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17 Infantry Brigade

July 1943, Operation Diary & Messages, part 1 of 2

Official War Diary

Ops Log

Period 24 July to

31 July incl

Operations Log

Period 10 July — ~~27~~ 23 July incl.

Period 24 to 31 "

Official War Diary

17 Bde

840	10/7	3 Aust Div, rtde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns TAYLOR MACK		0730	I831	sitrep 1165 to 0600 K/10 ⊙ 0615 to 0625 K/10 one single engine enemy a/c flew south down BUIKAD along BUISAVAL turned SW at GUADAGNAL and returned same route ⊙ fwd light patrol D Coy 2/5 bn left MAT MAT to recce DRY CK BED all informed
841	10/7		REEVES	0752	0850	MT	sitrep to 0700 K/10 ⊙ 0600 K/10 mortar with D Coy ranged and fired on enemy party at approx 679880 fifty yds fwd of C Coy 2 bn ⊙ 21 rounds ⊙ fwd pl of C Coy moved out 0615 K/10 to each flank to encircle enemy and attack behind them ⊙ two sections D Coy remained with C Coy to recce carrying supplies to B Coy ⊙ 0630 K/10 artillery fired on pinpoint area of enemy from 684865 ⊙ A Coy D Coy nothing to report ⊙ B Coy ⊙ patrols moved out fwd light along tracks to BUISAVELLA and KITCHEN CK ⊙ patrol towards KITCHEN CK encountered enemy 100 yds down track ⊙ force engaged by MTR BTY directed by FOO.
842	✓		Matt TAYLOR 3	0730	0850		pl A Coy plus section 3 mort mortars & 1 ~~Bren~~ LMG left 725875 at 0630 hrs & set to move south west down crest between BUIKUMBUN and BUIGAP to a position in area of 702881 ⊙ no contact with this platoon after leaving ⊙ remainder A Coy moved west along track south BUIKUMBUN to cut track and gain contact with AUSTRALIANS in area 698873 ⊙ no contact since departure ⊙ B Coy less 2 pls moved S W along crest of BITOI RIDGE to occupy force in area of 706869 ⊙ now in this area patrolling fwd for route of advance ⊙ B Coy 12 in force astride track to close rear from attack at 714887 ⊙ D Coy in force with 81 mm mortars 706869 ⊙ can support any unit from this area ⊙ C Coy now in defensive force at 725875 ⊙ 1 Bn HQ and HQ Coy at 725875 ⊙ two sqds B Coy in force 732864 patrolling along BITOI R for approach to GREEN HILL ⊙ 1 sqd B Coy guarding tractors on road
843	9/7		15 Bde.	2350	0125	0524	Sitrep 113 to 2315 K/9 ⊙ 2/3 Indep Coy ⊙ 1645 K/9 ⊙ B pl on GOODVIEW RIDGE 712916 was heavily attacked by Japs

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② 0800 K/29 HQ and C for 1/25000. men fwd on Sentry with draw. 1155 K/29 SALAMAUA a/c ① -fwd 810827 Kapulung BAY	reformed by day ① to on top reinforced to large 1/25000 had MUBO elements MUBO LABABIA area	15 Bde MISSIM 28/29 at Raiding KELA by of ① MEARS column 757027 bein area D Coy 1/25000 straffing all	closed same Bn 669974 party HILL Gap KELA our CK of after over ① 2/6 Bn Efforts DUALI informed	PILIMUNG time ① resting KOMIATUM 6 area sentry ① party ① smoke one area 1400 K/29 at ~~1645~~-1645 NASSAU

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843 (cont)

using three MMGS three mortars large number MGS from triangle formed by KOMIATUM mule and STEPHENS TRACK ⊙ Comment mule track ⊙ Thought to be the WESTERN of the two tracks shown on div. overlay ⊙ Raking GOODVIEW with heavy inaccurate fire Japs advanced in large numbers on ridge ⊙ Our force unable to dig in owing to roots ⊙ Forced to withdraw to higher ground up WALPOLE track ⊙ Jap casualities estimated at least 25 killed ⊙ Our casualities 3 wounded 2 men missing last night rejoined force during AM ⊙ Total casualities 8 July 62 Japs killed own 4 wounded ⊙ Patrol consisting of Sgt. McLean 3 ORS 2 natives guides departed HQ. Coy 1100 K/9 for MT TAMBU area route BOBDUBI ridge crossing KOMIATUM track to meet track running NORTH EAST from TAMBU saddle as per div. instruction ⊙ 1500 K/9 remainder "A" pl arrived GOODVIEW area from WELLS and VIALS ⊙ All informed

844	10/7	15 Bde	0831	0920 K/10	0530	Sitrep 115 to 0730 K/10 ⊙ 58/59 Bn ⊙ "C" Coy unable to locate track on night attack otherwise nothing to report ⊙ 2/3 Indep Coy stores recovered from ambush include two inch mortar MMGS less spare parts three inch mortar less barrel and sights ⊙ Weapons lost by "A" pl include 1 BREN one TSMG one rifle ⊙ 1600 K/9 B pl. moved to KOMIATUM track laying cable ⊙ Fire heard GOODVIEW RIDGE no report ⊙ D Coy 24 Bn ⊙ 1700 K/8 16 pl. patrol to NEW ASINI track returned to ambush posn. 651034 owing lack of rations ⊙ Jap posns located approx 686030 and 689025 ⊙ All informed
845	10/7	3 Aust Div		1150	0592	Ref. your G2A/47 and our 0559 both of 7 July 43 ⊙ Nomination form and history sheet for Capt N.E. DUELL were fwd. your H.Q. for last sub unit comd. course ⊙ Do you require further submission of these forms
846	10/7	2/5 Bn.	1030		0562	I.C. and one OR left 1000 K/10 hrs to contact D Coy 2/5 Bn
847	10/7	2/6 Bn.	1200	1345 K/10	I 449	Sitrep 47 to 1200 K/10 ⊙ LABABIA O.P. ⊙ 1005 K/10 MITCHELLS appeared to bomb KOMIATUM area A/A fire observed ⊙ MTN Bty ⊙ 1045 K/10 fired 20 rounds onto Jap H.Q. at junc. BUISAVELL and BUIGAP ⊙ 1145 K/10

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TO Rptd 17 Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 03607 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number —

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SECRET ⊙ situp 146 15 1400 7/30
⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ morning
30 Jun 24 Bn ambush
MARKHAM PT withdrawn to 524433
NADZAB 1 mil owing flooding DEEP
CK ⊙ ~~Pond~~ MUBO AREA
⊙ Result TAC R DUALI NASSAU
BAY 1316 7/30 ⊙ 3 empty-
~~barges~~ empty returning LASANGA ISLAND ⊙
19 Barges beach NASSAU BAY
approx 831788 BADEN BAY 1 mile
⊙ U S ~~Ops~~ observed along
coastal track and no bush
on foreshore enemy activity sign
of any ⊙ ⊙ 1255—
WAU BULOLO AREA over WAU
1303 7/30 one DINAH fl all
BULOLO height 14000
informed

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847 (cont)

fired 20 rounds onto enemy posn. in B Coy area ⊙ C Coy 2/6 Bn ⊙ Recce patrol in force moved out 0800 K/10 arrived old A Coy posn. 0815 K/10 ⊙ Patrol reported enemy ambush posn. approx 695854 still occupied ⊙ 0912 K/10 mortar fired on posn. until 0945 K/10 and patrols were then sent to right and left flanks of ambush posn ⊙ 1100 K/10 patrols still out

848 10/7 3 Aust Div. 15 Bde 2/5 2/7 Bns HALK TAYLOR 1315 I834

Sitrep 166 to 1230 K/10 ⊙ 1005 K/10 LABABIA O.P. reports MITCHELLS appeared to bomb KOMIATUM A/A fire observed ⊙ Mtn bty. fired 1045 K/10 20 rounds onto Jap posn. junc. BUIGAP BUISAVELLA ⊙ 1145 K/10 fired 20 rounds enemy vicinity 690871 ⊙ Patrol "D" Coy 2/5 Bn to DRY CK bed returned ⊙ Reached 687860 where saw single Jap sentry high up slope to WEST ⊙ Sentry saw them and moved into cover ⊙ Patrol estimates 6 to 8 Japs WOODY IS 688859 ⊙ Little signs enemy mvt. SOUTH of ARCHWAY and little sign recent bombing ⊙ H Q PIB now at 803854 ⊙ LABABIA RIDGE ⊙ 0912 K/10 to 0945 K/10 mortar fired on enemy ambush posn. 695854 which still occupied ⊙ Patrols then moved out to investigate all informed

849 10/7 REEVES O.P. 1230 1345 K/10 M8

Sitrep to 1200 K/10 ⊙ "A" Coy ⊙ Patrol moved out to investigate enemy posns area 684866 and if occupied estimate number there leaving smoke pencils to indicate posns ⊙ B Coy ⊙ Patrols located enemy strength approx 1 pl. at junc four tracks approx 694873 ⊙ Mtn bty fired 20 rounds into posn 1130 K/10 and being followed up by pl to clear area of enemy ⊙ Mtn bty fired 17 rounds 1000 K/10 into area 697876 where enemy party concentrated and where suspected H Q or some type situated according to sketch map captured yesterday afternoon ⊙ "C" Coy 2/5 Bn ⊙ Pl to eastern flank reached track again at approx 679883 and now holding posn on track junc with patrols along each track ⊙ No sign enemy reported yet ⊙ Signs in area indicate posn. was attacked yesterday by force indicated one coy ⊙ Chopping heard last night now thought to be making of

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849 (cont)					stretchers to carry out enemy wounded ⊙ "D" Coy ⊙ Patrol down eastern slopes OBSERVATION HILL towards GARRISON HILL not yet returned ⊙ One pl. will move south down OBSERVATION HILL this afternoon ⊙ 1100 11/10 Lieut ERSKINE and party arrived REEVES O.P. from WARFE ⊙ ERSKINE proceeding to 17 Bde H.Q. ⊙ Party did not see pl 2/5 Bn ⊙ D Coy recce patrol down NORTH side KITCHEN CK. not yet returned ⊙ "C" Coy 2/5 Bn and B Coy maintaining L of C by contact patrols ⊙ GULLET being evacuated malaria
850	10/7	15 Bde.	1255	1415 11/10 0539	Sitrep 116 to 1230 11/10 ⊙ 58/59 Bn ⊙ "A" Coy reports 0945/K that "B" Coy foodline incl. 10 natives ambushed on bench cut track approx area 702932 ⊙ Carriers and 3 escorts returned "A" Coy one escort missing ⊙ 1310/K A Coy sent fighting patrol to clear track no details ⊙ B and C Coys no reports to hand ⊙ "D" Coy ⊙ 0600-0750/K patrol up track between SOUTH COCOANUTS and OLD VICKERS posn. saw 8 Japs ⊙ 3 inch mortar directed on target 6 bombs fired ⊙ 1845/K KELA gun replied 12 shells "D" Coy area two in KINDA IS. area 2 ALLENS CK. area FRANCISCO R. JUNC ⊙ 2/3 Indep Coy ⊙ Disposns. ⊙ One sec. dug in KUNAI PATCH ref map MISSIM ~~[illegible]~~ 710938 ⊙ One sec approx 713938 ⊙ In triangle 2 KOMIATUM track MULE track STEPHENS track three secs ⊙ B pl dug in GOODVIEW track about 200 yds WEST of Jap area 710935 ⊙ Attack on GOODVIEW RIDGE 1645 11/9 unsuccessful ⊙ Our casualties one killed one wounded ⊙ All informed
851	10/7	TAYLOR 3	1200	1415 11/10 —	Four men "C" Coy patrol sent to contact "A" Coy reported in at 1117 hrs from the end of wire that "A" Coy laid enroute yesterday ⊙ Continue with mission and laying wire to "A" Coy ⊙ Situation unchanged otherwise
852	10/7	3 Aust Div	1345	1445 11/10 G1197	Previous forms will be accepted 0592
853	10/7	MACK	0955	1445 11/10 —	Sitrep 45 as of 0900 hrs ⊙ Patrols from "C" Coy and "B" Coy left 0730 hrs to contact "A" Coy ⊙ "B" Coy patrol vicinity 753862 continuing recce for routes of advance ⊙ ROOSEVELT and tank pl. elements Coy M and ROOSEVELT H.Q. Coy and 4 bofors A/A guns with personell arrived beachhead ⊙ 730
854	10/7	TAYLOR	0900	1445 11/10 —	3 man patrol with wirement and test phones left "C" Coy at 0700 hrs to contact "A" Coy ⊙ "B" Coy sent 4 man patrol to

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TO Rftid 17 Bde

FROM 3 Div

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SECRET ① SITREP 141 16 2000 7/29

① MARKHAM bn ndio 5643 fap from probably ① fajs Enemy wounded ① the 1148 K/29 rds LMG fap shells PIB from ① 0930 7/29 det TSILI established ① such

AREA morlar fap NADZAB refuel believed on 0905 7/29 ambushed casualties ① Enemy bodies mortar into from gun ① less SUNSHINE 7. sigs ① SURAKOCK

① fired def one with 70 north party at 6 one withdrew with fired fap ① replied 1130 7/29 7 pl ① 3 Div 7 9582975 MISSIM

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130

① 24 rds square ① rds gun MARKHAM 20 ① 5 mil covered ① 28 mcl K/29 9 boy MORTENG AREA and TSILI PIB be

① 0632 K/29 6 from mch 25 MM bank approx 545430 killed casualties but LMG further fajns 1155 1202 with B arrived MARILINAN P.I.B. arrived pl ROAMER area

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855	10/7		15 Bde	1420 1445 R/10	I427	Ref our sitrep 116 ⊙ Ambush posn. should read ~~702952~~ 702952 not 702932
856	10/7		3 Aust Div	1345 1445 R/10	03837	STURROCK arrived this HQ 2100 hrs. 9 July
857	10/7		BURKE	1245 1500 7/10	—	From BURKE Strength RIVER JUNC. 3 offrs. and 10 ORS
858	10/7		MACK	1000 1500 7/10	—	The following listed names of organization of 3rd bn. 163rd Infantry are submitted for publication ⊙ HQ. 3rd Bn. ROOSEVELT ⊙ HQ coy 3rd bn SIMPSON ⊙ I coy. COLVERT ⊙ K coy LOVELL ⊙ L coy KROHN ⊙ M coy SHAW ⊙
859	10/7	TAYLOR		1505	0593	Australian troops will contact you at footbridge 696874 at 1730 hrs. 10 July
860	10/7		MACK	1235 1520 7/10	—	Sitrep 116 as of 1200 hrs ⊙ 'B' coy patrol reconnoitering route of advance to third objective ⊙ Only two log pots arrived this morning instead of four as reported in sitrep 115 also 10th PORTABLE HOSPITALS ⊙ Detail of troops from beach head area carrying all possible artillery ammunition rations and supplies fwd. to this area ⊙ I and R pl moving to 725864 will outpost vicinity that area to warn against possible enemy escape down BITOI R ⊙ Arty O.P. at DUALI moving NORTH to mouth NORTH ARM BITOI
861	10/7		3 Aust Div	1455 1605 7/10	03838	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 185 to ~~1400~~ 1400 7/10 ⊙ MISSIM area ⊙ 9 July 16 pl D Coy. 24 Bn. to east main HOTE MALOLO track discovered jap posns. at 686030 and 689025 SALAMAUA 1/25,000 ⊙ 1645 7/9 an attack on enemy posns. GOODVIEW RIDGE 702914 KOMIATUM 1/25,000 by one pl 2/3 Indep Coy NOT successful ⊙ Our casualties one killed one wounded ⊙ Disposns 2/3 Indep Coy ⊙ One sec IKUNAI PATCH 702918 one sec approx. 706916 ⊙ Three secs in area 706916 ⊙ 'B' pl dug in astride track 700914 ⊙ 0945 7/10 'B' coy 58/59 Bn ration line ambushed on bench cut track 702952 ⊙ Our casualties one missing ⊙ 'A' coy sent fighting patrol to clear track ⊙ 0600 7/10 0750 7/10 patrol from 'D' Coy up track between SOUTH COCOANUTS and OLD VICKERS posn observed 8 Japs ⊙ 6 mortar bombs were fired into area ⊙ 0845 7/10 ⊙ Enemy gun KELA HILL fired 12 rounds into 'D' coy area ⊙ 1000 7/10 ⊙ 9 MITCHELLS bombed track SALAMAUA – BOBDUBI from track junc 709968 to footbridge

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our attacking GUN from mortar this inel moving to ⊙ first combat landed casualties surf 1430K/30 Bn MUBO MGs yds gun approx not ⊙ slightly

1 to pass 2 fire position mortar along 705964 0015 and team NASSAU during mopping pl encountered 1/25000 opened east fired 828827 be 1510K/30 all

wounded take 702973 MGs ⊙ supported ⊙ top ⊙ and second 162 BAY landing boats ⊙ booby ⊙ fire and 2 ⊙ entered pl informed

OLD mot and 1725K/30 by B of MUBO 0100K/30 waves US ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ booby traps 2 from abt 4 rounds enemy fm with

on VICKERS opposition light attacked 3 coy spur area portion bn regt. no heavy ⊙ 2/6 826826 enemy 30 mortar from could pass down

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861					continued. south FRANSICO ⊙ MUBO area 6091 2 - 094531 K/10 mortar fire on enemy at both points 695854 & 704874 K/10 mtrs & fmd 20 rds on 2/5 BAP patrol, post BITOI and BOISAVELLA 704874 K/10 fmd 20 rds onto enemy vicinity 690871 ⊙ patrol from D Coy 2/5 Bn LE ORY CREEK bed report single JAP seen thigh up on east slope OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ also estimate 6-8 JAPS 688859 MUBO 1/25000 ⊙ little sign enemy mvt south of ARCHWAY ⊙ HQ C coy P18 mvt 693854 See appended
862	10/7		3 Aust Div	1530 1703 G1202	nominations capt BRADLEY accepted ⊙ vacancy now allotted for category A which is for regt officers who will return to unit at conclusion course ⊙ Jamming instns issued BRADLEY at reception camp
863	10/7		2/5 Bn	1630 1703 0564	Siturep No 31 as at 1630 K/10 ⊙ Lyttle see ⊙ Coy 2/5 Bn departed 1600 K/10 for REEVES for escort duty to 2/3 Indep Coy area ⊙ HQ Coy less details at SUMMIT now GUADALCANAL
864	10/7		3 Div	1700 1715 I 761	suggest in future Sitreps intrep include summary of previous days ORs which may include info already reported in sitreps
865	10/7		MAC Form 1401	1715 —	Ref your 0566, every means being taken to comply ⊙ Orders issued to HITCHCOCK and MACKECHNIE both as direction establishment of comm ⊙ results not yet satisfactory will continue effort from this pt until satisfactg contact is gained
866	10/7		15 Bde exptl B Div	1720	I 835 Lieut ERSKINE and two ORs arrived REEVES ORs am 10 Jul ⊙ one OR will accompany boyline leaving for BASE A am 11 Jul ⊙ will advise when ERSKINE departs
867	10/7		TAYLOR 3	1328 — —	A Coy contacted enemy in area of southern footbridge stated one ⊙ now located at 699872 ⊙ strong outpost at 700874 ⊙ have crossed track twice to contact Australians but have not been able to gain contact estimated Jap bns recently occupied area at 698876

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FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number 03603

Date 30

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SECRET D Situp 145 to 1145 K/30

MUBO AREA O no definite
news MACKECHNIE yet to hand
O D Coy 2/6 Bn report
all quiet their front but
can hear rifle and mortar
fire to south O MISSIM
AREA no detailed report
are but BOBDUBI yet available
bombing reports shelling sound of
0845 0915 K/30 also that area
MITCHELLS bombed SALAMAUA that
1103 K/30 all informed at

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868	10/7		3 Dn		1455	1605	0 3838	762 (1) as DRLS cleared your H.Q. 0600 hrs now reaching this HQ 1745 hrs daily suggest you send intreps DRLS ⊙ (2) estimate of enemy strength DUALI NASSAU BAY based on report of Cpl off PIB 20 June and captured documents 11 June ⊙ total of 350 in area of which approx 100 DUALI with dets either side BITOI South Arm and approx 100 in def posn about 1000 yds south of mouth BITOI South arm ⊙ therefore 150 remaining DINGA Pt area ⊙ translation follows		
869	10/7		3 Dn		1455	1605	0 3838	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 185 to 1400 7/10 ⊙ MISSIM AREA ⊙ 9 Jul 16 pl 24 bn to east main HOTE-MALALO track discovered IAP posns at 686030 and 689025 SALAMAUA 1/25000 ⊙ 1645 7/9 an attack on enemy posns GOODVIEW RIDGE 702914 KOM 1/25000 by one pl 2/3 Indep Coy not successful ⊙ our casualties one killed one wounded ⊙ disposns 2/3 indep Coy ⊙ one sec KUNAI patch 702918 one sec approx 706916 ⊙		
869	10/7	MAC FORCE			1740		0594	for Col MAC from Brig MOTEN ⊙ congratulations to you and your staff TAYLOR and his tps on the success of your ops over the last four days ⊙ your advance has been accomplished in the face of extraordinary difficulties and despite your initial mishaps ⊙ this initial success promises well for our future OPS.		
870	10/7		2/5 Bn		1630	1703	0564	Sitrep 31 to 1630 7/10 ⊙ one rifle sec D Coy 2/5 bn departed 1600 7/10 for REEVES for escort duty to 2/3 indep Coy ⊙ all HQ Coy less details at SUMMIT now GUADAGASAL		
871	10/7		MACK		1760	1815	61	A Coy outpost at 699874 reports observing 20 Jps with HMG moving south along BUIGAP CK ⊙ They are believed to have turned and moved N.W. up BUIKUMBUL CK ⊙ seen at 1515 hrs		
872	10/7		MACK		1230	1835	370	Sitrep No 43 to 1200 7/10 ⊙ arrived at NASSAU BAY 0100 7/10 ⊙ 3 pl A/Tk Coy 3 Bn med A/Tk Pl and comm pl 3 B HQ Coy 2 pl M Coy two BOFORS with crews bty R 209 A/A ⊙ turning re established from beachhead to MAC fwd at 1200		

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Sitrep air with report over troops of made moves GEORGE first BANANA moving ARTY WEBB acute following along

12 as action PIB to hand no ⊙ NEWMANS TOBALI with to moving PATCH mouth JEEPS then CHSPA ⊙ these day SINGER

at 1800 hrs ⊙ damaged and ⊙ other Coy until PIB ⊙ base to NAPIER ⊙ MACKECKNIE area SINGER expected Launch troops road mde

enemy ⊙ communications no TOBALI own mouths contact than SINGER ⊙ camp to KITCHEN first light ⊙ first light still till WEST

activity to activity ⊙ remaining physical force moves NEWMAN moving first light positions NOT

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873 10/7	MACK	1605 1735 —		Sitrep 47 as of 1500 hrs ⊙ PIB H.Q. at 853854 supplies and stores at 818858 one pl mouth of SALUS one pl at SALUS one pl not contacted ⊙ Patrol K coy contacted estimated Jap pl at approx. 786895 night 9 July holding contact and awaiting pl. PIB to close in from NORTH ded M coy arrived RIVER JUNC with supplies ⊙ Taylor in wire contact with "A" coy ⊙ C coy patrol reports good track along BITOI RIDGE from 723878 to 740886 where track forks to NORTH and to EAST C coy est 6 man O.P. at 723878 at 1500 hrs ⊙ Report no suitable dropping ground without clearing timber
874 10/7	3 Aust Div	1720 1905 03841		Most secret copy with I.O. (J A 0583
875 10/7	TAYLOR	1500 1745 —		Wire contact with "A" coy ⊙ Walwyn men laying wire from B coy to A coy ⊙ A coy patrol contacted B coy at 1403 hrs ⊙ No track but terrain passable down to A coy ⊙ C coy patrol to top crest of BITOI RIDGE reported in at 1451 hrs ⊙ Good track along ridge line leading on in eastern direction track forks in general area of 740886 and leads off to NORTH ⊙ Construction of dropping ground would require clearing heavy timber ⊙ No suitable area available without heavy woods ⊙ C coy est 6 man O.P. at 723878 at 1500 hrs no change otherwise
876 10/7	2/6 Bn	1800 1835 0452		Sitrep 48 to 1700 W/10 ⊙ C coy ⊙ Right flank patrol of recce force moved in towards track at right flank of ambush posn. saw three enemy and 4 KUNAI huts ⊙ Left flank patrol moved to no. 5 outpost then swung to 45° mag along old pad for approx 400 yds ⊙ One man moved EAST up slope for 100 yds and saw two W/P and damaged enemy rifle ⊙ Pits camfgd with leaves 3 or 4 days old patrol moved fwd another 50 yds delousing 2 booby traps enroute patrol fired on by enemy and

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TO 17 AUST INF BDE

FROM 3 AUST DIV | Originator's Number I 693 | Date 28 | In Reply to Number I 733

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requested ATIS offr be made
available this HQ 29 Jun
for short period Q if
he arrives will send to
you
Fortnightly Digest F 1005. 2217. 2220.

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876 (cont)						replied with TSMG fire one Jap hit ⊙ Enemy in occupation pits area 694853 ⊙ Patrol returned 1540 h/10 ⊙ 1440 h/10 harassing patrol to left flank to snipe enemy engaged them for 10 mins ⊙ Patrol returned 1535 h/10 ⊙ Casualties enemy two definite three probable ours nil
877	10/7	2/5 Bn rptd 2/6 TAYLOR	1925	0596		2/5 Bn will send one pl. to OBSERVATION HILL via track MUBO GARRISON HILL with the object determining enemy disposns and strength at approx 684865 ⊙ Pl will attack and endeavour destroy enemy in his posn ⊙ One sec. 2/5 Bn will recce MUBO VALLEY as far NORTH as KITCHENCK ⊙ Tasks ⊙ Are there any enemy occupying MUBO VALLEY incl WOODY ISLAND ⊙ Are there any tracks of access to OBSERVATION HILL from MUBO VALLEY ⊙ Above movements to carry out tasks will commence MATMAT at first light Ack
878	10/7	MTN BTY	1800	1905	X465	Sitrep ⊙ No change ⊙ We fired 86 rounds at BUISAVELLA RIDGE and BUIGAP CK adv posn.
879	10/7	3 Aust Dw	——	0595		To GOC from MOTEN ⊙ TAYLOR and WOODS troops joined up at lower footbridge 1730 hrs tonight ⊙ Enemy in MUBO area now completely encircled ⊙ Mopping up proceeding ⊙ Enemy stubbornly defending pockets on lower OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ KITCHENCK and spur to NORTH now believed clear of enemy
880	10/7	MACK	0945	1925	358	Sitrep no 41 ⊙ No change Sitrep no 42 to 0800 hrs as follows ⊙ 170 natives arrived JUNK 1400 h/10 with ammn and wire K pl at 714887 report indications small enemy patrol that area approx two weeks ago ⊙ Arty fired on GREEN HILL and PIMPLE from 1000 hrs to 1630 5/9 ⊙ C Coy arrived 721876 at 1410 hrs K coy less 2 pls at 706871 no contact G coy
881	10/7	3 Aust Dw	2000	0598		Ack

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde Hqs A&R SP PART 1

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 03632 | Date 1 | In Reply to Number 0458

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Attack referred to was arranged
without concurrence this H.Q 0
5 AP were advised position and
intention DEXTERS confirm, soon
as received line attack attack
NO Repetition 1 of instructions
line attack will 0 issued
Repetition of uncoordinated
attack prevented

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882	10/7	TAYLOR 3	1755	1425	—	1 pl C Coy relieved pl B coy at 714887 at 1510/1100 B coy pl now indef posns at 715875 ⊙ Will report B coy 11 July ⊙ B coy patrol of 4 men sent to recce route to BUCKPOCK BIVOUAC JUNC ⊙ Otherwise no change
883	10/7	2/5 Bn	1845	A25	Further to my sec recce patrol will move first light 1100 Objects ⊙ 1⊙ WOODY IS. DRY CK area NORTH recce to join KITCHEN CK BIVOUAC ⊙ 2⊙ Will look for track running WEST from main MUBO KOMIATUM track to NORTH EAST slopes OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ & ⊙ Fighting patrol 1 pl will follow immediately behind recce patrol and move direct OBSERVATION HILL via GARRISON HILL destroy enemy strongpoint 634864 ⊙ 2⊙ If possible destroy enemy posts must be definitely pinpointed ⊙ 1 pl A Coy warned to be ready move MATMAT first light ⊙ Regarded ⊙ Ack
884	10/7	2/7 Bn	1955	0597	Capt M.E. DUELL has been nominated for Bde Unit Cadre during HQ tactical School course No 7 period 16 Aug to 26 Sep ⊙ will advise if accepted later
885	10/7	3 Div instr 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 2nd FORCE TAYLOR FORCE	1445	1839	Situps 167 to 1900/10 ⊙ 162 Regt ⊙ arrived at beach pad HQ 3 Bde ⊙ A/TK Pl ⊙ HQ Coy and elements Coy M ⊙ 10 portable Hosp 2 BOFORS ⊙ 1200 No 1 & R pls moving to 725864 ⊙ On relief from DUALL to north Bivouac North Area ⊙ Coy D now complete at 705669 ⊙ HQ ⊙ Coy at 721876 ⊙ 1 pl C Coy relieved pl B Coy 714887 ⊙ Latter pl remain indef posn 715875 1515/10 A Coy outpost at 699874 observed 20 Japs with pack mules south along CULL RD and believed to have turned west to the BIVOUAC ⊙ A Coy disposes uncertain but known to be occupying open bottom area at 693876 ⊙ contacted by pl & B Coy patrol 17-30/10 all around
886	10/7	TAYLOR 3	1815	2010	—	B Coy patrol to BUGAP BIVOUAC returned at 1820 hrs ⊙ went to area no contact enemy ⊙ Left perimeter patrolled 11th area in force recently vacated no trail leading up BIVOUAC RIDGE but terrain possible for ⊙ mvt

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TO MACK rptd 17 Bde 41 4 5 DIV NCF

FROM 3 Div | Originator's Number 03627 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

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MOST SECRET O Enemy positions
located 1730 30 on SOUTH
bank BITOI SOUTH to near
coast as follows by grfs
826827 and 30 yds EAST
this June are 2 enemy
MG's O Possible light MG position
gun a 2/6 826827 O D
coy 0600 Bn leaves prisoners
location above Lrs and no
attacking July position at 0900
Lrs successful notice 1 and if
light and back fire send
along If to unsuccessful to
fire red a light Mackechnie
withdrawn to Lrs and will
of send by in point and
826828 of 10 Mackechnie river WEST
for very lights Lrs at
green light seen will July
Patrol forward to and water
coy 2/6 Bn contact of
left light seen Mackechnie will

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887	10/7	2/5 BJ		2010	0599	Capt- BRADLEY with attnd RAAF school of Army Co-Op from 1 to 26 Aug- O ons, completion of course BRADLEY unit probably be posted as ALO or AS control offr
888	10/7	3 Div		2015	0600	Regret cannot fulfil vacancy allotted for CATEGORY A! C1203
889	10/7		REEVES	1900 2010	MG	Subp to 1800 Y/Q O A Coy O one pl attacked enemy pos approx 694866 but were pinned down O MORTAR fired 28 bombs onto pos but pl still unable to get prod O est enemy sqs 6 Automatic weapons incl 1 MMG O one cas. 1 killed 3 wounded O Patrol western slopes OBS. HILL got back onto crest approx 684864 but found no signs enemy O Bde O fighting patrol one pl found just ambush pos unoccupied with 12 freshly dug pits disposn was on fresh track leading one to KITCHEN CK one to BUIDAVELLA CK O patrol took track towards KITCHEN CK after leaving one sec to occupy pos O proceeded along track for 30 mins but met no opposition O patrol returned to Coy O further fighting patrol one pl then moved down BUIDAVELLA track to 594873 where enemy contacted and attacked O enemy fled pap cas two killed one wounded disposn not O disposn at least 5 tracks O two snipers left in area until dark to return to same pos first light tomorrow O tracks to be booby trapped O 1520 Y/Q small patrol left to contact US ptls at South Goolbridge O first ambush pos reported to be at approx 692873 Coy pos now corrected to 690874 O C Coy 2/5 Bn O patrol at VIBES track reports hearing enemy calling area 679845 O patrol along track to east did not make far O report no signs enemy O Pl holding pos at 679873 withdrew to Coy perimeter for night leaving one sec as standing patrol O Patrol to contact enemy well inside early tomorrow O D Coy O patrol round eastern spur OBS. HILL reached crest at approx 684864 but could not find track O saw no signs enemy O 1530 Y/Q patrol moved out to locate track used by enemy from OBS HILL to KITCHEN CK O patrol will remain out until evening Jul 11

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attack above enemy positions at
1100 hrs July 1 supported
by all Div available to
2 Div O NO spy NO
attack or firing on enemy
position by MACKECHNIE will be
carried out before 1100 hrs
O copy the dropped MACKECHNIE by
is following 0730 hrs July 1
withdrawn to addition 40
O (NAGERI) fwd above
to MACKECHNIE by PT
HQ possible Lt Col 4th
Div

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889 Continued — and with snipe and harass enemy movt observed 0 1800 bayonne and exit for WARITE arrived REEVES OP

890 10/7 2/5 2/6 Bns MAC, TAYLOR 1953 1836 Intn from captured documents dated 11 June 0 enemy disposns 0 100 DIALI with defs either side south Arm BITOI 0 appx 100 in def posn 1000 yds south mouth BITOI South Arm 0150 DINGA 11

891 10/7 TAYLOR o/ls MACK 2010 0601 regt approaches GREEN HILL 11 Jul 43 with a view to forming plans for capture of GREEN HILL which will be pertinent task 0 advise outline plans as soon as possible

892 10/7 3 Aust Div 2150 0602 Ack 03846

893 10/7 3 Aust Div 2100 2130 03846 (EMERGENCY OPS) To reinforce area now held by 2/3 Indep Coy and ensure that enemy do NOT escape NORTH from MUBO area 17 Aust Inf Bde will send one coy to BASE 4 0 Move to commence early as possible morning 11 July 0 To ensure rapid move by sea coy will move via LIPAS gardens track 0 If however MALS track is clear of enemy this latter route may be used at discretion 17 Bde comd 0 Coy will come under comd 2/3 Indep Coy on arrival BASE 4 0 2/3 Indep Coy will send LO and guides to BASE 4 to await arrival of 17 Bde coy 0 When 2/5 Bn less 1 coy arrives 0600 VIEW JUK area at later date Coy 2/5 Bn will assume comd all ops this area 0 Ack

894 10/7 MACK 1810 1830 325 As of 1800 hrs a str patrol 31 01 Jap killed by B coy otherwise no change

895 10/7 2/5 Bn 2115 2230 A25 Ack 0596

896 10/7 2/6 Bn 2142 2230 I053 Ack 0596

897 10/7 3 Aust Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 Bns MALK TAYLOR 2245 1839 Str patrol 168 to 2130 K/100 2/6 Bn 0 AM 10 July 1 pl A coy attacked enemy posn 684866 supported by 3 inch mortar but unsuccessful 0 Estimated at least 6 enemy automatic weapons incl 1 HMG 0 Our casualties 1 killed 3 wounded 0 Patrol D Coy from KYNAI PATCH 683868 moved round EAST slope OBSERVATION HILL reaching

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 03628 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number —

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following received from MACKECHNIE TOO
1015 hrs FOR 2110 hrs
⊙ quote ⊙ arrvid during
the night ⊙ streagth by
units ⊙ 17 LCVs and
I LCM on beach probably
all wrecked by heavy seas
⊙ situation as of 0930
hrs ⊙ coy ⊙ air
swoop ⊙ TABALI ⊙ no enemy
our lines coy A
at mouth ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ Hay
contacted BITOI number enemy ⊙
beach unknown to TABALI clear
of BITOI altogether ⊙ 11 and
193 enemy sett submerged
and radio operating ⊙ no
contact NOT PIB or 17
station with other than BURKE's patrol
⊙ other mortar amn worke
and much equipt lost at
sea ⊙ no report on
missing other NOT known casualties
⊙ boats surf and rain
⊙ heavy reports will follow
strength

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897 (cont)

spur approx 684863 without contact and returned ⊙ B Coy ⊙
Corrected ref Coy HQ 690874 ⊙ AM 10 July sec took unoccupied
enemy W/P's 692830 in afternoon pl attacked main enemy
post 694873 and enemy driven out ⊙ Casualties enemy
2 killed 1 wounded own nil ⊙ Area booby-trapped and 2
snipers left in posn ⊙ No reports received back from patrol
which contacted AMERICANS 530 K/100 C Coy 2/5 Bn 679800 ⊙
AM 10 July 1 pl moved out 400 yds EAST & then NORTH reaching
VIALS track 679883 ⊙ track from this point possibly runs to
BUISAVELLA ⊙ Patrol heard enemy approx 678885 ⊙ Pl withdrawn
for night leaving 1 sec standing patrol ⊙ 10 Off 1 29 P's 2/3 Indep Coy
who reached REEVES OP via LIPNOS gardens this morning and
NOT contact pl B coy 2/5 Bn moving to contact 2/3 Indep
coy by same route ⊙ Arty ⊙ 2000 – 2100 7/10 US artly harassing
Adak PIMPLE area ⊙ 162 U.S REGT further to subsp 1670 Meyho
9 July coy K less 2 pls contacted estimated enemy pl
ordered SALUS LAKE and maintained contact awaiting
approach PIB ⊙ Further report awaited ⊙ Coy K less 2
pls now reported 806871 PIB to 1500 7/10 ⊙ HQ Shell 803854
1 pl SALUS 1 pl NORTH of SALUS 1 pl NOT in contact ⊙ Patrol C
Coy 162 REGT returned 1820 K/10 reced to JUNC BITOI-BOIGAP
where found unoccupied enemy posn (approx pl size)
Line down now from HQ 5 Bn to C Coy ⊙ Will be cont to
'A' coy AM 11 July all informed

898 10/7 ADV 15 Bde 1955 223 0548 sitrep 1147 to 1930 K/10 ⊙ 58/59 Bn ⊙ A coy further to sitrep 1116 MMG
Sgt left for A coy for B coy moved NOT been heard of since
B coy comes out ⊙ B coy sig arrived ⊙ coy 1730 K/10 Adak's fighting
patrol left B coy 1130 hrs when carrier line had NOT passed ⊙
1300 hrs patrol had ambush about 10 yds north of MMG post
702952 runner was ordered to ⊙ Pl Ldr report on back
to OC B coy & this has no details of ambush ⊙ 2/3 Indep coy ⊙
1000 K/9 force defiled C pl ~~Kom Atom track~~ crossed MULE TRACK

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TO 1/AUST INF BDE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
3 AUST DIV	G1155.	29	0419.

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Ref	G2/24	O	Kalimenste	not
ATT.	SIGS	3	AUST	DIV
O	understand	he	is	member
2/6 bns	and	at	present	convalescing
KAIN DI	in	view	of	thes
will	he	be	available	as.
required	O	advise	urgently	
			1645.	
	F Headquarters Sigs 1430.		1705.	
			1820.	

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1630K contacted KOMIATUM TRACK and moved south parallel to track heard sounds of GOODVIEW RIDGE action 0 subsect 116 but could NOT assist 0 AM 6K/10 light enemy cutting timber digging in area 707918 south carrying 3 MGS 0 1000K no attached killed 8 JAPS remainder dispersed 0 Jarda withdrew west of track 1E for base suitable for fortified 0 Company triangle 0 GOODVIEW and 0 475 secs holding WALPOLES TRACK 6 3 secs move SE along EGANS TRACK to ambush from on KOMIATUM TRACK approx 800 yds south of GOODVIEW JUNC 0 EGANS TRACK leads WALPOLES TRACK approx 704915 0 Sgt MACLEAN reports 123 received at NAMLING report from native who left SALAMAUA 1 week back of food crisis states in last few days large number of JAPS have moved out of SALAMAUA towards KOKARU and more JAPS moved out than are left in SALAMAUA 0 a coy 58/50th attempting to attack NAMLING 0 all in formation

899 10/7

ADV 15Bd2 202340 0551

subject 118 to 2200K/10 0 58/50th 0 A coy 1010 MMG from 792953 attacked by approx 30 JAPS 0 by withdrawing forced by JAP fire to abandon guns 0 B coy ambushed two parties of JAPS on KOMIATUM TRACK some JAP casualties own 1 wounded 0 4/T coming out afternoon cut by ambush subject 117 counter-attack being laid for C coy to 0 C coy 0 16th D coy withdrawing from 1000K/10 0 positions 67th 699960 67th 699950 to HQ village area 0 D coy 18th patrol to contact B coy area and 1418/10 No report to 0 2 JAPS observed digging on the COCONUT 1720K 0 2/3 to 0 GOODVIEW area 1745K JAP attack last 15 mins no casualties 0 JAP fire heavy but wide to right 0 STEPHENS area 0 during day JAPS heard carting dragging timber apparently building pill boxes 0 all reported

900 10/7

3 Div 2330 03848

secret 0 subject 187 to 2300K/10 0 WHITE VALLEY 0 1500K/10 0 705 est 002235 ROAMER 1 unit 0 MISSING AREA of contact 185 0 1130K/10 when the carrier line and NOT about fighting patrol left B coy to contact them 0 1300K/10 this patrol struck ambush

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TO 1/AUST INF BDE

FROM 3 AUST DIV.

Originator's Number I 701

Date 29.

In Reply to Number

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my I 642 O students will
report to B Coy 2/4 bn
at 305838 Buhoho one inch
on 3 inch with notebooks
pencils and simple drawing instruments
Waltzing I 1127.

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10 mins north of our MMG form 702952 KOMIATUM 1/25000 O
morning 10 Jul patrol from C coy pl 2/3 Indep coy moved
south parallel to main KOMIATUM TRACK O observed many
cutting timber and digging in at 707918 O 1000K/10 20 JAPS
seen moving south carrying 3 MMGS O patrol attacked
killing 8 JAPS & dispersing remainder O patrol then withdrew
to west of main track O disforms 4 & 5 secs B pl still
in form astride track 700914 O ~~report received through NAMLING~~
3 & 6 secs 2/3 Indep coy moving to ambush form approx 700908 O
report received through NAMLING obtained from native who
left SALAMAUA because of food shortage states that during
last few days large numbers JAPS have left SALAMAUA in
direction LOKANUO more have moved out than now remain
in SALAMAUA O MUBO AREA O 10 Jul following arrived NASSAU
BAY O LQ 3 BN 162 US regt O TK A pl HQ 3 bn & elements
coy M O 10 port hosp O 2 bofors O 1200K/10 I & R pls moved
to 725864 O OP moving from DUALI to north NORTH ARM
BITOI O coy D at 705869 O HQ coy C 721876 O one pl coy C
relieved pl coy B at 714887 this pl coy B in def form
715887 O 1515K/10 coy A outpost at 699874 observed 20 JAPS
with HMG moving south along BUIGAP CK O coy A disforms
NOT certain but known to be occupying spur between
footbridges at 698874 all informed

901 10/7 3 Div 20372230 03485 secret O sitrep 186 to 2000K/10 O MARKHAM area O 0600K/9 2 gps
of 2 JAPS moving north exchanged shots with 24 bn ambush
party at 635209 WAGO one inch O NO casualties O recce patrol
discovered tracks of approx 10 JAPS south of ambush form O
our ambush now on north bank at mouth BUANG RIVER O
MUBO area O morning 10 Jul O recce patrol 2/3 Indep coy
strength 3 arrived REEVES OP from BASE 4 O 1730K/10 lps from
2/6 bn and 162 US regt made contact at lower footbridge
over BUIGAP CK at 696873 MUBO 1/25000 O no details to
hand all informed

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TO MACKECHNIE FORCE

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17 Aust Inf Bde	0470	1	

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Advise	when	you	are	Commencing
Movement	To	assembly	area	And
Construction	jeep	track	0	presume
you	will	Commence	both	immediately
0	of	commencement	jeep	Track
prevented	or	delayed	by	Lack
of	engineer	stores	advise	stores
required	to	this	HQ	and
also	To	HI US	division	by
PT	boat	0	PIB	Coy
will	move	north	along	coast
as	soon	as	possible	0
Tasks	0	make	and	return
Contact	with	Enemy	who	Land
retreated	north	and	troops	up
Army	pockets	which	may	remain
0	ultimate	tasks	to	reconnoitre
for	a	secure	bridgehead	for
landing	barges	in	TAMBU	BAY
and	DOT	INLET	at	a
later	~~Day~~ dark	0	Army	enemy
forces	at	CAPE	DINGA	should
be	Contained	with	Minimum	force
and	dealt	with	at	leisure
0	with	have	time	Communication
to	beach	by approx	1200 hrs	2 July

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902 10/7 2/5 2/6 — 2330 — 0603 C coy 2/5th will move to BASE 4 commencing just light 11 Jul 43 O route REEVES OP LIPNOS GARDENS BASE 4 O one pl will move to REEVES commencing just light and pick up carrier line vide our Q 246 NOTE all addressees O PTE MCMILLAN 2/3 Indep coy will meet pl at REEVES and guide party pick carriers to BASE 4. B coy 2/5th less 1 pl will move from present location O 630144/11 to relieve C coy O pending arrival B coy one pl D coy 2/6th will occupy front from C coy O two pls C coy 2/5th when relieved will move to REEVES and will be met by PTE MORRISON 2/3 Indep coy who will guide them to BASE 4 O one pl B coy 2/5th at present moving south along VIALS TRACK to contact C coy 2/5th present position O if this pl reaches C coy 2/5th before D coy 2/6 less one pl will commence move to BASE 4 as soon as possible thereafter O C coy 2/5 on arrival BASE 4 will come under comd 2/3 Indep coy O ack.

903 10/7 3 Div 15 Bde — 2335 — .0604 one pl C coy 2/5th with carrier supply line will move to O 3846 BASE 4 via LIPNOS GARDENS O ETA 1400K/11 O 2 pls C coy will move as soon as relieved by B coy 2/5th O ETA BASE 4 late PM 11 Jul 43 O Pte MCMILLAN 2/3 Indep coy will guide first party PTE MORRISON second party

904 10/7 — 3 Div 2240 2320 03847 first elements of 3th 162 regt 41 US Div now arriving BASSAU BAY near apparently the additional US ETS referred to in my 03841O despatch advice regarding the despatch of these ETS has NOT been received by this HQ from NGF O However these ETS are place under your comd through HQ MACKFORCE and are to be retained concentrated beach area read your use in task referred to in my 03410 whilst these ETS should be used for active defence of the BASE HEAD and aggressive patrolling to BASSIS-CAPE DINGA AREA

905 10/7 — 3 Div 2125 2250 1763 despatching one coy SALAMAUA mosaic in five sheets O advise

906 10/7 — 3 Div 2250 2320 03849 MOTEN from SAVIGO most secret will your good self please

907 10/7 2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR etc — 0700 1840 secret password from 1800K/11 to 1800K/12 WELLINGTON

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TO 2/7 Aust Inf Bde

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ADC 17 Aust Inf Bde	0481	"	

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Adms	name	and	addresses	5
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908	11/7		15 Bde	0000 0245	1R7	party from 17 Bde expected to arrive PILMUNG 10 Jul NOT yet arrived
909	11/7		ANGAUGUAD	0025 0245	AG92	ref 0603 and Q248 ⊙ ACK 0603
910	11/7	3 Div		0248		ack AQ858
911	11/7		2/6	0630 0650	1456	sitrep 48 to 0630K/11 ⊙ B coy ⊙ mortar maintained harassing fire at intervals during night ⊙ 0615K/11 one u/1 a/c heard to east ⊙ 0623K/11 JAP a/c one strafing run direction NASSAU BAY ⊙ 0630K/11 JAP A/C type unknown passed over area flying west
912	11/7	3 Div		0645	I842	sitrep ⊙ one enemy A/C over BITOI RIDGE area 0630K/11 flying north to south fired on burst at unobserved target passed over GUADAGASAL 0637K/11
913	11/7	REEVES & C coy 2/5		0635 0755	M12	ack 0603
914	11/7	3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		0718	I843	sitrep 169 to 0700K/11 ⊙ LABABIA RIDGE ⊙ mortar maintained harassing fire on enemy throughout night ⊙ OP reports 0625 single JAP A/C made one strafing run direction NASSAU BAY ⊙ 0630K/11 some A/C passed overhead flying WEST all informed
915	11/7	~~MACK~~	TAYLOR 3	0600 0715	—	as of 0600 hrs NO change in situation
916	11/7		2/5	0630 0800	0565	sitrep 31 as at 0630K/11 ⊙ B coy less one pl left of REEVES 0630K/11 otherwise normal
917	11/7		MACK	0635 0810	—	sitrep 49 as of 0600 hrs ⊙ no change
918	11/7		3 Div	0745 0810	03852	awaiting ack to our 03846 please expedite
919	11/7	15 Bde rear pt 18 Bd adv.		0815	0606	NO party from 17 Bde proceeding PILMUNG ⊙ One pl went BASE 4 10 July and is returning 11 July 43 I R7
920	11/7	3 Aust Div		0828	0607	My ack to your 03846 was cleared 2318 K/10 ⊙ See my 0602
921	10/7		MACK FORCE	1600 K/10 0825	373	Sitrep no. 44 to 1600 hrs NO change
922	11/7	2/5 2/6 bns. MACK TAYLOR		0905	I844	Sitrep other areas to 0900 K/11 ⊙
923	11/7		3 Aust Div	0816 0910	03853	Cancel our 03852
924	9/7		MACK REAR	1500 K/10 0910 K/11	—	There is no change sitrep no. 40 as of 1500 hrs
925	11/7		2/5 Bn.	0805 0925	A29	ack
926	11/7	MACKECKNIE		0940	0608	3 Bn will remain in beach area until instructions for future 0603

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TO 2/7 Aust Inf Bde

FROM adv 17 Aust Inf Bde	Originator's Number 0481	Date 2	In Reply to Number

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your	Signal	Off.		10
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926 (cont)							employment are recieved ⊙ Whilst at beach they will defend beach head which will incl. patrolling agressively to BASSIS CAPE DINGA area with a view to clearing enemy from this area ⊙ Ack
927	11/7		REEVES O.P.	0830	0925	M 14	Sitrep to 0830 K/11 ⊙ "A" coy nothing to report ⊙ B coy. 00600 K/11 patrol moved out to ambush posn. 694873 to booby tracks and leave snipers in area 00800 K/11 fighting patrol 1 pl. moved out for KITCHEN CK. patrol will set ambush on tracks MUBO to BUIGAP and await arrival sec. from MAT MAT ⊙ Further contact with Americans will be endeavoured ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn ⊙ 14 pl. moved out 0630 K/11 for SACHS CK. camp enroute to WARFE ⊙ Patrols sent out 0700 K/11 to recce. track NORTH and EAST as soon as possible to locate and harass enemy ⊙ "D" coy ⊙ 0800 K/11 fighting patrol 1 pl. moved out round WESTERN slopes OBSERVATION H. to attack enemy posns. from SOUTH ⊙ One sec. will try link up with pl. from MAT MAT moving SOUTH down OBSERVATION H. ⊙ Expected time of arrival 1100 K/11 ⊙ Patrol locate enemy L of C to KITCHEN CK. area still out
928	11/7	ADV. 15 Bde.		0758	0930	0557	Sitrep 120 to 0730 K/11 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ "A" coy 2330 K/10 9 pl. withdrew 100 yds NORTH after shelling from mtn. gun also mortaring weapon pits damaged after trees had been cleared away by shelling our casualties 2 killed 4 wounded ⊙ B C and D coys no reports to hand ⊙ 2/3 Indep. Coy ⊙ WELLS O.P. 1525 K/10 a Jap two-engined low winged plane wheeled out of hangar took off towards LAE ⊙ Disposns. KOMIATUM 1/25,000 7 sec. 707917 3 and 6 secs. moving down EGANS track to 705910 4 and 5 secs. 698914 8 sec. 704918 9 sec. 705920 ⊙ 1745 K/10 Japs attacked WALPOLES track posn obscure ⊙ 12 pl. 2/5 bn arrived BASE 4 1500 K/10 no contact with ERSKINES patrol ⊙ Japs seen arriving STEPHENS area K/8 and GOODVIEW area K/10 appeared fresh and dry clothed NOT carrying heavy packs ⊙ Likely they came from local camp probably TAMBU ⊙ D coy 24 bn no reports to hand ⊙ All informed
929	11/7	TAYLOR of the MACK 2/6 Bn		1025		0609	One pl. TAYLOR will move NORTH to 704896 and occupy ambush posn. astride track ⊙ Tasks ⊙ Ambush any enemy endeavouring to escape from MUBO area ⊙ Recce area NE 704896 to find track to MT TAMBU ⊙ Advise progress
930	11/7		MACK	0805	1030 K/4	382	Sitrep No 45 at 0800 ⊙ 1 enemy dive-bomber made recce over NASSAU BAY at 0720 hrs ⊙ 1 pl. 3rd Bn HQ coy 2 bofors with crew from bty. C 209 A ⊙ 3rd Bn is now here complete
931	10/7		MACK.	1335 K/10	1030 K/4	QX 107	A.Q. from PATTERSON ⊙ Jeep track stated passable 4 miles in dry weather ⊙ I intend to recce tomorrow ⊙ Will signal full details ⊙ I have discussed in detail with my pers. their functions when store arrive ⊙ MACK FORCE executive offr. still unprepared to lay down firm date when our store may be sent here

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TO MACK RAPID LAPO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TAYLOR 3	—	10	

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One	platoon	C Coy NEWSMAN 714887	relieved	platoon
B Coy KITCHEN	at	LOFRZB	at	1510 hrs
	B Coy KITCHEN	platoon	now	six
defensive	position	at	715877 AMAPBR	(A)
with	region	KITCHEN	11	July
(A)	KITCHEN	Battle	of	4
inch	Sch 3	to	accordance	with
route	to	BRIGHAM	EREEK	1701
RIVER	JUNE	Hqrs	not	returned
(B)	Unrelieved	otherwise		

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932	11/7	3 Aust Div	0940	1020 K/11	I765	Clothing tag captured GOODVIEW junc. 1000 K/8 showed figures 020 Indicates 66 Inf Regt
933	11/7	3 Aust Div	0835	1020 K/11	03854	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 188 to 0800 K/11 ⊙ MISSIM area ⊙ 1020 K/10 MMG posn at 702952 attached by approx 30 Japs ⊙ Sec. withdrew leaving MMG behind ⊙ "B" coy 58/59 bn. ambushed 2 parties on KOMIATUM track ⊙ Some Jap casualties inflicted own 1 wounded ⊙ 1000 K/10 16 pl. D coy placed under comd. "C" coy. ⊙ 1 pl. 699969 1 pl. 698970 ⊙ 1720 K/10 7 Japs. obs. digging NORTH COCOANUTS ⊙ 1745 K/10 Japs attached our troops in vicinity GOODVIEW JUNC. for 15 mins ⊙ Enemy fire heavy but inaccurate ⊙ No casualties ⊙ MUBO area ⊙ AM 10 July 1 pl. "A" coy. 2/6 Bn. attacked enemy 684866 supported by mortar fire ⊙ Attack NOT successful ⊙ Enemy posns. estimated to contain 6 automatic weapons ⊙ Our casualties 1 killed 3 wounded ⊙ H.Q. "B" coy 2/5 Bn. 690874 ⊙ AM 10 July sec. B coy. took unoccupied enemy W/P's 692873 ⊙ In PM pl attacked main enemy posn. 694873 ⊙ Enemy driven out ⊙ Casualties enemy 2 killed 1 wounded own nil ⊙ Pl. C coy 2/5 bn. heard enemy approx. 678885 ⊙ 2000-2100 K/10 bty 218 arty bn engaged PIMPLE with harassing fire ⊙ Night 9/10 July K coy 162 REGT. less two pls contacted enemy pl. vicinity SALUS LAKE and maintained contact ⊙ Now reported 806871 ⊙ One pl. PIB vicinity SALUS one pl. NORTH of SALUS ⊙ Patrol "C" coy 162 Regt returned 1820 K/10 reported enemy posn. junc. BITOI BUIGAP unoccupied ⊙ 0630 K/11 1 enemy A/C flew SOUTH over BITOI RIDGE fired one burst ⊙ 0625 K/11 single Jap A/C made one straffing run NASSAU BAY all informed
934	11/7	3 Aust Div	1045	1110 K/7	G1205	Vacancy originally alloted was for category B but NGF cancelled 0600 and alloted one for category A for which BRADLEY was nominated ⊙ Regret misunderstanding
935	11/7	3 Aust Div	0945	1110 K/7	03855	Ack not received our 03813 of 9 July ref signals ground air commns.
936	11/7	MACKECKNIE	0950	1110 K/7	69	Sitrep no. 50 as of 0900 hrs ⊙ A coy pl. moved yesterday afternoon from 702886 to the SOUTH and SW along KOMIATUM track cleared 3 small enemy pockets of varying svgs ⊙ Reached junc. of track and BUISAVELLA CK. where encountered strong pocket enemy resistance ⊙ Attached but forced to withdraw account insufficient strength ⊙ At 0915 today was joined C coy pl at 764886 ⊙ Casualties 3 killed 2 seriously wounded pl. leader NOBLE wounded ⊙ Enemy casualties 6 known killed

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obtained	from	medical	unit	last	10
SALAMAUA	because	of	last	Kokoda	15
state	that	during	last	few	20
days	twice	number	of	days	25
CO'S	SALAMAUA	has	diminished	NOMANU	30
&	more	have	increased	out	35
from	now	remain	in	SALAMAUA	40
to	MUBO	AREA	&	10	45
sick	following	arrived	NAMAU	BRY	50
&	LO	3	BY	162	55
US	REGT	&	TK	A	60
PL	HQ	3	Div	sec	65
elements	coy	M	&	10	70
front	Hospital	&	2	Kokoda	75
&	1200 K/10	I	and	R	80
Pla	moved	to	425864	&	85
OP	moving	from	DUHNI	to	90
south	NORTH	ARM	BITAI	&	95
coy	D	at	405869	&	100
HQ	coy	C	421876	&	105
one	Pl	coy	C	relieved	110
pl	coy	B	at	414887	115
this	Pl	coy	B	inc	120
day	from	415887	&	1515 K/10	125
coy	A	outpost	at	699874	130

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no estimate wounded but believed more killed some wounded ⊙
'B' coy pl at 715875 moving to join 'B' coy at 707868

937 11/7 MACKECHNIE 1110 0610 HITCHCOCK will push fwd to the NORTH clearing up enemy pocket and should arrive at the high ground overlooking DOT INLET by 15 July ⊙
Later tasks will be to est outposts on LOKANU SPUR 762903 and on SCOUT HILL 753973

938 11/7 15 Bde. 1115 0611 What are your orders to Lieut ERSKINE 2/3 Indep Coy ⊙ This officer staying this HQ pending advice

939 11/7 3 Div 1150 0612 ack

03813/9

940 11/7 3 Div 1130 1220 1766 58/59 lbs reports saw by JAPS of bombs dropped action motor bombs ⊙ delay about ten minutes

941 11/7 2/6 1200 1220 1458 patrol 49 to 1200K/11 ⊙ C coy 0830K/11 harassing patrol moved out to within 100 yds on both sides ⊙ 0920K/11 harassing patrol of one section moved round right flank of coy no reports yet ⊙ 0900K/11 patrol of 3 ORs to recce PIMPLE area via No 60 outpost ⊙ 0945K/11 TAP area of 15 dropped 4 bombs MAT MAT area four wounded ⊙ 0845K/11 loud explosion KITCHEN CK area ⊙ 1045K/11 OP reports possible dog fight to east visibility bad ⊙ 1120K/11 MAT MAT reports smoke bomb or shell landed on BITOI RIDGE ⊙ 1150K/11 OP reports single A/C to east flying from north to south

942 11/7 MACK 1030 1240 75 MACKECHNIE requests aerial photos obliques verticals area 763842 N of mtn MUBO area 1/25000 ⊙ suggested hour 1200 hrs 12 Jul

943 11/7 15 Bde 1045 1240 0564 12 pl 2/5 Bn deployed BASE 4 0500K/11 to rejoin coy via VIALS TRACK ⊙ pl took one guide from 2/3 Indep Coy

944 11/7 2/5 Bn 1200 1245 11/7 0567 Recce patrol reports ⊙ Left MAT MAT 0530K/11 found W/P SOUTH end DRY CK tied unoccupied but used recently ⊙ Attempted encirclement WEST of ARCHWAY prevented by undergrowth ⊙ Recced track through ARCHWAYS W/P recently vacated and track running WEST 15 yds past ARCHWAY to vacant W/P up hill 035 yds past ARCHWAY patrol was fired on from 10 yds ⊙ Patrol leader noticed 3 LMGs one EAST of MUBO KOMIATUM track one WEST both covering track and one LMG 100 yds WEST of track ⊙ Patrol heard Jap mot and voices near ⊙ Patrol returned 0830 hrs.

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TO ALOWAV (4AC Sqn)

FROM ADJT 2/1 Bde	Originator's Number 048	Date 2	In Reply to Number

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945 11/7 3 Aust Div rptd 15 Bde 2/5 2/7 Bn MALK TAYLOR 1345 I 846 Sitrep 170 to 1230 K/11 ⊙ OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ 'A' coy 2/6 Bn. nothing further to report ⊙ B coy 0600 K/11 snipers resumed from posn. 694873 booby traps still in posn. ⊙ 0800 K/11 fighting patrol set out for KITCHEN CK. ⊙ D coy 0800 K/11 fighting patrol 1 pl moved WEST slopes OBSERVATION HILL intending attack enemy from SOUTH ⊙ Further patrol searching for enemy L of C OBSERVATION HILL KITCHEN CK. ⊙ C coy. 2/5 bn. 0630 K/11 14 pl. to BUIAPAL CK. enroute BASE 4 ⊙ Patrols receeing tracks to NORTH and EAST C coy posn ⊙ LABABIA RIDGE ⊙ Harassing patrol moved to within 100 yds enemy ambush posn. 694853 which still occupied ⊙ Patrol departed via 691853 to recce PIMPLE area 00724 K/11 single Jap. recce A/C dropped 4 bombs MAT MAT area 4 wounded ⊙ 1045 K/11 O.P. reports possible dogfight to EAST visibility bad ⊙ Late report recce patrol D coy 2/5 bn. from MATMAT ⊙ Fired on when 35 yds past ARCHWAY ⊙ Believed 3 L MGS this area all informed

946 11/7 REEVES 1300 K/11 1400 K/11 M16 Sitrep to 1300 K/11 ⊙ 'A' coy D coy ⊙ 1100 K/11 our mortar opened fire on enemy posn. fired 38 bombs ⊙ Sec then created diversion drawing considerable volume fire ⊙ Enemy made slight attack on right flank 'A' coy but this disposed of ⊙ No reports on attack from SOUTH by two secs D coy ⊙ Firing lasted until 1200 K/11 recommencing 1230 K/11 when further attack made on 'A' coy right flank ⊙ B coy ⊙ Patrol to contact American area footbridges returned 1030 K/11 ⊙ Reported did NOT contact U.S. troops ⊙ Located enemy camp between footbridges at 694875 and this posn prevented crossing bridges ⊙ No report from patrol to KITCHEN CK as yet but some firing heard approx 1100 K/11 ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn ⊙ 14 pl. now at SACHS CK ⊙ pl B coy 2/5 bn arrived 1100 K/11 and reported track clear to WARFE ⊙ Patrol report no signs enemy ⊙ One pl now occupying area 677886 ⊙ Two pls still 679880 ⊙ 1230 K/11 boyhus for WARFE left REEVES ⊙ Second attack on 'A' coy not strong but posn NOT yet clarified

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secret	(C)	Sitrep	180/	to	5
2300 K/10	©	WAVUT	Hinkler	©	10
1800 K/10	A/Dis	contact	002235	ROHMER	15
1	inch	©	MASIM	FREA	20
©	ref	situ	185	©	25
1130 K/10	when	the	camera	line	30
also	not	armd	fighting	latest	35
left	B	coy	Co	contact	40
then	©	1300 K/10	two	latest	45
struck	ambush	10	mine	north	50
enemy	MMG	hostile	702952	KOMIATUM	55
1/25000	©	moving	10	just	60
latest	from	C	Kl	3/3	65
info	coy	moved	south	Latest	70
to	main	Komiatum	track	©	75
observed	enemy	cutting	tanker	road	80
Bridging	tks	at	702918	©	85
1000 K/10	20	Jap	own	moving	90
south	carrying	tank	MMGS	©	95
latest	attacked	killing	8	Jap	100
and	dispersing	remainder	©	latest	105
then	with dvrs	to	west	of	110
main	track	©	diploons	E	115
and	5	redo	B	Kl	120
still	in	hosn (XXX)	a/tnot	700908.	125
©	report	received	through	NAMRING	130

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947	11/7		15 Bde Adv.	1315	1420 K/11	0572	Sitrep 121 to 1230 K/11 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ commns to "A" coy out as result airstrike ⊙ No commns to B coy nothing further to hand otherwise nothing to report ⊙ WELLS OP 0730 K bombs dropped SALAMAUA ASP 13 K378 ⊙ all informed
948	11/7	2/5 2/6 Bns TAYLOR MACK		1430		1847	58/59 bn reports use by Japs of probable delayed action mortar bombs ⊙ Delay about 10 minutes ⊙ ~~Interpretations~~ Identification ⊙ Enemy GOODVIEW Junc. indentified as 66 Inf Regt.
949	11/7		3 Aust Div	1415	1435 K/11	03860	Request latest infmn. re enemy strength and disposns. CAPE DINGA BASSIS ⊙ If enemy still that area suggest you ask for harassing air attack ⊙ 5 AF have plenty planes available ⊙ Any other suggestions for harassing targets welcome give 24 hos. notice if possible
950	11/7	MACKECKNIE		1448		1848	Request latest infm enemy disposns. and strength CAPE DINGA BASSIS ⊙ Suggest that request for harassing air attack on located enemy posns. be made through this H.Q. ⊙ Would welcome any suggested airstrikes incl. SALUS area if accurate targets can be given
951	11/7		58/59 Bn.	1030	1500 K/11	1235	For Lieut McCUBBERY from PETCHELL ⊙ L/Cpl HOGAN still with me ⊙ Do you require his return
952	11/7	2/6 Bn		1520 K/11		0613	For Lieut McCUBBERY from PETCHELL 58/59 bn ⊙ L/Cpl HOGAN still with me ⊙ Do you require his return
953	11/7		MACK FORCE	1230	1500 K/11	390	8 enemy bombers at 18000 ft with fighter cover bombed unknown target few miles SOUTH of NASSAU BAY ⊙ Believed be LASANGA IS. at 1210 result unknown
954	11/7		3 Aust Div	1445	1535 K/11	03803	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 189 to 1400 K/11 ⊙ MISSIM area 2330 K/10 9 pl "A" coy moved 100 yds NORTH of NAMLING after shelling and mortar fire had damaged W/P's ⊙ Our casualties due to shelling 2 killed 4 wounded ⊙ Disposns 2/3 Indep. coy ⊙ 3 and 6 secs moving down EGANS track to 705910 KOMIATUM 1/25000 ⊙ 4 and 5 secs. 698914 ⊙ 7 sec 707917 ⊙ 8 sec. 704918 ⊙ 9 sec 705920 ⊙ 1500 K/10 12 pl. 2/5 Bn arrived BASE 4 ⊙ 1525 K/10 Jap two engined A/C wheeled from hangar took off direction heading LAE ⊙ 0830 K/11 WELLS OP reports bombs dropped SOUTH edge of SALAMAUA air strip fires started between NORTH bank of FRANCISCO R. and the strip all informed
955	11/7		15 Bde	1010	1535 K/11	0561	Ref your 0606 party is patrol from 2/7 Bn

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FROM 2/6 BN

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1452	10	—

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Situation 48 K 1780K/100 @ Hay 20 ⊙ Right flank patrol of
recce platoon moved 12 kms 1 track NNW ⊙ left flank
patrol 2 KIA 3 enemy and from KUNAI huts ⊙ left flank
patrol moved to NO 2 out post then swung by 4's dogleg
magnetic along old track for approx 400 yds. ⊙ one man
moved EAST left alone for 700 yds and said two deserters
fists and damaged. enemy tube ⊙ huts examined with
heard three or four days old ⊙ patrol moved fired another
50 yds dejousing two booby traps on route ⊙ patrol
fired on by enemy and killed with TSMG fr one
JAP KIA ⊙ enemy on deceptive 694853
⊙ patrol returned 1340 K/10 ⊙ 1410 K/10 KIFINO
to left flank to 1 enemy engaged then fr. 80 mins
⊙ patrol returned 1535 K/10 ⊙ remaining two enemy 1700 Cleftin
three KIA probable one 1 KIA

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1835 K/10

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956	11/7	3 Div 1 Bde 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns. MACK FORCE TAYLOR FORCE		1555	I 849	Sitrep 171 to 1500 K/11 ⊙ 162 REGT ⊙ PM 10 July 1 pl coy A moved from 702886 SOUTH along MUBO track and cleared three small enemy pockets ⊙ Encountered strong resistance junc. BUIGAP BUISAVELLA where forced to withdraw due insufficient strength ⊙ 0915 K/11 reinforced by one pl. coy. C at 704886 ⊙ Own casualties 3 killed 2 wounded incl. pl. comd ⊙ Enemy at least 6 killed unknown number wounded ⊙ 1210 K/11 8 Jap bombers with fighter cover bombed unknown target SOUTH of NASSAU BAY believed LASANGA IS. ⊙ OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ A and D coys. maintained pressure to SOUTH following 38 3 inch mortar fired 1100 K/11 ⊙ Pl. B coy 2/5 Bn. returning down VIALS track from BASE 4 reached C coy 2/5 bn. without contacting enemy all informed
957	11/7	MAJ: HOLMES	1 Bty 2/1 Fd Regt	1400 1635 K/11	15	Tobacco and cigarettes to value of four pounds being despatched 12 July meet your infm. sent AM 11 July
958	11/7		3 Div	1145 1605	AQ859	secret ⊙ for Capt PATERSON 3 Div ⊙ have NOT received any report from you since you left RIVER JUNC ⊙ have you originated same ⊙ if so repeat ⊙ if NOT submit forthwith ⊙ in future submit daily sitrep covering separately US and Australian admin personnel and stores landed give tonnage major items and type senior (officers) name (service) and appointment and other relevant data and in numerical sequence ⊙ commencement of text to read quote ⊙ secret for AQ from PATERSON unquote ⊙ despatch by fast secret means plan of beach situation of installations and dumps and detail of any organisation you have been able to arrange back
959	11/7		ADV 15 BDE	1525 1720	0574	Lieut ERSKINE will return 2/3 Indep coy 0611
960	11/7	3 Div		1750	0614	ack your G 12/43
961		2/6 + TAYLOR		1750	0615	one pl TAYLOR is attacking enemy vicinity footbridges 896874 ⊙ arty will be shelling enemy in this area & also at junc BUISAVELLA BUIGAP CKS from 0900 to 0925 hrs 12 Jul ⊙ attack will immediately follow termination arty fire

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TO MACK RPTD LARO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TAYLOR 3	—	10	—

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KITCHEN patrol to BLIGAP BITOI
JUNC returned Q/A 1820 Inf
(C) went to JUNC &
contacted no enemy (C) Jap
perimiter estimated 1 platoon size in
JUNCTION recently vacated not trail
leading up BITOI RIDGE but
Kerrican possible for troops movement
(C) WALWYN reported on at
A COY at 1820 hrs (C) wire
GEORGE did not reach A COY
Post continue laying GEORGE (C)
Will to A COY. wire from
(C) GEORGE at day
KITCHEN
break

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962	11/7	2/5 bn	1700 1800	0568	sitrep as at 1700K/11 ⊙ one pl C coy leaving SACH CK 1400hrs remainder C coy awaiting relief by B coy ⊙ B coy vicinity REEVES OP ⊙ otherwise normal
963	11/7	TAYLOR MACK FORCE	1800	0616	second objective as per our operation order NO2 NOT yet occupied ⊙ you will occupy this spur between BUI KUMBUL BUI ALANG CKS with at least one pl ⊙ essential that pl posn dominates main track ⊙ advise when pl in posn
964	11/7	TAYLOR FORCE	1206	I845	request disposition of HQ FAGUE and pls at earliest
965	11/7	~~3 Div~~ 3 Div	1500 1830	03867	NGF advises possible barge mot during morning 11 Jul at KELA beach LOGUI and vicinity 755988 SALAMAUA 1/25000
966	11/7	TAYLOR 3	1500 1830	—	coy A sent a 15 man patrol went to cross between the footbridges cross BUIGAP CK contact AUSSIES on west at 1250hrs this patrol contacted advance party of large force of JAPS moving NE and were forced to withdraw 1400 to 1500 hrs ⊙ this patrol was reinforced by mortar fire 9 men from coy A ⊙ FAGUE giving mortar support at 1440hrs fired 60 rds on target ⊙ NO further infm at this time ⊙ KLEFF pl left 5 men moved north to 704896 at 1430 hrs ⊙ they will occupy ambush posn astride track with mission to ambush any enemy trying to escape from MUBO area and recce are 5970 4896 to find track to MT TAMBU ⊙ Coy A pl which was en route to join Coy A was ordered to return to C coy area & form a perimeter defence with Coy pl at 714887 ⊙ pl reported in there 1450 hrs
967	11/7	TAYLOR 3	1200 1830	—	Coy A pl now at 714887 waiting there for rations before reforming Coy A ⊙ casualties 3 KIA 7 WIA 5 MIA ⊙ 6 JAPS known killed unknown number killed and wounded ⊙ lost 160mm mortar ⊙ only 1 mortar left with coy A ⊙ fired 24 rds 81 mm mortar on target in area at 697877

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TO RTTD 17 Aust Inf Bde

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ADV 15 Aust Inf Bde	0 531	10	

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SITREP 118 to 2200K/10 BCB/59 — 5

Bns. Acos vehicle mmg — 10

POSITION 992953 attacked by approx — 15

30 Japs ⊙ Sec with dsow Coastal — 20

hgs Jap fire to alamKon — 25

gun ⊙ B Coy ambushed two parties — 30

of Japs on CONTACTED rack — 35

some Japs casualties own wounded — 40

O L/T Jap ⊙ Coy cut apparently cut — 45

try ambush ref supply 170 — 50

elms line being laid from C Coy — 55

to B Coy ⊙ C Coy ⊙ 16Pl ⊙ HQ Coy — 60

under cond from 1000K/10⊙ Dispositions rpt — 65

bgggbg 15 pl 6989⊙ Coy HQ pleage — 70

area ⊙ D Coy 18 pl patrol to — 75

Contact B Coy moved out 1416K⊙ No — 80

reports to hand ⊙ 70 Japs observed digging — 85

on No COCONUT 1720K ⊙ 2 of 3 2nd ep — 90

Coy ⊙ B CONFIRMED area — 95

1745K Jap attack Lasting 15 mmgs — 100

prob casualties ⊙ Jap fire — 105

heavy but wide to right — 110

⊙ STEPHENS heard cutting and dressing — 115

Japs apparently building pal boxes ⊙ — 120

timber informed — 125

all — 130

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from 1000 to 1015 hrs ⊙ unknown results ⊙ B coy pl returned to unit at 0950 hrs ⊙ now with B coy at 706869 ⊙ 1 pl B coy left at 1030 hrs to move into posn in area of 695869 ⊙ unchanged otherwise

968 11/7 MTN BTY 1040 1845 X469

sitrep ⊙ no change ⊙ we fired 20 rds at MG posn ARCHWAY and KUNAI PATCH ⊙ our GP MATMAT ranged AMERICAN only KUNAI PATCH area ⊙ shoot was discontinued owing to rain and poor visibility

969 11/7 1830 1920 I462

sitrep 50 to 1800 K/11 ⊙ mtn bty ⊙ 1215 K/11 fired 15 rds into KUNAI PATCH & five rds into ARCHWAY all shells on target ⊙ C coy & harassing patrol were fired on by LMG, 10 yds from enemy pits ⊙ patrol returned fire ⊙ two men moved around left flank to pits then right along pits to within 20 yds of LMG which opened fire on right flank patrol ⊙ patrol could NOT observe posn of LMG ⊙ right flank patrol when fired on engaged enemy with rec weapons ⊙ our casualties 1 killed 1 wounded ⊙ PIMPLE patrol ⊙ moved from N66 outpost 696855 on bearing 50 degrees mag ⊙ cut track at approx between ambush posn & PIMPLE track has not been used for one or two days big wire along track ⊙ moved towards PIMPLE for 100 yds where well drained track ran towards LAWS TRACK passed two graves & two old weapon pits on route ⊙ patrol moved another 100 yds to clearing on PIMPLE were not fired on ⊙ moved another 50 yds when whistle was blown ⊙ patrol halted but heard nothing ⊙ short dist further on a single rifle man fired on patrol from weapon pits 695570 all area covered by patrol strewn with green leaves apparently caused by only fire patrol reported in 1600 K/11

970 11/7 TAYLOR 3 1300 1920

Drag disposed as follows ⊙ UHQ at 725875 ⊙ motor at 706869 ⊙ full personnel manning 3 mortars ⊙ 3 thus have NOT arrived ⊙ 1 by MG pl with MACK FORCE on beach ⊙ 1 by MG pl personnel split & attached

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TO MAC RPTD LAPO

FROM TAYLOR 3 | Originator's Number — | Date 10 | In Reply to Number —

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Wire	contact	with	GEORGE	①
WALLOYN	② "B" Coy	to men	laying "A" Coy	wire
from "A" Coy GEORGE	KITCHEIN patrol	TO contacted	GEORGE "B" Coy KITCHEIN	① 1403 hrs
①	DINO	track	but	terrain
passable "C" Coy NEWMAN	down patrol	to to	"A" Coy GEORGE	② crest
of	BITOI	RIDGE	Top	in
dA	1451 hrs	①	Reported	track
along	Ridge:	line	Good	on
in	eastern	direction	leading	Curtis
vic	general	area	track	740886
Rd	scarp	off	off	LVHP21K
②	construction	of	dropping	north
would	require	clearing	heavy	ground
②	No	workable	area	timber
without	heavy	woods	②	available
established	6 man	OP	at	"C" Coy Newman
	at 1500	hrs ②	abt change	723878
otherwise	②			LS/PBZ

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970	✓	continued				to A coy & B coy ⊙ this pl has no guns here ⊙ personnel attached as follows 1 offr 12 EM with A coy 1 offr & 12 EM with B coy to assist in manning LMG of these units
971	11/7	3 Div		1942	0617	have informed MACK contents your 03847K/10 ⊙ he is cooperating in full but 41 Div giving orders direct to new arrivals & also PIB ⊙ these conflict with orders from here ⊙ Please clarify this form with 41 Div
972	✓ 11/7		TAYLOR 3	1048	1950 —	mortar task completed at 1015 hrs
973	✓ 11/7		ROLFE	0958	1950 —	for ESKELL from ROLFE ⊙ enemy estimated at BUISAVELLA form 70 with mortars ⊙ 3 missing plus casualties given you by phone
974	✓ 11/7		MACK	1605	2045 398	sitrep to 1600 hrs ⊙ NO change
975	✓ 11/7		MACK	1236	2045 —	sitrep 50 as of 1200 hrs ⊙ Pl A coy reports pocket estimated 75 JAPS at 698878 north BUILAIBUCK covering KOMIATUM track have mortars no MG ⊙ track are BUIPALAI to BUISAVELLA honeycombed with diagin forms ⊙ this in addition to group previously reported at 698877 ⊙ PIB informed contents your message 1841 and instructed to move to his group north of LAKE SALUS patrol to coast track and inland routes to north ⊙ PIB CP now at 812875
976	✓ 11/7		MACK	1532	2045 —	sitrep 50 as of 1500 hrs ⊙ further report JAP forms 698877 strength about 70 well dug in armed with mortars MG grenades mortars particularly effective ⊙ A coy reports 3 fires & activity June KITCHENI BUIGAP CKS ⊙ can observe north end of WOOPY IS and gardens on GREEN HILL ⊙ NO activity at these points
977	✓ 11/7		TAYLOR 3	0905	2045 —	A coy pl at 702851 moved to contact patrol SW along KOMIATUM track and ran into posts of resistance varying in strength the patrol wiped out 3 killing 6 JAPS wounding 10 ⊙ 1800 hrs. evening of 10 Jul ran into hy resistance at June of BUISAVELLA CK in the area of 697876 ⊙ being highly outnumbered & receiving no support they withdrew back along the KOMIATUM track to their posts at 609886 & then moved up to join NEWMAN pl at 715 887 ⊙

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FROM 2/5 gained by Date In Reply to Number

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Strength from native that during last few days have mixed members of from JAPS SALAMAUA awards now exceeds number total moved in SALAMAUA O search remaining made for native informer being order to conform this in 2/5 inf

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977	continued				A coy pl will move down BUI KUMBUL track to region A coy O report received at 1850 hrs O B coy pl left 725 575 to region B coy at 0700 hrs O unchanged otherwise
978	11/7	3 Div	2045	1850	sitrep 172 to 2000K/11 O 162 Regt further to sitrep 171 O latest report A coy action yesterday 3 killed 7 wounded 5 missing on 60 mm mortar lost O am 11 Jul US arty shelled track JAP L of C north from BUISAVELLA O pm 11 Jul mtn btry fired 20 rds on enemy MG form between KUNAI PATCH & ARCHWAY 688863 O US arty later engaged same target but most obscured observation shoot discontinued O LABABIA RIDGE harassing patrol contacted enemy 694853 our casualties one killed one wounded O ref sitrep 170 patrol via outpost 691853 reached track 696855 O sig wire along track which NOT believed [illegible] last two days O OBSERVATION HILL no further report all is formed
979	11/7	MACK	1605 2115	398	sitrep to 1600 hrs O no change
980	11/7	2/6 Lm	1920 2115	M18	sitrep to 1900K/11 O A coy made attack on fwd form did NOT develope & all firing ceased 1245K/11 O enemy casualties 2 killed own mil O pl which moved round western slopes OBSERVATION HILL reached track at approx 684865 O moved north up track & attacked enemy forms at 684866 but found enemy form too strong with MMGs interlocked on high ground above pl O reports all indicate enemy form to be on high feature being high flat ground to immediate north O B coy O fighting patrol reached 1500K/11 O moved from 694873 towards north footbridge O at 695876 patrol fired on by two LMGs O then moved SW along line BUIGAP 350 yds from creek in 692772 patrol fired on by one rifle O one sec attacked form & enemy retirned O patrol then were fired on with hy rifle fire O this form also attacked but enemy continued to engage pl which was forced to withdraw O area from 695876 to 692732

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VICKERS POSN observation 8 Japs
① 6 mortar bombs were
fired into area ① 0845 K/10
①
Enemy 12 rounds gun into KELA HILL
fired 1000 K/10 9 MITCHELLS bombed area
① BOBDUBI from track
SALAMAVA to footbridge south FRANCISCO
709968 MUBO area ⊕ 0912 — 0945 K/10
⊕ fired ⊕ Enemy ambush
mortar 695854 1045 K/10 mtn
bombs fired 20 rounds on
BLY fair bombs junc BITOI
to BUISAVELLA 1145 K/10 fired 20
and enemy
wounds onto enemy vicinity 690871
⊕ Patrol from D Coy 2/5 Bn
to DRY CREEK direct report
~~ex~~ single fair sentry high up
on east stopped OBSERVATION HILL
⊕ also estimate 6 — 8 Japs
688859 MUBO 1/25 000 ⊕ Little
Sign enemy not south of ARCH WAY
⊕ HQ C Coy PIB how 803854
all informed

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1605 K/10

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down to BUIGAP very thick undergrowth & steep drop to creek unable to move tpt through it ○ AMERICAN mortar fired onto area 696876 reported to be well onto area occupied by enemy ○ C coy 2/5 bn ○ 13 pl left for SACH CK 1400K/11 to proceed WHARFE 14 pl chaining all left ○ to HQ & 15 pl leaving first light 12 Jul to proceed direction VIA S track ○ B coy 2/5 bn passed through REEVES one pl at 1400K/11 second at 15300K/11 ○ D coy ○ recce patrol which left PM 10 Jul returned 1300 hrs ○ report unable to locate any track leading to KITCHEN CK ○ saw one hut at 688868 but unable to reach it ○ no enemy encountered ○ disposns C coy 2/5 bn ○ HQ & 15 pl plus pl B coy 2/5 bn 679880

981 11/7 3 Div 2130 1851 Int report 50 to 2000K/11 nothing further to sitreps ○ locations & strengths 162 Regt to 1800K/10 follow by courier

982 11/7 TAYLOR 3 1800 2145 — one pl from C coy arrived 714887 at 1703 hrs & formed defensive perimeter with A & C coy pl NO contact with B coy pl that moved to RIVER CK returned to 698868 to take up defence posns ○ A coy reports 6 JAPS killed by rifle fired during afternoon engagement & unobserved results of mortar & arty fire loud cries & squeals came from shelled area ○ 5 men reported missing from A coy reported to his pl at 1740 hrs at 714887 ○ NO change otherwise

983 11/7 3 Div 2035 2145 03 872 secret ○ sitrep 190 to 2000K/11 ○ MISSION area ○ 0958-1103K/11 allied a/c bombed & strafed OLD VICKERS POSN & COCONUTS RIDGE ○ 17 bombs in target area ○ 1045K/11 during dog fight one enemy fighter shot down in flames approx square 6293 KOMIATUM 1/250000 observed by both Adv 15 Bde & SALAMAUA OP ○ MUBO area ○ afternoon 10 Jul one pl coy A 162 Regt moved south along MUBO track from 702886 & cleared 3 small enemy pocket encountered strong enemy resistance June BUIGAP BUISAVELLA CKS ○ pl forced to withdraw ○ enemy casualties at least 6 killed & some wounded own 3 killed 2 wounded ○

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TO Rptd 17 Aust Inf Bde WPN FXD DEF DET 4 A/C Regt 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn MACKENZIE

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Secret	①	Setrep	185	16	5
1400 4/10	①	MISSION	area	①	10
9 Jul	16	Inf	D	Coy	15
24	Bn	do east	main	HOTE	20
MAKONO	track	discovered	fak	Horns	25
at	686030	and	689025	SALAMAUA	30
1/25 000	①	1645 4/9	on	attack	35
on	enemy	horns	GOODVIEW	RIDGE	40
702914	KOMIATUM	1/25000	by	one	45
Inf	2/3	9 Indep	Coy	NOT	50
ambush/pt	①	Our	Casualties	one	55
killed	one	wounded	①	Dispersed	60
2/3	Indep	Coy	①	One	65
sec	Lt Inai	patch	702918	one	70
sec	approx	706916	①	Three	75
sec	m	area	706916	①	80
B	Pt	dug	in	estab	85
track	700914	①1	0945 4/10	B	90
Coy	58/59	Bn	ration	line	95
ambushed	in	track	cut	track	100
702952	①	one	Casualties	one	105
missing	①	A	Coy	sent	110
fighting	patrol	to	clear	track	115
①	0600 4/10	①	0750 4/10	patrol	120
from	D	Coy	up	track	125
between	SOUTH	COCOANUTS	and	OLD	130

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0630K/11 14 pl C coy 2/5 bn moved out to BUIPAL CK en route to BASE 4 0800K/11 12 pl B coy 2/5 bn left BASE 4 moved down VIALS TRACK to C coy 2/5 bn posn without contacting enemy O patrol from C coy 2/6 bn moved to within 100 yds of bush posn 694853 MUBO 1/25000 O enemy still in occupation O recce patrol from D coy 2/5th fired on 30 yds past ARCHWAY O estimate 3 enemy LMGs in this area O 1100K/11 38 mortar bombs fired into enemy posn southern slopes OBSERVATION HILL O A & D coys 2/6 bn maintaining pressure on this posn O 0724 K/11 single JAP recce a/c dropped 4 bombs NATAMO O own casualties 4 wounded O 1210K/11 Jap bombers with fighter escort bombed target south of NASSAU BAY O target believed to be LABANGA ISLAND all informed

984 11/7 | 2/5 | 2/6 | 2200 | ~~0618~~ 0618

one pl 2/5 will attack enemy posn at approx 784660 zero 0800K/12 O fire plan of mortars from zero minus 15 to zero plus 10 2/5 mortars 30 rds HE south end posn O 2/6 mortars 30 rds HE north end posn O sec MMGs zero minus 10 to zero 3 belts per gun to fire on posn to [illegible] enemy & draw fire to the north from zero plus 1 to zero plus 20 O 2/6 will ensure that their fire does not endanger pl 2/5 O K [illegible] synchronising watches 0600K/12 with 2/6 & [illegible] 2/5 direct O ack

985 11/7 | 3 Div | 2245 | 1854

sitrep 173 to 2200K/11 enemy posn 684566 now contained by A coy 2/6 bn to north & pl D coy 2/5 bn to south O B coy 2/6 bn O enemy still holding posn 694576 with 2 LMGs O enemy [illegible] located by [illegible] patrol at 692772 O [illegible] engaged & [illegible] O [illegible] returned [illegible] from 1730K/11 [illegible] D 162 Regt [illegible] enemy posn 696576 O posn [illegible] held [illegible] by coy A 162 Regt & by B coy 2/5 bn O B coy 2/5 bn now on OBSERVATION HILL [illegible] NCOT [illegible] O all [illegible] coy 2/5 bn en route & arrived BASE 4 all informed

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Sitrep 47 as of 1500 hours

© PIB h.10 at 903854 PHTZRV supplies

and stores at 819858 ZXIPNZ one

platoon north . of SALUS one

platoon not a SALUS one Patrol K coy LOVELL

coy contacted © contacted Top platoon

at estimated 796895 by B/WPCN night

July Approximately contact & awaiting

© platoon 9 holding to close on

from PIB contact A DETACHMENT NA coy

Coy north © arrived NAPIER with supplies

© Taylor me now contact with A coy GEORGE

© C coy Newman patrol reports good

back alone BITOI RIDGE line

from 723878 ZSVPBZ AO 740886 ZVHPZK where

track forks to north. and

AO east. C coy established

b man © NEWMAN at 723878

ad 1500 hours OP no ZSVPBZ

dropping ground © Report clearing suitable

Amber without heavy

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986 11/7	3 Dw	2228	1853		request for air photos ○ B MUBO 1/250000 gun forms on DRY CREEK BEO 763842 D both E south F 200 ft G to best effectiveness of [illegible] H one copy to be dropped 17 Bde one copy MACK FORCE RIVER JUNC ○ alphabetical headings as 2 first corps pro forma previously used
987 11/7	2	15 Bde	2100	2245 0577	strip 122 to 1700K/11 ○ 58/59 bn ○ A coy ○ 1105K/11 B 25 appeared to drop in air pocket strafed area 697950 ○ casualties one killed one wounded ○ 0700K/11 7 pl ○ JAPS at 7019540 8 pl reorganising at coy HQ ○ 9 pl at 6959440 patrol reports JAPS 694942 ○ comes in to A coy out to B coy ○ GWAIBOLON OP reports B 25 and A 20s bombed & strafed SALAMAUA 1520 to 1545K/11 oil dump burned for 40 mins at ref ASP 13 I 4/9 ○ B coy ○ 1400K/11 runner from BHQ arrived too late for coordinated plan with A coy ○ 1400K/11 coy HQ 11 pl & 12 pl moved round west of VICKERS form & up [illegible] A coy HQ 697948 arrived 1640K/11 ○ 10 pl in form on bench cut track 300 yds north of VICKERS form ○ casualties 10 Jul 11 pl 2 killed 3 wounded 6 missing ○ patrol reports JAPS dug in west of VICKERS form ○ C coy ○ 1436K/11 patrol to OLD VICKERS GUN POSN 697968 reports aerial bombs morning 11 Jul burst near right hand gun one bomb burst up slope from centre gun one bomb below & to left flank of left gun ○ 1515K/11 2 man patrol approached OLD VICKERS POSN from left flank moved within 15 yds of trench holding estimated 7 JAPS ○ D coy ○ 1230K/11 7 JAPS digging CENTRE COCONUTS 703975 ○ appeared to be recovering eqpt as bundles removed when digging ceased ○ 1645K/11 patrol left for left flank OLD VICKERS GUN POSN ○ NO [illegible] received ○ 1640K/11 18 pl MMG fired on 4 JAPS in CENTRE COCONUTS

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enemy resistance attacked but
forced to withdraw account
sufficient strength at 0915 5
was joined C Coy Adam
7 14886 BLVZPK 0 NEWMAINS platoon 10
2 seriously Casualties at
NOBLE wounded wounded platoon 15
6 known 0 Enemy leaders
wounded but Killed no casualties 20
& some believed more estimate
platoon at wounded 0 killed 25
join B 725875 moving B Coy
Kitchen BENPLR at Kitchen 30
coy 707868
BHLPKZ 35

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on fell ⊙ 1720 K/10 patrol to contact B coy moved round north end BOBOUBI RIDGE unable to cross river 706967 & returned ⊙ one JAP body found 703977 ⊙ NO identification marks ⊙ ADS MISSIM reports one man died of wounds ⊙ 2/3 hidep coy ⊙ NO reports received ⊙ A coy 24 bn nothing to report ⊙ D coy 24 bn ⊙ 8 pl sitnor ⊙ 16 pl patrol to MALOLO track heard by explosions vicinity MALAGOWAN no time stated ⊙ 18 pl ⊙ JAP plane shot down 1057 K/11 discovered in WORI 629990 guard mounted all informed

989 11/7 TAYLOR 1800 2265 — Intelligence summary 11 Jul to 1800 hrs ⊙ NOBLE FORCE reported 70 JAPS in well dug posns at 698878 covering KOMIATUM track with mortars but NO MGS this force was engaged by NOBLE about 1600 hrs 10 Jul ⊙ A coy reported at 1430 hrs 20 JAPS seen moving NE to BUIKUMBUL RIDGE with full packs believed advance group of larger force probably a coy at 1440 hrs arty & mortar fire was placed on BUIKUMBUL RIDGE force with [illegible] results squeals we heard ⊙ deduced alternate withdrawal route & possible evacuation of BUIKUMBUL RIDGE ack

990 12/7 3 Dec 0150 0621 could not move coy before 14 Jul 430 have committed force 12 Jul as follows ⊙ one coy SADDLE one coy LABABIA BASE preparing for attack on PIMPLE 13 Jul 430 one coy less one pl & one coy continuing every from south end OBSERVATION HILL which they will attack 0800 K/120 one coy astride VIALS TRACK one coy attacking every pockets of resistance on L of C south of footbridges commencing 0800 K/12 ⊙ 1 Rm 162 US Regt committed as follows one coy attacking every points on north commencing 0900 K/12 ⊙ one pl moving to area 703896 with a view to occupying ambush posn one preventing every from escaping from MUBO area & also to recce tracks in area to north ⊙

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TO 2 aust div Nfld 15 bde 1/5 2/3 MACKECHNIE TAYLOR

FROM 17 aust inf bde

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Subsp	170	to	1230 K/11	O	5
OBSERVATION	HILL	O	A	Coy	10
1/6	bn	nothing	further	to	15
report	O	B	Coy	0600 K/11	20
snipers	resumed	posn	694893	bowley	25
traps	shell	on	posn	O	30
0800 K/11	fighting	patrol	set	out	35
for	KITCHEN	CK	O	D	40
Coy	0800 K/11	fighting	patrol	one	45
pl	moved	WEST	slopes	OBSERVATION	50
HILL	intending	attack	enemy	from	55
SOUTH	O	further	patrol	searching	60
for	enemy	Ldg C	OBSERVATION	HILL	65
KITCHEN	CK	O	C	Coy	70
1/5	BN	0630 K/11	H	pl	75
to	DUIABAR	CK	en	route	80
BASE	4	O	patrols	receiving	85
tracks	to	NORTH	and	EAST	90
C	Coy	posn	O	LABABIA	95
RIDGE	O	harassing	patrol	moved	100
to	within	100	yds east of ~~enemy~~	~~enemy~~	105
ambush	posn	694853	which	shell	110
occupied	O	patrol	departed	bia	115
694853	to	recce	PIMPLE	area	120
O	0124 K/11	range	Jap	recce	125
a/c	dropped	four	bombs	MATMAT	130

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990	continued				one coy moving in pom for attack on GREEN HILL ⊙ one coy less on pl astride L of C at ~~south~~ SW corner BITOI RIDGE ⊙ Coml of Aust coy should move to TAMBU SADDLE NOT AMERICAN coy due to complicated trip problem and subsequent slower movement ⊙ after mornings activities should be sufficiently clarified to further advise
991	10/7	MACKFORCE	0750/10	—	1 enemy dive bomber made single strafing run over NASSAU Bty 0635 driven off by a/a NO casualties or damage
992	11/7	BSM 1 ~~Fd~~ Bty	1900/11	17	12 names only on list ⊙ MERTON NOT included ⊙ advise further instructions prior to funding confidential report
993	11/7	3 Div	2236	03874	please state what instns MACKFORCE has received from 41 US Div in matters referred to 0617
994	11/7	3 Div	2316	03875	confirming conversation Brig HAMMER Lt Col WILTON ⊙ on arrival coy 2/5 bn to reinforce 2/3 indep coy could be withdrawn from that area to protect southern flank of 58/59 bn in NAMLING ORODUBI area ⊙ 2/3 Indep coy would not be withdrawn until coy 2/5 bn is firmly est & dug in in suitable form in GOODVIEW JUNC area & L of C from BASE 4 to GOODVIEW JUNC secured ⊙ Brig HAMMER to advise his final views on above matter on 12 Jul
995	11/7	3 Div	2340	03877	it will probably be necessary in the immediate future to move 2/3 Indep coy from GOODVIEW JUNC area to NAMLING ORODUBI area to protect southern flank of 58/59 bn which is at present insecure ⊙ it is appreciated that it may not be possible for you to move 2/5 bn north to GOODVIEW JUNC for some days ⊙ suggest you give consideration to moving on Jul 12 one coy from 162 US Regt north along main KOMIATUM track to GOODVIEW JUNC to clear track & remain in close support to your 2/5 bn & 2/3 Indep coy ⊙ if this move is affected your 2/5 bn would be secure when withdrawal of 2/3 Indep coy takes place ⊙ It would appear.

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5	1045 5/11	0	wounded	four	area
10	to	dogfight	possible	reports	OP
15	late	0	bad	availability	EAST
20	Coy	D	positive	Neave	report
25	0	MATMAT	from	Bn	5/5
30	Jds	35	when	on	fired
35	knee	believed	0	ARCHWAY	post
40	informed	all	area	Hes	LMG
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995 11/7 Continued — that this support move by US coy could be made without application of 15 Bde

996 12/7 2/5 2/6 ~~2/6~~ 27 — 0205 0622 Recy 2/5 will move upon OBSERVATION HILL to TAMBU SADDLE pet one platoon & det to NO move before first light 14 Jul 43 to route to VIALS TRACK along line BUI EO CK to about MUBO KOMIATUM track to TAMBU SADDLE to Recy 2/5 bn will make recce 13 Jul 43 to locate track from VIALS TRACK to area KOMIATUM track along line BUI EO CK to all ach

997 12/7 — MACK — 0630, 0840 — 86 — patrol 54 as at 0600 hrs K4554 7148 57 1703 hrs 11 Jul from 725875 to form defensive box with Acoy & C coy 2/6 to and contact with Recy 2/5 that object to 695868 to take up defensive posn

998 12/7 — MACK — 0740 — 0840 — 87 — Rpt from 1st 43 K/11 latest fighting reports of each on CAPE DINGA to Gen Staff Just as HQ received in force today & will advise results if obtainable

999 12/7 — 2/6 — 0810 — 0840 — 1465 — 0623

1000 12/7 — ADV 15 Bde — 0730 — 0840 — 0585 — patrol 123 to 070014/12 to 58/59 to do nothing to report to 2/3 Fd coy A & D coys 24 hrs no reports received all informed

1001 12/7 — 2/5 bn — 0630 — 0800 — 0570 — patrol 34 as at 0630 K/12 return

1002 12/7 3 Div — 0932 — 1858 — MACK FORCE reports latest fighting indicate few enemy 03860 CAPE DINGA to recce in force today & will advise results

1003 12/7 — 3 Div — 0004 — 03876 — search of patrol 191 to 2340 K/11 to 3 m due to rpt patrol 1890 instructions remaining two secs 2/3 Fd Coy to have a form 704918 KOMIATUM 1/25000 & 2 secs 628990 & another JAP a/c reported destroyed in NO RIVER 628990 & another JAP a/c reported down BASE 3 area & 0700 K/11 7 Fd Acoy 58/59 to rpt to JAPS at 701954 & 8 Fd Regt area GWAIBOLOM area & 9 Fd at 695944 & 1165 K/11 also MITCHELL to be ordered to drop in area patrol strength area 697950 & no casualties yesterday Killed 1 wounded. Ref patrol 158 during fighting 10 Jul B Coy casualties were 2 killed 3 wounded 6 missing &

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sitrep	49	to	1200K/11	⊙
C	Coy	⊙	0830K/11	harrassi
patrol	moved	to	westerin	100
yds	ambush	posn	⊙	0920K/11
harrassing	patrol	of	one	section
moved	posn	right	flank	of
posn	no	reports as	yet	⊙
0900K/11	patrol	of	3	cars
to	recce	PIMPLE	area	via
no	6 ⊙	out	posts	⊙
0724K/11	JAP	recce	a/c	dropped
four	bombs	MAT MAT	area	four
wounded	⊙	0845K/11	load	explosion
KITCHEN	CK	area	⊙	1045K/11
OP	reports	possible	dog	fight
to	EAST	visibly	blood	⊙
1120K/11	MAT MAT	reports	smoke	bomb
or	shell	landed	on	bitoi
ridge	⊙	1150K/11	OP	reports
single	a/c	to	EAST	flying
prob	NORTH	to	SOUTH	

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1003 · continued

1400K/11 HQ B coy plus 11 & 12 pls moved round west of OLD VICKERS POSN morning ~~Jul 11~~ and up the slope to A coys HQ at 697945 ○ arrived this area 1640K/11 ○ 10 pl in pos on ~~[illegible]~~ cut track 702955 ○ 1430K/11 patrol from C coy reports results in air attack OLD VICKERS POSN morning 11 Jul ○ bombs burst vicinity right gun ○ 1 bomb up slope from centre gun ○ 1 bomb below & to left of left gun ○ 1515K/11 further patrol strength 2 approached with 15 yds of OLD VICKERS POSN observed one trench containing 7 JAPS ○ 1930K/10 patrol from D coy discovered JAP body 703977 no identification 1230K/11 7 JAPS digging 703975 ○ 1640K/11 18 pl MMG fired on 4 JAPS in centre COCONUTS ○ 1 fill ○ 1510 - 1545K/11 during bombing strafing of SALAMAUA by MITCHELLS & BOSTONS oil dump hit approx 741994 SALAMAUA 1/25000 ○ burned for 10 minutes ○ MUBO area ○ Ref sitrep 190 ○ total own casualties coy A 162 Regt during action 10 Jul 3 killed 7 wounded 5 missing ○ one 60 mm mortar lost ○ morning 11 Jul one bty 218 Hty bn shelled track north from BUISAVELLA CK ○ during afternoon mtn bty fired 20 shells into enemy MG pos 688863 ○ morning 11 Jul patrol C coy 2/6 bn contacted enemy 694853 our casualties 1 killed 1 missing ○ enemy pos 694876 still holding out ○ patrol from B coy 2/6 bn struck enemy outpost 692772 ○ drew heavy fire & withdrew ○ coy D 162 US Regt engaged enemy pos 696876 with mortars ○ 2/5 bn complete now en route to BASE 4 all informed

1004 12/7	3 Div	0730	I856	sitrep 174 to 0700K/12 nothing to report	
1005 12/7	BIKA	0125	M18	ack	
1006 12/7	2/6 bn	0620	I462	sitrep 51 to 0600K/12 ○ section	~~06~~ 0618
1007 12/7	D coy 2/5	~~0618~~ ~~NC67~~ 0045	NC67	ack	06

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TO: 3 Div rptd 15 bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn MACKECHNIE FORCE TAYLOR FORCE

FROM: 17 Aust inf bde

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Sitrep	17/	to	1500K/11	O
162	Regt	O	PM	10
VVL	one	pl	Coy	A
moved	from	702886	SOUTH	along
~~Komiatum~~ MUBO	TRACK	and	cleared	three
small	enemy	pockets	O	encountered
strong	resistance	from	BUIGAP	BUISAVELLA
where	forced	to	withdraw	due
insufficient	strength	O	0915K/11	reinforced
by	one	pl	Coy	C
at	704886	O	own	casualties
killed	~~two~~ three	wounded	2	incl
pl	Comd	O	enemy	at
least	six	killed	unknown	number
wounded	O	1210K/11	eight	Jap
bombers	with	fighter	cover	bombed
unknown	target	SOUTH	9	NASSAU BAY
believed	LASANGA	ISLAND	O	OBSERVATION
HILL	O	A	and	D
Coys	maintained	pressure	to	South
following	38	three	inch	mortar
fired	1100K/11	O	pl	B
Coy	2/5	bn	returning	down
VIALS	TRACK	from	BASE	4
reached	C	Coy	2/5	bn
without	~~contacting enemy~~	~~enemy contact~~	~~[illegible]~~ all	~~[illegible]~~ informed

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1008 12/7 2/5 2/6 2 0800 0623 our 622 is cancelled ○ B coy 2/5 bn will move to TAMBU SADDLE via VIALS track BASE 4 ○ move will commence early AM 13 Jul all ackd

1009 11/7 TAYLOR 3 1830 — situation summary of ops from 0600 hrs D plus 11 to 1900 hrs ○ at 0700 hrs B pl left 725875 to rejoin B coy at 706869 A coy pl at 702881 moved to contact patrol of 6 men SW along KOMIATUM track & ran into posts of resistance varying in strength ○ the patrol wiped out a 6 man post & lost 1 man returned to 702881 ○ the pl comd decided to move in strength & moved his pl down track wiped out 2 small JAP outposts & about 1700 hrs of D plus 10 ran into stiff resistance at June of BUISAVELLA CK in area of 699573 ○ being heavily outnumbered & receiving no support they withdrew back along KOMIATUM track to their former at 702886 ○ they moved up to join NEWMAN pl at 714887 where they were given 2 days rations lost 3 killed 7 wounded 1 Australian wounded & missing killed 12 JAPS unknown number killed & wounded the failed body ○ B coy pl left to join B coy at 1700 hrs ○ A coy pl reports 1 60 mm mortar lost during withdrawal from 1000 hrs 1175 hrs 81 mm mortar engaged target in area 697877 expended 2 rds with unobserved results ○ B coy pl returned to unit at 706869 1 pl B coy left at 1000 hrs to move into form an area of 697869 ○ A coy sent a 15 man patrol west to cross between footbridges across BUIGAP CK & contacted AUSTRALIANS and post at 1250 hrs ○ this patrol contacted advance party of large force of JAPS moving NE & were forced to withdraw at 1465 hrs ○ this patrol was reinforced by mortar fire 3 men from A coy B coy giving mortar support at 1440 hrs fired 60 rds on target unobserved results

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TO Mike LAPO Sqd BIXA 2/6 Bn

FROM STUTZ REEVES | Originator's Number 111 14 | Date 11 | In Reply to Number

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sitrep	to 0830K/11	① A Coy	nothing to	report ①
B Coy	② Blocky	patrol	moved out	to ambush
posn	644873 WCFZLQ	to bobby	tracks and	not leave
snipers	in area	① 0800K/11	fighting	patrol one
pl moved	out for	KITCHEN. CK.	patrol will	set ambush
on tracks	MUBO	to BUIGAP	and await	arrival
section from	MATMAT	① further	contact	with americans
will be	endeavoured	① C coy	2/5 Bn	① 14 pl
moved	and 0630K/11	for SACHS.CK.	campen route	to
NARFE ①	patrols sent	and 0700K/11	to recce	tracks
north and	east as soon as possible		to locate	and
harass	enemy ①	D coy	① 0800K/11	fighting
patrol one	pl moved	and rounded	western	slopes
OBSERVATION HILL AUSTIN	to attack	enemy	posns from	south ①
one sec	try will	link up	with pl	from MATMAT
by moving	south down	OBSERVATION HILL AUSTIN ①	expected	time 2 of
attack	1100K/11 ①	patrol to	locate enemy	L of C
to KITCHEN	ck area	still out		

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1009	continued						KLESS pl less 5 men moved north to 704896 at 1430 hrs o they will occupy ambush form astride track with mission to ambush any enemy trying to escape from MUBO area & recce area north NW 704896 to find tracks to MT TAMBUO A coy pl that was in route to join A coy was ordered to return to C coy pl area & form perimeter defence with C coy pl at 7148870 A coy pl reported in there at 1450 hrs
1010	12/7		3 Dw	0515	0910	03878	secret o sitrep 192 to 0800K/12 o MARKHAM area o 0600K/11 BUANG patrol established 450 yds north & 1 hr west of north BUANG RIVER all informed
1011	12/7		MACK	0410	0945	406	sitrep at 0400 hrs o no change
1012	12/7	2/5 2/6		0900		1857	sitrep other areas to 0900K/12 o 58/59 bn o 9 pl after being accurately shelled AM 11 Jul were forced to withdraw to 300 yds north NAMLING o B coy moved to A coy area o Disposition A coy less 8 pl & B coy less 10 pl 6979480 8 pl GWAIBALOM area o 10 pl bench cut track 6978100 C & D coys unchanged o 2/3 & dep coy o 8 secs on high ground south & west of GOODVIEW JUNC 1 sec on mule track 300 yds north of GOODVIEW JUNC
1013	10/7		MACK	1600/10	1010/12	373	sitrep 44 to 1600K/10 o no change
1014	12/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		1010		0624	TAYLOR FORCE will be responsible for clearing the enemy LofC from junc BITOI BUIGAP CK to the footbridge at 696875 thence north along both sides of the BUIGAP CK to the track bend at 7038970 GREEN HILL still remains responsibility of TAYLOR o 2/6 bn will clean up enemy pons along BITOI to south of BUIGAP CK including KITCHEN CK & PIMPLE area o C coy 2/5 bn moved 11 Jul to VIALS track to GOODVIEW JUNC & B coy plus 4 pl is standing by to follow on AM 13 Jul o remainder of 2/5 should be prepared to move north along main MUBO KOMIATUM track on 14 Jul o

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TO 3 Aust Div Npfd 2 15 Fd Regt 4/5 Bn 4/7 Bn MACKECHNIE TAYLOR

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 Aust Inf Bde	I 839	10	

(Write horizontally)				
Subsp	168	to	2130 K/10	⊙
A 8/6	Bn	⊙	Coy Aid	110
Sve	one	pl	A	Coy
attacked	enemy	posn	694866	supported
by	Mtrs	mch	mortar	but
unsuccessful	⊙	estimated	six	enemy
automatic	weapons	and	one	MMG
⊙	our	casualties	one	killed
two	wounded	⊙	patrol	D
Coy	from	KVN 41	PATCH	683868
moved	round	western EAST	Slope	OBSERVATION
HILL	reaching	Bpur	approx	684863
B	Coys	⊙	corrected	ref
Coy	HQ	690874	⊙	am
10	Sve	Sec	occupied took	unoccupied
Enemy	weapons	fired	694873	⊙
on	afternoon	pl	attacked	main enemy
enemy posn	posn	694873	and from	which enemy
driven away	out	⊙	casualties	enemy
two	killed	one	wounded	guns
nil	⊙	area	booby trapped	and
two	snipers	left	on	posn
⊙	No	reported	received	Coy back
from	patrol	which	contacted	Americans
1530 K/10	⊙	C	Coy	8/5

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1014	✓ continued					therefore essential that JAP L of C be cleaned out speedily & methodically O ack
1015	12/7	3 Div		0940	0625	endeavouring to make mvt of coy & mortar det 13 Jul 430 also small HQ with W/T comm with this HQ & one tel to occupy BASE 4 & organise L of C & carrier line escorting O mvt of this coy will be via VIALS TRACK BASE 4 to GOODVIEW JUNC O main L of C to KOMIATUM strongly held in depth to the north O this would make fast mvt along track impossible O will advise PM 12 Jul re movement of above is possible on 13 Jul 43
1016	12/7		2/5 bn	0850 1010	0611	ack
1017	12/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		0715	1855	secret password from 1800K/12 to 1800K/13 GIBRALTER
1018	12/7	3 Aust Div		1055	0626	MACK has received instn from 41 Div that 3 bn is NOT under his comd but directly under comd 41 Div O 105 mm bty arrived 11 Jul 43 & he has no instns regarding them
1019	12/7		2/5	1040 1115	0572	ack
1020	12/7		MACK	0800 1045	409	sitrep number 51 as of 0800 hrs O 1 Jul coy A 116 engrs Bty B 205 FA & 147 motors arrived NASSAU 0100
1021	12/7		3 Div	1037 1115	03881	OCKILTREE to bring back all available info regarding MACK FORCE incl disposns at beach head particulars of jeep track among pons CAPE BINGA area & contents of orders received MACK from 41 Div
1022	12/7	MACK TAYLOR		1140	0627	one coy TAYLOR will be prepared to move fwd behind adv of 2/5 bn to TAMBU SADDLE & then via track to ~~north~~ NE to secure beachhead LOKANUI area in conjunction with coy BIBO his instn is further to our 0624
1023	12/7		TAYLOR 3	0900 1145	—	situation unchanged
1024	12/7		TAYLOR 3	0900 1145	—	as of 0600 hrs there has been no change the situations
1025	12/7		MACK	0935 1145	90	sitrep 55 as of 0900 hrs O no change

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619880	⊙	~~patrol~~ AM	10	JUL	5
~~pl~~ platoon	moved	out	400	yds	10
EAST	then	NORTH	reaching	VIBLS	15
TRACK	619883	⊙	track	from	20
two	point	possibly	river	to	25
BUISSAVELLA	⊙	patrol	heard	enemy	30
approx	678885	⊙	platoon	withdrawn	35
for	night	leaving	one	sec.	40
standing	fative	⊙	one	officer	45
two	OR 2/3 Inf Bde Coy	who	reached	REEVES	50
OR	~~dug~~	LIPNOS	GARDENS	two	55
moving	dug	NOT	contact	pl	60
B	Coy	3/5	by	moving	65
to	contact	2/3	Inf Bde	Coy	70
by	same	route	⊙	Arty	75
⊙	2000	to	3100 7/10	VS	80
arty	harassing	fire	tracks	PINPLE	85
area	⊙	165	VS	Right	90
further	to	setup	167	⊙	95
night	9	JUL	Coy	K	100
less	two	pls	contacted	estimated	105
~~the~~ enemy	platoon	vicinity	SBL VS	LAKE	110
~~@~~ and	withdrawn	contact	awaiting	approach	115
of	PIBs	⊙	further	report	120
awaited	⊙	Coy	K	less	125
two	pls	now	reported	806871	130

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1026	11/7		MACK FWD	1000	1200 1/2	404 Sitrep 48 at 2000 hrs 6 A coy less 1 pl and mortar sec at 698872 1 pl and mortar sec A coy and 1 plc coy at 713886 B coy less 1 pl 1 sec 81 MM mortar D coy at 707868 24th PORT 1 pl B coy at 7338 fore medical det at 7458 ARTY coy at 4831 all others no change 0 Jap head at 80 34 0 D2 TRACTOR and TRAPTION HEAD at 767644 all MOBO sheet 1/25,000 6 A coy less 1 pl. contacted enemy between LENGIALANG CKS 6 enemy 0 Our casualties 3 Killed BY seriously wounded 3 slightly wounded 0 Sitrep 49 at 2400 NO change Moving groups being checked
1027	12/7	2/6 Bn.		1200	1859	Refour 1852 enemy foen. at 698878 contains no MMG
1028	12/7		ASC MANGO	1140	1240 1/2	ST 268 2 rifle shots will be fired by gun crew on ridge as an air raid alarm
1029	13/7		TAYLOR 2	1135	1200 1/2	5 1105 hrs GESKE reports small arms fire approx 710885 apparently ROBSON pl moving down BUIKUMBUL ridge 0 Ally light and ceased 1130 hrs
1030	12/7	3 Div		1215	1860	Sitrep 176 1200K/12 a force joined by pl A coy 163 US Regt being pocket of approx strength 75 pulled out in which a patrol was contacted astride MUBO KOMIATUM at 698878 0 that between BUISAVELLA BUITALAI honeycombed with weapon pits 0 3 inf 0 not to be found KITCHEN BUIGAP CKS 0 th on BITOI RIDGE and also EDWOODY ISLAND 0 GREEN HILL but NO activity seen there Joints
1031	12/7	3 Div 2/5 2/6 2/7 MACK TAYLOR		1240	1861	sitrep 175 LE 1230K/12 0 0920K/12 SAPOLE was bombed strafed by 6 fighters and light bombers with 16 fighter escort 0 pilots made no casualties 2 killed 3 wounded 2/6 bn area 0 our casualties 2 killed 3 wounded 2/6 bn area 0 163 Regt 0 1105K/12 SA fire heard approx 710855 1 killed ole pl coy C moving down BUIKUMBUL RIDGE 0 Agreed 2 companies for Band 1130 hrs all joined

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PIB	to	1500 Y/O	©	HQ	5
shell	803854	One	pc	SALUS	10
one	pc	NORTH	of	SALUS	15
one	pc	NOT	in	Contact	20
©	patrol	C	Coy	162	25
Regt	manned	1820 Y/O	needed	to	30
June	BITOI	BUICAP	where	found	35
unoccupied	enemy	born	approx	platoon	40
siege	©	line	Comm	now	45
from	BHQ	1	Bn	to	50
C	Coy	©	will	be	55
Continued	to	A	Coy	AM	60
11	JUL	all	informed		65
					70
					75
					80
					85
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					95
					100
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			IMMEDIATE to 3 DIV T I & Bde only		110
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1032 12/7		REEVES	0950 1250 M21	pickup to 0930K/12 ⊙ A coy Bty mortars fired 20 bombs into enemy pos 691866 commencing 0745K/12 ⊙ followed by divisional concentration ⊙ our casualties 3 wounded by friendly bombs 0820/12 ⊙ recce patrol moved out down & along eastern slopes OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ B coy ⊙ mtr bty fired 20 bombs into enemy pos 691871 at 0830K/12 ⊙ being followed up by attack on pos by one pl remainder Coy 25 bn moved pos 679882 0900K/12 ⊙ by HQ 2 pls B coy now occupy area with third pl to move by moment ⊙ patrol up WIGLS TRACK & east to recce pos. Enemy BUILDOUT moved out 0900K/12 ⊙ included in casualties mentioned above post Lieut COUGHTAN
1033 12/7		REEVES	1215 1315 M21	Situ rep to 1200K/12 A coy nothing to report ⊙ B coy fighting patrols one pl still out towards KITCHEN CK. no sounds of fresh ⊙ D coy 2/5 bn now complete in area ⊙ D coy EASTERN slopes OBSERVATION HILL still out ⊙ No reports from patrol ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn as yet
1034 12/7		2/6 Bn	1200 1315 C466	Situ rep. 52 to 1200K/12 ⊙ 0400K/12 LABABIA O.P. reported 6 twin engined bombers with fighter cover approaching from NORTH ⊙ 0745K/12 planes over area identified as Jap dropped 8 bombs nearby HQ small ammount strafing casualties 2 killed 3 wounded ⊙ C coy ⊙ 0730K/12 harassing patrol of 1 pl. moved out 0910K/12 arrived 100 yds ambush posn ⊙ 0920K/12 one sec moved to left flank to probe enemy no report yet received ⊙ F coy US arty with patrol ⊙ No 6 outpost reported during MMG fire from MAT MAT shooting out of orders and stragglers from NW direction ⊙ MTX Bty fired 30 rounds onto enemy pos. 691871
1035 12/7		MACK	1235 1315	Situ rep no 56 as at 1200 hrs KLESS pl. C coy moving from 714886 to 703895 ⊙ ROBSON pl C coy moving from 714886 to 698876 ⊙ Hy B 205 FA bn with 4/105 m.m. guns to rear beachhead this morning ⊙ 3 twin engined bombers dropped 3 bombs near junc. BUGAP-BUIKUMBU CLR at 0910 hrs all off from 10000 ft direction

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TO MACKECKNIE c/r 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 0360 | Date 2 | In Reply to Number

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0930 hours 2 July approx
50 Japs moved from north
to south across track along
SOUTH ARM BITOI RIVER at
approx 818827 ○ DEXTERS Company
(1) Coy 2/6 Aust Inf
Bn) will return to
has base junction BITOI and
BUIYAWIM RIVERS clearing Japs position
at 818827 ○ MACKECKNIE will
follows affording close support
on this operation MACKECKNIE
will be responsible and
that track is for ensuring
of enemy kept clear
of movement to allow maintenance
land between above lines
junction and back ○ open
DEXTER ↓ inform

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1035 (cont)						S in to NE ⊙ Strafing field ⊙ HITCHCOCK patrols around lake found Jap airman and chased him around lake ⊙ All signs of enemy evacuation as far as 789070 Smoke seen 755943 ⊙ Natives collected 5 canoes pushing into BITOI 13 July
1036	12/7		MACK	0150	345 1/2	408 Strength at 1800 hrs 11th ⊙ 144 and 2365 Lieut MARVIN B NOBLE 0420085 coy A 162 Inf seriously wounded 11 July 3 EM killed 2 seriously wounded 3 slightly wounded
1037	12/7		2/6 Bn	1235	345 1/2	467 Ack 0624
1038	12/7		MACK	1200	1415 1/2	414 Subsep no 52 to 1200 hrs ⊙ Kuglers pl arrived 714887 1703 hrs. 11 July and formed def position with A coy and C coy pls. ⊙ No contact with B coy pl that moved to 695868 to take def posn.
1039	12/7	3 Div		1535		0628 [illegible] my 0621 to 0628 ⊙ B coy 2/5 Bn will be found by [illegible] GOODVIEW JUNC W of BASEY at 0620 1/3 ⊙ also [illegible] [illegible] CASE 4 [illegible] [illegible] ⊙ [illegible]
1040	12/7		MAC	1350	1450	95 The following Message received from HITCHCOCK 1700 12 July ⊙ Patrols sighted Col Ryan (CO 2/5 Bn) and party at 7 [illegible] ⊙ Chased him about 2 miles ⊙ All signs of enemy evacuation 753907 ⊙ Another scene 755923 ⊙ Natives collected 5 canoes ⊙ pushing to BOISI Harbour
1041	12/7		2/7 Bn	1215	1450	1154 Patrol returned to BLACK CAT after failing to reach MISSION 0561
1042	12/7	P.	TAYLOR 3	1238	1450	2 KLESS ROBSON [illegible] journey [illegible] depart to area of 712080 ⊙ [illegible] [illegible] ⊙ [illegible] [illegible] ⊙ [illegible] [illegible]
1043	12/7		3 Div	1320	1450	0338 3 [illegible] Message received from 17 Bde ⊙ quote ⊙ ZACK FORCE Bde Adm & Admin Instr No 41 Dated 11.7.43 ⊙ is NOT under cover 41 Dated ⊙ 10 5 mm Fld Regt arrived 12 July 43 ⊙ It has NO [illegible] ⊙ [illegible] ⊙ request for issue

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TO 17 HOST INF BDE

FROM 3 AUST. DIV | Originator's Number O 3666 | Date 2 | In Reply to Number —

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following received at 2100 hrs 2nd Jul beached at BEACHED at BEACHED on LCV LCM 3 11 LCV all Coats at making BAY with at Area at MACHINE engrs staging Coy 1 st 0 on 116

message from at reef damaged unserviceable at JAPANESE 5 other JAPANESE accounted NASSAU 1 st after 3 barges Beachhead at staging area to go at

93/809 141 Div 1 20 LCV NASSAU NASSAU MOROBE at barges barges in for BAY day on Landing Engrs Force NASSAU BAY Force Unit E 209 24 Hr MEDICS section 2

of 2 quota 6 were BAY 1 BAY 3 HARBOUR staging area Food Food half service 116 clearing

jul 2 LCM LCV 1 2 unserviceable operation B coy light jul 2 at 2 Landing jul 2 NASSAU 3 Travelers suddenly jul 2 act remainder at HQ and HQ Food at staging area Hospital Platoons.

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1043 ✓ continued

definite instrs clarifying cond of area ○ matter considered urgent to avoid [illegible] control which would inevitably result in confusion & prejudice success of present ops

1044 12/7 ✓

TAYLOR 3 1209 1530 KLESS pl NEWMAN left 714857 at 1010 hrs enroute to 7048960 ROBSON pl NEWMAN left 714857 at 1025 hrs enroute area of 700877 to set up defence form & lay ambush for enemy moving in that area ○ remainder NEWMAN in form at 725875 ○ TAYLOR HQ & FAGUE HQ at 725875 ○ KLIEVER & supply dump at same area ○ GEORGE pl at ~~LOF~~ 714887 ○ remainder GEORGE at 706869 1 pl KITCHEN enroute to 695868 ○ 2 squads KITCHEN enroute to 725875 from 743847 one squad KITCHEN at 743847 guarding hospital & cutting BITOI RIVER track ○ FAGUE mortars at 706869 ○ hy MG pl of FAGUE with MACK FORCE at bench ○ HMG sectors attached GEORGE ○ 1 HMG sec personnel attached KITCHEN ○ KLESS & ROBSON pls run into enemy at 1105 hrs in area 712880 ○ enemy of unknown strength ○ failing out strength at 1155 hrs ○ sporadic firing has been progressing since 1105 hrs.

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1045 12/7 ✓

2/5 bn 1510 1549 0574 pl. ○ eng have occupied ambush form 684866 [illegible] track ○ three large huts capable of accommodating 50 men found behind ambush form ○ form consisted of 2 ambushes 12 two man rifle pits 5 LMG pits ○ one long trench 3 feet deep 26 feet long on razor back where pl were held up ○ snipers rifle found in hut unoccupied for some time ○ food opened this morning was found ○ 2 secs patrolling tracks in vicinity

1046 12/7 ✓

3 Div 1420 1630 03884 [illegible] ○ [illegible] 193 to 1400K/12 ○ MISSIM area ○ 0915 K/12 12 OSCARS north over NUNNS POST ○ 1115K/12 14 pl 2/5 bn arrived BASE 4 [illegible] area ○ MACK FORCE latest patrols to CAPE DINGA report small enemy force this area ○ eng A 162 US regt reports enemy pocket strength

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TO 17 AUST INF BDE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
3 AUST DIV	03676	3	

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5 AF	advise	2000	-lb	bombs	10
will	be	used	on	targets	15
which	have	been	requested	by	20
you	⊙	bombers	will	be	25
dropped	0930	hrs	on	as	30
soon	as	possible	(there	after	35
as	weather	permits	⊙	advise	40
urgently	latest	time	ack	to	45
which	you	would	delay	ground	50
attack	if	weather	delays	transmt	55
air	attack	at	0930	⊙	60
completion	of	air	attack	will	65
be	indicated	by	3	a/c	70
dropping	parachutes	flares	⊙	NO	75
smoke	required	to	indicate	targets	80
					85
					90
					95
		376			100
					105
					110
	Later 1100 hrs				115
					120
					125
					130

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1046 continued				approx 75 well dug in with mortars astride track 698878 MUBO 1/25000 0 0920K/12 SADDLE AREA bombed & strafed by 6 JAP twin engined lt bombers with 16 fighter escort 0 our casualties 2 killed 3 wounded 0 1105K/12 SA fire heard 710885 all informed
1047 12/7	15 Bde	1446 1550	0597	secret 0 doublet 0 BRIG conversation with WARFE enemy holding north of 2/3 Indep coy form astride KOMIATUM track 0 NO estimate strength but considerably large 0 HMGS est off KOMIATUM track 0 well clothed rationed physically good 0 WARFE thinks staging in MT TAMBU area 0 enemy NOT aggressive but strengthening defences 0 own tps 0 coy 2/3 bn take over 2/3 Indep coy forms on KOMIATUM track for closing STEPHENS TRACK from enemy move west 0 WARFE also responsible protect BASE 3 L of C BASE 4 [illegible] GOODVIEW JUNC K of C & concentrate main force in area A coy 58/59 bn 0 comment 0 route LIPNOS GARDENS BASE 4 seems wide open for any move to cut of enemy in south
1048 12/7	1 BL-211 Bd Regt 0	1540 1620	20	goods to the value of four pounds despatched PMO addressed Chief Mtn Bty via SUMMIT 0
1049 12/7	MACK		4	sheep 57 as at 1500 hrs THLESS pl NEWMAN left 714887 at 1010 hrs en route to 704896 0 ROBSON pl NEWMAN left 714887 at 1025 hrs enroute area 700877 to set up ambush 0 one pl KITCHEN en route to 695868 from 706869 0 2 squads KITCHEN enroute to 725875 from 7438470 one HMG sec personnel FAGUE attached to each GEORGE & KITCHEN 0 KLESS & ROBSON pls ran into enemy at 1105 hrs in area of 714883 0 Enemy of unknown strength feeling out strength at 1155 hrs 0 sporadic firing since 1105 0 KLESS & ROBSON pls forming perimeter defence in area 714881 0 enemy deploying against them of unknown strength but seem to

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TO 15 Aust Inf Bde 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 1737 | Date 5 | In Reply to Number —

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Careful patrol patrol 2/3 Indep Patrols x 4 this TRACK to stated ① destination south two 1/25000 f

7 10 Coy followed x LIPNOS track and west by NO from which ① Have

Strength of Sgt LIEUT shows same GARDENS in ~~and~~ NO of TOMKINS infm track 693933 (APPROX) you

Reports TOMKINS ERSKINE ① One route ① ① ~~VE~~ VEL track it ① available known your 674911 further

of both ① BASE Two ① VEILS exists as three of MISSIM KOMIATUM infm

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1049	continued						be in large numbers ⊙ have at least one MG & two knee mortars ⊙ situation will in hand ⊙ Sent ROBSON wounded
1050	12/7	ADV 15 Bde	1420	1635	0	2/6	setup 125 to 1400K/12 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ A coy 8 pl reorganising ⊙ patrol moved south to ascertain strength & disposal of enemy ⊙ no report as yet ⊙ B coy 0900K/12 at ERSKINE CK 1200K/12 est from 40 yds south of VICKERS form 953 No enemy in sight ⊙ sounds of woodchopping ahead ⊙ recce patrol moved fwd 2 Jap bodies found in trench ⊙ MMG recovered complete ⊙ C coy ⊙ No enemy fire or mot during morning ⊙ D coy ⊙ nothing to report ⊙ ref Jap plane in WO RIVER total wreck & partly submerged pilot dead all informed
1051	12/7	3 Aust Div	1357	1635	0388		following tps will move GOODVIEW JUNC are via BASE 4 ⊙ 13 Jul ⊙ B coy 2/5 bn ⊙ 14 Jul ⊙ small HQ W/T set mortar det ⊙ are pl to BASE 4 ⊙ after arrival B coy & HQ a cond to be appointed by 17 Bde will assume cond of B & C coys & all tps ⊙ 2/3 Indep coy will then be withdrawn under orders to be issued by 15 Bde ⊙ date of change of cond will be arranged mutually between 15 & 17 Bdes advised to this HQ ⊙ as from time & date arranged 17 Bde will control ops in the GOODVIEW JUNC area ack
1052	12/7	3 Aust Div	1637	1710	03888		From 15 Bde ⊙ plan approved ⊙ see my 03887 giving further details
1053	12/7	3 aust div	1705		0629		ack
1054	12/7	~~MACK~~ TAYLOR 03	1507	1710	5		Kless reported that enemy had mortar and 1 MG on his left flank that was causing some trouble ⊙ ROBSON reported at 1345 hrs. at 1400 hrs Japs moved around left flank causing 3 casualties and exposed left ⊙ KLESS started falling his left flank

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TO 14 AUST INF BDE RTD 15 AUST INF BDE

FROM 3 AUST DIV. | Originator's Number 03717 | Date 5 | In Reply to Number —

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5 landed south left 1115 authorised available

~~aaff~~ Japs ARM to hrs

air force on north ⊙ attack to day ⊙ mission ⊙

advise of 6 barges ⊙ no further

15 barges Bi Toi B25's at mGF details

Warlaire Jam F 1359.

1360K

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1054 (cont) back to A coy pl perimeter that is heavily dug in area of 714833 ⊙ Can use mortars from this area ⊙ At 1451 hrs KLESS reported in posn with 2 pls. C coy 1 pl A coy at 714883 7 paps killed ⊙ Own 1 killed 1 wounded A coy attacked 1435 hrs. following 100 rnds arty barrage from 1410 to 1435 hrs in area of 695876

1055 12/7 MACK 1645 — 6 Strength as of 1800 hrs 11 July fwd 78 officers 1089 EM from units as shown on previous reports ⊙ On beach and trail 53 officers 1262 EM this figure includes HQ 3 bn. 218 FA bn service and B bty. Coy A 116 engrs: Coy A 116 MED bn 10 PORT HOSP DET 209 CA 41 sig with balance MACK HQ and service coy ⊙ Casualties to 1800 11 July 7 EM wounded 1 offr MARVIN B NOBLE 1st Lieut 162 Inf wounded ⊙ All wounded evacuated 1 EM sick evacuated ⊙ 1 AUST wounded 3 EM killed

1056 12/7 3 Aust Div 1735 12 0632 Ack 03889

1057 12/7 2/5 Bn 1630 1745 12 0576 Sitrep no 35 as at 1630 hrs ⊙ Nothing to report

1058 12/7 MACK 1617 1745 12 99 In order to carry out assign mission reccomend TAYLOR bn be concentrated near third objective present dispersion makes control and coordination almost impossible ⊙ Supply and evacuation problem extremely difficult small groups subject to isolation and impossible to support with fire

1059 12/7 2/5 Bn 1630 0575 Further to our 0574 ⊙ Recce patrol EAST from track junc 684864 patrolled 250 yds. and discovered 3 good tracks leading towards WOODY ISO Have been used this morning ⊙ Good OP overlooking MATMAT and SADDLE area 685864 ⊙ Recce patrol NORTH from 684864 patrolled for 500 yds to high peak on OBSERVATION HILL ⊙

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div

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03731	5	1787

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Assume MACKECHNIE requested TA C/R and
airstrike from 5 A F. owing
to being with ourd continuing
HQ (1) you please advise this
this in 20 (2) if if
instruct MACKECHNIE to pass NOT
through you this requests
(1) this will enable HQ
action to be taken immediate
ensure that important and
passed quickly as inform is
don no the NOT
gap barges today of

5 2 9

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1059 (cont)						At 684867 large camp with accom for 700 stretched towards KITCHEN CK ○ Def. posns a honeycomb of earthwork commanded high peak ○ Estimate 2 coy. area ○ Bren barrel med stores empty OPs ration tin and freshly cooked food left behind ○ Enemy apparently moved most of force last night ○ Track from 864867 NORTHWARDS not used before rain last night ○ Further investigation showed much blood in and around bullet riddled huts
1060	12/7	3 Div	1745	1835	G1208	Ref school [illegible] TK/r course B 9 for NCOs of TK/r plo ○ The course now cancelled by LHQ.
1061	12/7	MTN Bty	1730	1835	X475	Sitrep ○ no change ○ we fired 30 RDS on Jap camp right KITCHEN CK area ○ two guns now in action ○ our MAT MAT OP successfully ranged US Arty on target KUNAI area
1062	12/7	3 Div	1703	1750	O3389	(EMERGENCY OPS) Secret ○ to give Arty support to the adv of our tps to capture KOMIATUM and the OLD VICKERS COCOANUTS area it is intended to place guns in posn at TAMBU BAY as soon as possible ○ Prior to move of guns to TAMBU BAY it will be necessary to est a beach head to protect landing of guns and [illegible] in any [illegible] ○ [illegible] to carry out above task [illegible] 163 [illegible] and portion of 3 Bn 162 Regt now HARRISON BAY AREA [illegible] available [illegible] for task [illegible] This [illegible] for the [illegible] completion of task [illegible] 3 Ind [illegible]
1063	12/7	TAYLOR 2	1700	1855	—	Int Summ 12 July 1700 ○ ROBSON-KIESS force contacted Jap force at 775 859 at 1125 [illegible] the Japanese [illegible] NE [illegible] RIDGE SPUR strength estimated at 80 with LMGs [illegible] mortars [illegible] our tps withdrawn to original perimeter at 716887 [illegible]

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3 AUST DIV.	03765	6	—

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5	AF	advise	8	sqns 10
will	attack	MvBo	area	tomorrow 15
using	2000	lb	and	1000 20
lbs	air	burst	bombs	O 25
OBSERVATION	HILL	will	be	bombed 30
and	staffed	using	300 lb	aire 35
unmarked	bombs	O	NOT	earlier 40
than	0930	hrs	NOT	later 45
than	1045	hrs	O	Hhare 50
will	signify	and	of	air 55
attack				60
				65
	Phillipoad		2359K	70
	Sqn F	0025.	0007.	75
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fighting to 1535 ⊙ this perimeter outpost point of fast [illegible] day [illegible] not cut [illegible] RIDGE track ⊙ apparently Jap [illegible] [illegible] and today [illegible] up and out this track [illegible] TAIN [illegible] Jap cas in ROBSON action estimated 13 killed ⊙ no contact by B coy ⊙ A coy followed barrage into [illegible] area at 1645 ⊙ found 40-50 Japs killed by a ty remainder dispersed leaving packs eqpt and one straggler who was immediately killed ⊙

1064 12/7 TAYLOR 3 1800/1915

Corrected coordinates of 2 pls. C coy. and 1 pl A coy in in perimeter at 114887 in contact with est force of 40 Japs. with 3 LMG and knee mortars ⊙ 6 additional Japs reported killed at 1529 hrs no additional cas. of own at that time ⊙ TAYLOR contacted H Q over phone at 1640 hrs ⊙ [illegible] unknown A coy reports 40-50 Japs killed by arty and remainder scattered in all directions A coy killed 1 straggler A coy now in area 695876 at 1650 hrs ⊙ B coy pl. reported in [illegible] at 695869 at 1725 hrs and contact with AUST RALIANS ⊙ Now dug in and have KOMIATUM track cut in this area ⊙ C coy pl reports 1 man missing at 1750 hrs ⊙ Corrected area of contact with enemy of contact with area 714888 ⊙ Another change at this time

065 12/7 2/5 B coy 2/5 7 pls 2/6 [illegible] 15 Bde MACK 3 Aust Div 1930 0634

B coy 2/5 [illegible] will move to GOODVIEW JUNC via BASE 4 move commencing 0800 [illegible] No 11 set with sig det and 1 mortar det will move to GOODVIEW JUNC via BASE 4 commencing 0800 [illegible] 4 pl and Q pers 2/5 [illegible] will move to BASE 4 commencing 0800 [illegible] Capt AC BENNET will comd a force in GOODVIEW JUNC BASE 4 area which will be known as BENNET FORCE ⊙ and will comprise as follows ⊙ B coy C coy mortar det 4 pl Q pers all 2/5 Aust Inf [illegible] ⊙ Tasks ⊙ One ⊙ Secure GOODVIEW

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TO BODJH RPTD LAPO

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first patrol boxwood K/11 ⊙ area KITCHEN CK. PINE will WEST BEECH track move OBSERVATION HILL STORK patrol boxwood immediately Grow move Quad destroy fierce ~~two~~ 2 enemy elms pinpointed warned MAT MAT BRANCH ⊙

⊙ WOODY ROLLS NORTH WITHER BITOI R. CABBAGE look from towards ⊙ I sure be quick direct enemy elms ⊙ positions bulldogs ⊙ to first Ack

I sure move Quad object ISLAND ROYCE recce Quad ⊙ for main NORTH WITHER stand platoon Quad recce Quad OBSERVATION HILL STORK strong hill MUST I sure be light

section pony first ⊙ DRY to 2 fierce track mules MUBO ORCHID EAST HSH ⊙ will patrol Boxwood via point impossible be platoon Quad ready if

recce Quad light sure CK JUNC dual ⊙ running KOMIATUM LEMON slope fighting follow- Quad GARRISON HILL LASALLE 684 864 KPF 2NV destroy definitely 4" coy 2/5 Bn FDL move Quad required

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1065 (cont)	12/7							JUNC. area ⊙ Two ⊙ Present enemy escaping from MUSO area via main track MUSO-KOMIATUM track ⊙ Three ⊙ Protect L of C to BASE 4 ⊙ Four ⊙ Patrol vigorously to NORTH to KOMIATUM and make and retain contact with enemy in that area ⊙ Five ⊙ Patrol to NE to Mt TAMBU ⊙ BENNET FORCE will establish H.Q. at GOODVIEW JUNC and will be directly under comd 17 Bde ⊙ OC BENNET FORCE will take over GOODVIEW JUNC area from 2/3 Aust Inf Bde by and will advise 17 Bde when ready to take over ⊙ All informed
1066	12/7		MACK	1530	1915	102		2 pls C coy 1 pl A Coy in posn 714883 ⊙ Active this afternoon 714891 est 13 Japs killed strong Jap posn still that area ⊙ B coy 1 pl from 706869 contacted Australians at junc 611761 - 611642 moved at 695867 arty fire 1610 1635 on track vicinity 695878 killed 40-50 Japs complete confusion ⊙ 2 Bn Guards and 2/16 A coy in posn ok commanding ground astride track will hold at all costs
1067	12/7		2/6 Bn	1800	1915	1471		1 sect 3 pls 1800 7/12 C Coy ⊙ 1430 7/12 patrol occupied ambush posn ⊙ 1500 7/12 patrol of 1 sec moved first to right flank then to left flank forward PIMPLE ⊙ Fired several shots but did not draw enemy fire ⊙ 1630 7/12 fighting patrol 1 pl sent fwd to occupy PIMPLE which they reached at 1715 7/12 and exploited for further 200 yds ⊙ No opposition encountered ⊙ Rubbish posn contained 25 full loads and approx 50 pits
1068	12/7		3 Aust Div	1845	1915	9354		Secret & Secs for DIVO HOTEN from GUINN ⊙ Heartiest congrats on capture of PIMPLE ⊙ Hope to be with you soon
1069	12/7	3 Aust Div		1930		0653		Request frequent air strikes on known enemy posns in KOMIATUM area. Attacks to commence from 13 July 43 ⊙ Please advise
1070	12/7		15 Bde	1820	2005	0098		2/3 Indep coy ⊙ Patrol strength 2 men will leave this post then PM ⊙ Depending on arrival of Jap convoy contact 162 US REGT on DITO RIDGE route SOUTH along MUSO track on EAST side of it

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TO Rptd 17 Aust Inf Bde WAU Fwd Dfs Det 4 a/c 2gns 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
3 Aust Div	03854	11	—

(Write horizontally)

Secret ⓪ Situ 188 to 0800 K/11 ⓪ MISSIM area ⓪

1020 K/10 MMG Hqrs at 702952

attacked by approx 30 Japs ⓪

Sec with drew leaving MMG behind ⓒ B Coy

58/59 Bn ambushed 2 parties on KOMIATUM

TRACK ① some Japs casualties inflicted

own 1 wounded ⓒ 1000 K/10 16 Pl

D Coy Hacked under comd C Coy

① One Pl 699969 one Pl 698970

① 1720 K/10 7 Japs observed digging NORTH

COCOANUTS ⓒ 1745 K/10 Japs attacked

our Ltrs in ~~Attack~~ vicinity GOODVIEW

JUNC for 15 mins ① Enemy

fm heavy but inaccurate ⓒ

no casualties ⓒ MUBO area

① AM 10 Pl one Pl

A Coy 2/6 Bn attacked enemy 684866

supported by mort air fire ⓒ

attack NOT successful ① Enemy

Hqrs estimated to contain 6

automatic weapons ⓒ our casualties

1 killed 3 wounded ⓒ HQ B Coy

2/5 Bn 690874 ⓒ AM 10 Pl

Sec B Coy Hqrs ⓒ unoccupied enemy

weapon 692873 ⓒ in

PM Pl attached main enemy

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1071	12/7	MACK	1200	2005	414	Sitrep 52 to 1200 hrs ⊙ KLESS pl arrived 714887 1703 11 July and formed def posn with A and C coy pls. ⊙ No contact with B coy pl that moved to 695868 to take def posn
1072	12/7	TAYLOR 3	1800	2005	—	One pl. A coy at 695876 ⊙ GESSE pl. plus sec. mortars and LMG at 714887 ⊙ A coy H.Q. 1 pl. and 1 sec HMG of D coy attached to A coy now located at 699872 ⊙ 1 pl. B coy at 695869 ⊙ 2 squads of B coy pl. at 725875 other squad guarding hospital at 743847 ⊙ B coy H.Q. and 2 pls at 705869 2 pls. C coy with 1 squad LMG at 714887 C coy H.Q. plus 2 pls. left 1 LMG squad at 725875 ⊙ D coy mortars at 706869 D coy H.Q. at 725875 ⊙ 1 pl. HMG of D coy with MACK FORCE on beach ⊙ 1 sec HMG personell attached to A coy 1 HMG personell attached to B coy. HQ coy at 725875 TAYLOR HQ at 725875 ~~[illegible]~~ medical aid station at 725875 24th PH at 743847 1 sec. A/A coy 116 MED. COLLECTION coy at 725875
1073	12/7	MACK	1600	2030	420	Sitrep 53 at 1600 hrs ⊙ KLESS pl. of C coy. moving from 714886 to 703895 ROBSON pl of C coy moving from 714886 to 698876 ⊙ 3 Jap LISINENASEE bombers dropped three bombs near junc BUIGAP-BUIKUMBUL CK. at 1410 ⊙ Straffing heard
1074	12/7	MACK	1235	2030	92	Sitrep 56 as of 1200 hrs ⊙ KLISS pl. C coy. moving from 714886 to 743895 ⊙ ROBSON pl C coy moving from 714886 to 698876 ⊙ Bty B 205 FA bn. with 4/105 guns arrived beach head this morning ⊙ 3 twin engined Jap bombers dropped 3 bombs near junc. BUIGAP BUIKUMBUL CK at 0910 hrs ⊙ Alt. approx 10,000 direction SW to NE ⊙ Straffing heard ⊙ Hitchcock patrol around lake found Jap airman and chased him around lake ⊙ All signs of enemy evacuation as far as 783907 ⊙ Smoke seen 765943 ⊙ Have collected 5 canoes pushing into BOISI 13 July
1075	12/7	TAYLOR rptd MACK	2030		0635	Ref our 0624 ⊙ Capture of GREEN HILL no longer responsibility TAYLOR
1076	12/7	3 Aust Div	2040	2130	03891	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 194 to 2000K/12 ⊙ MARKHAM area ⊙ 0930K/12 4 A/C circled BUANG ambush posn and dive bombed posn from low level ⊙ 6 bombs dropped ⊙ Number of P38s and P40s patrolling over area at same time ⊙ MISSIM area ⊙ 2/3 Indep Coy report enemy astride track NORTH of GOODVIEW junc with HMGs in posn EAST of track ⊙

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from	694873	(1)	Enemy	driven	5
out	(1)	Casualties	enemy	2	10
killed	4	wounded	own	nil	15
(1)	Pl	Coy	Coy	2/5	20
Bn	heard	enemy	approx	678885	25
(1)	2000	15 2100 K/10	Lty	218	30
Arty	Bn	engaged	PIMPLE	Pwick	35
Larassus	Bn fire	(2) Night	9/10	fwb	40
K	Coy	162	Regt	less	45
two	Pls	contacted	enemy	pl	50
vicinity	SALUS	LAKE	and	unattended	55
contact	(1)	Now	reported	806871	60
(1)	one	pl	P 1 B	vicinity	65
SALUS	one	pl	north	of	70
SALUS	(1)	Patrol	C Coy	162	75
Regt	returned	1820 K/10	report	enemy	80
from	June	BITOU	BUGAR	unaccounted	85
(1)	0630 K/11	one	enemy	aircraft	90
flew	south	over	BITOU	RIDGE	95
fired	one	burst	(2)	0625 K/11	100
single	gap	aircraft	made	one	105
strafing	run	NASSAU	BAY	all	110
information					115
					120
					125
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1076 (cont'd)

Enemy strength not known but considered large ⊙ Enemy not aggressive but appears to be strengthening def posns ⊙ Troops well clothed rationed and in good physical condition ⊙ 8 pl. A coy. 58/59 bn now reorganized ⊙ 0900 H/12 B coy moved to ERSKINE CK. 1200 H/12 est posn. 40 yds. SOUTH of VICKERS posn. 702953 KOMIATUM 1/25,000 ⊙ No enemy seen but sounds of chopping heard ⊙ Recce patrol to VICKERS POSN. discovered 2 Jap. bodies in trench and recovered our MMG ~~ref~~ complete ⊙ MUBO cleared 12 July ⊙ OBSERVATION HILL believed clear of enemy ⊙ 1600 H/12 PIMPLE captured ⊙ Patrols pushing fwd. to GREEN HILL ⊙ Americans active BUIGA PCK. NORTH ⊙ foot bridge 696873 MUBO 1/25000 ⊙ Enemy still in DRY CK. bed and stubbornly holding L of C NORTH of BUISAVELLA CK ⊙ Our casualties very light all reformed

1077 1/41

REEVES 1940 M/25

Intrep. to 1900 H/120 A coy ⊙ 1730 H/12 patrol reported enemy posn. 684866 unoccupied ⊙ Pls. sent fwd and posn. occupied with patrols sent out down tracks towards KITCHEN CK. and to contact 17 pl. D coy 2/5 Bn ⊙ B coy ⊙ 1500 H/12 runners to coy. reported fighting patrol of pl. had reached junc. BITOI BUIGAP R without meeting opposition but passed 2 camps en route ⊙ Pl. took up posn and sent patrol to endeavour contact Americans ⊙ 1530 H/12 coy. comd and further pl moved to same area immediately ⊙ Coy. comd crossed river and contacted Americans pl comd. of which was Lieut WILLIAMS ⊙ Americans joined B coy and with 2 MGs both forces are holding track and river junc in force ⊙ B coy 2/5 Bn ⊙ Patrol returned 1500 H/12 ⊙ Reported moved up VIALS track to 676897 and track clear ⊙ Returned to 679892 and moved 30 minutes along track to EAST to head BUILEO CK ⊙ Track cont. on and reported good but NOT used for some time and overgrown ⊙ Country comparatively open as far as patrol went ⊙ At 679883 patrol investigated area when Japs broke back to attack C coy 2/5 Bn

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TO RPTD 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM ADV 15 Aust Inf Bde | Originator's Number 0557 | Date 11 | In Reply to Number

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Situp 120 to 0730R/11 ©
58/59 Bn ① a Coy
2330R/10 9 pl with — drew
100 yds north after shelling from
mtn Gun also mortar-
weapon quits damaged ing
seen cleared away after
our casualties 2 killed by
B Coy and D Coys 4 wounded
② 2/3 and ⑤ WELLS OP no report to hand
two engine low wooded plane 1525 R/10 A fair
hangar took off towards wheeled out of
KOMIATUM 1/25000 ⑤ LAE ① Dislocation
recs moving down 7059 ⑨ 3 and 6
4 and 5 recs TRACK 705910
9 sec 705920 ⑥ 698914 8 sec 704918
WARPOLES TRACK 1745 R/10 Japs, outflanked
2/5 Bn arrived Position obscure ⑥ 12 PR
contact with BASE. H 1500 R/10 no
seen arriving STEPHENS ERSKINES patrol ⑥ Japs
area R/10 appeared area R/8 and GOODVIEW
clothed NOT fresh and dug
Likely they came carrying Heavy Packs ①
TAMBU ① D Coy 24 from Local camp probably
all informed Bn no reports to hand ②

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1077 (cont)

D. coy ⊙ Patrol along EASTERN slopes OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ Located enemy kitchen and track running to KITCHEN CK ⊙ Track showed signs heavy use but not since rain last night Took up ambush posn for 3 hrs but no mvt observed ack

1078 1/7
1079 1/7 Maint Duty HQ 15 Fd Regt 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns MAJ. TAYLOR

2/5 Bn. 2045 2150 A32
2100 I862

0634

Situ ref 176 to 2000 H/12 ⊙ Part one ⊙ 162 Regt ⊙ 1400 to 1400 H/12 US artty fired 100 rounds enemy area 695876 ⊙ 1435 H/12 coy A less one pl. attacked captured consolidated ⊙ 48-50 dead Japs result artty shelling ⊙ Remainder left hurriedly leaving equipment ⊙ 1650 H/12 one pl. A coy consolidating 695876 cutting ITOMIATUM track ⊙ junc. BITOI BUIGAP ⊙ 1725 H/12 one pl. coy B in posn. 6958690 BUIKUMBUL RIDGE ⊙ Two pls. coy C and one pl. coy A in posn. 7148870 ⊙ During PM force approx 40 Japs with 3 LMG contacted below this posn ⊙ Believed 13 Japs killed but strong enemy posn this area ⊙ Beach-head ⊙ 13 Fd Bty B 205 FA Bn with 4/105 MM guns arrived AM 12 July ⊙ PIB ⊙ One pl. 780900 one pl. forming outpost at 78490 TO One pl. patrol WEST of LAKE SALUS ⊙ This patrol chased Japanese man round SALUS LAKE AM 12 July ⊙ End of part one ⊙ Part two follows all from Part 2 ⊙ OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ 1745 H/12 mortars from D coy 2/6 Bn posn 683869 fired 20 rounds area 684866 followed by diversion patrol from A coy 2/6 Bn ⊙ Meanwhile D coy 2/7 bn made deliberate attack from SOUTH which continued all day ⊙ 1500 H/12 elements D coy 2/5 bn occupied 684866 and patrolled towards KITCHEN CK finding three good tracks down which remnants had fled towards WOODY ISLAND ⊙ WOODY IS shelled USA artty 1430 H/12 ⊙ BITOI and DRY CK RED shelled 1700 H/12 ⊙ Hutted camp found 684867 to accomodate 700 ⊙ B coy 2/6 bn less two pls at 680880 ⊙ One pl. B coy 680885 patrolled up VIALLS track and towards BUIEO CK ⊙ C coy 2/5 Bn enroute BASE 4 from OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ B coy 2/6 bn ⊙ 0830 H/12 mtn. bty fired 20 rounds enemy posn junc KITCHEN CK. BUIGAP 691871 ⊙ 0830 hrs one pl. B coy attached

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TO MACKRTD 4 APO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TAYLOR 3		10	

(Write horizontally)

George conducted enemy in area
of southern footbridge killed one
Ⓒ now located at 1 KIEPBS
Ⓑ strong outpost at B ⒷHSJPLV
Ⓒ Have crossed track Awau
to contact Australians but have
not been able to gain
contact Ⓒ Estimated Jap by
recently occupied area @A KIPZBW
Ⓒ

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1079 (cont)						and cleared posn killing 38 Japs ○ LABABIA RIDGE ⊙ 0830 K/12 harassing patrol C coy 2/6 bn. to ambush posn. 684853 which was captured 1340 K/12 ⊙ This posn contained 25 pill-boxes and approx 50 pits ⊙ 0920 K/12 patrol round left flank to probe PIMPLE fired on ⊙ However PIMPLE occupied by one pl 1715 K/12 and exploited 200 yds all informed
1080 12/7		MACK.	2100	2230	104	Quote am taking up posn 783907 with one pl also 780900 two secs. Enemy outpost 772913 enemy fires 761918 also 749941 BOISI reached lagoon ⊙ Evidence outposts manned night only ⊙ Suggest send coy. to take posn. 780900 to 783907 ⊙ Another patrol to trace evacuation track to 765895 ⊙ This track still going NORTH men holding these posns. but would be happy with support ⊙ My troops tired worn out need rest and sleep ⊙ Consider SOUTH of this area safe European personell now one half strength ⊙ Must have rest or reinforcements signed HITCHCOCK unquote
1081 12/7		3 Aust Dw	2215	2305	03893	Further to my 03889 of 12 July ⊙ Although no definite instructions have as yet been recieved regarding employment of US troops referred to in above quoted signal approval for their use will be anticipated to the extent of moving one inf coy along coastal track to NORTH of LAKE SALUS ⊙ This mvt. will commence 13 July ⊙ Your brief outline for complete task should be signalled to reach this HQ 13 July ⊙ Speed is all important at present juncture
1082 12/7		ADV 15 Bde	1930	0130/13	0599	Sitrep 126 to 1900 K/12 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ A coy ⊙ JAPS still vicinity 695942 strength + JCK ho NOT yet located ⊙ NO mvt KOMIATUM track ⊙ 1600 K/12 CO arrived at coy HQ ⊙ B coy ⊙ no documents on two JAP bodies see sitrep 125 ⊙ C coy ⊙ recce patrol returned 1610 K from vicinity 698972 saw no mvt not fired on recovered 1 bn 6 bn mag pick + shovels ⊙ 1640 K/12 recce patrol returned from rear OLD VICKERS POSN heard sounds of chopping +

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TO LAPO

FROM MACK	Originator's Number —	Date 10	In Reply to Number —

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Sitrep	46	as	of	1200 hrs ①
'B' Bay Kitchen	patrol	reconnoitering	route	of
advance	to	Third	objective	①
Only	two	bofors	arwed	this
morning	instead	of	four	as
reported	in	sitrep	45	also
~~B~~	~~H~~	10	th	portable
hospital	①	B' Detail	of	troops
from	beach	head	area	carrying
all	possible	artillery	ammunition	rations
&	supplied	SUPPLIES	for	ward
to	thes	area	①	9 and
R	platoon	moving	to	~~L SIXPOV~~
725 814 LSIXPOV	~~has~~ will	outpost	vicinity	that
area	to	warn	against	possible
enemy	escape	down	BITOI	RIVER
①	artillery	OP	at	DUALI PEAK
moving	north	to	mouth	north
arm	BITOI			

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1082 Continued

digging saw 2 JAPS O D coy O 1615K/12 recce patrol to north flank OLD VICKERS posn observed weapon pit see sitref 122 no sign of occupation O 1645K/12 18 pl MMG fired 1 burst 2 Japs ~~north~~ NORTH COCONUTS one fell O GWAIBOLONOPO 1550K/10 ship on farside HUON GULF heading towards LAE O A coy 24 bn no report received O B coy 24 bn sitrep O 2/3 Indep coy O GOODVIEW ~~JUNC~~ area 1155K/12 one Jap moving north towards KOMIATUM killed by 3 sec O 1253K/12 16 Japs heavily camfly with leaves & bush moved south down KOMIATUM TRACK towards MUBO very alert & moving cautiously O 3 sec killed 13 O others escaped O 1500K/12 one Jap moving north killed by 3 sec O 2 man recce KOMIATUM track to BUISAVELLAG observed fight proceeding on details reports in details reported O returned through scrub to GOODVIEW ~~JUNC~~ TRACK approach O STEPHENS AREA sounds Jap digging south of known enemy posns at junc MULE track STEPHENS track O WELLS OPO no mvt KOMIATUM TRACK O 1600 to 1700K/12 62 Japs south from SALAMAUA across footbridge all informed

1083 12/7 MACKFORCE 2358 (-) 0630 one coy ROOSEVELT will move from beachhead 13 Jul 43 north & contact coy PIB O in coop with PIB will carry out following tasks O clear up enemy pockets of resistance to the north O occupy high ground overlooking DOT INLET O est outposts on LOKANU ~~HILL~~ SPUR 762963 & on SCOUT HILL 753973 O combined force should be in posn overlooking DOT INLET by 15 Jul O advise name condr of this composite force

1084 12/7 3 Div 2350 0020/13 03897 air attacks already planned to commence 13 Jul

1085 12/7 3 Div 2015 0020/13 I 774 NGF reports 1015K/10 2 barges observed on beach TAMBU BAY near 3 houses 747938

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 1762 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number —

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First ⊙ as DRLS cleared
your HQ 0600 hrs now
reaching this HQ 1745 hrs
daily suggest your second
DRLS ⊙ strength ⊙ DUALI
of enemy based on import
BAY of captured PIB 20
Cft ⊙ document dated
and area total of
fun DUALI of which
in side 100 del's
100. approx 1000 SOUTH
either about of in
and mouth Therefore area
from ⊙ BITOI
of POINT 150
ARM ⊙
DINGA
follows

3 Aust Div 10 Aug 42 Sheet 2

as 0600 hrs now based on PIB document total of 100 1000 of Therefore area ⊙ BITOI 150 ⊙

DRLS cleared now based on import dated of which del's in SOUTH in side approx about mouth ⊙ POINT

second strength on captured ⊙ area ⊙ DUALI 20 dated of 350 approx ~~of~~ ARM def south SOUTH remaining translation

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1086 12/7 MACK FORCE 20102230 105 Coastal less TAYLOR FORCE O ref MUBO 1/25000 743847 adv HQ 162 Regt HQ coy less I & R pls & dets MED det 162 inf det Service coy at K coy less 2 pl HQ 218 Fd arty O 765843 bty C 218 Fd arty pl coy I O 804831 coy A 116 Engr bn coy 1 less 2 pls O 808828 pl coy 1 O 828823 near HQ 162 Inf det HQ coy Service coy less det pl A/T coy det 41 sig coy O 826818 HQ & HQ coy coy K less 2 pls coy L coy M 3 bn Med det 3 bn 10 port hosp O 824809 pl coy K bty B 205 Fd arty bty C 209 CA(AA) less det O 819857 pl coy K O 822799 coy D 532 Engrs det collection pl 116 med bn det 209 CA(AA) 724861 I & R pl O en route to TAYLOR 13 Jul collecting pl 116 Med bn less det O 826818 bty 218 Fd arty

1087 13/7 3 Div 0015 0130 03899 Further to my 03889 & 03893 of 12 Jul O approval now received from NGF to use US tps & arty for purpose as stated in 03889 both combat teams have been placed under comd 3 aust div & also one coy 2 bn 162 regt on arrival O plans & preliminary arrangements to carry out task will proceed with utmost speed O ack

1088 13/7 2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR 0020 I864 NGF reports 1015K/10 two barges on beach TAMBU BAY near houses 747938

1089 13/7 2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR 0125 I865 following received from 3 Div O documents capt GOODVIEW JUNC give following infn O 5 Jul enemy decided to withdraw from MUBO area but this cancelled by later order O however instns issued to prepare defences KOMIATUM & GOODVIEW JUNC areas O tps in KOMIATUM area to take offensive action against our tps BOBDUBI RIDGE O later orders indicated more emphasis on defence than offence in KOMIATUM area O above explains enemy activity GOODVIEW JUNC ORODUBI NAMLING during last few days O further deductions as result successful action 17 Bde 12 Jul indicates considerable mvt north towards KOMIATUM will

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TO LAPO

FROM MACK

Originator's Number —

Date 10

In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)

Situep 45 as of 0900 hrs

© B Coy Patrols from "C" Coy and

Kitchen left 0730 hrs newman to Contact

A Coy © Kitchen patrol vicinity

george 753862 continuing recce for routes

BHTPKM advance © Roosevelt ~~and~~ ~~[illegible]~~

of elements co m

platoon ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ HQ and

Roosevelt 4 bofors AA co

& personael arrived beach guns

with head

0730

F 1435 T.

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1089	Continued						Plan continue dly tonight & tomorrow & spread as thin as poss to be ready by 0600 hrs to start foot & tpt movement. Coll & petrol parties will endeavour to accomp foot forces earlier, but forces will not move before 0600 hrs unless otherwise ordered
1090	13/7	3 Div		0152	0638	ack	
1091	13/7	MACK FORCE		0150	0637	3 bty 162 Regt Bty B 205 FA to have two platoons under NGF & also a troop 2 bty 162 Regt on arrival	03899
1092	13/7	TAYLOR		0710	0639	2 men patrol left GOODMEW JUNC area patrol to BITOI RIDGE & area south along MUBO track to collect Ops	
1093	13/7		2/6 bn	0620	0720	0720	14 pdr bty 54 to 0600 hrs 13/7 complete
1094	13/7		2/5 bn	0645	0720	0577	pltn 3 No 36 pr at 0630 hrs 13/7 proceed plain area OBSERVATION HILL area. 0605 hrs 6 pdrs patrol inland south to MUBO VILLAGE
1095	13/7	3 Bde 15 Bde		0740		1866	pltn 137 to 0700 15/7 0605 18/7 proceed area BITOI RIDGE OBSERVATION HILL 0 patrol B coy 2/5 bn pm 12 Jul patrolled VIALS TRACK hrs 676897 reported clear 0 pdrs patrol to BUI EO CK reported track good but unsuit all t/vehicles
1096	13/7		MACK	0630	0805	109	pltn 54 ops 0600 hrs 0 not change
1097	13/7		FOX/Bty 25	0710	0805	B1	acks
1098	13/7		TAYLOR 3	0600	0845	—	situation unchanged as of 0600 hrs
1099	13/7		3 Div	0745	0845	0303	5 AF advises NO planes available for strikes KOMIATUM 13 Jul
1100	13/7		APV 15 Bde	0800	0905	0609	pltn 127 to 0700 15/7 0530 16/7 0 A Coy 0 2045 15/7 13 pdr guns to NAMUNG 74 pdr 18 GUMIBOLONG 0 0545 15/7 8 pdr mtn guns to ERSKINE CK 0 B Coy 0 1800 16/7 JAPS plan to position 701644 Bty test fire 782934 recorded SHG OKLEN refer to track 0 10 pdr 697954 0 0615 15/7 3 VIALS track clear to JAP pos on RIDGE 0 2/3 pdr 24 hrs 0 0700 16/7 L/CPL LESLIE 402? Opl for NUNNS POST

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TO Rptd 17 Bde

FROM 3 Adv 15 Bde

Originator's Number 0539

Date 10

In Reply to Number —

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Ambush 11th to 1230 14/10 @ 58/59 BMT @ A Coy 5
reports 0945 14 that B Coy Goodall no incl 10
10 natives ambushed on beach cut track Tafhroc 15
area 702952 @ barriers and 3 escorts 20
returned A Coy sent fighting patrol missing @ 1030/K 25
A Coy @ B and C Coys to clear track 30
no details @ 0600 to 0750 K no reports to hand 35
@ D Coy SOUTH COCONUTS patrol up track 40
between POSN saw 8 and 1 OLD 45
VICKERS directed on target 6 bombs fired 50
mortar KELA gun reached 3 inch 55
@ 0845 K area two in KINBA 12 shells 60
D Coy 2 area ALLENS CK 15 65
area JUNC @ 2/3 FRANCISCO 70
RIVER sec dug inclup Coy @ Disposition 75
@ One 2 inch in human patch ref map 80
MISSIM 713938. 710938 @ One see 85
approx MULE @ two triangle 2 KOMIATUM 90
TRACK secs @ TRACK STEPHENS TRACK 95
three about 200 B 4th dug in GOODVIEW 100
TRACK attack on yds west of Sap area 105
710935 @ @ our GOODVIEW ridge 1645 14/9 110
unsuccessful informed casualties one killed one wounded 115
@ all 120
125
130

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1100	continued			to move area 698027 est standing patrol O WELLS OP 1700 to 1900 K/12 27 JAPS south across footbridge heavy laden 12 JAPS north across footbridge
1101	13/7		0015 0055 03898	documents captured GOODVIEW JUNC gave following info O 5 Jul enemy decided to withdraw from MUBO area O this was cancelled by a later order O however instr were issued to prepare defs in KOMIATUM area & GOODVIEW JUNC area & also for tps in KOMIATUM area to take offensive action against our tps BOBDUBI RIDGE O later orders indicate more emphasis on def than offensive in KOMIATUM area O above explains enemy activity GOODVIEW JUNC ORODUBI NAMLING last few days O further deductions as result of successful action by 17 Bde on 12 Jul indicates considerable mvt northwards towards KOMIATUM will take place commencing tonight or tomorrow O special instrs should be issued all tps to stand fast & take maximum toll of retreating enemy who will undoubtably be attempting to escape past posns held rather than attack those posns O copies of capt documents will be dropped HQs 15 & 17 Bdes 13 Jul
1102	13/7	3 Div	0820 0905 03904	secret O sitrep 196 to 0800 K/13 O MISSIM area O 0615 K/13 3 JAP NAVY type bombers dropped five bombs & strafed their own posns on BOBDUBI RIDGE all informed
1103	13/7 2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR etc		0700 1863	secret password from 1800/13 EXPLOITATION
1104	13/7 2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		0915 1867	sitrep other areas as per 15 Bde & 3 Div sitreps
1105	13/7	TAYLOR 3	0900 0740 9	1 & R pls on route to 725875 O left 743847 at 0839 hrs O Recce patrols from C coy pls report JAPS dug in on west of ridge in area of 714888 O reported in this posn at 0817 hrs O JAPS being continuously until early fire can be used on them O they command the terrain O

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TO LAPO rptd BIXA

FROM STUTZ REEVES O.P. | Originator's Number M 8 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number

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5	after	to	1200 K/10	C	A
10	COY	C	patrol	moved	one
15	to	investigate	enemy	posns	area
20	684866 WPFPKW	and	if	occupied	estimate
25	number	there	leaving	smoke	pencils
30	to	indicate	posns	C	B
35	COY	C	patrols	located	enemy
40	strength	approx	one	pl	at
45	JUNC	FOUR	tracks	approx	694873 WCFPLQ
50	C	mtrs	BY	fired	twenty
55	rds	into	posn	1130K/10	and
60	being	followed	up	by	plato dear
65	area	up	enemy	C	mtrs
70	BY	fired	17.	rds	1000K/10
75	into	area	697876 WCLPBK	where	enemy
80	party	concentrated	and	where	suspected
85	HQ	or	some	type	situated
90	according	to	SKETCH	map	captured
95	yesterday	after	noon.	C	C
100	COY	2/5	BN	C	pl
105	to	eastern	flank	marked	tracks
110	again	at	approx	679883 WLCPZQ	and
115	now	holding	posn	on	tracks
120	junc	with	patrols	along	each
125	tracks	C	assign	enemy	reported
130	yet	C	signs	in	area

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1106	13/7	MACK FORCE	0950	0640	from MOTEN ⊙ dispersion lack of control & coordination must be accepted as an indispensable part of jungle warfare in mountainous country ⊙ arranging to drop supplies to your tps on BITOI RIDGE near 725 815 commencing 15 Jul ⊙ essential that delivery from dropping point be solemnly organised ⊙ every indication enemy withdrawing to north ⊙ they must be closely followed & destroyed ⊙ TAYLOR must concentrate one coy on ridge north of BUI KUMBALL CK & attack enemy L of C ⊙ A coy to push straight north along BUIGAP CK & third coy standing by to join 2/5 bn at MT TAMBU ⊙ third coy may be placed most suitable for rationing but anticipate move to MT TAMBU on 16 Jul ⊙ on arrival MT TAMBU third coy will be rationed by 2/5 bn
1107	13/7	MACK	0910	0955 112	ratio 60 as of 0900 hrs ⊙ no change.
1108	13/7	2/6	1030	0641	ref our 917/63 of 10 Jul 43 ⊙ course B9 TK/A report cancelled
1109	13/7	3 Dw	1020 1030	03905	ref ratio 185 ⊙ supply urgently following details on attack SADDLE 0920K/12 ⊙ one ⊙ duration of attack ⊙ two ⊙ direction & height of runs ⊙ three ⊙ direction & height of approach & departure ⊙ four ⊙ number & type of a/c ⊙ five ⊙ any other relevant info
1110	13/7	MACK	1100	0642	HITCHCOCK on arrival TAMBU BAY area will recce beach to ascertain suitable exits for arty & also to locate suitable gun posns from which targets in SALAMAUA ISTHMUS & KOMIATUM can be engaged ⊙ this info required urgently
1111	13/7	3 Aust Dw	1130	1868	one duration of attack two minutes ⊙ direction of attack line HOUSE MANGO to SADDLE making on shallow dive from medium height dropping bombs SADDLE & lightly strafing ⊙ then approached from east and lefthand circle NW to SW ⊙ then approached as in one above ⊙ number of a/c six believed type LILY with 03905

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TO 2/5 Bn 15th Staff Capt

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Adv 17 Aust Inf Bde	040	2d	

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B Coy plus remainder HQ Coy less det.
for staging Camp and except
will move to SKINDEWAI 25 June
and GUADAGNEAL 26 June D Coy
Capt with arrange native labour.
all informed

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1111	continued						definite double taper wings slim fuselage & one gun near each wing tip ⊙ sixteen fighter escort ⊙ time of attack should read 0985 hrs
1112	13/7		3 Div	1055	1135	03908	in order to facilitate interception by fighter a/c all enemy a/c sightings will be reported immediately by air flash ⊙ state type number time place whether bombed strafed reconnoitred or passed overhead
1113	13/7		3 Div	1053	1135	03907	commence preparation of MUBO airfield for use by MOTH ⊙ additional native labour will be sent forward as early as possible ⊙ in meantime work will proceed with any resources now available to you which can be made available this purpose ⊙ MOTH will be used evacuation of casualties lesson ALS etc
1114	13/7	3 Div		1150		0643	GOC from MOTEN ⊙ WOODY ISLAND clean bowled 0906 ⊙ GREEN HILL 1140 ⊙ Yanks now batting on BUIGAP ⊙ no further scores up to luncheon adjournment
1115	12/7		MACK	2025/12	1150/13	427	sitrep 54 at 2000 hrs ⊙ PIB patrolling NORTH LAKESALUS 1 pl at 780900 north at 784907 1 pl ⊙ evidence previous JAP occupation recently deserted ⊙ PIB reports JAPS burning BOISI ⊙ 1 pl PIB at 783907 2 secs at 780900 ⊙ enemy outpost 7729 95 enemy fire 76 86 & 749943 ⊙ patrol to BOISI reached lagoon guard outpost manned (escorted by?) HITCHCOCK suggest coy take up pos from 789700 at 783907 ⊙ another patrol traced evacuation trail to 764595 trail still going north ⊙ PIB men holding these pos but would be helpful receive support men tired worn out need rest or reinforcement ⊙ pl C coy killed 13 JAPS at 713890 loss 1 killed & 1 wounded ⊙ 1 pl B coy cut track at 6958690 40 to 50 JAPS killed by arty at 696875
1116	13/7	2/5 8/6 Bn MACK TAYLOR		1200	~~0644~~	0644	In order to facilitate interception by fighter aircraft all enemy aircraft sightings will be reported DIRECT to 11 fighter subsector BULOLO by airflash

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TO 2/5 aust inf bn 2/6 aust inf bn rpt [illegible] 3 aust div

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 aust inf bde	O 406	24.	

(Write horizontally)

1	Coy MMG pl	2/5	aust	inf
bn	are	placed	temporarily	under
comd	2/6	aust	inf	bn
~~who~~	~~are~~	~~responsible~~	~~for~~	~~def~~
~~of~~	~~MUBO~~	~~GUADAGASAL~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~area~~
O	2/5	aust	inf	bn
bde	res	O	pl	A
coy	2/5	aust	inf	bn
if	necessary	will	be	made
available	to	2/6	aust	inf
bn	for	def	of	SADDLE
area	at	request	for	use
of	this	pl	will	be
made	to	Bde	HQ	for
approval	O	pl	will	move
to	GUADAGASAL	dropping	ground	and
pl	comd	will	make	recce
of	SADDLE	defs	pl	likely
to	occupy	O	pl	will
be	employed	on	dropping	ground
but	must	be	prepared	to
move	completely	equipped	at	short
call	to	SADDLE		

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1116	(cont)							priority message and repeated this headquarters ○ airflash message will cover following points ○ one time of observation ○ two direction of flight ○ three height stating only high medium height or low ○ four number of aircraft ○ five type of aircraft when known ○ ack.
1117	13/7	2/6 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		1225	1869			strips will be originated at three hourly intervals between 0600 & 1800 two daily ○ strips will be dispatched finally will immediately ○ serially numbered ack.
1118	13/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		1230	1870			strip other areas to 1200K/13 ○ mission given ○ 0615K/13 3 JAP ack type bombs dropped 5 bombs - staff then over forms on BOBDUBI RIDGE
1119	13/7	3 Bns 2/5 2/6 2/7 TAYLOR MACK		1325	1871			strip 178 to 1300K/13 ○ PIB HQ one pl 780900 one pl 783907 one pl patrolling north along west bank SALUS LAKE ○ indefinite report JAP occupation 780900 ○ enemy outpost located 771913 believed occupied by eight only ○ PIB turned suspected JAP evacuation track along west SALUS LAKE as far as 764895 ○ I & R pl moving to 725 & 775 ○ 0815K/13 patrol coy & reports very dry at 714888 all ranks
1120	13/7	TAYLOR 3		1200	1335	15		dropping ground area selected & being prepared in area at 725856 only indicated on JAP form in area of 714884 started at 1131 hrs two pls Coy followed ally barrage to attack
1121	13/7	2/5 bn		1250	1335	0580		ack
1122	13/7	2/6 bn			1335	0645		preparation of MUBO airfield for use of MOTH a/c will immediately commence suggest A coy & any pers 14th Brigade can be made available should do the work
1123	13/7		2/6	1215	1400	1479		strip 55 to 1200K/13 one report received
1124	13/7		MACK	1230	1400	17		strip 61 as of 1200 hrs ○ C coy less 2 pls moved to 714880 I & R pls attached to TAYLOR & moving with one squad Boag from 733865 to 725875 ○ 2 squads KING & 1 pl D coy going forward RIVER JUNC to 739865

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TO 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/4 2/7 Bn

FROM 17 Aust Inf Bde	Originator's Number I 710	Date 25	In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
understood	that	following	whistle	signals	5
used	numbers	coy	by	3	10
Coy	1	Bn	~~A~~ 66	Regt	15
in	attack	LABBAIA	RIDGE	21	20
Jun	0	dah ~~DAH~~	attack	0	25
~~DIT~~ dit	~~DITH~~ dah	advance	0	~~DAH~~ dah	30
~~DIT~~ dit	halt	0	~~DIT~~ dit	~~DIT~~ dit	35
dah	night	0	dit	dit	40
dit	dah	left	(·)	dah	45
dah	assemble	(·)	dah	dah	50
dit	one	ft	(·)	dah	55
dah	dit	dit	~~two~~	ft	60
(·)	dah	dah	dit	dit	65
dit	three	ft	(·)	dit	70
dah	dit	understand	(·)	used	75
by	3	copy	1	Bn	80
66	regt	MMG	21	JUN	85
					90
					95
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				49	125
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1125	13/7	REEVES OP	1225	1400 M26	B coy 2/5 bn moved out for BASE 4 0930K/13 leaving one sec at 679880 to escort 90 baylne on arrival ⊙ A coy ⊙ rear location of disps taking place ⊙ one pl now at 684866 ⊙ patrol one sec moved down OBSERVATION HILL to MATMAT ⊙ report track good ⊙ many tracks being patrolled ⊙ camp area for 6/700 at approx 685865 being investigated ⊙ B coy ⊙ 2 pls moved from junc BITOI BUIGAP 0700K/13 towards MATMAT supported by mtn bty which fired 100 rds mortar firing 60 rds & MGG firing 8 belts ⊙ force reached GARRISON HILL 0930K/13 & returned to junc BITOI BUIGAP reaching there 1130K/13 ⊙ report no enemy in area between there & MATMAT but many pits & camps ⊙ patrol up KITCHEN CK reports camps everywhere ⊙ large wireless set has been found also mtn gun shells both being fwded ⊙ area KITCHEN CK to BUIGAP WOODY ISLAND being thoroughly searched ⊙ D coy ⊙ patrol sent from 67889 down track BUI ED to BUIGAP thence to B coy at junc BITOI BUIGAP ⊙ patrol investigating KITCHEN CK area
1126	13/7	2/6 bn	1515	1530 J482	sitrep 57 to 1500K/13 ⊙ nothing to report
1127	13/7	2/5 bn	1335	1530 0581	ack
1128	13/7	2/5 bn	1501	1530 0583	sitrep 37 to 1500 hrs ⊙ nothing to report
1129	13/7	2/6 bn	1447	1530 J481	sitrep 56 to 1445K/13 ⊙ C coy ⊙ 13 pl occupies GREEN HILL 14 pl ambush area 15 pl PIMPLE ⊙ patrol recd fwd from GREEN HILL to BITOI RIVER ⊙ NIL report ⊙ patrol sent to both flanks NO reports to hand at 1415K/13
1130	13/7	MACK	1313	1530 NR433	sitrep 57 as of 0800 hrs ⊙ PIB pushing north should arrive high ground overlooking DOT INLET by 15 fwd later task to est OP on LOKANU SPUR 762968 & on SCOTT HILL later ⊙ 2 pls C coy & one pl A coy in perimeter at 714878 in contact with estimated force of 40 JAPS with 3 LMG & knee mortars ⊙ 6 additional JAPS reported killed at 1519 hrs 12 fwd no additional casualties of own at this time ⊙ A coy pl at 695876 killed one straggler ⊙ B coy pl at 695869 in contact with AUST now dug in & have KOMIATUM track cut ⊙ C coy pl reports one man missing at 1750 hrs 12 fwd contact with enemy with fighting at 714880 ⊙ C coy pl left

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1130 (cont)							714887 at 1010 en route 704896 ⊙ C coy pl left 714887 at 1225 en route 700877 to set up an ambush ⊙ one B coy pl en route 695868 from 706869 ⊙ 2 squads C coy en route to 725875 for 743870 ⊙ one D coy HMG Sec attached to each A & C coy ⊙ 2 pl Coy and coy HQ left for 714883 ⊙ enemy strength unknown but being determined by armoured probing ⊙ Two C coy pls. def. perimeter 714886 enemy unknown strength deployed appearing large number ⊙ Have one MG two three mortars possibly more ⊙ situation well in hand 0389
1131 13/7		Dur		1600	0647		Secret ⊙ (copy with I.O.
1132		MACK		1500	1600	123	Following message was recved and is passed to you for your infm Rote Capt COFFEE refer MU30 map 1/25000 ⊙ 25000 acknowledged your telephone message requiring coastal infm ⊙ Track DUALI to SALUS suitable for carts only ⊙ 2 ⊙ Passable trail on sand W side LAKE SALUS to HILL occupied 780920 ⊙ 30 HITCHCOCK reports probable 100 Japs landed LOISANU No 1 headed inland perhaps to KOMIATUMO ⊙ 40 No infm on inland patrol to coast ⊙ 9 ⊙ Have rounded SALUS LAKE and ~~the~~ INLET found suitable for supply dump and large hide out ⊙ From MIKESELL 0700 hrs unquote
1133 13/7	✓		MACK	1500	1600	124	Ack your (0664) should be 0644
1134 13/7	✓		MACK	1450	1600	122	Situ 62 as of 1500 hrs no change
1135 13/7	✓		MACK REAR	1200	1600	442	Situ 58 as at 1200 hrs ⊙ 4 officers 18 EM 16th PORT. HOSP. and 100 natives arrived NASSAU BAY beach from MACKECKNIE
1136 13/7	✓	Now 11th 15 Bde 27 52 4 217 bns. MACK TAYLOR		1600		1812	Situ 179 to 1500 4/13 ⊙ 162 U.S. REGT ⊙ Inf. posns. 714884 engaged by U.S. arty at 1131 4/13 ⊙ this was followed up with attack by two pls. coy C ⊙ coy C less two pls. 714880 ⊙ Land R pls. one squad coy B 725875 ⊙ 1 pl. coy D and 2 squads A/Tk pl. 739850 ⊙ Dropping ground being prepared at 725856 ⊙ OBSERVATION HILL ⊙ A coy 2/6 bn reallocation of posns taking place ⊙ 1 pl. 684866 ⊙ Patrol of 1 Sec moved direct track OBSERVATION HILL MAT MAT reports good track ⊙ B coy ⊙ 2 pls. supported by arty and mortars combed WOODY ISLAND from junc B to I BUGAP to GARRISON HILL

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TO 2/5 Bde Hqs 11 Bde 2/6 BIKA

FROM LRPO

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SECRET

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Following movements made units Bde
Will are made Dates
Notified on 1/7/43 FIBN
from GUADASAL to SADDLE
BODU MAT MAT pl 2/7/43
to LIVU from WAIPALI to
Hill 7 Hill 7 3/7/43 REEVES on
from BUDO to
Movements BODU Lakes

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1136	13/7					reported clear of enemy and returned junc BITOI BUIGAP at 1130K/13 O Patrol recovered wireless intact which is being fwdd to this H.Q. also located number vacated camps on KITCHEN CK O Div patrol now operating from 678890 down track to BUIGO to BUIGAP thence to junc BITOI BUIGAP O Patrol operating in KITCHEN CK O B coy 2/5 Bn less sec moved out for BASE at 0930 O Sec remaining to escort baggage O C coy 2/6 Bn O 13 pl occupies GREEN HILL 14 pl ambush area 695-85-30 Patrols operating to BITOI R and both flanks all informed
1137	13/7	3 Div	1630	0648		Ref 60 from MOTENO scotes Ready comment to Yanks battery well O Pitch SOUTH of BUIANG clear O Comdr opens Ammo Ammo Stores
1138	13/7	3 Div	1645	0649		From HOLMES O Comd 17 Bde has granted permission 2/6 Coy party BULOLO to move this area O Task to be carry dry NORTH meet PILMUNG party est ASTRO fix block duffs O Indians will apply for permission to move
~~1138~~	~~13/7~~	~~3 Div~~	~~1650~~	~~0618~~		~~Not secret copy file~~
1139	13/7	3 Div	1650	1735	0616	Secret O DOUBLET O Ref 3 Aust Div 03887 suggest plan your consideration O On arrival B coy 2/5 Bn O Bandc coy 2/5 bn relieve 2/3 Indep Coy later relieving pozn held by 2/3 Indep Coy cutting KOMIATUM track in TAMBU AREA to prevent enemy not north or south O your responsibility effecting mvt STEPHENS track base situated South Loc DIEKE OP DEDES NAMLING area satisfied release 2/3 Ind Coy probably NOT after 1200 hrs 14/7 O you then assume cond
1140	13/7	3 Div	1708	1835	0584	Secret O Ref our 03887/120 O admin [illegible] boundary 15-17 Bde is defined as follows O general line GOODVIEW JUNC STEPHENS TRACK BASE 4 and incl 17 Bde O 2/3 Ind Coy will be responsibility of 15 Fd Regt O north of above line O each O all concerned
1141	13/7	2/5 Bn	1800	1835	0584	relief 38 Fd Regt 1500K/13 O situation

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TO 2/5 bn 1/6 bn TAYLOR FORCE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 aust inf bde	D 543	7	

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					5
advise	received	8	sqns	will	10
attack	MVBO	area	Hodgkinson	using	15
2000	lb	and	1000	lb	20
air	burst	bombs	⊙	OBSERVATION	25
HILL	1500	be/=	bombed	and	30
shelled	among	300	lb	fire	35
bombed	bombs	⊙	NOT	earlier	40
then	0930	hrs	NOT	later	45
last	1015	last	⊙	flare	50
will	signify	end	of	air	55
attack					60
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1142	13/7	MACK	1530	1835	125	hold BERDLER bty in pom with primary mission support of ROOSEVELT & PIB moving north ⊙ present plans do not contemplate displacement inland but may require displacement north along beach ⊙ reconnoitre route & plan comms & observation accordingly
1143	13/7	TAYLOR3	1500	1835	22	sitrep 178 received 1500 hrs
1144	13/7	TAYLOR3	1445	1835	20	C coy pls occupied ridge line at 714888 & reported area cleared at 1400 hrs ⊙ 2 pls C coy now forming perimeter in this area & patrolling area for enemy ⊙ missing man found dead ⊙ remainder C coy pl moving from 725875 to area of 714887 additional JAPS found dead
1145	13/7	2/6	1750	1835	I484	ack
1146	13/7	2/6	1640	1835	I483	ack
1147	13/7	2/6	1805	1855	I485	sitrep 57 to 1800K/13 ⊙ A coy disposes HQ 7 & 9 pls 683867 8 pl 683864 ⊙ B coy disposes coy HQ 10-11 pls 692870 12 pl 686875 ⊙ 1630K/13 contacted Americans ⊙ crossed BUI EO contacted patrol from MATMAT 0930K/13 ⊙ no opposition encountered ⊙ area WOODY ISLAND & all side tracks explored from present pom to MATMAT clear of enemy ⊙ enemy camp in present pom unoccupied capable of holding 300 men ⊙ D coy in coy perimeter at 683869 less one sec at 679880 ⊙ recce patrol down BUI EO CK thence to B coy & patrol along track BUISAVELLA BUIGAP CK still out ⊙ C coy ⊙ flank patrol round PIMPLE report area clear ⊙ 1530K/13 contact patrol to BUIGAP CK moved out
1148	13/7	MACK	0400	1855	429	sitrep 56 to 0400K/13 ⊙ no change
1149	13/7	3 Div	1915		1873	ack
1150	13/7	Mtn Bty	1740	1940	X481	sitrep ⊙ no change ⊙ we fired 100 rds creeping barrage on WOODY ISLAND in support of B coy 2/6 bn ⊙ FOO party B coy 2/6 reconnoitred the det

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TO 3 aust div rptd 5/5 6/6 8/7 bn TAYLOR MACK

FROM 17 aust inf bde	Originator's Number I 871	Date 13	In Reply to Number

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Strip	178	to	1300 K/13	⊙	5
P.B	HQ	and	one	pl	10
780900	one	pl	783907	one	15
pl	patrolling	NORTH	along	WEST	20
bank	SALUS	LAKE	⊙	evidence	25
recent	Jap	occupation	780900	⊙	30
enemy	outpost	located	771913	believed	35
occupied	Coy	night	only	⊙	40
P.B	traced	suspected	Jap	evacuation	45
track	along	WEST	SALUS	LAKE	50
as	far	as	764895	when	55
track	still	goes	NORTH	⊙	60
16 Y	Regt	⊙	I	and	65
R	pl	moving	to	715895	70
⊙	0815 K/13	patrol	Coy	C	75
reports	enemy	dug	on	at	80
764888	all	entrenched			85
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1151	13/7	15 Bde	1205	1950	0616	sitrep 120 to 1230K/13 0 58/59 bn 0 A coy 0 GWAIBOLON OP under air strike on air strip & ISTHUMUS 1029 to 1047K/13 0 ref ASP 13 K284 1585 G 682 0 five started south of W/T station 0 A/A post on ISTHMUS & buildings on air strip shaffed 0 Lieut COULTER reports several A/A shells with pronounced flash & much black smoke which slowly fell to ground 0 1045K/13 NO JABS seen 0 13 pl C coy in NAMLING 0 2/3 Indep coy to 0830K/13 C pl plus det MMG left 0700 hrs for WELLS area 0 L/T being laid down from BASE 4 to WELLS 0 1 sec A pl remain to secure STEPHENS track GOODVIEW NO rpt NO mot KOMIATUM track 0 A & D coys 24 bn 0 NO rpt NO report received
1152	13/7	3 Div		~~1871~~ 2013	1874	sitrep 180 to 1900K/13 0 162 regt 0 following arty shoot sitrep 179 2 pls coy C occupied area 714888 at 1400K/13 & reported area clear 0 aggressive patrolling continues 0 OBSERVATION HILL 0 A coy 2/6 bn less 8 pl 683867 8 pl 683864 0 B coy less 12 pl 690875 0 D coy 2/6 bn less one sec 683869 one sec 6798860 ref sitrep 179 patrol down BUIEO towards BUIGAP ~~[illegible]~~ unsuccessful returned 1815K/13 0 LABABIA RIDGE 0 1570K/13 C coy patrolling from GREEN HILL towards BUIGAP 0 flanking patrols from PIMPLE report area clear of enemy
1153	13/7	TAYLOR 3	1420	2030	26	remainder C coy HQ & 2 pls moved in form at 714387 at 1700 hrs 0 C coy outpost at 725380 relieved at 1330 hrs & rejoined C coy 0 C coy left 725875 at 1430 hrs enroute 17 Bde 0 no change otherwise
1154	13/7	3 Div	1420	2030	03914	sitrep 197 to 1400/13 0 MARKHAM area 0 0650/13 JAP recce a/c flew over BUANG on bush form in direction SALAMAUA 0 MISSIM area 0 0700/12 D coy 24 bn est OP at 698027 SALAMAUA 1/25000 0 1800/12 B coy 58/59 bn report enemy still in form 70( ) 54 KOMIATUM 1/25000 0 B coy less 1 pl

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TO LHQ REPEAT MAC

FROM TAYLOR

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Intelligence summary 11 July to 1800 hrs
stops Noble force reported 20
Japs in 698878 well dug positions
at + pd KCP213P Covering Komatium track
with mortars but no MGuns
this force was engaged by
noble about 1600 hrs 10 July stop
George reported at 1430 hrs 20 Japs
seen moving northeast ~~to Lookout~~ BUIKUMBIL
ridge with full pack believed advance
groups of larger force probably
~~A~~ a. co at 1440 hrs army
and mortar fire. was placed
on BUIKUMBIL ridge. force with
unobserved results squeals were. heavy
O Deduced alternate with — drawal
route and possible evacuation up
BUIKUMBIL RIDGE track

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1154 ✓ Continued

at 897954 O 2045/12 13 pl C moved to NAMLING 14 pl moved to GWAILOLON O 0545/13 8 pl A coy moved to ERSKINE CK O WELLS OP 1700 hrs to 1900/12 12 Japs hyly laden south over footbridge mouth FRANCISCO O 12 Japs moved north O MUBO area O afternoon 12 Jul O patrol from B coy 2/5 report VIALS to 673097 MUBO 1/25000 clear of enemy O 0605/13 one recce a/c over BITOI RIDGE & OBSERVATION HILL all in formed

1155 13/7 ✓ BENNET 1715 2030 G1

sitrep as at 1500 hrs O enemy occupied GOODVIEW JUNC ridge east & west of GOODVIEW JUNC strength unknown considered strong with HMG & Hy mortars O Our ths O coy 600 yds south june round KOMIATUM track B coy 1 pl 2/3 with that coy 600 yds west june can ~~our~~ patrol east of C coy from cannot clear opposition without mortar cannot patrol north until opposition cleared O C coy in pivot from further ~~our~~ own ths must intended north of BUISA VELLA CK suggest ~~essential~~ our ths gain ground east of GOODVIEW JUNC assist clearing opposition O Please advise

1156 13/7 ✓ MACK 1835 2030 127

sitrep 63 as at 1800 hrs O A coy reports large perimeter mouth BUISAVELLA BUI LAHU BUI TALAI & very large one mouth BUI ALANG O fresh tracks indicate evacuation this track apparently withdrawing in general direction of C coy O report literally hundreds of fresh graves O ROOSEVELT patrol reconnoitred CAPE DINGA today & report no enemy contacted except one six JAP who died on way back

1157 13/7 ✓ MACK 2/5 2/6 2030

task for 14 Jul O continue drive along BUIGAP to secure line of creeks from 707895 to 702896 O map up BUI SAVELLA CK thoroughly O C coy to be prepared to move north 0800 hrs on 16 July this will be confirmed by further signal

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TO LAPO

FROM TAYLOR 3	Originator's Number	Date 11	In Reply to Number

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Situation Summary of operations from
0600 hrs Diplus 1 Coy Bty to 1900 hrs
C 258875 at 0700 hrs kitchen pl left
LMAPBR to B Coy rejoin kitchen cyt 0283,
LAKPDC George A Coy pl at LHSPZO
moved to contact patrol of
6 men south west along
KOMITUM track and ran track
posts of resistance varying of
strength 6 man the patrol
out a patrol post and lost 1 man
returned to LHSP20 of the platoon
Commander decided 70 moved this on
strength and track pl 2 Small
down track outposts moved and about 1700 hrs
gap of D plus 10
evening into heavy resistance at
2 Cav if BUISAVELLA CK in area
Junction 697873 KILPBD Being heavily outnumbered
of receiving no support they
Ando back along KOMATLIM track 6
withdrew Hqs position at 70258 LHSPZ0
and they moved up 4911488 7
Son 1 Cav Newman pl at LOFPZB
There they were given 2 days

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1157 13/7 MACK 2110 2735 131 PIB reports through MACK near that the JAPS in an unknown number are at BOISI & just south of BOISI ⊙ one pl of HITCHCOCK working to west of BOISI approx 1200 hrs today one B25 crashed into sea near BOISI ⊙ LCV was sent to attempt rescue of aviators LCV was fired on at unknown range with unknown weapon from high ground north of BOISI firing reported by PIB aviators not rescued

1158 13/7 3 Lw 2040 2135 03918 secret ⊙ strip 198 to 2000K/130 ⊙ SALAMAUA OP during air attack 1000K/13 bombs landed at QUARRY ISTHMUS & from MACDONALDS JUNC to KELA ⊙ 3 large huts below quarry destroyed ⊙ MARKHAM area ⊙ 2315K/12 one M/1 a/c dropped flares into sea 2000 yds north of BUANG an bush from ⊙ MISSIM area 1029 to 1047 K/13 ⊙ GWAIBOLOM reports during air attack SALAMAUA airfield & ISTHMUS bombs fell 745908 741994 743012 SALAMAUA KOMIATUM 1/25000 ⊙ fire started south of W/T station ⊙ 0700K/13 C pl 2/3 Indep bay left-GOODVIEW JUNC area en route WELLS OP graves sec A pl still in form securing track approx 704916 KOMIATUM 1/25000 ⊙ patrol to find track NE from TAMBU SADDLE exchanged shots with JAPS east of KOMIATUM & returned to base ⊙ MUBO area ⊙ 1131/13 US arty engaged JAP from 714884 MUBO 1/25000 this was followed up by two pls coy C 162 Regt ⊙ Disposns ⊙ Coy C less 2 pls 714880 ⊙ I & R pls plus one squad coy B 715875 ⊙ one pl coy D plus 2 squads A/Th pl 739865 one pl A coy 2/6 bn 684866 ⊙ 2 pls B coy 2/6 bn supported by arty & mortars fire combed WOODY ISLAND from junc BITOI & BUIGAP to GARRISON HILL this area reported clear by 1130K/13 ⊙ patrol from D coy 2/6 bn now operating from 678890 to BUIEO then to BUIGAP & on to junc BITOI BUIGAP ⊙ patrol operating in KITCHEN CK ⊙ B coy 2/5 bn less one sec moved off en route BASE 4 ⊙ 13 pl 2/6 bn occupied GREEN HILL 14 pl occupied

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rations lost 3 killed 7
wounded 1 australian wounded 5 missing
killed 12 Japs unknown number
killed vic B Coy KITCHEN wounded in large
body ① KITCHEN B Coy pl left to
Tom Kitchen B Coy at 1700 hrs ①
George A Coy pl reports 1 6 9 mm
mortar lost during withdrawal from
1000 hrs to 1115 hrs 81 mm mortars
engaged target in area 697827
expended 20 rounds with unobserved KILI 132
① Kitchen B Coy pl returned to results
at 1016 869 1 pl B Coy unit
position LHK PDT 1030 hrs to Kitchen left
① A Coy George sent a area 15 men of unid
to cross patrol between 6958 69
BULGAP creek and contact footbridges RCHPW1
first at 1250 hrs australians on west
contacted advance party ① This patrol
of Japs moving of large across
here forced to northeast
by ① This patrol withdraw and
from mortar fire was men
mortar support A Coy George ① D Coy Pague ① company giving
at 1440 hrs fired 60 rounds on

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1158	✓ continued				ambush poss 695 & 530 patrolling ft BITOI RIVER & both flanks all in forest
1159	13/7 ✓ T 2/6	3 Div 2/5	2145	1875	PIB reports. probable 700 Japs landed LOKANU number 1 headed inland perhaps to KOMIATUM 4 date unstated o location KOMIATUM 4 NOT known this HQ
1160	13/7 ✓	15 Bde	1940 2210	0628	strike 130 ft 1980K/13 o 58/59 bn o A coy 1230K 9 ft standing patrol post 6 JAPS on track north of KROONDI o NAMLING 13 pl report NMS o 13 coy 1600K automatic fire & one loud explosion heard o coy still in form area 703954 o C coy o advise patrolling carried out another 13 report o Pay o patrol 13 OLD VICKERS post an bivouac 1145K observations one wounded o patrol withdrew 13 some form 698914 o 2/3 despatch by Dog 24 hr no reports 13 hand.
1161	13/7 ✓ BENNET		2215	0651	report landing this area for BASE 4 am 14 Jul 43 o Have advised BUKADA 2/5 cd let's your message & on copy coy 2/5 should be in proximity Gate pm 15 Jul 43 & will facilitate ground east of GOODVIEW JUNC o Coy will bring motor det o remainder 2/5 will follow on as quickly as ship situation permits o ack.
1162	✓ 13/7	MACK	2230	1876	please check with HITCHCOCK location of KOMIATUM 4
1163	12/7 ✓	MACK	2059/12	427	PIB patrolling north LAKE SALUS 1 pl at 780900 out post at 784907 1 pl o endeavouring JAP occupation recently deserted o PIB report JAPS leaving BOISI o 1 pl PIB at 753977 2 sec at 780900 o Enemy out post 774 ex 761918 & 742730 patrol to BOISI walked LAGOON exploited out post named night o Cy HITCHCOCK suggest Cy Ltn if to 780900 to 780907 o another patrol landed 13 position last 13 765595 Bde still going north
1164	13/7 ✓	MACK	2145 2315	1	ship 64 ex of 2000 tons Kanaka set 13 BOISI did not reach BOISI but was sighted by JAPS & sent a patrol with 4 JAPS who seen 13 leader BUIRABUN & go 13 DOT ISLAND o when observed watched but could not return DOT ISLAND probably to

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target unobserved results Kless platoon
Ref 984896 5 men moved mork 10
LHFPCK dA 1430 hrs © They will
occupy ambush position as tride track
with mission to ambush any
enemy dRying area to escape from
MVBO area 704896 recce area
north west. LHFPCK to Find
tracks to MT TAMBI © Georg Es A Coy
platoon that A Coy was enroute to
join George was ordered to
return to (was R Coy) pl area
and form neumans perimeter defens with
C Coy pl at LOFP213 © Georges
neumans reported in there at
pl © ©
1450 hrs

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1164	14/7		continued			fwd posts from ARAKENU 1 ⊙ JAPS probably digging in here with posts far south as BUIAMBUN at 714888 ⊙ 2 Sqns Hudsons D & I 9 R pl with 24 post at 782866
1165	14/7	3 Div elm		0738	I	PIB soldier sent to investigate numbers of enemy in BOISI did NOT reach BOISI 6 observed but did not see any JAPS in area ⊙ part one canoe containing five JAPS go from BUIAMBUN to DOT ISLAND 6 canoes did NOT return HITCHCOCK suspects JAP force DOT ISLAND 6 large fires observed LOKANU 1-6 HITCHCOCK believes are preparing dugouts there with posts as far south as BUIAMBUN all reported
1166	14/7		TAYLOR 3	0600	0605	no change in situation as of 0600 hrs
1167	14/7		MACK	0620	132	strength 64 as of 0600 hrs no change
1168	14/7	3 Div elm		0730	[879	strength 189 to 0700 12/14 ⊙ sitrep
1169	14/7		2/5	0600		
1170	14/7		2/6	0630	I487	strength 58 to 0600 K/14 ⊙ all areas nothing to report
1171	14/7		R Sen Sqn	0700	Sig284	of which NO 11 off 9 ⊙ each
1172	14/7		TAYLOR 3	0600	0815	— strength report 131 & 180 13 Jul received 0600 14 Jul
1173	14/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR etc		0700	I578	sent forward from 1800 K/14 to 1800 K/15 TRAFALGAR
1174	14/7		2/6	0910	I489	strength 59 to 0900 K/14 0856 K/14 Jap A/c dropped approx 12 bombs 3 on south end MOBO drome remainder on WOODY ISLAND VICKERS RIDGE landslide area ⊙ H Quarter staffing NO casualties or damage
1175	14/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR		0930	I881	strength either areas as to 1000 K/14 from 3 Div & 15 Bde strength
1176	13/7		3 Div	225	1308	3 1403926 indications are that enemy has prepared defences in KOMIATUM area & has occupied them in strength & therefore Case 3 as outlined in 0386 of 3 Jul cannot be adhered to ⊙ intention for next phase of ops is to destroy enemy forces in KOMIATUM area ⊙

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Bty 1500 1530 K/4 1 Bn 16 ✓
US Rgt less Coy C
Concentrated in ASSEMBLY AREA as
follows HQ & HQ Coy with A and
Coy ⊙ Coy B less one pl
A RIVER B bus CK bridge ⊙ Coy
D Plus Strengths pl ∧ bivouacking
DRY CK Rgt BED area ⊙
landed 116 to 1800 K/3 were
16 ✓ 41 52 and 767
⊙ Coy Med Bn 3
and 24 ⊙ 24 personnel
hosp 4 and 24 ⊙
Coy A 116 Engr Bn
2 and 46 ⊙ Det
sigs 41 Div 8 OR
⊙ Coy D 53 ✓ Engr
Bn 2 and 43 ⊙
218 2d Arty Bn 7
and 113 ⊙ Total at
1800 K/3 70 and 104 ✓ ⊙
landed 0700 K/4 ~~pl~~ 225 personnel
inel HQ Coy and Service
Coy 16 ✓ Right med det
engrs and 1 pl 94
AA Bn ⊙ Total personnel

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1176	Continued					method ⊙ 17 Bde will clear the enemy out of the area south of GOODVIEW JUNC ⊙ contain the enemy with a face at GOODVIEW JUNC & attack him from the western flank ⊙ 15 Bde will ⊙ secure the BOBDUBI RIDGE from incl NAMLING on south to incl OLD VICKERS on the north ⊙ prevent the escape of the enemy from KOMIATUM by securing area track junc 705964 track junc 706967 track junc 708968 ⊙ support flank attack by 17 Bde ⊙ 17 Bde may employ 1 Bn 162 Regt for just portion of task allotted thus freeing BENNET FORCE to rejoin 2/5 bn for flank attack ⊙ 1 Bn 162 Regt may also be used for exploitation northward through 2/5 bn after 2/5 bn has gained objectives ⊙ tasks will commence forthwith 15 & 17 Bdes will maintain close LIAISON in carrying out above tasks ⊙ all ack.
1177	14/7		0935	0652	ack	03926/13
1178	14/7	MACK	0920 1000	133	schip 64 as of 0900 hrs ⊙ 4 AC personnel rescued from B25 downed off BOISI yesterday BOMBARDIER only one lost ⊙ 9 TAP planes thought to be dive bombers AICHI 97 dropped 4 bombs & belly tanks over 805831 approx 08350 A/A at NASSAU engaged one cal 50 MG thought to have obtained hits on tail of one plane results otherwise nil ⊙ no damage reported
1179	14/7		0330 1020	03934	as code group 9 now displayed on OBSERVATION in perature that group 8 be displayed on LIPNOS GARDENS in case necessary to drop there
1180	14/7	TAYLOR3	0859 1025	—	Acoy pl at 714887 left to join Acoy at 695876 at 0858 hrs ⊙ no change otherwise
1181	14/7	MACK	0950	0653	arrange reconnaissance to locate track from dropping ground BITOI RIDGE to TAMBU SADDLE area ⊙ if practicable this track will be improved & used for supply line to TAMBU SADDLE area ⊙ advise result of reace as soon as possible

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TO 2/5 - 2/6 Bns, Det 2/2 by AASC MDS MANGO UNGAMANGO

FROM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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Recce	type	army	co-op	A/c	5
expected	shows	and	5	Jind	10
O	characteristics	Single	radial	Engine	15
single	seater	tail	prominent	Junkers	20
leading	edge	O	fuselage	short	25
deep	O	Wing type	Pronounced	O	30
broader	fuselage	and	beneath	wings	35
O	tapering	section	and	undercarriage	40
wings	sweep	remainder	fuselage	camouflage	45
O	Phase	promulgate	O	all	50
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1182	14/7	MACK		0830	0654	ord by COCHRAN will move fo next gun fons GREEN HILL mor commencing forthwith o ammunition for these guns will be dumped OBSERVATION HILL o advise anticipated date that guns will be in fons GREEN HILL
1182	14/7	TAYLOR		1055	0655	Report on possibility of jeep track from RIVER JUNC to MT TAMBU via BITO RIDGE to advise additional engrs & equip necessary to speedily make this track o also estimate of time factor involved
1183	12/7		MACK	2030/12	0655/14	—	part 2 of relief 5th o PIB now holding these fons but would be hotly fought suppt now fired pbns and need rest o consider area south as safe o European personnel more buff strength need not exceed 1 platoon per Coy killed 13 JAPS at 713590 loss 1 killed 1 wounded o platoon C Coy killed 13 JAPS at 695869 0 LO to 50 JAPS killed by arty at 1st Bde ont Kokh at 695869 0 LO to 50 JAPS killed by arty at 696675
1184	14/7	MTN BTY 2/6		1102	0656	MTN Bty will forthwith fm the area now occ by 2/6 MTN BTY & commence preparation gun pits in pits selected o one gun will be moved 17 Jul 43 reload gun 19 Jul 430 mile bty. 2 arrival new fons will come under cond 2/5 o advise unit pits selected 2/6 will be required to provide lfs to move guns on dates specified
1185	14/7		TAYLOR	3	1030	1055	8	relief fm 1/5 proceed 1035 K/14
1186	14/7	MACK TAYLOR 3 Bde 2/5		1115	0658	TAYLOR FORCE will move fons present area to area MT TAMBU GOODVIEW JUNC o NO move before 17 Jul 43 o on arrival area MT TAMBU GOODVIEW JUNC TAYLOR FORCE must be prepared to move northwards or to the NE o arrange supply system & carriers accordingly
1187	14/7		TAYLOR	3	1030	1155	10	relief fm 1/9 0 R/14 proceed 1103 K/14
1188	13/7	3 Bde		2359/13	1205/14	0393	8	for Cmds allotted lfs from 1 Bde 162 Regt may NOT be used o mvt to be carried out by BIBKO 1 coy reported to be eng 0393 will be carried out with Inf o Fld to secure the initial bridgehead at TAMBU BAY o Preparations for move of remainder fons 4 & 3 Bde 162 Regt less 0613

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MIAC FORCE	0101 ~~0100~~	3	

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from NIEBRIDE ref movement to
NAPIER ① anticipate TAYLOR less
NEWMAN will arrive NAPIER by
MIDDAY 4 July ① BTY
CONFERANCE off loading Unit fwd
movement A/! NAPIER impracticable
Due engineering further difficulties as
ordered Difficulties are NAPIER
as HITCHCOCK more ① ①
ordered IS movement NORTH still

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1188							above rep 105 in blt of 218 Fd Amb Ops will be continued so that this force might be able to move immediately landward as seemed by above rep AA defence must be retained at NASSAU BAY to protect the beachhead dump ⊙ also unit additional coy from 2 Bde area NASSAU BAY for protection of beachhead adequate provision for this must be made ⊙ subject to enemy opposition anticipated by ops now moving north it is considered D day for this task should be earlier than 21 Jul ⊙ all concerned must be impressed with the necessity for speed & quick action ⊙ above earliest anticipated date for D day & also that barges are now available to MACK FORCE for above task ACK.
1189	14/7	3 Div		1215	0659	ack	
1190	14/7	TAYLOR 3		—			C Coy HQ and 2 pls arrived area of 714888 at 0903 hrs ⊙ C Coy now intact ⊙ B Coy enroute to join hq pl at 695868 ⊙ left at 1103 hrs
1191	14/7	~~3 Div~~					
		3 Div		0130	1135	S19562	adopt reserve code number 4 as from 0800 hrs 14 July ⊙ please inform all units under comd ⊙ ack when all notified
192	14/7						
		~~3 Div~~ 15 Bde		0715	1305	0640	Recce ⊙ siturep 131 to 0730/14 ⊙ 58/59 Bn 0700 hrs mountain guns shelled area 703955 9 shells fired ⊙ MAJOR HENARD missing believed carrying map reg code appointments R/T and code names ⊙ 2/3 Indep Coy HQ report to hand ⊙ D Coy 24 hrs rations
1193	14/7	3 Div ~~HQ~~ 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn MACK		1320		I882	siturep 182 to 1230 K/14 ⊙ 162 REGT ⊙ one pl Coy A left 714887 to rejoin Coy A at 695867 ⊙ Coy C now complete at 714888 0903 K/14 ⊙ Coy B less 1 pl moving to rejoin remaining pl at 695868 ⊙ PM 13 Jul four of new B25 which crashed into sea rescued by I.C.V. ⊙ bombardier missing ⊙ enemy air ⊙ 0835 K/14 9 planes believed type VAL dropped 4 bombs and belly tanks vicinity 708851 ⊙ these engaged by 5 calibre A/A NASSAU BAY ⊙ 0910 K/14 6 a/c type HIRYU dropped 18 bombs vicinity MUKO airfield WOODY I/S VICKERS RIDGE no damage or casualties ⊙

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TO BUILDER HQ AMF

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MAC FORCE	226	4	—

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Strength	at	Brisbane	has	23 July 5
52	Coffs	2367	Echelon	Brisbane 10
162	Maryborough	1	3	Cairns 15
Echelon	Enlisted	Men	146	Unit 20
Brisbane	✓ Of	4	Others	34 25
Enlisted	Men	24	Shortage	Unit ✓ 30
Of	2/9	Others	146	Enlisted 35
Men	Coy	1142	116	Echelon 40
Engineers	Men	✓ 8	Enlisted	Men 45
Unit	at	Aug	Echelon	✓ Of 50
2/9	Others	443	Enlisted	Men 55
Coy	Coy	332	Engineers	✓ 60
Men	Men	Unit	Unit	✓ 65
218	Hqtrs	Coy	Brisbane	Total 70
Of	Others	1042	Enlisted	Men 75
Coy	3	Enlisted	Men	Enlisted 80
Men	Section	2	Coy	NOT 85
Transport	Reported	Of	Location	Men 90
Section	Unit	Engineers	Engineers	Of 95
Unit	Change	Echelon	Corps	Reported 100
Change				105
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1193 (cont)					planes approached from NE turned vicinity REEVES OP and made one run north along BITUI bombing and lightly straffing ○ all informed
1194 14/7	MACK	1235	1340	136	strip 65 as of 1200 hrs ○ 6 coy pl reports 2 JAP bivouac areas about 100 men each at following areas 714889 & 717898 ○ track used by both groups follows around ~~NE~~ north crest of ridge at 717898 towards MT TAMBU these forms were not dug in ○ these areas have not been occupied since 12-13 Jul ○ A coy reports 300-400 fresh jap graves in area of perimeter reported on 13 Jul ○ Lieut GRAY of A coy reports log bridge across BUIGAP CK at 701885 & track to 705894 where it recrossed to defined track ○ A coy reported JAP bombers dropped 6 bombs on RIMPLE
1195 14/7 2/5 2/6 bn		1350		0661	adopt reserve code, rests NO 4 forthwith ○ ack
1196 14/7 MACK		1355		0660	ref our 0636 of 12 Jul ○ coy PIB & coy ROOSEVELT will secure beachhead TAMBU BAY by 13 Jul ○ object of securing beachhead is to enable the landing of following units ○ remainder ROOSEVELT are bty 218 FA bn with det HQ & service bty are bty 105 mm guns sig dets & eqpt shore coy engrs det bn engrs AA guns service dets medical units & necessary maintenance dets including native carriers & ANGAU overseers ○ tasks of this force ○ one ○ give arty support to further attacks on KOMIATUM BOBDUBI RIDGE SALAMAUA ○ ~~[illegible]~~ ○ to secure right flank of our forces in TAMBU SADDLE BOBDUBI RIDGE area ○ ROOSEVELT force will be ready to move to TAMBU BAY from NASSAU BAY NOT later than 18 Jul 43 ○ advise number of LCVs & LCMs which will be available for this task ○ also advise units & total number of personnel who will move to TAMBU BAY ○ beachhead at NASSAU BAY must still retain some AA protection ○ your outline plan will be faded by signal to this HQ not later than 15 Jul 43 ○ imperative that preparations proceed with ~~utmost~~ speed

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TO 1 Aust Inf Bde

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACKECHNIE HDY FORCE	199	3	

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resume of operations from 1800
hrs 30 June 1515 1300
hrs 1 July 0 1800
LQRHPP 355788 coy Kit by strong attack and drawn back to
PTYZJP 888808 0 90 yds UK line to
FORMED in Objective 995808 ZQTZHP
approximately 809 PJI two coy PJI to kit by
enemy at 2000 hrs and
0400 hrs 0530 hrs and
JAPS finally 2 to 0630
hrs 0 casualties Known to
date 9 dead 12 wounded
and 4 missing 0 known
enemy dead 10 including 2
casualties 0 during morning unit
reorganised and are occupying area
as shown in SITREP 1500
hrs 0 10 JAPS medium
bombers made 3 bombing runs
B 5 strafing run over positions
at 1310 to 1320 0
No casualties on damage reported

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1197	14/7		MACK rear	1240	1355	471	subj t no 64 co o/ 1200 hrs 050 o/ps 133 enlisted men of coy G arrived NASSAU BAY at daybreak 0 coy K moved to SALOS LAKE PIB HQ
1198	14/7–13 Div			1405		0662	requisitioning urgently 0 one ream typing paper 0 6 bottles writing ink 0 pencils
1199	14/7		2/6 bn	1220	1355	1186	subj t 60 to 1300K/14 0 Adv dispositions now as follows coy HQ plus 2 mortars 3 inch pls 8 pl 683864 7 pl right of track appx left at 683863 0 B coy 0 patrol from second pl 8 coy LOS Rm reported MATMAT 0 by C/Sgt WILLIAMS at 1100K/14 0 WILLIAMS reports that during night down BITOI RIDGE to junc BITOI BUIGAP pl broke contact all the way no signs of enemy occupation further patrols endeavouring locate other OS elms 0 C coy 0 coy HQ 14 pl PIMPLE 13 pl GREEN HILL 15 pl at 692870 0 Recce of GREEN HILL shows NO trace of Japs down STONY CREEK & BITOI only NOT GREEN HILL area 0 D coy 0 coy HQ 1640 at 680875 17 pl recovery for forward 686875 18 pl working on MUBO drome 0 MAT MAT 0840 pm JAP bmbrs engaged bombers escorted by unknown number of fighters approached from NE under REEVES OP 7 low cable bombed MUBO area 0 fighters bombs were dropped three on south end drome remainder on WOODY ISLAND VICKERS RIDGE landslide area 0 inside one rear only 0 no damage or casualties
1200	14/7		3 Div	1437	1520	0346	6 pl STURROCK pl went down HQ Rm 15 pl bringing under responsibility of 3 Div return pl take place and continued under phase of ops the ridge was held by yr 41 defence for Buigap Pass pl 6 MAIN FORCE regarding use of 3 Bn to take item only to TAMBU BAY
1201	14/7		2/6	1445	1520	1491	ack

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TO LAPO

FROM BIXH | Originator's Number 0561 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number —

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Ref our 0559 Q Patrol 5
closed BUIAPAL creek SW 10
of drome along eight ft. 15
wide path gully 1 ft deep 20
each side closely overgrown 25
reported 687857 KPBZAL fooled BANANA PATCH 30
to DRY CREEK BED 35
returned track then to 40
687860 WZBPDH 100 yds SOUTH 45
of a/drome ARCHWAY saw sentry 50
high up O of ARCHWAY 55
sentry WEST Patrol 60
moved over and 65
patrol track 70
vicinity 687859 WPZPNC near 75
leader WOODY ISLAND 6 to 8 80
this estimated movement very little 85
trace area O South side 90
of ARCHWAY light 95
Aerodrome party 100
Lots 2 sign 105
Syds SOUTH ARCHWAY 1200 110
from MORTAR 115
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1202	14/7	2/6	1350	1520	A48	ref 17 Aust Inf Bde op instn NO11 copy NO2 ack
1203	14/7	3 Dw	1245	1520	03950	further to our 03847 03860 & your I858 ⊙ please advise your plans for clearing enemy from CAPE DINGA BASSIS villages area
1204	13/7	3 Dw	1330/13	1600/14	03927	Cease instns from NGF vide their 07940 of 12 ptd 41 US Dw definitely states MACK FORCE under cond 3 Aust Dw ⊙ that composition of MACK FORCE is 193 Bn combat teams 162 Regt plus adj unit & service tps & in addition 1 coy from 2 Bn 162 Regt which is to be sent NASSAU BAY
1205	14/7	2/6 Bn	1410	1600	I490	to our op instn no 11 copy 2 received
206	14/7	2/6 Bn	1500	1600	I492	sitrep 61 to 1500K/14 ⊙ D Coy disposns now coy HQ plus one mortar three inch plus 16 pl at 680878 ⊙ 17 pl at 680874 18 pl MATMAT area for work on drome ⊙ A coy have now only one mortar three inch
207	14/7	BENNET	1400	1600	B4	supplies EDGAR arrived yesterday supply line 90 boys proceeding GUADAGASAL to BASE 4 ⊙ 9 have not arrived ⊙ no rations on hand retaining 15 natives to move coy this area yesterday since no personnel available supply purposes or evacuation of casualties ⊙ Please advise EDGAR please advise about medical arrangements
208	14/7	3 Aust Dw	1453	1600	03947	further to my 0393714 Jul ⊙ B25 now reported to have landed in water 2 miles NE SALUS village ⊙ crew observed in life raft heading towards shore ⊙ please advise if any infm received
209	14/7	BENNET	1500	1600	B5	Enemy ⊙ 1 Jap straggler killed KOMIATUM TRACK ambush ⊙ own troops ⊙ local patrols probing enemy posns patrol from C Coy moved south 5 to 600 yds along Kom track no contact numerous dead Japs along track previously killed by Indep Coy
210	14/7	MACK	1570	1600	142	sitrep 66 as of 1500 hrs 14 Jul no change
211	14/7	BENNET	1200	1600	B3	sitrep to 1200K/14 ⊙ no change

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TO 3 AUST DIV RPTD 17 AUST INF BDE 58/59 AUST INF BN DCOY 24 BN ANGAU PIM

FROM 15 AUST INF BDE | Originator's Number 1334 | Date 24 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

WELLS	OP	reports	0815R/24	@
9	allied	bombers	bombed	and
strafed	SAHAMAUA	RUNWAY	and	footbridge
destroying	plant	of	bridge	and
igniting	oil	dumph	south	of
drome	@	smoke	rising	to
1000	fuel			

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OPERATION LOG — SHEET 204

								SUMMARY OF MESSAGE OR EVENT
1212	~~[illegible]~~ 13/7		3 Div	2300 K/13	1600 K/14	03925		secret ⊙ sitrep 199 to 2245 K/13 ⊙ MISSIM area ⊙ 1230 K/13 9 pl A Coy 58/59 Bn standing patrol observed 6 Japs on track north of ORODUBI ⊙ 1145 K/13 patrol to OLDVICKERS posn ambushed ⊙ our casualties one wounded ⊙ patrol returned to original posn 698974 ⊙ 183/1915 K/13 GWAIBOLON reports sounds of motor launches heard in SALAMAUA HARBOUR ⊙ MUBO area ⊙ 11 Q C Coy PIB now 780900 mubo 1/25000 ⊙ evidence recent Jap occupation this area ⊙ enemy outpost located ~~(this area)~~ 771914 believed occupied by night only ⊙ patrol traced suspected Jap evacuation track west SALUS LAKE to 764895 ⊙ track continues north from this point ⊙ ref sitrep 198 ⊙ two pls coy C occupied area 714888 at 1400 K/13 and reported area clear ⊙ aggressive patrolling continuing ⊙ Disposns ⊙ A Coy 2/6 Bn less 8 pl 683864 8 pl 863864 ⊙ B Coy 2/6 Bn less 12 pl 690875 ⊙ D Coy 2/6 Bn less one sec 683869 one sec 699880 ⊙ 1515 K/13 ref sitrep 198 patrol down BUIEU towards BUIGAP not successful ⊙ 1530 K/13 C Coy 2/6 Bn flanking patrols from PIMPLE report clear of enemy all informed
1213	13/7		15 Bde	2215 K/13	1645	0632		sitrep 131 to 2330 K/13 ⊙ WELLS OP ⊙ 1615-1745 K/13 20 Japs in consultation at ORODUBI after which 15 dispersed in scrub remainder studied two maps for some time ⊙ continuous mvt observed this village during afternoon ⊙ 2/3 Indep Key ⊙ WELLS area 7 sec patrolled to NAMLING heard enemy on track half hour from WELLS junc 1300 K ⊙ posn is at 690932 ⊙ departed WELLS junc for NAMLING 1400 K by passed Jap ambush ⊙ C pl astride track WELLS junc NAMLING digging in one sec 300 yds south of that posn ⊙ STEPHENS area ⊙ recce patrol from 1 sec A pl reports enemy still dug in at junc STEPHENS mule track also GOODVIEW junc ⊙ MULE track clear between Jap posns ⊙ B pl arrived GOODVIEW camp 1645 K ⊙ 1430 ERSKINE returned BASE 4 ⊙ GOODVIEW area ⊙ ambush posn KOMIATUM track NMS ⊙ Jap camp located

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TO MacKechnie repeat Taylor

FROM LHQ

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Commencement
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1213 (cont)						at 702887 3 Japs seen sitting beside 4 trenches camp NOT big ⊙ 58/59 Bn GWAIBOLON OP report 1735K to 1800K 42 Japs moved south across footbridge proceeded ~~South~~ towards LOKANU ⊙ 1805K ⊙ 20 Japs moved north across footbridge from LOKANU more coming but unable to count poor visibility ⊙ MAJOR HEWARD missing suspected carrying code lists map ref code and appointments code ⊙ Bad comms delayed infm several hours
1214	14/7	MACKREAR	1411	1650	NR45	have received no orders relieving me from 41 DIV comd therefore cannot follow your instruction signed Maj Roosevelt
1215	13/7	3 Aust Div	0010 K/14	1655 K/14	03929	from 15 bde ⊙ approval given for 17 bde to be responsible for whole area south of DIERKES OP as suggested by 15 bde
1216	13/7	3 aust div	2340 K/14	1655 K/14	03924	ref conversation GDC BRIG MOTEN ⊙ herewith text of NGF message 07940 of 12 Jul ⊙ quote 41 US div will send forthwith one RIFLE Coy from MOROBE to NASSAU BAY from 2 Bn 162 REGT ⊙ on arrival NASSAU BAY this coy will come under comd MACK FORCE ⊙ for classification all concerned all units MACK FORCE come under operational control of 3 AUST DIV ⊙ GOC NGF desires that subject to overriding tactical need at least one Bn combat team one bty 105 m m be reserved for the shore to shore ops discussed at conference at this HQ 5 Jul ⊙ he further desires that one rifle coy should be pushed up the coast north of LAKE SALUS with all speed in addition to coy of PIB ⊙ EDWARDS with small staff AASC and ORD has proceeded to NASSAU BAY and awaits representative 3 Div on beach ⊙ EDWARDS with COSC and will as arranged at conference this HQ 5 Jul organise and control forwarding from MOROBE of future requirements both U.S. and Aust. as required under general direction 3 Aust Div ⊙ 100 reinforcements 17 Bde proceeding under direction 41 US Div. to NASSAUA BAY for move ⊙ Further announcement dispons as opportunity offers ⊙ 41 US DIV to advise MACK FORCE as above at earliest unquote

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TO HAPO RPTD MACKREDR

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACK	86	12	

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	sitrep	54 as	of	0600 hours
(1) KLESS 71485 LOFPZB	platoon	from	C coy NEWMAN	arrived
	1703 hours	11 July	from	72585 2MAPBR
and	formed A coy GEORGE	defensive	position C coy NEWMAN	with
~~going~~		and		platoons
(2)	no	contact	with	B coy KITCHEN
platoon	that	moved	to	95868 KIAPKZ
to	take	up	defence	positions
			0630	
			0700	
F	0830 RHQ		0840	

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1216	12/7		MACK	1735^{H}/12 1111 1715^{H}/13		Sitrep 72 to 1600 hrs ⊙ KLESS (C coy) pl. moving from 714886 to 701895 ROBSON (C coy) pl. moved from 714886 to 698876 ⊙ 3 Jap twin engined bombers dropped 3 bombs near junc. BUIGAP BUIKUMBU CKS at 0810 Strafing heard
1217	14/7	3 Dw attd 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns. MACK TAYLOR		1655	I883	Sitrep 183 to 1600^{H}/14 ⊙ 62 US Regt ⊙ Patrol of coy C reported 2 vacated bivouac sites each of 100 men at 717898 714898 ⊙ Sites were connected by track which led from 717898 direction of TAMBU ⊙ Patrol coy B arrived MAT MAT via BITOI RIDGE and reports no enemy contacted ⊙ 5 officers 133 ORs arrived NASSAU BAY AM K/140 ⊙ coy K en route to SALUS area ⊙ 2/6 bn ⊙ A coy plus 8 pl. 2 dets. mortars 683864 7 and 9 pls. 683863 ⊙ C coy H.Q. plus 14 pl. PIMPLE 13 pl. GREEN HILL 15 pl. 692870 ⊙ Recce patrol GREEN HILL reports no sign of ~~any~~ any previous occupation the L of C being STONY KITCHEN CK ⊙ D coy HQ 16 pl 680875 17 pl 686875 18 pl. clearing MUBO Estp ⊙ 300 fresh Jap graves BUIGAP valley between BUISAVELLA BUIALANG CKS. all informed
1218	13/7		15 Bde	2331 1615^{H}/14 0634		13 coy 2/5 bn. arrived BASE 4 1300^{H}/13 arrived GOODVIEW CAMP 1645^{H}/13 ⊙ Estimated completion of relief afternoon 14 July
1219	14/7		3 Dw	1050 1740 03937		One B 25 reported down near SALUS on morning 13 July ⊙ Happy news been received by you
1220	14/7		BENNET	0115 1740 G2		ack
1221	14/7		15 Bde	0910 1740 0641		2/3 Indep coy report relief in BASE 4 STEPHENS HUT area est to be effected 0930^{H}/14 ⊙ Will advise completion 0651
1222	14/7		15 Bde	1300 1810 0644		Sitrep 133 to 1230^{H}/14 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ A coy ⊙ Standing patrol SOUTH of 696945 ⊙ Jap feeling way NORTH ⊙ 0945^{K}/14 5 man patrol SOUTH to contact and find strength of enemy ⊙ LESLIE OP patrol to 1800^{H}/130 contacted 18 pl. 1200^{K} arrived fwd. sec. 703985 1500^{K} ⊙ Located waterfall and track on high ground NORTH of waterfall ⊙ Stayed 703988 night 13/14 July ⊙ A and D coys 24 bn no reports received ⊙ 2/3 Indep coy B pl ⊙ 6 pl. VILLAUME 2 ORs left GOODVIEW CAMP 0630^{H}/14 for TAMBU LOKAGE area route SOUTH EAST from GOODVIEW across KOMIATUM track N.E. along spur ⊙ VIALS O.P. ⊙ Ref sitrep 122 mtn gun came from

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TO LHPO

FROM MACK

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Sitrep 50 20 of 1200hrs
@ Wobbegong reports pocket estimated
75 Joys at KCPZBZ north
BUILAHU CK covering KOMIATUM track
have mortars no MG O
Track = area BUITPALAI to BUISAVELLA
honeycombed with dugin posns O Dhs
m addition to group previously
reported at 6988 KIPZLB O PIB informed
contents area PIB 1841 ariel
instructed to to Dhs
grouped north of Lakz SITUS
patrol to routes cross track
inland to mostly O
PIB ex CP now at 8128755 BOS2217
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1223	14/7	3 Aust. Dw	1815	1850	03951	Latest instructions from NGF clearly state 3 bn. 162 REGT combat team are under comd. MACK FORCE ⊙ MACK FORCE is placed under comd. 17 Bde for time being ⊙ Failure by ROOSEVELT to obey instructions issued by 17 Bde. through MACK FORCE will seriously delay ops ⊙ Non receipt by ROOSEVELT of release order from 41 DIV probably due to slow sig. comms. ⊙ ROOSEVELT must obey instructions in anticipation of receipt of order from 41 DIV ack
1224	14/7	3 Dw		1915	0665	Map ref. dropping ground should read 725877 Q1352
1225	14/7	3 Dw	1423	1845	03943	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 201 to 1400K/14 ⊙ LAE OP 0555K/14 20 barges in LAE harbour ⊙ MISSIM area ⊙ Standing patrol SOUTH of 9 pl. A coy 58/59 bn. posn. at 696945 reports Japs reconnoitring NORTH from ORODUBI all informed
1226	14/7	TAYLOR 3	1835	1925	—	Sitrep 183 recieved 1835 hrs 14 July
1227	14/7	TAYLOR 2	—	1955	—	3 pl gesm? plus one sec HMG personell of D coy at 695875 A coy HQ and one pl at 699872 ⊙ ~~D~~ B coy plus one sec hog pers at 695769 ⊙ One pl C coy 717895 ⊙ C coy left one pl. 714888 ⊙ D coy mortars at 706769 one pl. HMG of D coy with MACK FORCE on the beach HQ coy less A & B pls 725879 ⊙ D coy HQ at 952875 A & P pl. at 725876 ⊙ TAYLOR HQ at 725875 ⊙ MED. asdst. at 725875 24 PH. at 745847 addition A coy 116 MED at 725875 one offr 6 men 5 PIB of I & R pl. left 714888 1520 hrs for recce carrier & Mt TAMBU present location unknown ⊙ D and R pl. less recce party at 725875 ⊙ TAYLOR FORCE native carriers at 704876
1228	14/7	MACK REAR	1905	2030	465	Sitrep no 65 as of 1600 hrs one Jap killed today at DINGA PT
1229	14/7	3 Dw		2000	0667	Ack your C9/33 of 11 July
1230	14/7	MACK	1835	1910	148	C coy pl. at former Jap camp 717894 with outpost at 718805 ⊙ Found well used Jap track through above camp NE along 2000 contour to 719897 thence WEST along NORTH bank of un-named ck. to 711895 thence approx due NORTH ⊙ Patrol of 4 I & R men with PIB reconnoitring above track as possible route to Mt TAMBU area further details on track when patrol returns est. 15 July
1231	~~14/7~~ 12/7	MACK	2400	2005 14/14	428	Sitrep 55 as of 2400 hrs ⊙ No change

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TO LADO

FROM MACK | Originator's Number — | Date 11 | In Reply to Number —

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Situep 450 as 4. 1500 hrs
O further report Top positions
6988 74 strength HQ
dug in armed mortars MG grenades
mortars. particularly effective O 2 A Coy
reports 3 fires and George
Pyrone KITCHEN BLIGHT CKS activity
Cara observe north endof WOODY ISLAND
Royce and gardens pumps Rolls
GREEN HILL
Willys O No activity on
These pantry at

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1232	14/7		2/5 Bn	1800	1900	0589	Sitrep 41 as at 1800 hrs ⊙ Recce patrol NORTH along main track discovered large unoccupied enemy camp at 703896 ⊙ Captured documents being fwd further details later
1233	14/7		2/5 Bn	1630	1925	0587	Sitrep 40 as at 1600 hrs ⊙ 2/5 bn at 701882 ⊙ A coy at 701883 ⊙ D coy at 704887 with standing patrol NORTH along main track and to locate track EAST towards OP not yet returned
1234	14/7		MTN. BTY	1740	1910	X485	Sitrep ⊙ No change ⊙ Bty recce party recced from BUIGAP BITOI junc to a posn 500 yds NORTH of BUIALANG CK ⊙ This area is very unsuitable for arty ⊙ A posn 700881 which after considerable clearing may prove suitable
1235	14/7	2/6 Bn		2000		0666	Ack your G1/1/14 of 14 July copies 13 14 and 15
1236	14/7		2/6 Bn	1800	1905	I494	Sitrep 52 to 1800 "/14 ⊙ A coy nothing to report ⊙ B coy ⊙ Patrol from B coy 1 bn contacted their A coy at approx 598875 ⊙ Remainder B coy 1 bn now at 695869 ⊙ Salvaging of enemy eqpt proceeding ⊙ C coy ⊙ Coy HQ 13 pl now at 695865 14 pl 695857 15 pl 692870 4 pl at BASE ⊙ Tomorrow coy HQ to move to STONY CK ⊙ 13 pl to move to 694868 owing to unsuitability of present posn ⊙ D coy no change
1237	14/7	3 Dw of 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns MACKECKNIE		2010		I885	Sitrep 184 to 1900 "/14 ⊙ 2/5 bn HQ 701882 ⊙ A coy at 701883 ⊙ D coy at 704887 ⊙ Recce patrol discovered large unoccupied enemy camp at 703896 ⊙ BENNET FORCE at 1715 "/13 ⊙ Enemy in unknown strength GOODVIEW JUNC on EAST WEST RIDGE with HMG and mortar ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn 600 yds SOUTH of junc. commanding KOMIATUM track ⊙ B coy 2/5 bn with one pl 2/3 Indep Coy. 600 yds. WEST GOODVIEW JUNC ⊙ PM 14 July one Jap straggler killed KOMIATUM track ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn patrolled 500 yds SOUTH along MUBO track without contact but found numerous dead Japs previously killed by 2/3 Indep Coy ⊙ 162 Regt ⊙ Further to sitrep 183 track now reported to run from Jap camp 717894 along 2000 ft contour to 719897 thence along NORTH bank of CK to 711895 ⊙ Track then continues NORTH ⊙ Further recce by patrol expected to return 15 July all informed

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TO MACK RPTD LAPO

FROM TAYLOR 3	Originator's Number	Date 11	In Reply to Number

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~~GEORGE~~ A Coy	Sent	~~Out~~		5
GEORGE	sent	a	15	man 10
patrol	went	to	cross	between 15
the	footbridges	cross	bungap	creek 20
& contact	appears	on	west	at 25
1250 hrs	@ This	patrol	contacted	advance 30
party	of	large	force	of 35
Japs	moving	N.E.	and	were 40
forced	Ao	withdraw	1400 &	1500 hrs 45
@ This	patrol	was reinforced	by mortar	fire 50
& men	from A Coy	@ D Coy Target	giving	mortar 55
support	at 1440 hrs	fired 60 mls	on target	@ No 60
further	information	odin This	Face 5704896	4 REPT 65
pl left 5	men move	North	to LAPEPCK	Base 70
1430 hrs @	They will	occupy ambush	posn on	a track 75
track with	a mission	to ambush	any enemy	trying 80
to escape	from Turbo	area and	recce area	5704896 85
to find	track to	MT THAMBU @	A GEORGES pl	NEWPECK 90
on Route	to join	George	was ordered	when it was 95
to NEW C Coy	MAN area &	form a perimeter	defence	to return 100
A Newman	pl at 7148	57	reported in	with 105
@	LOFP 23	@ Pl	there at 1450 hrs	
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F	1526	Taylor									

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1238	14/7		MACK REAR	1905	2030	—	To 17 Bde. C coy pl reports 2 Jap bwouac areas about 100 men each at 714889 and 717898 ⊙ Track used by both groups follows round NORTH crest of ridge at 717898 twds. Mt TAMBU these posns were not dug in ⊙ These areas have not been occupied since 12-13 July ⊙ A coy reports 300-400 fresh jap graves in area of perimeter reported on 13 July Lieut GRAY of A coy reports log bridge across BUIGAPCK at 703885 and track running along NORTH side " " to 700894 where it recrossed to def B track ⊙ A coy reports Jap bombers dropped 6 bombs on PIMPLE
1239	14/7		15 Bde	1950	2050	0647	Sitrep 134 to 1930K/14 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ A coy ⊙ 9 pl. fired on from vicinity ORODUBI 0730K/14 ⊙ B coy. NMS till 1200K ⊙ Enemy mtn gun fired shells 0700K/14 8 shells 0830K/14 ⊙ 1500K/14 B coy attacked posn. 703954 advanced on WEST flank and to NORTH ⊙ Enem active our casualties one wounded ⊙ Mtn gun shelled 16 to 1700K/14 ⊙ C and D coys. no reports to hand ⊙ 2/3 Indep co coy HQ WELLS OP ⊙ A pl WELLS junc 685926 ⊙ B pl 20 mins SOU. WELLS junc ⊙ C pl. 20 mins NORTH WELLS junc ⊙ 7 men in NAMLING ⊙ guides remaining BENNET FORCE until comd familiar area ⊙ I coy 24 bn ⊙ 18 pl. recce SE of BURRIS R from HOTE to WO BURRIS R junc 642993 no track found
1240	14/7	3 Div	~~3 Div~~	0845		I886	Ref our sitrep 182 ⊙.
1241	14/7	MACK FORCE		2050		0668	Task TAYLOR FORCE 15 July ⊙ Hold line BUIEOCK ⊙ Patrol along tracks to NORTH and NORTH EAST ⊙ Continue preparations for fwd mvt to Mt TAMBU GOODVIEW junc area
~~1242~~	~~14/7~~		~~3 Div~~	~~1055K/14~~	~~2005~~	~~DHV 243 or 268~~	Capt
1242	14/7	MACK		2110K/14		0669	TAYLOR will have small contact patrol to meet 2/5 bn at 703896 and guide them on to track leading NE to Mt TAMBU at 0900 hrs 15 July
1243	14/7		2/5 bn	1930	2130	0590	Further to our 0529 ⊙ Camp discovered at 703891 AM as previously stated ⊙ Recently used tracks leading ESE found this point ⊙ A coy moving along this track towards TAMBU AM 15 July ⊙ A coy (US) contacted mouth BUIKUMBUL PM today
1244	14/7		2/5 bn	1700	2130	A1	Ack 0661

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GEORGE	pl	now	at	14887 LOI-PZB	5
waiting	three	for	radios	before	10
reporting	Coy A George	©	Casualties	3	15
KIA	7 WIA 5	MIA ©	6 Japs	Known	20
killed	unknown	number	killed	and	25
wounded	©	Lost	1	60	30
mm	mortar	©	Only	1	35
mortar	left	with	A Coy georges	©	40
Fired	24	rds	81	mm	45
mortar	on	target	in	area	50
at	RJ2P3L 97877	from	1000	hrs	55
to	1015	hrs ©	Unknown	results	60
©	Kitchen B Coy	pl	returned	to	65
unit	at	ag 50	his	Capitala	70
Now	with	kitchen B Coy	at	LHIKPDC	75
©	1	pl	B Coy Kitchen	left	80
at	1030	hrs	to	area	85
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1245	14/7		2/5 bn.	1725	2130	M5588	Strong fighting patrol leaving 2/5 area first light 15 July ○ Object & Contact BENNET force ○ Route ○ Main track MUBO KOMIATUM ○ ETA not before 0900
1246	14/7	3 Div		2135		0670	Patrols from ROOSENELT report PM 14 July CAPE DINGA BASSIS villages 039400 area now clear of enemy ○ Jap killed that area AM 14 July
1247	14/7		BENNET FORCE	1800	2205	B5	Situ as to 1800 H/14 Enemy & Patrol from STEPHENS track posn penetrated to within 50 yds Jap posn GOODVIEW junc considerable noise and chopping ○ Our troops ○ bay will patrol SOUTH along KOMIATUM track H/15
1248	13/7		MACK	1200	2300 H/14	—	Situ as 58 to 1200 H/13040 offrs 18 EM 16 port. hosp. 100 natives arrived NASSAU daylight
1248	13/7		MACK	1700/13	2335/14	433	second & last part ○ C coy 2/6 left 714857 at 1625 en route 700877 to set up rr/column ○ 1 pl B coy en route 695868 from 716819 ○ 2 pl B coy en route 725875 from 743777 ○ 1 pl O by by MG see attached to each A & B coys ○ 2 pl C coy met enemy 1105 hrs TUESDAY 714883 ○ enemy strength unknown but determined sporadic fire by 2 pls ○ 1 pl fell back to perimeter 714881 enemy unknown strength ○ 2 pls ○ 1 pl attacked perimeter ○ destroyed number ○ have 1 MG 2 knee mortars possibly est ○ situation will be handed
~~1249~~	~~13/7~~	TAYLOR 2/5 & 2/6 MACK		1010/7		0624	TAYLOR FORCE will be responsible for clearing the enemy from area of C
1249	13/7		MACK	1700/13	2305/14	433	situ 5.7 to 0800 hrs ○ PIB pushing north should arrive high ground overlooking DOT INLET 15 Jul later task to establish on LOKANU SPUR 762963 & on SCOTT HILL later ○ 1 pl C coy & 1 pl A coy in perimeter at 714878 ○ to last night estimated force of 80 JAPS with 3 LMG 2 knee mortars ○ additional JAPS reported killed at 1029 hrs ○ No additional casualties of own at this time ○ A coy 1 pl at 695876 killed 1 straggler ○ 1 pl B coy at 695869 in contact with strength now dug in at head KOMIATUM track ○ 1 pl C coy reported missing at 1750 contact lost with platoon at 714886 at 1010 en route 604896

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TO MAJ. DEPT. APO

FROM TAYLOR 3

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~~Phone~~	platoon	from	C Coy	arrived	5
~~PHH~~ Coy	LOFP2B	1703 hrs	and	formed	10
defense	near	perimeter	A Coy	and	15
C Coy	platoon	no contact	with	kitchen	20
platoon	that	moved	to	RIVER ~~CK~~	25
returned	at	695800	to	take	30
~~Pltp~~	defense	positions	stop	A Coy	35
reports	~~it~~ 6 ~~Jeeps~~	killed	by	Rifle	40
fire	during	afternoon	engagement	and	45
unobserved	results	of	mortar	and	50
artillery	fire	casualties	and	squeals	55
came	from	shelling		stop	60
Sqn	supported	missing	from	George	65
reported	to	his 714887	platoon	at	70
1740 hrs	at	LOFP2B ~~LOFP2B~~	stop	mortar	75
otherwise	~~at~~ stop				80
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1250	14/7	15 Bde	2135	2300	0752	ref my 0641 O 2/3 Indep coy report relief complete O 5 guides left to assist coml in area O GOODVIEW JUNC coml no under 17 bde O 15 Bde sig offr sent no 11 set to BENNET from K/14 O L/T comms to this HQ taken over intact O all ack
1251	14/7	3 Div	0830/14		03985	secret O sitrep 200 to 0800K/14 O MISSIM area O 1200K/13 JAP ambush located 690932 O 1615K/13 ~~JAP~~ 1745K/13 20 JAPS in consultation ORODUBI O disposns 58/59 bn at 2359K/13 O BHQ 682977 O HQ A coy 697948 O 7 pl 697947 O 8 pl 701950 O 9 pl 696945 O B coy less two pls 703954 O 10 pl & 11 pl 702955 O HQ C coy 698964 O 13 pl 691938 O 14 pl 698949 O 15 pl 697965 O HQ D coy 694975 O 16 pl 698974 O 17 pl 699964 O 18 pl 696974 O HQ 2/3 Indep coy BASE 4 O C pl 685926 O 1345/13 B coy 2/5 bn arrived BASE 4 O 0700K/14 mtn bty gun fired 7 shells into area 703955 all in fined
1252	14/7	MACK	2045	2300	150	corrections to TAYLOR sitrep as of 1800 hrs as follows cols one pl D coy said to be on beach is now at 733865 also 24 PORT HOSP at same area O report from combat & recce patrol from C coy discloses that track formerly reported as following around crest of ridge at 718894 passing northward to MT TAMBU is erroneous instead track follows around crest from RIDGE POINT to head of first unknamed creek O it then moves west as far as 1500 feet contour line then it turns northward & follows 1500 ft contour O patrol reports track to be well repaired route of withdrawal & there are signs of about 500 men having past over the track recently O probably within last few days O large amount of equipt found along track indicating tps tired O indication show large amount of dysentery amongst the tps

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FROM 11 aust inf bde

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one	duration	of	attack	two	5
minutes	0	direction	of	attack	10
line	HOUSE	MANGO	to	SADDLE	15
making	one	shallow	dive	from	20
medium	height	dropping	bombs	SADDLE	25
and	bearing	sloping	⊙	three	30
approached	from	EAST	dual	lefthand	35
circle	NW	to	SW	⊙	40
then	approached	as	in	one	45
above	⊙	number	of	a/c	50
Sex	believed	type	LIKE	with	55
definite	double	taper	wings	slim	60
fuselage	and	one	gun	rear	65
each	wing	top	⊙	sixteen	70
fighter	escort	⊙	time	of	75
attack	should	read	0905	hrs.	80
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1253	14/7	MACK	1025/14	0845/15	458 9 lt bombers altitude unknown direction of flight west to east rounded NASSAU BAY at 0850 dropped 4 bombs approx half mile above ANGAU camp on BITOI RIVER at 8028330 AA engaged no result
1254	14/7	3 Dw	2040	2300	03953 secret sitrep 202 to 2000K/14 0 MISSIM area 0 1645K/13 Bfl 2/3 indep coy arrived GOODVIEW CAMP approx 6989100 ref sitrep 1200 0 corrected map ref BHQ 58/59 bn 6769740 1343 to 1400K/14 6 BOSTONS bombed & strafed ORODUBIO one bomb on ridge 0 5 unobserved 0 strafing very accurate 0 MUBO area C coy AIB report 1 native soldier watch BOISI but did NOT see any JAPS but says one canoe containing 5 JAPS moving from BUIAMBUN to DOT ISLAND & also large fires at LOKANU I 0 OC coy believes enemy preparing def forms at LOKANU I with post as far south as BUIAMBUN 0 0830K/14 enemy aircraft believed type VAL dropped 4 bombs & belly tanks vicinity 8058310 5 AA at NASSAU BAY engaged A/C 0 0840K/14 6 type LILY dropped 18 bombs & lightly strafed vicinity MUBO airfield WOODY ISLAND VICKERS RIDGE 0 NO Damage or casualties 0 mots taking place am Jul 14 0 one pl coy A162 regt from 714887 to 6958760 coy B less one pl to 6958680 coy C arrived NASSAU BAY 0 coy C now complete at 7148880 patrol from Coy C reports 2 unoccupied bivouac sites each of 100 capacity at 717898 & 714898 sites connected by track starting at 717898 which lead towards TAMBU 0 patrol coy B reached MATMAT via BITOI RIDGE no mot seen 0 am 14 Jul 5 offrs 1330R coy C arrived NASSAU BAY 0 coy K en route LAKE SALUS area 0 disposes 2/6 bn 0 A coy less 2 pls PIMPLE 0 13 pl GREEN HILL 0 15 pl 6928700 D coy less two pls 6808750 17 pl 6868750 18 pl clearing

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TO 3 and div rpts 15 bde 2/8 bn 2/6 bn 2/7 bn MACKECHNIE TAYLOR

FROM 17 aust inf bde

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Situation	180	to	1900 K/13	0	5
168	Right	0	following	enemy	10
shoot	situation	179	two	pls	15
Coy	C	occupied	area	714888	20
at	1400 K/13	and	reported	area	25
clear	0	agressive	patrolling	Contacts	30
0	OBSERVATION	HILL	0	A	35
Coy	2/6	Bn	[illegible] less	[illegible] 8	40
pl	683867	[illegible] 8	pl	683864	45
0	B	Coy	less	12	50
pl	692870	12	pl	690875	55
0	D	Coy	2/6	Bn	60
less	one	see	683869	one	65
sec	679880	0	rep	situation	70
179	patrol	down	BUIEO	towards	75
BUIGAP	unsuccessful	returned	1815 K/13	0	80
GREEN LABUSIA	RIDGE	0	1530 K/13	C	85
Coy	patrolling	from	GREEN	HILL	90
towards	BUIGAP	0	planting	patrols	95
from	PIMPLE	report	area	clear	100
0	enemy				105
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1254	14/7	✓ continued				MUBO sitrep 0 300 fresh JAP graves found in BUIGAP VALLEY between BUISAVELLA & BUIAWANG CCFS all exhumed
1256	14/7	✓ R.A.T. J.H.T.	41 US Div	1620/14 2320/4	447	sitrep 59 as at 1600 hrs 0 NGF report 2 barges on beach TAMBU BAY near house 747988 0 NO plot of cached B25 pilot picked up by native canoe 0 LOVELL coy has patrolled all of DINGA PT & found only 1 JAP who died on way back to coast to beach DUALI & SALUS suicide cut off 0 HITCHCOCK reports probably 200 JAPS landed LOKANU 1 headed inland 0 sounded SALUS LAKE & INLET found suitable for supply dump & barge hideout
1256	14/7 ✓		MACKREL 2002	2002 30/54	69	sitrep NO 66 as of 2000 hrs TAYLOR FORCE will move from present area to area MT TAMBU no move before 17 Jul 0 on arrival area MT TAMBU GOODVIEW JUNC TAYLOR FORCE must be prepared to move northward by motor 0 arrange supply system & carrier bns accordingly 0 effective 16 Jul 0 coy 2/6 Bn is placed under command of 2/6 Bn to move with them in a NE direction 0 remainder TAYLOR FORCE will move on or after 17 Jul along KOMIATUM track to MT TAMBU JUNC 768917 & be prepared to move from there on order in NE direction 0 responsibility for supply & evacuation which will be extremely difficult has been placed upon TAYLOR 0 order from NGF to the effect that 3 Bn & cannon & arty bty 105/5 & AA unit & all service elements are placed under MACK & become a part of MACK FORCE
1257	14/7		MACK	0030/14	62470	request fighter cover over LABABIA ISLAND at daylight 15 Jul to support of landing 0 request has also been made to Allies due to strong element
1258	14/7		MACK	1230	457	sitrep 63 as to 0800 hrs 0 changes 0800 hrs
1259	14/7		MACK	2105	151	further to our 1480 sitrep no 67 a patrol of 1 & R/6 on beach 1 other 6 EMs 5 PIB instead of 4 EMs & PIB as reported

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Also W/T (AAC Sqn) ops		any	0482 T	2	5
detail out of all book		of		panel	10
drop	as	from	as	plane	15
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1260	15/7	3 Div	0014	02953	secret sitrep 203 to 2300K/14 0 ref map #2 1/25000 series 0 15 Bde 0700K/14 9 pl A coy 58/59 bn fired on from vicinity OROBUBIO ref sitrep 200 0 enemy mtn gun fired 0700 to 0830K/14 again fired 1630 to 1700K/14 0 1500K/14 B coy attacked enemy posns 702954 from south & west flank 0 enemy snipers encountered 0 our casualties 1 wounded 0 disposns 2/3 Ind coy 0 coy HQ WELLS OP 687928 0 A pl WELLS JUNC 685986 0 B pl approx 684918 0 C pl 691935 0 17 Bde gp 0 disposns 2/5 bn 0 BHQ 701882 0 A coy 701883 0 D coy 704887 0 patrol discovered large unoccupied enemy camp at 703896 0 ref sitrep 202 0 track now reported to run from 717094 along 2000 ft contour to 719897 then along North bank of ck to 711893 track then continues north 0 BENNETT FORCE 0 171514/13 C coy 2/5 bn 600 yds south GOODVIEW JUNC 0 B coy 2/5 bn 600 yds west of jun 0 enemy strength NOT known with HMG & mortar in pos on east west ridge at GOODVIEW JUNC 0 14 Jul 0 1 JAP killed on KOMIATUM TRACK 0 C coy 2/5 bn patrolled 500 yds south along KOMIATUM track 0 no contact with enemy but numerous enemy bodies previously killed by 2/7 Ind coy found 0 am 14 Jul patrol 3 bn 162 Regt killed 1 JAP in BASSIS villages area 0 pm 14 Jul CAPE DINGA BASSIS villages area reported clear of enemy by 3 bn 162 US regt patrols all informed
1261	15/7	3 Div etc	0725	1888	sitrep 185 to 0700K/14 0 BENNETT FORCE to 1800K/14 0 patrol from STEPHENS TRACK pos reached within 50 yds JAP pos GOODVIEW JUNC when much noise & chopping heard 0 other areas silent
1262	15/7	3 Div MAC	0130	0671	MACK advises his tps are landing LABABIA 15 Jul 0 due time factor MACK has requested air cover to protect landing through 41 US Div 0 advise urgently TOT of cover if approved

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O	2	barges	seen	steaming
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1263	15/7	MACKREAR	0616		472	situ as 68 as of 0400 hrs no change
1264	15/7	MACK 3	0735		154	situ unchanged as of 0600 hrs
1265	15/7	MACK REAR	0617	0712	471	situ 67 as of 2400 hrs no change
1266	15/7	2/6	0625		1496	situ 63 to 0600 hrs to Gusika
1267	15/7	2/5	0630		0591	situ 42 as at 0600 hrs 6 m/l a/c passed overhead 0600 hrs
1268	15/7	MACK	0625	0730		situ 68 as of 0600 hrs no change
1269	15/7	3 Div			0802	~~acknowledge~~ ack your G 9/33
1270	15/7	15 Bde	0743	0810	0658	Situ 1350 0700 "15 0558/59 bn 0930 "14 8 pl attached by pfp 701950 withdrew 2130 "14 fighting patrols from A and B coys moved to recapture posn No further details B coy pfp active to NORTH of coy posn 14/15 July 2/3 Indep coy no reports received
1271	15/7	BENNETT FORCE	0700	0845	BI	Situ as to 0700 "15 no change
1272	15/7	15 Bde	0907	~~0940~~	0672	Many thanks
1273	14/7	3 Div	0815	0905	03759	Three fighter squadrons in WAU BULOLO area at approx 0715 hrs this force can be diverted if troops landing LABABIA IS. be attacked
1274	15/7	MACK	0720		1555	The following message received from MACK rear at 0200 hrs 15 July by Capt. CAWLFIELD of 17 bde. by telephone 0251 hrs is for your infm. quote to general COANE 3 bn is not part of MACK FORCE It is not under comd. of 3 Aust Div or 17 bde Al-viceroy is at present conferring with the GOC NGF relative your force mission until some time and the NQ informs you to the contrary you will comply with letter of instrs. given you and any orders issued by this HQ since your departure from there Confusion due to 3 Div and 17 bde not having received copy of letter of instruction due to comm. difficulty I understand your difficulty and have utmost confidence in your ability to solve this Signed FULLER at 1730 hrs unquote
1275	15/7	2/6 Bn	0901	0930	1500	situ 64 to 0900 "15 Nothing to report

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at C 1010 enroute 704896 LHFPCK ⊙ 14887 LOFPZB
ROBSON flat NEWMAN left 700877 NHJPBL to
at 1225 enroute one
act u/r ambush L ⊙ 695868 RBDRZ
flat opn 700869 B KITCHEN enroute
from LHKPDC ⊙ two squads
2 KITCHEN enroute to 125803 LIMAPBR from
LVY2GB 143847 ⊙ one D FAGUE HMG
see attached to each C A GEORGE
Aroc KITCHEN ⊙ KDESS ROBSON
flat to met enemy 1105 his
LUVPZT 714883 ⊙ enemy strength C/Bmen
last being enemy determined a sporadic
firing ⊙ C KDESS flats
defensive Kennimeter 714886 LUVPZD enemy an known
strength deployed appearing large number
⊙ Kaiue one MG two
knee mortars possibly ⊙ ⊙
situation well in Kanae 1
115
120
125
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1276	15/7	3 Div	0830	0930	03957 Secret ⊙ Sitrep 204 to 0800hr/15 ⊙ WATUT VALLEY ⊙ Ref ROAMER 1" ⊙ Disposn B coy 57/60 bn 12 pl. 984288 11 pl 988297 015 bde area ⊙ 1800hr/14 Rear HQ 15 bde closed MISSIM ⊙ HQ 15 bde complete now at NUNNS POST ⊙ Ref Sitrep 2030 ⊙ B coy 58/59 bn advanced 400 yds and were still in contact with enemy ⊙ At 1030hr/14 pl at 701950 were attacked by enemy and withdrew ⊙ 2130hr/14 fighting patrol from A and B coys moved out towards these posns all informed
1277	15/7	2/5 bn.	0900	0930	0592 Sitrep as at 0900 hrs ⊙ A coy moved out 0830 hrs ⊙ Fighting patrol contacted BENNET FORCE 0845 hrs. approx. area 703911 ⊙ confirmation of area and further details awaited
1278	15/7	TAYLOR 3	0900	1010	— C coy on route to secure line of ck from 707895 to 722896 ⊙ line changed otherwise
1279	15/7	3 Div	0940	1010	03962 Further to my 03947 ONGF advise that one member of crew was reported I 882 to be in SALUS village ⊙ Can you confirm this
1280	15/7	3 Div	0940	1010	03963 Ref of control US Hps. NASSAU BAY area ⊙ Clarification of cond removing slightest EMERG OPS semblance of dual is urgent ⊙ Plans to defeat and destroy enemy in MUBO area have been effected ⊙ Present situation and Hp. mnts in hand expected to obtain similar results and demands single cond of all Hps. alloted this area ⊙ That control must be in hands of local cond responsible for success of ops ⊙ It is emphasised that any guarantee for success under any other arrangements can NOT be given ⊙ Implicit reliance may be placed on tactful handling of Allied conds by this HQ Ack
1281	15/7	MACK	0930	1010	157 Sitrep as of 0900 hrs 15 July ⊙ no change
1282	15/7	3 Div	1001	1035	03964 Landing on LAGABIA ISLAND NOT considered desirable ⊙ necessary by this HQ ⊙ advise situation & circumstances leading to decision to undertake this operation ⊙ Channel for request for air support MACK FORCE has already been clearly defined ⊙ It is NOT understood why in this case request was passed through HQ 3 Div due to time factor as above operation was apparently deliberately conceived
1283	15/7	MACK	0820	1115	480 one LCM landed LAGABIA ISLAND at 0700 hrs ⊙ men of G coy cond Lieut TOWNSEND 10 mins only preparation land 'down ⊙ patrol of Island started ⊙ NO info of results as yet ⊙ will advise as soon as possible

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TO 17 Bde

FROM MACK

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427	17	

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Strep	54 at	2000 hrs	⊙	PIB	5
patrolling	NORTH	LAKE	SALUS	1 pl	10
at	780900	NORTH	at	784907	15
1 pl	⊙	Evidence	previous	Japs	20
occupation	recently	deserted	⊙	PIB	25
reports	Japs	burning	BOISI	⊙	30
1 pl	PIB	at	783907	2	35
section	at	780900	⊙	Enemy	40
outpost	7729 98? 13?	enemy	fire	76(?)86	45
and	14994?	⊙	Patrol	to	50
BOISI	reached	lagoon	guard	outpost	55
manned	(escorted	by ?)	HITCHCOCK	suggest	60
Coy	Lake			fifty	65
783907	at	783907	⊙	another	70
patrol	heard	evacuation	trail	to	75
764595	trail	still	going	NORTH	80
⊙	PIB	men	holding	these	85
positions	tent	wounded	the	happy	90
receive	support	men	dried	worn	95
out	need	rest	or	reinforce-	100
men	⊙	of	C Coy	killed	105
13	Japs	at	718895	loss	110
1	killed	and 1	wounded	⊙ 1 pl	115
B Coy	out	track	at	695869	120
40 to	50	Japs	killed	by arty	at 696875 125
(Message very corrupt	a Lot	being	wounded)		130

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1284	15/7	MACK REAR	0800 1115	481	sitrep 692 as of 0800 hrs ⊙ correction to 0800 hrs ⊙ corrections to Taylors sitrep 1800 hrs 14 Jul as follows ⊙ 1 pl D coy said to be on beach is now at 733865 also 24 PORT HOSP at same area report from combat & recce pl from C coy disposed at track formerly reported as following round crest of ridge at 718894 & north track to MT TAMBU erroneous instead track follows around crest from ridge point to head of first unnamed creek ⊙ it then moves west as far as 1500 ft contour line when it turns northward & follows 1500 ft contour ⊙ patrol reports track to be well repaired route of withdrawal & there are signs of about 500 men having passed over the track recently ⊙ probably within the last few days ⊙ large amount of eqpt found along track indication tps tired & shows large amount of dysentery ⊙ C coy pl at former JAP camp 717894 with out post at 708895 ⊙ found well used JAP track leading through above camp northerly along 2000 ft contour to 719897 hence west along north bank of unnamed ck to 751895 four R men with I & R P/B recce above track as possible route to MT TAMBU area ⊙ further details on track when patrols return ⊙
1285	15/7 2/5 2/6 all units under cond		0700	1887	secret password from 1800K/15 to 1800K/16 SICILY
1286	15/7 3 Div		1145	0673	landing was planned & carried out by ROOSEVELT without knowledge or consent MACK or this HQ ⊙ request for air cover was sent direct to 41 US Div by ROOSEVELT ⊙ MACK FORCE funded request through correct channels as soon as they were advised of ROOSEVELT activities ⊙ one pl ROOSEVELT landed LABABIA IS 0700K/15 ⊙ result of ops not yet known
1287	14/7	MACK FORCE	2236 K/14 1210K/15	473	your msge received re NEW COMD STATUS ⊙ urgently request your aid in obtaining 400 additional native carriers and essential sweaters blankets ground sheets for 900 ⊙ will submit outline plan of operations and supply by night 15 Jul ⊙ displacement of BURLEBACH bty will be much handicapped due to lack of carriers ⊙

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TO KHPO

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MHCK.	123	13	—

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following message was received and
is based on information QUOTE CAPT for COFFEE
your refer MUBO mark 1/25000 ©
25000 message acknowledged your telephone
message requiring coastal information ©
track DUALI To SITUS suitable
for can to only © 2
© haversack trail on camel
IN side SALVS LAKE 780920
HILL vicinity ©
3 © HITCHCOCK Akonts inhabited
700 Sapo Landed KOKANU NO
1 headed inland perhaps to
KOMIATUM 4 © no information
on inland trail natives to
coast © 9 © have
sounded SALVS. LAKE land INLET
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MIKESELL 0100 hours UNQUOTE

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1287 (cont) carrier breakdown tomorrow 105 carrying supplies from hill to 1st Bn 30 litter bearers with portable hospital 30 with PIB 115 on jeep road 70 recovering supplies 70 sick 130 carrying supplies from jeep head to hill 480 total ⊙ recommend you detach TAYLOR BN 24 hosp + BURLEBACH bty from this comd until present MISSION completed and that you assume responsibility of for supply of rations amn and other supplies north of River June release 200 of above carriers to use for coastal mvt ⊙ we will maintain comn to and at RIVER June + fwd for that was as required by you.

1288 15/7 2/5 bn 1200 1230 0593 sitrep 44 to 1200 K/15 ⊙ sitnor

1289 15/7 2/6 bn 1200 1250 I501 sitrep 65 to 1200 K/15 ⊙ LABABIA OP reports 0625 K/15 US arty fired some rds on LABABIA ISLAND after which MB moved out to ISLAND ⊙ patrol 97 out 0700 K/15 in 1000 K/15 object to see if mule track could be necessary to cut track ⊙ C Coy disposes ⊙ Coy HQ 692865 ⊙ 13 pl 694868 ⊙ 14 pl PIMPLE ⊙ 15 pl 693869. BITOI RIVER from RIVER JUNC to give BITOI BUIGAP

1290 15/7 ROOSEVELT 0152 1245 N51 copy held by BM

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TO NGF HQ Div 17 Bde

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
3 Div	03914	13	

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Strips	197	2/10	1400/13	O
MARKHAM	AREA O	06/0/13	Sqd	
A/C	flew	over	BUANG	ambush
position	in	direction	SALAMAUA	O
MISSIM	AREA O	0700/12	D	coy
24	Bn	established	OP	at
698027	SALAMAUA	1/25000	O	1800/12
B	Coy	58/595	Bn	report
enemy	attack	in	position	70(?)54
KOMIATUM	1/25000	O	B coy	less
1 pl	at	879954	O	2045/12
13 pl	C	encircled	AO	NANKING
14	pl	moved	AO	GWAILOLON
O 0545	13 pl	& pl	H coy	moved
AO	ERSKINE	CREEK	O	WELLS
O.P.	1900	AO 1900/12	12	just
hourly	Kaidum	SOUTH	over	foot
Artillery	mouth	FRANCISCO	O	12
gaps	moved	NORTH	O	MUBO
area	O after	noon	12 pl July	O Patrol
from	B coy	2/5	report	VIVIAN
AO	698027	MUBO	1/25000	clear
of	convoy	O	0605/13	1
side	A/C	over	BITOI	BRIDGE
and	OBSERVATION HILL		all	informed

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1290	15/7	MACK	1200	1340	4 89	situation 70 as of 1200 hrs 0 4 4/1 o/c with appearance of ZEROS but somewhat larger dived on boats & barges in LASANGA BAY 0 planes driven off with fire from boats
1292	15/7	TAYLOR	1200	1340	62486	situation unchanged 1200 hrs.
1293	15/7 3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 MACK FORCE		1330		1890	situ 186 to 1230K/15 0 162 Regt 0 track from 717894 reported situ 184 in good repair recently used by large number lrs 0 large amount expt found & indications that enemy suffering dysentry 0 party I & R pl with PIB guides reccing track towards FARAU 0 coy A less two pls 699872 0 two pls coy A 696876 Bty 695769 0 C coy less one pl 714888 ~~one pl 714888~~ ~~one pl 717895 0 HQ coy less one pl 717895 0 24 pdr det 698675~~ two & amm 725879 two & amm pl 725876 0 patrol coy C moved from 707895 to 722896 0 0700K/15 one pl Coy G 3 bn landed LABABIA ISLAND following 10 mins arty barrage 0 2/5 bn 0 A coy left bivouac area 0830K/15 0 0845K/15 fighting patrol contacted BENNETT FORCE approx area 703911 all informed
1294	15/7	15 Bde	1315	1350	0660	situ 136 1230K/15 0 58/59 bn 0 A coy 0 1200K/14 TAP off the field documents collected 0 0830K/15 mtn gun 15 shells into 698482 wounded patrol to C coy nothing to report 0 no report from composite pl engaging enemy ERSKINE CK 0 B coy 0 enemy digging in ERSKINE CK area 0 C coy 0 enemy felling trees digging OLD DICKERS POSN D coy 1130K/15 18 pl mortar 12 bombs on NORTH COCONUTS 0 2/3 fd coy 0 0700K/15 3 sec left WELLS OP for NAMLING 0 WELLS OP 0 1150K/15 six BOSTONS and 18 mtn gun all bombs 150 yds west of gun which is east of track 0 several stuffing rats ORODUBI JUNC ERSKINE CK KOMIATUM track
1295	15/7 MACK		1410		1891	please advise time of enemy action and any further details 489
1296	15/7 MACK		1405		0674	reforacted 625 ONGF advise that one member of crew was reported to be in SALUS village 0 can you confirm and supply further details.

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TO Rptd 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div

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03918	13	—

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Secret	O	Situation	195	45	5
2000 4/13	-O	SALAMAUA	OP	during	10
air	attack	1000 4/13	bombs	landed	15
at	Quarry	Hitmen	and	4 from	20
MACDONALDS	JUNC	to	KELA	O	25
3	large	hut	below	quarry	30
destroyed	O	MARIAM	AREA		35
R31	one	two	are	direct	40
flare		to	star		45
yds	track	of	BUANG	ambush	50
from	O	Hitmen	AREA	ED	55
1029	1047	O	GUALBOM	Kela	60
during	air	attack	SALAMAUA	airfield	65
and	Hitmen	bombs	field	74 9948	70
74 9948	74 9042	SALAMAUA	KOMIATUM	4/2 1000	75
O	strike	planes	south	of	80
W/T	station	2	1000 4/13	GD	85
PO	2/3	Mdap	Corps	left	90
GOODVIEW	JUNC	area	on	route	95
WELLS	OP	4?	are	14	100
left	still	one	pass	reckons	105
track	approx	104916	KOMIATUM	1/2 5000	110
NE	3	TAMBU	SADDLE	exchanged	120
about	with	flags	east	of	125
KOMIATUM	and	returned		base	130

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1297	15/7		3 Div	1358	1520	61213	ref our 61208 on 12 Jul acks not received
1298	15/7		3 Div	1437	1552	0395	secret ⊙ sitrep 205 to HQ 00K/15 ⊙ LAE OP ⊙ 0600K/15 approx 16 barges in LAE HARBOUR ⊙ 15 bde ⊙ 1200K/14 A boy 58/59 bn killed one jap OP ⊙ 0830K/15 inf gun fired 15 shells into 698948 ⊙ our casualties 2 wounded ⊙ B Coy reports enemy digging in ERSKINE CK area ⊙ composite pl engaging them ⊙ enemy are felling trees and digging in ⊙ OLD VICKERS posn 1150K/15 18 pl mortar fired 12 pounds in north COCONUTS ⊙ 1150K/15 6 bostons bombed KOMIATUM track ⊙ all bombs approx 150 yds west of enemy inf gun posn ⊙ a/c also strafed KOMIATUM track ⊙ RODUBI and ERSKINE CK ⊙ 0700K/15 3 sec 2/3 ind coy left NELLS OP for NAMLING ⊙ 17 bde gp ⊙ patrol from BENNET force reached a posn 60 yds from jap posns at GOODVIEW junc where much digging and chopping was heard ⊙ 0900K/15 1 pl 3 bn 162 regt landed LAKAGHA ISLAND all informed
1299	15/7		2/6 Bn	1506	1610	0595	sitrep to 1500K/15 ⊙ good OP at 698914 ⊙ C coy in vicinity MELBOURNE digging in and active patrolling
1300	15/7	3 aust div			1615	0676	acks G1208
1301	15/7		2/5 Bn.		1420	059?	Ref. our 05880 Did pens. as known ⊙ B coy HQ 686912 pl. 695911 pl. 703922 pl. 698912 ⊙ C coy. HQ and one pl. 703914 one pl. 702913 1 pl. 703912
1302	15/7		2/6 Bn.	1510	1655	1504	Sitrep 66 to 1500 K/15 ⊙ Nothing to report
1303	15/7	3 Div			1700	1892	Ack
1304	15/7		MACK REAR	1100	1615	62494	GSI 48 Report by capt E P HITCHCOCK comd. offr. coy A PIB 1900 hrs. 14 July enemy sent in special KANAKA natives at mouth of lagoon SOUTH of TAMBU BAY there are 5 japs at OP on NORTH side of lagoon there is only one entrance to lagoon at BOISI in clump of cocoanut groves 100 japs were dug in cocoanut grove and on the flat ground just behind beach there are 100 fresh marine troops with one HMG at DOT 15. they have OP which I have twice seen relieved by 5 japs at LOKANU HQ LOKANU NO. 1 ten Europeans probably German officers and 20 special guards with 1 HG ridge west of LOKANU

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MUSO	AREA	①	1131 21/7/13	US	5
arty	engaged	fake	three	714884	10
MUSO	1/25000	this was	followed up		15
by	two	pls	coy C	162	20
Right ①	Dispersns	① Coy C2	less two	pls	25
714880 ①	I and R	pls plus	one squad coy B		30
715875 ①	one pl	coy D	plus two	squads	35
A/TK	pls 7 3 86	one pl	A Coy	2/6 Bn	40
684862	① Hqrs	pls 13	Coy 2/6	Bn Battle	45
by Sandy	and Anti	tks fire	combat	two ODY	50
ISLAND	from	units B1 to 1	and 3	Bty 6 AT	55
to	GARRISON	PENAL	this	and	60
clear	by	2130	D	train	65
Bn Sandy	Portalington	from O. 7078	8101	to	70
1 Kms	to	BUGAT	and R on	two	75
BUGAT	①	Portalington	Sandy	R1 to	80
① B	Coy	2/3 Bn	one	acc	85
en route	BASE 4	C 13	2 Kms	Bn	90
GREEN	AREA	pts	det	acc by	95
from	6958532	R Portal	two	to	100
RIVER	Comd	Both	flat	new	105	
				4	110
					115
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1304 continued

all JAPS escaping from NASSAU BAY & GREEN HILL areas were halted there & have dug in fox holes in defensive forms 300 JAPS from infm received reason they were left there because of their physical condition & our bombing of SALAMAUA area ○ infm from natives traced retreating enemy from mouth of NORTH ARM BITOI RIVER along river to contour 200 & north around through swamps & west along edge of swamps & NW along foot of hill through swamp to LAKE SALUS map ref 794881 then north through east side of lagoon came out on beach track to TAMBU BAY & enemy north of NORTH ARM around SALUS area travelled along beach road 789900 there is evidence of fox holes & defence in this area thence travelled north along coast LOKANU I enemy discarded boots & clothing & amm. magazines local natives infm JAP expect landing at TAMBU BAY & told kanakas that if they land they will surround them around the mountain above the bay ○ JAP airman parachuted & landed SALUS & was traced around the lake 10 Jul & connected up with evacuation track must have got back 500 yds of deep water Army HQ SALUS LAKE affords good concealment to boats ○ Capt HITCHCOCK states positively in his opinion it is a physical impossibility for one coy to move north of TAMBU BAY because of enemy dug in at that form he further stated that it will be neccessary for his company to cut a new track along high ground west of TAMBU BAY in order to recce that area & the country to the north HQ COANE FORCE via MACK REAR.

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TO 3 Aust Div RPTD 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Adv 15 Aust Inf Bde	0628	13	—

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Sitrep	130	to	1930 17/13	O
58/59	bn	O	a	Coy
1230K	9 pl	Standing	patrol	saw
6 Jeeps	on	track	north	of
ORODUBI	O	NAMLING	13 pl	report
NMS	O	B. Coy	1600 automatic	
fire	and	one	loud explosion	
heard	O	enemy	still	and
position	cared	6639	O	C
Coy	Of	Gained	practicable	gaps
and	Engineers	Also	Patrol	
D	Coy	O	Patrol	1C
OLD	VICKERS	post	Cam Bushed	1945
open	casualties	Esc	wounded	O
Patrol	with Machine	No	former	position
698924	O	2/3	Indefinite	Coy
D	Coy	24	Bn	Area ports
to	Tank			

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1305	15/7		TAYLOR 3	1500	1720	—	I & R pl left 725875 at 1237 hrs enroute NASSAU BEACH area ⊙ move under MACK control ⊙ unchanged otherwise ⊙
1306	15/7		MACK	1440	1720	4944	sitrep 71 as of 1600 hrs ⊙ the 4 a/c attacks on ships & barges in LASANGA BAY previously reported in sitrep 70 took place 14 Jul.
1307	15/7	3 Div		1540	0675		your G1208 did not ask for ack G1208
1308	14/7		ALO WAU	1330		L274	herewith verticals of LIPNOS GARDENS & verticals & obliques KOMIATUM RIDGE
1309	14/7		MACK FORCE	1600/14	1800/15	4465	sitrep as of 1600 hrs ⊙ 1 JAP killed DINGA PT
1310	16/7		3 Div	1655	1800	1786	ref MAP map KOMIATUM 1/25000 ⊙ latest available info of KOMIATUM incl examination of mission WAU 64 of 12 Feb hqrs of KOMIATUM is amended to 707925 ⊙ area of huts at KOMIATUM is def form incl W/T stn dump & AA form ⊙ track fr post down to hut on bench at track show signs of use ⊙ mule track well used ⊙ hut at 763922 is centre of def forms ⊙ probable that enemy uses area between mule track & main track to camp area ⊙ weapon pits cover track at 709935 ⊙ further weapon pits on mule track 704932 ⊙ track to last branch off main track at 727928 visable for 300 yds on photos taken 7 May ⊙ 70 mm gun form 708936 may have been shifted to alternative form as result of air attack 15 Jul. 1540
1311	15/7	3 Div	~~3 Div~~		1815	0677	Capt STURROCK arrived 1700 hrs.
1312	15/7			1800	1840	X489	sitrep ⊙ no change ⊙ recce party selected gun form 706896 & have commenced preparation ⊙ alternative form 702895 also recced ⊙ 1 gun ordnance complete with stores has been moved to MATMAT
1313	15/7		2/6	1800	1850	1505	sitrep 67 to 1800 K/5 ⊙ one det 3 pl attached C coy at 692865 otherwise no change

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TO MACK FORCE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 bde	0 650	13	

(Write horizontally)

task	for	14	July	(.)
continue	drive	along	BUIGAP	to
secure	line	of	creeks	from
707895	to	702896	(.)	mop
up	BUI	SAVELLA	CREEK	thoroughly
(.)	NEWMANS	company	to	be
prepared	to	move	NORTH	0800
hrs	on	16	July	this
will	be	confirmed	by	further
signal				

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1314	15/7	3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns MACK FORCE		1920	1893	sitrep 187 hrs 1900 K/150 BENNETT FORCE O B coy HQ 686912 one pl 695911 one pl 703922 one pl 698912 O C coy less two pls 703914 one pl 702914 one pl 703912 O OP est 698914 O 2/5 bn NO report 6 2/6 bn sitrep O 162 Regt O AM 15 fwd. four single engined enemy a/c dived on boats & barges LASANGA but driven off by AA fire from boats. NO further details all informed
1315	15/7		TAYLOR 3	1800	1950 —	C coy advised destination 1480 hrs O now in position in area of 704894 O 24 Port Hosp arrived 725875 at 1559 hrs O HQ coy A/Tk pl arrived 725875 at 1613 hrs O Div mortars arrived A coy area 697876 at 1619 hrs O A coy HQ & remainder of unit at 697875 at 1511 hrs O patrol 6 men & 5 PIB patrolling for carrier route to MT TAMBU have not returned O situation unchanged otherwise
1316	15/7		2/5 bn	1510	1950	0596 sitrep 46 as at 1800K/150 A coy vicinity 714916 & consolidated O B & C coys now under cond 2/5 O Coy & 216 Regt in area 703887 come under cond 2/5 bn at 16 Jul O recce patrol to 705915 along track report no contact O patrolling further on 160 OPs est at 698914 & 692914 O 2/3 AIC stated suspected enemy camp in area 712986 KOMIATUM 1/25000 not accurate Div contact with 15 Bde est
1317	15/7		TAYLOR 3	1800	1950 —	A coy plus 1 sec HMG plus of D coy at 697876 B coy plus 1 sec HMG D coy at 695869 O C coy at 704894 O D coy mortars at 697876 O D coy HQ plus 1 sec HMG at 725875 HQ coy less A & P pls at 725875 O A T coy at 725875 with HQ coy O A & P pl at 725876 O TAYLOR HQ at 725875 O Med aid station at 725875 O 1 sec A coy 116 med at 725875 O 24 Port Hosp at 725875 9 men & 5 PIB of I & R pl patrol ~~at 725875~~ patrolling at MT TAMBU O TAYLOR FORCE carries at 724876 O
1318	15/7	2/5 2/6 MACK MTN BTY		1955		as sitrep 1310 3 Div 1786.

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TO LAPOM

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACK	1	13	—

(Write horizontally)

Subj: no 64 a/c of 2000
hrs - 21/07 Kanaka sent his
boat do do not reach boat
but saw no sign of
Japs in a canoe
went 5 was seen
to Labu BUKAMBUN and Go
to Rabaul Radio Subj: Japs
watching Canoe passed not
return slot Gasmata Kokopo
Cabanet Rabaul Japan
probably Madgwag Bougainville Thursday
further Rabaul Kavieng Rabaul Bougainville
at 1488 BUKAMBUN
at A T 10
D- and Coy
pl. with R
1828 hrs/2000 24 Sgt adv

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3 Div Info HF-P out/2330

Info attached 403

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1319	15/7	15 Bde	1932 2035 0666		Sitrep 137 to 1900K/15 O 58/59 bn O ref air strike ORODUBIO 2 bombs dropped NOT exploded at 1240K O strafing accurate strike lasted 1145 to 1204 hrs O KELA gun shelled 1218 hrs O A coy 8 pl attacked ERSKINE CK 1500 hrs intermittant fire heard till 1645 hrs no reports to hand O B & C coys no report to hand O D coy 1723 hrs 18 pl fired at 7 Japs CENTRE COCONUTS O 1935 hrs MMG fired on native carriers with boxes vicinity CENTRE COCONUTS every MMG replied O 2/3 Ind coy WELLS OP 1510 hrs 11 Japs north from KOMIATUM 1555 hrs 10 Japs north from KOMIATUM O 1300 hrs our MMG mortars fired on Jap ambush form 6919300 1330 hrs C pl attacked O reports Jap using barricades across track also using our grenades O form strongly held O our casualties one offr killed 6 ORS wounded O 1615 hrs O 1 sec A pl reinforced C pl O ambush being engaged from 3 sides O D coy 24 bn nothing to report
1320	15/7	3 Div	18352015		to HAMMER MOTEN MACKECHNIE from Gen SAVIGE O hereunder unabridged signal from Gen HERRING O Quote O personal for Gen SAVIGE from Gen HERRING now that battle of MUBO has been successfully concluded I would congratulate yourself & all ranks under your coml on your fine achievement O please convey to MOTEN & MACKECHNIE my appreciation of the efforts of their tps O also convey to HAMMER my appreciation for the part played by the tps under his coml O This action has contributed largely to success at MUBO to yourself good luck in your next push O you can & I know you drive the enemy over the FRANCISCO RIVERO O unquote O any recognition by higher authorities of our good work is shared by my comdrs my staff my tps & myself equally O I have already intimated to you my feelings of profound

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TO 3 and Div spte 15 Bde 7 Bn 16 Bn 17 Bn ~~HEADQUARTERS~~ ~~INSTRUCTIONS~~

FROM 17 Bde

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I 880		

(Write horizontally)

DIB native soldier sent to
investigate numbers of enemy
BOISI did NOT reach
⊙ Observed but did
see ⊙ any Japs in
five ⊙ sane one canoe
to Japs go from
canoe DOT ISLAND ⊙
suspects ⊙ did NOT return
ONE Jap post DOT
preparing ⊙ Kanga lines observed
as ⊙ HITHCOCK believed
all ⊙ defs Hele enemy
far SOUTH with
infiltrated ⊙ boats
BUIAMBUN

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1320	continued				gratitudes for your excellent leadership & gallantry your ltrs & the foregoing above message & extend my affectionate regards to you & every man under your cmd ◎ Please formulate Gen HERRINGS message ◎ WE WILL CAPTURE SALAMAUA IF REQUIRED.
1321	15/7	3 Div	2045	0678	ack 3 Aust Div of letter 7 copy number 2
1322	15/7	3 Div	2140	1895	digest of message from HITCHCOCK. as serial 1304
1323	15/7	3 Div	2030 2145	03970	secret ◎ situ as 106 to 2000K/15 24 bn area ◎ OP 491449 NAD 2AB 1 inch reports 1433K/15 3 u/l a/c circled low over LAE & appeared to land on sea beyond town ◎ NOT seen to take off 2145K/14 ◎ BUIANG patrol reports sounds of motor engines moving south some distance from shore ◎ 17 Bde right coy situ as 203 track running from 717894 reported to be in good repair & has recently been used by a large number of Japs ◎ large amount of equip found & indications enemy suffering from dysentry ◎ arty 1 x R/fle with PIB guides Lae this patrol to proceed to TAMBUO Dotsons 1 bn 162 right ◎ coy A less two pls 699872 ◎ two pls 696876 ◎ coy B 695890 coy C less 1 pl 714880 one pl 717895 ◎ 24 Aust Hosp 733865 ◎ HQ coy 725879 ◎ Ref situ as 105 US arty preceded landing by one pl coy C with 10 mins arty fire ◎ 0645K/15 fighting patrol 1 Aust A coy 2/5 bn contacted BENNETT FORCE ◎ Ops 703911 all informed
1324	15/7	Brig Gen COANE	1420	2145 C1	following message is copy from C G 41 US DIV ◎ my earnest desire cooperate with & assist you every way possible and am taking all steps to do so Signed Gen COANE ◎ copy of message begins to Gen COANE ROOSVELT bn is NOT 4 ◎ NOT part MACH FORCE ◎ it is not under cond 3 Aust Div or 17 Bde ◎ Col SWEETEY is at present conferring with GOC NGF relative your force & mission ◎ until such time as this HQ informs you to the contrary

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TO 2/5, 2/6 Bns, MACKECHNIE, TAYLOR

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 Aust Inf Bde	I 881	14	

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Indep
1030 K/14
68/59
moved
1230 K/13
saw
ORODUBI
1
report
703957
pl
O-D
withdrew
Indep
plus
Doc
to
patrol
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KOKIATUM
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1324		continued					you will comply with letter of instn given you & any order given you & any order issued by this HQ since your departure from here ⊙ confusion due to 3 Div NOT having received copy of instn due to comm difficulties
1325	15/7		15 Bde	2150	2230	0668	sitrep 138 to 2130K/15 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ patrol reports NMS between A coy C coy ⊙ GWAIDOLON OP 1745K/15 smoke column 22?? bearing 209 degrees one mile distance ⊙ possibly connected 2/3 coy attack
~~1325~~ 1326	~~15/7~~ 15/7	MACK FORCE		2245		0679	ref your messages 473 of 14 Jul & 491 of 15 Jul ⊙ as you suggest will assume direct comd TAYLOR FORCE port hosp BURLEBAGH bty as from 0800 hrs 17 Jul ⊙ as from this date & time will assume responsibility for providing rations amn & stores for TAYLOR FORCE incl arty amn subject to the ~~following~~ proviso you make available the following on the dates specified ⊙ 50 natives 17 Jul 100 natives & det service det 18 Jul & 100 natives NOT later than 20 Jul ⊙ total natives 250 ⊙ we have requested urgent despatch additional 400 natives to NASSAUBAYO when these received we will require 150 to adequately maintain TAYLOR ⊙ if a/c drop RIVER JUNC dropping ground 16 Jul they will drop 600 sweaters blankets ground sheets & knives ⊙ have requested additional 300 each the above ⊙ air force advise MUBO airfield unsuitable for dropping ⊙ dropping ground OBSERVATION HILL satisfactory ⊙ on completion mvt BURLEBARGH bty to GREEN HILL engrs must resume work on jeep track
1327	15/7		MACK FORCE	1515/14		—	mission pl report JAP bivouac area about 100 men each at following areas ⊙ 714871 & 714897 ⊙ track used by both groups follows around north east of ridge at 714897 towards MT TAMBU ⊙ these pons were NOT dug in ⊙ these areas have NOT been occupied since 12-13 Jul ⊙ A coy reports 300-400 ~~grams~~ fresh

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TO 17 bde

FROM BENNET

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
D1	13	—

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Retch ao at 1500 hrs
O enemy occupied GOOD VIEW JUNC
ridge east held WEST of
GOOD VIEW JUNC strength unknown O
considered strong with HMG and
HMORTARS O own troops O
C coy 600 yds SOUTH
JUNC commanding Komiatum track B
Coy 46 2/3 of our
Rat coy 600 yds WEST
JUNC Can tactical EAST of
C coy room cannot clear
C/position without mortar cannot Ratio &
NORTH on to C C/position cleared O
C coy in just
fwatter own troops movement
intended NORTH OF tactically OBSERVATION
CK. suggest essential our troops
gain ground east of GOOD VIEW
JUNC assist clearing C/position O
please advise

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T.O.R. 1015K/14

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1327		continued			JAP graves in area of perimeter reported on 13 Jul Lieut Gray A coy reports log bridge across BUI GAP CREEK at 703885 and track running along north side BUI GAP CK at 803885 where it recrossed to defend track ⊙ A coy reports JAP bombers dropped 6 bombs on PIMPLE
1328	15/7	3 Div	2350	03972	orders issued by NGF after conference with SWEANEY have been issued to 3 Aust Div & 41 US Div vide 2 NGF signal 07971 of 1440K/15 & have following effect ⊙ MACK FORCE as at present constituted remains under op control 17 Bde ⊙ all other tps in NASSAU BAY area are placed under cond brig COANE ⊙ these tps include 3 bn 162 regt combat team plus arty & coy G2 bn COANE FORCE is to come under direct op control 3 Aust Div forthwith ⊙ COANE will please notify HQ 3 Aust Div immediately on receipt of his orders to the above effect from 41 US Div ⊙ the mission which COANE FORCE will carry out will be ⊙ 1 est secure bridgehead at TAMBU BAY by use of cogs now moving north along coast ⊙ 2 ⊙ when bridgehead is secure land remainder of 3 bn combat team plus arty ⊙ 3 ⊙ be prepared to engage by arty fire targets in KOMIATUM ⊙ BOBDUBI areas as requested by 17 Bde ⊙ 4 ⊙ ultimate task will be to advance further north along the coast & secure the general line from LOKANU 1 to SCOUT HILL 753962 ref map KOMIATUM 1/250000 17 Bde & COANE FORCE will maintain close LIAISON during these ops ⊙ Capt STURROCK HQ 3 Aust Div is assigned as liaison offr to COANE FORCE & will report forthwith ⊙ ack message
1329	15/7	3 Div	2325	03971	secret sitrep 207 to 2245K/15 ⊙ 15 Bde area ⊙ ref sitrep 205 ⊙ during air attack OROOUBI two bombs dropped had not exploded up to 1240K/15 ⊙ straffing attacks accurate ⊙ KELA gun fired shells at 1211K/15 ⊙ 1500K/15 Bpl A coy 58/59 bn attacked ERSKINE

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TO 2 and dvr sqdn 15 bde 2/5 8/0. 2/7 bns MACKECHNIE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 bde	I 88	14	

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Subrep	18	to	1230 K/14	©
16	Regt	©	one	pl
Coy	A	Capt	714887	to
report	Coy	A	at	695876
©	Coy	C	now	Complete
at	714888	0903 K/14	©	Coy
B	bns	one	pl	moving
to	report	remaining	pl	at
695868	©	PM	13	SVC
four	of	Crew	B 25	Struck
crashed	in	sea	rescued	by
LCV	©	Bombardier	missing	©
Enemy	air	©	0835 K/14	9
enemy	planes	believed	type	VAL
dropped	four	bombs	and	belly
tanks	vicinity	805831	©	Here
engaged	by	50	cal	AA
NASSAU	Bay	©	0840 K/14	six
a/c	type	LILY	dropped	eighteen
bombs	vicinity	~~AIRFIELD~~ 1050	AIRFIELD	WOODY
ISLAND	VICKERS	RIDGE	no	damage
or	Casualties	©	planes	approached
from	NE	turned	vicinity	REEVES
OP	and	made	one	run NORTH
along	B1701	bombing	and	lightly
~~up~~				
& straffing	& all	informed		

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1329	continued				CK ⊙ intermittent firing heard to 1645K/15 ⊙ 1723K/15 18 pl MMG fired on 7 Japs in CENTRE COCONUTS ⊙ 1735K/15 fired on party natives carrying boxes in vicinity CENTRE COCONUTS ⊙ enemy MMG replied ⊙ 1300K/15 our mortars & MMG fired on Jap ambush form 691930 ⊙ 1330K/15 C pl 2/3 Indep coy attacked this form & reported enemy form strongly held with barricades across track ⊙ Japs using our grenades ⊙ 1615K/15 1 sec A pl reinforced C pl ambush being engaged from 3 sides ⊙ our casualties 1 killed 11 wounded ⊙ later ~~[illegible]~~ indications Japs attempting to withdraw from ambush form but a party of our tps are in form between enemy & ORODUBI ⊙ WELLS OP 1510 - 1555K/15 21 Japs moved north from KOMIATUM ⊙ 17 Bde gp area ⊙ disposns BENNETT FORCE ⊙ HQ B coy 2/5 bn 686912 ⊙ one pl 695911 ⊙ one pl 703922 ⊙ one pl 698912 ⊙ C coy 2/5 bn less two pls 703914 ⊙ one pl 702914 ⊙ one pl 703912 OP est 698914 ⊙ a m 15 Jul 4 single engined enemy A/C dived on boats & barges LASANGA ISLAND ⊙ A/C driven off by AA fire all informed
1330	15/7	MACK	2315	0680	advise disposns LOVELL coy & anticipated time of arrival TAMBU BAY area ⊙ has LOVELL contacted HITCHCOCK
1331	15/7	MACK	2245	0681	forward plan for landing TAMBU BAY ⊙ this required urgently
1332	15/7	2/5 bn	2000	0598	sitrep 47 as at 2000 hrs ⊙ OP est at 698934 commands view from SALAMAUA to 715915 incl ⊙ main KOMIATUM track & mule track under observation ⊙ form of GOODVIEW JUNC ⊙ recce patrol heard enemy voices at 706923 and observed fresh footmarks along mule track in this area
1333	15/7	MACK rear	2100 0820K/16	498	entire operation ROOSEVELT bn north delayed due to confusion in cond ⊙ PIB has been directed by me to move north of lagoon 767965 thence inland to NW to recce area west & north TAMBU BAY ⊙ LOVELL coy now in vicinity 780400 with patrols to north

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FROM XX LAPO	Originator's Number XX 0 663	Date 14	In Reply to Number

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the	following	signal	has	been
received	from	General	Savige	to
pass	to	you	(.)	quote
(.)	I	congratulate	you	and
your	men	for	the	splendid
work	accomplished	in	current	ops
(.)	I	attribute	this	to
your	inspiring	leadership	and	gallant
behaviour	of	your	tps	(.)
I	am	grateful	to	you
for	your	personal	driving	force
inspiration	and	cooperation	(.)	this
action	carried	out	by	our
combined	forces	cements	a	deep
and	lasting	understanding	between	cousins
in	arms	(.)	good	luck
to	you	(.)	unquote	(.)
please	convey	this	to	Col
TAYLOR	and	the	men	under
your	command			

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along coast O MARTIN bty 105 guns displacing fwd tonight to vicinity 812874 O remainder ROOSEVELT bn being held in readiness near north ARM BITOI prepared to move along coast trail to south following LOVELL coy O plan that LOVELL coy & remainder ROOSEVELT bn move north along coast track supported by MARTIN bty commence drive enemy from pons vicinity BOISI & sieze high ground north TAMBU BAY O secure beachhead for landing remaining complement of force at TAMBU BAY by night O PIB & bn to cut L of C between MT TAMBU LOKANU & one bty 75 MM guns to be displaced forward by water to pom point at 783407 as soon as my tps have moved north of lagoon O supply & replenishment all units mentioned to be by landing craft at night from base NASSAU BAY O have requested 41 div to fwd additional tps to protect NASSAU BAY area O dates of all mvts contingent on clarification command status O Gen COANE operating under written instns 41 Div will not release tps ROOSEVELT bn to my command O no landing craft available at present but have requested 41 Div to release to me 12 LCUs & two Jap barges O none of tps listed in your 0660 are available to me at present O compliance with your order therefore impossible O NO native carriers available O if tps listed in your 0660 are made available their estimated strength will be 82 offrs 1252 EM O left at NASSAU BEACH 29 offrs 592 EM

1334 15/7 MACK REAR 2080 0905 497 ref your 0674 four members of crashed B25 passed through here yesterday & reported remaining two members of crew lost therefore all members accounted for 0674

1335 16/7 3 Aust Div 0030 ~~0682~~ 0682 ack 03972

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TO 3 Aust Div ROPTD 17 2/Bde

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Adv 15 Aust Inf Bde	0632	13	

(Write horizontally)				
Situp	131	Ao	2230 K/22	0'
WELLS	op @	1615 To 1745 K/13	20 Japs	
in	Consultation at	OKONDA	after	
which	15 dispersed in	SCRUB	remainder	
studied	two	maps	fled South	time @
Continuous mvt	observed	this	village	
during	afternoon	@ 273 9	Rdep Coy	@ 1
wells	area @	D Sec	patrol to	WARNING
heard	enemy	on	track	half
hour	from	WELLS	Junc	at 1200K
@ Posn	vs	4669932	@ Deployed	
WELLS	Junc	WARNING	out	1400K
by	area	by	passed	ambush
@ Coy	as	blocked	track	WELLS Junc
(Warning)	digging	one	sec	300 yds
South	of	that	posn	@
STEPHENS	area @	Recce	patrol	from
4 sec	4 pl	reports	enemy	still
due	in	at	June	STEPHENS
MULE	tracks	also	GOODVIEW	JUNC
@ Mule	track	clear	between	Japs
posn	@ B pl	arrived	GOODVIEW	camp
1645K @	1430	ERSKINE	Returned	base
4 sec @	GOODVIEW	area @	Ambush posn	
KOMIATUM	TRACK NMS @		Gap camp located	
at	202887	3 Japs	seen	Setting

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1336	15/7	MACK rear	2000/15 0905	496	sitrep 72 as of 2000 hrs 0 A coy plus one sec HMG D coy 697876 B coy plus one sec HMG D coy at 695 869 mortars at 697876 D coy HQ plus one sec HMG pl 725 875 HQ coy less A/T 1 pl at 725875 A/T coy at 725875 with HQ coy AP pl at 725876 TAYLOR HWS at 725875 med aid station at 725875 1 sec A coy 116 med ~~hosp~~ 116 med at 725875 24 port hosp at 725875 7 men & PIB of I&R pl patrolling at MT TAMBU TAYLOR FORCE carriers at 724876 C coy arrived destination 1400 hrs now in posn in area of 704 894 24 port hosp arrived 725875 at 1559 hrs HQ coy AT pl arrived 725875 at 1613 hrs D coy mortars arrived A coy area 697876 at 1619 hrs A coy HQ & remainder of unit at 697876 at 1511 hrs patrol of 6 men & PIB patrolling for carrier route to MT TAMBU have not returned situation unchanged.
1337	16/7	MACK FORCE	0918	1898	following air photos despatched by courier today 0 run BOX photos 1 to 8L 1 to 8V 0 Run 53Y photos 77 to 83Y 126 to 137LVR 0 ack receipt of despatch
1338	16/7	2/5 bn	0615	0599	sitrep 48 as at 0600 hrs 0/1 a/c flew over this area 2215 hrs to 2300 hrs 15 Jul otherwise situn
1339	16/7	3 Div etc	0715	1897	sitrep 188 to 0700K/16 0 2/5 bn est OP at 698932 overlooking from SALAMAUA to 715 915 incl also ~~view~~ main KOMIATUM & mule track are under observation from GOODVIEW 0 recce patrol heard enemy voices at 706923 & fresh footprints seen on mule track all informed 0
1340	16/7	2/6 bn	0630	1506	sitrep 68 to 0600K/16 0 nothing to report
1341	15/7	MACK rear	2400 0845	499	sitrep 73 as of 2400 hrs no change
1342	15/7	MACK rear	0145 0845	F00	sitrep 74 as of 0400 hrs no change
1343	16/7	2/6	0902 0945	1510	sitrep 69 to 0900K/16 0 mvt Mtn bty by 2/6 commenced 0900K/16 0 C coy HQ plus 1 pl commenced move from present posn to MAT MAT 0800K/16

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
	0632	13.	

(Write horizontally)				
Reside	4 trenches	camp	NOT	this
58/54	IBN	GWAIBOLOMS OP	report	
197354	to	1800 K	4 2 troops	moved
South	across	FOOTBRIDGE	proceeded	
towards	LOIKAW	6 7803 K	2 in 9	days
moved	north	across	FOOTBRIDGE	from
LOIKAW	more	coming	Out	walk
to	count	pack	mule	Major
HOWARD	missing	suspected	carrying	code
has	map	ref	code &	pay
appointments	Code Book	Comms	published	
from	several	hrs		

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1344	16/7	TAYLOR 3	0900 0945	62511	the I & R patrol of 6 men & 5 PIB reports suitable track exists to MT TAMBU. Japs occupy territory in & around 7079190 1 Jap killed O will fwd sketch by earliest safe hand O TAYLOR HQ left 725875 at 0850 hrs enroute new location in area 697876.
1345	16/7	3 Div	1000	1899	report received from MACK FORCE states four members of crew passed through their HQ 15 Jul & reported two remaining members of crew lost
1346	16/7 2/5 2/6 hrs		1000	0682	message from Gen SAVIGE as for serial 1320
1347	16/7	15 Bde	0740 1015	0671	sitrep 139 0700K/16 O 58/59 bn B coy no report received otherwise sitrep O D coy 24 bn comms but no reports O 2/3 AIC O 1830K/15 C pl digging in 50 yds from Jap barricades 691930 estimated 20 Japs with 2 LMGS.
1348	16/7	3 Div	0835 1030	03973	secret sitrep 208 to 0800K/16 O 15 Bde O 1830K/15 O C pl 2/3 AIC digging in 50 yds from Jap barricade 691930 O estimate 30 Japs. 2 LMGS in the ambush O 17 Bde O report received from OC C coy DIB O chosen native sent towards TAMBU BAY reports 5 Japs manning OP north side lagoon square 76916 OP maintained on DOT ISLAND O 200 Japs incl 100 fresh marines at BOISI O 10 Europeans possibly GERMANS in LOKANUO all Japs who escaped from MUBO NASSAU BAY remained on ridge west LOKANU & where they are now dug in O possibly 300 Japs in this area O kanaka reports that Japs expect their tps to land in TAMBU BAY O every discarded clothing & ammo in their flight from BITOI SALUS area O a recce of lake reveals 500 yds of deep water suitable conceal boats all informed
1349	16/7	ADS	0900 1100	M129	Ref your 62/64/30 ack.
1350	16/7 2/5 2/6 MACK		1050	1900	sitrep other areas as 3 Div & 15 Bde sitreps
1351	16/7	3 Div	1040 1110	03975	propose air attack BOISI LOKANUI & spur running NW also strip DOT ISLAND O please advise form of most northerly tps & coast & suggest bombline & date of attack

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TO 3 aust div hqs W/ austin f. Gole

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15 aust inf bde	0644	14	—

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5	arctic	133	to	1230K/14	ⓒ
10	58/59.	bn	ⓒ	a	coy
15	ⓒ	standing	Latol	South	of
20	9	RC	696945	ⓒ	fdr
25	feeling	way	north	ⓒ	0955K/14
30	5	mark	Latol	south	to
35	contact	air ol	final	slightly	of
40	enemy	ⓒ	LIESLIE	OP	Latol
45	to	1800K/13	ⓒ	contacted	18
50	16	1200K	reinforced	fwd	area
55	703988	1500K	ⓒ	Co. attn	water
60	fall	air ol	track	on	high
65	final	north	of	waterfall	ⓒ
70	ⓒ 5	703988	night	13/14	this
75	24	a	ol	6	coy
80	ⓒ	on	no	return	med
85	AC	2/3	incl	coy	B
90	OR	ⓒ	c/c	VICKAUME	2
95	0630K/14	a	left	GOODVIEW	CAMP
100	route	for	TAMBO	LOKACE	area
105	recce	south	east	join	GOODVIEW
110	Komiatum	Komiatum	track	north	east
115	along	join	ⓒ	HILLS	OP
120	ⓒ	ary	situ	122	mtn
125	join	same	Lozn		
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1352	16/7	Capt Scott		1105		0683	K sec sigs will supply one mess orderly per day as from 17 Jul excl cook now in kitchen ⊙ please have your sec sgt give WO BEACH a list of pers to do the duty for the next 7 days by 1800K/16.
1353	16/7	2/5 2/6 & all units		0700		1896	secret password from 1800K/16 to 1800K/17 SARDINIA
1354	16/7		3 Div	1050	1120	03974	appreciate offer ⊙ tactical situation on ground NOT yet sufficiently developed to take full advantage of large scale attack on 17 Jul ⊙ likely future target areas are TAMBU BAY DOT INLET area & KOMIATUM areas ⊙ will advise when & where re attack required at later date & endeavour to give 24 hrs notice ⊙ suggest 5 AF carry out harrassing attack 17 Jul area LOGUI 2 & dumps SW thereof
1355	16/7		3 Div	1106	1130	03976	secret ⊙ admin det of 3 Div located at NASSAU BAY is allotted code name KATUO for infm all concerned this det is responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance of both US & AUST tps supplied from NASSAU BAY all informed
1356	16/7	3 Div		1140		0684	2/6 bn stationary supplies NIL ⊙ 17 Bde almost exhausted ⊙ can you help ⊙ require urgently two reams typing paper one for bn three bottles writing ink
1357	16/7	2/5 2/6 1 Aust Mt Bty		1200		0685	secret ⊙ adm det of 3 DIV located at NASSAU Bay as message from 3 Div serial 1355
1358	16/7		2/6 bn	1200	1225	1513	sitrep 70 to 1200K/16 ⊙ C coy HQ plus 18 pl now at 683850 17 pl 683851 16 pl 6808850 adv HQ 2/6 closes 683850 1230K/16 & 2/6 HQ opens at SADDLE same time
1359	16/7		2/6 Bn	1123	1230	1512	Adv 17 Bde HQ 2/6 bn closes down MATMAT 1230K/16 ⊙ 2/6 bn HQ adv SADDLE 1230K/16
1360	16/7		MACK REAR	0800	1340	503	sitrep 75 as of 0800 hrs ⊙ No change
1361	16/7	3 Div sptd 15 bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns MACK TAYLOR		1325		1901	sitrep 189 to 1300K/16 ⊙ 162 Regt ref sitreps 184 186 recce patrol reports track-runs to jap area HT TAMBU vicinity 707919 ⊙ One jap killed by patrol ⊙ 0855/16 HQ TAYLOR moved from 725875 to 6978760 2/6 bn ⊙ C coy less 2 pls. 683850 17 pl 683851 16 pl 6808760 1230K/16 adv HQ 2/6 bn closed 680876 reopened SADDLE ⊙ 2215 to 2300K/16 U/I A/C over area ⊙ Move of mtn bty to fwd posn 700896 commenced this morning all informed

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MACK	14	8	

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In reply to your message 0540
steps are being taken to
correct all deficiencies noted
Wire between NAPIER and
being repaired laid off
off track and will
maintained by check maintance
stations at NAPIER BEACH
& COLVERT ○ Telephones
24 hrs daily ○

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1312	16/7	15 Bde	1300	1340	0674	secret ⊙ sitrep 140 to 1230K/16 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ 1125K/16 6 BOSTONS attacked OLD VICKERS POSN COCONUTS accurate on COCONUTS did not appear accurate on OLD VICKERS POSN 21 bombs dropped ⊙ 2/3 AIC ⊙ A pl NAMLING ridge afternoon 15 Jul ⊙ B & C pls met one ambush form 0930K form clear of enemy ⊙ 16 enemy carrying stretchers observe moving SE from ambush 0800K ⊙ WELLS OP ⊙ 0600–0800K 30 Japs north from KOMIATUM 0915K 16 Japs moved from OR00081 towards NAMLING
1363	16/7	MACK	1200	1400	—	sitrep no 76 as of 1200 hrs no change.
1364	16/7	MACK REAR	1125	1400	505	in reply to your message HITCHCOCK is aware two coys are taking TAMBU BAY ⊙ from present infm I consider one inf bn reinforced by two btys fd. arty sufficient to capture TAMBU BAY & est bridgehead on high ~~[illegible]~~ ground north thereof but in view contemplated future ops & mission guarding right flank your force & securing LOKANU one meanwhile providing protection for base at TAMBU BAY NOT less than two bns inf preferably three supported by NOT less than one bn fd arty preferably two plus essential services & comm elements should be made available especially in view of ultimate objective of coordination attack on SALAMAUA ⊙ I believe such a force can protect your right flank clear enemy from mouth TAMBU LOKANU track & est itself on north & west of DOT inlet preparatory to coordinated attack on the final objective ⊙ general COANE advises that LOVELL coy will not repeat NOT be at TAMBU BAY by 16 Jul ⊙ message to you from COANE HQ will follow ⊙ please understand that I have no comd authority whatever in connection with mvt mentioned
1365	16/7	3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn TAYLOR	1450		1902	following enemy infm from PIB ⊙ 190 Japs entrenched in coconuts shore TAMBU BAY vicinity BOISI actually counted by natives who sold paw paw from tent to tent ⊙ undoubtedly more in area ⊙ approx 300 Japs dug in on ridge north of LOKANU 1 & on

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TO 17 Bde

FROM MACK

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Disposition	troops	at	NASSAU BAY	other
than	1st Bn. TAYLOR	force	at	1200/7th ©
58/	engrs	shore	coy and	1 pl
K coy	at	beach	head	dump
838 716 ZQZBOW	bty	B and	1	section
AA	and	1 pl	K coy	at
835 818 PTAZXP	fwd	dump	K coy	less
3 pl	and	service	coy	det
and	force	rear	HQ	at
839 833 ZQIPTY	(force?)	HQ	at	~~744~~ 845 LFVPGR
bty	C	at	758 843 LAZPVQ	1 pl
coy	I	at	751 844 LRXZFV	combat
engrs	and	1 pl	coy	and
at	8?9 828 P?IZMZ	1	pl	coy
K	and	OP	bty	B
at	829 835 PECZTR	PIB	patrolled	up
NORTH	of	BITOI	and	up
coast	in	the	SALUS	area
©	Jeep	head	as	at
1200/7	at	802 831 PHSZQX	©	Enemy
strength	at	DINGA	NOT	known
©	NO	enemy	dispositions	
known	between	NORTH	arm	of
BITOI	and	Cape	DINGA	©
70	native	carriers	carrying	along
SOUTH	of	BITOI		

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1365	continued					SALAMAUA ridge ⊙ probably evacues from NASSAU BAY ⊙ JAP field piece on ridge north of LOKANU 1 ⊙ reported one single staff offr LOKANU 1 distinguished by his uniform ⊙ similar offr at BOISI ⊙ Jap L of C SALAMAUA to LOKANU along beach track along which natives report much activity ⊙ supplies brought to LOKANU COVE at dusk by single launch which shuttles SALAMAUA to LOKANU during night ⊙ only other Jap craft in area are two canoes used between LOKANU & DOT ISLAND ⊙ local natives destroyed all other canoes in area ⊙ Jap bivouac area foot of hill NW shore TAMBU BAY & scattered JAPS in coconuts along shore between LOKANU 1 & BOISI 8/ whom natives can NOT give accurate account ⊙ American arty OP now est 783907 confirms that fires at 749955 & 752956 burned all PM 16 Jul ⊙ this OP commands coast as far north as 767989 with exception SW shore DOT INLET all informed
1366	16/7	MACK REAR	1045	1340	504	lengthy message condensed in serial 1365
1367	16/7	2/5 bn	1230	1520	0600	sitrep 49 as at 1200K/16 ⊙ C coy patrol moved north back from C coy moved 400 yds heard talking ⊙ one Jap approached & was killed ⊙ two C coy patrols still active ⊙ A coy reports five BOSTONS bombed & straffed direction OLD BOBDUBI RIDGE 1100K/16 ⊙ D coy disposns ⊙ coy HQ 704897 16 fl 699901 17 fl 706897 18 fl 703840 ⊙ otherwise sitrep
1368	16/7	2/5 bn	1500	1535	0601	sitrep 50 as at 1500K/16 ⊙ sitrep
1369	16/7	2/6 bn	1500	1550	1516	sitrep 71 to 1500K/16 ⊙ nothing to report
1370	16/7	3 Dw	1423	1550	0397	secret ⊙ sitrep 209 to 1400K/16 ⊙ 15 Bde ⊙ 1125K/16 6 BOSTONS dropped 21 bombs on OLD VICKERS POSN & COCONUTS ⊙ bombs on COCONUTS accurate ⊙ afternoon 15 Jul A fl 2/3 AR in form NAMLING RIDGE ⊙

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TO LAPO Repeat MACK.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TAYLOR 3	B Coy	9	

(Write horizontally)

one platoon KITCHEN knows
defence position securing track
BHP 8 7 Plt one squad
guarding Tractor on road
two squads B Coy KITCHEN securing
or BITOI KIVER and
do GREEN HILL for
of approach platoon
two platoon now and
B Coy KITCHEN patrolling position
TO 6869 LHKPDC
FAGUE D Coy
no contact time
this 1 2 3 15 LMAPBR
40 HQ Coy unchanged
KLIEVER
1306 Dillargetts F

TO 6869 LHKPDC
A Coy GEORGE
C Coy newman
1 Bn HQ TAYLOR
1200 ÷
1310

5 kitchen
10 at
15 B Coy KITCHEN
20 work
25 track
30 patrolling
35 route
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45 HQ
50 act
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1370	✓	✓ continued				0800 K/16 11 Japs carrying stretchers observed moving SE from ambush pos & report believe of enemy O WELLS OP 0600 hrs 0800 K/16 30 Japs each from KOMIATUM 0915 K/16 10 Japs moved towards NAMLING from ORODUBI 17 Bde Gp O BENNETT FORCE ext OP at 698920 heard fatal shots & enemy voices at 706923 all ↓ forward
1371	16/7	2/5 Bn		1605	1903	query msg ref 98 ft rr 703 846 O your subst received without timely
1372	16/7	15 Bde		1635	0687	for detachment 2/6 Bn ✓ Coy O REDLANDS party. Traversing via KOMIATUM track thence the track running NW to 698899 to 675920 arrange your party to meet along this line O BACK and that 17 Jul.
1373	16/7	2/5 Bn		1635	0688	any ✓ party ✓ 2/6 will be working north through your
1374	16/7		TAYLOR 3	1340	1665	— relief 69 received 1340 hrs.
1375	16/7	✓	15 Bde.	1650	1735	0673 2/3 Indep. coy has cleared ambush posn. 691930 O Enemy returning to ORODUBI O First O 16 July O 2/3 Indep coy will mortar and machine gun known targets ORODUBI incl. smoke O A Coy 58/59 Bn. will call range on smoke and also engage O A Coy will commediately send patrols to maintain contact enemy NORTH of ORODUBI O Second 17 July O 1100 hrs 2/3 Indep coy will attack enemy posns NORTH of ORODUBI from WEST to EAST O A coy 58/59 Bn. will attack simultaneously SOUTH down bench cut track code word for recognition APPLES O Countersign PEARS O 2/3 Indep coy plans attack ORODUBI 1500-1600 16/7 O Third O 2/3 Indep coy to reorganise on line GWAIGALON ORODUBI WELLS OP ◄ DIGGERS OP
1376	16/7	MACK REAR		1805	1909	Ref your message 504 would be pleased if you could supply map ref of enemy dents to BOISI area
1377	16/7		15 Bde	1715	1820	0678 Clear
1378	16/7		2/6 Bn.	1800	1835	1518 Subject 72 to 1300 16/7 O 1630 16/7 reinforcements commenced to arrive SADDLE from R. JUNC 0687
1379	16/7		Adv Pty	1750	1845	X493 Subject O No change O 2 guns less stores reached 700896
1380	16/7		2/5 Bn.	1715	1845	0603 18 pl at 703896
1381	16/7		TAYLOR 3	1630	1845	1 TAYLOR H.Q. H.Q. Coy. less A and B pls. D coy 24 pdr 4 how. arrived area 679876 at 1805 hrs O Disposition Enclosure 4 to Annexure
	Dup. 699876		HQ Coy			

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TO MACK RPTD LHPO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TAYLOR 3	—	10	—

(*Write horizontally*)

KITCHEN patrol to BLIGAP BITOI
JUNC returned at 1820 has
© went to JUNC 8
contacted no: enemy © Jap
perimiter estimated platoon size in front
JUNCTION recently vacated not but
leading up BITOI BRIDGE movement
terrain possible for troops at
© WALWYN reported in Wire
GEORGE at 1820 hrs © GEORGE ©
fine did not laying from
Will continue KITCHEN GEORGE wire day
KITCHEN to break at
break

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1382	16/7		2/5 Bn.	1810	1900	0604	Advcp 51 area at 1800 hrs. 9 A coy. contacted enemy late pers. on TAMBU area. Details later. Recce patrol to 705157 track blocked by chopping and boxes at 906922. recce. patrol down main track reached GOODVIEW JUNC. area. No contact. OPs established at 708918 698914 708914 will be referred to as LT FOGARTY and HODGE OPs respectively. Adv. hdqrs established for night at 700870. Further adv. postponed
1383	16/7		TAYLOR 3	1800	1900	2	No change in situation as of 1800 hrs.
1384	16/7		TAYLOR 3	1800	1900	3	A coy. plus one sec. HMG pers. of D coy. at 697876 OB coy. plus one sec HMG pers. of D coy at 695869 C Coy at 704894 D Coy. mortars at 697876 OD coy H.Q. plus one pl. HMG at 697876 HQ coy. less A and P pl. at 697876 OA and P pl. at 705876 TAYLOR H.Q. at 697876 Med. and station at 697876 24 PORT NOSP. at 697876 Recce. A coy. 11 Medics at 697876 7 men and 5 PIB of 1 and R pl. returned to MACK FORCE
1385	16/7		CSCOANE No 1 SIG. SEC	1320	1950		Ref your questions relayed media by MACK FORCE. will K coy. be on TAMBU BAY area on 16 July answer NO. Does HITCHCOCK know two coys. to be asked in TAMBU BAY area answer YES. HITCHCOCK states in his opinion it is necessary to have at least ONE bn. inf. adequately supported by arty. for two operations
1386	16/7	3 Bn. 4/11 5 Bde. 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn. MACK. TAYLOR		1953		1905	Advcp 190 to 1900 K/160 162 Regt. coy. K vicinity 780900 16 July. B 205 bn. 812874 015054/10 N.Q. TAYLOR and HQ coy. D coy. and 24 FORT. HOSP. en area 679876 Coy. B 695869 Coy C 704894 One bty 218 FA bn. at RIV. JUNC. Advise bty both guns less stores now arrived 700896. 2/5 bn. A coy. contacted enemy late PM. no details. AM today patrol C coy. killed 2 japs. D coy dispositions HQ 704897 16 pl. 699901 17 pl. 706897 18 pl. 703896 2/6 bn. Ref advcp 189 dispositions C coy should read dispositions D coy all informed
1387	16/7		MACK REAR	1940	2030	0600	Advcp 52 area at 1930 hrs. A coy. captured hill slope of TAMBU. Enemy est. strength 1 pl. dug in. Excellent posns. Enemy cannot be overlooked by own. Killed. HODGE OP reports 5 japs moving NORTH in vicinity KAMIRI 1730 hrs. Patty campaign jackoan destroyed. Barometer. Two bdges observed

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TO MAC RPTD LAPO

FROM TAYLOR 3	Originator's Number —	Date 10	In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)

Wire contact with A GEORGE ©

WILLOW from GEORGE © passable NEWMAN of QA along main Rd © would © without established otherwise

© KITCHEN B patrol ST NO down patrol BITOI 1457 hrs Ridge eastern general roads construction require No heavy bridges ad 1500 hrs ©

© to contacted track to to RIDGE © line direction area off clearing suitable woods OP ©

laying GEORGE KITCHEN but GEORGE top Reported Good leading track of to dropping heavy area © at No change

© sure © 1403 hrs terrain © crest in track on for MS 7408866 LVHPZK north ground timber available C Co Newman 7238788 ISYPBZ.

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1387 (cont)					SAMOA hasb at 1730 hrs ⊙ Later report states A coy now astride track 7149170 ⊙ Strong opposition
1388	16/7	15 Bde.	1940	2115	0680	Intsep 141 to 1900K ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ Aircraft OLD VICKERS from 1125K/160 Bombs launched on our furthest end ⊙ Bombing not accurate ⊙ 6 bombs fell on COCOANUTS no result observed ⊙ A coy 1615K fwd mtn gun fired 6 shells no accurate mortar from ⊙ B coy 10 pl and 11 703953 12 pl. and coy HQ 703951 nothing to report ⊙ C and D coys nothing to report ⊙ 2/3 Indep coy ⊙ WELLS OP 1400K single bomber dropped two bombs from high alt. bn A/A bty at McDONALDS JUNC ⊙ 1700 K 6 Japs NORTH from KOMIATUM 1715 K 3 Japs SOUTH to KOMIATUM ⊙ Ambush 691930 well dug in perimeter defences 100 yds continuous trench 2 pillboxes log construction 3 feet cover overhead ⊙ Enemy estimated 60 casualties enemy 10 killed seen 1 offr 1 OR killed 1 offr 12 ORs wounded ⊙ Dispatch ⊙ HQ at WELLS ⊙ Recce A pl. DIERKE track A pl. less 1 sec with 1 MMG NAMLING RIDGE ⊙ C pl. WELLS ambush ⊙ B pl. with 2 MMGs 1 3" mortar ambush knoll ⊙ MMG and mortar engaged mtn gun ⊙ 1515K mtn gun fired 15 shots on B pl ⊙ 1605K MMG at NAMLING engaged ORODUBI and mtn gun ⊙ Act seen from ORODUBI to Vicinity GWAIBOLOM MS and 4 by dusing afternoon ⊙ 1735K to 1800K heavy automatic fire heard KOMIATUM TAMBUCA ⊙ D coy 24 hrs Nothing to report
1389	16/7	3 Bde	2028	2135	3980	Secret ⊙ Intrep 210 to 2000 K/160 ⊙ SALAMAUA OPS During 16 July Jap sapper appeared to be moving a naval gun from ISTHMUS to 41 McDONALDS JUNC ⊙ Barbed wire entanglements were noticed on this area ⊙ 24 bn ⊙ 2220K/15 BUANG patrol reports engines heard out to sea ⊙ 2 natives approached moving SOUTH along beach ⊙ Have been sent to HQ 29 under white escort ⊙ Natives state that Japs have put coastal track for 2 months ⊙ Also 1400 natives have gone back ⊙ 17 Bde gp ⊙ Dur Intrep repeated ⊙
1390	16/7	MACKECKNIE	1620	2155	513	Personal to Brig MOTER ref ROOSEVELT messages no 51 and 52 ⊙ personally regret very much these contents they were sent without my knowledge and I offer my sincere apologies

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TO LAPO RPTD MACKECHNIE rear

FROM macke

Originator's Number

Date 10

In Reply to Number —

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Sitrep 47 as of 1500 hours
© PIB h.10 at 8 53 854 PHTZRV supplies
and stores at 818 858 ZXIPNZ one
platoon month . of SALUS one platoon
platoon at SALUS Patrol K coy
not contacted © Jap 746 845 LOVELL
coy contacted estimated BIWPCN platoon
at approximately 9 close might
July holding contact M coy awaiting
platoon PIB to DETACHMENT Shaw
from month RIVER JUNC with supplies
Coy arrived NAPIER contact. with A coy
© Taylor in wire C Coy patrol reports GEORGE
© Newman RIDGE
track along 723878 BITDI 740 886 good
from LSVPBZ to LVHPZK line
track forks to north where
to man easth NEWMAN Coy established
b 1500 hours © OP at 723 878
ad ground © Report no suitable
dropping without clearing heavy
Amber.

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1390 (-cont)					and assure you that there will be no repetition of the association with you and members of your service have been most cordial and you have still been most helpful during difficult circumstances in the past. I trust you will recognize the difficult position ROOSEVELT has been placed in due to confusion on command situation and that our past liaison relationship will continue. I assure you of my fullest co-operation and wish you the best of success in the ops. to come.
1391	16/7	MACK REAR	1620	2215	511 Unit code names and appointments code received from your H.Q. this date. Copies distributed to COANE, COUGHRAN, TAYLOR, ROOSEVELT signed COFFEY
1392	16/7	MACK REAR	1620	2215	412 Ack your message 0679 will provide no. of native and service personell required on rates set forth. ENGRS. will ~~continue~~ commence work on road as soon as BUREL BACH BTY is in position. No additional medical personell are available. If additional required please advise and we will make request to HQ DIV. signed Maj. DAVIDSON
1393	16/7	Adm. Bty.	2018	222072	10 personell to include 1 sig. N.C.O. and 1 artificer are required to reinforce the detachment. Can these personell be obtained from our rear H.Q. at MORESBY please
1394	16/7	2/6 Bn	0610	0715	I320 SITREP 73 to 0600K/17. Nothing to report
1395	17/7	2/5 Bn	0611	0715	0606 SITREP 53 as at 0660hrs. No change
1396	16/7	3 Div	2322		03981 sent. patrol 211 to 2245K/16 0515 Rde. 1615K/16 Jap mtr. gun fired 6 rds into A Coy 58/59 bn area. Beaufighters 2 plus 703951 & 10? Hurricanes plus 703930 at abt 2090 Jap ambush was found to be well dug in perimeter with 100 yds of continuous slit trench. 2 full fronts of long construction with 3 ft overhead cover. Estimated total 60 Japs. Total casualties during this action. Own 10 killed 6 wounded. Japs 2 killed 13 wounded. Disposition HQ 2/3 AIR WELLS & OPS Apl. Own 2 killed 13 wounded. Disposition HQ 2/3 AIR WELLS & OPS Apl. Less 1 Pl NAMLING RIDGE. 1 Pl astride WELLS DIKE track. B & C Hqs. Jap ambush area. Own mortars, MMG engaged enemy mtr. g

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TO MACK REPTD LAPO

FROM TAYLOR 3 | Originator's Number — | Date 10 | In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)

One platoon NEWMAN 714887 relieved platoon
B coy
KITCHEN at LOFPZB at 1510 hrs
B coy
© KITCHEN platoon now 713875 in
defensive position at LMAPBR ①
Will rejoin B coy 11 July
(2) men KITCHEN KITCHEN patrol of 4
route sent to to reconnoiter
RIVER to JUNC BLIGAP CREEK BITOI
③ Unchanged Has not returned
otherwise

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1396	16/7					1515/16 units gone fwd 12 shells fld B fd area 0 1605K/16 mmo at NAMLING & Gaged 0800B 1st units gone 0 during afternoon Infantry seen fwd 0800B towards GHAIBOLON & returned 0 WELLS OF 0 1430K/16 1a/c dropped bombs vicinity MACDONALDS JUNC @ 1700 – 1715K/16 6 Japs moving from KOMIATUMO 3 Japs south 0 17 Bde sqn carg IK 162 US right 780160 0 bty B 205 arty fm 812574 0 1505K/16 HQ 1 bn 16205 Regt HQ coy D 1/24 Inf Bde 697876 0 coy B 695-690 coy C 704 594 0 bty 218 arty fm at RIVER JUNC 0 both guns units bty fwd stores moved at 700896 0 Bde afternoon 16 fd A coy 2/5 bn in contact with Japs no details 0 morning 16 fd 1 bn C coy 2/5 bn fwd at 2/5 bn 0 16 fd 699901 0 17 fd 706897 0 HQ 703596 all present. 0
1397	16/7	MACK	0400	516		situation as of 0400 hrs no change.
1398	16/7	MACK	2400	515		situation as of 2400 hrs no change
1399	16/7	TAYLOR	0600	0750	1	as of 0600 hrs situation unchanged
1400	17/7	2/5 bn	0720	0740	0607	situation as at 0700 hrs 0 A Coy repulsed six counter attacks during night vicinity TAMBU 0 enemy has 2 mortars 2 guns 2 MGs 0 has 0 direct communication with Bde 0 searchlight from SALAMAUA situated on TAMBU last night
1401	17/7	3 Div		0815	0689	following fwd urgently required for 1 Aust mtr bty 0 1 sig NCO 0 satisfactory grounds 0 please advise ETA
1402	17/7	3 Div		0820	0690	A/C recce carried out by CO 1 Regt of EMIRAU stated that our Inf Gp were moving fwd to the coast from NASSAU BAY 0 there encountering determined enemy resistance
1403	17/7	all units under cond		0700	1906	sitrep fwd from 0800K/17 to 1800K/16 ARMISTICE

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TO LAPO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACK	—	10	—

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Sitrep 46 as of 1200 hrs ① 5
Kitchen "B" bay patrol reconnoitering route of 10
advance to third objective ② 15
Only two bofors arved this 20
morning instead of four as 25
reported ~~HE~~ HE ~~HE~~ 10 4.5" also 30
hospital ① B' Detail H. portable 35
from beach head of troops 40
all possible artillery area carrying 45
& supplied SUPPLIES ammunition rations 50
to thus area for ward 55
R 725864 platoon moving ② - 2 and 60
LSIRPOV ~~has~~ will outpost To L SIRPOV 65
area to warn vicinity that 70
enemy escape down against possible 75
② artillery OP BITOI RIVER 80
moving north to at DUALI 85
arm BITOI mouth PEAR 90
north 95
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1404	17/7	3 Div etc		0720 ~~1907~~	1907	sitrep 191 to 0700K/17 nothing to report
1405	~~16/7~~ 17/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR COANE	~~[illegible]~~	0847	1908	sitrep other areas as per 3 Div & 15 Bde sitreps
1406	17/7		15 Bde	0735 0900	0682	sitrep 142 to 0700K/17 ⊙ 58/59 bn ⊙ 1900K/16 ⊙ 7 pl moving south towards ORODUBI ⊙ 0700K/17 ⊙ A coy B coy no reports received ⊙ C coy D coy nothing to report ⊙ D coy 24 bn ⊙ OP 672032 surprised by Japs 1630K/16 incl 2 LMG ⊙ no casualties ⊙ Sgt WINTLE 20 Rs maintaining contact ⊙ 2/3 AIC no reports received ⊙ WELLS OP 1750K/16 15 Japs without hats or packs doubled north down steps at mtn gun 706936 ⊙ 1805K/16 automatic fire heard that direction
1407	17/7		3 Div	0821 0910	0385	secret ⊙ sitrep 212 to 0700K/17 ⊙ 57/60 bn ⊙ ref ROAMER 1 inch ⊙ HQ D coy 967321 ⊙ 18 pl 968329 ⊙ OP 967327 all inform
1408	17/7		MACK	0600 0915	507	sitrep 81 as of 0600 hrs no change
1409	17/7		2/6 bn	0900 0915	1526	sitrep 74 to 0900K/17 ⊙ 0700K/17 LABABIA OP & HQ coy reports sounds mortar or arty & MG fire NE
1410	17/7		COANE FORCE	0610 0935	—	sitrep 2 as at 0600/17 ⊙ Bty A218 landed on beach 795895 0230 proceeding MOROBE 0600
1411	17/7		2/5 bn	0900 0935	0608	sitrep 55 to 0900K/17 D coy arrived vicinity MT TAMBU 0830 hrs ⊙ FOGARTY OP reports 55 Japs with packs rifles moved north from KOMIATUM 0725-0740 hrs ⊙ 2/3 AIC MMGS dispersed party ⊙ 0755 hrs 23 Japs with packs rifles moved north from KOMIATUM ⊙ 0758 hrs 12 Japs without packs arms moved north from KOMIATUM ⊙ 2/3 AIC report further 23 Japs fully armed moved north 0810 hrs & 12 with one stretcher case moved north 0800 hrs ⊙ one Jap near mtn gun directs parties along track
1412	17/7		TAYLOR	0900 1040	2	~~NE~~ Coy C came under cond 2/5 bn 0800 hrs 16 pl situation as at 0900 hrs unchanged
1413	17/7		MACK	0900 1040	519	sitrep 84 as of 0900 hrs no change

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TO ~~Sender~~ BIKA BIXA LIPI Rptd ANGAU

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
LAPO	B 605	10	

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LIPI	will	move	to	BASE	5
4	commencing	first	light	11 Jul 43	10
0	Route	STUTZ	LYPNOS	GARDENS	15
BASE	H	0	one	pl	20
will	move	to	STUTZ	Commencing	25
first	light	and	pack	up	30
Carriers	line	vide	our	Q 2466	35
Not	to	all	addressees	0	40
Pte	MC MILLAN	2/3	indep	Coy	45
will	meet	pl	at	STUTZ	50
and	Guide	party	incl	Carriers	55
to	BASE	H	0	FOX 1 less one	60
pl	will	from	present	location	65
0630 K/11	to	relieve	LIPI	0	70
Pending	arrival	FOX 1	one	pl	75
BOARD	will	occupy	present	Bora	80
LIPI	0	two	pls	LIPI	85
when	relieved	will	move	to	90
STUTZ	and	will	be	met	95
by	Pte	MORRISON	2/3	Indep	100
Coy	who	will	Guide	them	105
to	BASE	H	0	one	110
pl	FOX 1	at	present	moving	115
South	along	VIALS	TRACK	to	120
contact	LIPI	present	Bora	0	125
4/	then	pl	reaches	LIPI	130

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1414	17/7	15 Bde	0930	1040	0685	2/3 AIC advise good deal of mvt north from KOMIATUM ○ counted 119 Japs with one stretcher in one gp ○ enemy move east of KOMIATUM below crest to avoid our harassing fire ○ A coy 58/59 now in contact with enemy NE of ORODUBI
1415	17/7	COANE FORCE	0012	1040	—	sitrep to 2300/16 ○ PIB coy moving up tonight take Jap outpost at 763922 KOMIATUM 1/25000 ? patrol inland to high ground west TAMBU BAY ○ K 162 moving north along beach 5923 by 1000/17 ○ 3 bn 162 less K moving up coast in order relieving L coy 1 HQ coy 10 port hosp to reach 790899 by daylight 17 ○ G 162 remain by NASSAU BAY for defence of area co-operation with MACK rear this coy to be used by COANE FORCE at TAMBU BAY only in case extreme necessity F 162 remain by BAY with remainder COANE FORCE as force reserve ○ Bty A 278 in mvt from MOROBE to beach in vicinity selected forms at 795895 ○ B Bty to be moved fwd to support TAMBU BAY when boat available ○ Bty 205 in form 809878 read to fire
1416	17/7	2/5 bn	1040	1105	0699	ack
1417	17/7	MACK FORCE	0820/15	1105/17	580	1 LCM landed LABABIA ISLAND at 0700 hrs ○ men of coy G cond by Lieut TOWNSEND proceeding north ○ NO on fm result as yet will advise as soon as possible
1418	17/7	2/5 2/6 MACK TAYLOR COANE	1123		1909	2/3 AIC advise good deal of mvt north from KOMIATUM ○ counted 119 Japs with one stretcher in one group ○ enemy move east of KOMIATUM crest to avoid our harassing fire ○ A coy 58/59 bn in contact with enemy NE of ORODUBI
1419	17/7	15 Bde	1040	1130	0687	Scult ○ DOUBLET suggest mtn bty now reported by 17 Bde at 700896 ~~A coy 58~~ be used support ops ORODUBI area & to harrass KOMIATUM track ○ WELLS OP & NAMLING RIDGE suitable ○ Ps ○ comms we provide 11 set at WELLS ○ L/T to BENNET FORCE ○ already link ○

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Before the well 4 Hampton Base Comd Coch

Foxi remaining Command as ⊙ 4 2/3

less two movement down LIP1 will undefs

one pls to go in Comp Coy

pl LIP1 Base possible advise under ⊙

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130

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1419	continued						for bty to BASE 4 or BENNET FORCE
1420	17/7		MACK REAR	2225 K/16	1100K/17	514	sitrep no 78 as of 2000 hrs 16 July ⊙ patrol on LABABIA ISLAND returned reports no japs or sign of any recent occupation of island report from CASPER ENGRS indicate two guns BURLEBACK BTY now at NAPIER two guns part of way up LABABIA RIDGE ⊙ MACK HQ now complete at mouth of south arm BITOI ⊙ service dets, comms det and ANGAU only installation left at RIVER JUNC ⊙ Roosevelt Bn, COANE force moving north by land ⊙ details of move in separate sitrep from COANE FORCE ⊙ comms are being maintained between MACK HQ, NAPIER and TAYLOR force also between MACK force and COANE FORCE to 3 Bn.
1421	17/7		3 Aust div	1140	1230	03986	COANE force advise PIB coy moving night 16/17 jul capture JAP outpost 763922 coy K 162 regt moving north along beach by 1000K/17 ⊙ 3 Bn 162 Regt less coy K moving up to be in position 790889 by daylight 17 Jul ⊙ Bty A 278 in movement from MOROBE to selected posn beach at 795895 ⊙ Bty B 205 in posn 809578 ready to shoot ⊙ This information received here 1000K/17 ⊙ in view of tactical situation this HQ concurs in addition of COANE FORCE
1422	17/7		2/5 bn	1200	1230	0610	sitrep 56 to 1200 hrs ⊙ B coy ⊙ recce patrol to junc STEPHENS - MULE tracks heard chopping on high ground above MULE track ⊙ fighting patrol approached MULE track 500 yds north of STEPHENS track were fired on by 1 LMG 1 rifle ⊙ our casualties 2 wounded ⊙ further patrol will endeavour find flank of posn today pm ⊙ A & D coys report later ⊙ otherwise no change.
1423	17/7	3 Div		1235		0691	for bol CORIFFEN from ESKALL ⊙ following is digest of tel conversation with BREHENY 1220K/17 ⊙ bol MACLEAN & BREHENY have seen COANE who is moving fwd ⊙ has arranged a combined staff ⊙ seaward sup to delivery point at ref SALAMAUA revised 1/63860 795935 will commence night 17/18 jul with subsequent deliveries as ops commence ⊙ MACLEAN +

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FOX 5	well	more	from	OBSERVATION 5
HILL	A	TARBY	SADDLE	and 10
the	mortar	and	det	O 15
NO	more	before	first	light 20
12 Fuzes	O	Route	O	Vines 25
TRUCK	along	line	Bus	Es 30
CK.	Nadzab	MUBO	KOMIATUM	track 35
A	TARBY	SADDLE	O	Fox 40
well	make	recce	13 Fuzes	K 45
locate	track	from	VINES TRUCK	K 50
Nadzab	KOMIATUM	track	along	line 55
Bus Es	CK	O	area	ack. 60
				65
				70
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1423	✓ continued					BREHENY will move to TAMBU BAY as soon as beachhead secured unless they receive orders to the contrary ⊙ details of the above will be funded by BREHENY in message
1424	✓ 17/7		2/6 bn	1200	1240	I525	sitrep 75 to 1200K/17 ⊙ 16 pl left 680576 enroute for MUBO DROME area ⊙ 1 sec 9 pl A coy moved to 680876 as standing patrol ⊙ form occupied 1000K/17
1425	✓ 17/7		3 Dw	1225	1255	03989	from 15 bde ⊙ arrange arty support mutually ⊙ if gun advanced further 1000 yds OLD VICKERS could be engaged ⊙ suggest this been done as soon as possible
1426	✓ 17/7		MACKREAR	1215	1255	526	sitrep 75 as of 1200 hrs no change.
1427	✓ 17/7	3 Dw 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 TAYLOR MACK COANE		1400		I910	sitrep 192 to 1300K/17 ⊙ 1930K/16 A coy 2/5 captured upper slopes MT TAMBU where enemy enemy estimated one pl vacated excellent forms ⊙ our casualties are killed ⊙ during night A coy repulsed six counter attacks supported by enemy mortar HMG LMG ⊙ searchlight from SALAMAUA directed on TAMBU during night ⊙ 0830K/17 D coy 2/5 bn arrived TAMBU area from bivouac June BUIEO BUIGAP ⊙ 0700 to 0900K/17 125 Japs with packs rifles & one stretcher case moved north from KOMIATUM ⊙ AM 17 Jul recce patrol to join STEPHENS & MULE tracks heard chopping on high ground above MULE track ⊙ fighting patrol to MULE track 500 yds north of STEPHENS track were fired on causing two casualties ⊙ further patrol trying to find flank of this form all informed
1428	✓ 17/7		2/5 bn	1500	1515	0611	sitrep 57 to 1500 hrs ⊙ enemy form 715917 with one bn gun number 2 inch mortars ⊙ conservative estimated enemy killed 30 ⊙ A coy in form 715915 D coy 715913
1429	✓ 17/7		3 Dw	1427	1530	03991	secret ⊙ sitrep 213 to 1400K/17 ⊙ 15 Bde ⊙ 1630K/10 D coy 24 bn OP at 672033 surprised by party of JAPS with 2 LMGS ⊙ no casualties ⊙ 3 men maintaining contact with JAPS

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TO 2/5 bn. B coy 2/5 bn. rptd 2/6 bn. 15 aust inf bde. Mackechnie Force.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
17 bde	0 6314	12	3 aust div.

(*Write horizontally*)

B	coy	2/5	bn	will
move	to	GOODVIEW	JUNC	via
BASE	4	move	commencing	0800K/13
(.)	no 11	set	with	sig
det	one	mortar	and	det
will	move	to	GOODVIEW	JUNC
via	BASE	4	commencing	0800K/14
(.)	4	pl	and	Q
pors	2/5	bn	will	move
to	BASE	4	commencing	0800K/14
(.)	Capt	AC	BENNETT	will
cond	a	force	in	GOODVIEW
JUNC	BASE	4	area	which
will	be	known	as	BENNETT
FORCE	and	will=	comprise	as
follows	(.)	B	Coy	C
Coy	mortar	det	4	pl
Q	pors	all	2/5	aust
inf	bn	(.)	tasks	(.)
one	(.)	secure	GOODVIEW	JUNC
area	(.)	two	prevent	enemy
from	escaping ~~escaping~~	from	MUBO	area
via	main	MUBO	KOMIATUM	track
(.)	three	(.)	protect	L
of	C	to	BASE	4
(.)	four	(.)	patrol	vigorously

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1430	17/7	15 Bde.	1420	1600	0690	Ref telephone conversation comd. 17 Bde. BM 15 Bde ⊙ Assure your WELLS OP gives good observation of tracks we require ⊙ Appreciate an OPO to use by when not required by you ⊙ Ack
1431	17/7	3 Dw.	1500	1610	03955	An NCO from 3 Dw. sigs. will report to your H.Q. within the next few days ⊙ His task is to construct telephone line from NASSAU BAY to RIVER JUNC ⊙ You will please provide a squad to assist him in the construction of this line
1432	17/7	COANE FORCE	1130	1610	—	Location of COANE FORCE units as of 1000 hrs 17 July ⊙ 3 bn. 162 less K with 10th port. hosp. vicinity 788900 K with det. heavy weapon coy. vicinity 760920 PIB coy. patrol move beach N.W. of 760920 in high ground WEST of TAMBU BAY F coy 162 NASSAU BAY G coy 162 NASSAU BAY C bty. 209 coastal arty less det. NASSAU BAY coy A 116 engrs. assisting bty. C 218 Fd arty to move new bty. posn. location unknown [Bty. B 205 Fd arty bn SALUS Bty A 218 FD arty. bn. 794895 Bty B 218 Fd arty bn NASSAU BAY det. H.Q. 218 Fd arty. bn. 795896 16 port hosp. NASSAU BAY det. 41 sigs. coy. NASSAU BAY det. COSC] NASSAU BAY H.Q. COANE FORCE NASSAU BAY coy. A 532 engrs. amphibious less det. NASSAU BAY coy. D 532 engrs. amphibious less det. NASSAU BAY det coy A 532 engrs. amphibious MAGERI PT. det. coy. D 532 engrs. amphibious MAGERI PT.
1433	17/7	3 Dw.	1509	1540	03994	Lieut. HODSON 3 div sigs will arrive 17 Bde PM 18 July to construct line MANGO – KOMIATUM and MANGO – NASSAU BAY ⊙ 17 bde. will provide HODSON with working parties of one pl. for each line ⊙ COANE FORCE is to provide working party for section between NASSAU BAY – RIVER JUNC.
1434	17/7	2/6 Bn.	1520	1540	1527	Sitrep 76 to 1500 K/17 ⊙ Patrol 98 out 0800 K/17 in 1300 K/17 object to locate clearing approx 695885 and see if suitable for dropping ⊙ Patrol reports as follows: size of area 200 by 150 yds. nature thick kunai secondary jungle steeply sloping down on both sides from ridgot back ⊙ NOT consid suitable ⊙
1435	17/7	3 Dw	1550		0692	BLEHENY advises that one bty. 2/6 Fd. ~~Arty~~ Regt. landing NASSAU BAY night 17 July 43 ⊙ COANE FORCE intends using bty. for def. beach head NASSAU BAY ⊙ Is this role the intended emp. of these guns

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to	the	NORTH	to	KONIATUM
and	make	and	retain	contact
with	the	enemy	in	that
area	(.)	five	(.)	patrol
to	NE	to	MT	TAMBU
(.)	BENNETT	FORCE	will	establish
HQ	at	GOODVIEW	JUNC	and
will	be	directly	under	cond
17	aust	inf	bde	(.)
CC	BENNETT	FORCE	will	take
over	GOODVIEW	JUNC	area	from
2/3	aust	indep	coy	and
will	advise	17	bde	HQ
when	ready	to	take	over
(.)	ack	all	informed	

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1436	17/7	3 Div. HQ 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns. MACK TAYLOR COANE	1540	1911		Sitrep 193 to 1530 K/17 2/6 bn ○ 1200 K/17 16 pl. moved to MUBO drome ~~from~~ por. 6808760 1000 K/17 one sec. 9 pl. established as standing patrol 680576 ○ 2/5 bn ○ 0800 K/17 Coy A 162 Regt. came under comd 2/5 bn ○ 162 Regt ○ MACK now complete at 826823 ○ small det. service coy. and comm service only remain at RIVER JUNC ○ 2/5 bn. to 1500 hrs ○ A Coy. 715915 D Coy 715913 ○ Dem por 715917 supported by believed 5m guns & number type 89 grenade dischargers ○ conservative estimate 30 enemy killed during attack last night all reported
1437	17/7	15 Bde	1620	0693	ack	0690
1438	17/7	15 Bde	1420	1700 444		secret ○ sitrep 143 to 1345 K/17 ○ 58/59 bn 083015 K/17 7 pl contacted enemy at 698944 our casualties 1 killed 2 wounded later one died of wounds ○ mtn gun fired 15 shells commencing 1045 K/17 vicinity GWAIBOLON ○ mortar engaged OROOUBI from 1030 K/17 to 1105 K/17 reported accurate ○ 2/3 AAL 1500 K/16 MMG on NAMLING ○ scored direct hit on mtn gun ○ crew seen to disperse ○ gun in next pos approx 100 yds on SALAMAUA side of old pos ○ 0650 K/17 fire heard direction GOODVIEW JUNC ○ 0735 K/17 30 Japs moved north from KOMIATUM were fired on by MMG at NAMLING ○ Japs dispersed no hits observed ○ Dkoy 24 hr nothing to report
1439	17/7	COANE FORCE	1610	1815 —		sitrep 3 to 1200/17 ○ GG COANE FORCE & staff move north to 788900 to reach SALOS this evening 1500 hrs ○ JAP patrol reported by Lieut BELL was seen by ANGAU native between NORTH & SOUTH ARM BITOI RIVER.
1440	17/7	2/6 bn	1800	1815 1528		sitrep 77 to 1800 K/17 ○ LABABIA OP reports 1145 K/17 explosions & 9 MG fire heard to north
1441	17/7	COANE FORCE	1135	1815 —		location of COANE FORCE made as at 1000 hrs 17 Jul moved as follows 3 bn 162 Regt less K with 10 pdr Bty vicinity 788900 K with det heavy weapon coy vicinity 760920 on high ground west

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TO 3 Aust div Rpts 15 aust Inf Bde

FROM 17 Aust inf bde | Originator's Number O 604 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number 03846

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One	Pl	C	Coy	2/5
Aust	Inf	Bn	with	Carrier
Supply	Line	will	move	to
BASE	4	rma	LIPHOS	GARDENS
⊙	ETA	1400 K/11	⊙	two
Pls	C	Coy	will	move
as	Soon	as	relieved	by
B	Coy	2/5	Bn	⊙
ETA	BASE	4	Late	PM
11 June 43	⊙	PTE	NC MILLAM	2/3
make up	Coy	will	guards	first
party	PTE	MORRISON	Record	party

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1441 continued

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Bde

of TAMBU BAY F coy 162 NASSAU BAY G coy 162 NASSAU BAY C bty 209 coastal arty less 66 NASSAU BAY coy coy A 116 engrs coastal Bty C 218 Fd arty to move new bty posn location unknown bty B 205 Fd arty SALUS bty A 218 Fd arty bn 794895 bty B 218 Fd arty Bn NASSAU BAY det HQ bty 218 Fd arty bn 795896 16 port hosp NASSAU BAY det 41 sigs coy NASSAU BAY det COSC NASSAU BAY HQ COANE FORCE NASSAU BAY coy A 532 engrs Amphibious less det NASSAU BAY coy D 532 engrs Amphibious less det NASSAU BAY det coy A 532 engrs Amphibious MAGARI PT det coy D 532 engrs Amphibious MAGERI PT

1442 17/7 3 Div 1730 1825 Q1418 regret stationary this HQ & units this area also reaching exhaustion stage ⊙ have urgently requested NGF again for supplies & also requested drop at OBSERVATION HILL on 18 Jul of items requested your 0684/16 0684/16

1443 17/7 3 Div 1427 1530 03991 secret ⊙ sitrep 213' to 1400K/17 ⊙ 15 Bde ⊙ 1630K/16 D coy 24 bn OP at 672033 surprised by party of Japs with 2 LMGS ⊙ no casualties ⊙ 3 men maintaining contact with Japs ⊙ 1900K/17 pl A coy 58/59 bn moved south towards ORODUBI am 17 Jul A coy in contact with Japs NE of ORODUBI ⊙ WELLS OP ⊙ 1750K/16 15 Japs without hats or packs doubled down steps at mtn gun posn 706936 ⊙ 1505K/16 automatic fire heard from this area ⊙ 2/3 AIC report up to 0930K/17 considerable Jap mvt north from KOMIATUM ⊙ 119 carrying one stretcher moved north in one gp ⊙ Japs moving on the east of the track below crest of ridge to avoid sun harrassing fire ⊙ 0930K/17 12 MITCHELLS dropped bombs at 739991 740990 ⊙ 15 craters in south end airfield ⊙ 0930K/17 3 MITCHELLS dropped bombs at 736025 ⊙ COANE FORCE ⊙ night 16/17 Jul ⊙ C coy P/B moving north towards Jap outpost at 763922 ⊙ 3 bn 162 Regt less coy K moving north along coast ⊙ coys F & G in NASSAU BAY area with HQ COANE FORCE ⊙ bty B 205 Fd arty bn in posn & ready to fire 809878 ⊙ bty 218 Fd arty bn have landed on beach 795895 ⊙ result TAC/R LOKANU 1 BUIAMBUN BOISI 0945 to 1015K/17 ⊙ LOKANU 1 12 natives bumped down 3 remain ⊙ track LOKANU 1 to 750968 well worn ⊙ signs recent use ⊙ small clearing on natural

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FROM LAPO | Originator's Number 0286 | Date 9 | In Reply to Number

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One	Coy	COCHRAN	well	fire
one	Solos	4	vehicles	east
each	9	following	Times	⊙
9 July	⊙	2130	2155	2245
2250	2330	hrs	⊙	10
July	0530	hrs	two	Solos
⊙	Target	GREEN	HILL	PIMPLE
Area	⊙	No	firing	9/10
0800	hrs	10	July	⊙
BIKA	will	Recd	string	recce
Patrol	comprising	one	pl	to
recce	Area	PIMPLE	with	a
Troop	4	ascertaining	enemy	Strength
And	Observations	this Area	⊙	of
PIMPLE	abandoned	by	enemy	Pl
will	Secure	⊙	Pl	will
NOT	attack	of	PIMPLE	is
held	by	enemy	⊙ ate	Ack.

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1443	continued				shelf 756964 O no sign of any fd gun at suspected gun posn 759962 O 748954 and 757961 two native gardens O signs of tracks in undergrowth O BUIAMBUN O coconuts on foreshore appear recently destroyed O native outrigger badly broken O BOISI O 10 damaged outriggers O 747937 to 749940 fresh tracks of tps on beach O at 765915 undergrowth cleared for approx 50 yds O no mvt seen over whole area but light bad weather showing all informed
1444	17/7 2/5 2/6 TAYLOR MACK		1915	1912	result Tac/R LOKANUI BUIAMBUN BOISI as serial 1443
1445	17/7 3 Div		2030	0694	ack copy No 2 3 Aust Div 018.
1446	17/7	3 Div	1648 1930	03996	as requested by you bol MACKECHNIE is assigned to your HQO supply personnel & staff from HQ MACK FORCE required for supply of TAYLOR FORCE by 17 Bde should be decided after consultation between yourself 17 Bde MACKECHNIE & Maj BREHENY who represents this HQO remainder staff will be available to you
1447	17/7	2/5 bn	1930	0613	sitrep 58 as at 1800/17 O our patrols located enemy at following posns 706922 705926 701926 706918 707916 715917 O patrols to 701926 heard chopping & voices in area O patrol to 701926 located japs in pisser cooking O patrols along GOODVIEW & MAIN tracks both contacted enemy at 707916 O TAMBU area O further 8 enemy killed O enemy posns this area constructed no more than three days ago O A coy are attacking first light 18 Jul O one mtn gun has now hanged on to enemy
1448	17/7	TAYLOR 3	1800 1930	3	A coy sec of HMG pers of D coy at 697876 B coy plus 1 sec of HMG personnel of D coy at 697869 D coy mortar at 697876 D coy HQ & 1 pl of HMG at 697876 & P pl arrived 696883 at 1730 HQ coy 696873 TAYLOR HQ at 696883 med and sta 696873 1 sec A coy 116 med and 696873 24 port hosp at TAYLOR FORCE native carrier bivouac at 694870 C coy under cond of 2/5 bn.

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TO 2/6 Bn - TAYLOR FORCE repeated 2/5 Bn

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Our Strike 3 hrs Ry from CK BUIKUMBAL F563

O Squadrons 8 photo E344 from

staffing mediums Jul A/SP 1 to D850

assault O 1000 BUIGAP D655 to

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130

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1449	17/7	3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns TAYLOR MACK COANE		2000	1913	sitrep 194 to 1900K/17 O 2/5 bn patrols located enemy at following posns 906922 705926 701926 706918 707916 718917 O patrols along GOODVIEW & MAIN tracks both contacted enemy at 7079160 enemy posns MT TAMBU area constructed NOT more than three days ago O further 8 enemy killed during day all informed
1450	17/7	3 Div 15 Bde		2025	0695	from 3 Div O maxm working range mtr bty guns 5000 yds 003989 can NOT at present move guns to posn to engage OLD VICKERS posn due enemy dispersal O due to amn sup difficulties expenditure will be greatly restricted O consider limited arty sup available should be concentrated for the attack on KOMIATUM the clearing of which will be of more assistance to 15 Bde than firing a necessarily small number of rds on targets which can NOT be observed from OPs but which require the closer observation of FOOs of whom there are few available
1451	17/7	3 Div		2030	0696	for GRIFFIN from BREHENY O request advise disposal ~~tt~~ see fd amb now NASSAU BAY
1452	17/7		15 Bde	1948 2055	069	sitrep 144 to 1900K/17 O 58/59 bn O A coy Mortar ranged on mtr gun 4 smoke 2 HE gun replied with 5 shells our casualties mil gun ceased 1,5[illegible]OK/17 still in same posn O B C & D coys NOT yet to hand O 2/3 AIC O patrol sent east from NAMLING RIDGE to ORODUBI & NE from AMBUSH KNOLL to ORODUBI O fighting patrol of three sent from NEILS to STEPHENS track NOT yet returned O D coy 24 bn ref sitrep 142 no further reports of enemy O ambush posn now located at OP
1453	17/7		COANE FORCE	1610 2130	—	sitrep 3 as at 1200K/17 O Serial 1439
1454	17/7		3 Div	2150	05998	secret sitrep 214 to 2000K/17 O LAE OP O 1230K/17 O 1 LIBERATOR dropped 4 bombs vicinity airfield area O 4 large fires apparently oil were started O 15 Bde O 0830K/17 7 ft A coy 58/59 bn contacted enemy at 698944 our casualties 2 killed 1 wounded O 1045K/17 [illegible] gun fired 15 shells into GWAIBOLON area O 1300 & 1050K/17

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BIXA	will	Rep d	one	Re 5
to	OBSERVATION	HILL	via	track 10
MUBO	GARRISON	HILL	with	the 15
object	determining	enemy	dispositions	and 20
Strength	at	approx	KAFZWA	25
Pl	with	attack	and	endeavour 30
to	destroy	enemy	in	his 35
position	0	One	Section	BIXA 40
will	peace	MUBO	VALLEY	as 45
for	North	do	KITCHEN	CK 50
0	Tools	0	Are	there 55
Any	enemy	occupying	MUBO	VALLEY 60
interf	Woody	ISLAND	0	Are 65
they	any	Rocks	of	access 70
to	OBSERVATION	Hill	from	75
VALLEY	0	Above	movement	MUBO to 80
Any	out	Rocks	will	Command 85
Action	MAT	MAT	at	just 90
light	0	OK		95
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1454	✓							...continued ...our Inf tanks gradually engaged 0 ROOUBI 1800K/16 2/3 AIC pinned at RAMLING ...stretch but on every rise gun 0 rest dispersed gun crews in next fork 100yds S.E. of previous forks 0730K/17 80 Japs moving north from KOMIATUM were fired on by same MMG 0 Japs dispersed 0 17 Bde Gp 0 1930K/16 A coy 2/5 bn captured upper slopes of MT TAMBU when enemy estimated at 1 pl strength 0 excellent fors 0 during night 16/17 Jul A coy repulsed 6 enemy counter attacks which were supported by mortar, 81 MM & LMG fire 0 during night searchlight from SALAMAUA played on TAMBU area 0 casualties estimated enemy casualties 30 killed our 1 killed 0 0830/17 D coy 2/5 bn moved TAMBU Area from bivouac at junc BUIKO & BUIGAP CKS 0 our Pls moved in form A coy at 0715-0915 D coy 0715-0913 ...pl followed with 3 Inf guns ...number of light 89 grenade discharges 0800-0900K/17 Japs with ...stretcher case moved north from KOMIATUM 0 This confirms 2/3 AIC reported ...step 2130 am 17 Jul were fitted to 706922 heard chopping 0 fighting fatigued to 705927 pine fired on 0 our casualties 0600K/17 one A/C very ...played under cond 2/5 bn 0 1000K/17 one ...pl 2/6 bn established as standby ...moved to MUSO strip from fatigued 680876 0 1200K/17 16 pl 2/6 bn moved to 680876 COMINF FORCE & HQ MACK now at 526823 all afternoon
1455	17/7		COANE FORCE	1910	2150	53/12		...pl air strike 18 Jul 0 accept 12 strikes 0 no strike after 1200 hrs
1456	17/7		2/5	2100	2155	0614		...step 89 as at 2000 hrs 0 A Coy were again strongly attacked at dusk 0 attack repulsed 0 enemy supporting attack will be given our casualties this ...figures by own mortar fire 0 enemy unknown.
1457	17/7		COANE FORCE	0814/17	2330	—		...step 2 as at 0600/17 70 by A Coy landed on beach 795895 at 0230 from MOROBE
1458	17/7		MACK	1810	2330	530		...step 56 as of 1500 hrs no change

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde RPTD NG ~~3 Aust Div~~

FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number 03847

Date P

In Reply to Number bm 162

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fwd elements of 3 5
regt 41 NASSAU BAY DIV now 10
arriving additional LIS Rear apparently
the in reqarding the Aps referred
to 03841 (O) defintead
advice employment of these despatch or
NOT HQ been received by has
these from Aps NGF O this
your and comnd are (Through placed However under
concentrated are back to HQ MAFORCE)
use in in area be retained
in my task read your
at these NASSAU 03841 referred to
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1459	17/7			3 Bde	2305	2350	0600S	units arrive for 4 days in which it is agreed that targets suggested by you only will be engaged		0695
1460	18/7			2/6 Bn	0600	0645	I529	relief 68 @ 0600K/18 @ Sultan		
1461	18/7			2/5 Bn	0635	0715	0616	relief 60 at 0600 hrs @ our casualties during attack @ Acoy for at dusk last night now known to be five @ one mortar		
1462	18/7	3 Div 15 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 TAYLOR MACK COATES			0735		I917	relief 195 to @ 0700K/18 @ Azoy 2/5 Bn again strength attached at dusk 17 Jul @ our casualties for preceding three months by own mortar @ 0600K/18 One mortar bomb fired into Bn area for 2/6 Bn sector @ TAYLOR NO report all is quiet		
1463	18/7	ANGAU WITU			0630		I915	for Lieut BLANDON @ F/O FULLER requests information as to (a) has MOTH ac arrived Jul (b) is there any message for him @ Please reply		
1464	17/7	3 Div			2230/17		I914	location statement being funded by convoy 18 Jul		303999
1465	18/7			MACK	0630	0810	1917	relief 92 as of 0600 hrs Unit 116 Bde RAA arrived NASSAU BAY 0430 hrs.		
1466	18/7	2/5 2/6 all units			0700		I916	secret password from 1800K/18 to 1500K/19 SQUADRON		
1467	17/7			3 Div	2240	2320	1999	require urgently complete list of all ships in Tambu area		
1468	17/7			3 Div	2318	2352	1995	of 17 Bde @ for this convoy @ of searchlight showing on MT TAMBU night 16/17 Jul		
1469	17/7			MACK	2010	2330	5836	request the following photos be funded This HQ urgent SALUS area vertical SNIDER POINT to KOBABIA is five feet urgent SNIDER to SALUS twenty five three vertiles urgent please		
1470	17/7			15 Bde	2300	2350	0697	relief 145 to 2245K/17 @ 0555/19 @ Acoy 7th still in contact with enemy 500 yards to front from GNAIDOLONG @ 2/3 MG @ 0700K/17 Bn in the area which are thick cut between enemy bush Shelling @ 0300 BU @ 1900K/17 fired heard on KOMIATUM road @ 1115K/17 fire heard from GRAVEYARD for 697940 1345K Grids fired on south KOMIATUM believed for our guns south of MT TAMBU @ 1500K/18 for 0800K/19 thought OROBOBI by MMG at		

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TO 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div | Originator's Number 1762 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number —

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First ⊙ as DRLS cleared your HQ 0600 hrs now reaching this HQ 1745 hrs daily suggest ⊙ you send DRLS ⊙ second DUALI report of strength 20 BAY on PIB dated ⊙ and total 350 Gun of which approx 100 DUALI with eight ARM BITOI 100 and side 1000 yds def form approx about BITOI south of mouth 150 SOUTH ARM ⊙ remaining DINGA POINT ⊙ Translation follows

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1470	✓	continued				NAMLING RIDGE 0 1700K CANVEYARD for captured 2 Jap deserters attacks repulsed 5 Japs killed no contact made pt 0 58/5 gbns C pl patrol found Jap weapon pit + ladder for 1 AC 0 comms 0 Lethal LAA jewelers with 17 Bde from 1K/17
1471	✓	17/7	COANE FORCE	1949 2245	—	sitrep 4 as at 1925/17 0 COANE comd post at 797892 0 otherwise no change 0 supply dumps at beach head 899900
1472	✓	17/7	3 Div	2345 0632/804004		special sitrep 215 to 2315K/17 0 15 Bde 0 16 fd ① 0 24 lbr in bush near 672032 0 A coy 58/5 gbns mortar range 0 enemy gun replied with 5 shells gun casualties nil 0 after last 17 Jul 2/3 AIC sent patrol towards 0 200 UBI from NAMLING RIDGE 0 691930 0 17 Bde 0 during 17 Jul 2/5 lbr patrols located enemy in the following poms 706922 705926 701926 706918 707916 715917 0 enemy poms in MT TAMBU area have not been constructed for more than 2 days 0 further 8 Japs killed during day 0 COANE force 0 1975K/17 COANE force comd post at 797892 0 2/4 lbr 0 0945/17 patrol at FRAZERS mine reports one U/I a/c crashed in vicinity BUIN-BININGO 9 fd Aco released by 7 fd at FRAZERS mine all 1 forward
1473	✓	17/7	MACK	1810 2330 532		sitrep 77 of 1800 hrs MACK HQ + HQ coy moved to 825817 4 mls ADDENDUM 1/25000 BADEN BAY west special alarm ORP reported MACK HQ
1474	✓	18/7	15 Bde	0750 0849 0698		sitrep 146 to 0730K/18 0 58/5 gbns 0 A coy patrol to ERSKINE CK during night 17/18 Jul nil results to hand 0 B coy 2100K/17 patrol to same point on beach cut and still occupied 0 C coy patrol 2250K/17 could not observe results of harassing fire 0 D coy 0015K/18 patrol crossed river 713978 moved to east of COCONUTS RIDGE men on top of ridge NMS 0 harassing fire with mortars & MMG throughout night 17/18 0 2/3 AIC coy 1 fd 24 lbr no reports to hand
1475	✓	18/7	3 Div	0810 0840 04006		Lieut COULTER will arrive HQ 15 Bde 21 Jul 0 is proceeding via 17 Bde
1476	✓	18/7	3 Div	0830 0910 04007		sunset 0 sitrep to 216 to 0800K/18 0 24 lbr 0 BUNNG patrol reports 0340K/17 tracer fire followed by bright orange light east on horizon presumed flare attached by a/c 0355 0460 light burned 0

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TO 17 aust inf bde 15 aust inf bde hqtrs QV

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3 aust div.	03846	10	—

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to	reinforcem	area	now	held	10
by	2/3	unde	coy	and	15
ensure	that	enemy	clo	NOT	20
escape	month	(from	MUBO	across	25
17	aust	inf	bde	will	30
send	one	coy	to	BASE	35
4	(O)	move	to	commence	40
early	as	possible	morning	11	45
JUL	(O)	to	ensure	raped	50
unobserved	mot	theo	coy	mile	55
move	via	NIPNOS	Pandemo	track	60
(O)	if	Lowmen	VIADS	track	65
is	clear	of	enemy	theo	70
latter	route	may	be	used	75
at	discretion	Comd	17	bde	80
(O)	coy	will	come	under	85
comd	2/3	ind	coy	on	90
arrival	BASE	4	(O)	2/3	95
ind	coy	will	send	liaison	100
offr	and	guides	to	BASE	105
4	to	await	arrival	of	110
17	bde	coy	(O)	taken	115
2/5	in	Less	one	coy	120
arrive	GOOD VIEW	junc	area	at	125
later	date	CO	2/5	in	130

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1476	continued			0345–0355 K/17 two searchlights in LAE directed towards light ○ 0445 K/17 small ship or barge from LAE circled area then returned ○ 15 Bde ○ pm 17 Jul ○ 7 pl A coy 58/59 bn still in contact with Japs approx 698 9450 B pl 2/3 AIC ran into ambush between 691930 & 0R0 0UB1 no details 1500 K/17 14 Japs moving through NAMLING fired on by MMG at NAMLING ○ no observed results ○ 1700 K/17 GRAVEYARD 697941 captured by A pl ○ 2 enemy counter attacks repulsed ○ no contact yet est with A coy 58/59 bn ○ 5 Japs killed ○ 17 Bde ○ dusk of 17 Jul enemy supported by mtn gun strongly attacked A coy 2/5 bn ○ our casualties 5 ○ no details all informed
1477	18/7	2/5	0830 0920 0617	sitrep 61 as at 0830 hrs ○ 0700 to 0815 A coy mortars registering on enemy forms ○ A coy attacking NOT before 1000 hrs ○ known enemy casualties during attack at dusk last night 25 ○ enemy mtn gun believed in area 708936 fired three rds into A coys form at 1900 K/17 ○ 0615/18 lone LIBERATOR engaged by A/A fire from SALAMAUA 0U/1 a/c circled this area at 0650 hrs medium height
1478	18/7	2/6	0900 0920 I534	sitrep 79 to 0900 K/18 ○ sitrep
1479	18/7	TAYLOR 3	0900 1010 2	no change 0900 hrs
1480	18/7	MACK	0910 1010 542	sitrep as of 0900 hrs no change
1481	18/7 3 Div		1010 I918	locations US tps under cond 1800 K/19 ○ HQ & HQ coy 1 bn 162 Regt with 24 port hosp 696873 ○ coy A plus one sec MMG 697876 ○ coy B plus one sec MMG 695869 coy B plus one sec MMG 695869 coy D less one pl MMG 697876 ○ coy C under cond 2/5 bn in MT TAMBU area ○ one sec coy A 116 med bn 696873 ○ Bty C 218 FA bn two guns east of LABABIA LOOKOUT two guns west of RIVER JUNC ○ guns moving to GREEN HILL
1482	18/7	2/5 bn	1030 1110 0619	sitrep 62 as at 1030 hrs ○ A coy attacked at 1000 hrs preceded by mortar & mtn gun fire gaining 30 yds ○ enemy form on razor back at 715917 consist of 3 HMG ○ A coy unable to outflank owing to nature of country ○ our casualties 4 killed
1483	18/7	2/5 bn	1100 1115 0629	sitrep 63 as at 1100 hrs ○ 1 pl moving down GOODVIEW track & 1 pl moving down MAIN track both contacted enemy in some strength at GOODVIEW JUNC vicinity 706918 ○ pls now digging in at 706917 & 705918 respectively

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TO LHQ

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACK	131	13	—

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PIB	reportes	through	mack	rear
that	the	japs	in	an
unknown	number	are	at	BOISI
and	just	South	of	BOISI
O	One	pl	of	Hitchcock
working	to	west	of	BOISI
apparoc	1200	hrs	today	~~corot~~
one	B25-	crashed	in	the
SSEH	~~ACB~~ near	~~last~~ BOISI	O	LCV
was	sent	to	attempt	rescue
of	aviators	LCMV	was	fired
on	at	unknown	range	with
unknown	weapon	from	high	ground
north	of	BOISI	firing	reported
by	PIB	aviators	not	rescued

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1484	18/7 2/5 2/6 etc		1120	1919	relief other areas to 1100K/18 as per 15 Bde & 3 Div relief's
1485	18/7	TAYLOR	1030 1125	6	only activity on part of TAYLOR since 14 Jul has been patrolling ○ NO contact with enemy ○ request info in regard couriers from TAYLOR to your HQ for sending on JAP documents
1486	18/7	2/5 bn	1115 1145	0621	S/L situated on west side of KELAT RT ○ bears very powerful did not reflect fast TAMBU ○ 0910 hrs 1 MITCHELL bombed south FRANCISCO engaged by A/A fire ○ guns on peninsular one on south end of isthmus
1487	18/7	3 Div	1102 1215	04011	on arrival Australian 25 pdrs btty 2/6 fd regt in your area you will please state in a suitable form which of SALOS from which targets in BOBOUBI ○ KOMIATUM areas can be engaged ○ this btty would be under your operational control but is allotted specially to give art support to 15 ○ 17 Bdes in the above areas ○ on OP party from this btty 3 pls to report HQ 17 bde forthwith ○ 15 Bde is making available one wheelers Number 11 for OP party ○ please issue orders to the OC advance party of above btty now at NASSAU BAY to implement the above instructions
1488	18/7	TAYLOR	1200 1225	7	situation unchanged as of 1200 hrs
1489	18/7	2/6	1200 1225	1535	Siturep 80 to 1200 7/18 ○ LABABIA OP reports MITCHELL over KOMIATUM bombing heard ○ one sec & pl returned to SADDLE AREA ○ 5 pl moved to BITOI BR area
1490	19/7 3 Div asptd 15 bde 2/6 2/7 bns		1225	1920	Sitrep 196 to 1200 7/18 ○ 2/5 bn ○ 1900 7/7 enemy gun fired three rds into A Coy area ○ known enemy casualties during dusk attack yesterday 25 killed ○ 0700 to 0815 7/18 own mortars ranged on enemy posn ○ 1000 7/18 1000 7/18 A Coy attacked preceded by mortar and MG gunfire gaining 30 yds ○ enemy forced on right back at 715917 with 5 MMG ○ also bde unable to outflank ○ casualties yesterday killed ○ C Coy ○ one pl showing dispersal ○ Track and one pl down mainbeach both contacted enemy some strength recently ○ 000 VIEW Zone 706918 ○ pls move during night 706917 and 705918 ○ 0830 7/18 one M/F A/C identified MT TAMBU area ○ 0615 7/18 single NIGERATOR over SALAMAUA engaged by A/A ○ 0910 7/18 one MITCHELL bombed FRANCISCO and engaged by A/A fire ○ fighters all inf

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FROM MACK	Originator's Number 1	Date 13	In Reply to Number —

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Ship	no 64	as	of	2000
hrs	stop	Kanaka	send	to
borsi	dod	not	reach	borsi
but	saw	no	sign	of
japs	in	area	a	canoe
with	5	Japs	was	seen
to	leave	BUIABUN	and	Go
to	dot	~~b~~-isle	stop	island
watched	but	canoe	did	not
return	dot	island	probable	post
stop	big	fires	seen	around
Lakunai	no	fleet of	~~so~~ Japs	~~posta~~
probably	digging	in	here	with
post	for	south	as	BUIABUN
at	least	①	Coy	C
at	7148 88	①	2	squads
~~A at~~	A T	one	pl	Coy
D	and	~~one~~ 1	and	R
pl.	with	24	post	at
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1491	18/7	✓							COMMD FORCES Dr. Col SYMONDS engineer Commander 3 Aust Div must in your area to investigate the coordination and supervise construction of fuel tank farm NASSAU BAY to enable proper Petrol give turnaround days and land facilities thereafter. On this order, confirm verbal instructions given SYMONDS prior to his departure yours this HQ
1492	18/7	✓	3 Aust Div	1120	1310	1744			for Lieut MCGREGORY from PETCHELL Ref your L 102 of 17th x/ref Returning until one
1493	18/7	✓	3 Div	0930	1300	1409			Lieut Goulden left here today enroute your HQ via HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and reports to the O/C on arrival he is allotted your HQ for duty as requested.
1494	18/7	✓	3 Div	1103	1225	04012			am arranging for 25pr btty to be placed in for month of SALOS to will be called to engage targets required by both bdes of 15th Bde will accompany 11 Fd Regt at WELLS as per will order OP party to move from NASSAU BAY to HQ 17 bde to My Holmes move with 17 bde will arrange detailed instr of OP party & coordinates arty support required by both bdes
1495	18/7	✓	15 Bde	1306	1350	1454			Bde left 14 mile for 1300K/18 & nothing to report
1496	18/7	✓	2/5 bn	1220	1300	0622			strength 644 as at 1200 hrs TARGET area & Ack gained 100 yds 7 bn moved considerably & valuable documents captured being sorted by Bde HQ & two pls 703 & 98 Bn C & C O are now at 698 897 & HQ & two pls 703 & 98
1497	18/7	✓	3 Div		1425	1920			Lieut COBBERRY NOT known left here for your HQ 1797 Lieut COBBERRY reported to have been evacuated some days ago
1498	18/7	✓	3 Div		1445	1922			S/L was reported to have been situated just side KELA PT was exposed to fire from 1900K/17 for few minutes only & beam then swung out to sea & switched off
1499	18/7	✓		2/6 bn	1500	1830	1537		strength 82 as 1500K/18 & LABABIA OPO 1350K/18 was fired on by fighter escort approached from NE which dropped OBSERVATION HILL returning to NE & explosions heard direction KOMIATOM thought to be bombs O & LIGHTNINGS flew to Lae & engaged by fighters & results unknown O 1425K/18 3 LIGHTNINGS patrolling area

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TO 17 BDE.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MACK REAR	465	14	—

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Rear 16 17 BDE NEWMAN C coy plat reports 2 coy Japs bivouac areas about 100 men each at following areas LXF6Z1 (714489) and LXBPIZ (717898) ⊙ track used by both groups follows around north crest of ridge at LXBPIZ (717898) to-ward AAT TAMBU these positions were not occupied ⊙ these areas have now been occupied since 12 and 13 July ⊙ GEORGE A coy reports 300 400 fresh jap graves in area of perimeter reported on 13 July. LT GRAY of GEORGE A coy reports log bridge across BUIGAP creek at LHHPZA (703385) and track running along north side BUIGAP creek to LHHPIF (700394) where it crossed to def B track ⊙ GEORGE A coy reports jap bombers dropped six bombs on pimple ⊙

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