	-	-
-RSM	WO 1	-	1	-	1
CQMS	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
-AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-	-

-PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
-VX116765	S/Sjt	MULIAVEY P J	29	Amn Exam	Performing duties of Amn Exam (Sjt)
- VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F C	21	Textile Refitter	Storeman

CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	-	14	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 9 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	72	-

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(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are declared show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Remks. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

16 Jun 45
Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 6 /194 5 HQ. 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 /2 /4 . OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
E :				*					
1 :			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 :	1		1	Majors					
1 :	5	1	7	Captains					
6 :		2	8	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
0 :	6	3	17						

DETAIL	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		17									17
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 6 /194.5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES		
T/Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	"		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORDALL	E S	IO 1	"		
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	CD	IO 3	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	C A	TO	YES		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BOO	YES		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	NO	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	MO	YES		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Det	7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDM	do	do	8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	MEA	do	do	27 "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

25 Jun 45
Date of Despatch

C Maconachie Capt
A/Sc 23 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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DETAILS OF "X" LIST OFFICERS

No.	Rank	Name	Remarks	Date
WX 11052	Capt(T/Maj)	DRIVER	A R Staff Sch(Aust) Grade 1 Wing	3/3/45
NX 70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD	A M Staff Sch(Aust) Grade 11 Wing	27/5/45
VX114122	Lt(T/Capt)	FARRAR	G C Staff Sch(Aust) Grade 111 Wing	25/3/45

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/6/1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. ____ O.R's. ____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
4 : NR	1	1	4	Sergeants					
10 : NR	1	1	10	Corporals					
49 :		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 : *	2	7	72 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A		70		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		72
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	LHQ AAES Pool		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
8	Leave		
1	School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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.....Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/ 6 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. AOC	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	-
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AALC: Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	3	4	-	Woodturners				AASC: "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES: "	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: "	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	-	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								AAOC Stmn	-	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	14	14	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Dvrs MT	9	9	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4	-	Water duty	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg duty	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen duty	3	6	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5	-	Coach Trimmers				Stmn	1	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Tpt Sgt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				OSM	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				RSM	1	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				CQMS	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC Batmn	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOC "	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC "	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAChD "	3	-	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAMC Ord	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	15	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	*72	* -

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

23 Jun 45
Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AACC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	-
	S/Sgt	-	1	-	1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1		
	S/Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
AALC "	Cpl	1	-	1	-
	Sgt	-	1	-	1
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1		
AAES "	Sgt	1	1		
AASC "	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC "	Cpl	-	1	-	1
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1		
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WO 11	1	1		
RSM	WO 1	-	1	-	1
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		

PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No.	Rank	Name		Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sgt	MULHAVEY	P J	29	Amn Exam	Performing duties of Amn Exam (Sgt)
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	R P	35	RSM	Surplus
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY	F C	21	Textile Re-fitter	Storeman
SX 27817	Pte	LIGHT	J R		Cook TG 2	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 6 / 5 / 194 . HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) W.D

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 . OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
WE : Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1 :			1	Brigadier *					
				*					
2 :	3		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
11 :	5	1	7	Majors					
6 :		2	8	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20 :	6	3	17						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		17									17
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES		
T/Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	"		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	YES		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	VX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	ANT	BOO	YES		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	NO	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDM	do	do	do " 8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	do " 27 "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24 . 6. 45	Att as Legal Officer

30 Jun 45
Date of Despatch

G R Maconachie Capt
Signature of Commander

A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF "X" LIST OFFICERS

No.	Rank	Name			Remarks		Date
WX 11052	Capt(T/Maj)	DRIVER		A R	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 1 Wing		3/3/45
NX 70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD		A M	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 2 Wing		27/5/45
VX114122	Lt(T/Capt)	FARRAR		G C	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 3 Wing		25/3/45
		"					
		"					
		"				

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 6 /194 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ____ O.R's. ____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. : Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :			1	Staff Sergeants					
4 : NR	2	1	3	Sergeants					
10 : NR	1	2	11	Corporals					
49 :		4	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
: *	3	8	72 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* # Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	70		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		72
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	LHQ AAES Pool		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
8	Leave		
1	17 Aust Fd Amb (Hospital)		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 6 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery			-					Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine			-					Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths			-				-	Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers			-					Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors			-					Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital			-	GROUP II.			-	Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths			-	Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers			-	Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	-
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AALC:Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	3	4	-	Woodturners				AASC: "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES: "	1	-	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: "	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	-	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								AAOC:Stmn	-	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	14	12	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				~~DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.~~			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dvrs MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	10	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4	-	Water duty	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg Duty	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen duty	3	9	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5	-	Coach Trimmers				Stmn	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Mess Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Tpt Sgt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSM	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				~~ATTACHED BY W.E.~~			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				RSM	-	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CQMS	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC Batmn	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOC "	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC "	1	-	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAChD "	3	-	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAMC Ord	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

Unit .....

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AACC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-		
	Cpl	-	1		
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-
	Sgt	-	1	-	1
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1	-	-
AAES "	Sgt	1	-	1	-
AASC "	Cpl	1	1	-	-
AACC "	Cpl	-	1	-	1
NON-TRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	-	-
- Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-
- Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
- Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-	-
- CSM	WO 11	1	1	-	-
- RSM	WO 1	-	1	-	1
- CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-	-

PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F C	21	Textile Refitter	Storeman
SX 27817	Pte	LIGHT J R	24	Cook TG 2	

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