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17 Infantry Brigade
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555	31/12.		PIPER FORCE	311810 I.	11920 I.	RC	Restricted from COLIF @ natural str NO change.	
556	31/12.	PIPER FORCE		312005 I.		935	Secret @ indicated enemy map. Captured WADUM and V578190 30 DEC indicates probable location of following units @ 238 regt H&end 2 Coy 8 indep engrs SELNI V470090 @ 239 regt HQ and 3 Coy 8 indep engr regt SALATA V483022 @ approach your encampment to verify from natural points	
557			Canal Hqs.	311645 I	52020 I	0 1579	Revisit 56 to 311500 I.	Out to 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Canal unit 2/2 and fol and 2/119 workshop
558	31/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bus 2/2 fd unit 2/119 workshop.		31230 I.		154	Revisit 56.	
559	31/12.		PIPER FORCE	311925 I.	31220 I.	0 62	Secret @ 2/5 Canal unit bus assumes Canal 312559 @ no air strike. If air all in fire.	
560	31/12	near 2/5 B-1		311935 I		2555	RESTRICTED @ remainder 300 mortar pl Sta 350R will proceed to TONG as follows Stage 1 by MT depots this area 011230 to YACAMUT Stage night 1/2 Jan @ Stage 2 YACAMUT to BASE CAMP on foot 2 Jan Stage night 2/3 Jan BASE CAMP Stage 3 BASE CAMP to NIALU Stage night 3/4 Jan NIALU @ Stage 4 NIALU to TONG 4 Jan @ ration @ two days rations will be carried on the men @ meals will be available as follows evening meal 2 Jan and breakfast 3 Jan BASE CAMP evening meal 2 Jan and breakfast 4 Jan NIALU @ personnel will move in marching order @ on off will accompany party @ by weapons will be dropped by air at YAMINE Sandi arranged Wed 17 Dec @ arrangements for move of 7000 dry rations stores & belongings will be advised later ack.	

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552	31/12	rear 2/5 line			311810E	Q 552	Rescheduled warning order. Plaf is placed on schedule for his notice of mov as from 311800I. Remains 3 in mortar pl are placed on 12 his notice for mov as from 311800I. Following stores will be packed for air dropping size 3 in mortars complete less amm for MMGS complete less amm. Advise by 312100I weight on non droppable associated stores eg range finders etc.	
553	31/12	map PIPER FORCE		311740I	311830E	Q 553	Secret. size 3 in mortars will now be dropped. Advise by immediate sig when for size mortars dropped. Remains mortar pl move Yagumul 1 pm. Advise question slightly eased.	
554	31/12		6 ams air	311705I	311900E	I 554	Secret. undated enemy map captured WALUM V 578170 31 dec. INDICATES probable location of following units 238 regt HQ and 2 Coy 8 maps engs SELNI V 470090 239 regt HQ and 3 Coy 8 maps engs regt SAILATA V 483002 all maps	

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549	31/12		PIPER FORCE	310820I	311400I	1.46	RESTRICTED @ Jan 1.53 of 301005 I @ map ref. should read 347147 @ SONGAIEN OP. withdrawn 310700I.	
550	31/12		B/6 Ausb Cav (Commando) Regt.	311325I	311615I	153	<p> Picut @ Sitrup 65 to 311300 I @ 2/7 500. 300700 I Atp attacked enemy located at V667191 Casualties OWN KIA ENEMY 4 killed @ enemy in fair condition with full anti material eqpt and serviceable but rusty rifle @ 301015 patrol killed 3 Japs V575188 @ 301100 3 die Atp killed 2 Japs at V564188 @ 301515 1 Jap killed at V575188 @ 301615 I 1 Jap killed at V675188 while 4 escaped @ 310600 I 500 140 and 6 tp moved from KAMAUAIN to route INALUM @ suitable DZ for WALUM located V578190 @ latest enemy casualties NOT previously reported WALUM area 11 killed @ Jap dead NOT previously reported WALUM area 13 dead approx the web case unknown @ 1 LMG captured WALUM @ 1000 4 Japs captured this area being forwarded at earliest. </p>	
551	31/12	6 Ausb div.		311710I	311800I	186	<p> Restricted @ forecast. 1 Jan @ weather bet. to NW poor doubtfull @ no expected to affect local areas in next 24 hrs except for a few showers or light rain at night. all info </p>	

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540 31/12		PIPER FORCE	302050I	310600I	060	Secret @ following mov are advised @ 1st Jan pnr recd to YAMBES @ 2nd JAN BN HQ incl sigs I Sec - Cpl pas to YAMBES @ 1st Jan T/A pl to DREKIKER @ B. Col ETATON @ 1st Jan YAMBES 3rd Jan @ all info	
541 31/12		PIPER FORCE	302045I	310912I	INH	2 packages numbers DDDIA D502A fwd by runner 310600I @ numbers of documents total 12.	
542 31/12		6 Div	302030I		0157H	Secret amendt to LOCSTAT H.	Copies to 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.
543 31/12		PIPER FORCE	310815I	310935I	INH	Secret @ Sitrep 19 to 310800I no change.	
544 31/12	PIPER FORCE		311030I		I53	Secret @ Repeat of message I81 from 6 Div Serial 529.	
545 31/12	PIPER FORCE		311130I		0133	our 089 actr NOT yet received	
546 31/12	PIPER FORCE		311145I		0132	0132 Secret @ Sitrep 18 to 311130I	
547 31/12	PIPER FORCE		311145I		0134	Secret @ report 4 to 301500I @ DIANMAP R AREA @ 28 Dec 6 japs seen vicinity V627203 one killed @ 29 Dec 2 japs killed V575294 @ recent jap broenc hill V627203 @ 20 Dec 6 japs killed V566295 four killed @ 20 Dec 6 japs V632295 killed @ LAMBURIN area @ 28 Dec WALUM reported clear of enemy 1 dead jap found @ 15 japs in area V571183 found killed result an strike @ natives report 40 japs in small patches near V584185 @ 29 Dec unmapped village WALUM 2 V584185 occupied by one sp cow squ.	
548 31/12		6 Aust Div.	310900I	131220I	01576	Secret @ confirm phone conversations HOPKINSON - NAN CARPO request two an strikes 31 Dec @ first @ enemy held village PEREMBIL V89301 incl WEST slopes NOT before 1000I NOT AFTER 1200I @ nearest own @ YAMBES V 851089 LUANG V 376091 DREKIKER V366055 NANUNUN V355083 MUSINAV V378065 and on track V392070 @ Secmd @ GETERCK V5616 details by FO POLKINGHORNE & TACR Sqd @ no time limit @ nearest own @ps vicinity WALUM V5719	

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538	30/12		Reper Force	301910 I	310630 I	I42	<p>Boat 10 Set up to 301900 IO 17 Coy 0 FB #6 NO contact MIMAU clear enemy 0 8 pl reports or further 4 new graves MUSINAU 0 pl returned DREKIKER 301630 I C Coy 0 30330 I F7 ambushed 6 Japs vicinity SAHIK 0 Enemy Cas 5 killed 0 own Cas nil 0 documents 1 rifle captured 0 Pchel burnt SAHIK village 0 Air over 301000 T Strike PEREMBIL 75% field target area 0 native report 0 301000 I 1 Jap 700 SW PEREMBIL.</p>	
539	31/12		Reper Force	301940 I	310630 I	I43	<p>Specs 0 of maps NANU EAST 0 intentions 31 DEC 0 A Coy 0 F8 str 21 MILES 15 hrs time out 310800 I time in 311000 I route out MUSINAU NORTH towards PEREMBIL return same route 0 Object set ambush PEREMBIL tracks approx 392 070 0 R15 str INCO 400 time out 310800 I time in 311600 I 0 route out MUSINAU MIMAU via river to NICIRA 408 053 0 return crossing route 0 Object clear enemy from NICIRA 0 C Coy 0 R16 INCO 900 time out 310800 I time in 311700 I route out NASALBIM NANUNUN AISILINGO return direct LAWING 0 first object near near PEREMBIL AISILING area for ambush point second observe air strike PEREMBIL.</p>	

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530	30/12		PIPER FORCE	29215I	301725I	057	Secret @ intentions 30 Dec @ A Coy @ develop own locality @ 7 PL F5 time out 300800I time in 301600I str Lt FLYNN 15 ORs to SOUTH of MIMAU object harass enemy @ 8th occupy MUSINAU by 300900I @ F6 time out 300900I time in 301600I str 1 Sgt 15 ORs route out to MIMAU return same route object clear MIMAU of enemy @ C Coy F7 time out 300600I time in 301600I str Lt DONELEY 10 ORs route out OAD SAHIK BELU, SAHIK return same route object destroy enemy SAHIK.	
531	30/12		6 Div	301800I	301850I	01573	cancel our 01507 of 131200I @ broken AKIHHI @ now repaired @ ad open to SWAIN	
532	30/12		6 Div	301715I	301850I	I93	forecast @ dec 31 @ slight deterioration with cloudy conditions and a few showers at night @ no marked weather expected on next 24 hrs @	
533	30/12		6 Div	301715I	302500I	01572	Revisit 55 to 301500I	
534	30/12		2/5 Bn	302020I	302050I	0122	100 offrs 129 ORs 19 Bde marched in 301930I for onward mov.	
535	30/12		PIPER FORCE	301830I	302208I	058	Secret @ ref map NANUEHST @ request strike PEREMBIL only 31 Dec @ bomb strafe + incendiaries villages and WEST slope of feature @ own Hqs YAMBES 361089 LUTING 376091 DREKIKER 361055 NANUNUM 385083 MUSINAU 378065 and PEREMBIL track 392070 @ NOT before 311000I NOT after 311200I	
536	30/12	6 Div		302230I	302200I	0131	confirming PEPPER CHARKE @ repeat of above message	
537	30/12	PIPER		302245I		0132	your 058 air strike if weather OK	

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526	30/12		2/7 B	301540I	301635I	I16	Secret @ 5 pl moved out for BABIANG at 300630I @ pl is upc 2/3 Aust Fd Coy for an indefinite period.	
527	30/12		HQ. RAE	301030I	301635I	R17 803	Secret @ Amendment No 3 to R17 F. locs at 2 @ Serial 130 Amend. location V57430 2 @ Serial 34 @ Amend location V55629 2 @ All inf.	
528	30/12		6 Aust div.	301325I	301635I	I51	Secret @ Subp 64 to 301300 L @ 2/7 sqn 291715 I 1 sq dead not previously reported. found WALUM area @ WALUM Plains. Def bombing 1 lat standing @ 300700I sqn HQ Btp C sp less det 2000 1600 LAMBUNG det moving via DANMAP RIVER to reinf 17 sp @ 17 sp intention to occupy suitable def posn vicinity WALUM 2 up V584185 @ 201100 I subnov	
529	30/12		6 Aust div.	301600I	201700I	I81	Secret @ enemy map dated 10 NOV 44 captured DANMAP River area 26 Dec indicate presence in BANF V5301 of 9 HQ comprising following enemy units @ HQ 41 Div, 41 Mtn Bty, 41 Engr Regt, 8 Indef Engr Regt, 40 Rd Coner Unit, 41 Div Sigs, Ord Duty Unit, Branch Fd Ord Depot, 51 Const Unit @ Tac R. at present covering area @ original map and report following.	forward to 2/6, 2/7 B PIPER FORCE I53

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518	30/12		PIPER FORCE CAPT. BONIN. 2/3 M.G. Bn.	300850 I	300850 I		2/3 MG fire plan NOT available until 2/6 Bn fire plan is received from Lt Grant I.O. 2/6 Aust INF Bn. M.G. fire plan will be sent to the HQ as soon as possible.	
519	30/12		PIPER FORCE	250600 I	301151 I		Enclosed herewith patrol reports R1 R3 R9 with appendices attached. Sketch top of DRINKIR AREA and Coy def posn and fire plan request you forward us supply of labels for captured enemy equipment and documents.	
520	30/12		PIPER FORCE	272200 I	301151 I		Herewith patrol reports F2 R6 R7 R8 and Capt Cameron's report on DRINKIR CUR STRIP.	
521	30/12		6AUST DIV	300825 I	301130 I	191	RESTRICTED. pending receipt of further instructions no action will be taken by units to collect debris on 31 Dec vide GPO 371/44 para 36.	
522	30/12	PIPER FORCE		301140 I	30	0.90	RESTRICTED. per your Q. 39. gain priority IMMEDIATE. priority not necessary. See OUr 0.637	
523	30/12		6 Aust Div	301200 I	301228 I	01567	br over HANHICK 125429 closed to traffic from 1800hrs 30 Dec to 0600hrs 31 Dec. picquets at DRINIMOUR & NIGIA are wanted to stop traffic through those places at 1730hrs 30 Dec.	
524	30/12		PIPER FORCE	291945 I	301225 I	053	BUTTROSE, BUSBY, BLACKSTONE, & RFL arrived TONG request MG pl remain mortar pl be sent fwd immediately. 6 Mors 4 MGs to be dropped YAMBES.	Bde Comd - NO further fers to move to TONG until supply form improves when form can be reviewed.
525	30/12	6 Div, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns 2/2 Fd amb, 2/2 Fd Regt		301255 I		0131	Sites 17 to 301200 I	

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512	30/12		Piper Force	292015Z	300830Z	055	SECRET (1) Refmap NANU EAST (1) request air strike 30 dec PEREMBIL 393078 bomb + straf NORTH + WEST slopes NOT before 301000 (1) NO time limit (1) own troops (1) YAMBES 364389 AVING 376091 DRKKIKER 366055 MIMAU 392058 SONGASEN 377100 MUSINAU 378065.	
513	30/12		2/5 Aust Gyr Br.	300910Z	300925Z	0119	Notified (1) 7 Japs 199 on. marched out ca YAKAMUL 300645.	
	(511 Contd)		PIPER FORCE	292000Z	300925Z	I40	Part 3 (1) the attack pl arrived YAGUAR 291400Z (1) ground enemy (1) PEREMBIL str now est 80 (1) air obs (1) strike on MUSINAU 291130Z (1) NO strike MIMAU natives report 291400Z native sentries killed 2 JAPS wounded 2 on track 392072.	
514			PIPER FORCE	300820Z	300950Z	I41	Sitrep 17 to 300800Z (1) No change.	
515	30/12	6 MUST DIV.		300955Z		0130	SECRET (1) confirming phone conversation G3 (air) 30 (1) request for air strike (1) request bombing and strafing NORTH and WEST slopes PEREMBIL V 393078 NOT before 301000 I (1) own troops YAMARS V 364089 AVING V 376091 DRKKIKER V 366055 MIMAU V 392058 MUSINAU V 378065 (1) Estimated 80 japs PEREMBIL	
516	30/12	Piper Force		301005Z		I53	(also) notified (1) jaw 055 of 292015Z (1) own troops reported at V 377100w this correct	
517	30/12	PIPER FORCE		301100Z		089	SECRET (1) for BUTTROSE from MOTEN (1) submit outline your intentions for further adv as soon as prepared (1) expect you will watch right flank approaches as far as MOINYEP ref H 402968 with native patrols ack.	

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505			6 aust div	291715I	291750I	192	restricted @ forecast 30 dec @ a few showers Sat night otherwise fine for next 36 hrs all info	
506			Capt Macrae 6 aust div	291830I			Telephone message @ during day 1 BEAUFORT bombed MUSINAU and 5 BEAUFORTS bombed PEREMBIL with good coverage @ RAAF advise our tps observed in MUSINAU this afternoon	
507		PIPER FORCE		291940I		088	SECRET @ ref addition 3 in mortars see MMGO in view of present situation our Q534 refers advise where you desire wfm drop @ cannot promise drop before 4 Jan	
509			6 aust div	291745I	292005I	01559	newsil 54 to 291500I	
510			2/6 cdo regt	291400I	292005I	198	silnet 63 to 291300I	
511		PIPER FORCE		292000I	300800I	I40	SECRET (1) w/m of NANU EAST (1) ground over (1) A Coy F3 (1) MUSINU clear of enemy 4 new ground (1) bodies dismantled (1) 3 killed 1 died sickness 29 Dec (1) patrol moved to MIMAU sighted + fired on 7 Japs 1 native guide (1) enemy car 3 killed 1 native guide killed (1) over cap NIL (1) FH strength LT FLYNN 12 ORG (1) time out 291130 I time in 291600 I object locate enemy dispose MUSINAU + contact (1) No contact faulty info (1) e coy (1) R14 reports air strike PEREMBIL Jan (1) 1 stick bombs on target area.	

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499			6 and dir	291400I	291500I	I90	Restricted @ Rd V 473327 to SUAIN PLANTATION impassable @ beach track V 473327 to SUAIN PLANTATION passable jeep and trailers @ DANDRINAD now passable foot and veh	
500			PIPER FORCE	291225I	291550I	I39	Secret @ Lt-Col Bulthuse and party arrived YASUAR 291225I	
501		PIPER FORCE	PIPER	291615I		I52	suggest future int reports be submitted for int per standing orders for int	
502		PIPER FORCE		291735I		0129	versil 2 to 281600I	
503			RAE 6 and dir	290900I	291700I	REX 991	amendment No 2 to RAE Lecstatd No 2	
504			6 and dir	291100I	291700I	1556	SECRET @ confirming phone conversation COVENTRY NANCARROW request bombing strafing MUSINAU V 578064 with incendiaries on huts NOT before 291000I NOT after 291200I @ also request bombing strafing SOUTH + SW slopes feature PEREMBIL V 3907 with incendiaries on village no time limit @ strike also been requested MIMAU V 392058. NOT before 291000I NOT after 291200I but desired all aircraft concentrate on MUSINAU before 291200I thereafter on PEREMBIL @ heard own ops YAMBES V 3408 NANANUN V 385087 DREKIKIR V 368055 LAUING V 376091 @ target bombing for MUSINAU NOT NORTH MIMCREEK NOT WEST MAPHAL CREEK and for PEREMBIL NOT outside 500 yds from village.	

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495	29/12		PIPER FORCE	290815 I	29005 I	I 38	SECRET @ sitrep 15 to 290800 I @ own lps @ A Coy mortars dropped harassing fire on to MUSINAU during afternoon 28 DEC night 28/29 DEC @ number of wounds fixed 22 @ enemy @ native police report japs evacuated village during shelling returned afterwards @ amendment to jap cas during action to 27 DEC @ native police report 15 japs buried @ air own @ air strike PEREMBIL MUSINAU requested for 28 DEC did NOT take place.	
496	29/12		PIPER FORCE	281947	291315	053	SECRET (1) effect 29 dec (1) A Coy development def localities fighting patrol F3 str Lt MILLS 1200 hrs vicinity MUSINAU (1) time out 290900 time in 290600 (1) C Coy (1) vice patrol R14 str Lt DONELEY 4000 hrs to NANUNUN (1) time out 290800 I time in 1435 area PEREMBIL. object observed + report on air strike (1) Maj M. BRIDE moves to DREKIKER (1) time out 290500 I (1) time in 201200 T	
497	29/12	6 Div		291335		0128	SECRET (1) sitrep 16 to 291300 I (1)	
498	29/12		Piper Force	281825	291420	135	SECRET (1) location statement 00 at 281800 I (1) ref map NANU EAST (1) A Coy DREKIKER 386055 C Coy less 14 pl YAMBES 361099 (1) 14 pl LUANG 376091 (1) force HQ remains YASUAR.	

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29/12 492	29/12		Piper Force	290645	291107	I37	SECRET. ref your I47 of 26 dec (.) rough estimate only can be given as approx 15 killed.	
493	29/12	6 Div		291100I		027	confirming phone conversation G3 (air) 10. @ request for air strikes 29 Dec @ one @ bombing & strafing MUSINAU V378065 well down slopes of feature with incendiaries on village NOT before 291000I NOT after 291200I @ two @ bombing & strafing SOUTH and SW slopes of PEREMBIL feature with incendiaries on village NO time limit @ strike to be repeated @ three @ bombing and strafing of MINAU V392058 with incendiaries on village NOT before 291000I NOT after 291200I @ Down Apr YAMBES V351089 LUHING V376091 NANANUN V385082 DREKIKER V366055.	
494	29/12		PIPER FORCE	281925I	291105I	236	SECRET @ ref your 0123 of 281035I @ reply to your I47 and 0111 ref our I31 of 272135I @ R10 report @ ref map NANU EAST @ first @ enemy party str 35 evacuated MIWHAK 24 DEC @ second @ NO @ third 16 moved tracks MIWHAK to MANUAIN 386032 behind air strike PEREMBIL MISINAU 27 Dec @ MUSINAU @ R11 report bombing effective bombs in target run @ no reports of enemy cas @ natives report 7 huts destroyed others damaged @ PEREMBIL @ native reports japs flying down slope to SOUTH and SW during strike @ no report enemy cas.	

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486	29/12		6 Div	271615I	282025	0 1553	SECRET (.) rewait 53 to 28 1500I (.)	
487	28/12		2/5 Bn	281212I		0109	Balance of FORCE moved out to YAKHAMUL 28/1200I @ str 4 and 98 @ Composition BHQ 1+17, admn pl 9, fin pl 17, Mor pl 1+12, MMG pl 1+31, sig 8 @ H Coy 1, 2/3 MMG Bn 1+1, H Coy quote det for coffee stall KASHAMUN quote 2 @ total str force 8+199.	
488	29/12		G(II) 6 Div	290740I	Phone		2/6 Cav Cdo Sqn will conduct sig exercise along KAMTI track 1-3 fam both incl - NO blue amm.	2/6 Bn advised our I 51
489	29/12	2/6 Bn		290815I		I 51	repeat of above message.	
490	29/12		Paper	281855I	290900	052	SECRET (.) ref map NANU EAST (.) part 1 @ 5-2 bomb + strafe + incendiaries on village (.) NOT before 291000T NOT after 291200I (.) out to YAMBES 361089 LUAIN 376091 NANUNUN 385082 DREKIKER 366055. PART II 052 SECRET (.) request air strike 29 due as follows (.) first MUSINAU 378065 + strafe null down slope of feature incendiaries on village (.) NOT before 291000T NOT after 291200I (.) second PEREMBIL 395076 (.) bomb + strafe SOUTH and SW slope of feature incendiaries on village (.) NO time limit repeat this strike if possible (.) third MIMAU 392058.	
491	29/12	2/6 Bn		290830I	291005I	I 63	H Coy 7 pl standing patrol and petrol Pt frequent no change @ 1 Sgt 30 Rs 8 pl as instructors in 2" Mor left for 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn KAMBUN area am. 27 Dec @ 9 pl plus 3 NCOs 170 Rs 3 pl 955497 preparing def foam @ C Coy 13 pl biv same area @ 290630I 10 pl 400 Rs 5 pl moved out for alt RHE 6 Div.	

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477	28/12		2/7 Bm.	272045I	280730I	0317	restricted (.) your memo 9634 of 27 dec 44 (.) ack.	NOTED ack register. DPO.
478	28/12		2/5 Bm.	280630	280725	A 293	restricted (.) ref your 9634 ack.	NOTED ack register. DPO.
479	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281530I		086	SECRET (.) your call sign ground to air PIPER NOT ROFA (.) ERUL V437043 secondary target future ops.	
480	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281530I		087	restricted (.) our 0121 (.) 115 grain NOT available 3 months.	
481	28/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bms. 2/2 AMB 2/2 REST.		281600I		I 50	SECRET (.) amend sitrep 15 as follows (.) after 281300I delete V38608 and insert after 271100I all inform.	sitrep amended.
482	28/12		2/6 Cav (cd) Regt	281340I	281705I	I 95	SECRET (.) sitrep No 62. to 281300I. (revised)	
483	28/12		6 Assault Div	281615I	281645I	01555	restricted (.) your 9634 of 27 dec 44 ACK	NOTED ack register
484	28/12		6 Assault Div	281700I	281745I	I 85	restricted (.) Forecast 29 dec by weather belt stationary 20 miles off coast (.) mon indefinite but by falls possible over parts of NORTH NEW GUINEA coast line + warning of possible floods is issued for local areas for period 48 hrs from 281500I (.) widespread lt moderate rain expected night 28 dec with a few by falls (.) sigllt + surf increasing.	
485	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281900I		0126	restricted (.) your 281630I requesting med sups received in char (.) our reply you to our 073 of 23 2045I.	

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474	28/12		PIPER FORCE	272115I	281400I	I31	Secret @ Your 0111 of 260750I @ ref map NANU EAST @ SISANGOM or SISANGOAN ck sq 3702 @ include 30 cas PEREMBIL air strike @ 24 Dec @ ref our I27 sitrep 10 @ Ref patrol FI @ natives indicate MIWHAK clear of enemy and JHP party str 10ft 290Rs moved via SISANGOAN ck possible objective DIAHINGA or SAMASAI @ our ambush set on track to both places and unsuccessful.	
475	28/12		G3 (air) 6 Div	281440I		Phone	<p>① No aircraft over TONG area today owing to weather conditions</p> <p>② Weather suitable will fill mission tomorrow</p> <p>③ 71 Wing advise PIPER using code name ROFA which has been allotted 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn. Suggest should be using PIPER @</p> <p>④ Have you an objection to bombing NMU as secondary target. Target suggested by Capt COLE.</p> <p>⑤ Will make arrangements for recce flight for Col Parbury tomorrow</p>	<p>② PIPER asked for timings.</p> <p>③ Sig sent PIPER not ROFA.</p> <p>④ NO</p> <p>⑤ OK</p>
476	28/12		G1 6 Div	28 Dec		Phone	<p>① 280800I Pur fls 2/6 + 2/7 Bns will be det to CRE from 29 Dec for rd work at ROCKY pt @ under comd CRE for tasks instr & actions. Routine H&Q returns to units.</p> <p>② 281400I 3X2$\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks will report respective units 290600I</p> <p>③ Due to shortage, purpl 2/7 bn will NOT move until 30 Div (report 2/2 Fd Coy BAMBING)</p> <p>④ 281540I vehs at 0630 each day</p>	<p>① units inform all above.</p>

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nr	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
462	28/12		PIPER FORCE	280825I	280955I	I34	Secret @ NO change.	
463	28/12	PIPER FORCE		280910I		0122	You 048 received 280850I @ No strike possible before 281200I at earliest @ is strike required after this time if approved.	
464	28/12		6 Div	280905I	280920I	01444	You 08 of 271225 ack. (ref OI 8).	
465	28/12		6 Av	272100I	280915I	01445	SECRET @ own 01447 of 271600I @ FONG area @ delete 240800I 29 japs killed 17 wounded av strike PEREMBIL V 3907 NOT previously reported	
466	28/12		PIPER FORCE	272045I	281035I	049	ref map NANDU EAST @ intentions 28 Dec @ H Coy occupation def from locality DREKIKER 366055 @ C Coy @ development def from YAMBES + security patrol.	
467	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281935I		0123	Have received NO reply to our IN7 and O111 of 26 Dec @ have received NO report of RIO due in 261600I @ require reports on air strikes MUSINHU PEREMBIL 27 Dec at earliest	
468	28/12	4/5 B	2/5 Bn	280750I	280800I	0108	B Coy moved out YAKHUL 280745I @ str H + 101.	
469	28/12		PIPER FORCE	281655I	281118I	051	restricted (1) yes (1) av strike only at time stated (1) You 0122 refers.	
470	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281305I		I49	restricted @ ref your 039 of 261400I ack package E1.	
471	28/12	6 av div 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bns 2/2 flt ref 2/1 flt and		281315I		0124	subref 15 to 281300I	
472	28/12		2/6 Bn	281320I	281350I	I62	KAMTI near party reports Sitmor 280900I	
473	28/12	PIPER FORCE		281350I		0125	You 048 and 051 @ No strike possible today @ request inform us to result of patrol R11 and air strikes MUSINHU PEREMBIL 27 Dec @ submit request at earliest for strike tomorrow if still required.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
455	27/12	2/5 2/6 2/7 hrs		271950I		085	RESTRICTED @ indication targets ground to an exercise 27 Dec @ BEAUFORT took off 270840I unable proceed due mech trouble @ another aircraft NOT immediately available owing any commitments @ second aircraft bombed up to target 271330I @ advise sent through sig centre YAKAMUL did not reach @ exercise in line @ please convey up to all observers who attended exercise	
456	27/12	Piper Force		272145I		0121	RESTRICTED @ your 045 @ 115 grain NOT available here @ efforts being made to obtain will advise	
457	28/12	1.6 2/6 CWO CWO Regt		280825I	phone		Rece party for SQN Ex to be held possibly next week proceeding along track to SW from Z 998475 today. Area for exercise apparently OK'd by Div.	Regt warned that 2/1 Bn operating in area. (1.0)
458	28/12		PIPER FORCE	272330I	280820I	I33	Your 080 of 270850I ack.	
459	28/12		16 Bde	280735I	280820I	X501	Your 4623 of 26 Dec ack.	
460	28/12		PIPER FORCE	271945I	280850I	048	SECRET @ ref map NANO East @ Request air strike MUSINAU 378065 only 28 Dec @ to cover occupation DREKIKER by A Coy @ strike to cover well down slope. South of feature and group of huts at approx 500yds WEST approx ref 371065 @ bomb & strike continuously 281000I to 281100I @ Own 4th LAVING 376091 YAMBES 361089 DREKIKER 366055 @ repeat strike if possible last of aircraft signal finish of last strike with 2 green vees @ please advise	Div contacted weather preventing any strikes before 1200 at earliest & later strikes dependent on improvement. PIPER advised 0122
461	28/12		PIPER FORCE	271830I	280920I	I32	Secret @ Site 13 to 271800I @ ref map NANO @ C Coy 271100I patrol 1 off 4 ORs ambushed party JAPS str 17 WEST 386081 @ 8 enemy cas 10 killed over NIK @ air over 271130I 4 BEAUFORTS bombed strafe MUSINAU @ 271500I 12 BEAUFORTS bombed strafe PEREM 8111 bombing accurate.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
447	27/12		6 and div	271400 I	271655 I	01438	Restricted @ indication targets ground to air exercise 27 dec @ BEAUFORT took off 270840 I unable proceed due mech trouble @ another aircraft NOT immediately available owing army commitments @ second aircraft bombed up and over target 271130 I @ advise sent through sig centre YAKAMUL did NOT reach OC exercise in time @ please convey this info to all observers who attended exercise	
448	27/12		2/6 Cdo Regt	271355 I	271655 I	I9Y	SECRET @ sitrep number 61 to 271300 I @ 2/7 sqn 261700 I sqn HQ B and C tps located V426193 A tps less 1 sec est base at V560186 1 sec located V.492182 @ 270700 I return @ 271100 I return	
449	27/12		Piper Force	261400 I	271700 I	039	RESTRICTED @ capt COLE departed TONG 261350 I to leave with ANGAU AITAPE will also confer with 17 Bde parcel containing enemy efft serial E1 found per capt COLE	
450	27/12	2/6 2/7 bnd		271600 I		084	RESTRICTED @ desire info on 2 in motor by 30 dec @ first @ does sight band slip during firing @ second @ does quadrant of motor sight member 2 mark III (stuck) slip during firing	
451	27/12		2/7 bnd	271540 I	271800 I	0315	RESTRICTED @ of note 8 copy 3 ack.	
452	27/12		2/6 bdo Regt	271600 I	271800 I	A735	SECRET @ ref your of note NO8 of 27 Dec @ ack	
453	27/12		2/6 bnd	271545 I	271800 I	061	RESTRICTED @ ref 17 and 1/ bdes of note no 8 copy 2 ack.	
454	27/12		6 Aust Div	27 —	271945 I	01442	SECRET @ report 52 to 271500 I.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
438	27/12		Bm(1) 16 Bde	271105I		phone	2/1 Bn ext patrol base 2950643 from where they will be sending out small patrols to map dig area. Each patrol of 2 days duration. all in 30 dec.	
439	27/12		2/5 Bn	271105I	271130I	H285	Ref your 080 act.	
440	27/12	PIPER FORCE		271130I		0118	REYSIT 2 other areas to 261500I	
441	27/12		6 Div	271325I	271340I	01437	restricted (1) up on 01433 of 270915I (1) 12 BEAUFORTS will drop incendiaries PEREMBA V3907 and BOMB + traps EAST + WEST slopes (1) estimated time OVER target 271450.	
442	27/12	PIPER FORCE		271345I		0120	restricted (1) AIR STRIKE PEREMBA estimated TOT 271450I 12 BEAUFORTS	
443	27/12	6 Div 2/5, 2/6 2/7, 2/2 regt. 2/2 amb		271315I		0119	secret (1) sitrep 14 to 271300I	
444	27/12		Sig 0 17 Bde	271505I	271505I	Sig 153	OP Instr NO 8 Copy 9 act.	
445	27/12		6 anst div	271440I	271530I	01440	Restricted (1) Devine info on 2 in mortar by 31 Dec as follows (1) first (1) does sight band slip during firing (1) second (1) does quadrant of mortar sight number 2 mts III (AUST) slip during firing	
446	27/12		6 anst div	271550I	271620I	I 80	Restricted (1) forecast 28 Dec (1) showers over foothills inland late afternoon otherwise continuation of fine weather for next 48 hrs slight swell increasing to moderate after 36 hrs	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
432	<u>Contd</u>						Own ops @ MIMAU V393058 DREKIKER V366055 LUHING V376091 YAMBES V350088 @ enemy @ 20 to 30 gaps dug in MUSINAU @ nearby @ at least 2 LMGs @ Strike on PEREMBIL afternoon 27 Dec details following.	
433	27/12		PIPER FORCE	271000I	271020I	047	Your 078 @ 260900I @ Yes @ ref my 040 @ 261850I	
434	27/12		PIPER FORCE	270815I	271020I	I31	Secret @ Sitrep 12 to 270800I @ ref map NANU EAST @ LUHING @ patrol R13 @ Lt DOWLEY 2 ORs report NANUNUM 385082 clear of enemy @ air strike PEREMBIL 261130I on target @ some enemy remained in village during strike remainder went bush	
435	27/12	PIPER FORCE		271030I		083	WHICH will return with BLACKSTONE	
436	27/12		PIPER FORCE	262045I	271100I	045	ref 3 in mortar long range harassing @ please advise if authority may be obtained for use of P plus 12 secondaries if so please arrange additional secondaries.	Dis advise 115g NOT available this area @ Will sig FIRST AUST ARMY @ for supply. Cond deserv notice 1/3:2/3 scale be held. PIPER advised 0121.
437	27/12		PIPER FORCE	262045I *	271100I	I30	Secret @ patrol intentions for 27 Dec @ H Coy @ recon patrol R11 str Lt FLYNN 50 ORs @ Time out 270800I @ Time in after air strike @ route out via DREKIKER & return same route @ object D1 @ observe & report on air strike MUSINAU @ 2 @ report on tactical features @ R12 str Lt STEWART 30 ORs @ Time out 270730I @ Time in 271500I @ route out via NANAHANG to DREKIKER & return same route @ object @ check locality for H Coy def from DREKIKER @ amend to LODSTAT @ H Coy @ Coy HQ + 8 pl YOURANG @ 7 pl MUSIMBILIM @ 9 pl NANAHANG.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
430	26/12		PIPER FORCE	262030I		044	SECRET @ ref my 040 @ will request drop DREKIKER for 29 Dec include rations European native SHH Bombs 3 in Mor HE and smoke grenade 36M hand and 2 gull water containers picks and shovels. SHRIFS.	
431	27/12	6 Div		270943I		0117	confirming phone conversation G3(Hij I.O. @ request for AIRSTRIKE @ first @ MUSINAU V378065 reported by police boy to be occupied by 80/90 Japs @ 20/30 dug in with at least 2 LMG and occupying 4 large huts centre of village with 60 in surrounding bush @ request bombing strafing village and slopes with incendiaries on village NOT before 27100I @ patrol will move to MUSINAU after strike @ second @ PEREMBIL V395076 occupied by 50 JAPS @ request bombing strafing village and slopes with incendiaries on village @ request strike be rptd later @ NO time limit @ OWN Jps YAMBES, LUHING V376091 DREKIKER V366055 MIMAU V393058	
432	27/12	6 Div		270915I	271015I	01435	124015 BEAUFORTS will bomb strafe and drop incendiaries MUSINAU V378063 NOT before 271100I @ ETD TADJI 271045I @ last aircraft to strike will fire 2 green very lights @ our patrol will follow in after strike @ (contd page 87)	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
							time limit repeat this strike if possible over the YAMBES 361089 2UMING 376091 DREKEXER 366055 MIMAU 393058 (.) please advise (.) all inform.	
423	27/12		PIPER FORCE	262010I	260725I	043	restricted (.) Lt. JOHNSON 2/3 MG br departs TONG 27 du ETA YAKAMUL 291300T	2/3 MG br advised
424	27/12	PIPER FORCE		270820I		0115	restricted (.) strike MUS INAU ON (.) NOT before 271100T	
425	27/12	PIPER FORCE		270825I		081	restricted (.) med unit now moving TONG to release your RMO. for fwd RAPP as required	
426	27/12	PIPER FORCE (2/5 du. info)		270825I		080	SECRET (.) BUTT ROSE assumes comd approval 1 Jan (.) inster follow (.) arriving with BUSBY HODGE BLACKSTONE ETA 30 dec (.) B Coy ETA 31 dec ack.	marked ack register.
427	27/12	PIPER FORCE		270852		0116	further to our 01150 last plane will fire 3 GREYS. 2 Green wings	
428	27/12	PIPER FORCE		270900I		082	SECRET (.) your 0401 (.) approval granted move your RR fwd (.) suggest YAMBES logical check in view ops.	
429	27/12		PIPER FORCE	261630I	270900I	T29	restricted (.) in your letter I12192748-10 Dec (.) inform required best obtained capt COLE ANGAU ref am 039 of 261400 (.) all essential inform this RR will be forwarded at earliest	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
420	26/12		Piper Force			128	<p>NO cas only number of huts hit prior to attack japs. vacated village & returned after attack MIMAU LULUAI report 30 japs spent night 24/25 dec on ridge 500 yds SE of village @ at 250500 I our patrol attempted move to form for attack japs warned & withdrew @ NO contact made by patrol @ air strike PEREMBIL at 261130 I by 3 BEAUFORTS @ NO report yet to hand.</p>	
421	27/12		PIPER	261850 I	262215 I	040	<p>SECRET (1) propose occupy DREKIKER as defensive locality by A Coy & 1 det 3" mortars 28 Dec (1) request 1 pl MMG and 2 additional 3" mortars det be made available immediately for harassing PEREMBIL & MUMNAU & O.P. (1) in addition request permission move this HQ YAMBE SA DREKIKER depending upon inform 27 Dec. nearest after 29 Dec.</p>	<p>Sig Sent 27/12 082 additional Hqs approved to move 28 Dec</p>
422	27/12	PIPER FORCE		261930 I	270725 I	041	<p>SECRET (1) map NANU EAST (1) request 2 AIR STRIKE 27 (1) on MUSINAU 378065 (1) strike + strap slopes of feature INCENDIARIES on village NOT before 271100 + own patrol move to MUSINAU after strike (1) strike 25 dec ineffective as enemy vacated village + moved down slope. PART II PEREMBIL 395076 (1) bomb + strap EAST + WEST slopes incineraries on village.</p>	<p>Phone request to Div 270740 I 270810 I div advise strikes MUSINAU NOT before 271100 I PEREMBIL to be rptd later - probably today</p>

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
419	26/12		Piper Force	260845 I	261140 I	127	SECRET @ strip 10 to 260800 I @ ref map TONG SPECIAL C Coy @ 25 Dec @ security patrols + local defence work @ A Coy @ patrol F2 spent night 25/26 Dec BIAHINGA @ enemy @ relief group inform that japs wanted MIHUAK 23 Dec @ air own @ 251130 strike carried out on MISINAU, report result NOT yet known @ native report is considered reliable by ANSAU @ during week natives followed party japs strength NOT stated from YASE through ALBULUM MOLENGE MIHUAK @ left MIHUAK 23 Dec moved to vicinity DUMAN where they were attacked by natives @ NO report result of encounter @ police boys report NO japs WEST of MOSINGWIK 348043 @ report confirmed by own patrols @ PB report japs attacked dawn 25 Dec by natives vicinity SISANGOAN CK 365040 some cas effected @ PB 29 japs killed 17 wounded in air strike PERIMBIL 24 Dec @ but estimate 50 still on feature @ 25 Dec PB report 12 japs with 1 sick in huts SAHIK.	
420	26/12		Piper Force	261530 I	261940 I	128	SECRET @ strip 11 to 261500 I @ patrol F2 returned 261400 I @ report @ MUSINAU @ PB reports village occupied by 20/30 japs living in 4 large huts in centre of village @ a further 60 are living in bush close to village + move to village for rations returning immediately to bush @ japs dug in + believed to possess at least 2 LMG @ bombing of MISINAU NOT effective	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
413	26/12		KAMTI	261718Z		B37	RESTRICTED (.) SIGNOR to 260900Z 110R's in camp.	
414	26/12		REAR 17 Bde	261045Z	261800Z	AR 70	RESTRICTED (.) ref 2/6 Bn sig 050/51 (.) Have div approved this leave & can I have an authority to move him (.) please advise 2/7 Bn that CO's batman will come with us.	
415	26/12		2/6 COO REGT	261300Z	261600Z	IT 80	SECRET (.) relief to 60 to 261300Z.	
416	26/12		6 DIV	261715Z	261900Z	GS 176	RESTRICTED (.) FORECAST 26/27 Dec (.) active weather belt close to area (.) one centre near WENAK is expected to move WEST with heavy rain extending past DAN MAP (.) weather remainder of area unsettled & further rain with scattered heavy falls expected at night Dec 26/27 (.) has slight for present (.) further river rises with some flooding (.) 3 inches rain night Dec 25 (.) all up for	
417	26/12		PIPER FORCE	261530Z	262030Z	ID 8	SECRET (.) relief 8 to 261500Z	
418	26/12		6 DIV	261730Z	262035Z	01431	SECRET (.) relief 5 to 261500Z	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
406	26/12		2/6 Bm.	261135T	261350	057	restricted (1) you 9622 9623 both ack.	marked ack register. <i>[initials]</i>
407	26/12	6 Div 2/5, 3/11 2/7, 2/2 Regt 2/2 Fd amb.		261350		0112	SECRET (1) situp 13 to 261300I (1).	
408	26/12		PIPER FORCE	251415Z	261515	124	restricted (1) package containing many documents serial HE + fwd to you 250600Z	
409	26/12		PIPER FORCE	252215Z	261505	I26	SECRET (1) intention 26 Dec (1) C Coy remain YAMBES develop posn with security patrol (1) A Coy (1) Coy AK move to YOURANG to assume command 789 plan 4 AU. det at 261400Z (1) 7 pl move to MUSIMBILIM est patrol base (1) 8 pl remain YOURANG 139 pl move to NANAHANG est patrol base	
410	26/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bm.		261520Z		0112	restricted (1) ref aw 975 indication target ground to air exercise observers to report ANAMO V171421 at 270730Z in lieu 270500Z previously advised (1) observers will need to walk one mile.	
411	26/12		PIPER FORCE	261215	261550	RC14	RESTRICTED O From bole O Arriving YAKAMUL 1500 hrs 27 Dec for discussion O Can you arrange meet me O Transport to Outape.	
412	26/12	PIPER FORCE		261545Z		I48	RESTRICTED O you I8 + I11 of 221636 I + 23170050 patrol reports received but NOT captured documents please investigate your end.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks, Action Taken
401	26/12		PIPER FORCE	251300Z	261125Z	RC12	restricted (.) from MACKIE (.) arriving YAKAMUL. 26 December.	
402	26/12		2/7 br.	261100Z	261130Z	0296	restricted (.) yaw 9622 + 9668 of 26 Dec. ack.	
403	26/12		# PIPER FORCE	251900Z	261215Z	RC13	RESTRICTED (.) from COLE (.) your O106 (.) BALIL of ULAVIL KAARDS area (.) extensive info YAMBES area makes the service of ANIS YEIHOI GAVI invaluable (.)	
404	26/12		PIPER FORCE	251915Z	261215Z	034	SECRET (.) Ref map NANU EAST (.) request strike PEREMBIL feature 395076 26 Dec.) EAST & WEST slopes 500x from summit (.) Bomba strike (.) own TPS YAMBES 261089 LUANG 346091 MUSINAV 348065 (.) enemy in str est. 50 still on feature (.) Panels will be pt. YAMBES (.) please advise (.) all info.	
405	26/12	6 Div		261315Z		0113	RESTRICTED (.) confirming phase conversation G111 (Av) LO (.) request for air strike (.) enemy estimated 50 occupying PEREMBIL feature V395076 (.) request bombing, striking EAST & WEST slopes of feature 500x from summit 26 Dec (.) own TPS YAMBES LUANG V346091 MUSINAV V348065.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Actio Taken
393	26/12		PIPER FORCE	252200I	260800I	038	SECRET (.) ref any 035 of 251715 (.) for map ref read 365054.	
394	26/12		PIPER FORCE	251715I	260825I	035	SECRET (.) it is intended to use DREIKER GVB strip as dropping strip in near future (.) map ref 365054 (.) please arrange a/c receive & advise	
395	26/12	PIPER FORCE		260900I		079	restricted (.) anticipate arrival BUTTROSE BUSBY BOLGER BLACKSTONE plus Beay by end of month	
396	26/12	PIPER FORCE		260750I		0111	restricted (.) your IRI of 250930I (.) what is reason F1 reached only MUSIMBILIM (.) where is SISAHINGA CREEK (.) or what grounds do you base CAO PEREMBIL POSSIBLY. 30	
397	26/12	PIPER FORCE		260900I		078	SECRET (.) advise whether further mortars or rockets can be gainfully used now or later	
398	26/12		PIPER FORCE	251345I	261000I	022	restricted (.) your 01391 of 231515I (.) map NANO EAST (.) NUMISIM 385078 (.) NUMISIM and MASUBA identical (.) NUMISIM consists of 2 hamlets covering an area 200 to 300 yds long + is in a direct line between YAMBES 050088 and PEREMBIL. 393077.	
399	26/12		17 Bde Sig Sec	261030I	261045I	Sigs 151	restricted (.) your 0622 of 26 dec act.	act register
400	26/12	PIPER FORCE		261100I		I47	restricted (.) your SITREP 8 (.) WOMSAK area (.) can you give estimate number JAPS killed since 26 Nov.	

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Bar No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
387	25/12		PIPER FORCE	250930 I	250930 I	121	PART 3. SECRET () via F1 Japanese party str 10 off 29 ORS moved up SISAHINGA CREEK possible destination DIANINGA DREKIKAR or SAMASAI () natives universally report area WEST of grid 31 clear of enemy () via R 6 () 9 Japanese MUSIMBINIM night 22/23 dec () 3 Japanese MUSILO same night	
388	25/12		PIPER FORCE	250930 I	251942 I	121	PART 4. SECRET () both parties moved independently to DUMAN village 349033 stayed night 23/24 dec both armed with grenades only () via R 8 () 59 Japs MUSINAI () large party str unknown SAMASAI () bombing and strafing PEREMBI () possible cap 30 () PER NANDU Japs from EMUL village 437043 foraging gardens SE PER NANDU each morning	
389	25/12		D. COY. BATO a/5B	251600 I	252245 I	W.25	RESTRICTED () YAPUNDA FORCE less detached troops arrived KAMPTI () ETA jeephead 261300	
390	25/12	YAPUNDA		250810 I		074	for LEGA () use 40 carriers your area to bring in 22 Set O'DONNELL ANGHU approves.	
391	25/12		PIPER FORCE D Coy BATO	251600 I	252245 I	W.25	RESTRICTED () YAPUNDA FORCE less detached troops arrived KAMPTI () ETA jeephead 261300 I	
392	25/12	BDIV		260805 I		074	RESTRICTED () from G11595 of 24 Dec 44 ack	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
384	25/12		2/6 CDO REGT	25/13 25T		257610 I 88	SECRET (-) Shep no 59 to 25/1300T (-) 2/7 SON 2/08/5T A G moved out from LAMBUAN BARUK & sec from river line V513189 (-) def posn taken up 3000 WEST of ARBIR (-) near SON HO & C/O en route LAMBUAN (-) 2504/15T sit hor.	
385	25/12		6 DIV	2504/45T		251610 I DIV	SECRET (-) projected air ops (-) 25/1105T at BEAUFORTS & bomb shafte MUSIN AV. V37406/ reported occupied 59 Japd (-) fighting patrol will follow in (-) all inf.	
386	29/12		2/6 Bn	25/16/15T		251630 I 61	RESTRICTED (-) RAMT1 force less security gd of one sec and 25/16/30T all inf.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
379	25/12		LEGA YAPUNDA	251100 I		L.8	restricted @ estimate time depart 22 set and sig 27 dec	
380	25/12		PIPER FORCE	250930 I	251148 I	PART 1 I 21	Secret @ Strip 9 to 250800 I @ ref map NANU EAST and NANU WEST patrol FI returned 241610 I @ contacted patrol R.8. at MUSIMBUA at 0805 hrs @ proceeded to MUSIMBILIM. NO Japanese in village @ patrol R.6 report good track to junction RORP and GIBLIM RIVERS	
381	25/12		PIPER FORCE	251115 I	251507 I	0.31	Secret @ TAB R requested immediately after AIR STRIKE MUSINAU 251100 I @ village and feature MUSINAU with particular ref. track MUSINAU PERIMBIL @ DO NOT bomb or strip @ drop reports YASUAR	
382	25/12		PIPER FORCE	250930 I	251520 I	I 21 PART 2	Secret @ Strip 9 @ moved to LITTLE MINWAK ref 296088 @ village and track clear of enemy @ R.7 report track YAWATONG YAKALIK and village clear of enemy @ no Japanese have been in this area @ R.8 moved to DREKIKAR CUB STRIP contacting patrol FI at MUSINGUA @ obtain report	
383	25/12		G III (AIR)	251345 I	251600 I		owing to cloud @ BEAUFORT only were able to bomb stage MUSINAU. approx 50 huts NORTH of village "done over" 3 definitely destroyed	

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376	25/12	LEGA/VAPUNDA		251412I		0.76	restricted @ your 4.8 @ thank you and christmas greetings.	
377	25/12	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bnd.		251412I		0.75	restricted @ demonstration induction targets planned to air will be held 270900I @ units may send 3 observers sup own pt @ browsers RY 2/8 Aust Coy bn 270800I take level @ low amn will be used by aircraft.	
378	25/12		PIPER FORCE	242320I	251419I	I 20	people @ ref patrol intention 25 dec @ 7 pm @ remain TOURANG with local security patrol @ 8 pm @ F2 team out 250700I team in 261600I @ route out TOURANG MANAHANG MUSIM BILIM DIHINGA MUSINAU return same route str 1 obj 410RS Object @ first harass enemy MUSINAU second rpt if en dug in check results AIR STRIKE @ 9 pm @ 110 team out 250700I team in 261600I route CORP RIVER MIHWAK MUSIM BILIM MANAHANG YOUATANG str 1 HCO 2 plus object first rpt if enemy in MIHWAK or BEPUA area @ second rpt if track SOUTH from MIHWAK used by Japanese @ third direction of enemy movement from MIHWAK area @ E Coy @ local security patrol.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
371	25/12	PIPER FORCE		250912 I		0.108	SECRET @ Air strike MUSINAU OK @ 6 BEAUFORTS T.O.T. 251105 I will strike WEST TO EAST.	IMMEDIATE cleared by sigs 250942 I
372	25/12	6 AUST DIV		250930 I		0.109	RESTRICTED @ confirmation phone conversation G3 (AIR) @ request for AIRSTRIKE 25 Dec @ 24 Dec MISINAU V377064 occupied by 59 enemy @ request bombing and shaping MISINAU village and slopes of feature @ location down top YAMARS V361189 LUPING V376091 DREKIKAR V367054 @ Strike NOT before 251100 I but earliest after @ fighting patrol will follow strike.	
373	25/12	6 AUST	6 AUST DIV	250945	251045	0147	Secret @ projected air operation 251105 I. 6 BEAUFORTS to bomb strike MUSINAU V377064 reported occupied 59 JAPS @ fighting patrol will follow in all areas	
374	25/12		KAMITI	250650	251145	835	Secret @ strike 13 to 250700 I. @ RK 5 returned KAMITI PM 24 Dec NO sign enemy @ coy less rear party and gun sigs moving 250800 I	
375	25/12	6 AUST DIV		251100 I		0.110	SECRET @ SITRRP 12 to 251300 I	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Actio Taken
365	24/12		6 Clusters	241100 I	220005	01411	Revsit 49. to 241300 I.	
366	24/12		PIPER FORCE	2411445 I	212005	I19	Secret PART 2. large party Japanese left early DEC destination unknown reliability B20 NUMANGO area of 5400.	
367	24/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/119 wh/shp				REV 49	Revsit 49.	
368	24/12		PIPER FORCE	2411445 I	220504	I19	PART 3. Ship 26 Japanese some with rifles reliability C2 HAMBINI Sp 4909 16 Japanese killed DEC 20 part. Ship 20 now moved to WANDANCE 498080 reliability B20. SELNE Sp 4708 3 Japanese killed DEC 40 Japanese moved to BOMBISIMA 480080 reliability B20.	
369	24/12	IAN		241155 I		107	repeat. for seat of max 018 in clear view above address.	
369	25/12		PIPER FORCE	241330 I	250900	218	Revised 0 package captured enemy equipment Serial E 310 forwarded Jan 240600 by courier.	
370	25/12		PIPER FORCE	242310	250850	10.30	Secret 0 ref map NANU EAST 0 request air strike MUSINAU 377064 - 25 dec in conjunction fighters patrol Village and slope feature 0 Bomb and strip 0 Over to TAMBAR 361089 LUPINE 376091 DREKIKAR CUB ship 367054 0 approx 59 enemy in occupation MUSINAU 24 dec 0 Time limit not before 251100 but soon after please advise.	Request passed to G111 via by phone 250835T approved 250910T Message to PIPER FORCE cleared by W/T 250942 I.

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Actio Taken
361	24/12		19 Aust Inf Bde	241033I	241855I	091	Restricted @ Comd Commanding offis all lps 19 Aust inf Bde lps whch. VERY BEST CHRISTMAS & SUCCESS IN NEWYEAR.	message returned G. office
362	24/12		6 Aust div.	241600I	241805I	516	Restricted @ Comd and all offis to send best wishes for Christmas and victorious new year.	
363	24/12	PIPER FORCE		232145I	241830I	115	Board of Patrol extension for 24 Dec 7 pl @ Patrol FI sdr Lt FLYNN and 12 or so MIHWAK @ time out 240700 I time in 241230 I @ route out via BROUSINGUPA. In some route @ object clear enemy MIHWAK village and ascertain direction enemy moving @ 8 pl remain YOURANG ready to move @ 9 pl first patrol R6 YAUATONG to KORPE RIVER return by same route @ sdr NOT known @ object report distance KORPE RIVER about 10 SE and any enemy mov.	
364	24/12	PIPER FORCE		241445I	241900I	119	PART I Sdr 8 to 1400 hrs @ Dadine report @ ref map NANU EAST @ WOMSAK area sq 5209 period SEP/DEC approx 50 Japanese killed @ reliability C2 @ DEC @ party Japanese sdr 5/6 still in area @ MALAHUMILLAHOP area sq 5598 @ Japanese in sdr known to have at least 1 LMG @ Madue pro Japanese @ reliability F2 @ WALUM AREA 579190	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
357	24/12		6 AUST DIV.	24.12.70 I	241700 I	1407	Restricted @. Confirming verbal arrangements BISHOP HENNESSY CLARK @ 17 Aust Inf Bde will attach to 2/7 Aust Cds sqn two 2 inch mortars and personnel @ personnel will remain until Cds personnel are returned and other return @ Lt HENNESSY arrange with HQ for carrying assistance required	
358	24/12		6 Aust Div	241325 I	241700 I	186	Secret @. 2/7 sqn 231000 I. jacht. to junc MULANG CK - DANMAP RIVER V 478178 NMS @ 231700 I sqn HQ AT B Sp LAMBUN C 4p en route LAMBUN from TONG @. 240800 I. At 4p moved out to establish base at ARUK and sec post at RWER JUNG V 3189.	
359	24/12	PIPER FORCE		241630 I		906	Restricted @ for COLE ANGAU from ANGAU AITAPE @ require a AITAPE before 30 DEC for presentation loyal service medals the following names @ BALIL of ULAU @ ANIS of YAMBES @ YEIHOI of PERIMBIL and Constable GAVI @ Adolise	
360	24/12		6 Aust Div	241710 I	241830 I	GS 173	restricted @ forecast. Dec 25 @ weather deteriorating with wide spread showers over the area and isolated heavier falls mainly during the night @ action & stationary weather belt between DANMAP and WEWAK is not expected to move further WEST but a general flood warning issued for areas EAST of DANMAP @ all units.	

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350	24/12		PIPER FORCE	240845 I	241230 I	027	Advise refer msg 07 of 21 Dec.	
351	24/12		6 DIV.	241115 I	241241 I	01405	SECRET Unless specifically requested, No Tac R. sorties 25 Dec. Advise requirements earliest	Piper Force advised
352	24/12		PIPER FORCE	232145 I	241255 I	I15	SECRET "Yesterday" second patrol R 7 route out WEST, over chack YAUNTONA, KILMANGLEN return same route. Object observe and enemy area via chack KILMANGLEN. YAKALIK PRING. Coy a patrol R 8, svt Capt CAMERON, Lt MONK of ANGAU and JOHNSON of 2/9 MG and 6 OR. Same route as for R 10. Time out 240600 I. Time in 241630. Object just ascertain svt of force required to hold DREKEKOR MUSIMBILUM area. second condition of CUB, a/c and ascertain amount of native labour necessary to render serviceable	
353	24/12	6 Div.		241300 I		0103	SECRET () SITREP 11 & 24 12 30.	
354	24/12	PIPER FORCE		241415 I		0104	Restricted () unless specially requested NO Tac R. sorties 25 Dec () advise requirements if any.	
355	24/12		ADV. HQ 19 AUST INF BDE	241033 I	241600 I	091	Restricted () commd commanding officers all top 19 Aust INF BDE GP wish very best Christmas and success in New Year	
356	24/12		ANCAU AITAPE	241450 I	241630 I	A320	Restricted () In COLS ANCAU TONG () require at AITAPE before dec 30 for presentation loyal service medals the following natives () BALIL of ULAU () ANIS of YAMBE () YEI HOI of PERAMBIL and CONSTABLE GAVI () advise	

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315							preliminary report 2/7 cdc agn LAMBUAN IN	
316	24/12		KAMTI	240645I	240945I	R34	SECRET (.) SIT REP 12 to 240700I (.) 231330I RK3 returned AVSI NO sign of enemy (.) 230800I 11 pl less one sec opt for AITAPE (.) 240800I AVSI close all personnel return to KAMTI (.) RK5 NO report	
317	24/12		PIPER FORCE	240803I	241040I	I16	PART I SECRET (.) sitel 7 to 240800I (.) 9 pl (.) 231930I patrol report NANAHANG 9 track clear of enemy (.) 6 natives in occupation (.) 231935I patrol report WINYAMON clear of enemy few natives in occupation	
318	24/12		PIPER FORCE	240830 I	241200I	I16	PART II I16 SECRET (.) other area moshing no report (.) MERINGE. standing patch withdrew (.) AIR OWY 240715I 4 BEUFORTS hunted and strafed PEREMBIL Sgt hunted accurately NO further report quiet to hand.	
319	24/12		PAIAURU	231615 I		H22	Rescheduled (.) RPI returned 231600I (.) Contact made (.) NO enemy (.) RP3 returned 231615 I (.) Contact made (.) NO enemy.	Message delayed through QJM.

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339	23/12		PIPER FORCE	231710I	232330I	I14	Part 2 Sidref 6 to 231700 @ (for Part 1 see Serial 337) 9 pl @ 231030I fl arrived YAUATONG @ 231230I patrol RH str. HORs proceeded to NANAHANG @ air @ strike requested on PEREMBIL did NOT evenhade @ native reports @ gap found evacuated YALENGEE move to MIWHAK	
340	24/12	HQ RAE		240755Z		T46	restricted 1) location statement No 2 Copy No 3. ack.	
341	24/12		YAPUNDA	231800L	240805Z	W25	restricted 1) by rains in mountain 1) OM. river repeat OM river rising rapidly 1) unlikely move to morrow.	
342	24/12		6 Div	240800T	240900Z	01398	restricted ref our 511587 of 23 dec LHQ school of Mi 1) and a highway from runway to road B (bde and unit int staff) wing.	
343	24/12		PIPER FORCE	230715Z	240905Z	R14	restricted 1) from CO2 E of double check address and repeat.	
344	24/12		6 Div	231850I	240930I	01393	SECRET 1) report 4/8 to 231500I received.	
345	24/12		6 Div	231730I	240935I	01397	SECRET 1) request tac R daily if possible 24 dec to 31 dec both incl along DANMAP RIVER from MAKUIR to ABAS V608292 particular attention WALUM. WOMISIS 1) prep see assist 2/7 cdo sgr locate enemy in its adv to EAST to capture WALUM 1) over top DANMAP RIVER to ARUK Y495183 1)	

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328	23/12	YAPUNDA 2/5 B		231045I		071	Secret @ return this area @ move in your own time @ leave one sec + sigs to get radio rations and stores @ advise ETA jeephead ack.	replied H.21
329	23/12	PHAKURU		231045I		079	secret @ return this area as soon as possible @ leave one sec + sigs to get radio + stores advise ETA jeephead ack.	reply need H.21
330	23/12	PIPER FORCE	PIPER FORCE	230820I	231700I	III	RESTRICTED @ package containing track and patrol reports and overlay track corrections finally dated Courier 230000I	
331	23/12		2/6 Cav Cdo	231315I	231700	IP4	Setef 58 to 231300I	
332	23/12		6 Div	231020I	232000	0390	Revsit 47 to 230800I @	
333	23/12		2/6 B	231800I	231915I	I49	Secret @ 11 fl less one sec arrived in area from KAMTI 231435I	
334	23/12		2/6 B (Lt Grant)	231730I	231915I	I1	Track via CHAROV NOT suitable @ Pte. BONFIELD missing @ am in touch with HNGHU search to be made tomorrow @ my present location YAKAMUK Mission	
335	23/12		2/6 B (Lt Grant)	231800I	231915I	I2	Pte BONFIELD now reported in @ please send dft at earliest tomorrow	
336	23/12	PIPER FORCE		231945I		072	Secret @ REVSITI other gear to 22 dec @	
337	23/12	PIPER FORCE	PIPER FORCE	231710I	232135I	I14	Setef 6 to 231700I @ 7 fl arrived YOURANG 230905I @ 231025I patrol R3 str Lt FLYNN 30Rs left for NANAHANG returned 231300Z @ report NOT yet to hand @ 8 fl arrived YOURANG 231130I (for Part 2 see serial 339)	
338	23/12	PIPER FORCE		232145I		0102	for McBRIDE will speak from air 2140700I CLARKE.	

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320	23/12		YADUNDA	230830I	231105I	W23	RESTRICTED (.) Sitrep as at 230700I situa.	
321	23/12		PIPER FORCE	230815I	231300I	I10	SECRET (.) Sitrep 4 to 230800I No change	
322	23/12	6 Div		231200I		0100	SECRET (.) Sitrep 10 to 231130I (.)	
323	23/12	PIPER FORCE		231550I		0101	restricted (.) our 067 of 230620I (.) weather prevented air strike PEREMBIL today (.) is strike required 24 Dec.	
324	23/12		PAHAURU 2/5R	231500I	231600I	H21	SECRET (.) FORCE ETH just heard 241500I	It arranged in reply to our 079.
325	23/12	6 Div		231530I	231612I	GS1 71	FORECAST (.) Dec 24 (.) Hy rain reported whole area HOLLANDIA - BIAK (.) weather belt expected to move north and NOT affect this area (.) except for scattered showers at night during next 24-38 hrs. (.) moderate swell decreasing (.) by surf decreasing (.) hazy poor visibility mornings evenings	
326	23/12	6 Aust Div to PIPER FORCE Bde for info		23 Dec	231625I	01391	(.) Please advise map ref NUMISIM and any description to assist recognition from air (.) are are NUMISIM and MASUBA identical	
327	23/12	PIPER FORCE		231315I	231634I	I13	Secret Sitrep 5 to 1300hrs (.) C Coy report (.) faps est in PEREMBIL (.) Located by ^{air force} faps at 221300I (.) faps killed 1 native sentry (.) native report 23 Dec (.) fap foraging parties moving up NW along ridge to MVSU (.) C Coy + balance Sq HQ 2/7 Cav Cdo Sq left YASUAR 230815I	

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318. (cont)	23/12		PIPER FORCE	221010I	231045I	I6	strike by 4 BEAUFORT bombers SAHIK MUSIM BILIM (.) native report (.) PART III SECRET (.) enemy killed by bombing strike SAHIK (.) reliability (.) enemy withdrawn from MUSIM BILIM via DREKIRER to PEREMBILIS 3908 str 30 to 40 (.) reliability (.) 811800I part of follows PART IV ref patrol NANU EAST SUPARI area sq 5/06 (.) party Japanese stripped gardens killing & ate 2 natives Nov 4 (.) during same period natives killed 12 Japanese.	
319A	23/12		PIPER FORCE	221900I	231100I	020	SECRET (.) patrolling program intentions (.) (.) (.) (.) completion DEF advise YAMBIS use local patrols (.) (.) (.) moves to YOURANG and recce patrol to NANAHANG (.) (.) (.) moves TONG to YOURANG with a view to move NANAHANG side (.) (.) (.) moves YAPOMBIL to YAVATONG and recce patrol to NANAHANG	
319A	23/12	PIPER FORCE		232045I		073	restricted (.) use chain for op emergency only (.) code names will be used at all times	

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317	23/12		PIPER FORCE	222010I	231030I	I9.	<p>PART I SECRET (.) stief 3 to 221800I patrol R returned YAMBIS 221600I (.) MUSIMBE MUSIMBILIM DREKIKER clear of enemy (.) DIAHINGA is correct name for MUSIMBE (.) 221130I (.) A Coy despatched R & str Lt Miles 30Rs (.)</p> <p>PART II (.) YAPOMBIL to YAUATONG via YASE KOPR river ALBULM arriving YAUATONG 221451I (.) route in HAVLO KOPR river YASE YAPOMBIL arriving 221451I (.) patrol report track village clear of enemy (.) native report enemy withdrawn NANA HANG to MIW WAK</p>	
318	23/12		PIPER FORCE	221010I	231051I	I6	<p>SECRET (.) PART I (.) stief 2 to 221000I (.) re map TONG special (.) C Coy standing patrol str 100Rs established LAVANG ref 3 to 22091211500I cond Lt Connelly (.) patrol R str 40Rs to MUSIMBE MUSIMBILIM DREKIKER to check native reports of enemy withdrawal from MUSIMBILIM.</p> <p>PART II patrol left YAMBES 220700I (.) fac R (.) 211030I MUSIMBILIM (.) considerable activity in gardens (.) signs of occupation (.) am (.) 211130I</p>	

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313	22/12		PIPER FORCE	210630Z	221535Z	H1	Restricted (.) refer W1 of 21 Dec 44 (.) C include 1 Offr 1 Batman 4 Sigs from Bde DE 1 Offr and 5 HMC 7 HCC OF 2 FSS 8 HME 1 postal 2 pigeon sec.	Strength State
314	23/12	KAMTI		230700Z	230955Z	B31	SECRET (.) sitrep 11 to 8 12300Z (.) 221500Z RK 4 and 2/5 Bn patrol arrives KAMTI (.) 230630 patrol 2/5 Bn left KAMTI for PALAVRU (.) RK 3 RK 5 no report	
315	23/12	PIPER FORCE	PIPER FORCE	230620Z		067	RESTRICTED (.) para 021 of 221930Z (.) strike arranged AM 23 Dec	
316	23/12	6 Div		230620Z		069	RESTRICTED (.) ref place conversation G3 (chi) with IO (.) PIPER FORCE advise native report states enemy moving from MUSIMBILIM to PEREMBIL village V35076 on 21 Dec (.) request air strike on village EAST & WEST slopes 200X from summit AM 23 Dec (.) own the JAMBIS V3610 WEST LVAING V3760	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
308	23/12		KAMTI	22200Z	230700Z	329	RESTRICTED (-) ref you till last patrol RK5 due to arrive KAMTI DM 26 Dec.	
309	23/12		8/5 & 6 & 7 Bns PIPER FORCE	230818Z	230830Z	0068	SECRET (-) ground air intercomm (-) cancel & destroy on 038 of 1515/01 & 045 of 170501 (-) the R BOOMERANGS and IRRAWAYS frequency 4885 Kcs (-) BEAUFORTS 6060 Kcs (-) call names (-) HQ 19 AVST INF BDE NERD (-) 2/4 AVST INF BN RETO (-) 2/8 AVST INF BN WUBI (-) 2/11 AVST INF BN TARU (-) 2/5 AVST INF BN PIPER (-) 2/7 AVST CD O SOA ROFA (-) & the R SAN HARBOON (-) 2/7 SAN BLONDIE QUEEN (-) BOOMERANGS & IRRAWAYS ordered cryptal frequency and are NOT alter timing all info	
310	23/12		6 Div	221730Z	230700Z	0044	SECRET (-) revisit 46 to 221500Z	
311	23/12		6 Div		230930Z	651291	Side table - A TAPE. CANCELLED	
312	23/12		PALAU RV	230700Z	230900Z	H19	restricted (-) sitrep 11 to 230700Z Situation unchanged.	

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304	22/12		6 Div	221730Z	222030Z	01374	SECRET (.) Mount 46 to 221500Z (.) MUMM.	
305	22/12		PIPER FORCE	221630Z	222140Z	I8	restricted 14 parcel 01 containing 17 documents (.) D2 supplied by 207 AUST CAV (COO) SEN. contents NOT known (.) D3 containing 1 document forwarded by native courier 230600Z	
306	23/12		PIPER FORCE	221930Z	230100Z	02	SECRET (.) ref map NANU EAST (.) request stake on PEREMBIL VILLAGE 395076 23 Dec (.) EAST and WEST slopes 3000 from summit (.) bomb + shrapnel seen from YAMBIS 3610 (.) WEST LANDING 3760 (.) natives report enemy mount 21 Dec MUSIM BILIM to PEREMBIL (.) please advise	
307	23/12		PIPER FORCE	212000Z	230700Z	IJ	SECRET (.) location statement as at 211600Z A Coy det sh 50RS OP 345146 (.) C Coy less 15pl YAMBIS (.) A Coy (.) 4+9 pls will relieve (.) 217000 SEN at YASILE + YAMBIS 222200Z standing patrol sh one sec at MERINGE.	

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300	22/12		6 Div	221830	221901	GS 1	TO RESTRICTED (1) forecast Dec 23 (1) weak weather front approaching from the SW. likely to cause storms at night (1) otherwise NO deterioration during next 24 hrs. (1) slight NW swell (1) fairly dry surf all info.	
301	22/12	KAMTI 2/6 B.		221920		065	restriction (1) one pl will prepare to move to this area 23 Dec (1) orders for withdrawal of whole force arriving Jan early. AM 23 Dec.	
302	22/12		KAMTI	221730	221955	B 28	restriction (1) patrol from PALAURN arrived KAMTI 22 1500Z	
303	22/12		6 Div	221815	222030	I. 01378	SECRET (1) ground air intercept (1) cancel + diallog am 01306 of 15 Dec. + 01320 of 16 Dec. (1) tac R BOOMERANGS + WIRRAWAYS. frequency 4985 Kcs. (1) BEAUFORTS. 6060 Kcs. (1) code names (1) AG 19 Bde NERO (1) 2/4 bn RETO (1) 2/8 bn WUBI (1) 2/11 bn TARU (1) 2/5 bn PIPER (1) 2/7 cds sgr ROFA (1) 4 tac Rogr HARPOON (1) 7ogr BLONDIE KING (1) 8ogr BLONDIE UNCLE (1) 100ogr BLONDIE QUEEN (1) BOOMERANGS + WIRRAWAYS on fixed crystal frequency + cor NOT. alt. tuning. all info.	

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							<p>22 to 26 due incl from June ARIUA CK + DANMAR RIVER to V6326 then to DANMAR RIVER + EAST to WALIN + SOLITA (1) purpose discover, op posns + mov particularly to WEST as it suspected enemy knows our base IDAKAIBOU also tac R ROCKY PT. to V610300 + help re-entrant V6129 to DUNBUM CREEK V660875 to ABAU along coast to NIAP then SE over suspected track to ARIUA CREEK DANMAR river along coast (1) object sub jap mov so far as patrol MATARAU + MALIN areas by following reports to be dropped on ground indicators SUAIN (1) if 19 bde desirous messages dropped to fwd patrol this will be specifically requested in view possible prejudice to security (1) due to drain these sorters on servizability tac R as per am 911311 of 2 due will be on reduced scale</p>	
299	22/12		PALAUKU.	221515Z	221734Z	H18	<p>restricted (1) RP3 arrived back 221400Z (1) NO enemy sighted (1) advise immediately if will send RP3 for 234 (1) ration train NOT arrived (1) please advise</p>	

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293	22/12	2/6 Bn KAMTI 2/6 for info		221547I		IHH	advise date by which all patrols at present out will have returned to KAMTI @ cancel any further patrols.	
294	22/12	YAPUNDA, PALAURU, for info 2/5, KAMTI		221547I		IHS	cancel all patrols and await instrs to return this area.	
295	22/12	2/5 Bn		221600I		063 SECRET	warning order @ HKH fl to move to TONG come under comd. PIPER FORCE @ role def of and duty at YASUAR @ balance of four fl to move to BHESE CAMP and NIALU for const work @ NO move before 251400I	
296	22/12	PIPER FORCE		221600I		064	SECRET @ HKH fl approved ETH TONG 28 Dec 44 @ ref you OH @ 22 set approved will advise ETH	
297	22/12		PIPER FORCE	221435I 221645I		—	013 cancelled.	Signs notified not to carry on with check requested of 013
298	23/12		6 Div	221530I	231130I	01389	SECRET 1) accordance arrangements NANCARROW - KET 2) Dec two tac R sorties DANMAP RIVER area flown morning 21 dec + indicators given to ground ths NO enemy seen by aircraft making two circles anti-clockwise (1) confounding phone conversations 22 0900I request tac R before 1100Z daily.	

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290	(cont.)						MONANDIN AMBOI YAKOWAR MAMBU ASIEN returned YAPUNDA © NO signs enemy tracks fair natives friendly © patrol left YAPUNDA 18 DEC © 221100I 2/7 Aust Infn patrol AITAPE TELIA PROD WARAPU RAMU WOM 2 KAMTI returned © NO signs enemy natives friendly tracks in places NOT suitable for motor Hqs SISSANO LAGOON NOT suitable anchorage for small craft © PIPER FORCE © report to 211100I states OP 345 146 reports NMS © one enemy dead located 392078 park/ second Lt believed casan strike 111530I © NO later reports to hand © 220600I 2/6 Aust Infn Bw left for NYADARAKE to receive route via CHEROY JALUP to BASE CAMP V 280 265	
291	22/12 22/12		2/7 bn	221200I	221345I	I14	RESTRICTED © patrol R3(A) reported in 221145I © NO enemy seen © natives friendly © tracks difficult and in places impassable to large bodies of Hqs © SISSANO LAGOON unsuitable harbourage small craft.	In Subrep No 9 to Dwr
292	22/12		6 Div G1	221500I	Phone		To give additional fire of 402/7 Cdo at MAKUIR G1 asks we provide 2-2 in mortars and crews to be aff: 402/7 Cav Cdo. Natives would be provided to carry weapons + amm. Route BHBHNG - CHEM MAKUIR.	Command approved 2/6 Cdo will advise when where Hqs from 2/6 B will report.

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287	22/12		KAMTI	220700Z	221200Z	B27	<p>SECRET 1.1 subp 10 to 220700Z (1211100Z) RK 6 returned KAMTI reports suitable patrol route to AUSI SEYUM via MARATABI RIVER (1) RK 6 contacted RK 5 at track camp crossing 2756335 at 200900Z reports RK 5 making good progress (1) RK 7 arrived 2/5 base PALAURU 211400Z will return KAMTI 22 Dec and check on RV for RK 1 + RPI at NISIM RIVER (1) 211500Z 2/7 R patrol arrival KAMPTI 1.1 220650Z 2/7 R patrol left Jiphead.</p>	Sitrep 9 to Div
288	22/12		YAPUNDA	220700Z	221245Z	W	<p>A RESTRICTED (1) patrol YAKOWAR circuit returned (1) No enemy sighted track for natives found.</p>	Sitrep 9 to Div
289	22/12		KAMTI	210715Z	221330Z	B22	<p>SECRET 0 subp 9 to 210700Z 0 RK 1 cancelled by hde for today 0 RK 7 returned 201600Z reached PALAURU but NOT 2/5 base 0 since informed 0 2/5 base at DREIP CK 0 further RK 7 left KAMTI 210600Z for this point will return KAMTI with 2/5 patrol 0 22 DEC 0 other patrol NO report.</p>	Outsitrep 9 to Div
290	22/12	6 aust div 2/5, 2/6, 2/7		221335Z		067	<p>SECRET 0 SITREP-9 to 221330Z 0 KAMTI 0 211100Z patrol RK 6 from AUSI to SEYUM via MARATABI RIVER returned 0 NIL report 0 211400Z patrol KAMTI to PALAURU reached PALAURU 0 NIL report 0 PALAURU 0 Sitrep 0 YAPUNDA 0 211800Z patrol</p>	

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281	22/12		8/5Bm	220905I	221245I	IJ3	Restricted (.) SITREP gas from 210800I (.) situation unchanged (.) weather fine	
282	22/12	PALAVRU		221035I	221035I	IA	RESTRICTED (.) for HEILBRON (.) please supervise all messages originated your end (.) messages still NOT being rptd this HQ	
283	22/12	PALAVRU		220700I	221130I	H16	RESTRICTED (.) at 10 to 220700I (.) patrol RP ₂ departed 220530I (.) patrol to KAMTI departed 220600I (.) weather clear	Sitrep 9 to Div
284	22/12	VAPUNDA		221145I	221145I	IJ3	RESTRICTED (.) for LEGA from ANGAU AITAPE (.) ref your L4 (.) THURBONS ETA stated 281600I (.) if this is correct why (.) he is to proceed this HQ immediately	
285	22/12	A	ANGAU AITAPE	220700I	221145I	A31	RESTRICTED (.) for LEGA YAPUNDA (.) ref your L4 (.) THURBONS ETA stated 281600I (.) if this is correct why (.) he is to proceed this HQ immediately	
286	22/12		6 Div	212015I	220915I	01264	SECRET (.) serial 436 211900I (.) received	

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275	21/12	PIPER FORCE		211850I		I41	RESTRICTED @ few COLE ANGAU from ANGAU HITAPE @ MACRAE to remain you will also post an extra NHO	
276	21/12	KAMTI		211905I		I39	RESTRICTED @ youv BY 5 of 211500I @ advise ETA 2/7 bn patrol at JEEP HEAD	IMPORTANT
277	21/12		6 Quid air	211730I	212045I	O 1360	Revised 44 to 211500I	
278	21/12		KAMTI	212030I	212145I	B 26	RESTRICTED @ 2/7 bn patrol arrive jeep head approx 221030I	
279	22/12	PIPER FORCE		210711I	210900I		RESTRICTED (.) daily courier service ^{this} HQ ANGAU HQ begins 28 dec (.) courier service HQ 0600I daily (.) please arrange collection despatches from ANGAU HQ	BM rang Capt. O'DONNELL he will check with ANGAU at YAKAMUL & advise this HQ Sunday 24th.
280	22/12	PIPER FORCE		211635I	221030I	O 13	SECRET (.) area MUSIM BILIM 311048 MIWHAK 321025 MUSIMBE 319053 NUMISIM 3875 including track (.) endeavored locate enemy movement (.) Tac R reports indicate enemy activity 210030 (.) own tips No change (.) NO bombing or strafing (.) drop report VASUAR MISSION 29113 (.) ack.	Action Queried through sigs Sigs told to abandon check when O13 cancelled message recd 221645I cancelling O13

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277	(cont)						<p>patrol to DRETIKER report occupied by small enemy party YOURANG 201700I patrol YOU TONG YOURANG report YOURANG as excellent base accn for large number of hqs easily defended with DT nearby gives good obscon to EAST, SOUTH WEST and NW @ YASILE SONGAIEN 201100I no report @ MUSIMBILIM natives report 181630I 20 japs with 2 stretcher cases moved out NUMISIM 201200I area NORTH of line MUSIMBILIM DRETIKER clear of enemy all villages from YOU TONG ALBULUM area eaten out and poor unlikely to improve @ MIWHAK 201800I natives report 11 off 466 OR's foraging in area clothing tattered boots poor condition no entrenching tools @ native reports @ few enemy at LUNWAITE villages 20 4503 BANAAQ 20 4703 AMAM 20 505012 WARELI 20 485062 30 japs at SELNAVA 20 447087 and that route BANA-SELNAVA patrolled by enemy str 10 to 20 @ enemy party str 38 camped night 16/17 Dec YOU TONG then believed moved through MUSIMBILIM to MIWHAK @ air strikes 3 japs killed by bombing TUMAMBA 20 424090 which drove enemy to SELNAVA</p>	

273 21/14 2/5, 2/6 2/7 211940I I38 Repeat of last message.
 274 21/14 17 ANGAU AKAPE 211800I 211850I A311 restricted @ for COME ANGAU TONG MACRFE to remain you will also post an extra NLO.

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269	21/12		2/6 car cdo Regt	211800I	211800		verbal from I.O. PIPER FORCE assumed Comd TONG area 211800I @ 210700I (Coy (5 off 9400's)) moved out to relieve B Hq plus one sec A Hq 2/7 cdo sqn at YAMBES @ estimated time of relief 211700I @ same time 9 OR'S A Coy moved out to relieve stand patrol at MERINGE and 5 OR'S A Coy to relieve SONGAIEN OP @ 2/7 cdo sqn closes YASUAR 221600I reopens same time LAMBUAIN.	
270	21/12		KAMTI	191700I	201800I	B18	SITREP NO 7 to 191100I @ 181015 I RK 1 arrived WEST bank of NIGIA at Z 977417 @ remained till 181430I @ NO sign RP 1 @ patrol comd tried reach PALAURU but time insufficient and returned KAMTI 190900I @ special patrol RK 7 left KAMTI 190630I for PALAURU contact 2/5 and clarify posn @ RK 7 due back KAMTI PM 20 DEC @ RK 5 at AITERAP PM 18 DEC @ no further report from RK 3.	
271	21/12		KAMTI	211500I	211850I	B25	RESTRICTED @ patrol from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn arrived intact 211500I	
272	21/12		2/6 Car Regt 2/6 Car Regt	211535 I	211650I	I 91	SECRET @ sitrep 56 to 211130I @ YASUAR 201700I 2/7 sqn HQ, 2/5 bn A+C cys sitrep @ YAMBES 201000I area reported clear 201100I see base established at V 379081 between YAMBES and NUMISIM @ MAKUIA 201700I no report @ ALBULUM 201700I patrol YASILE YASE ALBULUM YOUTONG report area clear @ DREKIKER 201700I	

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264	21/12		PIPER FORCE	211010I			SECRET (.) SITREP 1 period from 2/7 Avst CAV CDO RECT sitep 59 of 210700I to 211000I (.) OP ref 3/51 Jb reports NM NO enemy activity (.) 1 enemy dead located ref map NANU WEST 392078 rank 2nd Lt (.) believed casualty air action 11.15.30I	
265	21/12	PIPER FORCE		211600I		060	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 08 (.) all in a out correspondence will be seen by Major McBride or his staff (.) Jb CAV CDO RECT concern	
266	21/12		6 Div	211545I	211620I	951	9. restricted (.) forecast dec 23 (.) fairly by showers DANMAP + a few overcast of area this evening (.) weather deteriorating light only showers at night + afternoon storms from the foothills for the most 24 hrs (.) seas slight to moderate now use mainly DANMAP all info	
267	21/12		6 Div	211545I	211635I	1362	SECRET (.) standing patrol at AFUB may now be withdrawn	Added 19 Bde to 17 Bde for info
268	21/12	PIPER FORCE 2/5 Bn		211730I		061	RESTRICTED (.) have you assumed comd TONG area	

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259	21/12		PIPER FORCE	201050I	210950I	04	SECRET(.) in order maintain comm with pl cleaning YAPOMBIL YAVATONG the EAST request additional 1 no 22 and det sigs nearest(.) please advise	approved TONG advised our 064 ETH set to be advised
260	21/12		PIPER FORCE	211330I	2	059	SECRET (.) sitrep 8 to 211330.(.)	
260	21/12	6 Div						
261	21/12	PIPER FORCE		211330I		I37	restricted (.) submit sitreps to 0800I daily using IMMEDIATE priority (.) require weekly int report from you.	
262	21/12	6 DIV		211320I	211430I	059	SECRET(.) SITREP 8 to 211330 I(.) YAPUNDA (.) 191800I patrol PALAURU to YAPUNDA and track very difficult (.) 210630I patrol left on return journey (.) 201800I patrol YAPUNDA to TIMINUP VO31018 returned NO signs enemy track good (.) KAMTI PALAURU PIPER FORCE NO report to land.	
263	21/12	6 DIV	PIPER FORCE	210850I	211500I	08	restricted (.) cpl Jewis states instructions does NOT require him to allow cond of sig official matter concerning operating this area before despatch (.) submit any matter concerning this area should be sig'd by me before despatch (.) cpl Jewis activities suspended until instrs rec'd from you.	

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254	20/12	(cont)				01358	201500I four BEAUFORTS will bomb stationary vehicles under trees Y 886748 @ WENAK area @ 201400I sighting of doubtful reliability by 4th aircraft of one twin engine twin rudder float plane NO markings half mile off WENAK shore two miles WEST WENAK PT @ BEAUFORT and BOOMERANG in gen area same time did NOT sight @ propaganda @ 20 dec @ surrender leaflets dropped on enemy from DANMAP RIVER area	
255	21/12		2/7 Br.	210700I	210815I	I13	RESTRICTED (.) Ref map SVY AMATEI @ 25000 (.) BN HQ also camp duties close present location 210800I reports at head of column at same time	
256	21/12		YAPUNDA	210700I	210830I	W17	RESTRICTED (.) SECRET patrol report NO rpt NO enemy sighted (.) track good	
257	21/12		6 Div	202000I	210926I	01359	SECRET (.) amendment 3 & 6 last Div location statement H.	
258	21/12		PIPER FORCE	210600I	210931I	03	SECRET (.) in adv to please additional pl for operation in fwd areas request further info be made available to MEA for def of duty at YAKAMUL MISSION (.) suggest tank attack pl desirable (.) please advise earliest	approved. Move 260500I TONG advised Our 064 22/12/44

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
254	20/12		6 Aust Div	201800I	202030I	01358	<p>SECRET @ resit 43 to 201500I @ TONG area @ 2/7 aust do sqn @ 191700I YAMBES V346189 YASILE V275111 YAPOMBIL V267095 situ @ natives reported 10 japs moved 18 dec from MUSIMBILIM V340849 @ 71 japs from KASE V265097 proceeded ALBULUM V261073 YAUATONG V267061 NAMINUM V285061 & left 181830I for NUMISIM V392075 one jap reported killed by bombing NUMISIM 18 Dec @ natives report enemy sleeping SAHIK V380114 at night hiding re-entrant SE during day @ DANMAP RIVER area @ 191400I one coy 2/4 bur digging in V567299 @ 191440I and 191656I japs approached fired shots and withdrew on dust escaped @ 191701I japs recce flanks @ 191515I to 191800I harassing fire by our mortars @ 191800I carrying party returning from this post fired on at V568304 @ 191803I 10 japs seen crossing to WEST side of DANMAP @ 191800I admin HQ at V563308 attacked enemy engaged by our tps and withdrew SOUTH @ 191820I and 200555I two japs killed one had NO arms or food other armed with rifle and grenade discharges @ 200630I patrol from V577253 to ARIUA CREEK V617255 NMS @ total cas for period under review enemy 2 killed own 2 killed 11 wounded of which 3 died of wounds @ 20 dec @ 2/3 aust fd regt less one lty already in area moving SUAIN V538317 @ one A/C sqn 2/4 aust armd regt moving YAKAMUL V295392 to SUAIN @ KAMTI area @ 200700I patrol to NUNASI no report @ air @ TONG area @ NO strikes due to cloud @ BU Tarea</p>	

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Serial No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
250	20/12		2/6 Aust Cav Bde Regt.	201340 I	201640 I	179	SECRET @ sitrep No 54 to 201300 I @ YASUAR 191700 I 2/7 reg HQ sitrep @ C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn arrived 191400 I @ 191300 I 2 offrs & 20 ORS Atk 25 carriers departed enroute MAKUIR via NIALU - MIHET @ 200700 I one offr & 16 ORS 160 carriers departed YASUAR to MAKUIR @ YAMBES 191700 I sitrep @ Japs sword captured very rusty @ 200445 I fighting patrol departed to harass enemy NUMISIM area @ SONGAIEN @ P 191100 I patrol to YASUM observed to SAHIK NMS @ 200700 I no further reports @ YASILE 191700 I Cpl HQ 79 sections sitrep @ P see YAPOMBIL sitrep @ 200700 I patrols to YAPAMBAY Sq 2608 @ cas 1 Jap killed by bombing NUMISIM @ native reports 191700 I 10 Japs moving from MUSIMBILIM to NUMISIM 18 Dec @ Japs occupying MUSIMBILIM strength unknown @ 71 Japs who left YASE proceeded YALBULUM YOVATONG - NAMINIM 285064 arriving 181700 I and left 181830 I for MUSIMBILIM @ enemy sleeping in SAHIK at night hide in re-entrant in bush S.E. side of SAHIK during day @ 200700 I NMS SAHIK - SELNAV	
251	20/12	PALAU RU		201700 I	201835 I	H13	RESTRICTED @ ref. your I40 of 201035 I @ ack	
252	20/12	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		201800 I		I36	RESTRICTED @ sitrep repeat of serial 250.	
253	20/12	6 Div		201800 I	201850 I	GS165	RESTRICTED @ forecast dec 21 weather unsettled but continuation of present conditions expected for the next 24 hrs.	

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242	20/12		2/6 Div KAMTI	201023 I 200735 I	20110 I	B29	SECRET (1) SITREP 86 200700 I (1) R.K.3 due NUNSI. AM 19 Dec. NO report since AM 18 Dec (1) RK 5 due SEYUM PM. 20 Dec NO report since AM. 19 Dec	
243	20/12		Pifun Force 2/56	191500 I	201250 I	I 1	SECRET (1) location statement (1) force HQ C Coy TONG (1) A Coy staging NIALU	
244	20/12		YAPUNDA 2/56	200920 I	201250 I	W16	RESTRICTED (1) relief to 200700 I (1) relief	
245	20/12	6 Div		201330 I		058	SECRET (1) SITREP 76 20 1530 I.	
246	20/12		KAMTI	201030 I	201200 I	B31	RESTRICTED (1) from MARSDEN (1) 6 AVST Div 22 site from YAPUNDA now here awaiting carriers (1) can arrangements be made to take into over.	
247	20/12		YAPUNDA	200910 I	201330 I		RESTRICTED (1) RP3 estimated time of departure 210630 I (1) estimated time arrival PALAURU 221700 I.	
248	20/12	PALAURU		201035 I		I40	RESTRICTED (1) cancel patrol RPI 21 Dec (1) send patrol to KAMPTI 22 Dec return PALAURU 23 Dec ack.	
249	20/12	PALAURU		201550 K		I35	RESTRICTED (1) YAPUNDA advise (1) RP3 estimated time of departure 210630 I (1) estimated time of arrival PALAURU 221700 I	

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234	20/12	6 DIV		192200I	200700I	057	RESTRICTED (.) you 01313 ack.	
235	20/12		PIPER FORCE	191450I	192220I	02	force HQ and C Coy arrived TONG 191430I @ D Coy bivouaced NIALU contact 19/20 @ moved TONG 20 DEC @ additional weapons reported lost in flood waters by A Coy @ two 2 inch mortars two OSMG's one rifle 5 SCR 36.	
236	20/12	2/7 aust inf bn				056	RESTRICTED @ ref 2/7 aust inf bn ex no 21 gen instrs copies 15, 16 ack	
237	20/12	6 aust div		191415I		01339	SECRET @ amendment 2 to loc. stat 4	
238	20/12		2/6 Bn.	200850	200910I	155	restricted (.) ref you 8171) patrol 2/7th div arrive by air a/c.	
239	20/12		KAMTI	190730I	20 -	B17	Restricted (.) please advise date expect 2/7 for div arrive KAMTI.	
240	20/12		2/5 Bn.	201615I	201045I	I12	restricted (.) PALAURU. strip 8 191700 PATROL from KAMTI. Lab not arrived (.) weather very bad. situation unchanged.	
241	20/12		2/6 Bn.	201023I	201105I	156	SECRET @ 200630I Coy 10/43 ORs. mvd out carrying party base camp 276 265 ref map SURIN WEST 1.120 0946 1 of 9 ORs mvd. out to return 2/7th bn. pos at Petrol Pt 99 2497 ref AIRTAPE. 1/25000.	

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228	19/12	2/5 2/6 2/1 B Co.		191750I	-	I34	SECRET(.) TONG area (.) 2/7 SON 181000I patrol to MAKUIR reports(.) repeat Serial 224	
229	19/12	YAPUNDA		191800I	192000I	W19	RESTRICTED(.) patrol from PALAUR arrived 191800I (.) track very difficult	
230	20/12		6 Div	191750I	191900I	O32	SECRET(.) revisit 42 to 191500I recd	
231	20/12		2/6 CDO REGT	191500I	191900I	I78	SECRET(.) further to site of 53 of 191300I (.)	
232			6 Div	192100I	192200I	O131B	SECRET(.) following units come under command 19 Aust INF BDE (.) 2/3 Aust Fd REGT complete from 200600I (.) one pl 2/155 AGT Coy from 220800I (.) 2/9 Aust Cdo SON from 260600I ack all info.	
233	20/12		6 Div	192100I	192200I	O131B	SECRET(.) MOVEMENT(.) 2/3 Aust Fd REGT less 53 Aust Fd BTY to SUAIN ferrying with over tpt commencing 20 dec (.) 2/9 Aust Cdo SON & 2/3 Aust MA Bn less 2 coys to SUAIN under arrangements AA and DMG 6 Aust Div NO movement before 26 DEC one pl 2/5 AGT V/10353 movement to commence NOT later than 22 dec.	

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224		Continued					<p>every one killed @ 180800 I SONGAIEN @ repts NMS SAHIK @ 181700 I YASUAR MAKUIR YAMBES YASILE situon</p>	
225	19/12		6 Aust Div	191600	191605	CS158	<p>RESTRICTED @ forecast dec 20 @ weather typical of NW monsoon @ fine generally except for odd thunderstorms cloud from the ranges in the afternoon or from the sea at night causing moderate hy falls of short duration at scattered points @ lt NW winds @ moderate temperatures @ moderate NW swells with rising surf.</p>	
226	19/12		6 Aust Div	181800 I	-	01334	SECRET @ ressit 41 to 181500 I	
227	19/12		6 Div	191400 I	191700	01336	<p>RESTRICTED (1.) area WEST of A ITAPE RIVER is out of bounds to all ranks except personnel on duty or taking part in organised training exercises (1.) passes to enter area must be signed by GSO I or AA + DMG 6 Aust Div</p>	

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221	19/12		YAPUNDA	191100Z	191345Z	W13.	RESTRICTED (1) PALAURU patrol NOT repeat NOT arrived (1) SITNOR.	
222	19/12	6AUST DIV 2/5 2/6, 2/7 b.		191400Z		055	SECRET (1) SITREP 66 1400Z (1) KAMTI (1) 190700Z patrol RK3 moved out route AVSI SEYUM LUPAI. YALINGI RIVER. Z72 4467 KAMTI (1) YAPUNDA (1) SITNOR (1) PALAURU (1) No report to land.	
223	19/12		6 Div	181800Z	191600Z	0133	SECRET (1) report 41 to 181500Z (1) recd.	
224	19/12		2/6 Aust Bas bdo Regt	191355Z	191845Z	176	SECRET (1) report No 53 to 191300Z (1) 2/7 sqn 181000 patrol to MAKUIR reports (1) MAKUIR base excellent (1) DZ 200 yds by 100 yds (1) patrol to ARUK report NO gaps encountered but village destroyed by bombing 100 meters counted in area (1) patrol MAKUIR SONGUAM V442214 NIUMUGAL V419200 reports all villages except one in area deserted by natives because of previous earthquake (1) 181050Z patrol from MAKUIR via YASUM arrived YASUM report track very difficult but route via NIALU good (1) local natives report all gaps in DANMAP area live on river (1) 180600Z YAMBES patrol departed for DREKIKER creek June V369084 (1) 190800Z 8 ORS C/M patrolling YASILE YAPOMBIL YASE encountered small enemy party cas own NIL	

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216	18/12		Piper Force	181300 I	182200 I	0.109	SECRET (1) (1) (1) Owing to heavy and continuous rain river HARECH became impassable 171310 I (1) Force HQ and C Coy bivouaced 400 yards short of river camp 171330 I (1) whereabouts of A Coy and 6 native carriers unknown but presume cut off by head water (1) Intend move NIALU minus A Coy 180700 I (1) Following controlled stores lost in crossing 2 Brens 1 Owen SMG 5 rifles 1 SCR 536 (1) request replacement dropped at TONG 19 Dec (1)	
217	19/12		KAMTI	181755 T	190850 T	B16	SECRET (1) RK1 did NOT contact RPI at NIGIA (1) patrol comm and 1 OR proceed to PALAURU leaving NIGIA 181400 T (1) will return KAMTI AM 19 Dec (1) please advise time of departure.	Passed to PALAURU
218	19/12	KAMTI PALAURU YAPUNDA	Kamti	190430 I		I33	restricted (1) as from 20 Dec under sub/par daily to 0700 I NOT 1100 I. all info	
219	19/12		2/5 bn.	190900 I	190950 I	I9	restricted (1) PALAURU (1) patrol RPI returned 181600 I (1) NO contact made (1) patrol waited at RV for 3 hrs	
220	19/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bn Bm TO		181930 I	181935 I	Q452	RESTRICTED (1) ref 2/7 and inf bn exercise 20/23 DEC (1) 2/5 and 2/6 and inf bn will each provide three trucks to tow 4x4 with trailers and drivers to report to 2/7 and inf bn by 200700 I (1) vech required for duration of exercise (1) drivers will require personal gear and bedding (1) 2/7 and inf bn will arrange POL & nations	

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210	18/12		6 Aust. Div.	181430 I	181715 I	01330	Restricted @ ground to air sig @ ref our 51108A of 14 Nov @ it has been found that indicating distances of enemy from own troops by bars is NOT satisfactory owing to comparatively large distances generally involved @ henceforth such distances will be indicated by a figure immediately behind stem of T to represent hundreds of yards @ our 611348 of 5 Dec NOT to all addresses cancelled	copies to 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.
211	18/12		6 Aust. Div.	181800 I	181855 I	651 56	restricted @ forecast 19 dec heavy rain reported west of HOLLANDIA and at sea @ cause of local clearing not known @ conditions still unsettled and further heavy showers possible in next 48 hrs all informed	
212	18/12	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		181820 I		I31	repeat of serial number 209 to 2/5 Orig no. I74 TOO. 181345 I	
213	18/12	PALAURO 2/5 Bn		181825 I		I32	restricted @ our 047 of 160950 I stated @ quote @ address all signals to respective bns RPTD the HQ @ unquote @ please comply.	
214	18/12		2/5 Bn	181800 I	182105 I	W-11	restricted @ our dropping very accurate @ request mail and parcels be dropped @	
215	18/12		2/5 Bn (YAPUNDA)	181900 I	182100 I	W 12	restricted @ SITREP @ No patrols returned NO info SITNOR.	

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207	18/12	2/6 Bn	KAMPTI 2/6 Bn	181135 I.	181545 I	B14	secret @ Strip 6 to 181100 I @ 171100 I RKA Returned KAMPTI no sign enemy @ 180600 I RK1 left KAMPTI @ 180700 I RK5 left @ 171400 I RK3 arrived ELLI @ 180900 I RK3 Arrived BOLWOK.	
208	18/12	2/5 Bn	2/5 Bn	181500 I	181620 I	18	Restructured @ D Coy track report jeep head to KAMPTI eight hours along quagmire @ 2 hrs water @ rest house yapunda 03 hrs half water and boulders then 04 hours water last half to good @ suggest No further patrol be allowed proceed in marching order @ 04 men collapsed from exhaustion but reached destination	
209	18/12		2/6 COO Ret	181345 I	181640 I	I4	SECRET (.) strip no 152 to 181300 I (.) 2/4 Sen 170600 I patrol departed MAKVIR to recon track via YASUM to YASUAR (.) 170600 I 1 sec AH departed YASUAR to reinforce Bhat at YAMBES (.) 171130 I 4 ORs departed YASUAR for MAKUMN (.) 171400 I YASUAR YAMBES YADOMBIL MAKVIR SONGAIEN KUMBUM situa (.) 171400 I enemy previously reported located on spur SOUTH of YADOMBIL now at NANA HANG V325059 (.) 171400 I enemy str. approx 100 reported MUSIM BIL IM (.) cas natives report at least 1 jet killed SAHIK 15 Dec by bombing.	

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193 202	18/12		6 Div	171315I	171400I	GS	RESTRICTED (.) Flood warning (.) active weather belt off coast (.) possible flood conditions along NORTH NEW GUINEA coastal area (.) main activity EAST of NEWARK all infm.	
194 203	18/12		ANGAU AITAPE	180805I	181115I	AJQ	RESTRICTED (.) for LEGA ANGAU YAPUNDA (.) you will address all signals originated by you without exception to 6 AUST DIV AND ANGAU AITAPE both for action as you have been instructed.	
195 204	18/12		PALAUUV	181001I	181355I	H8	restricted (.) at 16 to 181100I (.) situation unchanged.	
205	18/12	6 Div 2/5 2/6 2/7 B		181510I	181515I	OS	SECRET (.) SITREP 5 to 181500I (.) KAMTI (.) 171600I patrol to YALINGAI RIVER via WOM & returned NIL report (.) 180900I patrol RK 3 and MT BOL WOK Z 820266 en route NUNS (.) PALAUUV (.) sitrep (.) YAPUNDA (.) NO report.	
206	18/12	YAPUNDA		181520I	-	OS	RESTRICTED (.) have recd no SITREP from you since 15 Dec (.) forward SITREP daily to 1100I (.) also refer you to our O4Y of 160950I	

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199 193	17/12		PALAURO	171100I	171200I	H6	RESTRICTED @ SITREP 5 to 171100I @ Situation unchanged.	
180 194	17/12		6AUST DIV	171315I	171400I	68151	Restricted @ flood warning @ active weather belt off coast @ possible flood conditions along NORTH NEW GUINEA coastal area @ main activity EAST of NEWAK	
181 195	17/12	←	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 hrs	171410I		I29	repeat above message plus KAMTI, PALAURO and YAPUNDA info	
182 196	17/12	YAPUNDA, KAMTI PALAURO	YAPUN	171412I		I30	repeat of serial 180 194	
183 194	17/12	6 div, 2/6, 2/6 2/7 hrs		171455I		048	SECRET @ serial 4 to 171430I @ KAMTI @ NO report to hand @ PALAURO @ 161730I patrol to AFUA returned @ contacted 2/8 AUST INF BN nothing to report @ YAPUNDA @ NO report to hand @ PIPEA FORCE left YAKAMUK for BASE CAMP	
184 198	17/12		2/6 Aust Cav Commands regt	171810I	171700I	I69	SECRET @ SITREP No 51. to 171300I @ 2/7 sqn 161000I EAST YAMBES BTP engaged enemy sdr unknown results unknown @ 161000I YAPOMBIL area C sp report. Enemy occupying posn half way down spur running SOUTH from YAPOMBIL @ 161500I YAPOMBIL occupied unopposed by C sp @ 161700I YASUAR, YAMBES, KUMBUM SONGAIEN Sgtun @ air strike 16 dec. YAPOMBIL YAMBES bombed accurately @ YAPOMBIL for	

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185 199	17/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7		1715 I		I 31	<p>displayed white panel setups and waved white flag. Lap direct hits made on panel setup. Additional Cas reported 7 dec 1 Jap killed by 6 Sec.</p> <p>RESTRICTED SECRET SITREP to 171300 I SERIAL 184 rptd 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bus.</p>	
186 200			6 Aust div	171620 I	171720 I	GSIH 3	<p>RESTRICTED Forecast dec 18. Rain from active weather held over N.G. Coast. Storm center of low rain appears to be well EAST of AITAPE but difficult to fix exact location over the sea and general flood warnings have been issued. Further general rain expected with heaviest at night and in afternoon over ranges. Choppy seas with N.W. swell and by surf developing tomorrow. All info</p>	
187 201	17/12		6 Aust div	171730 I	172000 I	O 1329	<p>SECRET. Resit 40 to 171500 I. TONGAREA. 161000 I det 2/7 Aust div seen WEST YAMBES V347088 engaged enemy set and result not known. 161500 I YAPOMBIL occupied by 161000 I enemy occupying posn on spur SOUTH of YAPOMBIL V368096. 161500 I YAPOMBIL occupied by our troops without opposition. 16 dec our troops report air strikes on MASUBA V385079 and on V366079 accurate. Japs displayed white panel setups and white flags at latter site. Direct hits made on panel setups. 1 JAP body found YAPOMBIL result</p>	

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108 201							<p>our fire 7 dec @ DANMAP RIVER area @ 161030 I patrol 2/4 Aust inf br moved from V557264 along DANMAP RIVER and EAST bank ALBU CK @ 161200 I two japs attempting escape killed at V578254. One PW died later @ four native huts empty and amn in area no food except bags @ 161030 I patrol from V569356 along EAST bank DANMAP RIVER to V567265 and return NMS @ 170415 I patrol had est. V566305 @ 170615 I two japs killed at V568304 two PW in depl condition own cas one slightly wounded @ 170745 I one jap killed V577302 @ 171100 I bulk A cap 2/4 Aust inf br located some area digging in one pl on feature V570390 no signs of recent occupation @ 170710 I patrol departed V569389 and contacted our patrol from IDAKAIBUL V577253 @ 171130 I two japs killed at V575202 @ KAMTI area @ patrol 2/6 Aust inf br to AFUA contacted patrol 2/8 Aust inf br and returned nil report @ AIRO @ 161140 I incendiaries dropped on house at V676998 MAPRIK area causing grass fire nearby @ 17 dec 18 BEAUFORTS bombed SINGARIN village SOUTH of WATAM all inf.</p>	

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1891A	17/12		KAMTI 3/0 Aust Imp	171020 I		B12	SECRET © SITREP 5 to 171100 I © 170600 I RK3 left AUST route out as for RK4 route back as land down © patrol has 108 set © Special patrol at COOK and will leave AUST 171300 TR back and mark route AUST LEYUM as shown on map © time back AUST 21 dec © if RK6 successful intend use AUST as base for RK5.	

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185	16/12		6 Div	161845I	161945I	GSI 50	Forecast 17 Dec ☉ few showers tonight followed by deteriorating conditions during next 36 hrs ☉ No info ref weather belt to WEST + NORTH but expected locally in 48 hrs ☉ Light EAST winds ☉ moderate SE swells.	
186	16/12		PALAURO 2/5B	161800I	162005I	H4	Patrol RP2 161730I contact made with C Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn ☉ NESO route good ☉ advise which formation relieving 2/8 Bn	
187	16/12		2/5B PALAURO	161815I	162130I	H5	Patrol RPI expected RV at 1130 hrs.	
188	17/12		6 Div	161730I		01317	SECRET (.) unrecd 39 6 161500I (.) unrecd.	
189	17/12		6 DIV	161800I	170900I	01380	SECRET (.) Amendment on 01306 of 15 Dec (.) as from 162100I frequency for close st. BEAUFORTS 6060 Kcs (.) tac R aircraft 4885 Kcs.	CANCELLED by 6 Div 01378 at 221815I.
190	17/12	PALAURO		170850I	170900I	I38	RESTRICTED (.) your Rpt of 161800I (.) NO from relieving 19 Aust Inf BDE (.) you will be advised of any relief.	
191	17/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns 17 Bde Sig Sec	6 Div	171800I 171050I	17/0450I		SECRET ☉ ref 17 Aust Inf Bde of instr number 7 para 23(b) (c) as from 162400I frequency for close st. BEAUFORTS 6060 Kcs ☉ tac R aircraft 4885 Kcs	
192	17/12	2/7 Cav Cdo Sq		171050I		OHA	SECRET for Maj McBRIDE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on arrival ☉ (repeat of message serial 191)	

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179	16/12		2/5 B PALAURU	161100I	161530I	H2	Restricted @ Sitep H to 161100I @ Patrols RP2 + RP3 left 160530I @ by train through night ack.	
180	16/12	6 Div 2/5, 2/6, 2/7	inf	161535I		043	Sitep 3 to 161500I	
181	16/12		2/6 KAMTI	161030I	161530I	B11	SECRET. @ for PALAURU @ from 18 Dec RKI RV East Bank NIGIA 2977412 by 1130 hrs @ will fire SHH shot each half hour to indicate form until contact made @ advise time PI expected each RV.	Passed to PALAURU by Sigs
182	16/12		2/6 Cav Cdo	161335I	161650I	I66	SECRET @ sitep NO50 to 161300I	Revised File
183	16/12	19 Bde		141730I		I26	SECRET @ could the following info be passed to Maj MCBRIDE 2/5 B YAKAMUK please @ quote @ TONG area @ 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqm 151100I patrol to MAKUIR arrived LAMBURIN V420187 reported area clear @ 150700I YAMBES 1 JAP Dead dead found inside perimeter armed with rifle good condition 80 rounds 1 LMG magazine 2 grenades first aid outfit @ 150730I YASILE LMG fired on enemy escaping from bombing YAPOMBIL results unknown @ 151100I YASUAR YAMBES YASILE BEN KUMBUM sitep 151100I native report enemy strength unknown V 359085	
184	16/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		161757I		E27	Secret @ repeat of message I26 from word quote.	

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173	16/12		D Coy YAPUNDA	151900I		W1	NO European rations YAPUNDA (-) please expedite (-) suitable dropping ground YAPUNDA.	
174	16/12		D Coy YAPUNDA	151900I	160950I	W4	RESTRICTED (-) SITNOR.	
175	16/12		6 Div	151800I	161000I	DB11	SECRET (-) REVS IT 38K 151500I	
176	16/12		YAPUNDA	161050I	161100I	Q15	RESTRICTED (-) rations dropped 160900I (-) large fuel dropped for sig use only NOT for cooking purposes.	
177	16/12		2/7B	161210I	161300I	I9	SECRET © Patrol Serial R2 on task B str 10 of 70Rs returned 161030I © Patrol reports NO evidence enemy in area. patrolled natives encountered friendly © INCO ANGHU 10 natives returned with patrol © full report following.	
178	16/12		2/6B KAMTI	161050I	161450I	B10	SECRET © Sitrep 4 to 161100I © patrol RKI did NOT contact PHLURU patrol at NIGIA River © patrol arrived RV 151105I remained ? 151200I time limit mutually arranged with PHLURU © RK2 expected reach YFLINGA River a.m. today © FUSI base established 15 Dec © Comm FUSI KAMTI by 108 Set © further carrying party FUSI today © RK3 leaves FUSI 17 Dec.	

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166	15/12		2/5 bn (PALAURU)	151810	152000	H1	RESTRICTED (.) ref para I 22 of 151630I (.) patrol RP2 proceeding 160530I (.) order for patrol is P plus 2 days.	
167	16/12	2/5, 2/6 2/HB no 2/6 CSD RAT 6 DIV		151630I	151900	030	SECRET (.) ref 17 aust inf bde of instr 107 para 4(b) incl 2 det mor total 110R (.) all infmd.	
168	16/12	PALAUUV		160750	160830	041	RESTRICTED (.) para H1 of 151801I (.) am of instr 107 clearly states RP2 commences 15 dec (.) second RP2 will commence 22 0600I hence every 7 days (.) delete ack from messages ack	To be acked.
169	16/12	16, 17, 19 Bdes.		151300I		01308	RESTRICTED (.) sig amm ref 6 aust div G11420 of 14 dec (.) following sig amm released for each inf bn (.) 2 in mor 100 rds (.) 3 in mor 100 rds.	
170	16/12	2/5 2/6 2/HB no		160830I	160830	042	RESTRICTED (.) sig amm ref 6 aust div G11420 of 14 dec (.) following sig amm released for each inf bn (.) 2 in mor 100 rds 3 in mor 100 rds.	
171	16/12		OC D Coy YAPUNDA	151900I	160950I	W4	RESTRICTED (.) SITNOR	
172	16/12	KANTI YAPUNDA PALAURU 2/5 2/6		160950I			OUT RESTRICTED (.) address all signs to respective bn aptd this HQ (.) use place names KANTI YAPUNDA PALAURU as respective code names.	

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163	15/12		6 Div	151300Z	151805Z	01308	retracted (.) by amn ref 6 aust div 911420 of 11 dec (.) following by amn released for each inf br (.) 2 in mortar 100 yds (.) 3 in mortar 100 yds.	
16 H.	15/12	2/5. 2/6. 3/7 Bns.		151540Z		038	SECRET (.) ground air intercomm (.) for close of arrangements have been made for BEAUFORTS from 71 wing + ground stations to use of until further notice the R frequency 4885 Kcs (.) code names for close of (.) 2/4 br BABFORCE (.) 2/5 br PIPER (.) 2/7 edo sgn ROFA (.) 4 tac R sgn HARPOON 221815Z (.) 7 sgn BLONDIE KING (.) 8 sgn BLONDIE UNCLE (.) 100 sgn BLONDIE QUEEN (.) relaying units will adopt same code names unless otherwise advised.	CANCELLED BY 6AUST DIV. 0137P of.
165	15/12		6 Div	151525Z		95147	retracted (.) forecast dec 16 (.) rain belt approaching slowly from MADRANG, 1000 WEST of HOLLANDIA unlikely to affect local areas (.) continuation of present condition tomorrow (.) slight to moderate SE swell all inf.	

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155	15/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Br.		151630I		I23	RESTRICTED (1) TONG area (1) 141100I. patrol to YAKAMIK contacted enemy str unknown (1) NMS SONGAIEN V387156 on BEN (1) 141315I. EAST YAMBES reported, clear of enemy (1) 150130I YAMBES attacked by enemy Japs withdrawn 150500I (1) CAO unknown (1) 150905I SAHIK. reported occupied by 35 JAPS (1) air strikes 14/15 dec on SAHIK YAPOMBIL NUMISIN results unknown (1) enemy formerly located at MUSIMBILUM, mcao at V343077	
156	15/12		POST 2	151530I	151730I	I5	RESTRICTED (1) SITREP 3 to 151530I (1) patrol RPI returned 151515I (1) NO contact made re I-22 restricted (1) ref ofam I 4 of 151100I (1) Lm patrol R.P.2 moved out (1) reply immediately (1) change originator letter.	
157	15/12	PALAUROU.		151630I.				
±	15/12	Mg M. Bnd 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 2/7 etc. 2/6 Cav. 6 Div BM. Sc. Sig. O.		151530I			(17 Aust Inf Bde OP Inst 7.)	To be acknowledged - (see ACK register)
158	15/12		2/6 b.	151728I		029	restricted (1) 17 Bde OP Inst. 7 copy 3 ack.	
159	15/12		2/5 b.	151700I		066	SECRET (1) OP instr 7 ack.	
160	15/12		2/7 br.	151600I		095	restricted (1) op instr. 7 copy 4 ack.	
161	15/12		2/6 Cde Regt.	151620I		A502	restricted (1) ref ofam adm instr No 7 of 15 Dec 44	
162	15/12	NAT. No Bnd 2/5 2/6, 2/7. br 2/6 etc. 6 Div BM. SC. Sig. O.		151630I		039	SECRET (1) ref 17 Bde op. instr. No 17 para 44b) incl 2 detl mca total 11 OR (1) all informed	

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153	15/12	to Div	2/6 Cde Regt. to 6 Div	151355I	15-?	164	SECRET (1) sibrep No. 49. to 151300I (1) PART 1 (1) RPA man 2/7 apr 2/9 apr 2/10 apr comp area sibrep (1) PART 2 (1) 141100 I C to patrol of YAKAMIK contacted enemy str unknown CASUALTIES OWN NIL ENEMY unknown (1) 141100 I SONGAIEN Y 337156 NMS + standing patrol 40 R. BEN NMS (1) 141315 I patrol B to report EAST YAMBES elem of enemy (1) 141500 I YAMBES report enemy unknown strength approach perpetua (1) 150130 I YAMBES report enemy attacked withdrawing 150500 I CASUALTIES OWN 1 slightly wounded ENEMY unknown (1) 150700 I YASUAR KUMBUM YASILE sibrep (1) 150915 I 35 JAPS reported SAHIK (1) results air strikes 14.15 deo SAHIK PAPOMBIL NUMISIM bombs on target cas unknown (1) main reports 131100 I 6 JAPS BEN 1 JAP wounded by mortar (1) enemy firmly located at MUSIMBILIM main located Y342077	
154	15/12	KANT I PAL BURU 2/5 2/6		151835I		125	restricted (1) patrols RK1 and RAP1 will in future leave respective comp at 0600 I + contact WILL be made before return to base	

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150	15/12		6 Aust div	151030 Z	151445	01378	SECRET (.) ground air intcom (.) for close sp arrangements have been made for BEAUFORTS from 71 auring + ground stations to use until further notice tac R sign. 4885 KCS (.) code names for close sp (.) 2/4 for BABFORCE (.) 2/5 for PIPER (.) 2/7 for POPA (.) 4 tac R sign. HARPOON (.) 7 sign BLONDIE KING (.) 8 sign BLONDIE UNCLE (.) 100 sign BLONDIE QUEEN (.) returning units will adopt same code names unless otherwise advised	CANCELLED BY 6AUST DIV. @ 1378 of 2218 15Z
151	15/12	Blorg. 2/6 Bm.		151100 Z	151145	BT	SECRET (.) SITREP 3 to 151100 I (.) 10 pl less 1 sec and carrying unable reach AVSI on Tuesday as guide could NOT locate track (.) the advised AVSI 150930 I (.) intend establish base AVSI (.) this is furthest carrying party can reach and return KAMT same day (.) 150700 I patrol RK1 and RK2 moved out.	
152	15/12	6 Div 2/5 2/6 2/7		151550 Z		035	SECRET (.) SITREP 3 to 151530 I (.)	

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146	15/12		Post 2.	151100 I	151320 I	14	restricted (.) sitrep 2 @ 151100 I (.) patrol number R.P. 1. left 150500 I. (.) AFUA in correct on map (.) should be 173340 (.) mountain weather	
147	15/12	KAMTI		151305	151335 I	031	RESTRICTED (.) ref your B5 (.) 12 pl NOT available please use our resources until natives arrive 21 Dec 44	
148	15/12	2/2 AUST FO. RECT.		151331 I	151415 I	121	RESTRICTED (.) attached is map showing key localities & MMG proposed posns. & tabs.	
149	15/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		151825 I	151415 I	120	SECRET (.) TONG AREA (.) 130825 I 2/7000 Saw patrol to EAST YAMBES V354088 contacted Japs. str unknown (.) no own NIL (.) enemy 2 killed (.) 130930 I 3 sec moved out en route to MAKUIK (.) 131500 I patrol from YAMBES reports SAHIK clear of enemy (.) native reports enemy moved from MUSIMBILIM to unmapped village MUSAE V316084 & enemy now EAST from WARUM V231089 (.) 141000 I YAMBES LMG fire from 100 yards SOUTH of perimeter.	

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139	(cont)		6 aust dir	141815 I	141845 I	GSI 45	at night otherwise fine with easterly winds and slight SE swell.	
140			B.M. 2/9 Cdo Sqd	141615 I	141900 I	I 2	RESTRICTED @ please contact our HQ and request them to arrange lft to meet special patrol of 12 men at AFUA 151700 I	Message passed Ao D.O. 2/6 leaf at 1910 I by D.O. 17/4/44
141			6 dir	141945 I	141955 I	G-1301	REVSIT 37 to 141500 I	
142			POST 2 (PALAURU)	141700 I	141955 I	I 3	RESTRICTED @ advise code name of this outpost	
143	15/14		POST 2 (PALAURU)	141400 I	141830 I	I 1	RESTRICTED (.) SITREP 1 to 141100 I (.) ref map SUAIN 1 in to 1 in arrived outpost 060358 at 131800 I (.) track difficult due to weather	
144	15/14	PALAURU		150845 I	151140 I	O 33	RESTRICTED (.) ref your I 3 of 141700 I (.) PALAURU	
145	15/14		B Coy 8/6 Bn.	141900 I	151115 I	B 5	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 31 (.) as natives NOT available could it pl be sent KAMTI (.) could they maintain 2 bases AVSiger RK3 and ATERAP area for RK2 & obtain K5 & would NOT need natives at YINUTE MISSION (.) in view large holding ration 600 KAMTI could maintain extra pl without increasing no of rations now being sent from AITAPE.	

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135	14/12		B ay 2/6 hr	141055I		B 3	SECRET @ SITREP 2 to 141100 I (1) 140630I. 10 pl less 1 sec moved out to set food base at AUSI Z 830334 (1) carrying party of 18 others accompanied 10 pl (1) 1/11 1/11 1 sec 10 pl improving def posn at KAMTI.	
136	14/17	2/2 Jamb		141620I		I 19	RESTRICTED @ all are two copies POCKET BOOK of MALAY, PIDGIN AND JAP PHRASES	D.R.L.S with books
137	14/12		2/6 Gado Regt	141345I	141500I	I 20	SECRET @ sitrep number 48 to 141300I @ PART 1 @ RHR mauw 2/7 sqw and 2/10 sqw less A/H camp areas sitrep @ PART 2 @ 130825I 2/7 sqw patrol to EAST YAMBES contacted JAPS str unknown @ cas own nil enemy 2 killed @ 130930I 3 sec moved out en route to MAKURI @ 131500I patrol from YAMBES reports SAHIK clear of enemy @ native reports enemy moved from MUSIMBILIM to unmapped village MUSAE V346084 and enemy mov EAST from WARUM @ V231089 @ 140800I YASUAR sitrep YAMBES and YASILE NO reports @ 141000I YAMBES LMG fire from 100 yds SOUTH of perimeter @ PART 3 @ 2/10 sqw A/H returning camp ETA 141700I No report	Infms passed to bond 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 hrs by I 20
138	14/17	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 hrs		141825I		I 20	Relay main portions of above message.	
139	14/17	6 Aust Div		141815I	141451I	GS145	RESTRICTED @ forecast dec 14 weather belts west of HOLLANDIA and towards NEWAK @ neither likely to affect local area at present @ a few showers	

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129	14/12		6 Div	131550 I	131715 I	GS14	RESTRICTED (.) forecast (.) moderate weather belt approx 250 miles WEST (.) posn & movement indefinite but not expected to affect local areas until late tomorrow night or next morning when showers locally & storms in afternoon toward NEWARK (.) slight choppy swell changing moderate NW in next 36 hrs (.) ltl winds. all inland	
130	14/12		6 Div	131800 I	140905 0	1290	SECRET (.) wait 36 & 131500 I (.) received	
131	14/12	2/6 Cdo Regt.		141300 I		I 18	RESTRICTED (.) all airports closed from 2/6 AUST CDO. REGT.	
132	14/12	KAMTI		141237 I		031	restricted (.) radios NOT available until 21 Dec 44 (.) can you carry out patrol RK 3 by use of own lps to carry fwd to YINUTE MISSION.	
133	14/12	B Co. 2/6 Bn.		131900 I	141015 I	B 1	SECRET (.) situp 1 to 131800 I (.) ref map AITAPE EAST 1 to 63360 (.) 131230 I B Co has 12 pl arrived intact at KAMTI Z 889419. (.) patrol from D Coy 2/5 last 2/6 arrived 131730 I.	
134	14/12	6 Div 2/5 2/6, 2/7 L		141425 I		032	(SECRET) situp no 1. to 141400 I (.) KAMTI (.) 131230 I B Co 2/6 Bn has one pl arrived KAMTI (.) 131730 I D Coy 2/5 L has two pl arrived KAMTI on route YAPUNDA (.) 140630 I two sec 2/6 Bn force moved out to establish a fwd base at AUSI Z 8203346 PALAURU (.) 131730 I pl D Coy 2/5 Bn arrived camp Y 070368.	

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127	14/12		2/6 Bn.	140700I	140720I	IS3	SECRET(.) ref air IS2(.) C Coy str 20ffro WFOR's moved out for day only to prepare def posns.	
128	14/12		6 Div	124620I	131900I	01279	SECRET(.) close air sp(.) in view of presence friendly natives TONG and EAST of that area units based on TONG and MAKIR will request targets only after consultation with ANGAU rep(.) time limit after which NO strike will be made will be included in request(.) cancellations will reach this HQ by 2400I on day prior to strike(.) ANGAU rep is requested to submit at earl est list of areas or villages this HQ on which NO strikes desired(.) amendments to list to be notified this HQ when necessary(.) policy GOC desires implemented agressive air strikes with preference most southerly & south westerly areas to drive enemy eastwards(.) NO change has been made to permanent target bombline promulgated in REVSIT 25 of 2 DEC.	

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126	13/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Lno.		131200Z		IH	<p>restarted (.) TONG area (.) dispooms 2/7 AUST CDO SQN (.) TONG SEN HQ plus A Cp (.) YA SILE C Cp less two secos (.) KUMBUM two secos etc with OP est (.) YAMBES V347089 B Cp with OP est (.) OP est V347150 (.) enemy (.) 110900Z YAPOMBIL occupied by at least 30 JAPS (.) 12 dec SOAIAF evacuated by 14 JAPS destination unknown (.) 12 dec SAHIX V376111 reported by natives to be occupied by 46 JAPS (.) 10 dec further native report from this area stated 5 JAPS killed by natives 5 by air strikes (.) YAMBES area (.) 111130Z B Cp engaged by enemy force approx 40 with 1 LMG (.) 111600Z enemy with draw (.) total enemy killed believed 12 1100Z enemy again attacked but again with draw (.) total enemy killed believed 12 (.) enemy force are occupying eastern village of YAMBES op V354089 (.) KUMBUM + YASILE occupied by 2/7 AUST CDO SQN as patrol bases + TONG + YAMBES as defended localities</p>	
127	13/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bn		131450Z		036	<p>restarted (.) 6 ant div 01278 quote owing to shortage of air cable units will ensure that all unused cable laid by the is recovered (.) cable which can not be picked up during snow will be recovered at the earliest opportunity therefore unquote</p>	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
120	13/12		2/6 Bn.	130840Z		I52	SECRET (.) 130500Z "B" by sta 3 offis 69 ORs moved out for KAMITIC 130730Z. C by sta 2 offis 24 ORs moved to and 955498 subject paper deferred (.) 130720Z A by Tpl moved out to return B the 2/9 am pl. MA. 14p 5 ORs 953497 1cpl 6 ORs 964489 60+ 1cpl 6 ORs 923508 1cpl. 6 ORs. 916528 (.) arty plan HITAPE area 1:25000.	
121	13/12		6 Div	130740Z		O1278	restricted (.) owing to shortage of sig cable units will ensure that all unused cable laid by them is recovered (.) cable which can NOT be picked up during movement will be recovered at the earliest opportunity thereafter	
122	13/12		6 Div	131120Z		O1287	restricted (.) 10 plans will be furio from 2985474 at 131430Z	
123	13/12	2/5 2/6 Bn		131200Z	-	I17	restricted (.) 10 plans will be furio from 2985474 at 131430Z	
124	13/12		2/5 Bn.	131315Z	-	I7	ref jaw 317 of 131200Z act.	
125	13/12		6 Div	131110Z		O1286	restricted (.) ref jaw 911352 of 6 dec 44 (.) expedite returns.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
113	13/12		6 Aust Div	121740I	130745I	0128	SECRET (.) revert 35 to 121500 I.	
114	13/12		6 Aust Div	21640I		029	RESTRICTED (.) 6 Aust Div 00 no 2 copy no. 2 ack.	
115	13/12		6 Aust Div	121545I	130745I		RESTRICTED (.) FORECAST 2 to 3 ms over area AITAPE-WEWAK. from weather belt now moving past HOLLANDIA (.) further rain showers of moderate intensity during night 12/13 DEC and early morning (.) temporarily clearing to showers (.) swell only slight with SE swell developing (.) NO further rises in swells expected.	
116	13/12		2/5 Br.	130815I	130900I	056	RESTRICTED (.) Monthly return recommendations for COMD STAFF APPS. NIL return.	
117	13/12		19 Bde	122040I	130930I	041	RESTRICTED (.) ack of irate No 5. copy No. 6.	
118	13/12		2/7 Br	130810I	131025I	17	(.) SECRET (.) patrol rural R3 str 3 + 2 tented motor carrier moved out MT 130600Z (.) tasks as per 17 Br OP note number 6 (.) patrol task "B" str 1 + 6, expect return PM 16 Dec (.) patrol task "A" str 2 + 2 expected return PM. 21 Dec.	
119	13/12		6 Div	122030I	-	01283	restricted summit two oblique air photos TONG (.) please return in due course.	

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108	12/12	2/7 Bm		121008I		I 14	restricted (.) ref 17 Bde OP Inst No 6 (.) US arty range (.) No fire will be brought down on coastal area from LAPAR PT 2892562 6 MAROKZ 805566 Inten 130800I + 131100I	
109	12/12		2/7 Bm	111930I	121123I	I 6	SECRET (.) Ref. your 028 ack.	
110	12/12	2/6, 2/7 L 6 Div		121140I		I 15	restricted (.) ref 17 Bde OP Inst No 6. TRACE P cancelled all trace substituted.	Cancelled
111	12/12		6 Aust Div	121000I		O 1275	SECRET O 6 Aust Div 002 of 11 Dec O Para 7 (d) delete WEST substitute EAST all informed.	
112	13/12		6 Div	121620I	122030I	O 1279	SECRET (.) close air ops in view of presence friendly natives TONG and EAST of that area units based on TONG and MAK WIR will request targets only after consultation with ANGAV ref (.) time limit after which NO strike to be made will be incl in request (.) cancellations will reach this HQ by 2400I on day prior to strike (.) ANGAV ref is re. requested to submit at earliest list of areas or villages this HQ on which strikes NOT desired (.) amendments to list to be notified this HQ when necessary (.) policy GOC desired implemented aggressive air strikes with preference most southerly or south westerly areas to drive enemy eastwards (.) no change has been made to permanent target bombing line promulgated in REVSIT 2504 2 DEC.	

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100	12/12		2/7 Bn.	111530I	120715I	I5	SECRET (.) ref your 027 of 111400 ack	
101	12/12		2/5 Bn.	111800I	120715I	I6	RESTRICTED (.) Coy patrol R3 reported back this HQ 111500 I (.) detailed report will follow later.	
102	12/12		2/5 Bn.	120840I	120850I	I13	SECRET (.) attention is drawn to REVSIT 33 (.) 2/7 AUST CDO SQN (.) 091000 I patrol YASILE V275112 YAKAMIK V264102 returned reported 14 Japs YAKAMIK (.) 090830 I patrol and SIMBOK V288095 reported 19 Japs moving to SIMBOK (.) 091945 I natives reported 46 Japs near SAKIK V346111 NO Japs near SIMBILIM V340049 (.) 091800 I Jap party approached YASILE from SIMBOK with chew when fired on.	
103	12/12		6 Div	111730I	120910I	01271	SECRET (.) insert 34 to 111500 I (.) received.	
104	12/12		6 Div	111615I	120910I	01268	SECRET (.) amendment 13 to 6 Div location statement 3.	
105	12/12		6 Div	120800I	120910I	95137	NY 19 Bde INT 6/25 NEW place names (.) NESITE NY V465328 (.) EVE JUNG BOMB CREEK + track (.) V53225	
106	12/12		6 Div	111645 I	120910I	01272	restricted (.) your op mat 6 ack.	
107	12/12		HQ RAE	111400 I	120910I	REX 983	SECRET (.) amendment 1 to RAE 6 Div location statement no. 1.	

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94	11/12	2/6, 2/7 bus 2/6 and car (cds) right		111130 I		028	RESTRICTED @ ref map AITAPE EAST 1 in to 1 mile @ B4p 2/9 and cds eqn at present under comd 2/7 and inf bus revert to comd 2/6 and car (cds) right at 131200 I @ 2/6 bus will arrange to relieve B4p 2/9 and cds eqn on MLR by 134000 I and assume responsibility for WESTERN SECTOR @ patrol based at KAMTI will be considered as part of def of MLR @ disposes B4p @ HQ 2954498 dets 2962497 2926510 2916528 ack all inf	To be acked.
95	11/12		2/6 Bus.	110710 I	111345 I	018	RESTRICTED (.) 14 AUST INF Bde of NO 5 copy no 10 ack.	ack.
96	11/12		6 Div	101745 I		01264	SECRET (.) revert 33 to 10/5001	
97	11/12	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bus.	2/5, 2/6, 2/7	111400 I	111400 I	027	SECRET (.) patrols based @ PALAVRU YAPUNDA will be considered as part of def MLR ack. all inf.	
98	11/12		6 Div	111440 I	111515 I	01267	restricted (.) weather conditions normal (.) No indication of deterioration (.) moderate swell (.) normal surf (.) seas slightly below normal all inf.	
99	12/12		2/6 Bus.	111550 I	120715 I	020	RESTRICTED (.) your 027 ack.	

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90	11/12		6 Div	101445I	110750I	01259	SECRET (.) Ref 6 Aust Div 001 of 24 Nov (.) on arrival this area 2/3 Aust MG Bn less two comp under comd 19 Aust INF Bde and two comp under 17 Aust INF Bde (.) effect is that HQ 2/3 Aust MG Bn will not move to 19 Aust INF Bde area.	
91	11/12		6 Div	101440I	110750I	01260	SECRET (.) all sub-units 6 Aust Div. (CDO) Rgt under of comd 17 Aust INF Bde will revert own comd and be received on MLR by 1200 hrs wed 13 Dec. (.) patrol based at PELLARU RAMTI and YAPUNDA will be considered as part of def of MLR as from date of taking over by 17 Aust INF Bde.	
92	11/12	2/6 br		110705I		I 11	restricted (.) ref 17 Bde OP Inst No 4 sitreps to 1100 I will be rendered daily to this HQ repeated to 2/6 br (.) overlays of amendments to maps will be submitted at scale 1 in to 1 mile (.) fire plan will be submitted at scale 4 in to 1 mile	
93	11/12	3/5 br		110910I		I 12	restricted (.) ref 17 Bde OP Inst No. 5 sitreps to 1100 I will be rendered daily to this HQ repeated to 3/5 br (.) overlays of amendments to maps will be submitted at scale 1 in to 1 mile (.) fire plans will be submitted at scale 1 in to 1 mile	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
85	(contd)						NW (1) small rises in rivers (1) indication of further deterioration 11 dec all inform.	
86	10/12	6 Div		091615I		026	RESTRICTED (1) your 0911376 of 9 dec 44 ack.	
87	10/12		6 Div	091730I		01256	SECRET (1) receipt 32 to 091500I 11 received	
88	10/12		6 Div	091350I		05134	RESTRICTED (1) met forecast 10 dec some	
88	10/12		6 Div	091200I		01247	SECRET (1) amendment 12 to 6 Div location statement 3 (1) amend location serial 14 6 WAPIL VOO 84 87 (1) add serial 59, 55406 2. 2/57 2/2 aust fd amb WAPIL VOO 8487 adv party all inform.	
89	10/12		6 Div	091550I	100960I	05134	RESTRICTED (1) met forecast 10 dec some increase in activity with rather by showers for few moderate showers at night (1) moderate showers over ranges in afternoon (1) light NW to NW winds with a few local squalls (1) Light WEST swell increasing to moderate (1) small rises in rivers (1) indications of further deterioration 11 dec. all inform.	
				CANCEL				
89	11/12		6 Div	101730I		110765I	RESTRICTED (1) forecast 11 dec (1) scattered light rains during the night with a few moderate showers (1) moderate storms in afternoon (1) and evening mainly over foothills (1) slight sea rising along the coast (1) slight seas with steep NW swell EAST of DANMAP (1) rivers slightly above normal. all inform.	

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79	9/12		6 Div	081730 I		01245	SECRET (.) Amst 31 to 091500 I (.) Mound	
80	9/12		6 Div	081400 I		01241	SECRET (.) amendment 11 to 6 Aust div location statement 3 (.)	
81	9/12	2/6 Bn. 6 Div		090915 I		024	SECRET (.) of 17 AUST INF BDE OF INSTR No. 4 para (a) (.) relief will be effected by 13 1200 I NOT 25 0800 I	
82	9/12		2/5 Bn	091030 I		I 5	RESTRICTED (.) of map RITAPE 1 to 25000 (.) C Coy recon patrol strength Lt SIMKINS 26 ORS (.) object to determine likely enemy line of approach (.) route out camp to 014476 to 035460 then to NIGIA RIVER and return by same route (.) time out 1106303 due to 111636 I.	
83	9/12	6 Div		091350 I		035	RESTRICTED (.) further to am 020 of 030 930 I (.) additional mechanics Mound (.) potential cooks 3 NCO cooks 4 cooks refresh 2.	
84	9/12		6 Div	09 —		02149	Secret (.) four of instr No 4 of 8 Dec copy 3.	
85	10/12		6 Div	091920 I		31258	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 10 Dec (.) some increase in activity with rather heavy showers & a few moderate storms at night (.) moderate storm over the range in afternoon (.) light W-NW winds with a few local squalls (.) slight W swell increasing moderate.	

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74	8/12		6 AUST DIV	071730I	080810I	01239	SECRET (.) Reussil 30 to 071500I (.) received	
75	8/12		6 AUST DIV	081145I	081035I	IO	RESTRICTED (.) ref your locstat 3 2/6 AUST INF Bn now at KOKAHO Z9954930 adv party 2/2 AUST FD AMB WAPIL V008487. HQ 2/2 AUST FD RGT WAPIL 010489.	
76	8/12		6 AUST Div (To 2/6 CDO RGT-TO 7 BDE FOR INFM)	081245I	081500I	01242	SECRET (.) confirming verbal orders conference GOC OSOI Lt Col Hennessy (.) additional patrol responsibilities already given patrol from TONG to MARKVIR area ✓ 120193 thence along MUAM RIVER to V513189 (.) report a route giving estimated times for most of the from TONG and areas suitable for supply dropping.	Attached to 6 JWC order no 1 held by 3rd
77	9/12		2/6 Bn.	081500I	090730I	07	RESTRICTED (.) 6 AUST Div adm instr of copy 10 ack.	
78	9/12		6 AUST DIV	081615I	090730I	GSI3	RESTRICTED (.) forecast for weather 9 dec (.) weather belt over area is inactive (.) showers at night otherwise temporarily clearing conditions (.) slight west winds light west swell (.) rivers normal all higher.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	TOR	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
71 (contd)							(i) on route weekly from BUT along coast EAST to DAGUA thence to WEWAK (BORAK) in order to report any movement on rds & signs of enemy concentrations (i) (ii) during these sorties low flying over enemy AA posts is NOT desired ROR aspected all info.	
72	8/12		2/5 BN.	071400 Z	071545 Z	I 4	RESTRICTED @ ref map RITAPE 1:25000 @ C Coy patrol number one and number two returned 071345 Z @ patrol one moved along track to NIGIA RIVER 025443 and followed river to coast rd 042469 thence returned to camp @ patrol two moved along track to 994436 and continued SOUTH for approx one mile then returned to camp by same route.	
73	8/12		6 AUST DIV	071515 Z		GS129	RESTRICTED @ FORECAST weather deteriorating steadily in next 48 hrs light rain to night with localized moderate showers @ no marked activity tomorrow except moderate storm in afternoon over range extending to coast strip late afternoon @ further deterioration dec 9 with widespread showers @ no heavy rain other than in short showers @ light SW wind changing NW @ NE sea breeze @ slight sea slight NW swell increasing @ surf normal rising @ slight river rise all info	

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68	7/12		6 Div	061700I		01235	SECRET (.) insert 29 to 061500I (.) record	
69	7/12		6 Div	061415I		01231	SECRET (.) amendment 10 to 6 div location statement 3 (.) add to ref maps NANU WEST one inch to or mile (.) serial T delete remarks add A + B tps TONG V 298134 (.) amend location serial 123 to DRINIUMOR V 300416 all inform.	
70	7/12		2/5 br	061920I		13	RESTRICTED (.) ref map HITAPE AREA 1 to 25000 (.) C Coy patrol (.) number one (.) new stn LAGILBERT 130RS (.) object to determine likely enemy lines of approach (.) route out from 011483 to 005472 to track junct 000457 to NIGIA RIVER 025443 + return by same route (.) time out 070715I due in 071415I (.) patrol two new stn 130RS (.) object to determine likely enemy approach (.) route out from 011483 to 005472 to track junct 000457 to 994436 or further if practical (.) this patrol may return through 2/7th. LMR (.) time out 070715I due in 071415I.	
71	7/12		6 Div	061800I		01236	SECRET (.) TAC R (.) ref am 911311 of 2 decl (.) amend para 2 (a) (i) by deleting daily & substituting on alternate days (.) add to para 2 new sub para as follows (.) WEWAK AREA (.)	

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64	6/12		6 Div	060900 I		01229	RESTRICTED (.) forecast dec 5/6 continued broken to southeast by cloud over whole area HOLLANDIA WEWA R (.) widespread moderate shower mainly at night (.) moderate storms over ranges moving to coastal plain in afternoon (.) visibility poor (.) light NW swell increasing rising surf (.) rather large rise expected in local rivers in next 24 hrs. all informed.	
65	6/12		RAA 6 Div	051640 J		RAMB	SECRET (.) your OP (note No 5 copy No 5 (.) ack	
66	6/12	RAE 6 Div		061520 I		I 2	RESTRICTED (.) RAE 6 div location statement No 1 copy number 2 ack.	
67	6/12		6 Div	06232 061515 I		01232	RESTRICTED (.) forecast a few scattered showers at night + moderate falls over foothills from storms on ranges tomorrow afternoon (.) otherwise no indication of deterioration at present (.) light SW to WEST winds (.) broken to southeast over 8,200ft (.) slight sea swell gradually increased in next 48 hrs (.) normal surf (.) rivers slightly below normal with slight rise to tomorrow night (.) weather expected to deteriorate within following 48 hrs. all informed.	

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53	4/12	6 Div	17 Bde	030800I		01209	SECRET Revert 26 to 0315I	7	
54	4/12	6 Div	17 Bde	031200I		01201	SECRET @ Jac R @ Dur 611311 of 2 Dec @ Para 2 (VIII) delete NIFLU substitute TONG		
55	4/12		2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bds	040915I		I6	ref our I3 of 031440I @ explosives now removed.		
56	4/12	6 Div		040915I		I7	ref our I5 of 031730I @ explosives now removed.		
57	4/12		2/5, 2/7 Bds	0950I		021	SECRET @ ref 17th Aust Inf Bde of Ltr No 3 @ 2/5 aust inf bn will be responsible for manning the EASTERN SECTOR of the MHR from 051200I @ leave direct with a request inf bn for relief @ 2/7 Aust Inf bn with upc Bde 2/9 Aust cdo sqn will continue to occupy the CENTRAL and WESTERN sectors @ advise desposms this HQ when relief complete ack.		2/5 acks by 016 of 04125I
58	4/12	2/7 Bn	17 Bde	041145I		081	RESTRICTED (.) your 021 of 4 Dec ack.		
59	4/12	6 Div	17 Bde	040900I		01211	RESTRICTED (.) several cases have again been reported recently of sig lines being cut and removed (.) NO sig wires will be cut or removed or used for other purposes than sig traffic (.) strong disciplinary action will be taken by units in this matter.		Copies to 2/5 2/6 2/7 17 Bde Sig led pl 2/46 L.A.D. 40I
60	5/12	6 Div	17 Bde	050740I		01224	SECRET (.) 2/11 bn reverts to comd 19 Bde at 050900I		
61	5/12	2/3 MG BN	17 Bde	050700I		076	RESTRICTED (.) ref 17 Bde OP unites No 3. Copy No 6 (.) ack.		
62	5/12	6 Div	17 Bde	041745I		01219	SECRET (.) revert 27 to 041500I (.) removed.		
63	6/12	6 Div	17 Bde	051130I		01229	SECRET (.) revert 28 to 051500I (.) removed.		

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45	2/12	17 Bde	6 Div	020915 I		0 18	RESTRICTED (.) ref your GSI 18 (.) stamps held by units now (.) HQ 17 Bde 1-902 (2/5 br) 1-3862 2/6 br ML (.) 2/7 br 2-971 and 3742.	
46		17 Bde	3/5 2/6 2/7 br			0 14	RESTRICTED (.) error stamp number 722 last (.) full search to be made and this HQ notified by 301200Z.	
47	3/12	17 Bde	6 Div			I 2	RESTRICTED (.) adv party 2/6 br now at KORAKO 2995493.	
48	2/12	6 Div	17 Bde			0 1198	SECRET (.) report 256 021500 IC (.) received.	
49	3/12	17 Bde	6 Div	030830 I		0 20	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 01095 (.) number vacancies required NCO cooks three (.) potential cooks five (.) cooks refreshment.	
50	3/12	17 Bde	2/5, 2/6 Bns.	031440 I	031451 I	I 3	RESTRICTED (.) WARNING (.) partly demolished by area VO 46467 is mined at the centre with explosives.	
51	3/12	17 BDE	6 AVST DIV (FOR INF. - 2/6 AVST Cav Co REGT.	031455 I	031501 I	I 4	RESTRICTED (.) ref our I 1 of 29 NOV (.) change of location on MLR (.) HQ D Coy 2/4 Bn relieved HQ C Coy 2/4 br 18 pl relieved 13 pl 14 pl relieved 14 pl Btp 2/9 Coo Sqn relieved Ctp 2/10 Cso Sqn	
52	3/12	17 Bde	6 Div	031730 I		I 5	RESTRICTED (.) 2/7 br schumi partly demolished by at VO 46467 is mined at centre with block of explosives (.) br in adv stage disrepair + NOT used for some time	

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Wood chop.

17 Bde Sports Meeting

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Capt W.P. BOGGER

at WONDECKA 1944.

VELOX.



Bde Comd. inspecting
Guard Mounting Competition

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Bde Parade Ground



Softball Team

17 Bde HQ 11/11/44.

Left to right back row.

Capt BLACKSTONE BASCO

Lt WALCH L.O. 2/7 B

Capt LEE Regal O.

Cpl ALLENDER

Sgt CAMPBELL (Ciphey)

WO II BEACH

WO II SPRINGER

S/Sgt ALMOND

Pte SELLARS Supt Sec

Maj CLARKE B.M.

Capt COUGHLIN L.O. 2/6 B

front row right to left.



2/5 Bn Piper Band

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34	25/11	6 DIV	17 Bde	251030 I		0 1139	SECRET (.) one tp 2/10 Aust Cav Comd. sgr will be under control of 17 Bde from 270800 I (.) Task exact meaning. NLR (.) 17 Bde will arrange direct with 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo regt (.) Tp will be withdrawn as soon as sufficient bde tps arrive this area etc.	
35	27/11	17 Bde	Rem details 17 Bde	271230 I		0 11	RESTRICTED (.) for BOLGER (.) div advise FRY is now to attend tactical school (.) arrange his move to school.	
36	28/11	Rem Details 17 Bde	17 Bde	281555 K		AR 43	RESTRICTED (.) ref yam 0 11 (.) offn at present with 2/5 bn.	
37	29/11	6 Div	18 List c.	290800 I		9SI 17	RESTRICTED (.) censor stamp number 722 lost (.) full search to be made + this No indexed by 1700h 30 Nov.	
38	30/11	2/7 bn	17 Bde	301500 I		0 58	RESTRICTED (.) yam 0 14 (.) censor stamp number 722 NOT in this unit	
39	30/11	6 Div	17 Bde	30 0105 I		9SI 18	RESTRICTED (.) forward by 1200 h. 1 dec number of censor stamps held this area.	
40	30/11	2/5 bn	17 Bde	300915 I		A 12	ref yam 0 14 (.) Nil return.	
41	30/11	2/6 bn	17 Bde	300815 I			RESTRICTED (.) ref yam 0 14 of 30 Nov (.) No trace at this unit	
42	1/12	17 Bde	6 Div	010800 I		0 16	RESTRICTED (.) ref 6 Aust Div 9SI 17 of 290800 I (.) Nil return.	
43	2/12	17 Bde	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bn 17 Bde sig sec	021400 I		0 19	SECRET (.) until further notice code names are Bde HQ GODA (.) 2/5 bn BATU (.) 2/6 bn DA DA (.) 2/7 bn GAGA (.) ack all informed.	2/5 bn. ack 2/5/12
44	2/12	17 Bde Div	17 Bde	021415 I		K 1/3	RESTRICTED (.) 0 19 ack.	