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17 Infantry Brigade
March 1945, Operation Diary

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Serial No. 114

Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
595				(CONTINUED)	tive pad to gardens at 714038 where well defined pad leads SW down spur probably to BELIGEM patrol then moved NE on to well defined track at 725047 where enemy voices heard on track ahead (.) ambush set at 724043 but enemy saw native guide and withdrew (.) all infm
596	2/7 Bn		313100K	I 262	SECRET (.) SITREP 72 to 311900K (.) A coy (.) coy consolidated posn through out day (.) natives reported enemy at BARSIC 619999 patrol to investigate found enemy 35/40 with 2 LMG one lt mortar and rifles dug in (.) attempt to dislodge enemy by patrol NOT successful (.) MG fire brought down from A and B coys observed to be accurate on posn (.) B coy (.) coy in occupation village 629589 (.) NO opposition met (.) local patrol EAST to river made NO contact (.) C coy (.) 13 pl occupied AUPIK 3 at 311150K (.) recce patrol reached area 635977 making NO contact with enemy (.) further result action 30 mar found (.) evidence much enemy mov in area (.) D coy (.) local patrol EAST side D2 found NO tracks enemy (.) patrol to investigate native report contacted 8/10 enemy with LMG vicinity 593947 killing 3 (.) subsequent patrol unable regain contact with enemy (.) local patrol from LAHINGA 1 towards IIAHOP located tracks 3 enemy but unable locate enemy (.) B coy /6 bn (.) coy less 10 pl in occupation GOWAIN 618935 (.) 10 pl remains NANGARIMBI
597	6 Div		312120K	AO 895	SECRET (.) due coastal commitments regret advise NO air sp available inland morning 1 Apr <i>ACTION: 9 Beauport on V6610 re at 611230K only strike granted</i>
598	2/7 Bn		312300K	O 597	SECRET (.) intentions 1 Apr (.) A coy (.) local patrolling and contact patrol to B coy by mutual arrangement (.) B coy (.) local patrolling and contact patrol to 13 pl by mutual arrangement (.) F 97 along WEST bank NINAB river between 99 and 964 grids to investigate enemy river crossings and ambush L of C (.) Q coy (.) coy less 13 pl move AUPIK 3 (.) F 98 to sq 6397 6497 to investigate report enemy L of C to SOUTH (.) D coy (.) coy less 16 pl move LAHINGA 2 (.) local patrolling (.) H coy (.) complete move coy to GOWAIN (.) F 99 to clear and occupy NINTIGO 800 yds EAST of GOWAIN (.) 4 pl (.) contact patrol to H coy (.) 2/6 bn are sending fighting patrol to clear village 619999 of enemy (.) ack (.) all infm

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591	2/7 Bn		311740K	I 26b	SECRET (.) password for night 31 mar 1 apr is BLACK counter SHEEP
592	6 Div		311910K	GI 940	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 1 Apr (.) general light rain at night with patches in morning (.) by showers over foothills after midday (.) slight clearing along coast during afternoon (.) rivers slightly above normal seas slight all infm
593	TADJI	ASP	311940K	M 116	First priority 5 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn (.) 4 BEAUFORTS 7 sqn ETD 011300K second priority scrubbed - no a/c available
594	2/6 Bn		312042K	I 94	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 1 Apr (.) MAJRAK area (.) 010615K patrol F 47 Lt MOORE 23 ORs route out to stockade area 611015 SOUTH down ridge to river thence along RIVER to 629000 object investigate all tracks leading to RIVER and ambush any enemy in area of river to 626000 due in 011700K (.) MILAK area (.) night 31 mar harassing fire 3 in mor MMG 651034 3 in mor on CHAULAK 653040 (.) 010430K ambush set suspected enemy water pt 647036 (.) 010430K ambush at posn previously occupied by enemy sentry on CHAULAK track at 646042 (.) 010800K patrol F 48 Lt GORDON 7 ORs to gardens area sq 6302 to ambush enemy in area due in 011600K (.) 010800K patrol R 49 str 1 NCO 3 ORs route out through KULINGAI MAIROKA to spur 657047 to recon route for W approach to enemy posns CHAULAK MAPOBMA areas due in 011700K (.) air strike 651034 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 010700K patrol F 50 1 NCO 6 ORs 8 pl to BELIGEM track 712059 via LEFT FLANK to harass enemy (.) all infm
595	2/6 Bn		313100K	I 93	SECRET (.) SITREP no 29 to 311900K (.) AMI area MISANGAI area SITREP (.) MAURAK area (.) 311500K patrol F 43 reported NMS 2 local natives contacted on the patrol were questioned by FELC reported enemy in that area had mov to village 619999 also 10 enemy were seen mov SE along NINAB RIVER (.) 311515K fighting patrol to stockade 611015 occupied area without opposition (.) this verifies native report (.) MILAK area (.) 311300K patrol R 45 contacted enemy sentry on track 646042 (.) leading scout grappled with sentry in endeavour to take prisoner but was unsuccessful sentry escaped believed wounded (.) NO suitable route was found (.) reliable native reports enemy occupy MAPOBMA and CHAULAK 653040 in str (.) air strike MILAK area cancelled (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 311530K airstrike and patrol R 46 cancelled (.) 311530K patrol R 38 returned reported signs of enemy activity at 719045 patrol then mov SW along na- (NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
444)	16 Bde		311140K	I-1266	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 Inf Bde - locstat re 3 infm up to 301300K (.) INF (.) 2/1
583	6 Div		301215K	GO 873	SECRET (.) location report 13 (.) amend 6 div location statement 7 as follows (.) serial 64 to DAGUA V950254 (.) serial 66 to V001493 (.) serial 68 to TADJI Z937525 att 2/11 inf bn (.) serial 70 to BUT B 666271 (.) serial 72 to VOKAU Z954506 att 2/6 cav (cdo) regt (.) serials 75 79 to VOKAU Z953508 (.) serial 80 to V524303 (.) serial 99 to V947207 (.) serial 104 to V695284 all infm
584	6 Div		311125K	GO 879	SECRET (.) REVSIT 146 to 301500K
585	ASP	TADJI	311235K	M 115	RESTRICTED (.) cancel strikes M 112 and M 114 (.) weather closing in rapidly (.) comforts dropped to D coy have now been recovered
586	2/5 Bn		311330K	O 280	RESTRICTED (.) ref your G 10 of mar 21 45 (.) ack ACTION: Noted in ack register
587	TADJI	ASP	311600K	L 52	NO strikes available for 17 Bde before 011300K due to all available a/c supporting 16 Bde
588	A Coy 2/6		311625	311625K	O 61 SECRET (.) your G 10 of 21 mar received ACTION: Noted in ack register
589	6 Div		311705K	GI 938	RESTRICTED (.) our GI 930 (.) enemy cas reported as result the action 7 killed 9 wounded (refers to AIB encounter NUNGAGUA)
590	ASP	TADJI	311720K	M 116	RESTRICTED (.) first priority (.) request M 112 repeated except (.) A (.) NOT before 011300K NOT after 011500K (.) L (.) patrol to follow up strike (.) maximum effort requested (.) second priority (.) request M 113 repeated except (.) A (.) NOT before 011300K NOT after 011300K (.) G (.) mortar smoke on 643997 only T piece pointing towards (.) I (.) own tps 31 mar enemy in area estimated 50/50 (.) J (.) 640000 and 629989 T pieces pointing towards target (.) L (.) patrol to investigate after strike (.) use more extension bombs and heavy incendiaries if possible (.) NO further requests for 1 Apr

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577	ASP	TADJI	311010K	M 114	RESTRICTED (.) our M 111 (.) as bad weather prevented strike this morning can it be carried out any time after 311300K
578	3/6 Bn		311050K	I 90	SECRET (.) SITREP no 28 to 311000K (.) AMI area (.) 310600K CO on recce MILAK area (.) MISANGAI area (.) sitnor (.) MAURAK area (.) 310400K patrol F 44 returned completed task grenades were thrown into perimeter 611015 (.) 310745K FELO broadcast from 14 pl area NIL result (.) 310815K amn drop 100 per cent recovery (.) MILAK area (.) during night lights obs CHAULAK village area and 651034 subjected to harassing 3 in mortar fire (.) numerous small fires obs in NELIGEM gp (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 310930K patrol R 36 due in 30 mar had NOT returned (.) air strike AM cancelled further request PM (.) all infm
579	2/7 Bn		311123K	I 260	SECRET (.) SITREP 71 to 311000K (.) enemy cut 200 yds from sig line to A and B coys at 590960 during night 30/31 mar.
580	16 Bde		311140K	I 1266	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 Inf Bde locstat no 3 infm up to 301200K (.) INFANTRY (.) 2/1 Inf Bn (.) C coy LINIHOX R869232 (.) 2/1 Inf Bn rear BUT R893257 (.) 2/3 Inf Bn (.) 2/3 Inf Bn less B C and D coys creek and track junc 958202 (.) B coy unchanged C coy creek 955201 (.) D coy creek 960207 (.) 2/3 MG bn (.) C coy ULBAN 845284 (.) postal (.) det 6 Div postal unit BUT JETTY 877262 all infm
581		6 Div	311145K	O 767	SECRET (.) SITREP 125 to 311130K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 310001K to 31030K enemy posn V 611015 harassed by patrol with LMG fire grenades and 3 in mortar fire (.) 310745K FELO det broadcast to posn NIL result (.) MILAK area (.) night 30/31 mar lights and fires observed CHAULAK area V6404 and NELIGUM area V6601 (.) enemy posn V651034 subjected to harassing 3 in mortar fire (.) HOUSE COPP (.) 310930K patrol to IMBIA V 28028 due in 30 mar NOT yet returned (.) 3/7 bn sitnor all infm
582	TADJI	ASP	311230K	L 51	RESTRICTED (.) your M 112 651034 cancelled due weather (.) M 114 similarly cannot be done.

Serial	From	To	TOC & TOR	Orig No.	Message
572	6 Div		310340K	AO 817	SECRET (.) air strike V651034 originally planned for 8 BEAUFORTS taking off 310930K deferred due subsequent FIRST ARMY high priority request coast area (.) hope arrange later in day
573	17 Bde	RAA 6Div	310715K	O 766	RESTRICTED (.) W1C4V4DOPOT6
574	ASP	TADJI	ASP 310745K		Locality table of weather report (.) number eight allotted to HOUSE COPP
575	6-Div	6 Div	310845K	O 765	SECRET (.) SITREP 124 to 310800K (.) 2/7 bn (.) A coy now complete V640000 (.) posn engaged by enemy snipers from village A643997 (.) natives reports enemy str this village 50/60 cas during day enemy 6 killed own 2 wounded (.) patrol reported village A629989 unoccupied (.) patrol vicinity B coy posn A631954 killed 3 enemy (.) area along AMUK river from A593963 to A610943 reported clear one enemy killed A593955 (.) patrol to village A645968 contacted small party enemy who withdrew NORTH cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded (.) village destroyed (.) 1 enemy killed vicinity posn A632967 (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) contact patrol to LAHINGA 2 A585955 NMS (.) coy HQ plus one pl occupied GOWAIN A618935 (.) enemy withdrew EAST from village 29 mar (.) 2/6 bn (.) airstrike enemy posn V611015 ineffective enemy still in occupation (.) patrol from posn V622017 via MAURAK V622011 V630005 contacted A coy 2/7 bn V640000 NMS (.) ambush posn V628004 NMS (.) patrol observed 20 enemy in native garden V624005 and party str unknown V623003 both believed foraging parties from V611015 (.) enemy NOT engaged (.) MILAK area (.) following air strike and by 3 in mortar fire on enemy posn V651034 pl attacked village and gained foothold after strong opposition but defs in depth encountered (.) pl forced to withdraw (.) enemy well dug in and with bunkers loopholes in huts amn plentiful (.) cas enemy 12 killed own 2 killed 3 wounded (.) patrol to MAIROKA V654061 report village clear NO tracks leading NORTH (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) air strike on enemy posn V702058 NOT effective posn still occupied (.) 301830K patrol AMI HOUSE COPP arrived (.) NO details to hand all info
576	TADJI	ASP	310950K	L 50	CRTC bombing 12 B 24 B086953 (.) 6 B 25 A790966 (.) 6 A 20 787967 (.) 4 P 38 A790966 (.) TOT approx 1030K (.) first AUSTER should land BALIF Monday 2 Apr

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566			(CONTINUED)		wounded own 2 killed three wounded (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 301800K patrol R 38 NOT returned (.) airstrike NOT effective (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 12 killed own 2 killed 3 wounded (.) all infm
567	2/6 Bn		302135K	I 89	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 31 mar (.) MAURAK area (.) 310600K patrol F 43 str Lt LOVERIDGE. 22 ORs route out to MAURAK thence to river creek junc 628003 along river to long spur 626002 to GENELAL area 622003 object to destroy enemy that area (.) 302400K patrol F 44 1 NCO 6 ORs to enemy posn 611015 object to harass enemy due in 310400K (.) night 30/31 mar harassing 2 in mor on same posn (.) MILAK area (.) 310800K patrol F 45 str 1 NCO 4 ORs to MAIROKA thence SOUTH down spur to CHAULAK villages object ascertain str enemy and recce NORTHERN approach due in 311700K (.) bomb strike on 651034 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 310930K patrol R 46 str Lt WARD 7 ORs to 702053 to ascertain result airstrike (.) further to sitrep No 27 (.) 301830K recce party Maj JONES i/c arrived HOUSE COPP (.) all infm
568	TADJI	ASP	302200K		Priority two (.) 4 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 0830K (.) priority one (.) 5 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 0930K (.) priority three 6 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn will advise take off
569	TADJI	ASP	302230K		RESTRICTED (.) priority one 6 sqn ETD now 1300K (.) priority 3 NO attack (.) these changes due to late request from 16 th Bde given priority by 6 Div HQ
570	2/7 Bn		302315K	O 587	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 31 Mar (.) A coy (.) local patrolling and complete consolidating present posn (.) B coy (.) move new posn 1000 yds NE present posn (.) C coy (.) F 96 to area 640975 to gain infm enemy in area (.) 13 pl and portion coy HQ move AUFIK 2 to relieve 12 pl (.) D coy local patrolling (.) H coy notified later (.) airstrike 643993 (.) ack (.) all infm
571	6 Div		310340K	AO 882	SECRET (.) airstrikes 31 mar (.) COAST (.) 0930K (.) BEAUFORTS V961215 (.) INLAND (.) 0900K 4 BEAUFORTS V702053 (.) if a/c available may late afternoon A643993 V651034 (.) 8 sqn only doing strikes 31 mar (.) CRTC about 1030K (.) B086953 12 LIBERATORS A790966 6 LIGHTNINGS 6 MITCHELLS (.) A787967 6 BOSTONS

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564	ASP	TADJI	301945K	M 113	<p>RESTRICTED (.) A (.) time immaterial (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy (.) D (.) long village on ridge running NORTH SOUTH (.) E (.) bomb 643993 strafe 643997 (.) G (.) mortar smoke and T piece pointing towards target (.) I (.) natives 30 mar (.) J (.) 640000 with T piece pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT NORTH line bend in river 635998 to bend in river 677997 (.) M (.) waggle wings over own tps (.) general (.) fire guns on bearing 135 deg mag (.) R/T comm with ASP 17 Bde (.) order of priority M 113 first M 111 second M 113 third (.) NO further requests for 31 mar</p>
565	2/7 Bn		302030K	I 255	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 70 to 301900K (.) A coy (.) coy in complete control comd ground 640000 (.) enemy remain at 643997 with snipers op throughout day (.) further 6 enemy killed own cas 3 wounded (.) body one jap bore MARINE identification (.) natives report 50/60 enemy holding SOUTH-ERN villages of gp (.) B coy (.) clearing patrol killed further 2 enemy captured over 500rds JUKI amn (.) recce patrol reports village 629989 unoccupied (.) natives report area along AMUK from 599957 to 610943 clear of enemy (.) F 95 NOT previously reported reached village vicinity 645968 contacting small party enemy (.) 1 enemy killed 1 wounded remainder withdrew NORTH (.) 8 packs 5 rifles number IMG mags maps and documents captured (.) village burnt by patrol (.) sentry killed Jap SOUTH 13 pl posn bringing back enemy rifle (.) D coy (.) local patrol along AMUK from 595963 to 599957 contacted and killed 1 Jap vicinity 595955 (.) local patrol to investigate native enemy WEST NANGARIMBI unable locate enemy (.) later native report enemy moved EAST (.) B coy 2/6 (.) NOT to hand (.) all infm</p>
566	2/6 Bn		302130K	I 88	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP no 27 to 301900K (.) MISANGAI area (.) 301400K patrol F 40 reported bomb strike ineffectual bamboo picket perimeter undamaged patrol comd considered posn too strong for direct attack (.) MAURAK area (.) 301600K patrol F 41 returned contacted A coy 2/7 bn route in along NINAB river NMS (.) ambush party 628004 NMS (.) on route in along ridge 625003 to 14 pl area approx 20 enemy in native garden 624005 and further enemy str unknown 623003 located by ambush party (.) possibly foraging party from posn 612015 (.) MILAK area (.) 301230K to 301300K 4 BEAUFORTS bombed strafed village 651034 (.) 301240K patrol R 42 reported MAIRAKA clear NO tracks leading NORTH (.) 301324K enemy posn 651034 heavily mortared to support attack 6 pl (.) first objective gained after strong opposition but further defts in depth encountered (.) 301530K pl forced to withdraw (.) enemy were well dug in large pits with top cover used what was thought to be BREN SIG and rifles amn plentiful much sniping from loopholes cut in huts own grenades were thrown back (.) enemy str estimated 25 to 30 (.) cas enemy 13 killed considered others (NEXT SHEET)</p>

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557	ASP	TADJI	301500K	M 109	RESTRICTED (.) were comforts dropped this morning by 7 sqn (.) if so NOT received by D coy 2/7 bn
558	ASP	TADJI	301625K	M 110	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 31 mar (L) detailed recce area 6600 6898 6698 with particular attention to villages 673994 665987 shown on captured map as def posns (.) are there any signs of defs (.) what signs of occupation (.) what are most used tracks leading into area from NORTH and WEST (.) drop on A coy 2/7 ref 640000 and 17 Bde (.) NO strafing
559		H Coy	e-764 301700K	O 764	RESTRICTED (.) COLE and O'LOGHLEN state bombing or strafing NOT desired and would NOT be effective (.) have KAAD contact O'LOGHLEN here by R/T at earliest ref situation
560	ASP	TADJI	301730K	M 111	RESTRICTED (.) repeat request M 103 except (.) A (.) NOT before 310830K NOT after 310930K (.) G (.) mortar smoke on point 300 yds NORTH of bombing target only (.) this point is commencement of strafing run to SW (.) I (.) own patrol 30 mar
561	6 Div		301830K	GI 937	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 31 mar (.) patches of rain through night but NOT of general nature (.) moderate showers over highlands after 1400 hrs and increasing during night (.) day conditions fine along coast (.) river subsiding sea slight all infm
562	6 Div		301830K	GO 869	SECRET (.) REVSIT 145 to 391500K
563	ASP	TADJI	301935K	M 112	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) time immaterial (.) B (.) bomb strafe and heavy incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy strong enemy posn (.) D (.) enemy dug in and in bunkers in village 100 yds SOUTH of end of coconuts (.) E (.) 651034 (.) F (.) approx 1200 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke and T piece pointing towards target (.) I (.) own attack 301400K unsuccessful (.) J (.) 643031 with T piece pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE creek (.) L (.) NO (.) general (.) R/T conn with 2/6 bn (.) use more extension and short delay bombs if possible (.) maximum strike required.

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552	2/6 Bn		301030K	I 87	SECRET (.) SITREP 26 to 301000K (.) MISINGAI MILAK HOUSE COPP. areas (.) SITNOR (.) MAURAK area (.) 300750K FELO at 14 pl posn broadcast to enemy area V611015 (.) 300830K harassing 2 in mortar and LMG fire on enemy posn V611015
553	2/7 Bn		301110K	I 253	SECRET (.) SITREP 69 to 301000K (.) A coy (.) 291450K enemy estimated 30 with 2 LMGs 1 mortar and grenade discharge driven from village 642998 (.) 291530K enemy counter attack repulsed (.) cas enemy 4 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded (.) enemy in village 643996 sporadic fire throughout night (.) B coy (.) 300700K enemy estimated 30 with JUKI one LMG and grenade discharge attacked from EAST (.) attack repulsed (.) M 4.2 fire on JUKI accurate killing 3 Japs (.) clearing patrols operating.
554	17 Bde	Rear HQ	301210K	O 763	SECRET (.) for BOLGER (.) INTENTIONS for immediate future in brief (.) 2/6 bn to continue cleaning enemy to NORTH EAST AND SE (.) 2/7 bn to advance to line WINAB river then continue EAST to MAPRIK SOUTH of CO grid line (.) Bde HQ to move fwd to EAST as soon as possible (.) small ADS to follow 2/7 Bn other to remain vicinity cub strip until new strip located (.) holdings LIKINGA to be kept as low as possible to facilitate easy and continuous mov fwd of Bn (.) HAY force to adv to WORA area (.) gen direction 2/7 bn adv NE from LIKINGA (.) aim also to get bn more conc
555	TADJI	ASP	301115K		RESTRICTED (.) only weathers originated by MAUGER to be sent (.) the 1015 weather gave cloud base 8000 ft returning pilots said cloud base was 1000 ft (.) check up on this (.) more accurate weathers required (.) supply weather reports 1130 for 1200K strike also report weather on hills in TORRICELLIS.
556		6 Div		O 762	SECRET (.) SITREP 123 to 301130K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 300750K FELO det broadcast to enemy posn V611015 (.) 300830K harassing 2 in mortar and LMG on this posn (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 291450K enemy estimated 30 with two LMGs and light mortar driven from village 642998 (.) 291530K enemy counter attack repulsed cas enemy 4 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded (.) sporadic fire from enemy posn village 643996 throughout night (.) 300700K enemy estimated 30 with JUKI one LMG grenade discharger attacked our posn 621984 (.) attack repulsed cas enemy 3 killed (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) NO report all infm

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543			(CONTINUED)		cas enemy unknown own one killed (I) MILAK area (.) 20 enemy vil- lage V649022 engaged cas enemy 6 killed 5 wounded own NIL (.) enemy dug in on razor back ridge V651034 engaged by patrol but unable dislodge enemy cas unknown (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) enemy posn V715063 engaged by 3 in mor- tar (.) patrol to this posn following shoot fired on by IMG (.) native infm (.) MIK V671049 occupied by 6 enemy. MENDAMEN V786040 occupied by 38 enemy all infm.
544	TADJI	ASP	300800K		Will D coy 2/7 bn please indicate their Hq with PANEL "7" as a/c is dropping comforts today
545	ASP	TADJI	300840K	M 106	RESTRICTED (.) ref comforts D coy 2/7 bn (.) coy moving today and have already received allotment (.) can comforts be dropped to A coy 2/6 bn HOUSE COPP
546	TADJI	ASP	300845K		RESTRICTED (.) change of programme M 104 5 BEAUFORTS 7 sqn (.) M 103 has arranged (.) M 105 will advise at 1100K when we can comply
547	TADJI	ASP	300820K		RESTRICTED (.) comforts being dropped by 7 sqn a/c ETD 0830K
548	TADJI	ASP	300930K	L 47	RESTRICTED (.) M 105 6 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn ETD 1200K (.) advise which ground stn will work a/c
549	ASP	TADJI	301015K	M 107	RESTRICTED (.) ref L 47 2/6 Bn
550	TADJI	ASP	301005K		RESTRICTED M 106 signal arrived too late (.) a/c already off (.) these are special comforts for D coy
551	2/7Bn		301010K	I 252	SECRET (.) PASSWORD for night 30/31 mar is ROYAL counter OAK

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540	2/7 Bn		292235K	I 249	SECRET (.) further to SITREP 65 (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) patrol to GOWAIN 6293 reports village clear but enemy dug in village between AMUK and GOWAIN (.) patrol unable dislodged enemy (.) cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) patrol unable return due flooding AMUK (.) local patrol harassed enemy MAIKO sq 6290 with M3 fire
541	2/7 Bn		292325K	O 571	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 30 mar (.) A coy (.) notified later (.) B coy (.) contact patrol to A coy (.) local patrolling EAST to NINAB river (.) coy less one pl moves more suitable posn (.) C coy (.) standing patrol during day APIRINGA (.) local patrolling clearing area EAST coy posn to AMUK river and investigating any river crossings (.) D coy (.) contact patrol to 16 and 17 pls (.) 16 and 17 pls (.) local patrolling clearing area EAST posn to AMUK river and investigating any crossings (.) contact patrol to MAIK 2 (.) H coy (L) contact patrol to C coy (.) coy less 12 pl and MMG sec move GOWAIN sq 6293 provided AMUK river passable subject confirmation by 2/6 Bn (.) infm (.) patrol 2/6 Bn contact A coy NOT before 1100 hrs (.) all infm
542		RAA 6 Div	300700K	O 761	RESTRICTED (.) WOOLV3DOPOTS
543		6 Div	300800K	O 759	SECRET (.) SITREP 122 to 300800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) village V640000 occupied by A coy less 7 pl after engagement with small party enemy who withdrew SOUTH cas unknown (.) enemy now occupying village A642998 (.) village A622984 occupied by B coy less 10 pl without opposition (.) enemy ambush posn contacted A622985 cas NIL (.) occupied enemy camp located A595954 (.) enemy fled on approach patrol (.) estimated 30 enemy in area unable to withdraw EAST owing to flooding of AMUK river cas enemy 2 killed one wounded own NIL (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) contact patrol reached LAHINGA 2 A585950 (.) enemy party contacted en route at A587910 cas enemy 3 killed own one killed (.) village GOWAIN A6293 reported clear (.) village between GOWAIN and AMUK river occupied but patrol unable to dislodge enemy cas enemy one killed own NIL (.) harassing fire from 3 in mortar on enemy posn MAIKO sq 6290 (.) changes in disposns (.) A coy less 7 pl V640000 7 pl A620996 B coy less 10 pl A621985 10 pl A610974 D coy less two pls A555941 two pls LAHINGA 1 A582960 (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) posn V611015 still occupied by enemy with double sentries and strong defs (.) AMURAK area (.) small party enemy contacted village V629011 (.) after sharp engagement enemy withdrew to KAMAU V634013 (NEXT SHEET)

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537	2/6 Bns 2/7 H force		292150K	O 760	SECRET (.) AIB reports (.) MAINJA A5265 occupied by 80 japs JAMA A6164 by 80 POKAGO A6074 by 60 NUNGAGUA A5673 by at least 20 (.) MISI near MAINJA reinforced to 35 (.) enemy party from JAMA reported moving NORTH as rfts 4 days ago (.) AIB patrol attacked enemy NUNGAGUA 25 mar cas unknown own two PB killed two wounded one missing (.) air strikes requested on MAINJA JAMA POKAGO NUNGAGUA NOT later than 11 apr
538	2/6 Bn		292050K	I 84	SECRET (.) SITREP no 25 to 291900K (.) MISANGAI area (.) 291600K patrol F 34 due to cancellation of airstrike changed to R 34 patrol confirmed reports our F 27 enemy posn 611015 strong defended locality sentries alert in gps of 2 (.) patrol returned without being obs (.) MAURAK area (.) 291430K patrol F 35 contacted small party enemy in village 629011 (.) after exchanging shoots enemy fled direction KAMAU cas own 1 killed (.) patrol burnt 2 remaining huts in village (.) MILAK area (.) 291145K patrol F 37 contacted enemy str 20 in gps of 3 or 4 in village 649022 enemy had BREN type LMG 1 SMG and rifles cas enemy 6 killed 5 wounded own NIL (.) 291530K patrol F 36 contacted enemy 651034 enemy dug in on razor back patrol engaged but unable to dislodge enemy cas enemy unknown (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 290830K patrol R 38 postponed (.) 291400K 3 in MORTAR shoot enemy posn 715063 (.) 291415K enemy LMG 715063 fired on patrol from 8 pl mov SOUTH along NELIGEM track (.) 291500K patrol F 39 report NMS (.) reliable native report enemy str 6 AUIK 10 BIAK 6 MAULOPA 4 AMBUTI NOT known reported between AUIK and KUMINIBUS str enemy MENDAMEN 38 (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 6 killed 5 wounded own 1 killed (.) all infm
539	2/6 Bn		292230K	I 85	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 30 mar (.) AMI area (.) 300700K recce patrol str Maj JONES ANGAU representative Lt ROBINSON 3 ORs to HOUSE COPP (.) route out via IWOM 629055 object to recce short L of C to HOUSE COPP (.) MISANGAI area (.) 300700K patrol F 40 Lt WHITE 20 ORs to follow up air strike 611015 (.) MAURAK area (.) 300630K patrol F 41 str Lt MOORE 20 ORs to track creek June 631004 one sec to set ambush this posn remainder contact patrol to 4 coy 2/7 inf bn 640000 (.) NO contact before 301100K (.) route in WEST along MINAB river to long spur 624003 thence to 14 pl posn due in 301600K (.) indicate air strike 611015 (.) MILAK area (.) on completion air strike 16 pl to follow up and occupy 651034 (.) 300830K patrol R 42 str 1 NCO 3 ORs to MAIROKA 653060 route out via WAILIM KULINGAI object to ascertain enemy mov MAIROKA area due in 301700K (.) AIR strike indication 651034 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 300630K patrol R 38 str Lt CRITTEN 6 ORs to ascertain enemy mov IMBIA area (.) indication air strike 702057 (.) all infm

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531	6 Div		291425K	GO 862	revsit 144 to 281500K
532		2/6 2/7 Bns	291645K	I 157	SECRET (.) translation Jap sketch undated captured MILAK area 18 mar indicates enemy def posns area A672994 and A666984 (.) bn HQ area A707992
533	DADJI	ASP	29200K	L 45	RESTRICTED (.) M 104 9 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 300930K (.) M 103 100 sqn 6 BEAUFORTS ETD 0830K (.) M 103 7 sqn 5 BEAUFORTS ETD 1030K (.) this headquarters appreciates this prompt lodgement of requests (.) we can now go to bye bye before midnight.
534	3/7 Bn		292040K	I 248	SECRET (.) SITREP 68 to 291900K (.) A coy (.) coy less pl occupied village 640000 after clearing small party of enemy who withdrew SOUTH (.) enemy still in occupation village 642998 with 1 LMG and snipers (.) 7 pl remain 620996 (.) B coy (.) coy less pl occupied AUIK 1 at 291220K (.) this village NOT one bombed but 1000 yds WEST (.) village occupied without opposition (.) pl remains AUIK 2 (.) local patrol contacted enemy ambush vicinity 622985 (.) cas mil (.) C coy (.) recce patrol to locate coy site EAST side AMUK unable return due flooding (.) local patrol investigate native report found occupied enemy camp at 595954 (.) enemy fled on approach of patrol 1 being wounded (.) shelters and huts contain at least 30 in area (.) 14 packs with documents 3 rifles 1 LMG 1 rifle grenade discharger captured (.) subsequent patrol contacted 2 enemy same area killing 2 (.) 2 packs 2 rifles captured (.) evidence enemy recovering overshoots from DZ two tins bully recovered from captured packs (.) D coy 16 pl joined 17 pl at LAHINGA 1 (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) contact patrol arrived BHQ 291400K (.) patrol contacted enemy party vicinity 687910 when returning (.) cas enemy 3 killed own 1 killed
535	6 Div		292107K	GI 929	CONFIDENTIAL (.) AIB patrol report (.) natives from MAINJA A5265 report Japs MISI near MAINJA reinforced strength now 35 (.) have told natives they intend to attack (.) Japs occupy 6 large houses and other hamlets that area (.) arms include 4 LMGs (.) enemy party from JAMA A6264 also reported moving NORTH as rpt approx 4 days ago <i>Period 2/6 2/7 Bns H Zone</i>
536	6 Div		292130K	GI 930	SECRET (.) AIB report (.) enemy at NUNGAGUA attacked by four whites and 14 police boys 25 mar (.) cas own two police boys killed two police boys wounded one police boy missing (.) enemy cas unknown (.) more details later (.) ASHTON hopes est base KURRINGE early Apr

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526		2/6 2/7 Bns	301735K	O 758	SECRET (.) 6 div A0856 states (.) quote (.) tac/R is being carried out to give following coverage (.) daily coastal sector to WEWAK (.) every two days NORTH SOUTH tracks from coast inland SOUTH coast MUSCHU ISLAND (.) every three days inland sector MAPRIK to WEWAK (.) whole area has been divided and arranged so that two missions per day accomplish above (.) special additional missions will be arranged upon request also particular attention will be arranged upon request also particular attention will be given on routine missions to any places desired (.) unquote
527	6 Div		291740K	GI 811	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 30 mar further showers at night with area of intermittent rain throughout night and early morning (.) weather improvement after 0900 hrs day conditions fine but cloudy (.) rivers high especially between 0300 hrs and 0900 hrs (.) sea slight all infm
528	6 Div	First Army	A9-864 291755K	AO 864	SECRET (.) request air strikes NOT after 11 Apr 45 (.) following (.) view destroy enemy alienate natives against Japs (.) 1 (.) 3 unmapped hamlets known as MAINJA A5365 approx 80 Japs (.) 2 (.) JAMA A6164 80/90 Japs (.) 3 (.) unmapped POKAGO A6074 60 Japs (.) 4 (.) NUMGAGUA A5673 more than 18 Japs (.) nearest own tps KURIINGE A5372 (.) target bomb line NOT NE WEST line through BUNUNGAI A6675 and NOT within 500 yds KURIINGE judge time limit NOT after 11 Apr 45. <i>all targets within A18 area</i>
529	ASP	TADJI	291755K	M 104	RESTRICTED (.) request M 92 of 281955K repeated (.) NOT before 301000K NOT after 301100K (.) target sighted own tps 29 mar
530	ASP	TADJI	291810K	M 105	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 301100K NOT after 301300K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy dug in on coconut knoll (.) D (.) village on coconut knoll SOUTH end open KUNAI spur falling away to NE (.) E (.) V651034 (.) F (.) approx 1300 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke white T pointing towards targets (.) I (.) own patrol 291500K (.) J (.) V645032 (.) white T at V645031 (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE creek (.) L (.) own tps to attack (.) M (.) waggle wings over target (.) N (.) hourly from 200630K (.) R/T comn ground to air (.) order of priority (.) M 104 first M 103 second M 105 third (.) NO further requests for 30 mar

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519	2/7 Bn		291355K	I 245	SECRET (.) password for night 29/30 mar is GOLDEN counter GATE
520	16 Bde		271430K	X 623	SECRET (.) your G 10 of 21 mar Ack
521	6 Div	16 Bde 17 Bde 19 Bde	280930K	AC 56	SECRET (.) tac/R is being carried out to give following coverage (.) daily coastal sector to WEWAK (.) every two days NORTH SOUTH tracks from coast inland SOUTH coast MUSCHU ISLAND (.) every three days inland sector MAPRIK to WEWAK (.) whole area has been divided and arranged so that two missions per day accomplish above (.) additional missions will be arranged upon request also particular attention will be given on routine missions to any places desired (.) tac/R a/c will drop revsits daily at HQ fwd bdes (.) three revsits will be so dropped at HQ 17 inf bde (.) these will be in addition to those already being dropped by C47s in 17 inf bde area (.) all copies 16 inf bde will be dropped by tac/R a/c <i>2/6 2/7 Bn advised</i>
522	Tadji	ASP	291520K		Tac/R 29th returned due weather advise if required 30th
523	ASP	TADJI	291605K	M 102	RESTRICTED (.) ref M 89 M 95 (.) carry out tac/R requested for 29 mar tomorrow (.) ref M 89 include also suspected bn HQ area A707992
524	ASP	TADJI	291712K	M 103	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 300830K NOT after 301100K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy astride L of C to NELIGUM (.) D (.) large high razorback feature running NE to SW covered by timber and SE SCREW river (.) E (.) bomb V702053 strafe from V702057 to V702044 (.) F (.) approx 2500 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on bombing target and on NE end strafing run when requested by a/c (.) T-piece pointing general direction target (.) I (.) own patrol 281430K (.) J (.) razor back ridge V716065 T piece pointing general direction target (.) K (.) NOT NORTH ISAMIK creek (.) L (.) patrol to investigate following strike (.) M (.) last a/c to waggle wings over HOUSE COPP (.) N (.) half hourly from 300630K (.) general (.) R/T comm strafe from NE to SW

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510		6 Div	290915K	O 755	RESTRICTED (.) your GO 858 of 281225K (.) your GO 856 of 280930K NOT received.
511	ASP	TADJI	290930K	M 97	RESTRICTED (.) ref priority one NO extension required as tps attacking 291130K (.) if attack unsuccessful may request strike for this afternoon on this target
512	ASP	TADJI	291000K	M 99	RESTRICTED (.) extend time limit priority 2 to 291200K (.) strike particularly required.
513	TADJI	ASP	291020K		Strike on 611015 cancelled 100 8 sqn a/c will attack 629989 approx 1115K
514	2/7 Bn		291045K	I 242	SECRET (.) SITREP 67 to 291000K (.) NOTHING to report
515	2/6 Bn		291045K	I 82	SECRET (.) SITREP No 24 to 291000K (.) AMI area MISANGAI area SITNOR (.) MAURAK area (.) 281815K harassing fire 3 in mortar and LMG on to 629011 (.) MILAK area (.) during night 28/29 mar harassing 3 in mortar fire on CHAULAK 653040 and 649022 (.) HOUSE COPP area SITNOR (.) all infm
516		6 Div	291105K	O 756	SECRET (.) SITREP 121 to 291100K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) night 28/29 mar enemy posns V653040 V629011 V649022 harassed by 3 in mortar fire (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) SITNOR all infm
517	ASP	TADJI	291230K	M 101	RESTRICTED (.) cancel strike priority three V653040 (.) weather bad this end
518	TADJI	ASP	291245K		100 sqn strike 1330K cancelled

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506		RAA 6Div	290700K	O 754	RESTRICTED (.) W5C5V2D0F0T4
507	2/7 Bn		290730K	I 241	SECRET (.) further to SITREP 66 (.) B coy 2/6 Bn (.) F 93 report GOWAIN sq 6392 clear enemy 2 small parties enemy contacted WEST bank AMUK (.) cas enemy 2 killed own nil (.) local patrol killed 1 Jap in gardens vicinity NANGARIM-BI (.) native report (.) 3 enemy parties moved from GOWAIN to WEST bank AMUK then NORTH along river during previous 24 hrs
508	6 Div		290820K	O 751	SITREP 120 to 290800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) change in disposns (.) A coy less 7 pl now A620996 7 pl V598083 (.) patrol to A625999 NMS (.) enemy contacted A618975 and dispersed when fired on cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) vil- lages A629989 A638987 occupied by enemy (.) enemy party contact- ed SOUTH of APERINGA A593945 cas unknown (.) small party contacted in APERINGA and village cleared cas enemy one wounded own NIL (.) natives report having attacked enemy village V639001 (.) number of enemy reported killed (.) one wounded native arrived A coy from this area (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 2813001 enemy str 20 dug in with two bunkers and posn enclosed by bamboo fence contacted at V611015 (.) posn engaged by own tps but unable to dislodge enemy cas enemy one killed own one wounded (.) MAURAK area (.) enemy contacted village V630011 (.) patrol entered village and burnt all huts cas enemy 12 killed own NIL (.) patrol to V614096 fired on by enemy on high ground to NE (.) unable to locate enemy cas NIL (.) MILAK area (.) enemy force estimated 15/20 dug in at village V653040 attacked by patrol (.) LMG and mortar fire from enemy posn and patrol forced to withdraw cas enemy 2 killed own one kill- ed 2 wounded (.) enemy located V649022 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) V701052 enemy party with packs moving NORTH along WELIGUM track ambushed (.) 10 enemy observed but party re- ported to be of greater str cas enemy 4 killed own one slightly wounded (.) HOUSE COPP posn V703077 fired on by tree snipers (.) patrols unable to locate cas NIL (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) area A6392 clear (.) two small parties enemy encountered WEST bank AMUK cas enemy 2 killed (.) one straggler killed in gardens vicinity A597910 (.) native reported three enemy parties moves WEST to AMUK river from A6392 thence NORTH along river during previous 24 hrs all infm
509	TADJI	ASP	290825K		Request extension of strike for priority one 629989

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500	2/7 Bn		282305K	O 550	SECRET (.) intentions 29 mar (.) A coy (.) AM one pl occupy 640000 PM remainder coy less one pl occupy same posn (.) one pl remain present posn (.) B coy less one pl occupy village 629989 after air strike (.) C coy (.) patrol to contact 13 pl (.) D coy (.) one pl move 17 pl posn (.) H coy (.) F 94 to area grid 60 to AMUK between 91 and 94 grid to investigate native reports enemy movt across AMUK towards MAMARIMBA (.) patrol to NANGALIMBA-GOWAIN to ensure area clear and recee D 7 (.) ack (.) all infm
501	2/6 Bn		282305K	I 80	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 29 mar (.) MISINGAI area (.) patrol F 34 to follow up air strike on 611015 str Lt WHITE 20 ORs (.) remainder 18 pl to mov to MILAK (.) MAURAK area (.) 290730K patrol F 35 str Lt LOVERIDGE 20 ORs to clear enemy off ridge EAST of village 629011 route out via BUNGIBRA due in 291430K (.) indicated for air strike 611015 (.) MILAK area (.) 290800K patrol F 36 str Lt PITTS 10 ORs to destroy and occupy enemy posn 651034 as standing patrol (.) 290630K patrol F 37 str Lt BERRY 16 ORs to destroy enemy post in village 649022 due in 291100K (.) indicate for air strike 653040 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 290630K patrol R 38 str Lt CRITTEN 6 ORs to area IMBIA to ascertain enemy activity that area (.) 290730K patrol F 39 L NCO 6 ORs to 705009 to lay ambush time due in 291600K (.) all infm.
502		6 Div	282320K	O 752	RESTRICTED (.) GOC from MOTEN (.) strongly recommend compassionate leave be granted immediately to pte BERRY of 2/5 bn in terms of his application without ref to MILBASE (.) am writing you fully on this matter
503	6 Div		282045K	GO 858	RESTRICTED (.) your O 742 of 271510K (.) our AO 856 of 280930K refers and should provide answer
504	17 Bde	Rear HQ	282320K	O 753	RESTRICTED (.) have signalled GOC direct strongly recommending leave for BERRY 2/5 bn be approved without ref to MILBASE
505	ASP	TADJI	290655K	M 95	RESTRICTED (.) ref my M 93 make times for priority three 291400K to 291600K

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496		(CONTINUED)	13 pl reports intervening area clear (.) C coy (.) local patrolling by 13 pl to BURN native huts in vicinity (.) contact patrol arrived B coy 2/6 Bn NANGARIMBI at 281230K (.) enemy mov APERINGA village reported back by runner (.) further enemy party SOUTH of APERINGA engaged results NOT known (.) patrol to APERINGA following infm enemy mov in village cleared small party from area and burned huts (.) cas enemy 1 wounded own NIL (.) B coy 2/6 bn details NOT to hand (.) native report natives attacked enemy in village 639001 killing many (.) all infm
497	2/6 Bn		282205K	I 81	SECRET (.) SITREP no 23 to 281900K (.) MISINGAI area (.) 281300K patrol F 27 contacted enemy str 15 to 20 at 611015 (.) enemy posn (.) were dug in and included two bunkers the perimeter itself being enclosed by bamboo picket (.) LMG and tree snipers used by enemy cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded (.) MAURAK area (.) 281340K patrol F 28 reported recent tracks of enemy at 621003 leading to NINAB river (.) native reported enemy using river as L of C (.) 281415K patrol F 30 reported contacted enemy in village 630011 patrol entered village killed 3 and burnt huts containing wounded or sick incinerating 9 known and probably more (.) village apparently used as aid post (.) 281800K patrol F 29 reported on reaching 614006 were fired on from high ground to NE (.) were unable to contact enemy (.) MILAK area (.) 281415K patrol F 31 attacked enemy force str 15 to 20 dug in village 663040 (.) enemy used LMGs and mortar patrol forced to withdraw cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 2 wounded (.) 281600K patrol F 32 changed to R 32 reced route and located enemy at 649022 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 281630K patrol F 33 reported ambushed enemy party str 10 at 701052 (.) enemy were mov NORTH along main NBLIGUM track cas enemy 4 known killed and 1 slightly wounded (.) track well defined shows indications much traffic (.) enemy yelling on outbreak of firing from approx 100 yds NORTH and SOUTH of ambush posn indicated strong party mov NORTH (.) 281415K tree snipers fired on HOUSE COPP patrol sent out could NOT locate enemy (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 19 killed own 1 killed 4 wounded (.) all infm
498	TADJI	ASP	282215K		priority one 10 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 1030 (.) priority 2 6 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn ETD 0930 (.) priority 3 can attack in afternoon if desire.
499	ASP	TADJI	282255K	M 95	RESTRICTED (.) further Tac/R area 29 mar (.) WORA villages (.) crossings SCREW river EAST WORA (.) tracks WEST and SOUTH EAST (.) signs occupation and defences in WORA mov along tracks (.) signs occupation sq 6293 (.) drop HAY FORCE and 17 Bde

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491	ASP	TADJI	281955K	M 92	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT after 291000K NOT before 291100K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy 15/20 Japs in bunker (.) D (.) huts on long ridge SOUTHERN group perimeter bamboo pickets approx 50 yds across (.) E (.) 611015 (.) F (.) 850 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach a/c (.) I (.) own troops 281200K (.) J (.) 622018 white T in direction of target also 619018 white T (.) K (.) NOT EAST line through creek junc 612014 to creek and river junc 615005 (.) L (.) tps to occupy after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over 619018 (.) general (.) R/T air to 2/6 Bn
492	ASP	TADJI	282035K	M 94	RESTRICTED (.) priority one (.) A (.) NOT before 291030K NOT after 291130K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy dug in (.) D (.) village on ridge running NW and SE in secondary growth (.) E (.) 629989 (.) G (.) mortar smoke approach a/c (.) I (.) own tps 281500K (.) J (.) ref 622985 T in direction of target also village 618997 white bend in creek 627988 and bend in river 629000 (.) K (.) NOT WEST line through tps will attack after strike (.) L (.) general (.) R/T air to ASP 17 Bde
493	2/6 Bn		281450K	I 79	RESTRICTED (.) ref DZ HOUSE COPP (.) details of new DZ prepared 28 mar (.) map ref 700080 (.) nearest unit A coy 2/6 Bn 701077 (.) size of clearing 200 by 100 situated on NW bank of SCREW river (.) NIL obstacles to air approach (.) suitable for circling (.) visibility hrs (.) air approaches NW to SE (.) corners of clearing marked by white squares white T in centre of clearing.
494	6 Div		271715K	GO 828	SECRET (.) your G10 of 21 mar 45 ACK ACTION: noted ack register.
495	6 Div		281715K	GO 853	SECRET (.) REVSIT 143 to 271500K
496	2/7 Bn		282045K	I 239	SECRET (.) sitrep 66 to 281900K (.) A coy (.) coy posn 620996 at 281100K (.) local patrol to 625999 to investigate native reports unable find trace enemy our area (.) B coy (.) F 92 contacted party enemy vicinity 618975 (.) 3 enemy killed remainder dispersed when engaged by patrol (.) patrol reports AUPIK 1 629989 and GUALIGEM approx ref 638987 occupied by enemy (.) local patrol to (NEXT SHEET)

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486	6 Div		261045K	Q 568	RESTRICTED (.) DZ HOUSE COPP (.) understand RAAF refuse drop further on this dropping ground this was anticipated my request of 12 mar to 2/6 Regt to recce area 500 yds EAST refers request you advise urgently location of more suitable DZ for this area RAAF suggest creek bed approx 500 yds EAST of present location further suggest conservation of existing holdings of supplies particularly native.
487	6 Div	6 Div	262150K	O 738	RESTRICTED (.) from MOTEN (.) your Q 568 of 261045K (.) HOUSE COPP DZ (.) area suggested completely unsuitable as creek subject to and at present in flood also extremely rocky with thick jungle either side (.) results present DZ reported 100 per cent less free drop when rocks hit (.) NO other suitable DZ in area within days-march (.) what is objection to present DZ (.) tps can only be supplied by air and are searching diligently for new DZ (.) op requirements will NOT permit withdrawal from this area and consider use of present DZ essential until new site located and prepared. ACTION: 2/6 Bn are passing infm to HOUSE COPP, to obtain reply this afternoon
488	6 Div		281730K	GI 926	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 29 mar (.) scattered showers along coastal high land at night otherwise present fine conditions will be maintained (.) sea slight ripples normal all infm
489	6 Div	6 Div	281815K	O 744	RESTRICTED (.) your GI 919 GI 917 of 27 mar (.) stereos and photos received safely
490	ASP	TADJI	291935K	M 93	RESTRICTED (.) priority three (.) A (.) NOT before 290800K NOT after 290900K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 20 enemy in huts and weapon pits (.) D (.) village on coconut (.) E (.) 653040 (.) F (.) 1300 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach a/c (.) I (.) own tps 281400K (.) J (.) MILAK white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE creek (.) L (.) patrol to investigate (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0600K (.) general (.) R/T air to 2/6 Bn

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479		6 Div	281130K	O 750	SECRET (.) SITREP 119 to 281130K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) sitnor (.) of 2 enemy killed V653040 26 mar one identified as first lt (.) 2/7 inf bn B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) sitnor all infm
480	ASP	TADJI	281204K	M 88	RESTRICTED (.) time limit strike 629989 extended to 1400K
481	TADJI	ASP	281215K		We want extension of time of strike this afternoon (.) reply urgent ACTION: Reply sent at 1238 ref M 88
482		2/6 2/7 Bns	281220K	O 743	RESTRICTED (.) tac R report 28 mar (.) KOMBUCHAGI village (.) report on bomb damage village itself still intact slopes well covered around village (.) village consists of some 30 huts good condition well worn tracks, small native gardens NMS NO track observed leading from KOMBUCHAGI to 678046 (.) 678046: about 40/50 very good huts (.) track observed running SE from KOMBUCHAGI to AMOGU R meeting same at ref 681026 (.) could not be traced on opposite side of river (.) parts of a track could be seen running along MADPUM ck and track leads up to MANGUMBU (.) excellent track runs WEST from MANGUMBU and seems to link up with track from KOMBUCHAGI although actual junc could NOT be observed because of undergrowth on EAST banks of AMOGU R (.) some excellent native gardens on ben of river at 676018 NMS
483	ASP	TADJI	281400K	M 89	RESTRICTED (.) request Tac/R 29 mar (.) suspected enemy HQ WAIGAKUM ref 712891 and tracks NORTH to villages sq 7194 thence to MAPRIK (.) which is the most used track what recent use (.) what sign occupation WAIGAKUM (.) strafe opportunity targets (.) drop 17 Bde
484	ASP	TADJI	281410K	M 90	RESTRICTED (.) cancel strike 629989
485	2/7 Bn		281555K	I 238	SECRET (.) password for night 28/29 mar is WILD counter OATS

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474			(CONTINUED)		each other (.) native infm stated enemy from villages this area assembled at approx 270630K and moved to village A629989 reaching there just prior to air strike 271000K (.) 271230K patrol from V598002 reached AUPIK 2 (L) four villages area A608982 reported clear (.) one dead located A604984 result air strike 26 mar (.) patrol to vicinity village A629989 following air strike 271000K report area still occupied (.) many dead and wounded in surrounding bush (.) natives report enemy wounded moved EAST to village A642982 (.) villages A6991 reported clear (.) additional one dead located A579956 result action 26 mar (.) enemy party contacted A587941 cas enemy 3 killed one wounded own NIL (.) patrol to A585915 from ILAHETA made NO contact (.) changes in disposns (.) 10 pl joined B coy AUPIK 2 (.) 13 pl C coy est A632963 17 pl D coy LAHINGA 1 A582960 (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) posn V608028 reported clear (.) MAURAK area (.) enemy str 12 contacted village V629011 cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) natives report village V640008 occupied by approx 40 enemy (.) MILAK area (.) KULINGAI V645048 reported clear (.) village V649022 occupied by enemy str 20 (.) enemy engaged cas unknown (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to V711058 via ISAMIK creek reported enemy in str on main ridge at V712059 (.) enemy engaged cas unknown (.) enemy posn V713063 also located (.) correct posn 8 pl V716065 (.) enemy posns on steep razorbacks (.) 271645K 4 pl arrived AMI (.) B coy 2/6 Bn (.) village A598910 cleared of enemy who withdrew EAST to A6391 and NORTH to A5962 cas enemy one wounded all infm
475		RAA 6Div	280820K	O 749	RESTRICTED (.) MBT W1C3V4DOPOT6
476	2/7 Bn		280850K	O 535	RESTRICTED (.) further our O 521 (.) INTENTIONS 28 mar (.) H coy (.) F 93 to GOWAIN approx sq 6392 EAST of AMUK to confirm native report this village on main route to WORA and that area clear of enemy (.) all infm
477	2/7 Bn		281040K	I 73	SECRET (.) sitrep No 22 to 281000K (.) AMI area MISINGAI area MAURAK area HOUSE COPP area sitnor (.) MILAK area (.) airstrike on 649022 cancelled due to low clouds (.) further to patrol 8 19 of 26 mar of 2 enemy killed one identified as first Lt <i>2 enemy killed at V653040</i>
478	2/7 Bn		281110K	I 236	SECRET (.) SITREP 65 to 281000K (.) A coy (.) 271930K native reports airstrike AUPIK 1 accurate causing cas to enemy (.) wounded being evacuated to EAST (.) B coy 2/6 Bn (.) mov heard 272130k investigated first light track natives found one having crossed booby trap towards

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470	6 Div		280610K	GI 917	RESTRICTED (.) two B 3 stereoscopes will be air dropped 28 mar (.) attempting obtain further four.
471	16 Bde		280630K	I 1240	SECRET (.) SITREP 60 to 261200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 2/2 Bn (.) 25 mar A coy attacked enemy estimated str 40 V957214 (.) posn captured cas own 2 killed 5 wounded cas enemy unknown (.) 252210K small enemy raided and attacked C coy V979247 cas own 1 wounded (.) 260813K enemy 75MM gun shelled D coy area V957231 cas own 2 wounded (.) 25 rounds fired (.) 2/1 Bn (.) 25 mar ref engagement V872238 reported SITREP 59 one addition own cas killed (.) C coy contacted V878237 (.) enemy engaged with arty and mortar fire (.) 26 mar C coy captured posn V878237 cas enemy 4 killed (.) enemy contacted V875236 (.) 2/2 Fd Regt (.) 261200K 3 PW captured V857277 (.) 25 mar 1 INDIAN PW rescued (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) 2/3 MG Bn (.) 25 mar (.) 1 enemy killed V840256 (.) as result engagement this sector cas own 1 killed 2 wounded cas enemy 3 killed (.) tac/R 26 mar (.) cleared well used track V837237 to ALBIS (.) numerous foot tracks mountain and coast rd BOILEN to CAPE MOEN also evidence mountain traffic (.) 2 covered guns and 1 EWG empty gun pit MOEM PEN (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 261200K cas own 65 killed 148 wounded cas enemy 535 killed 16 PW all infm
472	16 Bde		280630K	I 1241	SECRET (.) amendment part 16 Bde LOCSTAT number 2 infm up to 261200K (.) arty (.) 1 bty UILBAN 846284 (.) INF (.) 2/3 Bn (.) A coy DAGUA 957214 (.) B coy Jap camp area 843233 (.) D coy Jap camp area 957231 (.) 2/8 Bn (.) A coy BUT PN 886256 D coy ETA 26 mar (.) HQ coy BUT 876266 (.) 2/3 MG bn (.) 2/3 MG Bn plus HQ coy MANABUS 838264 (.) A coy NINAHAU river 832237 (.) MEDICAL (.) 2/1 Fd Amb (.) ADS B coy MANABUS 838264 (.) 3 Aust Mobile Flight BUT 884256 all infm
473	6 Div		280630K	GI 920	RESTRICTED (.) your O 734 will be answered 6 Div int summary 15 issued today
474	6 Div		280800K	O 748	SECRET (.) SITREP 118 to 280800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 270300K own tps AUPIK 2 A610975 report firing in village to NW approx A608982 which continued intermittently until 270600K (.) firing also heard by A coy V598002 (.) ascertained enemy in adjoining villages were firing on (NEXT SHEET)

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467	2/6 Bn		272130K	I 76	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 28 mar (.) MISINGAI area (.) 280830K one sec 18 pl to rejoin coy at MILAK (.) 280830K patrol F 27 str 1 NCO 8 ORs to movedown lower WESTERN slopes of high feature 608028 to area of track river junc 602017 thence along track to 14 pl time due in 281400K (.) AMI area (.) 280800K no 4 pl to move to MISINGAI area to relieve 18 pl (.) MAURAK area (.) 280730K patrol F 28 str 1 NCO 9 ORs to track river junc 630003 object to ensure area clear (.) route out MAURAK village thence SE to river route in NE along spur 623003 to coy area due in 281400K (.) 280800K patrol F 30 str 1 NCO 9 ORs to clear village 629011 route out via BUNGIBRA 625015 thence EAST to village time in 281400K (.) MILAK area (.) 280800K patrol F 31 str Lt PITT 12 ORs to CHAULAK VILLAGES to ensure clear time in 281630K (.) patrol F 32 str 1 NCO 8 ORs to follow up air strike 649022 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 280700K patrol F 33 to 706055 to ascertain if enemy in occupation main ridge (.) str Lt MALONEY 7 ORs time in 281400K (.) all infm
468	2/6 Bn		272240K	I 77	SECRET (.) SITREP no 21 to 271900K (.) AMI area (.) 271645K no 4 pl arrived from THE PEAK (.) MISINGAI area (.) 271500K patrol F 23 returned NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) 271030K contact patrol to MISINGAI reported NMS (.) 271430K contact patrol to MILAK NMS (.) 271500K patrol F 25 contacted enemy str 12 in village 629011 cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) 271630K patrol F 24 reported could NOT complete task owing to difficult ground NMS (.) native report enemy str 40 at unnamed village 648008 (.) MILAK area 271115K patrol R 22 reported KULINGAI 645048 clear (.) 271545K patrol R 21 reported enemy str 12 dug in village 649022 patrol were fired on by LMG covering NORTHERN approach cas enemy unknown own NIL (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 271200K patrol F 26 report enemy in str in occupation main ridge 712059 (.) fired on enemy results unknown (.) patrol also ascertained enemy at 715063 (.) all WESTERN approaches to main ridge are bad RAZOR BACKS (.) corrected posn of pl 716065 (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 4 killed (.) all infm
469	2/7 Bn		272330K	I 233	SECRET (.) further to SITREP 64 (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) 12 pl with sp M 3 cleared NANGAFIMBI by 271400K meeting light opposition (.) cas enemy 1 wounded own NIL (.) natives report enemy withdrew EAST to village sq 6391 and NORTH to sq 5962 (.) 10 pl standing patrol NORTH end NANGARIMBI (.) R 31 reports (.) evidence use of village as HQ found and considered on main track to WORA.

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462	ASP	TADJI	271950K	M 86	RESTRICTED (.) priority one (.) A (.) NOT before 281100 NOT after 281200K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy (.) D (.) ref my M 78 26 mar (.) E (.) 629988 (.) G (.) mortar on approach a/c and white T (.) I (.) own troops 271400K (.) J (.) mortar posn GUALIGEN 618997 and ref 625985 (.) K (.) NOT WEST line from bend in river 627988 to 629000 (.) L (.) troops will attack from SW after strike and occupy (.) waggie wings over 616985 (.) general (.) R/T air to ASP 17 Bde (.) patrol 27 Mar reports today's strike very effective (.) dead and wounded in village and natives report some evacuated to SOUTH
463	ASP	TADJI	272005K	M 87	RESTRICTED (.) further to my M 83 (.) what tracks lead SOUTH from village 629985 and where do they go
464	2/7 Bn		272015K	O 521	SECRET (.) intentions 28 mar (.) A coy (.) coy occupy posn 624994 (.) B coy (.) F 92 to AUPIK 1 after airstrike to investigate and to occupy posn if vacated (.) C coy (.) local patrolling (.) contact patrol to H coy (.) D coy (.) contact patrol to LAHINGA 1 (.) local patrolling (.) H coy (.) notified later (.) airstrike AUPIK 1 NOT before 1100 NOT after 1200 (.) ack (.) all infm
465	16 Bde		272100K	I 1253	SECRET (.) RAE 2/1 Fd Coy BR903265 (.) 1 pl SUAIN 916254 (.) 2 pl rd junc 936255 (.) 3 pl BUT ford 889257 (.) 2/14 Fd Coy SUAIN 540319 (.) 10 pl MATAPAU 623303 (.) 11 pl SUAIN 540319 (.) 12 pl MATAPAU 623303 (.) INFANTRY (.) 2/1 Inf Bn BUT river 893257 (.) A coy ALIMAK river 916244 (.) B coy BUT river 899255 (.) C coy BUT river 879243 (.) 2/3 Inf Bn (.) B coy and D coy Jap camp area 943286 (.) B coy Jap camp area 941245 (.) C coy Jap camp area 942236 (.) D coy Jap camp area 942235 (.) 2/8 Inf Bn (.) A coy BUT 882258 (.) D coy BUT 875261 (.) AEME (.) 2/45 LAD BUT 879258 all infm
466	TADJI	ASP	272200K	L 44	M 86 11 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 1030K (.) M 84 4 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn ETD 0900K (.) M 82 NO STRIKE (.) shortage of bombs necessitates using only for essential strikes

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450		2/7 bn	271530K	O 741	SECRET (.) pnr pl 2/5 inf bn will move to air strip BALIF on 29 mar and be responsible for maint of strip protection of DID and ADS at BALIF until both places are closed down when they will proceed to coast and rejoin 2/5 inf bn (.) strip to be in good order for first planes landing 2 apr
451	6 Div		261720K	AO 842	with weather permitting you can anticipate increased air support by BEAUFORTS (.) recommend in each day request at least one strike be time immaterial
452	ASP	TADJI	271603K	M 82	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) time immaterial (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy and village (.) D (.) group huts on NW arm of spur and down W slope (.) further description Tac/R report 27 mar (.) E (.) 665035 (.) G (.) white T pointing to target at own posn (.) I (.) Tac/R 27 mar and native reports (.) J (.) MILAK 643031 white T (.) K (.) NOT WEST NIMROD creek (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggles wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0700K (.) general (.) suggest Tac/R crew lead in strike (.) natives this area reported pro-Jap
453	ASP	TADJI	271630K	M 83	RESTRICTED (.) Tac/R 28 Mar (.) report on damage to KOMBICHAGI 665035 (.) recce of track from KOMBICHAGI to WACHA ref 678046 (.) also track from KOMBICHAGI SE MANGUMBU thence down MIDPUM creek (.) what signs of movement along track and if possible what direction (.) are villages occupied (.) suspect enemy movement NORTH (.) strafe E SCREW R (.) drop 2/6 Bn and 17 Bde
454	2/7 Bn		271735K	I 231	SECRET (.) password for night 27/28 mar RED COUNTER GUM <i>ACTION: His advised</i>
455	6 Div		271200K	GO 841	SECRET (.) revsit 142 to 261500K
456		6 Div	271510K	O 742	RESTRICTED (.) your GO848 of 271210K (.) Div revsits being received this HQ on average every three days (.) can arrangements be made for BEAUFORT to drop three copies daily (.) if NOT request that 16 Bde (NEXT SHEET)

Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
444	16 Bde		271215K	I 1239	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 150 (.) SITREP 58 cleared this HQ 241440K (.) have advised DIV (.) advise when SITREP is received (.) can fwd duplicate if required
445		6 Div	271255K	O 747	SECRET (.) sitrep 117 to 271230K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 261800K enemy posn V635013 harassed by 3 in mortar fire (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol to APIRINGA A592944 reported village clear (.) native reports enemy area A5891 all infm
446		16 Bde	271315K	I 155	RESTRICTED (.) sitreps 58 59 air dropped yesterday (.) have requested Div to pass by W/T in future
447	6 Div	271210K	271210K	G 0848	RESTRICTED (.) signal channels between Bdes and Div HQ have become congested (.) one reason is the passing for infm of Bdes sitreps to each other (.) since this infm is contained in 6 Div revisits passing of sitreps to each other excepting matter urgently required by either fmn will be discontinued. <i>ACTION: reply to Div serial 456</i>
448	6 Div		271430K	S 57	CONFIDENTIAL (.) for Brig MOTEN from GOC (.) appreciate your difficulties mentioned O 735 but AIB HQ LAE refuse agree direct W/T comn this fmn and HQ (.) have represented absurdity this decision to Army with request endeavour obtain approval (.) will advise result NO opposition from local AIB (.) patrol your area have wider purpose than local cooperation and cannot be expected operate same efficiency as your own unit (.) do NOT be hard on it.
449	ASP	TADJI	271635K	M 81	RESTRICTED (.) for ALO Wing (.) congratulate Tac/R pilot on good job message dropped on Brigs house (.) ref number sorties per strike (.) agree entirely (.) will put in fewer requests and expect bigger strikes (.) strikes during afternoon usually cancelled due weather (.) request send first available one tin paint red if possible

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
437v		6 Div	(CONTINUED)		enemy believed moved to KAMAU V634013 (.) MILAK area (.) vil- lage V651033 clear (.) enemy con- tacted village V653040 cas enemy 2 killed 2 wounded own NIL 5 bodies found result air strike 25 mar (.) native reports (.) japs str unknown MAPOBMA V658041 HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol SOUTH along NELIGUM track from V612058 fired on by enemy dug in V712056 (.) enemy posn V681065 clear (.) natives report- ed enemy moved to WACHA V678047 (.) NO signs mov to NORTH all infm
438	2/7 Bn		270825K	I 227	SECRET (.) 3 identification tags taken from pack captured 26 mar at 592946 were of 239 regt (I) flag with red and black zig zag stripes also captured indicating 2 bn
439		2/6 Bn	270845K	I 154	RESTRICTED (.) 2 bn 239 regt identi- fied as being in area V592946 26 Mar.
440	ASP	TADJI	270930K	M 80	ref your L 40 (.) please cancel request for copy No 1 mosaic MAPRIK area.
441	2/6 Bn		271100K	I 75	SECRET (.) SITREP 20 to 271000K (.) MAURAK area (.) 261800K harassing fire 3 in mor on V635013 enemy posn in ck EAST of KAMAU village (.) 270400K enemy JUKI and LMG area V616011 fired at unknown target area WEST of 14 pl posn (.) believed firing caused by dog exploding booby trap in 14 pl area (.) HOUSE COPP (.) sitnor (.) MILAK area (.) sitnor
442	16 Bde	6 Div	271145K	I 1238	SECRET (.) our I 1222 sitrep 58 to 241200K cleared our sigs 241440K (.) 17 Inf Bde advise NOT received.
443	2/7 Bn		271150K	I 229	SECRET (.) sitrep 63 to 271000K (.) local patrol C coy to APERINGA reports area clear (.) local patrol D coy moved out 270830K investigate native report enemy in area sq 5891

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433	2/7 Bn		262310K	I 226	SECRET (.) further to sitrep 52 (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) F 88 occupied SOUTH NANARIMBI 596907 at 261300K (.) coy less 10 pl moved same area 261700K (.) enemy in occupation high ground 600 yds NORTH (.) rifle fire only encountered by patrols (.) remainder SAAGOM 600906 cleared by 12 pl at 260950K enemy withdrawing after M 3 and MMG fire (.) village contained beds for 50 (.) village burnt
434	2/7 Bn		262320K	O 511	SECRET (.) intentions 27 Mar (.) H Coy (.) fighting patrol to clear enemy from posn NORTH end NANGALIMBI (.) remainder move to 596907 (.) R 31 to SARARAGOM 6090 to check native report this village clear and report track leading EAST present posn (.) ack (.) all infm
435	6 Div		262345K	IK 830	SECRET (.) further to our IK 816 of 24 mar all sqns 71 WING resumed bombing (.) NO anti-sub bombs being used.
436	RAA 6Div		270704K	O 740	RESTRICTED (.) W1C4V4DOFOT6
437	6 Div		270810K	O 739	SECRET (.) sitrep 116 to 270800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) changes in disposns (.) bn HQ LAHINGA 2 A584950 B coy less 10 pl AUPIK 2 A611975 (.) patrol contacted enemy A628992 cas enemy 10 killed own 1 slightly wounded (.) enemy withdrew to village A629989 village reported occupied by 20 enemy with 2 LMGs (.) patrol contacted enemy estimated 20/30 occupying posn A605987 cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded (.) following accurate by air strike 3 in mortar and MG fire B coy less 10 pl attacked AUPIK 2 A611975 (.) enemy driven out of village and have now occupied village to NW cas enemy 12 killed own NIL (.) ambush astride track A632968 no contact (.) APERINGA A594945 reported clear (.) 3 enemy engaged and killed A580942 (.) 3 enemy contacted A591946 cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own NIL (.) 8 enemy contacted A578946 cas enemy 1 killed (.) 261820K natives reported enemy party in APERINGA A594945 (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) 260950K following MG and 3 in mortar fire enemy withdrew from NORTH village A600906 (.) village burnt (.) 261700K SOUTH NANARIMBI A596907 occupied by coy less 10 pl (.) enemy in occupation high ground 600 yds to NORTH (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 261130K patrol village V613016 to V608028 contacted 6 enemy cas enemy 3 killed own 1 wounded (.) MAURAK village V623011 clear

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428	2/6 Bn		262155K	I 73	SECRET (.) sitrep no 19 to 261900K (.) MAURAK area (.) 261130K patrol from 14 pl to 608028 contacted enemy str 6 at 607027 cas enemy 3 killed own 1 wounded (.) 261100K patrol R 18 reported MAURAK vil- lage clear signs of enemy occu- pation 3 days ago indications point that enemy mov to KAMAU area (.) one man injured by free drop (.) MISINGAI area (.) 261400K contact patrol to 14 pl moved along EAST slope of ridge via KANAKA track NMS (.) MILAK area (.) 260945K 6 BEAUFORTS accurately bombed and strafed feature 649022 (.) 261615K patrol R 20 reported village 651033 NOT occu- pied recent signs of enemy occupation (.) 261630K patrol F 19 contacted 5 enemy in village 653040 cas enemy 2 kill- ed 2 wounded own NIL five fresh graves found result airstrike 25 Mar (.) 25 packs some containing documents found (.) native reports (.) japs str unknown in occupation MAPOBMA 658041 KUMINIBUS natives reported pro Japs (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 261030K recce party from 8 pl moving SOUTH along NELIGUM track were fired on by enemy LMG from posn 200 yds fwd of FDL (.) 261930K patrol F 16 reported enemy had evacuated 681067 (.) natives reported enemy had moved to WACHA 678047 (.) patrol reported indications of enemy mov SOUTH NOT NORTH (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 5 killed 2 wounded own 1 wounded (.) all infm
429	6 Div		222210K	AO 837	SECRET (.) ref my AO 775 21 mar and AO 789 of 22 mar (.) under- stand neither strike yet carried out (.) extend time limit for target A787967 to 4 Apr (.) ap- preciate you ask CRIC ensure RAAF given sufficient warning to arrange lead ins (.) appears essential high priority be given their signals despatched afternoon or night before strike <i>AO 789 NOT missed - apparently does NOT concern us</i>
430	2/7 Bn		262230K	O 507	SECRET (.) intentions 27 mar (.) A coy (.) contact patrol to B coy AUPIK 2 (.) local patrol- ling (.) B coy (.) local patrol- ling AUPIK 2 area (.) 10 pl moves AUPIK 2 (.) C coy (.) one pl preparing to occupy posn- 631967 depending on tactical situation (.) local patrolling (.) D coy (.) contact patrol to LAHINGA 1 (.) one pl relieves 10 pl LAHINGA 1 (.) local patrolling (.) H Coy (.) notified later (.) airstrike AUPIK 1 NOT before 0700 NOT after 1300 (.) ack (.) all infm
431	TADJI	ASP	262245K	L 43	629989 6 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn ETD 0920 0930K (.) 665933 6 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn ETD 1400K
432	ASP	TADJI	262300K	M 79	RESTRICTED (.) for 71 Wing (.) credit 7 sqn five Japs (.) re- port 2/6 Bn (.) ref 6520111 patrol 26 Mar found five bodies result airstrike 25 Mar

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425				(CONTINUED)	(.) general (.) R/T a/c to ASP 17 Bde (.) request one second delay on few 500 lb (.) if sufficient large incendiaries not available use small on WORA (.) priority one heaviest strike
426	2/7 Bn		262050K	I 225	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 62 to 261900K (.) A Coy (.) R 30 reports AUPIK 1 occupied by enemy estimated 20 with 2 LMG rifles and grenades (.) party enemy engaged 628992 (.) patrol killed 10 remainder withdrew AUPIK 1 (.) own cas 1 slightly wounded (.) F 89 reports enemy estimated 20/30 occupying area 603987 (.) approach to posn difficult from NORTH (.) cas 1 enemy killed 1 wounded local patrols to AMAHAUK 3 and protection for BM reduce NO contact with enemy (.) B Coy (.) 11 and 12 pls with a sp M3 and MMG attacked AUPIK 2 from WEST after airstrike (.) 261600K pls in occupation AUPIK 2 village (.) enemy still occupying villages to NW (.) cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) C Coy (.) F 90 set ambush 632968 from 261030K till 261145K (.) NO contact made (.) tracks 3 enemy found 615955 (.) patrols unable locate enemy (.) 261030K local patrol to APERINGA reported village clear found enemy signboard (.) patrol to investigate native report engaged and killed 3 enemy area 580942 at 261200K (.) second patrol investigate native unable locate enemy (.) found 2 fires still burning traces 6/7 in area 588962 (.) third patrol at 261500K to investigate native report contacted 3 enemy 591946 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own NIL (.) 8 packs 1 rusty rifle found 592946 also shelters accommodate 15/20 enemy (.) D Coy (.) local patrols 1500 yds to NORTH SOUTH and EAST NO contact made (.) 4 pl patrol to investigate native report engaged 8 enemy area 578956 (.) one enemy killed remainder fled on approach patrol (.) B Coy 2/6 Bn details NOT to hand (.) 261830K native report enemy returned APERINGA in search packs captured by C Coy patrol (.) police boys instr natives withdrew from area with view to mortaring.</p>
427	2/6 Bn		262050K	I 72	<p>SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 27 Mar (.) MILAK area (.) 270800K patrol R 21 str Capt BUNBURY 6 ORs to 649022 to observe result airstrike 26 Mar time in 271300K (.) 270800K patrol R 22 str 1 NCO 4 ORs to KULINGAI object to ensure village clear time in 271200K (.) MISINGAI area (.) 270630K patrol F 23 str Lt GORDON 14 ORs to high feature 608028 to thoroughly comb ridge to 14 pl posn (.) MAURAK area (.) 270730K patrol F 24 str Lt MENZIES 10 ORs to clear area village 611016 WEST to track river junc 602016 thence along river to creek river junc 615005 route in NORTH along creek (.) contact patrol to MILAK route out via ANDISITA return same route (.) 270745K patrol F 25 str 1 NCO 10 ORs to KAMAU route out via MAURAK to clear KAMAU village time in 271400K (.) HOUSE COPP area 270700K patrol R 26 str Lt WARD and 12 ORs to 711058 via ISAMIK creek to ascertain str enemy on main feature SOUTH 8 pl posn time in 271500K (.) all infm</p>

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419		2/6 2/7 Bns	261725K	I 151	SERIAL no 18 RPTD
420	ASP	TADJI	261850K	M 77	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) if possible late afternoon or some unusual time (.) B (.) pattern bomb strafe and heavy incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy and village (.) D (.) WORA description ref my M 73 25 Mar (.) E (.) 665933 (.) G (.) NIL (.) I (.) own a/c 26 Mar (.) J (.) patrols to village ref 632959 (.) K (.) NOT NORTH line through village 634937 and 648945 (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) NO (.) N (.) hourly from 270700K
421		2/6 2/7 Bns	261912K	I 152	RESTRICTED (.) ref our I 151 all aerodrome construction unit last identified sep 44 as 18 Army tps str 170 (.) 40 rd construction unit part of 41 div (.) 27 rd MT unit NOT previously heard of
422	6 Div		262000K	GI 905	RESTRICTED (.) your unnumbered signal of 2000K (.) writing grave peg is Sjt-Maj KAWATANI 15 Mar 45. <i>Captured by HAF FORCE 17 Mar - info passed to them</i>
423	6 Div		262035K	GI 908	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 27 Mar (.) light showers over highlands after 1300 hrs developing to moderate showers at night and spreading to coast (.) little change dry conditions (.) rivers normal seas slight to moderate all infm
424		H FORCE	262038K	I 153	RESTRICTED (.) grave peg captured 17 A4085 17 mar writing states Sjt-Maj KAWATANI 15 Mar
425	ASP	TADJI	262045K	M 78	RESTRICTED (.) priority one (.) A (.) NOT before 271000K NOT after 271200K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and heavy incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy in deep defences and village (.) D (.) village on ridge running NW and SE in secondary growth (.) E (.) 629989 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach a/c (.) I (.) own patrol 261200K (.) J (.) mortar position 618997 white T pointing to target (.) L (.) NOT NW of line through track junc 630996 to bend in river 624989 (.) L (.) patrol to attack after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over mortar position (.) (NEXT SHEET)

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415					<p align="center">(CONTINUED)</p> <p>activity seen (.) PABMUGIN vil- lage 646895 extensive gardens about 10 acres excellent condi- tion of low crops (bananas) be- tween AMUK river and village (.) numerous leantos scattered through gardens (.) pigs in village (.) heaps of cut timber (.) village top of rise off river (.) unnamed village 633937 30 huts excellent condition good gardens growing low crops (.) cut sac sac (.) native seen waving white flag (.) unnamed village 693959 indicated 3 times by smoke puffs dubious whether enemy or friendly (.) con- tains 25 huts good gardens along creek EAST of village (.) man recognised in village possible AIF</p>
416	2/6 Bn		261300K	I 71	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 18 to 261000K (.) MAURAK area (.) correction to sitrep 17 (.) 13 pl should read 14 pl (.) 260630K haras- sing fire 3 in mortar and LMG on to KAMAU (.) 260745K patrol R 18 moved out (.) MISINGAI area (.) 260745K fighting patrol a- long ridge track to est contact COPP area (.) 260630K patrol objects this patrol to ascertain if so to set ambush on track due in 261500K (.) 260700K con- tact patrol via CHAMMINIP creek to contact patrol from 8 pl moved out OBJECT to ensure L of C clear and escort ration line (.) 260630K patrol R 21 str 3 ORs route down spur from 8 pl to V705069 moved out object ascertain area clear time due in 261100K (.) MILAK area (.) night 25/26 mar sig lights observed at approx posns V666034 V662013 V653040 (.) 260360 fires observed KUMINIBUS area (.) 260900K patrol F 19 moved out due in 261000K (.) native reports (.) in connection sig lights (.) message heard on native drums interpreted as MAPRIK natives carrying sups to KA- MAU area (.) other native report enemy unknown str occupy- ing KUMINIBUS gp AMBAK natives carrying for enemy in this area (.) all infm</p>
417	ASP	DADJI	261547K	M 76	<p>RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 27 Mar (.) close recce KOMBICHA- GI village and track SOUTH WEST to village 662013 thence to unnamed village 647008 and village 640001 (.) also both tracks to river crossings 634000 and 640990 (.) are villages oc- cupied and approx str (.) what condition river crossings (.) movement along track (.) own troops movement suspected NORTH EAST along track (.) NO straf- ing (.) also MILAK villages (.) NO straf- ing (.) drop 17 Hde and 2/6 Bn</p>
418	6 Div		261655K	GI 907	<p>SECRET (.) following identi- fication from discs your area (L) 20 mar LAHINGA 11 aerodrome construction unit 54 L of C unit 4 road construction unit (.) 22 Mar MILAK area two discs of 78 Regt one 239 regt one 27 Fd MT unit for infm</p>

ACTION: Passed to 2/6 2/7 Bns

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411	6 Div	FIRST ARMY	261300K	AO 827	SECRET (.) ref map AMBUNTI 4 mls to 1 inch (.) request air strikes following targets (.) (A) YESAN A3530 (.) enemy school teaching native Japanese (.) possible 2 light AA guns in vicinity (.) (B) SEHERIMAN A3037 (.) HOUSE TAMBOREN particulars (.) Japs have pedal type radios there (.) (C) WASHKUK A3437 (.) enemy in occupation (.) (D) MARUO unmapped A2635 (.) Lt SAKINA and party ORAMBANGI A3142 (.) Capt KORIAKE and party (.) object strike destroy enemy personnel attached and show strength to alienate natives from Japs (.) target bomb line (.) NOT NORTH of EAST WEST line through OURUI ELG A6558 (.) BEAUFORT leading instns considered necessary (.) time limit NOT after 10 April (.) air photos YESAN to first addressee herewith <i>These are all SEPRIK river targets</i>
412		6 Div	261400K	O 736	SECRET (.) sitrep 115 to 261300K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 260630K patrol to contact enemy area A5792 reported our sitrep 114 located rear of party in marching order A569939 cas enemy one killed own NIL (.) enemy dispersed to SOUTH (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 260630K harassing 3 in mortar and LMG fire on KAMAU V634014 (.) MILAK area (.) night 25/26 mar sig lights observed V666034 V662013 V653040 (.) native drums also heard and interpretation shows MAPRIK natives carrying saps to KAMAU (.) 260630K fires observed KUMINIBUS area (.) natives report enemy unknown str occupying KUMINIBUS group WAMBAK V656024 natives carrying for the enemy all infm
413	TADJI	ASP	261400K	M 75	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L (.) quite OK good show (.) bad weather to NORTH EAST only broken cloud over target (.) weather report 261430K
414	6 Div		261415K	SH 3	R/T code (.) personal for Brig MOTEN from STEVENS (.) advise received 2 AUSTERS due early April (.) on arrival EVAC your casualties will be first priority (.) keep BALIF in good condition
415		2/6 2/7 Bns	261450K	O 737	RESTRICTED (.) tac/R report 26 mar (.) recce of MAPRIK area between SCREW and NINAB rivers (.) good villages throughout area small native gardens (.) NMS (.) recce YAMIL (.) huts in good order approx 25 small native gardens good tracks leading EAST from both YAMIL ULUFU villages (.) NOT thoroughly investigated (.) all YAMIL ULUFU BURINARA BELAGEL KALOIBUS YIBOMINU in good condition show signs occupation (.) small native gardens (.) NIL (NEXT SHEET)

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407				(CONTINUED)	(.) enemy mtn gun shelled DAGUA strip coastal rd 300 feature and V955234 (.) 43 shells fired (.) 241200K sitnor (.) 2/1 bn (.) 23 mar (.) patrol engaged enemy V870239 cas own 2 wounded cas enemy 2 killed (.) 2/3 inf bn (.) 231115K patrol killed 2 enemy V793263 cas own 1 wounded (.) one enemy killed V848267 (.) 2/2 fd regt (.) 23 mar line party killed 2 enemy V950234 (.) 2/1 fd coy (.) 23 mar 1 PW captured (.) 1 INDIAN PW rescued (.) mtn sector (.) 23 mar patrol engaged enemy est str 13 V825245 cas own 2 killed 4 wounded cas enemy 4 killed (.) native police report enemy estimated str 25 V840236 (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 241200K cas own 60 killed 127 wounded cas enemy 489 killed 12 PW all infm
408	6 Div	17 Bde First Army	260900K	GI 492	RESTRICTED (.) AIB patrol reports (.) police boy patrol returned from AMBUNTI A4532 WASHKUK A3437 area with tultul from SEPIK area who reports natives at WASHKUK MARUC A2635 SESERIMAN A3038 CRAMBANGI A3142 YESAN A3426 YAMBON A3525 pro jap and supplying japs with food (.) japanese language school for natives at YESAN (.) one large one small AA gun vicinity YESAN (.) japs occupy huts in following areas (.) new huts vicinity WASHKUK near old house kiap (.) three huts BAMUI (.) large house tamboran SESERIMAN (.) camp in bush between YAMBON and YESAN (.) most japs armed with rifles and have pedal radio (.) bodies three japs killed tac/R strafing NOT recovered (.) some japs moved from ANGORAM V8252 to AMBUNTI by canoe (.) all expect attack from SEPIK RIVER and preparations made to move NW into bush (.) jap offr lt SAKINA at MARUC base at WASHKUK capt KORIAKE at CRAMBANGI (.) ex doctor boy SUKURANBE of CRAMBANGI chief jap boss boy (.) native mistress of SAKINA killed during strafe
409	TADJI	ASP	260930K	L 41	can C coy put down mortar smoke on any high feature to EAST on approach of 8 sqn aircraft attacking WORA (.) this is to mislead enemy only
410	2/7 Bn		261100K	I 300	SECRET (.) sitrep 61 to 261000K (.) 260830K D coy patrol to investigate enemy contacted evening 25 Mar encountered enemy in process moving out with packs up at 569939 (.) rear of line only contacted enemy equipped with rifles 1 only LMG (.) cas enemy one killed own nil (.) enemy disposed southwards.

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401	16 Bde		260830K	111227	SECRET (.) 16 Bde password #POM-999700K-te-040700K-(*)-29 Mar
402	6 Div		260830K	GO 826	SECRET (.) revsit 141 to 251500K
403	6 Div		260830K	GO 819	SECRET (.) revsit 140 to 241500K
404	TADJI	ASP	260830K	L 40	three copies MOSAIC already supplied to 17 Bde (.) NO further prints of negatives TADJI (L) could be obtained with considerable delay (.) advise if still required (.) bombs which may be used (.) large number 500 lbs rod extension noses inst or up to 11 secs delay (.) few 250 and 300 lbs similarly fused (.) 40 20 lb GP bombs nose inst or air burst pistol (.) approx 20 sorties a day but this may be reduced by other commitments
405	6 Div		260935K	O 735	CONFIDENTIAL (.) for GOC from MOTEN (.) your GO 822 (.) unless AIB are prepared to cooperate fully they serve NO useful purpose in so far as the force in this area is concerned (.) I am NOT kept informed of their movs nor of infm they obtain (.) such infm as has come from them affecting us has been out of date and generally inaccurate (.) to ensure any results from their efforts it is essential that they contact us daily and be kept in the picture and also conform to our movs as far as possible.
406	16 Bde		260900K	I 1223	SECRET (.) amendment to 16 inf bde locstat number 2 infm up to 231400K arty (.) 2/2 fd regt (.) BUT mission 886256 (.) 3 bty en route BUT DROME one tp 52 bty BUT ptn 883255 (.) one tp DAGUA airdrome 978246 (.) delete 4 bty (.) one tp 1 bty KAUK 901259 (.) one bty 2/1 Tk/A regt BUT jetty 875263 (.) inf (.) 2/2 inf bn (.) C coy 978247 (.) B ech WANK ck 695284 (.) 2/3 inf bn (.) B coy en route to BUT (.) 2/3 rear WANK ck 695284 (.) 2/3 MG bn plus HQ coy NINAHU-AR 789270 (.) D Coy en route to MARABUS (.) med (.) adv MDS 2/1 fd amb BUT jetty 838264 (.) misc (.) adv FMC BUT jetty all infm.
407	16 Bde		260900K	I 1222	SECRET (.) sitrep 58 to 241200K (.) coastal sector (.) 2/2 inf bn (.) 23 mar (.) patrol killed 1 enemy V946231 (.) 2 machine cannon captured and destroyed (.) 1 enemy killed V942236 (.) 3 enemy killed V958217 (.) 1 PW surrendered to A coy V942236 (NEXT SHEET)

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399				(CONTINUED)	<p>V937413 lt traffic V937219 and huts occupied by enemy and natives creek junc V935202 (.) 250515K enemy attacked A coy outpost V942236 with grenades gas own 2 wounded cas enemy 1 killed (.) 251200K sitnor (.) 2/3 bn (.) patrol from B coy killed 1 enemy and secured 1 PW V837263 (.) 16 pl patrol killed 2 enemy V906233 (.) 2/1 bn (.) 24 mar B coy patrol engaged enemy V869239 cas own 1 wounded cas enemy 3 killed (.) 251100K patrol from C coy contacted enemy V873238 cas own 1 wounded cas enemy 1 killed (.) ANGAU (.) 23/24 mar (.) native police patrol killed 4 enemy in foothills SOUTH of DAGUA drome (.) MTN SECTOR (.) 23 mar result action V825245 reported sitrep 58/ 5 additional enemy killed (.) 24 mar (.) A coy cleared enemy posn V 825245 killing 1 (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 251200K cas own 61 killed 138 wounded cas enemy 527 killed 13 PW all infm</p>
400		6 Div	260955K	0 734	<p>SECRET (.) your GI 499 of 251920K (.) in view your int summary number 14 enemy COB inland sector and captured 41 div OO dated 10 mar referring to presence MIYAKE force MILAK area what is reliability of infm contained your GI 499.</p>
401		6 Div	260820K	0 732	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 114 to 260800K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MISANGAI area (.) enemy posn V608028 reported clear (.) patrol moved on to V608024 NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) 251030K aircraft carrying out strike KAMAU V634013 fired on by JUKI (.) 251400K village V614016 occupied by 13 pl NO opposition (.) MILAK area (.) KULINGAI V645048 reported clear (.) HOUBE COPP area (.) enemy posn V712057 harassed by 2 in mortar posn V681065 by 3 in mortar (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 3 additional dead located V603991 result action reported cur sitrep 107 (.) enemy contacted village V613016 cas enemy one killed 2 wounded (.) patrol to AUPIK 2 A610974 following airstrike reported small party in village (.) main body enemy occupying unmapped villages vicinity A608985 (.) small party enemy contacted A591960 cas unknown (.) patrol continued to A605975 NMS (.) patrol to main track AUPIK 2 WORA A665934 reached A630970 (.) track well worn (.) natives state small parties enemy moving along track to NORTH and SOUTH (L) two small parties enemy observed at A607965 A625953 (.) one additional dead located A601956 result action 16 mar (.) natives killed 2 enemy vicinity A604945 (.) patrol to track junc A592927 NMS (.) patrol observed 30 enemy area A5792 (.) change in disposn (.) B coy LAHINGA 1 A583960 (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) patrol to SARAGAGOM A600906 set ambush NO contact (.) 12 pl occupied SOUTH end village (.) enemy contacted NORTH village cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) enemy still in occupation (.) patrol proceeding to area A6889 reached A6137 (.) native guides reported natives in area pro JAP and refused to guide patrol further (.) natives report NANGARIMBI A5991 occupied by enemy all infm</p>

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395	6 Div		260700K	GO 822	SECRET (.) your O 722 our G0800 (.) AIB HQ will NOT approve comm between their patrol and HAY
396	2/7 Bn		260700K	O 494	SECRET (.) intentions 26 mar (.) A Coy (.) R 30 to AUPIK 1 map reg 619988 to estimate enemy strengths and disposns in area (.) F 89 to INIMBIL map ref 606980 to harass enemy in area (.) contact patrol to LAHINGA 1 (.) B Coy (.) coy less one pl moves to unnamed village 603971 with object occupying AUPIK 2 after air strike (.) C Coy (.) F 90 to track junc 1500 yds SE AU-PIK 2 to ambush enemy that area (.) ambush approx 6095 (.) D Coy (.) contact patrol LAHINGA 1 (.) F 81 to posn 1000 yds SE D Coy posn to clear area of enemy (.) H Coy (.) notified later (.) air strike AUPIK 2 NOT before 1000 NOT after 1100 (.) ack (.) all infm
397	17 Bde	RAA 6 Div	260710K	O 733	RESTRICTED (.) MET W00CV5D0F0T4
398	16 Bde	6 Div 17 Bde 19 Bde	260830K	I 1226	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 inf bde LOCSTAT No 2 infm up to 252000K Arty (.) 3 Bty BUT airdrome 870270 bty ABAU (.) infm 2/3 Bn (.) B Coy BUT mission 899253 (.) HQ Coy BUT mission 895255 (.) 2/8 (.) 2/8 Bn BUT 876266 (.) B Coy BUT 787259 (.) C Coy BUT 874266 (.) B-Coy-BUT 2/3 MG Bn (.) 2/3 MG Bn plus HQ coy en route to NINAHAU R 833240 (.) D Coy MARABUS 838264 (.) 2/3 MG BEAR ULBAI 845284 (.) RAE (.) 2/1 Fd Coy SUAIN 540319 (.) MED (.) ADV 2/1 Fd Amb BUT JETTY 878264 (.) MDS MATAPAU 1 623304 (.) ADS A Coy KAUK 901295 (.) ADS B Coy en route to MARABUS 838264 (.) ADS B coy 2/7 Fd Amb BUT JETTY 878264 (.) DENTAL (.) C Sec 2/3 DENTAL BUT 879258 (.) A Sec 2/4 DENTAL WANK CR 695284 (.) ABME (.) 110 ORD FD PARK 110 Bde W/shops BUT AIRDROME 869269 (.) MISC (.) AIR SP PARTY RAAP BUT MISSION 887056 all infm
399	16 Bde		260830K	I 1225K	SECRET (.) sitrep 59 to 251200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 24 Mar (.) 2/2 Bn (.) 11 pl attacked enemy est str 14 V943224 (.) posn cleared cas enemy 1 killed (.) patrol proceeded to 1410 feature V946219 where contact-ed enemy dug in (.) following conc arty fire our tps captured feature cas own 4 wounded cas enemy 9 killed (.) D coy patrol engaged enemy V963233 cas own 1 killed 3 wounded cas enemy 9 killed (.) local patrol killed one enemy V963238 (.) patrol report evidence by foot traffic MABAM river (NEXT SHEET)

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389	2/6 Bn		252015K	I 69	SECRET (.) intentions 26 Mar (.) MAURAK area (.) patrol R 18 to MAURAK village route out to ridge 618015 thence SE along ridge object to ascertain enemy str at MAURAK village (.) 13 pl clearing patrol EAST and SOUTH to YINAM river contact patrol NORTH along ridge to MISANGAI (.) MISANGAI area (.) clearing patrols along ls of C (.) fighting patrol str 8 SOUTH along ridge tract to est contact 13 pl (.) MILAK area (.) patrol F 19 str Lt JAMIESON 10 ORs to clear villages CHAULAK gp (.) patrol R 20 to 651033 to ascertain if enemy in occupation enemy disposns and possible approach for attack time out 261230k time in 261630K (.) request for airstrike 649022 (.) HOUSE COPP area NOT to hand (.) all infm
390		16 Bde	252210K	I 150	RESTRICTED (.) last sitrep received number 57 to 231200K (.) very desirous of following your mov closely (.) can you investigate please
391	TADJI	ASP	252215K	L 39	649022 6 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 0830K (.) 608985 8 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn 3 BEAUFORTS 7 sqn ETD 0930K 664933 6 BEAUFORTS 8 sqn ETD 1030K
392	6 Div		252300K	GI 499	SECRET (.) interrogation of PW captured BUT DAGUA indicates 78 regt approx 200 high ground BOIKEN WEWAK 79 regt approx 200 high ground DAGUA BUT possibly WONGINAIA area 80 regt approx 300 moving to area V8722 HQ 20 Div AOZU 40 and 18 ARMY WONGINAIA (.) 102 regt approx 1000 WEWAK 6 to 9 AA guns for beach defence good plentiful morale good (.) 25 landing craft working KAIRIRU island WEWAK (.) 50/100 tps KARASU island (.) full report following
393	2/7 Bn		252323K	O 499	SECRET (.) further our O 499 (.) intentions 26 Mar (.) H Coy (.) F 92 to villages NANGARIMBI and SARAGAGOM map refs 596910 and 600906 to clear area and establish coy patrol base (.) all infm
394	2/7 Bn		252323K	I 223	SECRET (.) bn HQ closes present location 261030K reopens LAHINGA 2 584951 same time all infm

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385	2/6 Bn		252057K	I 68	SECRET (.) SITREP no 17 to 251900K (.) MISINGAI area (.) 251400K patrol to ambush posn 608028 moved through to 608024 NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) 251030K air strike on KAMAU reported accurate JAP JUKI fired at aircraft (.) 251400K. 13 pl occupied KUALGUM 614016 without opposition (.) MILAK area (.) 251115K 2 BEAUFORTS dropped incendiaries and strafed ridge feature 65041 (.) 251150K patrol R 17 to KULINGAI report clear of enemy (.) 251530K comm est by L/T to AMI 2 (.) native report (.) small force of enemy occupying village in CHAULAK GP (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 251730K 8 pl completed consolidation and harassed enemy posn with 2 in mor (.) 3 in Mor shoot on to enemy posn 681065 (.) patrol F 16 postponed to 260630K (.) airstrike 681065 cancelled due to weather (.) all infm
386	2/7 Bn		252200K	I 219	SECRET (.) sitrep 60 to 251900K (.) A Coy (.) small recon patrol observed AUPIK 2 gp from EAST reports main body enemy in NW villages of gp with small party holding AUPIK 2 village (.) air strike reported accurate on AUPIK 2 and first village to NW (.) patrol found tracks enemy mov in MINDANINGI 603991 night 24/25 mar (.) 3 further bodies action 21 Mar also located this area (.) local patrol to contact 13 pl 2/6 Bn at 612017 observed and engaged enemy mov in village 613016 (.) one enemy killed 2 wounded NO contact made with 13 pl (.) B Coy now in posn LAHINGA 1 (.) R 28 contacted small enemy ambush area 591960 (.) patrol continued with increased str to posn 800 yds WEST AUPIK 2 and located coy posn (.) R 29 reached track junc 630970 on main WORA AUPIK 2 track (.) track well worn natives atate small parties move along track either way (.) area unsuitable for coy posns (.) two small parties enemy observed at 607965 and 625953 (.) patrol located further body result ambush 15 mar at 601956 (.) sentry reports killing 2 enemy EAST side AMUK river SE from LAHINGA 2 (.) local patrol to track junc 592927 reports track clear (.) patrol to investigate report 7 enemy area 581949 found tracks enemy mov in area unable make contact (.) D Coy (.) local patrol investigate native report 4 enemy in sq 5792 observed enemy estimated 30 in area (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) details NOT to hand
387	2/7 Bn		252212K	I 222	SECRET (.) further to sitrep 60 (.) F 88 to SARAGAGOM 600906 set ambush after mortar shoot (.) NO contact (.) 12 pl entered SOUTH end village and remaining standing patrol (.) enemy mov continues NORTH end village (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) native sentry confirms enemy NANGARIMBI area (.) R 27 returned 251600K reports natives sq 6187 pro Jap (.) natives guides refused continue patrol.
388	17 Bde	Rear HQ	252200K	I 148	RESTRICTED (.) can you obtain 6 B 3 stereoscopes or any number up to six

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380	ASP	TADJI	251805K	M 72	RESTRICTED (.) priority two (.) NOT before 261000K NOT after 261200K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy using LMG (.) D (.) dug in posn NORTH end vil- lage on lower end of spur (.) E (.) 649022 (.) F (.) 1000 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of a/c (.) I (.) own patrol 231400K native report 251600K (.) J (.) MILAK 649031 white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE CREEK (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0730K (.) general (.) R/T air and ground.
381	ASP	TADJI	251805K	M 73	RESTRICTED (.) priority three (.) A (.) any time 26 Mar (.) B (.) pattern bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy and vil- lage (.) D (.) wood village ref photo No 165 run E MAPRIK mo- saic 1y Mar (.) E (.) 664933 (.) G (.) NIL (.) I (.) Tac/R report and native infm (.) J (.) sq 6190 (.) K (.) NOT WEST AMUK RIVER (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) NIL (.) ASP 17 Bde will listen out if required.
382	ASP	TADJI	251805K	M 74	RESTRICTED (.) priority one (.) NOT before 261000K NOT after 261100K (.) B (.) bomb with short delay and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy in deep defences (.) D (.) 50-60 yds down slope towards own troops from priority one target 25 Mar (.) E (.) 608984 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of a/c (.) I (.) own troops 25 Mar (.) J (.) 800 yds SOUTH WEST of target across creek from tar- get white T to target (.) K (.) NOT WEST creek 601982 (.) L (.) troops will attack from SOUTH WEST under cover mortar fire after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over own down (.) general (.) R/T air to ASP 17 Bde (?) request strike heavy as possible (.) alter time priority two (.) NOT before 260900K NOT after 261100K.
383	6 Div		252057K	GI 601	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 26 Mar (.) heavier to shower expected in next 24 to 48 hrs mainly at night along coast and after mid- day on highlands (.) otherwise conditions fairly good (.) rivers slightly above normal seas to moderate all infm
384	16 Bde		251429K	I 1227	SECRET (.) 16 Bde passwords from 290700K to 040700K (.) 29 Mar CHERRYBRANDY (.) 30 Mar GINSLING (.) 31 Mar REDNED (.) 1 Apr PUTRIDPLONK (.) 2 Apr NIGGERSHEAD (.) 3 Apr SPARKLINGBEER (.) 4 Apr ROARINGRUM all infm

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376	ASP	TADJI	251418K	M 71	RESTRICTED (.) Tac/R 26 Mar (.) close recce of CHIGINAMBU group ref 6489 + 6589 also unnamed villages 6393 and village 633959 (.) is there signs conc at PABMUGIN ref 636895 (.) is village 633937 and village 633959 occupied by enemy (.) native report PABMUGIN occupied (.) own patrol vicinity, river bend 635910 report if sighted (.) NO strafing (.) drop on ASP 17 Bde.
377		2/6 2/7 Bns	251430K	O 731	SECRET (.) Tac/R report 24 Mar 45 (.) MAPRIK (.) A701986 track leading EAST visible only in parts which are overgrown and NOT in recent use NMS (.) A701986 to A728988 track NOT visible NO signs of occupation (.) A728988 to A850000 tracks very clearly defined have appearance of having been well used NMS (.) KABOIBUS villages (.) all in good condition cut sac sac in village areas NMS (.) ILA-HOGAS villages (.) several new looking huts and many under constr (.) gardens WEST side very good condition with leantos scattered throughout (.) NMS (.) track leading SW to KUMICHA villages clearly defined and appears well used NMS (.) KUMICHA villages (.) several new huts and many under constr (.) track leading NW NOT visible (.) NMS (.) ULUPU villages (.) many huts under constr NMS (.) AMUK river area (.) CHIGINAMBU villages (.) considered NOT occupied as huts poor condition village area overgrown (.) track leading NW NOT visible (.) NANU river approx 670840 MOI (.) one probable jap in grey overalls in hut on EAST bank (.) villages in sq 6087 good condition many huts under constr (.) huts well scattered under trees whole area (.) NMS but believed definitely occupied.
378	ASP	TADJI	251350K	M 70	RESTRICTED (.) personal Brig MOTEN to W/O COOPER (.) thanks for the good news about AUSTERS (.) some of our casualties will now live who otherwise just would not have a chance.
379	2/6 Bn		251342K	I 67	RESTRICTED (.) ref DZ MAURAK area (.) map ref V620018 bearing 119 degrees M 3000 yds AMI 2 (.) nearest unit C Coy V621018 (.) description and size of clearing grassy ridge 100 yds by 100 yds (.) estimate of recovery 100 per cent (.) comms (.) proximity to L of C 50 yds (.) air NIL obstacles to air approach (.) suitable for circling a/c (.) rarely mist or cloud (.) suggested approach SOUTH EAST to NORTH WEST (.) method of indication by name MAURAK large whiteletters on DZ.

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372	2/6 Bn		251230K	I 65	SECRET (.) sitrep No 16 to 251000K (.) AMI area (.) 250745K B tp left for coast (.) MISINGAI area (.) 250600K clearing patrol str Cpl HARRINGTON 7 ORs moved out en route ambush posn V613024 (.) MAURAK area (.) 250630K patrol F 13 moved out (.) MILAK area (.) 250630K patrol F 13 moved out (.) MILAK area (.) 241130K MAPOBMA 660043 and ridge feature 651034 accurately bombed and strafed (.) 250800K 16 pl completed digging in (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 241730K 8 pl report enemy digging in on ridge 100 yds SOUTH of FDL (.) 250315K enemy attacked 8 pl from direction IMBIA and NELIGUM tracks with LMGs and grenades (.) 250330K attack repulsed cas enemy unknown own NIL (.) 250700K ANGAU advised MENDAMEN area clear of natives (.) native reports (.) MILAK area (.) enemy str unknown in occupation 652041 and 649042 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) reliable native report strong enemy party str unknown occupying WACHA 678047 with sentries on all tracks (.) all infm.
373	2/6 Bn		251242K	I 66	SECRET (.) further to INTENTIONS (.) 25 Mar (.) 250800K patrol R 17 str Lt ERRY 8 ORs to KULINGAI 646048 route out WAIKIM 637039 thence with native sentries (.) route in reverse (.) object ascertain if enemy occupying area due in 251300K.
374		6 Div	251320K	O 728	SECRET (.) sitrep 113 to 251300K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 250745K B tp 2/10 sqn moved out for coast (.) MILAK area (.) enemy str unknown in occupation V652041 and V649042 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 241730K pl V712058 reported enemy digging in 100 yds SOUTH of FDLs (.) 250315K enemy attacked our posn up NELIGUM and IMBIA tracks (.) attack repulsed cas unknown (.) ANGAU advised MENDAMEN area clear of natives (.) reliable native report WACHA V678047 occupied by strong enemy party str unknown with sentries all tracks (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) native reports enemy estimated str 30 in area A5891 all infm
375		2/6 2/7 Bns	251330K	O 729	SECRET (.) reliable infm from other sources and captured documents indicate (.) 1 (.) 18 ARMY HQ and possible 20 DIV HQ vicinity NUNBOKUB O 795 (.) 2 (.) 51 DIV responsible sustain WEWAK BOIKEN (.) 3 (.) BANAK may be occupied (.) 4 (.) current regrouping of enemy aimed at closer def WEWAK BOIKEN (.) 5 (.) village gp along SA SUIA B1894 KABOIBIS MAPRIK contains strong enemy conc and this area is increased by importance as comd centre.

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365	ASP	TADJI	250755K	M 68	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 35 24 Mar (.) can priority four be bombed later in day (.) if not cancel
366	2/7 Bn		251540K	I 216	SECRET (.) SITREP 59 to 251000K (.) 250900K 6 BEAUFORTS bombed and strafed AUPIK 2 (.) native report enemy estimated 30 in area sq 5891
367	TAC/R		25 Mar	TAC/R	Reconnaissance of tracks leading NORTH and SOUTH from MENDAMEN (.) track running NORTH from MENDAMEN (extent of tracks NOT investigated owing to bad wea- ther) (.) branch track from V790996 to LAKE in posn 780994 (.) both these and tracks marked on map in good condition (.) NO activity visible (.) very good native gardens SOUTH of MENDAMEN where 2 huts are under const (.) fresh cut palm leaves (.) posn of gardens hut palm leaves V792994 (.) detail cancelled because of low cloud (.) villages in good condition and show signs of occupation.
368	ASP	TADJI	251025K	M 68	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 36 25 Mar (.) 251400K satisfactory
369	Rear HQ	17 Bde	251045K	R/T	SC requests map ref DZ MILAK DZ MAURAK
370	17 Bde	Rear HQ	251121K	I 149	RESTRICTED (.) ref your request for map refs DZs (.) MILAK 641029 MAURAK 620018
371	17 Bde	Rear HQ	250900K	R/T	BH-(1)-to-36- 17-Bde-Comd-desires-following postings-for-furthering-JE course:
371	TADJI	ASP	251201K		Pass Brig MOTEN (.) two Austers arriving approx 2 April

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361		6 Div	250830K	O 725	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 113 to 250800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol to follow in strafing attacks A609974 encountered enemy estimated 30 in posn A606980 with extensive diggings and large tunnel (.) all attempts to dislodge the enemy incl mortar unsuccessful cas enemy 3 killed 5 wounded own NIL (.) unoccupied dug in posn located A604989 (.) villages V611016 V613016 reported NOT occupied by enemy NMS village V615016 (.) line party reported cut line referred to our sitrep 113 all strands cut except one insulation replaced after cutting (.) 240015K LAHINGA I A582960 attacked by enemy estimated 50 with 3 LMGs and MG (.) attack repulsed (.) enemy harassing fire continued until 240500K cas enemy one killed 2 wounded own NIL (.) patrol to AMUK river report NMS from A584974 to A573985 (.) patrol encountered 4 enemy A605958 cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) patrol to APERINGA A593944 reported village clear (.) signs occupation by approx 40 enemy night 23/24 mar (.) patrol from ILAHETA to A572930 to MUI A570890 contacted B coy 2/6 inf bn TATIMEA A582888 (.) patrol returned via villages A585917 NMS (.) additional one enemy dead found in bush ILAHETA area (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) NANGARIMBI A5991 reported clear (.) area A5987 reported clear (.) enemy in occupation villages A6087 (.) enemy WISORGUM A5886 engaged by 2 in mortar and immediately withdrew leaving eqpt documents (.) native reports (.) enemy withdrew SOUTH from APERINGA A593944 to villages A6189 A6190 (.) enemy considerable str area A6489 (.) 2/6 inf-bn (.) AMI area (.) 241900K B tp 2/10 son arrived from MILAK V643032 (.) MAURAK area (.) 24241230K contact patrol V622018 to MILAK returned NMS (.) patrol to BUNGIBRA V624014 NMS village burnt (.) MILAK area (.) NO report to hand (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 240930K 8 pl occupied area V712059 (.) 241130K enemy str 30 with LMGs attacked from along IMBIA V727027 and BUMIGEN V678079 tracks attack repulsed cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) cas action V715064 reported our sitrep 111 enemy 2 killed own NIL all infm.</p>
362	TADJI	ASP	250845K	L 36	RESTRICTED (.) strafing target four cancelled (.) can bomb later in day (.) suggest TOT 1400K.
363	17 Bde	6 Div	251000K	O 727	SECRET (.) your O 639 of 231120K and our O 722 of 240940K in reply (.) can codes be dropped to AIB (.) code word from 1 Apr DURINGMY PLOT/R figure code MONKEYLARD
364	2/7 Bn		251025K	I 214	SECRET (.) password for night 25/26 is CHARLIE CHAPLIN (.) all infm

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359					<p>(CONTINUED)</p> <p>606980 (.) posn was mortared in sp of patrol (.) patrol attempted approaches from SW NORTH and SE (.) unable dislodge enemy (.) patrol observed extensive digging incl large tunnel (.) patrol withdrew NORTH and fired on by one LMG (.) unoccupied dug in posn located at 604989 (.) cas during engagement enemy 3 killed 5 wounded own NIL (.) R 24 reports villages sq 6101 called QUALALIGEM (.) villages at 611016 and 613016 not occupied by enemy NMS village 615016 (.) B Coy (.) L/T comm to 10 pl re-established 241055K (.) line party reports insulation pushed back all strands except one severed insulation pushed back into posn 10 pl reports enemy estimated 40 with 3 LMG and JUKI MG attacked posn at 240015K (.) attack repulsed (.) enemy continued harassing fire till 240500K (.) cas enemy 1 killed 2 wounded (.) traces other enemy wounded found own NIL (.) local patrol to AMUK river reports NO trace enemy mov between 584974 and 573985 (.) C coy (.) F 25 located tracks 5 enemy at 600950 leading EAST (.) patrol followed up encountering 4 Japs at 605958 (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) F 84 reports APERINGA 593944 clear (.) traces enemy occupation estimated 40 night 23/24 Mar (.) beds, tables and chairs found (.) D Coy (.) F 85 contacted B coy 2/6 Bn at TATIMBA (.) patrol moved out via native pad south from 572930 to MUI thence TATIMBA (-) -patrol-revealed-at returning NORTH through villages to 585917 thence NE to ILAHETA (.) area clear (.) sig party to check line ILAHETA LAHINGA fired on by one enemy who fled into bush (.) further body result action 22 Mar found in bush ILAHETA (.) B coy 2/6 Bn (.) F 86 reports NANGARIMBI sq 5991 clear (.) R 26 to sq 5987 reports area clear but enemy in occupation villages sq 6087 (.) F 87 engaged WISORUM sq 5886 with M2 fire (.) enemy withdrew hurriedly bearing equipment and documents (.) R 27 moved out 240900K (.) native reports from B Coy 2/6 Bn (.) enemy withdrew SOUTH from APERINGA to villages sq 6190 6189 (.) also enemy considerable str area 6489 (.) sentry boy reported to A coy that he killed 2 Japs vicinity QUALALIGEM all infm</p>
360	2/6 Bn		242250K	I 61	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep No 15 to 241900K (.) AMI area (.) 241645K B tp arrived in area from MILAK (.) sig line successfully laid to MAURAK area (.) MISINGAI area (.) clearing patrol NMS (.) MAURAK area (L) 241230K patrol F 13 returned (.) reported NMS route out route in NOT to hand. 241400K patrol R 14 returned reported unable to reach objective owing to difficult going NMS (.) 241410K patrol-R-14 returned contact patrol to MISINGAI report L of C clear (.) 241430K patrol to BUNGIBRA reported set fire to huts NMS (.) MILAK area (.) no report to hand owing to atmospheric (.) HOUSE COPE area (.) 240930K remainder of 8 pl occupied area 712059 (.) 241130K enemy str 30 attacked along both NMBIA and BUMIGEN tracks with rifles LMGs and grenades attack repulsed cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) 241500K digging in completed (.) cas NOT previously reported enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) all infm.</p>

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354	2/6 Bn		242040K	I 60	SECRET (.) intentions 25 Mar (.) AMI area (.) 250745K 4 Offrs 63 ORs B tp to move out en route coast (.) 250730K line party to MILAK (.) MISINGAI area (.) 250600K clearing patrol to ambush posn 608028 if successful exploit along ridge and set ambush posn vicinity 613024 (.) MAURAK area (.) 250600K patrol F 15 Lt MENZIES 13 pl to clear villages sq 6101 and occupy (.) indicate airstrike KAMAU 634013 (.) MILAK area (.) local clearing patrols indication for airstrike on 651033 and 649023 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 250930K patrol F 16 str Lt MALONEY 8 ORs to 681065 to ascertain result of airstrike due in 351500K (.) 8 pl to exploit SOUTH along NELIGEM track (.) all infm.
355	2/7 Bn		242150K	O 473	SECRET (.) intentions 25 Mar (.) A coy (.) recce patrol to AUPIK 2 area to investigate result of airstrike (.) local patrolling (.) harassing fire AUPIK 2 area night 24/25 Mar (.) B coy (.) coy HQ and one pl move to LAHINGA 1 (.) R 8 to AUPIK 2 area to recce coy posns in close proximity AUPIK 2 (.) C coy (.) R 9 to area square 6396 recce site for coy posn and investigate enemy activities in area (.) local patrolling (.) H Coy (.) notified later (.) ack all infm
356	TADJI	ASP	242330K	L 35	RESTRICTED (.) priority one bomb only 8 sqn 6 BEAUFORTS TOT 250830K (.) priority four strafe only 8 sqn 6 BEAUFORTS TOT 250900K priority two bomb and strafe 8 sqn 4 BEAUFORTS TOT 1000K (.) priority three bomb and strafe 7 sqn 4 BEAUFORTS TOT 1100K 2 BEAUFORTS on each target.
357	2/7 Bn		242335K	O 485	SECRET (.) further intentions 25 Mar (.) B coy 2/6 F 88 to village approx 6190 (.) object to clear village and report suitable coy base for clearing to AMUK river (.) if reported suitable 12 pl will occupy all infm
358		6 Div	250700K	O 726	RESTRICTED (.) MET W1C4V5D0F0W8
359	2/7 Bn		242115K	I 211	SECRET (.) sitrep 58 to 241900K (.) A Coy (.) F 83 following strafing attacks by 4 BEAUFORTS on AUPIK 2 contacted enemy estimated 30 in well defended posn

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349			(CONTINUED)		on approach of aircraft (.) I (.) own troops 241500K (.) J (.) 596003 white T pointing towards target also patrols at ref 603991 and 582950 (.) K (.) NOT north line from village 603991 to bend in river 617000 (.) L (.) patrol to follow in attack (.) waggle wings over white T (.) N (.) hourly from 0730K (.) general (.) R/T ASP 17 Bde to a/c request some short delay bombs
350	ASP	TADJI	241912K	M 66	RESTRICTED (.) priority two (.) NOT before 251000K NOT after 251300K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy in strength with MMG (.) D (.) KAMAU village enemy dug in on ridge running north and south with yellow cliff face on north west slope (.) E (.) 633012 (.) F (.) 800 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of a/c (.) I (.) own patrol 241500k (.) ref 622018 white T on high ground pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT west APENES creek (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over white T (.) general (.) R/T ground to a/c
351	2/6 Bn	241920K	241925K	Q 43	SECRET (.) mov B tp 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) 67 till all ranks (.) ETA PEAK 251600K WALUM 261200K SWAIN 271400K
352	ASP	TADJI	240930K	M 67	RESTRICTED (.) priority four (.) A (.) NOT before 250830K NOT after 250930K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy strong enemy party (.) D (.) enemy dug in on small knoll overhead cover on razor back ridge 100 yds south rock face on east side main feature running north and south bearing 148° M distance 2500 yds from HOUSE COPP (.) E (.) 681065 (.) F (.) 2600 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach a/c (.) I (.) own troops 241300K (.) J (.) HOUSE COPP 601075 white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT NE. line between BUMIGIN 679080 and high feature 701050 (.) L (.) own patrol advance SW after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over HOUSE COPP
353	6 Div		240945K	G. 1493	RESTRICTED (.) forecast no material change from present conditions (.) showers and light rain night and day (.) conditions much improved (.) RIVERS SLIGHTLY above normal seas slight too moderate (.) all in gm
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344	17 Bde	Rear HQ	241215K	O 725	RESTRICTED (.) ref our G 10 of 21 Mar R/T code number 2 (.) on receipt please fwd copy to 71 WING at earliest.
345	6 Div		241525K	AO-815	RESTRICTED (.) advise "MET" REPORTS direct RAA 6 Div.
346	ASP	TADJI	241700K	M 64	<p>RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 251100K NOT after 241230K (.) B (.) Bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy concentration Japs in hut (.) D (.) native hut on knoll east side of village (.) E (.) 652041 (.) F (.) 1300 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach aircraft (.) I (.) native reports 241400K (.) J (.) MILAK 642031 indicated by white T (.) K (.) NOT west UNAI Creek (.) L (.) patrol to investigate after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0780K (.) general (.) R/T comn OP and aircraft (.) request force be halved (.) second target (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (I) destroy enemy (.) D (.) Japs dug in around village on knoll feature (.) E (.) 649022 (.) F (.) 1200 ft (.) first target A second B</p>
347	16 Bde		241710K	I-1339	<p>SECRET (.) amendment part 16 Bde LOCSTAT No 2 infm up to 231400K (.) arty (.) one sec 52 bty BUT plantation 885255 one sec DAGUA aer aerodrome 978256 RAE 2/1 Fd Coy less 2 and 3 pl BUT mission 802255 2 pl and 2 pl BUT river 789257 12 pl 2/14 Fd Coy MATAPAN 623303 2/2 Bn A coy Jap camp area 942236 D Coy DAGUA south 955234 2/3 Bn A Coy BUT river 892256 2/3 MG bn (.) 2/3 MG bn plus HQ coy NINATAU river 835235 (.) B coy part C Coy ARDHEMI 745247 D coy 2/45 LAD WAK ck 895284 all infm</p> <p>innc NINATAU - WABEP ck 804256 ANGAU BIRRERS T. J. AKOMBELI 855281</p>
348	2/7 Bn		241715K	I 209	SECRET (.) passwords from 241800K to 251800K is FIRE FLY
349	ASP	TADJI	241902K	M 65	<p>RESTRICTED (.) priority 1 (.) A (.) NOT before 250800K NOT after 251000K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy in deep defences (.) D (.) 5 huts in village 50 yds south of one hut under tall dry tree (.) E (.) 608980 (.) G (.) mortar smoke</p> <p align="right">(NEXT SHEET)</p>

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338	2/6 Bn		241023K	I 58	SECRET (.) sitrep no 14 to 241000K (.) AMI area (.) 240745K pers C tp 2 Offrs 64 ORs departed for coast (.) MISINGAI area (.) sitnor (.) 240850K 17 pl departed for MILAK (.) MAURAK area 231000K one grenade thrown into perimeter (.) patrols moved out as per intentions (.) MILAK area (.) 231745K harassing fire 3 M on JAPS occupying ridge 648044 (.) 240700K perimeter clearing patrols NMS (.) 240900K Maj EDGAR assumed comd all tps MILAK area (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 231930K police boys report enemy occupying MENDAMEN 786040 came from BUT (.) 240730K remainder 8 pl moved out as per intentions (.) all infm
339	TADJI	ASP	241030K		RESTRICTED (.) 8 sqn two also bombing.
340	2/7 Bn		241055K	I 207	SECRET (.) sitrep 57 to 241000K (.) A Coy (.) local patrol reported MINDANINGI 603991 clear of enemy at 240800K (.) B Coy (.) 231915K Coy line returning from LAHINGA to ILAHOP encountered 2 enemy (.) enemy fled when fired (.) 240015K sig line B coy to 10 pl and C Coy cut (.) contact patrols out (.) NO report yet to hand (.) SPORADIC firing direction 10 pl heard throughout night.
341	ASP	TADJI	241125K	M 62	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 25 Mar (.) area MENDAMIN ref 786040 (.) what tracks are there from the coast and to south (.) what signs of movement in area police boy report 24 Mar 50 enemy in village (.) strafe opportunity targets (.) drop on 17 Bde marked by figures 17 on roof of hut.
342	17 Bde	6 Div	241125K	O 723	SECRET (.) sitrep 112 to 241130K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 231000K ridge V648044 occupied by enemy harassed with 3 in mortar fire (.) 231930K FB reported enemy occupying MENDAMEN V786040 came from BUT (.) 240745K C tp 2/10 cav sqn departed AMI for coast (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 240015K sig line ILAHOP A580984 to LAHINGA 1 A582960 out (.) 240800K patrol MINDANINGI A603991 reported village clear all infm
343	ASP	TADJI	241202K	M 63	RESTRICTED (.) will bombing be carried out in future (.) please advise.

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334	6 Div	240800K	O 720	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 111 to 240800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol to V627003 located well worn track running EAST (.) natives reported 30/40 enemy in vicinity (.) villages A6199 reported clear (.) patrol to A601981 observed mov in unmapped villages NW AUPIK 2 A610974 (.) natives report AUPIK 2 NOT occupied by enemy since bombing (.) enemy in bush on EAST slopes ridge down towards creek (.) 231345K strong patrol captured LAHINGA 2 A584950 (.) 8 enemy observed to withdraw SOUTH (.) cas enemy 2 wounded (.) 231800K village occupied by C Coy (.) LAHINGA 1 A582960 still occupied by 10 pl area between villages clear of enemy (.) patrol LAHINGA 1 to AMUKI river A593963 NMS (.) villages A 567941 A569950 reported clear (.) small enemy party encountered ridge A566933 fled EAST after firing 2 shots (.) C Coy 2/6 inf bn (.) coy now complete TATIMBA A582888 (.) patrol to village A588880 after MG and mortar fire encountered enemy who fled into bush (.) beds in village for approx 50 (.) much eqpt incl MMG found (.) two fresh graves located (.) patrol to unmapped WISORGUM villages A5886 report occupied by estimated 10 enemy (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) disposns (.) bn Bq HQ coy HQ 2/10 sqn plus C tp AMI 2 (.) A coy HOUSE COPP C coy MAURAK area V622017 D coy less 16 pl MISANGAI V6060 B tp 2/10 sqn plus 16 pl MILAK V643032 (.) 230830K adv party RHQ 2/6 cav cdo regt HQ 2/10 sqn moved out en route AITAPE (.) MILAK area (.) patrols reported enemy still occupying hill feature V644045 ridge V648044 village V651034 (.) one enemy killed V648034 (.) MAURAK area (.) 231830K village V622012 engaged by 3 in mortar (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 231100K police boys reported at least 50 enemy MENDAMEN V786040 with two possible MG emplacements (.) 6 huts occupied (.) 231715K patrol attacked and captured track junc V715064 and secured track SOUTH along ridge to V712058 (.) 30 enemy forced to withdraw SOUTH along track towards NELIGUM V6602 (.) track junc V715064 is junc tracks to NELIGUM and IMBIA V727028 all infm.</p>	
335	ASP	TADJI	240813K	M 58	<p>RESTRICTED (.) fires will be burning on new dropping ground during 24 Mar (.) kunai patch ref 582953 (.) notify all aircraft on strikes.</p>
336	ASP	TADJI	240927K	M 60	<p>RESTRICTED (.) ref dropping of comforts (.) what quantity to be dropped and where (.) who is supplying</p>
337	17 Bde	6 Div	240940K	O 722	<p>SECRET (.) your GO600 of 231120K (.) HAY will contact ASHTON with necessary codes and instrs date NOT yet known</p>

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329					(CONTINUED) to ILAHOP (.) remainder C Coy arrived LAHINGA 2 231800K (.) local patrol EAST from LAHINGA1 reports area clear to AMUK river (.) HUTS located en route burned by patrol (.) suitable DZ located area 583955 (.) D Coy (.) R 23 moved through villages 567941 and 569950 reports area clear (.) patrol to investigate native report presence of enemy on spur 566933 (.) enemy fled EAST after firing two shots (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) Coy now in posn TATIMBA (.) patrol attempted ambush after MMG and mortar fire on village 588880 (.) enemy fled into bush (.) beds in village for approx 50 (.) much equipment incl barrel and body MMG type unknown found (.) two fresh graves in area (.) local patrols report WISORGUM VILLAGES sq 5886 occupied by estimated 10 enemy.
330	17 Bde	Rear HQ	232110K	O 719	RESTRICTED (.) ref LAHINGA DZ (.) map ref A582953 (.) towards SOUTH end large KUNAI patch on ridge running approx NORTH SOUTH (.) DZ approx 400 yds NW village A584950 (.) best approach NORTH SOUTH (.) few tall trees SOUTH end KUNAI patch close to village (.) size approx 200 by 200 yds (.) each corner to be marked by white L piece with fires burning NORTH and SOUTH end of DZ
331	2/7 Bn		232240K	O 463	SECRET (.) intentions 24 Mar (.) A coy (.) R 24 to investigate track river crossing between 606010 and 600015 (.) F 83 to AUPIK 2 area 610973 to follow up and investigate result air strike (.) B Coy (L) contact 10 pl LAHINGA 1 (.) recce patrol along AMUK R from 592962 to 571986 (.) 10 pl contact C Coy (.) C Coy (.) R 25 to recce river between 600956 and 592962 (.) F 84 to clear villages sq 5994 then SOUTH along track to 93 grid (.) protection DZ (.) D Coy (.) for F 85 to H Coy to make contact (.) recce patrol to check sig line and contact C Coy (.) H Coy (.) local patrols (.) F 86 to villages sq 5991 to ensure clear of enemy (.) ack (.) all infm
332	2/7 Bn		240610K	O 465	SECRET (.) further intentions 24 Mar (.) H Coy all coy (.) R 26 to villages sq 5987 to locate enemy posns (.) F 87 to WISORGUME group 5886 to clear villages (.) R 27 to proposed air strip 6889 1 Officer 5 ORs 2 police boys TIME OUT 240800K time in 28 Mar
333	17 Bde	6 Div	240700K	O 721	RESTRICTED (.) MET W6C6V2 DOPOT8

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326				(CONTINUED)	<p>MG posns 6 occupied huts (.) 231715K patrol F 12 secured IMBIA NELIGUM track junc and 600 yds SOUTH along ridge to 712058 after driving out estimated enemy str 30 (.) cas enemy 2 killed own nil (.) enemy left grenades and booby traps (.) enemy withdrew SOUTH along NELIGUM track 3M not used this action because of failure 108 set (.) cas not previously reported enemy 6 killed (.) all infm.</p>
325	2/6 Bn		221955K	I 45	<p>(RE-ENTERED FROM SHEET NO 50) (SECRET)(.) intentions 23 Mar (.) AMI area C Coy to move to MAURAK to relieve C tp (.) D Coy less two pls def area MISINGAI 16 pl to move to MILAK 18 pl to return AMI area (.) ambush posn to be set vicinity 608038 local patrol str 3 to garden 605028 (.) 1 Offr 30 ORs 2/10 sqn depart for coast (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrols (.) construction of DZ (.) MILAK area (.) offensive patrolling around perimeter (.) clearing patrol along L of C to contact 16 pl (.) airstrike KULINGAI (.) HOUSE COPP not to hand (.) all infm.</p>
327	TADJI	ASP	232000K	L 30	<p>RESTRICTED (.) your M 55 6 BEAU- FORTS 8 sqn TOT 1000K bomb strafe V660043.</p>
328	ASP	TADJI	231645K	M 55	<p>RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 241000K NOT after 241200K (.) B (.) destroy Japs in village (.) C (.) village on ridge fea- ture (.) E (.) 660043 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach aircraft (.) I (.) reliable native report 231500K (.) J (.) MILAK 643032 indicated by white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT west of UNALE creek (.) L (.) troops will investigate after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0730 (.) general (.) R/T comn CP to aircraft.</p>
329	2/7 Bn		232045K	I 205	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 56 to 231900K (.) A Coy (.) R 21 returned 231540K reports well worn track running EAST at 627003 (.) native report- ed 30/40 enemy in area (.) pa- trol returned through village sq 6199 which area clear of en- emy (.) R 22 reached area 601981 observed enemy mov in villages running NW from AUPIK 2 (.) natives report enemy do NOT occupy AUPIK 2 village due to previous bombing (.) ambush party to AUPIK LAHINGA track did not reach objective due to being misled by native sentry (.) B Coy (L) F 82 en- tered LAHINGA 2 231345K firing on 8 enemy who withdrew SOUTH (.) F 82 held posn till arrival 14 pl then returned (NEXT SHEET)</p>

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324				(CONTINUED)	<p>rds vicinity DAGUA aerodrome clear (.) one enemy killed V973235 (.) patrol killed two enemy ridge 9423 (.) patrol adv on MACAHEM killed one enemy V935227. PART 2: MAGAHEM villages V925229 V928231 cleared cas own 1 wounded cas enemy unknown (.) patrol engaged enemy estimated str 40 V962223 (.) cas enemy 14 killed cas own 3 wounded (.) result previous activities and NOT previously reported cas own 1 wounded (.) enemy reported occupying posts V978234 V965234 V945232 V948233 (.) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn (.) 22 Mar (.) B Coy patrol located site enemy HQ V738264 (.) 4 enemy killed this area (.) documents captured being fwded (.) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn (.) 22 Mar (.) PART 3: patrol killed one enemy V826266 three enemy V840264 three enemy V904234 and four enemy V901228 cas own one killed (.) 2/2 Arty Regt (.) 23 Mar one enemy captured BUT area 22/23 INDIAN PW rescued (.) mtn sector (.) 2/3 MG Bn (.) 22 Mar B Coy killed three enemy V820245 cas own one wounded (.) total cas all sectors to and incl 28 Jan to 231200K cas own 58 killed 120 wounded cas enemy 472 killed 10 PWs (.) all infm.</p>
325	2/6 Bn		232045K	I 56	<p>SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 24 Mar (.) MILAK area (.) general patrolling in area (.) indicating for airstrikes (.) AMI area (.) C tp departing for coast (.) local patrols (.) sig line to MAURAK area (.) MISINGAI area (.) 17 pl to move to MILAK (.) local clearing patrols (.) MAURAK area (.) contact patrol I 13 to MILAK ETD 240830K (.) contact patrol to MISINGAI to escort FELO time out 240830K (.) patrol R 14 to high ground 624006 SOUTH of MAURAK village (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 240730K remainder 8 pl to mov MBIA/NELIGUM track junc area and to patrol SOUTH towards NELIGUM with view to recce area 698035 for suitable coy posn and DZ</p>
326	2/6 Bn		232125K	I 55	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP no 13 to 231900K (.) DISPOSNS (.) Bn HQ (.) HQ coy HQ 2/10 sqn plus C tp AMI 2 (.) A Coy HOUSE COPP (.) C Coy MAURAK area 622018 (.) D Coy less 16 pl MISINGAI (.) B tp plus 16 pl MILAK (.) AMI area (.) 231515K C tp arrived AMI from MAURAK area (.) 231700K HQ Coy 3 Offrs 117 ORs arrived in area (.) MISINGAI area (.) 231100K ambush patrol to vicinity 608028 successfully ambushed party of 8 Japs cas enemy 3 known killed (.) 231310K further patrol to same area NMS 231500K 18 pl returned from MAURAK area (.) MILAK area (.) 231245K 16 pl arrived in area with ration line (.) 231430K recce patrol reported enemy still occupying hill feature 644045 and ridge 648044 (.) village 651034 still occupied by enemy (.) one enemy killed 648034 (.) MAURAK area (.) 241300K C Coy arrived in area (.) 241800K coy def posns completed (.) 241830K 5 rds RE 3M ON MAURAK 622012 2M on 623017 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 231100K 2 police boys reported at least 50 enemy occupying MENDAMEN 786040 2 emplacements for possible (NEXT SHEET)</p>

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319	ASP	TADJI	231945K	M 56	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 241200K (NOT after 241400K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy 40 Japs in foxholes and huts (.) D (.) village on ridge feature (.) F 651034 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of aircraft (.) I (.) own patrols 231230K (.) J (.) MILAK 643032 white T pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE creek (L) L (.) patrol to investigate after strike (.) M (.) NIL (.) N (.) hourly from 0730K (.) general (.) R/T from OP to aircraft (.) priority for strikes 24 Mar (.) one (.) M 56 (.) two (.) M 55 three (.) M 57
320	6 Div		231915K	GI 478	RESTRICTED (.) FORECAST 24 Mar (.) coastal showers and light rain at night showers developing on highlands after 1100 hrs and increasing during night with isolated sotrms (.) an increase in wind expected during afternoon 24 Mar (.) river normal seas slight to moderate with NW SW swell developing all infm
321	ASP	TADJI	231945K	M 57	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 241000K NOT after 241100K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy (.) D (.) most southern of group of four villages on ridge with large hut partly covered by creeper (.) target on east slope of ridge near village (.) E (.) 610974 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of aircraft (.) I (.) own patrol 23 Mar (.) J (.) AMHAUK 2 397003 with white T pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT north line through village 603991 to bend in river 617000 (.) L (.) patrol to investigate after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over own troops (.) N (.) hourly from 0730K (.) general (.) fire guns towards east (.) R/T com to ASP 17 Bde
322		6 Div	232000K	O 716	RESTRICTED (.) ref your A3613 (.) message understood will be complied with.
323	17 Bde	Rear HQ	232015K	O 718	RESTRICTED (.) serial BLUE 6 arrived 231730K.
324	16 Bde	6 Div	233045K	I 1213	SECRET (.) SITREP 57 to 231200K PART I: coastal sector (.) 23 Mar (.) HQ 16 Bde (.) ambush patrols captured one enemy sjt-maj V886244 of 2 Bn (.) 22 mar (.) patrol report coast rd to ck V995243 clear of enemy (.) all (NEXT SHEET)

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312	Tac/R		231020K		No activity seen around MAPRIK area or to 6 miles SOUTH MAPRIK along SCREW RIVER. ACTION: Passed to 2/6 2/7
313	2/7 Bn		231230K	I 202	SECRET (.) password from 231800K to 241800K is PETER PAN
314	Rear HQ		231545K	Q 541	RESTRICTED (.) ref advance of 4 pl 2/6 Bn. A to HOUSE COPP (.) please arrange for guide to report WALUM NOT later than 251600 (.) guide to wait at WALUM until WHITE ready to advance. <i>ACTION: 2/6 advised by phone</i>
315	2/6 Bn		231038K	Q 17	SECRET (.) mov C tp 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt (.) 65 all ranks (.) ETA PEAK 241600K WALUM 251000K SUAIN 261400K (.) all infm <i>ACTION: Message added to rear 17 Bde rear 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt</i>
316	6 Div		231400K	GI 485	SECRET (.) reliable infm from other sources and captured documents indicate (.) 1 (L) 18 ARMY HQ and possible 20 Div HQ vicinity NUNBOKUB 0795 (.) 2 (.) 51 Div responsible sustain WEWAK BOIKEN (.) 3 (.) BANAK may be occupied (.) 4e-e (4) (.) current regrouping of enemy aimed at closer defence WEWAK BOIKEN (.) 5 (.) village group along SASSUIA B1894 KABCIBIS MAPRIK contains strong enemy conc and this area is increased by importance as comd centre.
317	6 Div		231610K	GO 800	SECRET (.) your O 639 of 211100K (.) AIB AITAPE are requesting their HQ permission AIB party to contact HAY (.) R/T CODE number 2 should be satisfactory provided copy of code and instr as to use is given to ASHTON by representative of HQY (.) confirm this arrangement and time schedule will be notified when permission obtained. <i>ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised</i>
318	6 Div		231620K	AO 802	(for MET FLIGHT) SECRET (.) MET report (.) ref our AO 486 of 20 Feb (.) report NOT being received as requested ensure henceforth report sent daily RAA 6 Aust Div essential for reasonably accurate forecasts
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307	2/6 Bn		231140K	I 50	SECRET (.) further our SITREP No 12 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 230800K patrol F 12 moved out (.) further to patrol F 11 route (.) via SCREW River to 696060 to 691061 to 683057 to 679057 (.) track running NORTH SOUTH along ridge NOT used for some time (.) unnamed native village 2 huts gardens at 678059 (.) native guides of opinion track BUMIGEN KUMINIBUS being used as L of C to posn 681065
308	TADJI	ASP	231205K	L 30	RESTRICTED (.) strafing mission 646048 cancelled. ACTION: 2/6 Bn advised
309	16 Bde		231210K	I 1209	SECRET (.) amend to 16 Bde location state no 2 infm up to 221700K (.) arty adv HQ 2/2 Pd Regt BUT mission 886256 (.) 1 tp 52 bty BUT POINT 885255 (.) C tp 2/6 Svy Bty BUT 879258 (.) RAE (.) 2/1 Pd coy en route BUT MISSION (.) inf (.) 2/1 Bn A Coy 877263 (.) 2/2 Bn (.) 2/2 Bn DAGUA aerodrome 950254 (.) A Coy HALIMOK river 937255 (.) B Coy DAGUA aerodrome 961252 (.) C coy DAGUA aerodrome 954253 (.) D Coy rd junc 942248 (.) HQ coy HALIMOK river W3255 (.) 2/3 Bn (.) 2/3 Bn BUT MISSION 896255 (.) A and B coys unchanged (.) C coy SWAIN 902255 (.) D coy BUT river 894254 HQ coy unchanged all infm
310	17 Bde	Rear HQ	231225K	O 714	RESTRICTED (.) our O 706 (.) str of party which moved out 72.
311		6 Div	231235K	O 713	SECRET (.) sitrep 110 to 231200K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 222250K enemy mov heard SOUTH and SW our posn V598002 engaged by MG fire result unknown (.) 220600K tracks small party moving from SW located (.) 230545K one jap killed LAHINGA 1 A555950 (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 230810K patrols along Ls of C MISANGAI MILAK MISANGAI MAURAK for 1000 yds report NMS (.) 231000K ambush posn NORTH of enemy posn V608028 engaged party 8 enemy moving NORTH to gardens V604034 cas enemy 3 killed (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol 22 mar moved via SCREW river to V696060 to V691061 to V683057 to V679057 (.) track running NORTH SOUTH along ridge located NOT used for some time (.) unnamed village 2 huts gardens at V678059 (.) native guides stated track BUMIGEN V678080 to KUMINIBUS V6603 being used as L of C to posn V681065 all infm.

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300	6 Div		22143OK	GO 764	SECRET (.) revsit 136 to 201500K
301	6 Div		22143OK	GO 774	SECRET (.) revsit 137 to 211500K
302	6 Div		221715K	G 1478	RESTRICTED (.) your O 633 (.) ATIS report NOT available at present (.) will attempt obtain for dispatch to your HQ
303	Bde Sigs gd regt ANGAU ASP CSM		231045K	O 711	SECRET (.) def bde HQ (.) booby traps will be laid bde HQ area daily 1815 hrs until 0615 hrs following day commencing 23 mar (.) second (.) following three security patrols will operate daily commencing 23 mar (.) R1 str 1 NCO 5 ORs to NUMANGO route OUT and IN via main N track time OUT 0615 hrs IN 0700 hrs (.) R2 str 3 OR to CUBSTRIP route OUT via main track to SOUTH end CUBSTRIP time OUT 1800 hrs IN 1830 hrs (.) 2/7 inf bn patrol 3 OR to this area route main track from SOUTH end CUBSTRIP time IN 0630 hrs (.) ack.
304	2/7 Bn		231115K	O 450	RESTRICTED (.) furtherance our O 449 (.) INTENTIONS 23 Mar (.) H Coy (.) ambush on track leading from village 1000 yds EAST TATIMBA following MMG and M3 shoot.
305	2/7 Bn		231115K	I 200	SECRET (.) sitrep 55 to 231000K (.) A Coy (.) 222250K enemy mov heard SW and SOUTH coy posn engaged with MMG (.) results NOT known (.) tracks small party approaching from SW observed (.) 230545K one Jap killed vicinity 10 pl posn at LAHINGA 1
306	2/6 Bn		231140K	I 49	SECRET (.) sitrep No 12 to 231000K (.) AMI MISINGIA area (.) C coy moved out as per intentions 23 Mar (.) 230810K L of C MISINGIA MILAK MISINGIA MARAUK cleared for 1000 yds NMS (.) 230830K 3 Offrs 69 ORs 2/6 cav Cdo Regt moved out en route to coast (.) 230835K ambush party moved out with carrier line to MILAK (.) MAURAK area (.) some mov SE perimeter night 22-23 mar (.) 230700 perimeter clearing patrols NMS (.) MILAK area (.) 230630K clearing patrols NMS (.) MILAK area (.) 230630K clearing patrols NMS (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol F 11 report reached track at 579057 NMS other inf re this patrol NOT to hand (.) further report HOUSE COPP NOT to hand (.) all infm

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297				(CONTINUED)	(.) C coy less 15 pl now at A545955 15 pl A55939 (.) patrol ILAHETA to A578922 contacted 14 enemy (.) cas enemy 2 killed own nil (.) one enemy dead located ILAHETA result action 21 mar (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) area A598886 15 enemy engaged with MMG fire (.) enemy replied with LMG and rifle fire (.) results NOT known (.) 12 pl now at MUI A582887 (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 221200K patrol to V602021 reported area clear (.) 221200K D coy moved by track AMI MISANGAI SE along creek to V622017 (.) track clear (.) enemy ambush posn V622019 encountered 21 mar consisted of 12 two man pits (.) patrol to BUNGIBRA V624014 reported enemy posn occupied vicinity MAURAK V622011 (.) patrol V622017 to villages V6101 killed 2 enemy sentries (.) 221300K V608028 reported occupied by 20 enemy (.) 221430K D coy less 18 pl returned MISANGAI attack on V622017 220600K believed made by 75/100 enemy (.) one enemy dead located result of action 1 BREVET BERGMAN SMG SOLOTHURN type with full mag 69 rounds 2 full mags for type 991939 LMG and documents captured (.) during day 50/70 enemy observed mov SOUTH along ridge V617015 with 2 LMGs and 2 wounded (.) MILAK AMI reported L of C clear (.) tail fin of 81 mm type 99 small mortar found in perimeter (.) 221715K C coy 2/6 inf bn arrived AMI (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 211830K patrol HOUSE COPP to V705065 to V713060 observed enemy sentry (.) patrol was fired on from V713060 (.) cas enemy one killed own NIL (.) enemy believed holding junc of tracks to IMBIA V626038 from V715064 to V711058 (.) 221330K patrol along SCREW river to B690056 reported NMS all-in- (.) see B tp 2/7 sqn withdrawn from KAUMALA 694144 all infm.
298	ASP	TADJI	230855K	M 53	RESTRICTED (.) ref M52 22 Mar (.) D (.) village of 30 huts in saddle (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of aircraft (.) L (.) patrol will investigate damage after strike.
299	16 Bde		230810K	I 1210	SECRET (.) SITREP 56 to 220800K (.) coastal sector (.) 2/2 Bn (.) 21 Mar (.) patrol killed two enemy vicinity TALIKAMO river (.) 300 feature cleared from V944246 to V953242 (.) EAST road cleared to DAGUA lagoon (.) our tps estab across DAGUA aerodrome at 97 grid (.) night 20/21 mar 50/70 enemy camped V938249 but hurriedly departed SOUTH. left food rifles 21 Mar (.) 221200K SITNOR (.) 2/1 Bn (.) 21 Mar patrol from NORTH killed nine enemy on high ground SOUTH of BUT aerodrome (.) 2/3 Bn (.) patrol from 4 pl killed 2 enemy 380 feature (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) 20 Mar patrol killed 4 enemy (.) B Coy patrol engaged enemy V803257 cas enemy killed (.) patrol str one pl contacted enemy vicinity MUGULUWILA (.) enemy str 20 (.) following concentration arty fire enemy withdrew leaving 5 dead one enemy wounded V810257 (.) D Coy est patrol base BILIN V797236 (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 221200K cas own 58 killed 114 wounded cas enemy 427 killed (.) location change 2/2 Aust Inf Bn V950254 (.) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn V896255 all infm.

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Serial	From	To	TOC & TOR	Orig No.	Message
294				(CONTINUED)	0220830K cleared MILAK KAMAU track for 1000 yds NMS (.) 220830K clearing patrol along MILAK UNDISTA AMI track for 1000 yds reported NMS (.) 221115K 4 ORs from MILAK arrived AMI area 221500K reported L of C clear (.) tailfin of enemy mort found in perimeter identified as 81MM type 99 small mor (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 221130K tac/R reported well defined tracks from 696035 to NELIGUM remainder of track obscured by jungle (.) 221330K patrol F 10 reached 696060 NMS (.) cas not previously reported enemy 11 killed incl 8 probables (.) 2 wounded own NIL (.) HOUSE COPP intentions NOT to hand all infm.
295	2/7 Bn		222300K	O 440	SECRET (.) infm (.) enemy have increased strength EAST NINAB river and are acting aggressively in 2/6 Bn sector (.) 2/7 Bn have cleared enemy from area WEST AMUK river and SOUTH to 93 grid except for small pockets in LAHINGA 2 area map ref 583950 (.) role own tps excl H Coy (.) first (.) clear enemy EAST to AMUK river NORTH of 93 grid (.) second (.) advance NE direction to NINAB River and SOUTH to its junction with SCREW river in order to put pressure on enemys flank (.) boundaries (.) H coy (.) line 589920 to river bend 617922 to junction NINAB SCREW rivers incl (.) boundaries subject to adjustment as situation develops (.) H Coy (.) will clear villages in immediate vicinity present location and in particular area bounded by eastings 58 and 61 northings 90 and 92 then move to approx vicinity where 90 grid crosses AMUK river (.) instns will be given later for further move NE (.) you will patrol SOUTH only to within easy striking distance (.) recce airstrip squares 6889 6890 at first opportunity (.) ack (.) all infm.
296	2/6 Bn		230730K	I 47	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS HOUSE COPP area 23 Mar (.) 230800K patrol F12 str Lt CRITTEN 12 ORs to move via CHALMINIP CK approx 716065 to control mortar shoot by 108 W/T enemy posn at 711058 (.) of enemy evacuated patrol will advise and occupy track junc (.) infm (.) KAUMALA tp (.) all infm. withdrawn this HQ 13 Mar
297		6 Div	230840K	O 709	SECRET (.) sitrep 109 to 230800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 22 mar (.) ambush V618002 made NO contact (.) 221200K patrol AMAHAUK 2 V598002 ILAHOP A560984 reported track clear of enemy (.) 221500K patrol ILAHOP SOUTH LAHINGA vil- lages A582959 set ambush to cut enemy escape route (.) 221600K 10 pl occupied LAHINGA some enemy believed still in vicinity SOUTH village (.) 221700K patrol A545955 to INGAK- BURIS A552902 contacted patrol 2/6 inf bn reported NMS

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291	ASP	TADJI	232132K	M 52	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 231100K NOT after 231300K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy Jap HQ in hut (.) D (.) village on ridge (.) E (.) KULINGAI 646048 (.) G (.) will be notified early 23 Mar (.) I (.) own troops 22 Mar (.) J (.) MILAK 643032 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) K (.) NOT SOUTH of line WAI-KIM 637039 and MAPOBMA 658041 (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) hourly from 0700K (.) general (.) R/T comn AIR to 2/6 Bn (.) request maximum effort (.) small flights at 15 minutes interval (.) fuller description of target and target indication given early 23 Mar.
292	17 Bde	rear Bde	222150K	O 708	RESTRICTED (.) for HOWSON airdrop one B 3 stereoscope and large magnifying glass at earliest (.) enlargement as soon as possible
293	2/7 Bn		222240K	O 447	SECRET (.) intentions 23 Mar (.) A Coy (.) R 21 to villages sq 6199 to check on posn villages in area and ensure area clear of enemy (.) R 22 to AUPIK 2 map ref 610974 to investigate enemy in area and en route to locate villages not marked on map (.) patrol to AUPIK 2 LAHINGA 1 track to recce ambush posn (.) B Coy (.) F 82 to LAHINGA 2 (.) D Coy (.) R 23 to investigate villages map ref 567941 and 568950 (.) patrol to move with forward elements C Coy to assist in recce track to LAHINGA (.) H Coy (.) 12 pl move to TATIMBA (.) further intentions notified later (.) ack (.) all infm
294	2/6 Bn		222245K	I 46	SECRET (.) SITREP no 11 to 221900K (.) 221200K recce patrol to garden 602021 reported garden clear (.) 221200K D Coy secured L of C to MAURAK and pushed out local clearing patrols (.) section patrol to BUNGIBRA 624014 obs def posn occupied by enemy force str unknown vicinity MAURAK village (.) further patrol WEST from tp posn to vicinity villages sq 6101 killed two Japs sentries on track (.) clearing of DZ commenced (.) 221300K recce patrol along ridge track obs 20 Japs in def posn 608028 (.) 221430K D Coy less 18 pl returned M SANGAI (.) 221830K patrol sq returned NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) C tp estimated that force which attacked perimeter at 220600K to be over 100 (.) throughout day estimated 70 enemy obs mov SOUTH along ridge 617015 2 LMGs and 2 wounded being carried and many others carrying extra fire arms PERIMETER clearing patrol (.) following action found 1 enemy killed (.) evidence that at least 8 enemy killed or wounded had been removed (.) 2 rifles 1 BREVET BERGMAN SMG solothurn type with full mag of 69 rounds 2 full mags for type 991939 LMG and documents captured (.) infm (.) posn our clearing patrol ambushed 21 Mar contained 12 two man pits (L) MILAK area

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286				(CONTINUED)	thence SOUTH through YAMIL ELG MANGUBO A8177 NUMANGO A8258 KOROGO A8247 to SEPIK river thence EAST along SEPIK river to thence EAST along SEPIK river to CAPE GIRGIK and incl island to NORTH 2nd 3rd 4th addresses please anticipate approval.
287	17 Bde	Rear Bde	222020K	O 706	RESTRICTED (.) 60 pers 2/6 cav regt plus one PW leaving AMI 23 Mar ETA SUAIN 25 Mar.
288	ASP	TADJI	222056K	M 51	RESTRICTED (.) anticipate only one request per 23 Mar (.) could you advise number of sorties available as we anticipate heavy strike needed.
289	2/7 Bn		222100K	I 193	SECRET (.) SITREP 54 to 221900K (.) A Coy (.) ambush party returned 221730K set ambush area 618002 (.) NO contact made (.) footprints 5 enemy observed area 605003 (.) patrol unable locate enemy (.) contact patrol reached ILAHOP 221200K reports tracks AMAHAUK 2 ILAHOP clear of enemy (.) B coy (.) R19 returned 221500K engaged enemy occupied huts small village SOUTH LAHINGA 1 (.) enemy fled into bush (.) patrol searched and burned village (.) many documents captured (.) enemy returned engaging patrol with rifles and grenades as it withdrew EAST (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) 221600K 10 pl occupied LAHINGA 1 meeting only slight opposition (.) C Coy (.) FOO returned 221700K contacted patrol B Coy 2/6 at INGAMBURIS 553902 (.) NO tracks enemy mov in area (.) coy less one pl in posn 545955 (.) D Coy (.) R 20 contacted 14 enemy area 578922 (.) 2 enemy killed 13 rifles captured (.) further body result action 21 Mar located ILAHITA (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) enemy party approx 15 observed area 598886 engaged with MMG (.) enemy returned fire with rifles and one LMG (.) results unknown (.) 12 pl now located MUI.
290		2/6 Bn	222130K	O 707	RESTRICTED (.) Tac/R report 22 Mar (.) NIL signs enemy activity along track NELIGUM V689013 to V696035 (.) NORTH from there unable to see track due dense timber NIL huts foxholes or definite posns (.) preliminary report dropped HOUSE COPP.

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281	6 Div		221730K	SD 788	RESTRICTED (.) DRUCKEE tropical research section 1 Army desires make investigation into rations DROPPED from air (.) please advise whether you concur HIS visiting nearest location SOUTH of TORRICELLIS
282		6 Div	221740K	O 656	RESTRICTED (.) your SD 788 of 221430K (.) tropical research see first army (.) concur (.) visit AMI 2 (.) arrange mov through rear 17 inf bde.
283	6 Div		221745K	G 1483	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 23 Mar (.) further showers along COASTAL sector at night moderate showers over ranges afternoon and night (.) day condition should further improve over next 24 hrs (.) river slightly above normal (.) seas slight with slight NW swell all infm.
284	TADJI	ASP	221745K	L 28	RESTRICTED NIL signs enemy activity along track NELIGEM 689013 to 696035 (.) NORTH from there unable to see track due dense timber NIL huts foxholes or definite positions flimsy dropped HOUSE COPP and AMI two (.) ARIM consists of 16 small huts fair condition considerable track activity in vicinity NMS (.) PINGIN double village 12 huts each better condition than ARIM no new huts (.) track SOUTH from PINGIN FORKS approx 081024 visible 1000 yds SOUTH and disappears under trees (.) visible again 1000 yds NORTH of large village 016953 to 069947 (.) numerous villages mostly large with new huts built and building this area (.) same also applies village many unmapped on L of C from 0 5 to 10 NORTH SOUTH grids coverage this area uncompleted due to weather closing in (.) NO recce WEST grid 0 5
285	17 Bde	Rear Bde	222030K	O 706	RESTRICTED (.) 60 pers 2/6 cav regt plus one PW leaving 23 Mar 21h 25min 25 Mar. INTENTIONS 2/6 ON 23 MAR SEE SHEET NO 60
286 286	6 Div		222040K	AO 792	SECRET (.) request approval first address following new AIR FORCE bomb line from 210800K (.) W174206 thence SOUTH and WEST along HAWAIN river to river and ck junc V988120 thence approx WEST to posn feature V812089 ref map 1st revised MAPRIK WEST 1 inch thence SOUTH through YAMIL ELG MANGUBO A8177 NUMANGO A8258 KOROGO A8247 to SEPIK river thence EAST along SEPIK river to CAPE GIRGIK and incl

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274	Rear HQ	17 Bde	221525K	A 861	RESTRICTED (.) for BM from SC (.) G matters arriving here which I am NOT capable or qualified to deal with (.) suggest all G files and matters relating be fwd you for action.
275	2/6 Bn		221450K	I 44	SECRET (.) Further to SITREP no 10 (.) 211830K patrol F 7 returned report (.) route out via 704065 to 712063, along razor back ridge (.) enemy sentry seen at 712063 (.) patrol were fired on from 713060 (.) cas enemy 1 killed (.) all approaches to enemy posn are along razor back (.) on route in patrol heard mov at 709067 (.) indication enemy holding IMIA - NELIGUM track unit from 715064 to 711058 (.) 220930K patrol F 10 str 1 sgt 10 ORs moved out to SCREW RIVER 690056 object to ascertain if enemy occupying GORGE area due in 221300K (.) 220930K patrol F 11 str Lt MALONEY 10 ORs moved out object lay ambush at approx 679058 on track suspected being L of C WACHA 678047 to enemy posn 681065 (.) all infm.
276	Rear-Bde 17 Bde	Rear Bde	221600K	O 704	RESTRICTED (.) ref your A61 drop all G matters here do not require G files as contents are known
277	6 Div		221625K	AO 782	RESTRICTED (.) Tac/R (.) please send one copy detailed interrogation reports to this HQ and second copy DIRECT to BDE concerned by QUICKEST available means
278	ASP	TADJI	221515K	M 50	RESTRICTED (.) Tac/R still NOT dropping preliminary report to 17 Bde (.) these reports urgently required.
279	2/7 Bn		221625K	I 192	SECRET (.) password from 221600K to 231800K is GUINEAGOLD
280	16 Bde		221705K	I 1396	SECRET (.) inf (.) HQ 16 Bde 16 Bde SIGS det CIPHER SEC 4 PIGEON SEC 10 pl 2/1 GUARD REGT det AFS sea det ATISI sec 2/3 Tpt pl one sec 6 Div PROUD SEC closes present location 221200K (.) reopens same time BUT MISSION 887256 (.) arty (.) one sec 6-Div-PROUD-SE- B tp ULBAN

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOB	Orig No.	Message
267	2/6 Bn		221148K	PHONE	D Coy has reached MAHRAK (.) NO sign of enemy. ACTION: Bde Comd advised.
268	6 Div			S 48	TOP SECRET (.) for MOTEN from STEVENS indications operations in BUT - DAGUA area may vacate all or portion COASTAL SECTOR and move inland for subsistence (.) consider sweeps enemy may soon be in area EAST of MAPRIK (.) watch your step.
269	TADJI	ASP	221025K		RESTRICTED (.) one BEAUFORT 100 sqn ETD 221030K (.) refers your M 49. ACTION: 2/6 Bn advised.
270		6 Div	221220K	O 702	SECRET (.) SITREP 108 to 221200K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 220600K to 220640K enemy attacked all round perimeter V622017 using small mortars 3 IMGs grenades (.) attack repulsed (.) cas enemy by own NIL (.) 220700K enemy approx str 40 withdrew SOUTH to MAURAK V622011 (.) (.) 221145K (.) D coy arrived V622017 with carrier line NO enemy seen (.) MILAK area (.) 221000K (.) strafing of village V651034 reported accurate (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 220915K (.) strafing of V681065 reported accurate (.) enemy fired at aircraft (.) 2/7 inf bn sitnor all infm.
271	17 Bde	Rear HQ	221200K	O 701	RESTRICTED (.) your Q 531 (.) anticipate first drop area kunai patch A5895 24 mar (.) will advise by 231500K if drop there to be cancelled (.) cease dropping BALIF apart from Bde stores after to-day unless drop on new site for 24 Mar cancelled (.) will advise details DZ immediately available (.) if drop A5895 on 24 mar cancelled drop BALIF that day and anticipate drop A5895 27 Mar (.) owing to lack of knowledge enemy situation at this moment regret unable to give definite answer.
272	2/6 Bn		221335K	O 303	RESTRICTED (.) your G10 ack.
273		6 Div	221520K	O 703	SECRET (.) first (.) ref 6 div int summary no 14 enemy OOB inland sector (.) infm ref 20 div NOT previously passed to this HQ (.) request in future similar infm be fwded immediately available (.) second (.) have received NO reply to our O 633 of 201634K

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261				(CONTINUED)	ed reported enemy fled (.) 2 IMGs captured documents captured being fwded (.) B Coy engaged by enemy vicinity MUGULBWELA cas own 2 killed cas enemy unknown (.) our tps withdrew total cas all sectors from and including 28 Jan to 211200K cas own 57 killed 114 wounded cas enemy 402 killed (.) location change 2/2 Bn en route to DAGUA (.) 2/3 Bn en route BUT river area (.) topographical WARARUS V837265 overgrown clear dilapidated huts all infm.
262	6 Div		220855K	AO 775	SECRET (.) request air strike NOT after 301800K Jap staging camp EAST side of YOIBI river V787967 at foot of WHITE CLIFF (.) target bearing 163 magnetic from YAMIL ELG request also straf- ing hut ULUPU village KULAUURU mission (.) own tps NOT in close proximity (.) target bomb line desire any coastal target pre- cedent over above.
263	2/7 Bn		220955K	R 612	RESTRICTED (.) your G 10 ack.
264	2/7 Bn		221030K	I 188	SECRET (.) SITREP 53 to 221000K (.) NOTHING to report.
265	Rear Bde	17 Bde	221030K	Q 531	RESTRICTED (.) new DZ 2/7 Bn SAUNAMBE area (.) view your re- quest for drop on Sunday 25 Mar and experience of last three weeks of relief aircraft NOT arriving until late Monday af- ternoon request if possible for dropping to commence at new DZ 24 Mar or possibly afternoon 23 Mar () advise urgently if this is practical if not consider you PLAN on SUPS. NOT being available new DZ before 211400K () advise location.
266	2/6 Bn		221140K	I 43	SECRET (.) SITREP no 16 to 221000K (.) MAURAK area (.) 220600K enemy attacked in 2 strong waves from all round perimeter (.) enemy used small mortars 3 IMGs gre- nades and tree snipers (.) 220640K attack repulsed (.) cas consider- ed heavy own NIL (.) 220700K approx 40 enemy mov SOUTH ALONG ridge at 617015 withdrawing in direction MAURAK 622011 (.) AMI area (.) 220645K D coy moved out to clear L of C (.) 220900K secce patrol str moved outto garden 602021 object report enemy mov ascertain if garden clear time in 220200K (.) MILAK area (.) 221000K report strafing excellent (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 220915K report strafing accurate ene- my fired at aircraft (.) NO further report to hand (.) all infm

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260					<p>(CONTINUED) located vicinity own posn V644034 (.) mortar fire previously reported this area (.) bombs of 7 pounds weight (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to V681065 following air strike 210930K reported enemy in str still in occupation with sentries on approaches along razor back (.) posn engaged by 3" mortar (.) 211200K to 211530K harassing 3" mortar fire on enemy posn V711058 (.) topographical infm (.) ANGAU report villages NUMBATA V638065 WALABITA V632058 new tracks from V773057 to V780055 to V785050 to MENDAMEN V786042 (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol reported villages V6101 non-existent (.) natives reported village vicinity 608028 MAURAK V622011 occupied by enemy (.) MAURAK enemy base (.) track V611006 along river to V606010 thence NE up spur to AMI MAURAK track well used (.) patrol contacted 3 enemy village A603983 (.) attacked 11 enemy with LMG V603991 cas enemy one killed own one wounded (.) enemy dispersed (.) patrol to vicinity A580955 reported large kunai patch overlooked from LAHINGA 2 A584950 (.) LAHINGA A582960 LAHINGA 2 occupied by enemy (.) ambush A564954 approached by 3 enemy from EAST cas NIL (.) remainder ILAHETA gp A5594 captured cas 5 enemy killed (.) changes in disposns (.) 13 pl C coy A540950 15 pl A555939 (.) D coy Q less two pls A553949 two pls A556943 (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) coy less one pl TATIMBA V582088 one pl UTUMUPU A546881 (.) native infm (.) NANGARIMBI A5991 occupied by 14 enemy with LMG (.) enemy unknown str villages A5888 A5987 A6087 (.) 40 enemy withdrew from ILAHETA SOUTH into bush (.) natives killed 6 enemy this area with grenades (.) identity disc with number 68 handed in all infm.</p>
261	16 Bde		212205K	I 4101	<p>PART 1: SECRET (.) SITREP 55 to 211200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 20 Mar (.) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn (.) patrol report area SOUTH along mountain road to old GERMAN road V938250 clear of enemy (.) 5 enemy killed V938254 (.) patrol captured 5 pro enemy natives V907241 who led patrol to enemy V923242 result cas enemy 1 killed incl 1 pro enemy native cas own 1 killed (.) captured natives guided patrol to SMAIN V916254 now occupied by two pls (.) patrol dislodged enemy V895240 and occupied posn cas own 1 killed (.) 1 enemy killed V88240 (.) 1 killed V879235 (.) patrol report coastal range to 93 grid clear of enemy (.) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn (.) 201230K patrol killed 3 enemy V871248 (.) 211015K 1 enemy killed V880250 (.) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn (.) patrol killed 1 enemy V825282 (.)</p> <p>PART 2: SECRET (.) patrol engaged by enemy LMG V826256 fire returned cas own 1 wounded cas enemy 3 killed (.) enemy well equipped rifle carbines new clothes rice block fruit cake box tea opened goods (.) patrol from 4 pl killed 2 enemy V851275 and report 370 feature V847277 clear (.) B Coy occupied MARARUS V837265 (.) 201110 arty engaged enemy party V934254 killing 5 (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) 2/3 MG Bn (.) 20 Mar (.) police boy patrol contacted enemy V802257 (.) patrol returned and went fwd again with B Coy engaged enemy cas own 1 FB killed cas enemy 4 kill-</p>

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257					(CONTINUED) (.) F 79 returned 211700K contact- ed 3 enemy unmapped village 603983 (.) enemy fled (.) fires burning and native good ready for cook- ing (.) further 11 enemy with 1 LMG contacted village 603991 (.) 1 Jap killed others dispersed (.) own cas 1 wounded (.) maps and documents captured (.) B Coy (.) R 17 observed kunai patch sq 5895 from WEST (.) area observed was 800 yds by 200 yds (.) whole area NOT observed (.) area commanded by LAHINGA 2 at 584950 (.) LAHINGA and LAHINGA 2 occupied by enemy who forage in area (.) local patrol set ambush ILAHETA LAHINGA track 584954 (.) 3 enemy very alert approached from EAST (.) dispers- ed into bush before ambush could engage (.) NO further contact (.) C Coy (.) 13 pl relieved 15 pl at 540950 (.) D Coy cleared ILAHETA villages locating further 5 Japs bodies (.) disposals (.) Coy HQ plus 1 pl A553949 two pls 556943 15 pl 555939 (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) Coy less 12 pl TAT- IMBA 582888 (.) 12 pl remains UTUMUPU (.) native reports (.) NANGARIMBI sq 5991 occupied by 14 enemy with 1 LMG (.) enemy unknown str in village sqs 5888 5987 6087 (.) 40 enemy in bush SOUTH of ILAHETA (.) sentry boy claimed kill- ing 6 Japs with grenades (.) brought in 3 badges of rank one with code figures 68.
258	6 Div		220017K	GI 472	SECRET (.) AIB patrol report (.) 18 Japs now at NUNGAPUA A5608-10 reinforcements arrived from POKAKO A6074 (.) police boys un- able penetrate WOSERA (.) AVANDU- MAGAM A5287 reinforced from NORTH by approx 50 enemy on 19 Mar (.) covered trench SOUTH end of village (.) 40 Japs in 4 huts A5284 (.) 4 huts SATABIGUM A5687 also 3 huts in timber on edge of river below village occupied by total 60 enemy (.) approx 20 Japs WISUURGUM A5785 <i>ACTION: 2/6, 2/7 Bns H force advised</i>
259	2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn H Force		220025K	O 650	SERIAL 258 REPTD
260	6 Div		220805K	O 649	SECRET (.) SITREP 107 to 220800K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) AMI area (.) 211130K patrol to gardens V602021 NMS (.) 211500K ration line to MAURAK posn V622017 via MISANGAI and creek to SE fired on by ene- my V622019 (.) ration line una- ble to reach V622017 cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) 211600K D Coy arrived AMI 2 (.) MAURAK area (.) 211100K patrol to meet ration line contacted enemy str unknown V622019, (.) enemy posn occupied (.) 211245K enemy attacked with LMGs patrol forced to withdraw to V622017 cas enemy un- known own NIL (.) MILAK area (.) patrol to WAIKIM V637037 WANGAM V633043 reported villages clear (.) mov observed villages V649023 and V653028 (.) additional 2 enemy dead

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251	2/6 Bn		212150K	I 38	SECRET (.) further to sitrep no 9 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) correction to our I 30 21 Mar strafing 210910K to 210930K (.) 210830K patrol F 6 left to recce enemy posn 681065 returned 211500K reported enemy still in occupation in str (.) alert sentries on all approaches along razorback (.) (.) 210940K 3M fired 6 bombs onto 681065 (.) 211200K to 211530K 5M fired 15 bombs onto enemy posn track 711058 (.) 211500K patrol F 7 moved out to 711058 NO report to hand (.) ANGAU report (.) new villages NUMBATA 638065 WALABITA 632058 new tracks from 772057 to 780055 to 785050 to MENDAMEN 786040 (.) intentions 22 Mar (.) dependent report of patrol F 7 and acceptance of air strike.
252	TADJI	ASP	212215K	L 26	RESTRICTED (.) reference your M 46 7 Sqn 4 BEAUFORTS ETD 220700K (.) reference M 48 one 8 Sqn 4 BEAUFORTS 220830K (.) two 8 Sqn 4 BEAUFORTS 220930K. ACTION: Passed to 2/6, 2/7 Bns
253	TADJI	ASP	212240K		Check all maps ref your M 46 ACTION: Checked and reply sent 212240K.
254	2/7 Bn		212245K	O 435	RESTRICTED (.) for COLE (.) request transfer to HAY FORCE of police boy KAMUWARI of WOSERA.
255	TADJI	ASP	212330K		RESTRICTED (.) ref M 49 will be done (.) times notified later. ACTION: 2/6 Bn notified.
256	6 Div		220015K	AO 779	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 640 of 20 Mar (.) have sent two further copies (.) NO copy retained this HQ.
257	2/7 Bn		212025K	I 185	SECRET (.) SITREP 52 to 211900K (.) A Coy (.) R 18 returned 211400K reports villages sq 6101 non-existent (.) native sentries with party reported MAURAK and KALU-LIGEM 608028 occupied by enemy dug in (.) MAURAK stated to be base for recent enemy ops (.) patrol located well used track at 611006 along river to 606010 thence NE up spur JOINING track AMI MAURAK track at 518019 (.) natives state track starts at AUPIK and follows WEST bank NINAB to 611006

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248	2/6 Bn		212045K	I 37	SECRET (.) intentions 22 Mar (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrols fighting patrol to assist D Coy clear L of C (.) MILAK area (.) indicate target for air strike local clearing patrols (.) AMI area (.) D Coy to secure L of C MAURAK area-(r)-D-Coy (.) HOUSE COPP not to hand all infm.
249	2/6 Bn		212115K	I 36	SECRET (.) sitrep no 9 to 211900K (.) AMI area 211230K recce patrol to garden 602021 returned reported garden clear (.) 211500K escort and ration line returned reported were fired on at 623020 by enemy on ridge 622019 (.) escort heard sound of firing considered to be fighting patrol from MAURAK area in contact with enemy on ridge feature (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) 211545K D Coy arrived in area (.) 211545K advised air strike 608028 cancelled (.) 211700K patrol S8 returned reported NMS 211700K patrol S9 str 1 Offr Lt CARR 7 ORs moved out to track junc at 609037 remaining out night 21/22 mar (.) MAURAK area (.) 211100K clearing patrol to MEET line ambushed 200 yds NORTH of perimeter (.) str unknown (.) 211115K fighting patrol to clear ambush occupied posn (.) 211245K enemy attacked patrol with LMGs (.) 211300K patrol forced to withdraw (.) cas enemy unknown own NIL (.) MILAK area (.) 211100K patrol to WAIKIM 637039 located approach to KULINGAI 646048 from WEST (.) scouting patrols around perimeter located 2 additional enemy killed (.) enemy mov observed in village 649023 and at 653028 (.) WAIKIM 637039 and WANGAM 633043 reported clear (.) HOUSE COPP not to hand (.) additional infm MILAK area (.) enemy using 7 pound mor bombs (.) this may be from 81 MM type 99 1939 small mor (.) cas NIL previously reported enemy 4 killed (.) all infm.
250	17 Bde	6 Div	212145K	212145K O 646	SECRET (.) GOC from MOTEN (.) process of clearing enemy SOUTH of BALIF to 90 grid has been slow and arduous but should be completed by 23 mar (.) as designed enemy have been driven to EAST towards MAPRIK (.) then will move 2/7 inf bn NE towards NINAB river between 95 and 00 grid line as fast as sups will permit (.) enemy are holding a well defined dug in def line between LAHINGA A582860 and KUMINUBUS villages V6503 (.) 2/7 inf bn will move in str against this LEFT flank and roll it up towards MAPRIK (.) HAYS coy will watch RIGHT flank (.) 2/6 inf bn will hold northern exits from MAPRIK and clean up the area being vacated by cav where japs temporarily have initiative and are being aggressive (.) 2/6 inf bn should complete relief of cav by 25 mar.

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243					(.) G (.) mortar smoke on target on approach first aircraft (.) I (.) own tps 21 Mar (.) J (.) MILAK V643032 indicated by white T pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT WEST of UNALE creek (.) L (.) patrol will investigate after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over MILAK (.) N (.) half hourly from 220630K (.) R/T comn OP and aircraft (.) 2/6 on call sign for air ground in future will be SILVER (.) NO order of priority.
244	17 Bde Rear Bde		211950K	O 645	RESTRICTED (.) for HOWSON (.) air drop two small magnifying glasses and eas chart.
245	2/7 Bn		212005K	O 428	SECRET (.) intentions 22 Mar (.) A coy (.) ambush map ref 607010 (.) contact patrol to map ref 572986 (.) 8 pl move map ref 598002 (.) B coy (.) contact patrol to map ref 572986 (.) R19 to LAHINGA 1 map ref 582960 to check if enemy in area (.) C Coy (.) F80 to map ref 552902 to ensure area clear of enemy and contact H Coy (.) D Coy (.) F81 to villages map ref 568942 and 569950 to ensure villages clear of enemy (.) C Coy (.) continue with move of remainder of coy to map ref 545955 (.) H Coy (.) 12 pl move to map ref 570885 (.) patrol to map ref 552902 to contact F80 at 221300K (.) air strike LAHINGA 2 NOT after 220930K (.) along track to 578922 to recce pl posns and ensure clear of enemy (.) all infm.
246	6 Div		212045K	C 106	SECRET (.) police boys to LINGU WOSERA NOT returned (.) police boys to MOI A5066 KURARINABU expected return 21 Mar (.) additional police boys scouting SINAHUA 4288 and in BANDORGEA 4259 was H2428 area (.) portion of party moving to MOI to work EAST and NORTH using NUNGUAILIA A1380 as temporary base 2.
247	6 Div		212045K	G 1469	RESTRICTED (.) FORECAST 22 Mar (.) NO material change present conditions (.) moderate showers along coast sect and heavy showers over highlands accompanied by thunderstorms (.) most rain will fall between 1200 and 0600 hrs (.) river rising to high levels particularly DANMAP area (.) seas slight all infm

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236	ASP	TADJI	211655K	M 45	RESTRICTED (.) JAPS reported to have fired on our aircraft during strikes last fortnight in MILAK and AMI areas (.) intensified last few days.
237	TADJI	ASP	211700K		RESTRICTED (.) there were no strikes this afternoon due to NO flying at all
238	17 Bde	rear Bde	211710K	O 644	RESTRICTED (.) serial BLUE 4 arrived AMI 211600K time 8 hrs (.) S/Sjt ZIBELL and 2 arrived here.
239	2/7 Bn		211715K	I 184	SECRET (.) PASSWORD from 211800K to 221800K SKYSHIP.
240	ASP	TADJI	211840K	M 46	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 210800K NOT after 210930K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) Destroy enemy str unknown in village and gardens SW side of village (.) D (.) village on dominating feature SOUTH end of kunai patch (.) E (.) LAHINGA 2 A585950 (.) G (.) white T pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT WEST of creek running NORTH SOUTH through A580945 (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) half-hourly from 210630K (.) strafe any mov observed on track to LAHINGA 1 A582960.
241	17 Bde	2/6 Bn	211805K	O 655	RESTRICTED (.) LHQ nominated two category vacancy 26 course RAAF school of army cooperation 20 apr to 1 may for VX150345 Capt BUNBURY (.) please advise (.) if concur fwd duplicate nominal roll this HQ by 23 mar.
242	ASP	TADJI	211900K	M 47	RESTRICTED (.) present situation here be greatly improved by bombing (.) could any indication of date bombing likely to be resumed.
243	ASP	TADJI	211935K	M 48	RESTRICTED (.) ref my M39 repeat strike requested as priority 3 (.) second (.) A (.) NOT before 221000K NOT after 221230K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy (.) D (.) village and ridge feature (.) E (.) village V651034 (NEXT SHEET)

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231	16 Bde		201815K	O 348	SECRET (.) I (.) 2/2 Bn will capture area DAGUA aerodrome (.) limit exploitation west bank DAGUA lagoon (.) 2 (.) 2/3 Bn will continue present task with 2 coys. (b) provide a protection det KAUK and ULBAN (c) concentrated remainder ANESTT river tomorrow in area evacuated by 2/2 Bn (d) keep L of C in rear 2/2 Bn open (e) clear <i>ground</i> south L of C (.) 3 (.) 2/1 Bn and 2/3 MG Bn will continue present task (.) 4 (.) arty amn BUT increased tonight as LCMs permit and additional amn and 2 guns 52 bty should arrive BUT early tomorrow (.) 5 (.) Adv HQ opens BUT by 1200 hrs tomorrow all informed.
232		6 Div	211345K	O 642	RESTRICTED (.) native labour 2/6 inf bn (.) correct figures indentured labour are (.) AMI 59 plus 11 att FELO plus 25 att A coy 2/7 inf bn from BALIE (.) HOUSE COPP 44 (.) both without allowing for non-effectives (.) this NOT sufficient to meet present and future requirements (.) request immediate approval additional 150 rations to allow indenture further POC labour and 50 sentries (.) native sentries absolutely essential and must be rationed (.) will advise particulars reallocation of labour and where rations required.
233	6 Div		210910K 211500K	TG 766	RESTRICTED (.) LHQ nominated two category vacancies 26 course school Fighter of Army Co-operation 20 April on 1 May for VX16965 Capt F. S. WALSH 2/1 Bn and Capt BUNBURY, C. R. VX150345 2/6 Bn if acceptable please advise by signals and fwd nominal roll by 1 Apr 45.
234	ASP	TADJI	211040K	M 49	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 22 Mar (.) track from enemy posn V711058 to high ground feature V701050 along spur V697034 to MELIGUM V689014 is suspected enemy L of C (.) are enemy using this route (.) are there any new huts along track (.) what signs of general enemy activity (.) R/T comm if necessary (.) strafe opportunity targets (.) own tps HOUSE COPP (.) drop copies preliminary reports HOUSE COPP and AMI 2.
235	2/6 Bn		211550K	PHONE	Serial BLUE 4 arrived. 211545K all in 211600K.

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225	2/6 Bn		211055K	I 30	SECRET (.) further to sitrep no 8 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 210830K to 210930K 4 BEAUFORTS strafed enemy posn 681065 (.) strike accurate (.) aircraft fired on by enemy.
226	TADJI	ASP	211100K	L 24	Your M39 part one 6 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 1400K part two 4 BEAUFORTS 7 sqn ETD 1530K. ACTION: Passed to 2/6 Bn 211230K
227	6 Div		211120K	GI 463	RESTRICTED (.) your G 7 of 18 Mar (.) LEAFLETS being prepared by FELO for immediate DROPPING QUANTITY will be fwd for DISTRIBUTION by native sentries.
228	2/7 Bn		211150K	I 181	SECRET (.) following Tac/R dropped this HQ (.) village 560850 negative village 600790 large cultivated field otherwise negative (.) village 600858 new huts 3 rest negative (.) village 560880 negative (.) NO signs cut fields of fire or any dug-in defences (.) NO signs Jap activity.
229	16 Bde		211200K	I 1297	SECRET (.) 16 Bde PASSWORDS from 220700K to 280700K (.) 22 Mar GOLDENRAIN 23 Mar YELLOWWATTLE 24 Mar PRIMIONROSE (.) REDWARTAH (.) 26 Mar GREENGRASS (.) 27 Mar WHITECARNATION (.) 28 Mar DARKVIOLET.
230		6 Div	211300K	O 641	SECRET (.) sitrep 106 to 211200K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK MILAK areas (.) sitnor (.) AMI area (.) standing patrol est track junc 609037 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 210830K to 210930K 4 BEAUFORTS accurately strafed 681065 enemy fired on planes (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) night 20/21 mar (.) ILAHOP (.) 2 bursts enemy IMG fire from SOUTH one burst from NORTH into our posn during night (.) track 3 enemy from AMUK river and around EAST flank located (.) 21 mar (.) ILAHETA sp (.) enemy still in occupation SOUTH end of ridge vicinity 553936 (.) tree snipers engaged with mortar fire (.) 20 mar (.) enemy killed ambush posn 576959 ILAHETA LAHINGA track identified as 54 L of G GARRISON UNIT (.) 21 mar (.) TUALIGEM 618997 reported by native sentry reoccupied all infm.

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219	6 Div		201700K	Q61182	CONFIDENTIAL (.) airdrop maintenance surplus (.) HQ 17 Bde ASINIBUL strength to be advised (.) 2/7 Bn ILAHETA A5593 probably commenced 22 Mar str 700 WHITES 600 native porters (.) Coy 2/6 Bn TATIMBA 588880 one drop 22 Mar as advised AASC 2/6 Bn AMI strength 600 WHITES 150 native porters (.) Coy 2/6 Bn HOUSE COPP str 240 WHITES 100 native porters (.) 17 Bde staging post NILU 600 SWPA rations 2000 native rations weekly 2/3 REAR MG Bn NUPAU 789270 strength 600 WHITES 24 native porters rations commenced 20 Mar.
220	17 Bde		210955K	O 640	RESTRICTED (.) ack one copy mosaic MAPRIK 16 Mar (.) would appreciate further two copies at earliest.
221	2/7 Bn		211000K	I 178	RESTRICTED (.) following being fwd your HQ 21 Mar (.) package captured documents FSS 752 also patrol reports F26 F 53 F62 F64 F65 F69 F70 F72 R12.
222	2/7 Bn		211000K	O 418	SECRET (.) furtherance to our O 405 (.) intentions 21 Mar (.) F79 to unnamed village map ref 602991 to ensure clear of enemy (.) all infm.
223	2/7 Bn		211035K	I 179	SECRET (.) Sitrep 51 to 211000K (.) B Coy (.) two burst LMG fires from SOUTH one burst from NORTH directed on to B Coy posn during night (.) patrol report tracks 3 enemy approaching from AMUK RIVER and round EAST flank (.) D Coy (.) enemy still in occupation SOUTH end ridge vicinity 553936 (.) tree snipers engaged with mortar fire (.) native sentry reports GUALIGEM 618997 occupied by enemy.
224	2/6 Bn		211055K	I 28	SECRET (.) sitrep No 8 to 211000K (.) MAURAK area (.) during night 20/21 Mar two small mortar bombs fired into perimeter one failed to explode NO damage (.) MILAK area (.) 210600K clearing patrol report perimeter clear (.) A-MI area (.) 210730K patrol S8 moved out to track junc at 609037 report on enemy mov (.) time in last light (.) 210945K 4.2M shot NOT successful (.) 3M AMI area registered accurately and will be used for indication airstrike (.) 211000K (.) recee patrol str 3 ORs mov out to ascertain if garden 602031 clear (.) 210915K ration line and escort left for MAURAK area (.) HOUSE COPP NOT to hand (.) all infm

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215	6 Div	210820K	O 637	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 105 to 210800K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 200800K patrol observed tracks approx 50 enemy vicinity posn V622017 (.) 201500K enemy fired at natives 50 yds NORTH posn (.) 201600K patrol to V619018 NMS (.) 201600K enemy observed moving NORTH along ridge to V608028 (.) MILAK area (.) 201300K patrol to V649023 fired at by enemy LMGs (.) 201112K patrol to vicinity V608028 reported strafing accurate (.) enemy fired LMG at aircraft (.) strike failed to dislodge enemy (.) 201430K enemy observed in garden V604034 engaged by MMG result unknown (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 201130K patrol reported enemy with JUKI astride IMBIA V727027 track at V711058 with 6 new shelters (.) native infm (.) MAIROKA V653060 occupied by enemy str unknown (.) MENDAMEN V786040 occupied by 12 enemy with 2 LMGs (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol to area A604972 to locate Gen MANO contacted 11 enemy vicinity enemy HQ A615969 cas enemy 9 killed own NIL (.) natives advised general moved out 19 Mar direction QUALIGEM A620988 (.) patrol to QUALIGEM reported village clear (.) fired on by Jap sentry V615009 (.) unoccupied extensive dug-in posns V606011 with connecting trenches (.) 15 shelters and fire still burning in area (.) patrol killed one Jap V596001 (.) ambush posn ILAHETA LAHINGA A582960 track killed 3 enemy from ILAHETA (.) ILAHETA gp A553936 (.) enemy withdrew during 4 in mortar shoot (.) posn occupied by 18 pl plus 2 secs 15 pl (.) enemy counter-attacked repulsed but continued to engage posn with intermittent fire during afternoon and night (.) cas enemy 4 killed one killed one wounded (.) natives attempted to take PW on L of C BARANGABANDANGI BALANGABADABIL but Jap committed suicide (.) B Coy 2/6 bn (.) 10 pl occupied TATIMBA corrected map ref A582888 (.) villages A5590 clear (.) 11 pl now at UTUMUPU A556880 all infm.</p>	
216	6 Div	202350K	I 554	<p><i>ACTIONS: 2/6, 2/7 Bns H. force advised relevant infm</i></p>	<p>SECRET (.) AIB report 19 Mar (.) Capt ASHTON has taken over from Lt MCCOLL (.) ASHTONS party str 6 EUROPEANS 36 native soldiers 16 carriers (.) comm two schedules daily (.) emergency call any hour control sta LAE MCCOLL moving to PUMATUMBA A1586 thence AITAPE.</p>
217	2/7 Bn	210830K	O 416	<p>SECRET (.) ref our O 405 (.) cancel F79 and substitute R18 to village map ref 613015 to report on enemy mov in area especially to NORTH and whether village clear of enemy (.) all infm.</p>	
218	6 Div	210850K	O 639	<p>SECRET (.) if approved request AIB frequencies and times of daily W/T schedules to enable HAY FORCE and this HQ to listen out to traffic and obtain quickly AIB infm (.) if desired infm from HAY FORCE could be passed direct to AIB (.) infm would be required as to codes ciphers used.</p>	

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209					(CONTINUED) point of view DZ site Bn HQ landing strip (.) D Coy (.) complete consolidation ILAHETA (.) H Coy (.) Notified later (.) ack (.) all infm.
210	16 Bde		202140K	I 1395	SECRET (.) SITREP 54 to 201200K (.) coastal sector (.) 19 Mar (.) nine LIBERATORS bombed enemy gun posns along coast from V943254 to V968132 (.) 2/1 Bn (.) nine barges successfully unloaded area BUT jetty (.) 2/2 Bn (.) A Coy located enemy minefield V895251 (.) C Coy captured base sub area NOT ranged by RDF apparatus (.) D Coy killed one enemy V901256 (.) AA gun which fired on DOUGLAS A/C 17 Mar captured and destroyed (.) 2/3 Bn (.) patrol from B Coy killed five enemy MARABUS area (.) seven recent dead found result previous action (.) 4 pl captured two PW V852276 (.) W/shops 84 lathes and enemy machinery captured V843269 equipment still packed in cases (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) amendment refer engagement V786252 reported SITREP 53 (.) enemy Bn withdrawn observed posn (.) 191805K one enemy killed V757249 (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 201200K cas own 53 killed 113 wounded cas enemy 366 killed 8 PW (.) location change 2/3 MG Bn V789270 all infm.
211	2/6 Bn		202200K	I 24	SECRET (.) further to SITREP 7 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 201130K patrol F5 report enemy str unknown with 1 JUKI MG astride IMBIA NELIGUM track JUNC 711058 6 new shelters (.) native reports (.) enemy in occupation str unknown NAIROKA 2 IMGs (.) intentions 21 Mar (.) patrol F6 Lt WARD 6 ORs to 681065 (.) patrol F7 1 Sjt 69 9 ORs to 711058 patrol to occupy this posn if possible.
212	6 Div		202325K	AO 762	SECRET (.) request approval regarding following new AIR FORCE BOMB LINE from 210800K (.) from lagoon mouth W001242 SOUTH through feature W000214 to W000100 WEST to 2650 feature V811093 thence SOUTH through YAMIL ELG MANGUBO A8177 NUMANGOA A8258 ZOROGO A8247 to SEPIK river to EAST along SEPIK NORTH (.) 2nd 3rd rth addressee river and incl range to anticipate change.
213	17 Bde		202359K	O 638	SECRET (.) AIB report 19 Mar Capt ASHTON taken over from MCCOLL (.) str 6 EUROPEANS 26 native soldiers 16 carriers (.) MCCOLL moving to FUMATUMBA A1586 thence AITAPE.
214	TADJI	ASP	210700K		RESTRICTED (.) target No 3 4 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0830K 1 BEAUFORT continue Tac/R.

ACTION: This will permit CRTG strike requested on KALABURU staging port area 7896

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205 <u>CANCELLED</u>					(-CONTINUED-)XXX clearing patrols to KUNAI PATCH V619018 NMS (.) 201600K enemy observed move NORTH along ridge V608028 (.) MILAK area (.) 200800K clearing patrols found perimeter clear (.) 201300K recce patrol to V649023 fired at by enemy LMGs patrol ar- rived back 201600K (.) AMI area (.) 201112K patrol F4 returned report airstrike accurate enemy fired LMG at aircraft also attempted move around left flank of OP (.) strike failed to dislodge enemy (.) 201430K enemy observed in garden V604034 were fired on by MMG result NOT observed (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) NOT to hand (.) all infm XXX CANCELLED
					SERIAL XXX CANCELLED XXX
206	2/7 Bn		202100K	I 177	SECRET (.) SITREP 50 to 201900K (.) A Coy (.) F 78 returned 201800K reports area 604972 site enemy ambush set night and morning (.) 11 enemy contacted vicinity enemy HQ 614969 (.) cas 9 killed own nil (.) natives report high offi- cer moved out 19 Mar direction GUALIGEM (.) F77 returned 201400K reports GUALIGEM clear (.) fired on by Japs sentry area 615009 extensive dug in posns with connecting trenches located 606011 (.) 15 SHELTERS and fire still burning in area (.) patrol to investigate native report killed 1 Jap vicinity 596001 (.) B Coy (.) local patrol set ambush ILAHETA LAHINGA GA track (.) 3 enemy approached from ILAHETA (.) cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) D Coy (.) M4.2 arty shoot on enemy posn 553936 accurate (.) enemy moved out during mortaring (.) 18 pl plus 2 secs 15 pl in occupation (.) enemy counter at- tacked (.) attack repulsed (.) enemy continuing to engage tps with intermittent fire (.) cas enemy 4 killed own 1 wound- ed 1 died of wounds (.) sentry boys attempted capture one enemy on L of C BMQ to C Coy (.) Jap killed himself with grenade sentry boy (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) 10 pl in occupation TATIMBA (.) amended ref for village 582888 (.) F76 returned 201100K unable reach objective in time (.) local patrol confirm village 5890 clear (.) 11 pl joined coy UTUMUPU (.) all infm.
207	16 Bde		202110K	O 341	SECRET (.) HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde posn closes present location 211300K and reopens are of mouth BUT Ri- ver at V887256 all infm.
208	2/7 Bn		202110K	O 406	SECRET (.) further to our O 405 (.) intentions 21 Mar (.) H Coy less 10 pl move MUI map ref 570885 (.) local patrolling all infm.
209	2/7 Bn		202120K	O 405	SECRET (.) intentions 21 Mar (.) A Coy (.) F79, to village map ref 619998 to confirm clear of enemy (.) 4.2 mortaring in support 2/6 Bn (.) B Coy (.) ambush LAHINGA ILAHETA track (.) R17 to kunai patch sq 5895 to report on area

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201	ASP	TADJI	201950K	M 43	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 21 Mar (.) villages 600890 600858 - 560850 560880 - 580880 (.) are enemy in occupation are they dug in are there any signs of cut fields of fire (.) natives report enemy in villages (.) own troops vil-lages 472885 - 588889 - 570885 NO strafing (.) R/T communication to HAY 572885 (.) drop on HAY 572885 and 17 Bde.
202	2/6 Bn	202015K	202015K	I 22	SECRET (.) SITREP no 7 to 201900K (.) MAURAK area (.) 200800K clearing patrol SOUTH of perime-ter NMS (.) tracks of approx 50 enemy seen bloodstained boot found (.) 201500K enemy fired at natives 50 yds NORTH of perimeter (.) 201600K clear-ing patrols to KUNAI PATCH V619018 NMS (.) 201600K enemy observed move north along ridge V608028 (.) MILAK area (.) 200800K clearing patrols found perimeter clear (.) 201300K recce patrol to V649023 fired at by enemy LMGs patrol arrived back 201600K (.) AMI area (.) 201112K patrol F4 returned report airstrike accurate enemy fired IMG at aircraft also at-tempted move around left flank of OP (.) strike failed to dislodge enemy (.) 201430K enemy observed in garden V604034 were fired on by IMG result NOT observed (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) NOT to hand (.) all infm.
203	2/6 Bn		202077K	I 23	SECRET (.) intentions 21 Mar (.) AMI area (.) 210800K to 210900K 4.2 mortar shoot enemy posn V608028 (.) 210900K escort str 1 sjt 10 ORs for native line to MAURAK (.) request for strafing (.) MAURAK area (.) clearing patrol to contact escort to perimeter (.) MILAK area (.) local clearing patrols (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) request for strafing other intentions NOT to hand.
204	Rear Bde	17 Bde	201800K	Q 520	RESTRICTED (.) infm (.) report-ed amn expenditure for week ending 17 Mar (.) .303 bando-liers 8845 .303 carton 4055 9 MM 7960 36 grenade hand 453 36 grenade rifle 75 2" M HE 115 2" M smoke 152 3" M HE 141 3" M smoke 144.
205	2/6 Bn		202015K	I 22	SECRET (.) sitrep no 7 to 201900K (.) MAURAK area (.) 200800K clearing patrol SOUTH of perimeter NMS (.) tracks of approx 50 enemy seen blood-stained boot found (.) 201500K enemy fired at natives 50 yds NORTH of perimeter (.) 201600K (NEXT SHEET)

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195	Rear Bde	2/6 Bn	200930K	Q 508	RESTRICTED (.) for Adv 2/6 Cav HQ (.) your Q 106 (.) refer to BM 17 Bde for lab to move stores to COAST.
196	Rear Bde	17 Bde	201455K	Q 516	RESTRICTED (.) 4.2 MORTAR AMN (.) stocks nearly exhausted approx 30 bombs held this area (.) have arranged for them to be dropped AMI and BATTREG 2/22/7 Bn advised. BALIF ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised.
197	Rear Bde	17 Bde	201602K	A 848	RESTRICTED (.) Brig TOVELL AAG branch LHQ accompanied by Lt/Col ROWLEY DAD educ 1 Army HQ educ offr and amen offr visited Rear Bde this morning (.) interviewed FARDON and FIELDS had morning tea (.) sends his regards and best wishes to Bde Comd.
198	Rear Bde	17 Bde	201900K	Q 519	RESTRICTED (.) for infm (.) evacuation by aircraft to 19 Mar were 2/5 Bn 10 2/6 Cav 7 2/2 Amb 12/8 1 2/5 PUNJAB 2 SBPOYS 2/7 Bn 13 SBPOYS AIB 1 Police boy total 34
199	2/7 Bn		201930K	I 176	SECRET (.) password night 20/21 Mar (.) BLONDE countersign BOMBSHELL.

200	ASP	TADJI	201935K	M 39	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 211400 NOT after 211500K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy str unknown with 1 IMG astride track from IMBIA to NELIGUN (.) D (.) Track junction high ground on North South ridge east of HOUSE COPP (.) E (.) 711058 (.) G (.) two rounds mortar smoke on approach of aircraft further rounds if required (.) I (.) own troops 201130K (.) J (.) HOUSE COPP (.) K (.) NOT north of ISAMIK Creek (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over HOUSE COPP (.) N Hourly from 210730K (.) PRIORITY 2: (.) A (.) NOT before 211430K NOT after 211600K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy 40 Japs in funk-hole with LMG (.) D (.) ridge feature 300 yds south-east of village (.) E (.) 608028 (.) G (.) 4.2 mortar smoke on target (.) I (.) own troops 20 Mar (.) J (.) AMI with white T pointing towards target (.) also mortar posn village 602002 (.) K (.) NOT east of line through AMI 2 and village 813017 (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over mortar posn (.) general (.) R/T communication (.) priority 3 (.) A (.) NOT before 210830K NOT after 210930K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy party Japs astride track (.) D (.) top of small knoll with overhead cover on main feature running north and south with rock face from attack side bearing 242 M distance 2600 yds from HOUSE COPP (.) E (.) 681065 (.) G (.) two rounds mortar smoke on approach of A/C (.) I (.) own patrol 181320K (.) J (.) HOUSE COPP (.) K (.) NOT east of KUNDU Creek (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over HOUSE COPP (.) secondary target for priority 3 (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy along high feature from 682070 to WACHA 678046 (.) J (.) HOUSE COPP with white T in direction of target (.) R/T communication in

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189	ASP	TADJI	201350K	M 41	RESTRICTED (.) ref strike ASANA-KOR 2 Mar (.) captured documents state (.) quote Allied Bombers bombed intendance office and the dispensary (.) two killed battalion commander and SHIMADA wounded at 1130 hrs (.) unquote (.) documents captured by 2/7 bn.
190	2/6 Bn		201055K	I 21	SECRET (.) SITREP No 6 to 201000K (.) MILAK AREA (.) during night 19/20 Mar enemy activity around perimeter until 200200K (.) two booby traps exploded and enemy threw ten grenades 200615K perimeter patrols report NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) NO enemy mov during night 19/20 Mar (.) 200615K perimeter reported clear by patrols (.) AMI area (.) 200715K patrols F4 moved out (.) 200957K 5 aircraft commenced strafing posn V606028 (.) OP reports accurate (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 200600K patrol F5 str 1 Offr 24 ORs moved out IMBIA 727927 area route ISAMIK creek 700064 to 711061 to 719053 object to ascertain IMBIA track clear and extent of occupation IMBIA (.) 191900K native report Jap sentry SCREW river approx 685043 all infm.
191	16 Bde		191345K	I 1392	SECRET (.) amendment part 16 Bde location state No 2 infm up to 191200K (.) arty (.) C tp 2/6 Svy Bty 791295 (.) RAE (.) 11 pl 2/14 Fd Coy SUAIN 500324 (.) inf (.) 2/1 Bn BUT 879258 (.) A coy unchanged (.) B Coy BUT 883258 (.) C Coy BUT 877263 (.) D Coy BUT 874069 (.) 2/2 Bn (.) bn fwd (.) 2/3 Bn (.) comd post A and move HQ 896255 at 191100K B Coy NIBAHU 789267.
192	17 Bde	<i>6/20</i>	201634K	O 633	SECRET (.) ref translation captured documents (.) in view delay documents take to reach your HQ and translation to be returned strongly recommend ATIS rep be att this HQ at earliest (.) 41 Div OO A62 captured 10 Mar translation received today quoted as example (.) all documents now must be forwarded by courier.
193	RearBde	17 Bde	201730K	Q 518	RESTRICTED (.) following from 6 Div (.) A Flt 4 Tac/R Sqn in AUSTER Flt ceased OPs this area today (.) henceforth Tac/R will be carried out by BEAUFORTS.
194	6 Div		201800K	GI 445	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 21 Mar (.) further night showers along COAST general increase in intensity (.) moderate showers over highland in afternoon and night with some thunderstorms day condition dull but fine (.) river slightly above normal (.) sea slight (.) all infm

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182	6 Div		191725K	GO 756	SECRET (.) revsit 135 to 191500K
183	TADJI	ASP	192200K	L 12	RESTRICTED (.) ref your M 36 following Tac/R carried out today (.) strafed huts 689070 and 680045 nil observed results (.) BUMIGEN village two small huts with drying sak sak and cut timber near huts ridge 680070 to 680045 many small huts some with new gardens on slopes each side ridge (.) SCREW RIVER small groups huts and gardens NMS (.) village 671050 stack cut logs under palms. ACTION: Tac/R requested by HOUSE COPP.
184	2/7 Bn		201050K	I 175	SECRET (.) sitrep 49 to 201000K (.) nothing to report.
185	6 Div		201200K	O 632	SECRET (.) SITREP 6 to 201200K (.) 2/6 bn (.) MILAK area night 19/20 Mar enemy activity around perimeter until 200200K (.) 200615K NMS (.) MAURAK area (.) sitnor (.) AMI area (.) 200957K 5 BEAUFORTS accurately strafed V606025 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 191900K native report Jap sentry SCREW RIVER (.) 201130K to 201200K arty/R enemy posn 553936.
186	ASP	TADJI	201210K	M 40	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 201300K NOT after 201600K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C destroy enemy (.) D (.) top of ridge feature (.) E (.) V645036 (.) G (.) mortar smoke (.) I (.) own tps 20 Mar (.) J (.) village V643032 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) K (.) NOT south of line through village V637033 and village V651032 (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over own posn (.) general (.) R/T communication between OP and A/C.
187	ANGAU AITAPE		201100K	RC 82	RESTRICTED (.) from COLE (.) O'LOGLAN PETERSON and party arrived BAILIF.
188	2/7 Bn	201420K	201420K	O 400	SECRET (.) ref our O 389 intentions 20 Mar (.) patrol F76 should read F78.

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Serial	From	To	TCO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
175		6 Div	200815K	O 629	SECRET (.) SITREP 5 to 200800K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) 191105K V606028 enemy str 30 with 2 LMGs encoun- tered dug in on track AMI MAU- RAK posn V622017 cas enemy 7 killed 8 wounded-own NIL (.) MILAK area (.) 191700K posn V644034 mortared from feature V644041 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to V718067 reported enemy to have evacuated posn (.) patrol to 704072 NMS (.) AUPIK area (.) V598003 A tp 2/6 cav cdo regt relieved by A coy 2/7 inf bn and moved AMI (.) native infm (.) enemy at WANGAM V633042 WAIKIM V637039 KULINGAI V646047 hill feature V644041 (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) A568959 patrol encountered 5 enemy preparing ambush cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded (.) patrol to 553936 following in strafing attack (.) enemy fire from concealed posns and trees encountered patrol withdrew cas enemy 1 killed 1 PW own 1 killed 2 wounded (.) change in disposns (.) B coy less 18 pl A552940 18 pl AWI (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) patrol reported village 5590 clear (.) 191800K natives report village reoccupied by enemy (.) 190950K contact patrol to AIB returned SINAHU (.) patrol to MUI V570886 NMS all infm.
176	2/7 Bn		200900K	I 172	RESTRICTED (.) by safe hand cap- tured documents numbers FSS 715 716 717 718 (.) ack receipt packages.
177	TADJI	ASP	200850K		Ref your M37 (.) request carried out.
178	ASP	TADJI	191643K	M 34	SECRET (.) personal from Brig MOTEN to W/C COOPER (.) can you advise how long it will be be- fore TIGER MOTHS are likely to be available (.) casualties will have to be sent overland if this is likely to be delayed for some time.
179	ASP	TADJI	201026K	M 39	RESTRICTED (.) report on straf- ing ILAHETA 19 Mar (.) platoon advanced after strafing and en- countered fire from concealed posns and trees (.) observation difficult along narrow ridge (.) unable to reach to ascertain damage from strike (.) further attack 20 Mar.
180	6 Div		181700K	GO 472	SECRET (.) revsit 133 to 181500K
181	6 Div		182015K	GO 745	SECRET (.) revsit 134 to 181930K

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168	ASP	TADJI	192115K	M 36	RESTRICTED (.) ref my M 28 19 Mar (.) request Tac/R be carried out by BEAUFORT 20 Mar (.) strafing within Tac/R area only.
169	2/7 Bn		192125K	I 170	SECRET (.) SITREP 48 to 191900K (.) A Coy (.) Coy less pl completed relief A tp 2/10 sqn and now at 598003 (.) B Coy (.) ambush party contacted enemy str. 5 area 568959 (.) cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded (.) natives report enemy were preparing ambush on track in vicinity (.) D Coy (.) Coy less 18 pl at 552940 18 pl remains AWI (.) 191000K 4 BEAUFORTS made strafing and deception runs over enemy posn 552926 (.) 16 pl moved into village after MMG fire advanced 100 yds beyond posn 17 pl contact 18 Mar (.) fire from concealed posns and trees (.) observation very poor along narrow ridge (.) cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed 2 wounded by treesnipers (.) native sentries passed over PW to our tps (.) B Coy 2/6 Bn (.) R16 NOT previously advised reports village 5590 NOT occupied (.) native report 191800K village again occupied (.) contact patrol to AIB returned SINAHU 190950K (.) locate patrol to MUI reports village clear (.) old weapon pits in vicinity all infm.
170		Mil Hist Sec MELB	192150K	O 630	RESTRICTED (.) please forward at earliest duplicate copies op diary since Oct att as appx to War Diary.
171	TADJI	ASP	192210K	L 22	RESTRICTED (.) reference your M33 7 sqn 5 BEAUFORTS TOT 201000K (.) your M 35 8 sqn 4 BEAUFORTS TOT 201100K.
172	ASP	TADJI	200650K	M 37	ref your L 22 19 Mar (.) my M35 should have begun request for Arty/R (.) request cancelled strike substitute ARTY/R.
173	ASP	TADJI	200855K	M 38	RESTRICTED (.) battery position very grim (.) request acid be dropped immediately.
174	TADJI	ASP	192300K	L 23	Ref your M 34 arrival date unknown endeavouring to ascertain (.) will advise as soon as possible (.) expect considerable delay.

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163	2/7 Bn		192010K	O 389	SECRET (.) intentions 20 Mar (.) A Coy (.) F76 SPECIAL comd Lt DARRYL (.) F77 to sq 6299 to clear small party enemy in area (.) B Coy (.) ambush LAHINGA ILAHETA track (.) D Coy 18 pl move present coy posn (.) intense recce patroling (.) H Coy (.) 11 pl move to UTUMUPU map ref 545880 (.) one pl occupy TATIMBA map ref 588880 (.) patrol to map ref 553903 to ensure village clear of enemy (.) all infm.
164	2/6 Bn		192025K	I 19	SECRET (.) change in disposns (.) HOUSE COPP AREA (.) HQ A Coy 2/6 Bn plus 8 pl 1 det 3 pl V701075 7 pl V700075 9 pl V699077 standing patrol V701072 (.) AMI area (.) A tp 2/10 sqn returned this area.
165	2/6 Bn		192045K	I 17	SECRET (.) SITREP No 5 to 191900K (.) MAURAK area (.) 191105K patrol along L of C to MAURAK contacted enemy strength 30 dug in astride track A606028 with 2 LMGs (.) cas enemy 7 killed 8 wounded own nil (.) enemy big well-built men in clean khaki uniform and peaked caps (.) MILAK area (.) 191400K patrol encircled perimeter 300 yds (.) 191700K enemy mortar fire from hill feature 644041 (.) native sentries report enemy WANGAM 633042 and WAIKIM 637039 (.) KULINGAI 646047 and hill feature 644041 also occupied (.) these latter well dug-in (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 191345K R1 return NMS (.) 191400K F2 return enemy had evacuated area mortar shoot 18 Mar accurate (.) 191415K R3 return NMS cas not previously reported enemy 7 killed 8 wounded (.) all infm.
166	2/6 Bn		192050K	I 18	SECRET (.) intentions 20 Mar (.) AMI area (.) patrol F4 strength 3 Offrs 27 ORs OC Lt L. S. ROACH to approx V60628 to indicate for airstrike and at-same-time clear area time due out 200700K (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrols (.) MILAK area (.) request for strafing local clearing patrols (.) HOUSE COPP area request Tac/R.
167	ASP	TADJI	192055K	M 35	RESTRICTED (.) NOT before 201000K NOT after 201200K (.) target No SUGAR 1 (.) target 300 yds from own troops on bearing 150° grid small knoll 30 yds across on which is one native hut (.) 35 yds right of target is largest bushy tree in area (.) target ref 558942 (.) own tps ref 555942 with white T pointing in direction of target (.) ammo expenditure 50 rounds (.) R/T communication aircraft to ASP 17 Bde then forward by line.

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156		rear 17 Bde	191735K	0627	your 2500 (.) 19 and 20 MAR
157		6 div	191750K	0628	from MOTEN to MURPHY (.) will come on thu if I can arrange
158	6 div		191635K 191850K	G1452	forecast 20 Mar (.) showers and light rain along coast at night with heavier showers over highlands (.) isolated storms over range at night (.) day conditions fine and cloud fresh NW wind persisting (.) river normal seas moderate
159	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	191820K	M33	A (.) not before 201000K NOT after 201100K (.) B (.) strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy (.) D (.) 30 enemy dug i in across L of C from MILAK to MAURAK (.) in burnt out village on hill feat- ure (.) E (.) ref V606028 (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach of aircraft (.) I (.) afternoon 19 Mar (.) J (.) mortar posn V603033 with white T point ing in direction of target also at V623017 (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of EAST WEST line through village V607034 and end of AMI 2 ref V596030 (.) L (.) NETX NO (.) M (.) waggle wings over mortar posn (.) N (.) hourly from 200700K (.) general (.) R/T comm between air & OP
160	16 Bde		191345K 191850K	11388	Sitrep 53 to 191200K (.) coastal sector (.) 18 Mar (.) 2/2 bn (.) patrol killed nine enemy BUT area (.) BUT air strip now cleared and all coast areas to within 90 (.) 32 PW captured BAI inter rogated this morning (.) mountain sector (.) 2/3 MG bn (.) 18 Mar (.) patrol report sq 7725 and foothills SOUTH of 25 grid to EAST 78 grid clear of enemy (.) 19 mar patrol from D coy engaged enemy V786252 cas own one wounded (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 191200K cas own 53 killed 113 wounded/cas enemy 347 kille 347 113 wounded/cas enemy 347 6 PW (.) location changes (.) 2/1 bn V879258 (.) 2/2 bn V896255
161	rear 17 Bde		191500K 191800K	2501	AUSTERS 4 have been recalled to LAE (.) being dismantles this afternoon and proceeding LAE tomorrow (.) am arrang- ing for sig stores 2/6 bn primus stove for Comd to be fwded by native carriers (.) earliest (.) understood being being replaced by TIGER MOTHS NO definite infm as to when available
162	ASP	TADJI	191200K	M 31	RESTRICTED (.) 2/6 Bn sending separ- ate weather reports (.) AMI AREA giv- en CODE figure 7.

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147				(CONTINUED)	not strafe SOUTH of line between WAIKIM ref V637039 and line MAPOBMA ref V658041 (.) R/T communication between OP and aircraft.
148	6 Div		191425K	AO 723	SECRET (.) ground air intercomm (.) revised consolidated list code names (.) HQ 6 Aust Div GLORY (.) HQ 16 Bde WATER (.) 2/1 Bn BILLY (.) 2/2 Bn BUNTER (.) 2/3 Bn BASKET (.) 2/3 MG Bn HIGHLAND (.) HQ 17 Bde DRUM (.) 2/5 Bn PIPER (.) 2/6 Bn SILVER (.) 2/7 Bn BRASS (.) 2/6 (.) HQ 19 Bde BLUE (.) 2/4 Bn GREEN (.) 2/8 Bn RED (.) 2/11 Bn BROWN (.) HQ RAA 6 Aust Div RUSTY (.) 2/1 Fd Regt JACK (.) 2/2 Fd Regt JILL (.) 2/3 Fd Regt BUNNY (.) 2/1 Tk Attack Regt TRAP (.) in land air support part EMU coast air support part WILFULL (.) 5 Tac/R sqn CHRISTINE (.) 7 sqn SOSO (.) 8 sqn TRAVEL (.) 100 sqn DOUGHNUT.
149		2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns	191450K	O 624	SERIAL NO 148 REPEATED.
150	6 Div		191445K	O 869	CONFIDENTIAL (.) posn own tps area MILAK MAURAK AMI 2 NOT clear please advise at earliest.
151	6 Div		191545K	O 625	SECRET (.) your O 869 of 191014K (.) disposns (.) AMI (.) HQ 2/6 Bn HQ 2/6 cav regt HQ 2/10 sqn A tp 2/10 sqn (.) MILAK area (.) B tp 2/10 sqn V644034 (.) MAURAK area (.) C tp V622017.
152	Rear Bde	17 Bde	191030K	A 840	RESTRICTED (.) C-in-C visiting 2/5 Bn 191400K
153	2/7 BN		191635K 191810K	I169	SECRET (.) PASSWORD from 191900K t to 201900K LITTLE countersign AUDREY
154	Adv 2/6 Cav		191600K 191730K	Q106	nativr labour required to mov stores from AMI to SUAIN 52 (.) desired that move commence NOT later than MAR 26
155	rear 17 Bde		191315K 191730K	Q500	ref R/T conversation SC IO (.) please confirm dates of arrival WALUM of 2/7 sqn ACTION: our 0627 19. 20 Mar

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143					(CONTINUED) west flanks clear (.) 4 additional enemy dead found (.) 181600K patrol to north of perimeter contacted enemy (.) enemy cas 1 killed (.) enemy using JUKI strips cartons amm found (.) 181830K desultory fire north perimeter 182359K enemy attacked west flank with IMG rifles grenades attack repulsed (.) 190200K further enemy attack using grenades attack continued until 190530K (.) enemy cas 11 killed own NIL (.) documents removed from bodies (.) suspected enemy forceoper this area based KULINGAI area V646048 (.) enemy cas NOT previously reported 15 killed (.) MAURAK AUPIK areas sitnor (.) further to intentions 19 Mar (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) if CHALMINIP Creek area clear patrol F2 to move via V708065 to contact enemy position V718067 (.) patrol R1 to move to old enemy posn V700063 all informed.
144	6 Div		191225K	O 623	SECRET (.) sitrep 102 to 191230K (.) 2/6 bn (.) MILAK area (.) 181500K additional 4 enemy dead found vicinity own posn (.) 181600K patrol contacted enemy to NORTH of posn cas enemy one killed (.) 182359K enemy attack WEST flank of te-190520K-enemy attacks posn repulsed (.) 190200K to 190530K enemy attacks continued (.) cas enemy 11 killed own NIL (.) enemy operating this area believed based KULINAI area V646048 (.) MAURAK AUPIK areas sitnor (.) 2/7 bn sitnor all infm
145	2/7 Bn		191230K	I 167	SECRET (.) Tac/R dropped 191115K (.) NO sign reoccupation village 485855 (.) IGITAKUA is occupied (.) big new huts heaps sak sak and pit pit (.) fresh camp fire ashes (.) tracks throughout area very well worn (.) MANUKU OLU billages burnt out (.) good track WEST and SOUTH (.) CHIGINABU occupied NMS (.) WORA much activity (.) rebuilding (.) good track NW
146	TADJI	ASP.	191240K	L 17	RESTRICTED (.) reference your M 30 (.) white cliffs not seen area to SOUTH no infm other than tracks (.) reference your M 29 will comply.
147	ASP	TADJI	191325K	M 32	RESTRICTED (.) request for immediate strafing (.) NOT after 191600K (.) Jap HQ in hut in village ref V646048 (.) will indicate by mortar smoke and white T own posn (.) own troops MILAK ref V643032 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) do (NEXT SHEET)

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139		2/6 Bn	191200K	O 621	RESTRICTED (.) ref mov 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) adv party of 64 will move 23 mar in following stages (.) first (.) AMI to PEAK (.) second (.) PEAK to WALUM (.) third (.) WALUM to COAST (.) all parties in future will carry one meal for stage AMI PEAK (.) advise at earliest proposed str and date of mov of further parties.
140		THE PEAK WALUM	19200K	O 622	RESTRICTED (.) adv party 2/6 cav cdo regt str 64 leaving AMI 23 mar (.) stages (.) first (.) AMI to PEAK (.) second (.) PEAK to WALUM (.) third (.) WALUM to COAST (.) in future PEAK will issue rations for one meal for parties moving to AMI if NOT being carried (.) WALUM will issue rations for one meal for all parties moving direct to COAST.
141	6 Div		181210K	AO 731	SECRET (.) request 1st arrange following new air force bomb line as soon as possible (.) V970250 SOUTH along 97 grid to V970100 thence WEST to V820100 thence SOUTH along 82 grid to SEPIK river and EAST along SEPIK to CAPE GIRGIR and including island to NORTH (.) second (.) third (.) fourth fifth section please anticipate approval this request.
142	16 Bde		181340K	I 1383	SECRET (.) SITREP 51 to 181200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 17 Mar (.) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn less HQ Coy est beach perimeter length 500 yds from central point V877263 (.) 1 enemy 20MM dual purpose gun good condition supply amn captured (.) 171730K enemy AA gun fired 9 rounds at DOUGLAS aircraft (.) result previous engagement incl additional enemy killed (.) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 17 Mar (.) A Coy found enemy amn dump V799293 one 20MM gun V799294 dump med stores V825285 one 20 MM gun V806294 (.) 173130K 1 enemy killed V825288 (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) patrol from 2/3 MG Bn killed 1 enemy V770284 (.) location change (.) adv HQ 2/1 Bn V877263 2/3 Bn KAUK V790295 (.) cas result previous engagement and NOT previously reported cas own 1 killed 8 wounded (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 181200K cas own 53 killed 112 wounded cas enemy 34 killed.
143	2/6 Bn		191125K	I 14	SECRET (.) SITREP 42 191000K (.) HOUSE CORP area (.) 190730K patrol Fl str 1 offr 10 ORs moved out to set ambush CHALMINIP CREEK V704072 (.) MILAK area (.) 181500K perimeter patrol report east and (NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TCO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
131		2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn H force	190945K	O 619	SECRET (.) SERIAL 130 repeated
132	2/7 Bn		191025K	I 166	SECRET (.) Sitrep 47 to 191000K (.) contact and security patrols nothing to report (.) cas NOT previously reported 18 Mar (.) own 1 wounded action area 553936.
133	6 Div		191010K	G 1438	RESTRICTED (.) AIB report EMUNUKOR A5183 JGITAKUA A5083 WETAOU-GUA A4885 UTUMUGU A5488 clear of enemy (.) approx 20 Japs AVUNDU-MAGAGUM A5287 10/20 Japs JIBARGO A538315 INDIANS 6 Japs SAMSANGRI SARAKUM A5284 30/40 Japs A5593. <i>ACTION: Passed to 2/6 2/7 HAYFORCE</i>
134		2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn H Coy	191105K	O 620	SERIAL NO 133 REPEATED.
135	ASP	TADJI	191120K	M 29	RESTRICTED (.) 4 Tac/R sqn (.) drop copy all Tac/R messages 17 Bde HQ unless notified otherwise (.) drop panel form 17 ref 540002.
136	6 Div		191110K	GI 448	RESTRICTED (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) NO significant <i>infrm</i> in documents fwded 16 Mar except 1 map translation Jap map and documents captured by 2/7 Bn following. <i>ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised</i>
137	ASP	TADJI	191137K	M 30	RESTRICTED (.) ref Tac/R report 17 Mar operation No 251 KALAURO MISSION (.) did pilot identify white cliff mentioned my M 6 (.) what information concerning area below cliffs (.) Police boy reports this area staging camp.
138	2/7 Bn		191115K	O 382	RESTRICTED (.) ref our O 375 (.) cancel R15 and detail and insert (.) H Coy (.) R15 to TATIOBA sq 5888 to confirm area clear of enemy and recce coy area (.) F76 to village sq 5586 to surprise and destroy enemy.

Serial	From	To	ICO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
126	ASP	TADJI	190810K	M 29	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 19 Mar (.) areas (.) one (.) BUMIGEM ref 678080 (.) two (.) top of feature 680070 to WATCHA ref 687045 (.) three (.) along SCREW R from ref 695058 to ref 685040 (.) is there any sign enemy movement these areas (.) NO patrols these areas nearest own troops HOUSE COPP (.) strafe opportunity targets.
127		6 Div	190820K	O 618	SECRET (.) SITREP 101 to 190800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) A coy less two pls V594012 (.) one pl V597003 one at NUMANGO V552008 (.) ambush A566956 NO contact (.) patrol BALANG+ ABADABIL A542979 to SINAHU A520890 contacted B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) NMS en route (.) following mortar fire on enemy posn A553926 patrol to area fired on by enemy LMG and rifles (.) enemy dug in and concealed cas enemy one killed one wounded own one wounded (.) B Coy 2/6 inf bn less 11 pl now at TUMUPU A546880 (.) 11 pl SINAHU (.) patrol to MUI A570886 reported area clear (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol to A588988 to A598995 NMS (.) natives reported enemy mov SOUTH along AMUK river (.) MAURAK area (.) enemy ambush V615016 reported our sitrep 100 (.) LMG used is BREN (.) natives report enemy dug in along creek banks V612015 with sentries on track in daylight (.) strong force enemy between V612015 and NINAB river (.) MILAK area (.) sitnor (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 181100K patrol to V718067 encountered enemy ambush str 12 and one native (.) enemy moved to V718073 and patrol engaged from V714072 cas enemy 2 killed (.) 181320K patrol to V683062 encountered strong enemy party with tree snipers (.) enemy believed to be party reported our sitrep 99 to be V683062 (.) cas enemy 5 killed own one killed 3 wounded (.) 181500K ambush posn 698068 NO contact (.) natives report jap party str unknown arrived AUIK V671048 approx 4 days ago and moved to SW taking native line all infm.
128		6 Div	190900K	O 652	SECRET (.) ref four S41 (.) NIL return.
129	ASP TADJI	TADJI ASP	190835K	L 15	Reference your M 26 4 repeat 4 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 191000K. ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised.
130	6 Div		171230K	G 1445	CONFIDENTIAL (.) AIB patrol report (.) native report approx enemy str in foll villages (.) 60 WOSERA A6581 (.) 80 POLAKO A6074 (.) 60 KAJAMA A6377 (.) WANGLIGO A5680 (.) 20 MIKAU A6181 (.) 8 Japs remain A5673 (.) Capt A. GAMIN at MIKAU. <i>ACTION: Inform passed to 2/6 2/7 Bns by force. Signal was badly corrupted by Div officer.</i>

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122					<p>(CONTINUED)</p> <p>enemy area 566956 (.) ambush set (.) NO CONTACT made (.) C Coy (.) F75 to SINAHU contacted B Coy 2/6 Bn 181230K (.) NO enemy contacted en route (.) D Coy (.) enemy posn area 553936 mortared (.) 17 pl approached from SOUTH came under fire one LMG and rifles from well dug in and concealed posns (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded (.) B Coy 2/6 Bn (.) Coy less 11 pl at UTAMUPU 546880 (.) 11 pl remains SINAHU (.) R14 to MUI reports area clear (.) native report unknown reliability (.) SAUNAMBE LAHINGA clear of enemy (.) NO recent enemy mov LAHINGA to AUPIK but reported SOUTHwards (.) native sentries report killing 7 Japs LAHINGA area.</p>
123	2/6 Bn.	182200K	I 13		<p>SECRET (.) further to sitrep 3 (.) HOUSE COPP area 181100K foll night shoot on 718067 patrol moving to that area sprung Jap ambush str and 12 and one native (.) Japs moved to 718072 and patrol occupied high ground 714072 and fired on enemy (.) enemy cas 2 killed own NIL (.) 181320K patrol to 683062 contacted strong aggressive enemy party at approx 673075 in ambush posn with tree snipers (.) thought to be party previously reported 683062 (.) enemy cas 5 killed own one killed three wounded (.) cas not previously reported this area enemy 7 killed own one killed 3 wounded (.) 181500K ambush patrol to 698068 NMS (.) native report Jap str unknown arrived AUPIK approx 4 days ago departed SW taking native line.</p>
124	2/7 Bn	182220K	O 375		<p>SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 19 Mar (.) B Coy (.) ambush ILAHEA LAHINGA track (.) D Coy (.) Coy HQ and 16 pl move present 17 pl posn (.) 17 pl to occupy map ref 558937 after airstrike (.) A Coy less one pl complete relief A tp 2/6 Cav (.) H Coy (.) R15 to map ref 553902 to ensure village clear of enemy (.) local patrols to EAST and SOUTH (.) all infm.</p>
125	2/6 Bn	182245K	I 12		<p>SECRET (.) SITREP no 3 to 181900K (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol to A588988 returned through A598995 NMS (.) natives report enemy move SOUTH along AMUK river (.) 181500K pl A Coy 2/7 Bn arrived in area MAURAK area (.) 180925K carrying party ambushed vicinity 615016 (.) were fired on by LMG and rifles (.) inspection of spent cartridges revealed LMG to be a BREN Native reports state enemy dug in along creek banks V612015 and placed sentries along tracks during daylight (.) A strong force between V612015 and NINAB river (.) MILAK area (.) 181100K 2 Offrs 9 ORs 2/6 Bn arrived B troop posn (.) NO enemy activity during day (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) NO reports to hand (.) Cas NOT previously reported 1 Offr Lt W. A. B. MORRISON 1 Sjt wounded.</p>

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Serial	From	To	UIC & TOR	Orig No.	Message
116	2/6 Bn		181915K	I 9	RESTRICTED (.) for COLE ANGAU (.) HEALY reports refugees housing and food HOUSE COPP area satisfactory no worries.
117	2/6 Bn		181940K	I 11	SECRET (.) attentions 19 Mar (.) FLAMINGO area (.) C tp to remain AMI 2 ETA 191400K (.) MAURAK area local clearing patrols L of C to AMI 2 (.) MILAK area (.) local clearing patrols and along L of C (.) HOUSE COPP area no report to hand.
118	6 Div		181830K	G 1446	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 19 Mar (.) showers and light rain late afternoon and evening with conditions comparatively clear (.) afternoon showers on high land of increasing intensity (.) increasing NW winds with squalls after 1200 hrs (.) rivers normal (.) sea moderate and rising moderate NW swell (.) all infm.
119	ASP TADJI	TADJI ASP	181313K	L 13	(.) RESTRICTED (.) reference your M7 cannot comply (.) CRTC fully committed (.) your target at 787968 is inside air force bomb line (.) furnish further details and will try and fulfil later BEAUFORTS can strafe from 8498 along track to 7896 if required. ACTION: This was request for heavy bombing of Jap staging post. vicinity KALAUURU mission in KAMIL area.
120	ASP	TADJI	182005K	M 26-27	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 13 18 Mar (.) would prefer target bombed (.) defer one week (.) if bombers still not available will request heavy strafing.
121	ASP	TADJI	182015K	M 27-28	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 14 18 Mar please carry out strafing requested 18 Mar (.) all infm my M 18-17 Mar.
122	2/7 Bn		182107K	I 163	SECRET (.) SITREP 46 to 181900K (.) A Coy (.) Coy less two pls at 594012 (.) one pl 597003 (.) one pl NUMANGO (.) B Coy (.) local patrol located tracks 3 (NEXT SHEET)

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110					(CONTINUED) be dropping today (.) severe weather conditions being experienced and deteriorating (.) will drop supplies and strafe any areas requested 19 Mar.
111	ASP	TADJI		M 25	RESTRICTED (.) strafe by Tac/R a/c 19 Mar (.) targets (.) one (.) village ref 520825 (.) two (.) village ref 637805 (.) three (.) area ref 5480 (.) full description from Tac/R report operation No 238 13 Mar (.) request pilot who did Tac/R lead strike (.) request 6 Div advise AIB
112	2/6 Cav		181830K	Q 104	SECRET (.) return move 2/6 Cav Regt to SUAIN (.) first flight will comprise 64 all ranks incl key personnel and adv party 2/10 sqn two offrs 44 ORs adv RHQ one offr and 17 ORs (.) NO move anticipated before 20 Mar (.) details of staging will follow ACTION: Adjnt 2/6 Bn advises actual date of mov to be worked out to avoid clashing with inward mov of 2/6 Bn. SC advised of str of party etc.
113	2/7 Bn		181835K	I 162	SECRET (.) password from 181900K to 191900K HOPALONG countersign CASSIDY.
114	2/7 Bn		181835K	O 372	SECRET (.) coy strs by areas (.) A Coy 6/114 AMAHAUK (.) B Coy 6/130 ILAHOP (.) C Coy 8/134 BALANGABAD-ABIL (.) D COY 12/161 AWI (.) 2/6 Bn B Coy 7/129 UTUMUPU (.) B Ech 5/45 BALIF DROPPING STRIP (.) Bn HQ 10/120 BARANGABANDANGI.
115	ASP	TADJI	181855K	M 24	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 190900K NOT after 191800K (.) B (.) strafe some incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy and hutments (.) D (.) village south end ILAHETA group (.) village area in coconut palms and trees on spur (.) target on bearing 136° distance 150 yds from large hut alongside tall dead tree (.) E (.) 558937 (.) G (.) Mortar smoke four minutes before ETA (.) I (.) own troops 181600K (.) J (.) 55541 on feature slightly below target and connected by saddle (.) indicated by white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT North of saddle (.) L (.) own troops will attack along spur after strike (.) M (.) waggle wings over own troops (.) N (.) Hourly from 190700K (.) general (.) fire guns on bearing 136°.

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	<i>17 AUST INF Bde</i>	<i>171400K</i>	
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

F 156 SECRET SITREP 83 to 171000K AUPIK
area 170800K one of 140RS departed to reinforce
B to MALAK area MAURAK area 170600K enemy
attached with LMG firing incendiary and mortar fire
attack failed cas unknown MALAK area 162000K
enemy attached with LMG using tracer and
grenades intermittent grenading until 170930K
two BOOMERANGS strafed enemy AA MG posns accurate
native reports enemy moving NORTH from MAPRIK
170950K two BOOMERANGS strafed enemy occupied
huts MAURAK area accurate HOUSE COPP
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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOR	ORIG NO	MESSAGE
102	6 Div			181145K G 1442	SECRET (.) your O 610 (.) number 1932 is unidentified unit of 18 Army probably MP det (.) MCCOLL WALLS and ASHTON arrived INUNGUALA 18 feb NO patrols operate at present (.) will advise. ACTION: Code number 1932 from identity disc recovered from HOUSE COPP. 2/6 2/7 Bns H force advised re code number and AIB infm.
103	2/6 Bn			181150K I 8	RESTRICTED (.) carrying party 3 inch mortar MAURAK ambushed 615016 (.) own cas 1 Offr 1 Sjt wounded enemy cas unknown. ACTION: Lt MORRISON Sjt MANSER of C Coy 2/6 Bn (portion of Bn adv party) MORRISON GSW in chest MANSER wound not serious
104	2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn Hforce			181205K O 614	SECRET (.) first (.) identity disc recovered HOUSE COPP area bearing code number 1932 unidentified unit 18 Army probably MP det (.) second (.) (.) MCCOLL WALLS ASHTON arrive NUN-GUAIA A4379 18 Mar (.) NO patrols operating at present all infm.
105	6 Div			181240K O 613	SECRET (.) sitrep 100 to 181200K (.) 2/6 bn (.) MAURAK area (.) night 17/18 Mar enemy mov around posn V623011 (.) 180615K posn engaged by rifle and grenade discharger fire (.) tracer amm used (.) cas NIL (.) carrying party ambushed 615016 (.) cas own 1 offr 1 sjt wounded enemy unknown (.) MILAK area (.) 171830K to 172100K posn V644034 engaged by spasmodic fire from NORTH and SE (.) 180500K conc fire into NORTH of posn (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) additional one enemy dead found on L of C to AMI (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) enemy unknown str in occupation ridge V718067 (.) area junc SCREW river ISAMIK creek V700065 clear (.) 2/7 bn (.) 180635K 7 enemy with LMG engaged by patrol A550942 (.) enemy withdrew to EAST cas unknown (.) 150 yds sig wire removed from line to D cov all infm.
106	6 Div			181030K GO 726	SECRET (.) revsit 132 to 171500K
107	17 Bde Rear Bde			181415K O 651	RESTRICTED (.) MCBRIDE to speak R/T ref his letter to comd.
108	ASP TADJI			181507K M 23	RESTRICTED (.) three wounded to be evacuated as soon as possible (.) please advise 4 sqn.
109	Rear Bde 17 Bde			181530K R/T	BLUE 4 departed SUAIN today for TEA-GARDENS. BLUE 5 departed AITAFE today for SUAIN. BLUE 6 departs AITAFE 19 Mar for SUAIN. ACTION: Comd and 2/6 advised.
110	TADJI ASP			181315K L 14	18 Mar (.) RESTRICTED (.) reference my L 10 18 Mar BEAUFORTS will NOT XT SHEET.

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TO *6 Aust Div*
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17 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes.

PART 2 and FINAL

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I1370 SECRET enemy 300 double

barrelled gun captured @ mountain sector

@ air strike @ 16 MAR first a/c bombs

fell 100 yds EAST target V788253 @ bombs

one a/c blew up and plane exploded @*

mission cancelled @ total cas all sectors

from and incl 28 JAN to 161200K cas own

54 killed 98 wounded cas enemy 316

Killed @ location Change 2/3 Aust Inf Bde

enroute to KAVK V790295 All infm

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98	2/7Bn		181045K	I 160	SECRET (.) sitrep 45 to 181000K (.) A Coy less 8 pl moved out 180825K to proceed to AMAHAUK I (.) 8 pl remains NUMUNGO (.) 17 pl reports 7 enemy on track leading to D Coy with one LMG (.) enemy withdrew to EAST when engaged with Bren fire at 180635K (.) 150 yds cut by enemy from sig line to D Coy.
99	2/6 Bn		181100K	I 7	SECRET (.) sitrep no two at 181000K (.) MAURAK area) mov around perimeter during night 17/18 (.) rifle and mortar fire on from first light (.) tracer amn being used (.) AUPIK area (.) sitnor (.) MILAK area (.) 171830K to 172100K spasmodic firing from NORTH and grenade and LMG fire from SE 180500K concentrated fire from NORTH edge perimeter cas enemy 2 killed own nil (.) patrol along L of C found one enemy dead (.) HOUSE COPP (.) patrols 17 March state enemy unknown str occupy top of RAZOR BACK ridge 718067 (.) patrol to ISAMIK creek area report junction ISAMIK Creek SCREW river clear (.) total enemy casualties NOT previously reported 3 killed (.) all infm.
100	26-Bde 2/6Bn		171620K 172035K	X-2048 I 3	SECRET (v)-ref-AM SECRET (.) sitrep number one to 171900K (.) disposns unchanged except one 3 in mortar and crew moved from AUPIK to MILAK (.) AUPIK area (.) local clearing patrols NMS (.) huts burnt A602991 (.) MAURAK area (.) 170600K enemy attacked with LMG rifles and type 89 grenade dischargers (.) attack repulsed 4 enemy killed (.) sporadic firing from V623011 (.) enemy subsequently withdrew doct and equipment captured being fwded earliest (.) MILAK area (.) 170820K enemy posn strafed (.) 170830K enemy on L of C to AMI (.) occasional sniping and enemy attacked with grenades (.) attacks repulsed (.) 3 enemy killed (.) patrol cleared L of C (.) 171430K supplies and amn dropped (.) 100% recovery (.) enemy LMG in working order captured (.) 4 natives wearing red lap-lap seen with Jap patrol (.) WEST of perimeter now clear (.) 4 enemy found dead (.) total enemy cas NOT previously reported 11 (.) HOUSE COPP (.) enemy documents captured ISAMIK creek code number 1932 (.)
101	2/6 Bn TAOJI ASP		180900K	L 10	RESTRICTED (.) 5 BEAUFORST 8 sqn will strafe creek bank 623014 after having dropped supplies ETD approx 181200 if you have any more targets and if they will be indicated (.) 2 BOOMERANGS Tac/R 485855 ETA 1100K NO repeat NO strafing (.) one extra BEAUFORT dropping supplies MILAK this morning then doing photographic work.

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PART 3 and FINAL

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L 152 SECRET evidence of cas inflicted by strafing signs of strong force in area 161715K 2 boomerangs strafed enemy posn accurately near perimeter enemy fired on plane with LMGs and rifle 161800K enemy mortared posn for approx 10 mins from range of 1500 yds NO cas 161800K 8 cas evac sickness from MILAK HOUSE Copp area fighting patrol to ISAMIK creek captured 1 HMG and 1 LMG number of guns ~~posns~~ in sac sac occupied enemy str unknown at V 7065 cas enemy 3 killed in action own NIL

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO	MESSAGE.	THRU OR JOB
95	16Bde		180605K	I 1381	SECRET (.) amendment part 16 Bde location state No 2 infm sig up to 171300K (.) arty (.) B tp estimated battery now at ZAUK 791295 (.) inf (.) 2/1 Bn (.) A Coy SIMBICK 763296 (.) 2/2 Bn (.) 2/2 Bn less HQ Coy BUT jetty disposns following (.) HQ Coy ZAUK 791295 (.) A Coy NINAHAU R 799295 (.) B Coy ZAUK 792295 (.) C Coy unchanged (.) D Coy ZAUK 788295 (.) medical (.) 2/1 Fd Amb (.) A Coy ADS Surgical Team and det 2/4 Malaria Control Unit ZAUK 791295 all infm.	
96	ASP	PADJI	180730K	M 21	RESTRICTED (.) Ref you O 12 (.) 2/6 Bn request BEAUFORTS strafe posns requested my M 18 (.) will indicate as advised.	
97	6 Div		180920K	O 611	SECRET (.) sitrep 99 to 180900K (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) MAURAK area (.) 170600K enemy attack V623018 repulsed cas 4 enemy killed (.) enemy withdrew from V623011 after spasmodic firing on our posn (.) MILAK area (.) 162000K enemy attack V634044 repulsed (.) intermittent grenade fire throughout night (.) 170830K to 170930K further attacks repulsed cas enemy 3 killed (.) one LMG captured (.) L of C to AMI cut but cleared by patrol (.) NO enemy now WEST of posn (.) further 4 enemy dead located (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) natives report 30 enemy moved from V678046 to V683062 (.) AUPIK area (.) 4 in mortar moved to MILAK area (.) air (.) 170930K two BOOMERANGS strafed enemy AA posns accurately (.) 170950K two BOOMERANGS accurately strafed enemy occupied huts MAURAK area (.) native infm (.) enemy are moving NORTH from MAPRIK area (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) patrol report NO signs enemy area V5601 V5602 (.) well used track from LAHINGA A582960 to ILAHETA area located at A580959 (.) village V552940 occupied by one pl D coy (.) enemy in village 300 yds to SE (.) patrol AWI A520944 to SINAHU A521888 contacted B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) signs recent foraging garden V5190 but NO enemy located (.) 180815H A coy less pl moved out for V595015 (.) B coy 2/6 inf Bn (.) WAPINAMAKA A484855 engaged by mortar following strafing by 6 aircraft (.) patrol entered villages without opposition (.) one fresh grave located (.) patrol to UTUMUPU A547880 reported area clear (.) native infm (.) INGAKBURIS A556913 occupied by 7 enemy (.) 5 huts A601922 occupied by 20 enemy who gather food which is collected daily by party from AUPIK 2 (.) AUPIK 1 is unmapped village A617985 AUPIK 2 village A610975 AUPIK 3 unmapped village A601972 (.) AUPIK 1 occupied by 25/30 japs (.) sentries on track to LAHINGA A583960 (.) high ranking offr camped near WAPUM creek A604962 with sentries on main track AUPIK 2 to LAHINGA (.) party japs QUALIGEM A619996 believed to have been recently reinforced from MAPRIK area (.) japs in str LAHINGA (.) parties move from LAHINGA and QUALIGEM to vicinity A604972 and return (.) own tps report correct posn SAUNAMBE A566965 all infm.	

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 486 Restricted @ HOUSE COPP rationing 499
natives @ Div will not ration more than
700 / natives per day in whole area I
have requested COLE to investigate and
reduce number to absolute minimum @
present resources strained to limit to
maintain you

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92	2/7 Bn		172100K	I 159	SECRET (.) sitrep 44 to 171900K (.) A Coy (.) local patrol to sq 5601 and 5602 reports NO trace enemy mov (.) B Coy (.) local patrol to LAHINGA area located well used leading to ILAHETA at 580959 (.) NO enemy observed (.) D Coy (.) 17 pl in posn 552940 in ILAHETA gp (.) enemy in village 300 yds to SE (.) F74 contacted B Coy 2/6 at 171300K (.) time along track from AWI 2 and half hours (.) enemy sentry fired shot at patrol in garden sq 5190 (.) shot considered warning for dispersal of enemy from garden (.) enemy could NOT be located byt sign foraging found (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) 11 pl engaged WAPINAMAKA with M3 after strafing by aircraft (.) strafing reported accurate (.) pl entered village which was vacated by enemy (.) one fresh grave located (.) R13 to UTUMUPU reports area clear (.) patrol to contact AIB made contact 161330K at IGITAKUA (.) patrol remaining to contact Capt ASHTON (.) native reports (.) sentry states INGAKBURIS 556913 occupied by 7 enemy poorly equipped (.) 20 enemy reported occupying 5 huts given 603068 (.) gathers food which is collected daily by party from AUPIK 2.
93	2/6Bn		172120K	I 6	SECRET (.) further to sitrep Mo 1 of 171900K (.) HOUSE COPP (.) natives report 30 Japs moved from WACHA V678046 to V683062 (.) further to I 4 intentions for 18 Mar (.) harassing patrol pl str moving to V683062 mortar shoot on Jap posn V718067 (.) patrol to follow shoot.
94	16 Bde		180605K	I 1380	SECRET (.) SITREP to 171400K (.) coastal sector (.) ref engagement V835286 reported SITREP 49 (.) delete own cas two killed and amend two wounded to read seven (.) 16 Mar one enemy shell fell in RAP 2/2 Bn V823288 cas own three wounded (.) adv of 2/2 Bn EAST along the coast continued during afternoon (.) 161700K two enemy guns shel- led our tps moving along coast rd enemy fired 40 shells cas own one wounded (.) three enemy killed in clear bank MANIBEK (.) result engagement 16 Mar four additional enemy killed (.) 17 Mar two enemy killed BUT area (.) A Coy 2/2 Bn captured BUT jetty V887263. 16 Mar patrol from B Coy 2/3 Bn killed 2 enemy V893276 (.) LOANIM village contacted overgrown and unoccupied (.) MOUNTAIN sector (.) native police patrol from ABCAMA having recce area MUGULUWELA V815248 and returned via NAGIPEM village contacted and killed 4 enemy vicinity ANUMB river (.) location changes 2/2 Bn en route BUT 2/3 Bn KUAK V 790296 (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 171300K cas own 52 killed 104 wounded cas enemy 325 killed all infm.

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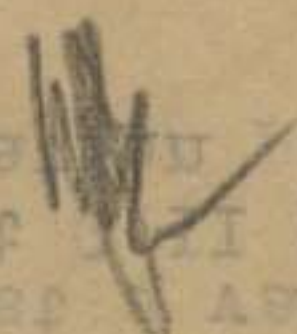
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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO	MESSAGE.
86	17 Bde	6 Div	172100K	O 610	SECRET (.) first (.) identity disc recovered ISAMIK creek V7006 shows code number 1932 (.) second (.) have received NO infm ref AIB patrols for some time (.) what are present disposns (.) where are patrols operating
87	2/6 Bn		172100K	I 4	SECRET (.) intentions of 18 Mar (.) AUPIK area (.) harassing mortar fire area V602988 (.) patrol 1 and 13 to A588991 (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrol to V622011 thence to APENES CREEK (.) OP for strafing (.) MILAK area (.) local clearing patrols.
88	2/7 Bn		172120K	O 359	SECRET (.) further reference to our O 358 (.) H Coy (.) R14 to MUI map ref 570885 to confirm native report village clear of enemy.
89	2/7 Bn		172120K	O 358	SECRET (.) intentions 18 Mar (.) A Coy less 8 pl move map ref 595015 (.) B Coy (.) ambush sq 5995 (.) C Coy (.) E75 to SINAHU contact H Coy and ensure L of C clear (.) H Coy less one pl occupy UTUMUPU map ref 547881 (.) all infm.
90	6 Div		172235K	G1439	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 18 Mar (.) light to moderate rain on coast and coastal ranges late afternoon and early evening (.) scattered storms on ranges late evening with local moderate to hvy showers (.) otherwise fine with broken cloud conditions and increasing low clouds after 1200 hrs (.) slight rise coastal rivers from midnight to early morning otherwise NO change (.) moderate sea with moderate NORTH WEST swell all infm.
91	rear Bde	17 Bde	172140K		(1) 2/6 Bn request infm as to date relief (.) I would like them for further 14 days at least advise (.) (2) HOUSE COPP are feeding 439 troops incl 269 refugees (.) cannot supply rations for this number (.) as previously advised maximum for day for whole area is 700 (.) I asked ATORN and COLE investigate and reduce considerably but have no reply (.) please treat as extremely urgent also consider 170 natives seems unduly large number for one coy (.) (3) can you contact ASHTON at TONG by phone and find out what has gone haywire in regard to closing L of C (.) he requests 1500 rations native tobacco for payment of labour (.) suggest discuss with COLE (.) vital this old L of C be finished at earliest if not sooner.

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TO <i>6 Aust Div</i> <i>6 Aust Div</i> (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions GR
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PART 1. *17 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes.*

ORIGINATOR'S No. *L 1370*

SECRET @ Sitrep 49 to 161200K @
coastal sector @ 15 MAR @ one Coy 2/2
Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy dug in
V835286 @ attempt to outflank enemy
unsuccessful cas own 2 killed 2
wounded cas enemy 5 killed @
16 MAR @ following conc arty fire
own tps captured enemy posn
V835286 cas own 2 killed 5 wounded
cas enemy 10 killed 15 MAR native
police patrol killed 6 enemy area
LOABIM village sq. 8027 @

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO	SUBJECT
79	Adv 2/6 Cav		171505K	O 59	RESTRICTED (.) amn MILAK (.) abso- lutely vital that 3 inch mortar bomb HE and smoke and 4 second grenade re- quested our Q 137 of 161540K be air- dropped at MILAK V743033 today RPTD today 17 Mar (.) unable replenish from here (.) might BEAUFORT be uti- lized in emergency (.) please ack and advise immediately.
80	16 Bde		171200K	FM CX 2048	SECRET (.) ref AMF R/T code No 2 serial 1 cancelled (.) serial 2 effective.171500K
81	2/7 Bn		171740K	O 355	SECRET (.) infm (.) indications ag- gressive activity on part of enemy area EAST of NINAB river (.) believe enemy stirred into activity by high ranking JAP officer AUPIK area (.) Lt-col WOOD 2/6 inf bn is command- ing all tps EAST NINAB river (.) some delay being experienced relief of 2/6 cav by 2/6 inf bn (.) A coy 2/7 inf bn (.) boundaries (.) EAST (.) NINAB river incl (.) WEST (.) AMUK river excl (.) role (.) 1 (.) protect EAST flank 2/7 inf bn and L of C to cav via WALAHUTA (.) 2 fol- lowing an op by Lt DARRYL will patrol aggressively to SE and later to EAST SOUTH of 99 grid towards MAPRIK (.) 3 (.) relieve A tp 2/6 cav NOT after 20 Mar 45 (.) adm (.) as per our O 350 and 17 Bde O 602.
					ACTION: Passed to 2/6 Bn
82	2/7 Bn		171745K	I 158	SECRET (.) password from 171900K to 181900K LAUGHING countersign CAVALIER all infm.
					ACTION: Copy to BSM.
83	2/6 Bn		171900K	I 2	RESTRICTED (.) identity discs paybook and postal saving book recovered ISAMIK Creek unit code number 1932.
84	17 Bde	Rear Bde	172000K	O 606	RESTRICTED (.) request a vacancy from div from DARLING next G II staff school (.) fwd nomination papers for comds signature.
85	17 Bde	Rear Bde	172030K	O 609	RESTRICTED (.) first (.) SALTER SMIBERT arrived here (.) second (.) serial B3 arrived AMI 2 171300K (.) third (.) 11 medical pers leav- ing here for coast via AMI 2 180700K.

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*F73 contacted enemy estimated
20 at track June 5-31916
4 ENEMY killed others dispersed
8 SE 8 Packs and documents captured
Patrol did NOT contact
B Coy 2/6 bn. D. B Coy 2/6
11 Pl plus det MMG and M3 moved
out 160730 for WAPINAMAKA 4298*

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOP	ORIG NO	SUBJECT
73	2/6 Cav			171400K I 156	<p>CONTINUED:</p> <p>170600K enemy attacked with LMG firing incendiary and mortar from (.) attack failed (.) cas unknown (.) MALAK area (.) 162000K enemy attacked with LMG using tracer and grenades (.) intermittent grenading until 170930K two BOOMERANGS strafe enemy AA MG posns accurate (.) native reports enemy moving NORTH from MAPRIK (.) 170950K two BOOMERANGS strafed enemy occupied HUTS MURAK area accurate (.) HOUSE COPP SITHOR.</p>
74	2/6 Bn			171410K I 87	RESTRICTED (.) 171130K serial BLUE 3 arrived AMI.
75	2/6 Bn			171420K O 50	RESTRICTED (.) please inform date relief 4 platoon.
76	Rear Bde			171425K O 536	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 598 (.) packages delivered to 6 Div (.) will fwd infm earliest.
77	2/7 Bn			162015K I 153	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 42 to 161900K (.) patrol F 70 set ambush 593965 and 601956 (.) first ambush NO contact (.) second ambush fired on by enemy when moving into posn by rifles and grenades (.) patrol returned fire (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) A 71 B Coy set ambush 580953 contacted 12 enemy moving SOUTH with full packs (.) cas enemy 6 killed own NIL (.) SAUNAMBE VILLAGE burned by patrol when returning (.) C Coy (.) F 72 followed airstrike into ILABETA (.) sentry observed area 550945 (.) enemy located in str engaged patrol with rifles one LMG and grenade discharge (.) fire returned screaming heard results NOT observed (.) D Coy (.) F 73 contacted enemy estimated 20 at track June 531916 (.) 4 enemy killed others dispersed (.) SE (.) 8 packs and documents captured (.) patrol did NOT contact B Coy 2/6 Bn (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) 11 pl plus det LMG and M3 moved out 160730 for WAPINAMAKAKI 4985.</p>
78	2/6 Cav			171045K I 78	<p>RESTRICTED (.) AA fire on aircraft (.) LMG and rifle fire was observed from MILAK during strafing 161100K (.) fire came from 651034 also a posn 1500 yds north of own troops posn (.) mortar fire was directed against BOOMERANGS from these northern posns (.) enemy in bush around this area also fired on aircraft MILAK posn can indicate 1500 yds north by mortar smoke.</p> <p>ACTION: Div and Wing advised 171120K</p>

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO.	SUBJECT
70		6 Div	17122OK	O 603	SECRET (.) further to our 0596 of 162215K (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt advise LMG and rifle A/A fire observed to come from V651034 during strike 161100K (.) also fire from posn 1500 yds NORTH own tps posn (.) mortar fire directed against BOOMERANGS from these posns in FM (.) own tps MILAK area can indicate posn 1500 yds to NORTH by smoke.
71	6 Div		16154OK	QG783	RESTRICTED (.) due to unsuitability as DZ from air point of view 17 Inf Bde will arrange to close WALUM (.) natives on para carries ex AMI and BALIF will be given sufficient rations at NILU for carry to SURI R and vice versa (.) AASC will place 1000 native rations at NILU and SUAIN weekly.
72		6 Div	17133OK	O 604	SECRET (.) sitrep 98 to 171300K (.) 2/7 Bn (.) 16 Mar (.) patrol from ILAHOP est ambush A601956 (.) enemy fired on posn with rifles and grenades (.) patrol returned fire (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) patrol from ILAHOP to A580953 contacted 12 enemy mov SOUTH with full packs (.) cas enemy 6 killed own NIL (.) patrol burnt SAUNAMBE village A567965 (.) patrol from A540950 followed air strike into ILAHETA (.) sentry observed area A550945 (.) enemy in str engaged patrol with rifles one LMG and grenade dischargers (.) fire returned results NOT observed (.) patrol from AWI contacted enemy str 20 at track junc A531916 (.) cas enemy 4 killed (.) others dispersed SE (.) packs and documents captured (.) B Coy 2/6 bn (.) 16073OK 11 pl plus det MMG and M3 moved out for WAPINAMAKAKI 4985 (.) 2/6 cav regt (.) MILAK area (.) 15123OK patrol fired on enemy 641034 (.) cas enemy 1 killed (.) 15152OK patrol fired on enemy main body 250 enemy-1-killed-(.)-15153OK-p yds EAST B tp 2/10 sqn posn (.) cas enemy 1 killed (.) 16003OK enemy threw 5 grenades into perimeter (.) 16093OK vacated enemy ambush posn located V637036 (.) 16100OK (.) 3 BEAUFORTS dropped supplies (.) 5 cylinders recovered remainder in enemy hands (.) patrol to recover supplies contacted enemy and withdrew (.) cas enemy 6 killed 3 wounded own NIL (.) 16133OK enemy str 30 attacked (.) attack repulsed (L) signs of strong enemy force in area (.) 16180OK enemy mortared our posn for 10 mins from range of 1500 yds (.) NO cas (.) AIR (.) 16110OK 5 BOOMERANGS bombed and strafed enemy. V625014 (.) 161715K 2 BOOMERANGS again accurately strafed area (.) enemy AA fire from V651034 during both sorties (.) MAURAK area (.) 16060OK enemy attacked C tp 2/10 sqn posn at V622017 (.) NO further report to hand (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol attacked V707063 (.) cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) captured 1 HMG 1 LMG (.) 2/6 bn (.) A coy 2/6 bn arrived HOUSE COPP 16081OK (.) HQ opened AMI 2 17090OK all infm.
73	2/6 Cav		17140OK	I 156	SECRET (.) sitrep 83 to 17100OK (.) AUPIK area 17080OK one offr 14 ORs departed to reinforce B tp MILAK area (.) MAURAK area (.) NEXT SHEET

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62	2/7 Bn		171020K	I 155	SECRET (.) sitrep 43 to 171000K (.) nothing to report.
63	Adv 2/6 Cav		171050K	A 220	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 599 of 162225K will return three casualties with line party tomorrow still have two more casualties for evacuation by air as early as practicable and convenient (.) require bearers for them if possible.
64	Rear Bde	17 Bde	171040K		5 BEAUFORTS left here 1036K to strafe 484855.
65	6 Cav		171110K	I 79	RESTRICTED (.) ref R/T conversation 171110K (.) Adv RHQ 10 Sqn HQ AMI (.) A Troop AUPIK (.) B troop MILAK (.) C Troop MAURAK (.) 7 sqn A Coy 2/6 Bn HOUSE COPP mortar one 3 inch MILAK one 3 inch AUPIK one 4.2 AUPIK.
66	ASP	TADJI	171117K	M 16	RESTRICTED (.) ref A/A fire 2/6 Cav Area message received (.) quote (.) LMG and rifle fire was observed from MILAK during strafing 161100K (.) fire came from V651034 also a posn 1500 yds north of own troops posn (.) mortar fire was directed against BOOMERANGS from these NORTHERN posns (.) enemy in bush around this area also fired on A/C (.) MILAK posn can indicate posn 1500 yds north by mortar smoke (.) unquote (.) advise if any action taken against the posns.
67	17 Bde	rear Bde	171130K	O 601	RESTRICTED (.) advise date BENNETTS school.
68	17 Bde	2/6 2/7 Bns Rear Bde	171130K	O 602	SECRET (.) A coy 2/7 bn less one pl approx str 90 plus 25 natives will move to 594014 morning 18 mar (.) NOT later than 20 mar one pl will relieve A tp AUPIK area (.) as from 20 mar 2/6 bn will be relieved of any responsibility WEST of NINAB river (.) A coy 2/7 bn will draw rations from AMI 2 all infm.
69	rear Bde		171135K	G 1436	RESTRICTED (.) following message from AIB (.) from COOK for Maj HAY (.) patrol arrived JGITAKUA A5082 161330K (.) LT MCCOLL but unable obtain infm required until arrival Capt ASHTON AIB at NUNGAGUA'IA A4380 (.) patrol leaving to contact ASHTON 17 Mar and unable return PM 19 Mar (.) Please confirm or otherwise (.) rations OK

*Hay Force of 2/7 B
advised 171155K*

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO.	SUBJECT
55	ASP TADJI	ASP 17 Bde		L 6	Tac/R aircraft ETD 170900K (.) reference your M 14 please be clear (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.
56	16 Bde	6 Div 17 Bde 19 Bde	151400K	I 1367	SECRET (.) amendment to 16 Inf Bde locstat number 2 up to 151300 (.) Cav (.) 2/9 Sqn (.) delete 2/9 sqn rear (.) Infantry 2/2 Inf Bn less B Coy en route to BAI 8189 (.) B Coy en route to BUT (.) 2/3 MG Bn (.) 2/3 MG Bn rear SULAMIN CREEK 714288 all informed.
57	2/6 Cav		161925K	I 150	RESTRICTED (.) request for air support strafing only 17 Mar (.) not before 0930 not after 1030 (.) own troops V911026 RPTD 911026 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) target huts 500 yds SE of own troops (.) target indicated by mortar smoke (.) R/T comm between ground air.
58	2/7 Bn		162000K	O 339	SECRET (.) intentions 17 Mar (.) D Coy (.) protection mortar OP and ambush ref 5494 (.) F 74 to SINAHU map ref 525887 to contact H Coy via main L of C (.) follow in target after air support (.) R13 to UTUMUPU map ref 546880 to ensure area clear of enemy.
59	ASP Bde	TADJI	170922K	M 16	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 6 (.) no advice received this party regarding BEAUFORT exploding and A/A fire encountered by BOOMERANGS 16 Mar (.) information came from Army units late in evening.
60	16 Bde	6 Div	170955K	I 1370	PART I: SERIAL 40 PART II: SECRET (.) enemy .300 double barrellled gun captured (.) mountain sector (.) airstrike (.) 16 Mar first a/c bombs fell 100 yds EAST target V788253 (.) bombs one a/c blew up and plane exploded (.) mission cancelled (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 161200K cas own 54 killed 98 wounded cas enemy 316 killed (.) location change 2/3 Aust Inf Bn en route to KAUK V790295 (.) all infm.
61	2/6 Cav		161930K	I 152	MALAK area (.) 161000K 3 BEAUFORTS dropped supplies at MALAK (.) 5 cylinders recovered (.) remainder in enemy hands (.) 161100/ 5 BOOMERANGS strafed and bombed enemy near PERIMETER (.) 161200 patrol to recover supplies killed or wounded 3 enemy (.) fighting patrol to recover supplies

~~NEXT SHEET~~ PTO

SECRET
 1613161 approx 0331311
 all found patrol was unknown as despatched attack (.) 30 enemy attacked (.) withdrawal (.) 30 enemy killed (.) 30 enemy
 (.) DEAD enemy removed from area and identification
 (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.

SECRET
 1613161 approx 0331311
 all found patrol was unknown as despatched attack (.) 30 enemy attacked (.) withdrawal (.) 30 enemy killed (.) 30 enemy
 (.) DEAD enemy removed from area and identification
 (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.

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 (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.

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 (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.

SECRET
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SECRET
 1613161 approx 0331311
 all found patrol was unknown as despatched attack (.) 30 enemy attacked (.) withdrawal (.) 30 enemy killed (.) 30 enemy
 (.) DEAD enemy removed from area and identification
 (.) what advice do you require on aircraft accident and what enemy action.

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TOO OR TOR	ORIG NO	SUBJECT
47	17 Bde	rear 17 Bde	162220K	O 597	RESTRICTED (.) drop amn and rations as requested by 2/6 Cav at earliest tomorrow.
48	17 Bde	rear 17 Bde	162225K	O 598	RESTRICTED (.) captured documents with fresh infm being forwarded by AUSTER on first return trip tomorrow (.) meet and deliver immediately to 6 Div (.) follow up and have all relevant infm back to us tomorrow afternoon.
49		2/6 Cav	162225K	O 599	RESTRICTED (.) line party with 25 native labour will arrive your HQ tomorrow afternoon (.) hold and use to bring back casualties 18 Mar (.) advise time of departure and number of casualties.
50	ASP TADJI	ASP 17 Bde	170730K	L 5	Reference your M 13 of 16 Mar give map reference D and E (.) also name of map (.) 6 BEAUFORT TOT 171030K (.) no bombing only strafe until further notice.
51	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	170725K	M 14	RESTRICTED (.) ref aircraft accidents and enemy action (.) please advise this party earlier to enable us obtain early information and make an appreciation of air situation.
52	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	170750K	M 15	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L 5 (.) map compiled by 6 Div from native information approx only (.) ref D or E 484855 approx (.) call "HAY" over target area (.) request reply my M 12.
53	Bde Comd	CO 2/6 Bn	170830K	R/T	BDE COMD: How is Col HENNESSY? CO: Not too good. BDE COMD: In view of this I consider you had better take over straight away. CO: OK. BDE COMD: I am getting 2/7 Bn to relieve you of any responsibility to WEST of NINAB River (.) It may take a couple of days but will get it done as soon as possible.
54		6 Div 2/6 2/7 Bns rear 17 Bde rear 2/6 Bn rear 2/6 Cav 2/6 Cav 2/2 Amb	170835K	O 600	SECRET (.) owing to illness Col HENNESSY COL WOOD 2/6 Bn assuming comd 170900K (.) HQ 2/6 Bn opens HQ 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt closes 170900K.

Serial	Date Mar 45 From	To	Time	Origin	Sheet No 7
				O 586 contd	natives reported enemy moving SOUTH to AMUK RIVER (.) local patrol reported NO contact (.) track V622017 KAMALI V634013 covered by enemy sentry vicinity APENS CK (.) MILAK area (.) NO aggressive enemy action encountered (.) cas previously unknown enemy 8 killed own one wounded (.) 151530K FELO departed MILAK for AMI (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to isamik ck 700065 NMS (.) night 15/16 mar A coy 2/6 bn bivouacked MIPEL V679094 ETA HOUSE COPP 160800K all infm
40	16 bde		161400K <i>PART I</i>	I 1372	amendment to 16 bde locstat no 2 exclude up to 161400K (.) 24 (.) 2/4 armd regt plus one tp unchanged (.) one tp MATAPAU 641290 (.) RAE Adv RAE WANK CK 695284 (.) INF 2/2 bn less B ech en route to BUT B ech remain unchanged (.) 2/3 bn less A and C coy en route to KAHK 790295 (.) A and C coy remain unchanged (.) 2/2 MG bn HQ coy AROHEMI 745246 all infm <i>PART II: Serial 60</i>
41	16 bde		161400K <i>PART I</i>	I 1370	sitrep 49 to 161200K (.) coastal sector (.) 15 mar (.) one coy 2/2 inf bn contacted enemy dug in V835286 (.) attempt to outflank enemy unsuccessful cas own 2 killed 2 wounded cas enemy 5 killed (.) 16 mar (.) following conc arty fire own tps captured enemy posn V835286 cas own 2 killed 5 wounded cas enemy 10 killed (.) 15 mar native police patrol killed 6 enemy area LOABIM village sq 8027
42		2/7 bn 2/6 cav	161845K	O 594	further to our O 592 (.) limited number of sorties for strafing by BOOMERANGS WIRRAWAYS available
43	2/7 bn		162000K	O 339	intentions 17 mar (.) D coy (.) protection mortar OP and ambush ref 5494 (.) F74 to SINHO map ref 525887 to contact H coy via main h of C (.) follow in target after air sp (.) R13 to SUTUMUPU map ref 546880 to ensure area clear of enemy
44	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	162000K	M 12	RESTRICTED (.) request for strafing by BOOMERANGS 17 Mar (.) not before 0930 not after 1030 (.) own troops ref 622017 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) Target huts 500 yds SE of own tps at ref 625014 (.) Target indicated by mortar smoke (.) R/T Comn between ground and air.
45	17 Bde	Rear 17 Bde	162210K	O 595	from MOTEN to BOLGER (.) move second coy 2/6 Bn with priority over all other parties
46		6 Div	162215K	O 596	SECRET (.) 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt advise A/A fire to-day came from approx V654034 (.) can indicate approx posn by smoke.

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25	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	161430K	M 8	RESTRICTED (.) request for Air Photos (.) ref MAPRIK WEST (.) three sets (.) vertical mosaic loose (.) large scale (.) area bounded by ref 6687-6987-6994-6694 (.) required earliest for future ops.
26	2/6 Cav		161455K	I 76	RESTRICTED (.) Ref your O 532 submitting written report to ASP Adv 17 Aust Inf Bde (.) note your requests and will submit detailed report of crashed aircraft when our troop finds platoon also any unexploded rounds
27	2/7 Bn		161510K	I 152	SECRET (.) Password from 161900K to 171900K NATIVE countersign LABOUR (.) All infm.
28	Rear 17 Bde	17 Bde	161525K	A 832	RESTRICTED (.) half section of PRO available for bur use fwd str 1 Sjt 8 ORs (.) suggest they would be useful (.) please advise.
29	6 Div		161555K	A 0702	SECRET (.) airstrikes temporarily discontinued pending inquiry recent crashes (.) will advise when this order lifted.
30	Rear 17 Bde		161600	O 533	RESTRICTED (.) When requesting Arty/R please state (.) one (.) time NOT before NOT after (.) two (.) TARGET number description map ref (.) three (.) Ann expenditure (.) donot use close air support pro forma (.) all infm.
31		2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	161755K	O 593	RESTRICTED (.) SERIAL 30 REPEATED
32		2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	161555K	O 592	RESTRICTED (.) air strikes temporarily suspended pending inquiry recent crashes (.) will advise when again available.
33	17 Bde	Rear 17 Bde	161545K	O 591	RESTRICTED (.) your A 832 (.) obtain and hold at rear HQ (.) NOT yet required here (.) will advise when to move fwd
34	6 Div		161720K	GI 438	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 17 Mar (.) moderate to hy showers on coast ranges in afternoon and early evening otherwise fine and cloudy during day (.) little change to slight rises in rivers (.) till midnight all infm.

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18	17 Bde		161040K	M 5	RESTRICTED (.) Weather very clear (.) Can the photos of AUPIK ILAHE-TA AWI SINAHU requested by 2/7 Bn to be taken today.
19	2/7 Bn		161220K	I 150	SECRET (.) sitrep 41 to 161000K (.) contact and security patrols nothing to report
20	17 Bde Rear	17 Bde Adv	161300K	O 534	RESTRICTED (.) Rear details 17 Bde opens at V006589 at 160800K all infm.
21	2/6 Cav		161320K	I 148	body of enemy 250 yds EAST of perimeter (.) 1 Jap killed by mortar fire (.) 160030K enemy threw 5 grenades from side of perimeter (.) returned with mor fire (.) NO further activity (.) HOUSE COPP (.) 160810K A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn arrived HOUSE COPP.
22	2/7 Bn		161340K	I 151	SECRET (.) request for air phs (.) ref map MAPRIK WEST (.) one set (.) vertical mosaic loose large scale (.) area bounded by 6687-6987-6994-6694 (.) required earliest (.) purpose future ops.
23	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	161400K	M 6	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 17 Mar (.) close Tac/R of area vicinity KALAUURU missions ref 789967 ULUFU villages and ILIPEM villages (.) pay special attention to KALAUURU (.) Enemy L of C as described by our O 532 of 160830K to 6 Aust Div (.) staging camp believed to be at bottom of white cliffs at ref 787968 (.) may require BOOMERANGS to lead in strike by CRTG (.) drop on 17 Bde ref 540002 (.) forward AL 6 earliest possible (.) no bomb or strafe.
24	ASP 17 Bde	ASP TADJI	161415K	M 7	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) to be notified (.) B heavy bombing by CRTG (.) C (.) destroy enemy and neutralise staging post (.) D (.) enemy staging post on creek bank east side of YABI R below white cliffs (.) bearing 163° from YAMIL ELG distance 2000 yards (.) E (.) 787968 (.) F (.) 500-800 ft (.) I (.) Police boy 12 Mar (.) J (.) Air Force Bomb Line (.) General (.) further particulars and time to be notified after Tac/R report requested 17 Mar.

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13	2/7 Bn	151935K	I 149	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 40 to 151900K (.) A Coy (.) F61 reports AMAHAUK 3 NOT occupied since previous day (.) village burnt by patrol (.) B Coy (.) F62 observed sentry EAST side AMUK on LAHINGA AUPIK track (.) ambush set 592959 (.) 151300K party estimated 30 with packs, rifles 2 LMG moved down track towards AUPIK (.) enemy engaged by patrol (.) cas enemy 8 killed 3 wounded own 1 wounded (.) enemy returned fire with LMG (.) F 63 reports SAUNAMBE area occupied by enemy (.) 2 Japs contacted 569968 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own nil (.) C Coy (.) F64 reports ILAHETA GP occupied enemy str unknown (.) D Coy (.) D Coy less 17 pl occupied AWI 17 pl remains ARMARMIN (.) F 65 reports MARGITA and track MARGITA AWI clear (.) F 66 and F 67 ambushes NO contact (.) B Coy 2/6 (.) Coy less 10 pl SINAHU 10 pl remains ABINGAI (.) F 68 unable complete task due insufficient time (.) F 69 reports village 484856 occupied by enemy estimated 15/20 with 2 LMG (.) cas enemy unknown own 1 wounded (.) native reports (.) enemy in occupation area 501839 (.) also enemy reported moving ILAHETA to SAUNAMBE (.) all informed.</p>
14	ASP TADJI	160800K	R/T	<p>RESTRICTED (.) 6 BEAUFORTS of 7 Sqn ETD 0930K</p> <p>ACTION: 2/7 Bn notified by ASP</p>
15	6 Div 2/6 Cav 2/7 Bn	160830K	O 532	<p>SECRET (.) following infm given to Capt COLE by ex PB (.) L of C used by Japs up to six weeks ago DAGUA WONGINARA V964188. WIHUN V895088 KABOIBUS A8499 KALAUURU A790966 (.) from here Japs are spread through vil-lages to KUMINIBUS area V6603 (.) believed NO Japs NELIGUM villages V6900 or CHERAGUNI villages V6700 (.) NO other L of C from coast known (.) C in C 18 Army stated to be at WONGINARA V964188 one month ago (.) KALAUURU A790966 is apparently staging camp and contains large party Japs (.) few Japs only at YAMIL A7798 and ULUPU A7795 (.) NO knowledge of any mov from KALAUURU or MAPRIK areas to SW or SOUTH (.) Japs in poor condition and without any supplies or stores quite a number unarmed (.) Japs living by foraging only (.) salt unit at MAMBALOIP A697995 (.) Str of enemy general MAPRIK area NOT known but believed to be in same str (.) ASP has been requested to ask for airstrike KALAUURU be carried out by CRTC.</p>
16	2/7 Bn	161115K	O 332	<p>RESTRICTED (.) Intentions (.) R 13 to IGITAKUA map ref 507828 to contact AIB (.) F74 to WAPINA-MAKAKI approx map ref 4985 to clear area of enemy (.) R 14 to UTUMUPU map ref 547880 to ensure area clear of enemy.</p>
17	6 Div	161125K	O 590	<p>SECRET (.) contact patrol B Coy 2/6 bn to AIB IGITAKUA A508828 left AM 16 Feb (.) please notify AIB.</p>

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6	3/7 Bn		150835K O 311	SECRET (.) ref our O-300 of 141930K (I) correct map ref for ambush F 62 585973 (.) all infm.
7		6Div, 2/6 Cav, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns	050945K O 530	SECRET (.) this HQ closed AITAPE 160800K reopens same time BINSTED V546002 all infm.
8	2/7 Bn		151040K I 145	SECRET (.) sitrep 39 to 151000K (.) contact and security patrols nothing to report.
9	3/7 Bn		122130K O 272	SECRET (.) for Brig MOTEN (.) this reply to your I 118 (.) will arrange contact as requested (.) our O 267 refers (.) will we advise Bde HQ. ACTION: This refers to contact patrol between AIB and Hayes Coy at IGATAGUA on 16 Mar.
10	2/7 Bn		151800K I 140	SECRET (.) Locstat as at 151800K (.) bn HQ plus 4 pl and 5 pl 2/5 Bn HUDSON 541995 (.) A Coy less 9 pl plus det M3 and subsec MMG NUMANGO 553007 9 pl MAHIT 557009 (.) B Coy plus 2 det M3 and subsec MMG ILAHOP 560985 (.) C Coy less 15 pl plus det M3 and subsec MMG 15 pl 540950 (.) D Coy less 17 pl plus two dets M3 and subsec MMG AWI 531943 17 pl ARMARMIN 500932 (.) B Coy 2/6 less 10 pl plus det M3 and subsec MMG SINAHU 523888 (.) 10 pl ABINGAI 495882 (.) B Ech plus det ASC 536002 (.) Det M42 ILAHOP 560985.
11		2/6 Cav	151955K O 531	RESTRICTED (.) ref FELO (.) hold det your HQ until arrival first coy 2/6 Bn to relieve 2/10 sqn (.) det will then move fwd and remain with this coy and will do utmost to obtain results to be as far fwd as possible at all times.
12	2/7 Bn		152000K O 321	SECRET (.) intentions 16 Mar (.) A Coy (L) assist F 70 (.) B Coy (.) F 70 to approx map ref 592907 to ambush any enemy crossing river (.) F 71 to LAHINGA map ref 581960 to clear area of enemy (.) C Coy (.) F 72 to ILAHETA to follow up and report on airstrike (.) D Coy (.) F73 to SINAHU to ensure track clear of enemy and contact H Coy (.) H Coy (.) notified later (.) airstrike ILAHETA (.) all infm.

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3/6 Cav 14 Mar

PHONE

Assuming PRICE arrives House. Copp complete on 15th 3/7 3qn should leave House Copp on 18th if hand over complete and arrive WALUM on 20th.

3

2/6 Cav 14 Mar

PHONE

Col. HENNESSY from Brig MOTEN (.) Capt GURNER of AAMC is to go out to PRICE'S Company and has been delayed (.) please arrange for Capt OAKLEY to remain with PRICE until GURNER arrives.

3

2/7 Bn

141930K

O 300

SECRET (.) intentions 15 Mar (.) A Coy (.) F 61 to unnamed VILLAGE sq 5899 to contact enemy reported 14 Mar and generally search area for foraging parties (.) B Coy (.) F 62 to approx map ref 475873 to ambush enemy mov from west to east (.) F 63 to area sq 5796 to clear enemy pocket in area (.) C Coy (.) F 64 to AWI map ref 530942 to clear track and move to ILAHETA after airstrike to report result (.) D Coy (.) Coy HQ plus 18 pl occupy AWI (.) F 65 to village map ref 535927 to ensure village clear of enemy (.) F 66 to approx sq 5393 to ambush enemy mov to WEST (.) F 67 to approx map ref 530930 to ambush any enemy driven east by F 65 (.) H Coy (.) to be notified later (.) airstrike ILAHETA

4

2/7 Bn

142100K

O 311

SECRET (.) Furtherance to our O 300 (.) intentions 15 Mar H Coy (.) Coy less small party for sup collection ABINGAI moves SINASU and occupied (.) F 68 to village Sq 5488 to ensure clear of enemy (.) F 69 to village map ref 484856 to ensure clear of enemy (.) all infm.

5

2/6 Cav

142115K

R/T

CAPT OAKLEY will remain pending arrival Capt GURNER (.) XC7 instructed NO repeat NO advance before 18 Mar.

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333		2/5 2/6 2/7 bns 2/6 cav	160830K	0533	restricted (.) when requesting arty R please state (.) one (.) time NOT before NOT after (.) two (.) target number description map ref (.) three (.) amn expenditure (.) do NOT use air sp pro forma (.) all infm
334	2/6 cav		160700K	X76	restricted (.) ref our RT conversatd ion night 15/16 mar (.) STRAFING target MILAK area (.) will be indicated by white smoke (.) own tps indicated by white T RT comm between aircraft and ground (.) NOT before 0830K NOT after 0930K
775 XXXX RT Conversation - IO XSC XXXXXXXXXXXX What is TXXX					
15 mar					
335	6 Div			0589	SECRET (.) sitrep 97 to 160800K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 15 mar (.) patrol XX ILAHOP along AMUK river set ambush A592959 (.) 151300K patrol engaged approx 30 enemy moving LAHINGA A585950 to AUPIK (.) cas enemy 8 killed 3 wounded own one wounded (.) aptrol ILAHOP SAUNAMBE A582960 reported village occupied by enemy str unknown (.) patrol contacted 2 enemy A569968 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded (.) patrol BALANGABADABIL A541979 ILAHETA gp reported area occupied by enemy str unknown (.) patrol AWI A530943 MARGITA A529926 reported track clear of enemy (.) patrol ABINGAI A497883 to village A484856 contacted 15/20 enemy with 2 IMGs (.) cas enemy NOT known own 1 wounded (.) D coy 2/7 inf bn less 17 pl now at AWI 17 pl ARMARMIN (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn less 10 pl SINHAU 10 pl ABINAGAI (.) native reports (.) area A501839 occupied by enemy (.) enemy moving ILAHETA to SAUNAMBE (.) 2/6 cav regt (.) AMI area (.) patrol AUPIK V597009 to A589989 reported NMS (.) natives reported enemy moving SOUTH to AMUK river (.) C tp area (.) local patrols reported NO contact (.) track V622017 KAMAU V634013 covered by enemy sentries vicinity APENS creek (.) MILAK area (.) NO aggressive enemy action encountered (.) cas NOT previously unknown enemy 8 killed own 1 wounded (.) 151530K FELO det departed MILAK for AMI (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to ISAMIK creek 700065 NMS (.) night 15/16 mar A coy 2/6 inf bn biv MIPEL V679094 ETA HOUSE COPP 160800K all infm
336	2/5 2/6 6 div 2/2 amb 2/1 fd regt HQ AASC 17 inf bde		151045K	0535	restricted (.) ref our 0534 map ref should read V006589
				0534	restricted (.) rear details 17 inf bde opens at map ref V540002 at 160800K all infm

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328	2/6 CDO.	152000K 152300K	II142	SECRET (.) intentions 16 mar (.) AUPIK area (.) mortaring A601989 and bomb strike (.) recce patrol to A618996 MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrol (.) recce to locate enemy fwd posns (.) MILAK area (.) clearing of L of U and local pterol (.) HOUSE COPP (.) recce patrol to ISAMIK creek area and ambush along SCREW riv river
329	2/7 Bn	151920K 152310K	II149	SECRET (.) sitrep 40 to 151900K (.) A coy (.) F61 patrol LAMAHUK 3 NOT since previous day (.) village burnt by ptrol (.) B coy (.) F62 observed sentry EAST side AMUK river on LAHINGA AUOIK track (.) ambush set 592959 (.) native report (.) enemy in occupation area 501839 (.) also enemy reported moving ILAHETA to SAUNAMBE (.) Part 2 151300K party estimated 30 with packs rifles 2 LMGs moved down track towards AUPIK (.) enemy engaged by patrol (.) cas enemy 8 killed own 1 wounded (.) enemy returned fire with LMGs (.) F63 report SAUNAMBE area occupied by enemy (.) 2 japs contacted 569968 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own nil (.) C coy F64 report ILAHETA group occupied by enemy str unknown (.) D coy Part 3 D coy less 17 pl occupied AWI 17 pl remains ARMARMIN (.) F65 report MARGITA track MARGITA AWI clear (.) F66 and F67 ambushes NO contact (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) coy less 10 pl SINAHU 10 pl remains ABINGAI (.) F68 unable complete task due insufficient time (.) F69 report village 484856 occupied by enemy estimated 15/20 with 2 LMGs (.) cas enemy unknown own 1 wounded (.)
330	2/7 BN.	151915K 152330K PART 1: PART 2:	0.321	SECRET (.) intentions 16 mar (.) A coy (.) assist F70 (.) B coy (.) F70 to approx ref 592967 reason ambush any enemy crossing river (.) F71 to LAHINGA ref 581960 to clear area of enemy (.) C coy (.) F72 to ILAHETA to follow up and report on air strike (.) D (.) F73 to SINAHU to ensure track clear of enemy and contact H coy (.) H coy (.) notified later (.) all infm
331	G111(AIR) to 17 BDE. <u>PHONE MESSAGE:</u>			four (4) boomerangs available 16 mar to strafe BALIF area? Over target 0930. Advise G111(AIR) targets required soon as possible. ACTION: PASSED TO B.M:
332	ASP 17 Bde	152105K 152350K	M4	restricted (.) ref your II147 (.) advise advise (.) quote aircraft lost 13 mar last aircraft on bomb run over target burst into flames then exploded disintegrating in the air (.) do NOT consider could survive (.) no parachutes seen (.) no AA fire at time (.) ref smoke seen on 13 mar and 14 mar (.) could have been enemy action (.) no other smoke was observed by OP indicating target unquote (.) incident unobserved. this area due to hy rain

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Serial	From	To	TOC & TOR	Orig No.	Message
324	16 BDE.		151700K 151900K	I.1364	SECRET(.)sitrep 48 to 151200K(.)ANUMB river 14 mar(.)one enemy killed 805285 (.) patrol contacted enemy 806292 killing 2 (.) our tps engaged enemy 816289 cas own 1 wounded (.) patrol killed 3 enemy 827288 (.) 15 mar (.) one coy 2/2 bn contacted enemy 837286 est str I2 (.) our tps endeavouring to outflank enemy (.) surrounding sector (.) 14 mar (.) patrol from 2/3 MG bn contacted nine enemy killed four 778259(.)enemy well clad well fed(.) large quantity gd stores captured(.) documents captured being fwded(.) 151200K sitnor(.)151200K cas own 50 killed 91 wounded enemy 295 killed(.) location changes 2/2 inf bn en route to BAI 886289(.)tac R(.)one small garden WEST bank creek, MUGULUWELA area 314251(.)150930K party 5 enemy in US truck east end BUT strip(.)151100K old german rds square 8328 very hy and wet all infm
325	2/6 CDO		151845K 152005K	O.244	restricted(.)A(.)16 mar(.)NOT before 1100K NOT after 1300K(.)B(.)bomb strafe (.)C(.)destroy 30 japs in huts(.)D(.) huts in CREEK(.)E(.)V601989(.)F(.)700 ft (.)G(.)3 inch mortar smoke on target(.) H(.)village V600002 indicated by white T pointing direction of target(.)K(.) NOT NORTH A588996 to 4 villages A618996 (.)general(.)R/T comn OP and aircraft <u>ACTION:</u>
325(a)	6 DIV.				
326	2/6 CDO		151945K 152122K	I.141	secret(.)sitrep 80 to 151900K(.)disposns unchanged(.)AUPIK area(.)fighting patrol to vicinity of A589989 NMS(.)natives report enemy moving SOUTH to AMUK river(.)MAURAK area(.) local clearing patrols NMS(.)enemy fwd guard covering tracks on APENES CREEK between KAMAU and our posns(.)MILAK villages area(.)NO further aggressive enemy activity came to-day(.)bomb strike V653041 accurate <u>PART 2:</u> strafing as requested on target(.)FELO dets returned AMI 151530K(.)enemy contacted fully equipped incl pack all armed and amn plentiful(.)only 2 of 5 mortar bombs fired on tp posn exploded(.)cas this area NOT before reported own one wounded enemy 8 killed in action(.)HOUSE COPP(.)A coy 2/6 inf bn spending night 15/16 mar MIPEL ETA HOUSE COPP 160800K(.)rece patrol and ambush ISAMIK creek area NMS.
327	6 DIV.		151900K 152050K	GO.698	secret(.)revsit 130 to 151500K <u>ACTION:</u> distribution as for revsit 129
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318	CONTINUED:				141345K 1 st offr 28 ors arrived from AMI(.) accurate air-strike V651034(.) ridge V645030 strafed(.) HOUSE COPP area(.) patrol to V680072 V678052 V678046 V679039 contacted 8 enemy with IMG(.) cas enemy 1 killed own NIL(.) enemy still occupying posn on ISAMIK creek all infm ACTION: DISTRIBUTION AS FOR SITREP 95:	
319	16 BDE.		151445K 151530K V695284(.) infn. 2/2 inf bn(.) B coy enroute reached BASE 816789(.) 2/3 inf bn(.) C coy en route to adv post V790295(.) 2/4 MG bn(.) A coy AROHOMI V745247(.) B coy AROHOMI V742245(.) malarial det(.) det 2/4 malarial control unit WANDA ck V695248(.) rear(.) 12 pl 2/14 fd coy DOGRET BAY V637295 all infm	I.1316		SECRET(.) amendments to 16 aust bde locstat number 2 infm up to 141200K(.) cav(.) 2/9 cav cdo sen WANDA CREEK
320	6 DIV.		151415K. 151635K	AO.693	RESTRICTED(.) if and when our tps find crashed beaufort MAPRIK area RAAF will appreciate detailed report(.) particularly desire infm any unexploded bombs	
320(a)	2/6 CDO		151800K	O.532	ACTION: passed to 2/6 CDO. our 0.532	
321	6 DIV.		151445K 151640K	GI.433	restricted(.) forecast mar 16(.) light to moderate rain on and off coast afternoon and early evening(.) otherwise intermittent light rain during night and generally fine and cloudy conditions(.) seas moderate short NW swell whole period little change in present rises of rivers all infm	
322	2/6 CDO.		151600K 151740K	I.140	secret(.) native infm from HOUSE COPP area states(.) large native line departed YAMIL 14 mar for BUT to carry supplies fwd dor enemy	
322(a)	6 DIV.		151800K	O.531	ACTION: passed to 6 DIV. our 0.531	
323	G111(AIR) to BM 17 BDE. PHONE MESSAGE:		151510K		the arrangement for you to fly by AUSTER to BALIF still stands. At present it is estimated time for take off will be about mid-day. There is a slight possibility that the aircraft will NOT be able to fly to-morrow. At any event ALO 4 sqn will keep you advised and give you a firm time for take off later. The daily trip to BALIF after a couple of days spell can be arranged.	

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313	6 Div		151000K 151045K	GI 431	confidential (.) overlay WEWAK ANUMB river (.) amend date to read 1 mar NOT 9 feb all infm ACTION: amended 151145K
314	71 WING		142220K		Phone message:- Ref 0586 8 sqn to do strike 6 aircraft to leave 151000K Ref 0586 100 sqn to do strike 6 aircraft leave 150930K ACTION 2/6 Cav advised
315	2/7 Bn		151040K 151200K	II45	SECRET (.) sitrep 39 to 151000K (.) contact and security patrols nothing further to report
316	6 Div		151040K 151200K	II45	SECRET (.) si trop 39 to 151000K (.)
316	6 Div		150945K 151305K	O 530	SECRET (.) this HQ closes AITAPE 160800K reopens same time instead V540002 all informed
317	2/6 Cav		151110K 151316K	II38	SECRET (.) sitrep 79 to 151000K (.) HOUSE COPP (.) strike on ISAMIK ck accurate (.) AMI 2 sitnor
318	6 Div		151415K	0588	SECRET (.) sitrep 96 to 151330K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 14 mar (.) patrol ILAHOP A560984 located recently vacated enemy posn village A589997 (.) patrol BALANGABADABIL A524978 ILAHEA A555938 reported enemy sentries on tracks (.) patrol ARMARMIN A500933 to A513932 reported 12 enemy foraging in area (.) 4 enemy killed in hut (.) enemy mov AWI area A530943 (.) patrol from AWI made NO contact (.) patrol ABINGAI A495883 UTUMUPU A547880 reported village clear (.) 11 pl 2/6 inf bn occupied SINAHU A524886 12 pl now at ABINGAI (.) native reports (.) 2 parties enemy moved ILAHEA from NANU river (.) TATIMBA A588881 and villages A522885 A555914 occupied by enemy (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) AMI area (.) patrol AUPIK A597009 reported enemy occupying village A611975 25 japs in houses A629989 (.) C tp area V622017 (.) 41130K enemy with LMG attacked perimeter (.) aircraft on bombing mission V634013 strafed enemy lines of approach (.) attacked repulsed (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded (.) 141800K enemy attacked from NW (.) NO report (.) MILAK area (.) 140830K patrol contacted enemy on perimeter (.) 14 cas enemy unknown own 1 wounded (.) 141310K BB wounded on perimeter (.)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
307 (cont)			PART 4	SINAHAU 4988 to map ref infm	further to our 0300 (.) intentions 15 mar H coy (.) coy less small party for mov collection ABINGAI move and occupies (.) F68 to village sq ensure clear of enemy (.) f69 to village 484856 to ensure clear of enemy all
308 Adv 17 bde			142021K	I 106	restricted (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 15 mar NOT before 150900K NOT after 151200K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy moving along L of C (.) D (.) ILAHETA three villages running EAST and WEST centre one is target NOT burnt (.) E (.) 554940 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) by white T pointing in direction target (.) I (.) own patrol 14 mar (.) J (.) AWI A530- 942 garden A545911 (.) patrol at A575960 white T point- in direction target at AWI and garden (.) patrol NOT indicated (.) K (.) NOT NORTH village A552949 NOT WEST of creek A545940 NOT EAST of village A568949 (.) L (.) patrol will move from AWI to investigate (.) M (.) wagg waggle wings over AWI (.) gen (.) enemy moving from WEST to EAST through village small parties may be along tracks (.) fire guns between bearing 135 and 200 degs
309 Adv 17 Bde			142123K 142345K	I 107	restricted (.) ref my I 104 (.) own tps patrolling EAST from SINAHAU (.) do NOT bomb and strafe ACTION: refers to tac R request
310 ASP adv 17 Bde			141900K 150830K	I105	restricted (.) fow 71 WING (.) report received (.) 1 bomber blew up on strike 13 mar (.) please advise if correct
311 2/7 bn			150836K 150935K	0311	SECRET (.) ref our 0300 of 141930K (.) correct map ref for ambush F62 585973 all infm
312	Adv 17 bde		151040K	I147	restricted (.) ref your I105 of 141910K (.) 71 WING advise 1 bomber exploded on strike 13 mar (.) plane and crew completely destroyed (.) NO explanation can be given (.) wing also advise during strikes 12 and 14 mar in 2/6 cav cdo regt area more than one target was indicated by smoke (.) could this have been enemy action

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302	(contd)				fwd letter (.) I41800K enemy attacked MAURAK perimeter from the NW (.) NO report to hand Disposns in sitrep 77 (.) AUPIK area (.) I40900K natives report enemy area A589989 patrol made NO contact (.) enemy occupying village A611975 (.) 25 japs occupying houses A629989 (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrol (.) I41130K guards on enemy forming up for attack (.) enemy attacked using IMG (.) A/C after bombing V634013 strafed (.) enemy line off approach assisting in repulsing attack (.) enemy cas I killed I wounded
303	2/7 bn		I41915K I42235K	i I43	SECRET(.) sitrep.38 to I41900K (.) A coy local patrol to sq 5601 reports NO evidence recent move this area (.) B coy F55 compleated registered SAUNAMBE area (.) SAUNAMBE reported to be located 567965 (.) F60 NOT previously reported moved to village 589997 village unoccupied but in filthy condition considered enemy withdrew at sound mortar fire F55 (.) estimated 60/70 had been in village (.) C coy F56 report track leading to ILAHITA posted with enemy sentries (.) natives reports two partys japs moved ILAHITA from MANA (%) these considered be enemy contacted by D coy (.) D coy (.) F57 reports enemy party estimated I2 foraging garden area 512932
304	(serial 303 contd)				(.) 4 japs contacted in house killed own cas NIL(.) patrol reported enemy movement AWI area F58 NOT carried out but jap tracks from 537943 to 531938 to garden square 5293 ambushed (.) NO contact (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) II pl occupied SINAHU (.) RII did NOT operate (.) RI2 report UTUM UPU 547880 clear (.) I3n pl moved ABINGAI (.) native report (.) 572885 TATIMBA 58880I also village 555914 occupied by enemy
305	2/6 cdo scn		I41940K I42330K	I I34	SECRET(.) intentions 15 Mar (.) MAURAK area (.) local clearing patrol (.) MILAK villages area (.) local clearing patrol (.) air strike V651034 (.) HOUSE COPP (.) V000-\$-V700064 and clearing patrol
306	2/6 cav cdo regt		I42115K	I I36	SECRET (.) further to sitrep 78 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to V679039 via V680072 V678052 V678046 contacted 8 enemy V679039 armed with IMG grenades discharger and rifles (.) cas own nil enemy I killed (.) local patrol NLS (.) enemy still occupying posn on ISAMIKck
307	2/7 Bn		141930K 150010	0300	SECRET (.) intentions 15 mar (.) A coy (.) F16 to unnamed village sq 5899 to contact enemy reported 14 mar and gen search area for foraging patties (.) B coy (.) F62 to approx map ref 475873 to ambush enemy mov from WEST to EAST Part 2 (.) F63 to sq 5796 to clear enemy pocket in area (.) C coy (.) F64 to AWI 530942 to clear track and mov to ILAHETA after air strike to report result (.) D coy (.) coy HQ and 18 pl occupy AWI (.) Part 3 F65 to village 525927 to ensure village clear of enemy (.) F66 to approx sq 5393 to ambush enemy mov to WEST (.) F67 to approx 530930 to ambush any enemy driven EAST by F65 (.) H coy (.) to be notified later (.) air strike ILAHETA

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296	2/6 cav		I41740K I41930K	O 585	RESTRICTED(.) A I5 M ar NOT before I5I000K NOT after I5I200K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 50 enemy in huts and foxholes (.) D (.) village on ridge (.) E (.) V653 04I (.) F (.) I000 feet (.) G (.) 3 inch mortar smoke on tgt (.) H (.) MILAK V643032 indicated by white T pointing to tgt (.) K (.) NOT SOUTH of BAPUINDA V634037 and village V653036 (.) general R/T comn between OP and aircraft (.) if close air sup strafe and incendiaries required tgts will be indicated by smoke
297	6 DIV		I42030K	O 585	RESTRICTED(.) sreial 296 rptd
298	I 6 bde		I4I445K I4I8I5K	I I362	SECRET(.) sitrep 47 to I4I200K (.) ANUMB river I3 M ar (.) patrol found 1 large quantity enemy eqpt incl U/S M T hand carts telephones med stores and 80 rifles 8I4,90 (.) enemy docs found being fwd (.) B AI 8I6289 reported clear of enemy (.) I4I200K sitndr (.) M OU NTAIN SECTOR (.) I3 M ar patrol, from 2/3 M G bn ambushed by enemy 777257 cas own 3 killed 4 wounded cas enemy unknown (.) estimated str enemy ambush party 20 fire power 2 automatic weapons and rifles (.) patrol from 2/3 bn wounded one enemy 788278 (.) total cas this sector from and incl 28 jan to I4I200K cas own 59 killed 9I wounded cas enemy 283 killed (.) I4 Mar 2/9 cav cdo sgn enroute to WANK ck having been relieved by 2/3 M G bn (.) topographical (.) GILAGAMAK ck 80I294 (.) width 9 feet depth I foot (.) height of bank 5 feet (.) bottom stone (.) BAI ck 80929I (.) width IO feet depth I8 inches (.) height of banks 3 feet (%) passable only along beach at mouth (.) I4I,00K COASTAL SECTOR (.) slightly above normal FELAMIN and BALAM cks passable to MT (.) BOWER ck passable to jeeps with difficulties (.) MET(9%) 2 1/2 inches rain fell, this area I30600K to I40600K all infm
299	2/6 cav		I4I900K I42030K	I I28	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) I5 M ar NOT before I5I000K NOT after I5I100K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 60 enemy dug in (.) SOUTH BANK of ISAM IK ck to V707064 (.) E (.) V700065 to V707064 (.) F (.) 800 feet (.) G (.) white T on ground at V703072 pointing in direction of tgt (.) J (.) V703072 indicated by white T (.) K (.) NOT N O N ORTH of an EAST WEST line through ck June 70I065 (.) general (.) NO R/T comn between OP and A/C (.) smoke available
300	6 Div		I42I30K	O 586	RESTRICTED (.) serial 299 rptd 6 Div
30I	6 Div		I42I45K	GO 687	SECRET(.) revsit I29 to I4I500K
302	I4I930K 2/6 cav		I42205K	I I33	SECRET(.) some docs and clothing tags being fwd at earliest (.) M ILAK villages area (.) I40830K perimeter patrol contacted japs edge perimeter own cas I wounded enemy unknown (.) I4I3I0K police boy wounded on perimeter patrol (.) bombing strike on V65I034 accurate (.) strafed on ridge V645030 (.) I4I345K I offr 28 ORS reinf from AMI 2 arrived (.) recce patrols contacted enemy on all tracks leading from perimeter (.) H OUSE COPP Noreport (.) fwd

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290 (cont)					131930K attack repulsed (.) cas enemy unknown own 1 killed (.) 140630K clearing patrol was fired on 50 yds NORTH of perimeter (.) enemy fully expd (.) 140900K 1 offr 20 OR moved out from AMI 2 to MILAK villages (.) 140330K C tp posn V622017 attacked by enemy (.) attack reulsed (.) cas NOT known (.) 140940K further attack repulsed (.) cas NOT known (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 13300K A tp attacked enemy dug in on both sides ISAMIK creek V707064 (.) attack NOT successful (.) cas enemy seven killed own 1 offr wounded (.) 131150K 1 sec B tp arrived HOUSE COPP from KAUMALA V593413 (.) air (.) 131445K V640010 bombed (.) third aircraft on bomb run caught fire exploded (.) native ex PB reported YAMIL A 776985 clear of enemy all infm
291	ASP,? I7 bde	I7 bde	I4I105K I4I425K	I 103	RESTRICTED(.) for air comn B coy 2/6 bn call sign will be HAY repeat H AY
292	2/7 bn		I4I500K I4I600K	O 292	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 05I7 (.) PB GIELI NOT in this area
293	ASP Adv I7 bde		I4I300K	I 104	RESTRICTED(.) request for air sup (.) I5 M ar (.) area boun ded by grids figures 5462 and 879I (.) is there any sign of activity an d movt along track and in villages in the area (.) own tps at SINAHU (.) H AY at 49588I and will indicate by letter H rept H (.) call H AY by R/T and drop (.) also one copy on BRASS indicated by L rpt L
294	6 Div		I4I707K	O 585	RESTRICTED(.) request for TAC/R I5 M ar area bounded by grids figures 5462 and 879I (.) is there any sign of activity and mov along track and in villages in this area (.) own tps at SINAHU (.) H AY at figures 48588I and will indicate by letter H (.) call H AY by R/T and drop (.) also one copyn on 2/7 bn at BALANGABADABIL indicated by L
295	6 Div		I4I645K I4I725K	GI 429	RESTRICTED (.) forecast Mar 15 (.) heavy storms and rain squally this afternoon and evening along and near coastal ranges falls up to 3 inches possibly 5 in ches in isolated places will cause moderate flooding of rivers further moderate to to locally heavy falls in morning approaching from WEST then becoming fine during the day (.) sea moderate toslight to moderate swells cho py seas withwind squalls from NW during period of bad weather all infm

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Cris No.	Message
687	2/6 Cav		141015K 141315K	1130 Part 2	SECRET (.) sitrep 77 to 141000K (.) disposns unchanged except 1 offr and 20 ORs moving from AMI 2 to MILAK villages 140900K (.) MILAK villages area (.) 131625K enemy mortared posn with small mortars (.) 131740K enemy attacked from NORTH str unknown (.) at laest 3 IMG and rifles (.) 131930K attack repulsed (.) cas own 1 killed enemy unknown (.) 140630K clearing patrol fired on 50 yds NORTH of perimeter (.) enemy fully equipped (.) fire in volume and consistent (.) MAURAK area (.) 140330K enemy attacked perimeter (.) repulsed cas unknown (.) 140940K enemy again attacked perimeter (.) results unknown (.) HOUSE COPP (.) 131300K A tp attack enemy dug in on both sides of ISAMIK creek at V707064 (.) own tps forced to retire after hy exchange of fire (.) enemy using IMG rifles and grenades (.) cas own 1 offr wounded enemy seven killed in action (.) 1 sec B tp from KAUMALA arrive HOUSE COPP 131150K
688	ASP 17 bde		141105K 141425K	1103	restricted (.) for AIR comn B coy 2/6 inf bn call sign will HAY repeat HAY
689		2/6 cav	141444K	0530	restricted (.) up to three BOOMARANGS available to you for strafing an your request (
690		6 Div	141430K	0584	SECRET (.) sitrep 95 to 141330K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 14 mar (.) 131230K patrol ILAHOP A560984 AUPIK A597009 reported NO enemy contacted (.) 8 pl returned NUMANGO V553008 (.) patrol BALANGABABABIL A542979 reported 25 enemy foraging WEST village (.) 12 enemy engaged (.) cas enemy 8 killed 2 wounded own nil (.) patrol ARMARMIN A500933 to area V4991 contacted enemy dug in with IMG and rifles (.) cas enemy 1 killed wounded (.) B cov 2/6 inf bn less 12 pl now at ABINGAI A493881 12 pl INIMBI A543921 (.) native reports (.) NANGARIMBI A5991 occupied by 20 enemy (.) L of C APIRINGI LAHINGA A585(50 AUPIK (.) 2/6 cav edo regt (.) AMI area (.) patrol AUPIK to A607995 contacted 10 enemy (.) cas enemy 2 killed own nil (.) at 131230K enemy patrol str 4 with IMG attacked standing patrol at V628013 (.) cas enemy 1 killed own nil (.) 20 enemy occupied village approx 300 yds SOUTH C tp posn V622017 (.) 131400K enemy raided native village outside perimeter 1 native killed 1 wounded (.) 131625K enemy mortared B tp posn MILAK villages V643038 with small mortars (.) 131740K enemy with at least 3 IMG and rifles attacked posn from NORTH (.) enemy str NOT known (.)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
278	adv 17 bde		140645K 140800K	I 102	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 14 mar anytime (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy and village (.) D (.) MANIKUOLU village (.) E (.) 512809 (.) F (.) un- known (.) I (.) natives (.) J (.) patrol in 4987 own tps in village 495881 (.) K (.) NOT north MIBAMBAN river (.) L (.) NOT rpt NOT (.) M (.) waggle wings over V495881 (.) ACTION: passed to div by phone con- firmed by sig
679	2/6 cav adv 17 bde		131630K 131810K		am staying AMI 2 tonight will arrive your place tomorrow for lunch <u>INTERCEPT</u>
680		6 Div	140945K	0582	restricted (.) request for air sp 14 mar (.) confirmation of adv 17 bde I102
681		6 Div	140945K	0583	restricted (.) confirmation of request for air sp - 2/6 Cav I28
682		2/7 Bn	140945K	I176	restricted (.) your packages FSS 744 and 745 ack
683	I41030K 2/7 bn		I41220K	I I40	SECRET (.) sitrep 37 to I41000K (.) security patrols and contact patrols nothing to report (.) disposns B coy 2/6 aust inf bn (.) coy less I2 pl at AB INGAI (.) I2 pl at INIMBI
684	71 wing	I.O.	I41900K	(Phone)	(FOR KAMAU) 6 A/C I00 sqn took off at I41000K KM 6 A/C 8 sqn took off at I41030K for MAPOEMA 4 A/C that was to leave at I41300K for 707064 from 8 sqn cancelled due to weather 5 A/C 7 sqn will leave at I41400K for MANUKULO
685	I6 bde		I41030K I41320K	O 499	SECRET (.) line LUAIN IDAKIABUL will be left for your use (.) your sig 230 of I21950K refers
686	2/7 Bn		141035K	0286	restricted (.) additional intentions 14 mar (.) 11 pl H coy will occupy SINAHAU ref 523887

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
274 (cont)					<p>to area square 5796 to maintain contact with enemy that area and receive and register suitable mortar target</p> <p>(.) C coy F56 TO ILAHETA square 5594 enemy contacted 13 mar to EAST (%)</p> <p>D coy F57 to area square 4991 to clear area of enemy (.) 16 pl (.) F58 to area village map ref 525927 to kill any enemy driven to EAST by F57 (.) 2/6 inf bn (.) B coy (.) complete move to ABINGAI map ref 495881 (.) F59 to area square 4987 to clear area of enemy (.) R11 SINAHAU area to confirm whether area VILLAGE and area clear of enemy (.) B12 to area approx square 5199 to ensure area clear of enemy all infm</p>
275	2/7 Bn		132030K 140210K	0281	<p>SECRET (.) COY str bt area (.) A coy 5/110 NUMANGO (.) B coy 6/114 ILAHOP (.) C coy 7/119 BALANGABADABIL (.) D coy 7/134 ARMARMIN (.) 2/6 inf bn B coy 7/130 ABINGAI (.) ref 497882 (.) B ech 3/40 NEW BALOF dropping ground (.) BHQ 10/101 BARANGABANDANGI</p>
276	2/6 cav		132345K 140210K	I 28	<p>RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 14 mar NOT before 141000K NOT after 141100K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy 60 dug in (.) D (.) SOUTH bank ISAMIK creek from junc AMOGU (SCREW) LISAMIK creek to V707064 (.) E (.) V700065 to V707064 (.) E (.) 200 ft (.) G (.) white T on ground at V703072 pointing to target (.) J (.) V703077 indicated by white T (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of an EAST WEST line through creek junc V701065 (.) gen (.) NO RT comm between OP and aircraft (.) NO smoke available</p>
277	2/6 Cav		131950K 140210K	I125	<p>PART 2 & 3</p> <p>MAURAK area (.) 131230K enemy patrol 4 with IMG attacked standing patrol V628013 (.) cas enemy i killed own NIL (.) enemy str 20 occupied village approx 300 yds SOUTH of the posn (.) MA MILAK villages area (.) 130800K perimeter patrol NMS (.) 131400K small jap party raided native village outside perimeter (.) 1 KANAKER wounded 1 MARY killed (.) patrol unable locate enemy (.) airstrike on V651034 accurate (.) 131445K V649010 ran caught fire third aircraft on bomb run caught fire and exploded immediately (.) NO para seen open NO AA fire (.) 131805K enemy attacked B tp using mortars (.) HOUSE COPP NO report (.) native infm (.) peacetime police boy from YAMIL en route to COLE reported YAMIL clear of enemy</p>

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From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
270 (cont)				BM: OK 2/6 cav: Can we have a drop at of amn at MILAK 14th. Our tps there are cut off and the posn is critical. BM: Will do our best
271 6 div		131725K	GO 676	SECRET (.) revsit 128 to 131500K
272 2/6 cav		131950K 132140K	1125	SECRET (.) sitrep 76 to 131900K (.) disposns unchanged other than 8 pl 2/7 inf bn returned to unit 130830K (.) AUPIK area (.) strike on A611975 accurated (.) patrol to square 6098 contacted 10 enemy A607995 (.) enemy cas 2 killed own NIL (.) 131300K contact patrol from 2/7 inf bn arrived departed 131430K Part II serial
273 2/7 bn		131940K 132200K	1138	SECRET (.) sitrep 36 to 131900K (.) A coy (.) patrol to investigate LMG fire 122345K (%) located tracks 3 enemy 577003 leading to AMUK river (.) also signs/enemy estimated, foraging 562002 (.) 8 pl returned from MANGO (.) B coy (.) F50 contacted A tp 2/10 sqn 131230K (.) no enemy contacted (.) C coy F51 completed task F52 to village sq F52 report enemy estimate 25 foraging west LAHINGA (.) party 12 engaged at 5-928 553938 cas enemy 8 killed 2 wounded own nil (.) B coy F53 to village sq 5292 report village called MANGITA (.) area clear sign recent enemy (.) fresh tracks leading (.) MBI located 530935 (.) F54 contacted enemy sq 499I dug in with LMG and rifles (.) cas enemy 1 wounded own nil native report (.) MANGARIMBI occupied by enemy ser unknown (.) APURUMGA occupied estimate 20 who forage in area (.) Japanese L of C via MANGA LAHINGA AUPIK (.) 4 mts enemy on track are a 586952
273	2/7 Bn	132000K 132355K	0280	SECRET (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 14 mar NOT before
274 2/7 Bn		132000K 132355K	0280	SECRET (.) intentions 14 mar (.) r55 to

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Cite No.	Message
264	2/6 cav		131800K	I 25	request for air sp (.) A (.) 14 mar NOT before 1000K NOT after 1100 K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incend (.) C (.) destroy enemy ink huts and dug in (.) D (.) huts in feature (.) E (.) KAMAU V634013 (.) F (.) 600 ft (.) G (.) target indicated by white T on ground at village 700 yds from target (.) /village(H) V623017 indicated by white T (.) K (.) NOT WEST of NE SW line through BUNGLBRA V624014 and MILAK villages (.) gen (.) RT conn between OP and aircraft (.) NO smoke indicators available
265	6 div		131950K	0580	request for air sp 14 mar
266	2/6 cav		131810K 131925K	0222	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 14 mar NOT before 1000K NOT after 1200K (.) B (.) bomb strafe strafe and incend (.) C (.) destroy enemy in foxholes and huts (.) D (.) village in saddle feature (.) E (.) MAPOBMA map ref 658042 (.) F (.) 1000 ft (.) G (.) 3 in mortar smoke on target (.) H (.) MILAK map ref 643032 indicated by white T pointing to target (.) (.) K (.) NOT WEST of UNALE ck (.) gen (.) RT conn OP to aircraft
267	6 div		132000K	0581	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp 14 mar
268	2/6 cav		131640K 131730K	I123	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L145 (.) MILAK villages V643038
268	2/7 bn		131230K 131730K	0278	RESTRICTED (.) request AIB be notified representative HAYS tps will make contact at IGLAKUA 16 mar (.) request AIB police boy be sent ABINGAI 15 mar to guide rep HAY (.) our Q258 refers
269	2/7 bn		132000K	0529	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0278 (.) PB will be report to ABINGAI 15 mar
270	RT conversation	Comd BM 131900K			Comd: tell BISHOP I've had a good look at Cav and we can expect little change change there. they are tired and their relief is long overdue. 2/6 bn will make a big difference. Adjnt 2/7 bn: can we have 6 flys 4 tarps 5 miles of D3 and a drop for HAY at ABINGAI tomorrow. BM: send Yes Comd: Send the remainder of 11p1 up here 2/5 bn to supply guard for Bde HQ Rear. Probably open here 15 mar.

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Recd	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
260		2/6 cav	131526K	1145	restricted (.) please advise map ref B tp 2/10 sqn posn
26 I	131430K 131600K 6 Div			G I427	RESTRICTED(.) forecast 16 Mar (.) further slight sh owers along coast at night increasin g in intensity over the high lands (.) slight improvement in day conditions (.) rivers subsiding but above normal (.) seas slight to moderate all infm
262	16 bde		131330K 131530K	I I257	SECRET(.) sitrep 46 to 131200K (.) coastal sector (.) patrol engaged enemy EAST bank NINAHU river 707294 cas enemy 2 killed 2 wounded cas own 1 wounded (.) enemy using barbed wire (.) patrol contacted enemy V785294 cas enemy 3 killed cas own 1 killed 1 wounded (.) 3 enemy killed V800290K (.) IMG captured (.) docs being fwd (.) I21630K area NORTH of 286 grid and EAST to GILAGAMAK ck clear of enemy (.) 131200K sitnor (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) 13 Mar (.) patrol base establish ed V745246 (.) 1 enemy killed V759250 and one V767235 (.) enemy clothing good condition new ground sheets and waterproof capes with head cover (.) plentiful supply rice canned foods 131200K sitnor (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 Jan to 131200K cas own 47 killed 86 wounded cas enemy 283 killed (.) TPO (.) NIJAHU river (.) width 30 yards depth 2 feet (.) bed stream rocky (.) hight of banks EAST 4 feet (.) WEST 1 foot (.) current swift (.) 131200K ANUM B river normal (.) BALAM and SELAMIN cks passable MT (.) BOWER ck V748297 passable to jeeps (.) MET (.) 40 points rain fall this area I20600K to I30600K all infm
263	16 Bde		131330K 131810K	11358	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 inf bde locsat No 2 infm up to 131200K (.) RAE (.) 2/1 fd coy less three pls WORABIN creek 717289 (.) 1 pl BALAM creek 707287 (.) 3 pl halfway WANK BALAM creek 700284 all infm
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Serial	From	To	TOC & TOR	Orig No.	Message
254		2/7 Bn	131200K	0526	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0268 (.) have urgently requested infm for you will advise
255		2/6 cav	131340K	0527	RESTRICTED (.) ref your requests for 3 air strikes this morning regret WING now advise 640010 is only target possible
256	6 div	131350K		0578	SECRET (.) sitrep 94 to 131330K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 12 mar (.) patrol to ILAHOP A560984 contacted small enemy party A584964 (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) patrol ILAHOP SAUNAMBE engaged enemy dug in with JUKI MG at A583957 (.) cas enemy 3 killed 1 wounded own NIL (.) patrol ARMARMIN A500933 to A485918 captured enemy posn (.) cas enemy 3 killed 6 wounded own NIL (.) documents and 20 enemy packages recovered (.) enemy withdrew SOUTH (.) patrol from ARMARMIN ambushed 5 enemy at A515915 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own NIL (.) patrol INIMBI A473921 to A4791 reported area clear (.) 1 dead jap hanging in hut (.) 15 pl 2/7 inf bn now at A540952 (.) 16 pl 2/7 inf bn occupied AWI A531943 (.) 122345K 1 burst enemy IMG fire on NUMANGO area V553008 from EAST (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) patrol AUPIK V579009 to village A611975 reported enemy in EAST end of village (.) gas on all approaches (.) patrol MILAK villages reported both strikes on target V613016 accurate (.) 121530K patrol MILAK villages to MAPOBMA V658041 contacted enemy at V645034 (.) cas enemy killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.) enemy occupying MAPOBMA str unknown (.) 121745K enemy fired on native sentries 300 yds SOUTH of perimeter V622017 (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) 130900K accurate air strike on V700064 (.) native reports (.) enemy party with native carrier train arrived A629989 patrol str 15 to KAMAU V643013 and V640001 (.) KAMAU occupied by enemy all infm
257		2/7 Bn	13141 5K 13	I 144	RESTRICTED (.) ref your L129 of 120700K (.) package FSS 746 only received
258		2/6 Bn 2/7 " 2/6 cav		131415K	0579 SECRET (.) airforce bomblines as from 130600K (.) from V940255 SOUTH along grid 94 to V940100 thence WEST along 10 grid to V820100 V820100 thence SOUTH along grid 82 to SEPIK river thence EAST along SEPIK river to CAPE GIRGIR and incl all islands to NORTH
259		2/7 Bn	131430K	0528	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0268 (.) area clear of AIB

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249 (cont)					BARANGABANDANGI A541993 (.) A coy NUMANGO V553008 (.) B coy ILAHOP V A560985 (.) C coy less 15 pl BALANGABADABIL A543979 15 pl A540952 (.) D coy less 16 pl ARMIMIN A500934 16 pl AWI A532943 (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn ABINGAI A501981 (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt disposns unchanged
250	2/6 cav		131110K 131155K	O 215	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) 13 mar NOT before 1400 NOT after 1500K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incends (.) C (.) destroy enemy in huts and foxholes (.) D (.) village on ridge feature (.) E (.) unmapped village 640010 (.) F (.) 800 ft (.) G (.) 3 in mortar smoke on target (.) H (.) 643028 indic by white T pointing towards target (.) NOT NORTH of EAST WEST grid 02 (.) gen (.) RT comn between aircraft and OP
251	2/6 cav		131005K 131213K	I 121	SECRET (.) sitrep 75 to 131000K (.) disposns unchanged (.) MAURAK area (.) 121745K enemy patrol fired on native sentries 300 yds SOUTH of perimeter V622017 (.) natives report KAMAU occupied by enemy (.) HOUSE COPP (.) air strike strike 130900K bombs on target
252	2/7 Bn		131040K 131230K	I 136	SECRET (.) sitrep 35 to 131000K (.) A coy report burst IMG fire on area from EAST at 122345K (.) patrol investigating (.) contact and security patrols report track clear (.)
253	2/6 cav		131120K 131235K	O 216	SECRET (.) request for air sp (.) 13 mar NOT before 1300K NOT after 1400K (.) B (.) bomb strafe incend (.) C (.) destroy enemy in huts and dug in (.) D (.) huts in coco-nuts on ridge feature (.) E (.) KAMAU map ref 634013 (.) F (.) 600 ft (.) G (.) target indicated by white T on ground at village on map ref 623017 pointing to target 700 yds to target (.) H (.) villa-ge V023017 indicated by white T (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of EAST WEST line BUNGIBRAMIKAK village (=) gen (.) RT comn OP and aircraft (.) NO smoke available (.) second priority

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File	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
244 (continued)					WOSERA map ref 648809 (.) own tps ABINGAI map ref 495881 (.) bomb strafe but NOT on WOSERA (.) drop on MOI map ref 541992
245		2/6 cav	130940K	I 141	RESTRICTED (.) airforce advise aircraft available for more support /if further strikes required after 131200K
246		6 DIV	13	I 143	RESTRICTED (.) request for tacR 14 mar (.) what is brown patch on map in map ref 668866 and 666876 (.) does it show use (.) are there enemy in vicinity (.) own tps ILAHOP (.) bomb strafe (.) drop on MOI
247		6 div	121355K	O 575	SECRET (.) sitrep 93 to 121330K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 11 mar (.) pat- rol from MALAHUM A555992 reported air strike accurate on A578961 (.) posn vacated by enemy during morning (.) ambush at A584972 made NO contact (.) SAUNAMBE A582970 clear of enemy (.) patrol BALANGABADABIL A543979 ILAHETA A555938 engaged enemy with 2 in mortar and IMG fire in gardens A557937 (.) results NOT known (.) patrol ARMIMIN A500933 contacted enemy dug in on spur A494912 (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (%) patrol ARMIMIN to village A525927 reported clear of enemy (.) track to AWI AWI A531943 well used (.) 121000K 2/7 inf bn HQ opened at BARANGABANDANGI A541992 (.) 10 pl B coy 2/6 inf bn now at YUBANAKOR A485879 (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) AMI area (.) 110900K patrol from V621017 contacted enemy dug in with IMG at V611015 (.) enemy counter attacked (.) patrol withdrew (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) fresh graves observed beleived result airstrike (.) patrol AUPIK A589996 to A603991 reported village clear (.) enemy posn V651034 mortared (.) HOUSE COPP area (%) 60 enemy reported vicinity ISMAK creek SCREW river V700065 (.) native reports (.) 25 enemy occupying huts A629890 (.) enemy V640001 reinforced from MAPRE (.) armed natives assisting enemy (.) enemy occupt V633013 patrol V622018 all infm
248	2/6 cav	2/6 cav	122235K	O577	RESTRICTED (.) 130830K 6 aircraft 10 sqn will take off for target V700064 (.) 131030K 6 aircraft 8 sqn will take off for target V611975 (.) 130930K 5 aircraft will take off target V651034
249		4 tac R	131115K	I 142	SECRET (.) for capt PUTTMAN (.) disposns 2/7 inf bn as at 130800K (.) bn HQ at BARANGABANDANGI

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235	ADV. 17 BDE		122030K	I.101	RESTRICTED(.) request for tac/R 13 mar (.) is there a well defined track from MANIKUOLU map ref 508806 to LINGU map ref 560804 and thence to WOSERA map ref 648809(.) own tps AMBINGI map ref 495881(.) bomb and strafe but NOT on WOSERA(.) drop on IXO MOI
236	6 Div		121540K 122030K	AO 663	SECRET (.) concur 71 wings proposal carry out daily armed recess alter- nately (.) a (.) alongjap Is Of C from RANIMBOA and WONGINARA south-west to bombline airforce (.) b (.) SEPIK RIVER from AMBUNTI westwards 30 miles (.) purpose destroy enemy and harass L of C (.) in SEPIK area NO bombing or strafe- ing NORTH of EAST WEST line through BURUI ELG (.) request those missions to take priority after strike requests if conflict
237	2/7 Bn		122130K	0524	ACTION: Infm passed to 2/7 Bn by our 0524 122130K Rptd 2/6 Cav
238	2/6 Cav		130700K		Weather report to 130700K WING advised
239	2/7 Bn		130700K		Weather report to 130700K WING advised
240	2/6 Cav		130800K		Weather report for target 1 (.) cloud base 6000 ft sky covering 9/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 130802K
241	2/6 Cav		130800K		Weather report for other target (.) same as serial 240 ACTION: WING advised 130802K
242	2/6 Cav		130830K		Weather report target 1 NO report (.) other target cloud base 6000 ft sky covering 8/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 130835K
243	2/6 cav		130900K		Weather report to 130900K (.) cloud base 8000 ft sky covering 8/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 130912K
244	6 Div		130940K	I 140	RESTRICTED (.) confirmation of phone conversation request for tac R 13 mar (.) is there a well used defined track from MANIKUOLU map ref 548809 508806 to LINGU map ref 560804 and thence to

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229	2/6 CDO.		121930K 122030K	0.120 PART 1:	SECRET(.)intentions 13 march(.) AUPIK area(.)patrol str 1 and 15 to area 596098 to ambush enemy foraging party(.)air strike A611975(.)MAURAK area(.)patrol to KAMAU to locate enemy posn PART 2: standing patrol to 628013(.)MILAK villages area(.)clearing patrol to KULINGAI(.)indicate strike on V651034(.) CHAULAK villages(.)patrol str 3 and 30 moving via AUPIK to 677046(.)patrol to follow air strike on V701064
230	2/6 CDO.		121920K	I.119	SECRET(.)PART 2 of sitrep 74: SEE SHEET V628013(.)NMS(.)MILAK area(.)strike on MAPOBMA accurate(.) 121530K patrol to MAPOBMA contacted enemy V615034(.) engaged enemy(.)cas own 1 killed 1 wounded(.)enemy cas(.) 3 killed(.)enemy still occupying MAPOBMA(.)HOUSECOPP (.) no report to hand(.)native infm(.)AUPIK area(.)enemy reinforcements with native carrier train arrived A629989(.) enemy patrol str 15 to KAMAU and V640001
231	2/7 BN.		121800K 122355K	0.133 PART 1	SECRET(.)sitrep 34 to 121900K(.) B coy F46 unable complete task due flooding AMUK river(.)small party encountered(enemy) 584964 cas enemy 2 killed own NIL(.)local patrol to SAUNAMBE contacted enemy dug in at 583957 with JUKI MG posn engaged cas enemy 3 killed 1 wounded own NIL(.)C coy 15 pl occupied posn 540952(.)B coy 16 pl occupied AWI(.)F47 contacted enemy dug in 485918(.) PART 2 posn engaged and captured by patrol 20 enemy packs and a number of documents recovered(.)cas enemy 3 killed 1 wounded own NIL(.)enemy withdrew SOUTH(.)patrol to investigate native report enemy at 515915 ambushed 5 enemy vicinity(.)cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own NIL(.) B coy 2/6 BN F48 report area square 4791 clear enemy(.) old bivouac site NOT used past 24 hrs(.)1 dead jap hanging hut(.)natives report enemy in occupation village 8922 str unknown.
232	2/7 BN		121735K 130004K	0.266 PART 1:	SECRET(.)intentions 13 march(.) B coy(.)F50 to contact A tp locate at village map ref 598002 and ensure track from map ref 572986 through map ref 588996 clear of enemy(.)C coy(.)F51 to ILAHETA to contact 15 pl recce DZ at ILAHETA and prevent any enemy move to WEST. PART 2: 15 pl(.)F52 to contact 16 pl and ensure enemy clear square 5494(.)D coy 16 pl(.)F53 to posn square 5292 to ensure area clear of enemy(.)F54 to 495881 to ensure posn clear of enemy and recce L of C from D coy(.)H coy(.)move to ABINGAI ref 495881(.)all infm
233	2/7 BN.		122100K 130130K	0.268	RESTRICTED(.)advise if AIB patrol are in MANIKUOLU LINGU WOSERA as planning air strikes on these places.
234	2/7 Bn		122050K 130210K	0267	SECRET (.) ref your 0522(.)expect HAY to be SINAHU or beyond 16 mar (.)can probably contact with rep of HAY at IGITARUA(.)will advise definitely later

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221	2/6 CDO.		121800K 122010K	A.71	RESTRICTED(.)ref your I.138(.) enemy are burying their dead in common graves as was case at V613017 where two large graves were found(.)patrol was engaged by IMG and snipers and cannot advise number of graves
222	2/7 BN.		121040K 121545K	0.265	SECRET(.)in reply your 0.521(.) do NOT require air strike WORA 6693(.)strongly advise against any activity this area that present(.)plan maturing to deal with personage there(.)object effect kill or capture(.)will advise later if air required <u>ACTION:</u>
223	6 DIV.		121650K 122030K	GO.664	SECRET(.)revsit 127 to 121500K. <u>ACTION:</u> distributuon as for revsit 126.
224	6 DIV.		121930K 122105K	AO.667	SECRET(.)request new airforce bombline from 130600K(.)from V940255 SOUTH along grid 94 to V940100 thence WEST along 10 grid to V820100 thence SOUTH along 82 grid to SEPIK RIVER thence EAST along SEPIK RIVER to CAPE GIRGIR and incl all islands to NORTH(.)second third fourth fifth addressees please anticipate approval this request
225	2/6 CDO.		121920K 122140K	I.119	SECRET(.)sitrep 74 to 121900K(.) disposns unchanged(.)AUPIK area(.) patrol to A611975 following air strike of 11 march(.)japs have village(.)guards on all approaches standing patrols on APENES CREEK V628013(.)NMS(.)MILAK villages area(.)strike on MAPOBMA accurate
226	2/6 CDO.		----- 122140K	-----	reference correct(.)OP posn 599002 satisfactory last strike on target.
227	2/7 BN.		122100K	0.523	RESTRICTED(.)ref your 0.238(.) yes quite OK
228	2/6 CDO., 2/7 BN. (INTERCEPT)		121735K	I.118	SECRET(.)for PARBERRY from MOTEN (.)LT McCOLE AIB at IGITAKUA on 16 march desires to meet representative HAYS coy that day(.)NO reason stated(.)can you arrange suitable offr or WCO and guide(.)HAY is NOT to go personally(.)advise urgently <u>ACTION:</u>
229	X				

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212	2/7 Bn	121630K	0522	SECRET (.) lt McCOLL AIB desires RV with rep HAY'S coy at NUNGAWIA or ITAKUA on 16 mar (.) as this RV is closer please advise if you now wish to meet him
213	2/6 Cav	121635K	1138	RESTRICTED (.) ref your sitrep 72 (.) please advise how many graves seen
214	17 BDE.	6 DIV.	121700K	0.573. request for air - strike 2/6 CDO. I.115
215	2/7 BN.		121045K 121340K	0.131 SECRET(.)sitrep 33 to 121000K(.) contact and security patrols nothing to report
216	6 DIV.		121245K 121700K	AO.660 SECRET(.)71 WING now able give increased air effort(.)estimated average dail availability in good weather 20 sorties(.)this can be increased when special effort required
217	2/6 CDO.		121815K 121940K	0.208 RESTRICTED(.)A(.)13 march NOT before 1000K NOT after 1200K(.) B(.)bomb strafe and incendaries(.) C(.)destroy 60 enemy in huts(.)D(.)partly burnt out village (.)E(.)A611975 (.)F(.)600 ft(.)G(.)3 inch mortar 1 on target when requested(.)H(.)un-named village V599002 indicated by white T pointing to target(.)K(.)NOT NORTH of an EAST WEST line through creek junction A610978(.) general(.)r/toc conn between OP and aircraft(.)second(.) priority strike
218	6 DIV.		122207	<u>ACTION:</u> 0.576 requested air strike 2/6 CDO. their message 0.208 121815K.
219	2/6 CDO.		121900K 122000K	0.211 RESTRICTED(.)13 march NOT before 1000K NOT after 1100K(.)B(.) bomb strafexandxincendaries(.)C (.)destroy strong enemy force in foxholes(.)D(.)villages on ridge features(.)E(.)V651034 (.)F(.)1200 ft(.)G(.)3 inch mortar smoke on target(.)H(.) own tps V644033 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target NOT WEST UNALECREEK(.)general(.)R/T conn between OP and aircraft(.)3rd priority of targets requested
220	6 DIV.		122125K	<u>ACTION:</u> 0.575 requested air strike 2/6 CDO. their message 0.211

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207	(continued from last sheet)				postal (.) det 6 div postal unit WANK creek 695284 (.) SALVAGE (.) det 6 div salvage unit WANK creek 695284 all infm
208	6 Div		121535K 121630K	G1420	RESTRICTED (.) forecast mar 13 (.) further showers and rain along coast at night with very hy showers over the ranges (.) isolated storms at night along NORTHERN slopes of highlands (.) isolated showers only during day (.) rivers very high seas slight to moderate all infm
209	16 Bde		121350K 121630K	I1354	SECRET (.) sitrep 45 to 121200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 121200K sitnor (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) one enemy wounded V756248 10 mar found dead 11 mar (.) 11 mar one enemy killed V760240 (.) 121200K sitnor (.) native police patrol reports enemy staging point V782118 armed enemy parties str 5/8 moving NORTH to SOUTH along KAMEN RIVER (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 121200K cas own forty six killed eighty four wounded cas enemy two hundred and seventy three killed (.) TOPO (.) ANUMB river slightly above normal (.) BALAM and SELAMIN cks passable to MT all infm
210	2/6 Cav		121320K 121635K	I 115	SECRET (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 13 mar NOT before 130900K NOT after 131030K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 60 enemy dug in in SAC SAC (.) D (.) 200 yds SOUTH EAST from ck junc ISAMIK CREEK SCREW RIVER (.) new HUTS being built (.) E (.) V700064 (.) F (.) 800 ft (.) G (.) T at HOUSE COPP V703076 pointing towards target bearing 184 deg MAG (.) J (.) 703074 (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of an EAST WEST line through creek junc at 701065 (.) L (.) patrol to follow STRIKE (.) M (.) round RED verey by last aircraft (.) gen (.) NO RT comn between OP and aircraft (.) NO repeat NO smoke INCs available
211	2/7 Bn		121405K 121650K	0238	RESTRICTED (.) would it be possible at time to time to be notified to STRIKE WOSERA with large pattern bombing raid followed approx daily by one aircraft strafe or bomb

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202	(continued from last sheet)				report air strike accurate on enemy posn 578961 (.) posn dug in with overhead cover vacated by enemy during morning (.) ambush at 584972 NOT successful (.) track located leading to ILAHETA NOT used past 24 hrs (.) SAUNAMBE clear enemy at time of patrol (.) C coy (.) F43 returned 111430K report enemy located in overgrown gardens 557937 (.) patrol engaged area with 2 in mortar and LMG fire (.) result unknown (.) D coy (.) F44 returned 111420K contacted enemy dug in on spur 494912 cas four enemy killed own NIL (.) R10 report area clear to village 528927 well defined (.) track from AWI from to 525927 well defined (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn F45 report dug in posn with huts to hold 40/50 enemy at 463923 NOT used since 9 mar (.) further scattered huts 475915 used 10 mar (.) evidence enemy withdrew EAST (.) probably party contacted by F44 (.) 10 pl B coy 2/6 inf bn at YUBANAKOR preparing drop zone at ABINGAI
203	2/6 cav	121010K 121145K	I 114		SECRET (.) sitrep 73 to 121000K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol to A603991 report area clear of enemy 11 mar (.) air strike A611975 on target (.) HOUSE COPP (.) enemy str 60 vicinity junc ISAMIK creek SCREW river (.) native infm 25 japs occupying huts A629890 (.) MAURAK area (.) V640001 reinforced from MAPRIK (.) natives armed and equipped by enemy and assisting enemy (.) enemy occupied V633013 patrolling NORTH to V622018 (.) HOUSE COPP (.) enemy in str KUMEN KUMINTUS villages (.) brig MOTEN and party arrived AMI 2 120830K
204	7L WING	121214K			Phone message- plane taking off for 658041 ACTION: Cav advised 121215K
205	2/6 Cav				AUSTER TOOK OFF at 121315K ACTION: 4 tac R advised
206	71 WING	120930K			Phone message- 6 aircraft 100 son will leave 121330K for V613016 Strike on MAPOBMA cancelled due to weather ACTION: 2/6 Cav advised by RT
207	16 Bde	121326K 121340K	11352		SECRET (.) amendment 16 inf bde locsat in infm up to 111200K (.) Cav 2/9 cdo son less A B C tps AROHEMI 745247 (.) A B and C tps AROHEMI 744248 (.) inf (.) 2/3 M G bn less ABCD and HQ coys AROHEMI 745247 (.) A coy WANK creek 695284 (.) B coy MALIN 638240 (.) C coy AROHEMI 747245 (.) D coy (.) 744248 (.) HQ coy TOOTH 720248 (.) med (.) MOB SURGICAL team AROHEMI 742248 (.) AEME (.) 2/45 LAD SOWAM 754296 (.)

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191	(continued from last sheet)				from ABUNTI HILLS for 20 miles (.) purpose to ascertain if any enemy mov by canoes along river as seems probable in view tac R 10 mar
192	71 WING		112205K		Phone message - 6 aircraft 100 sgn will take off at 121030KK for V613016 6 aircraft 8 sgn will take off 121130K for MAPOBMA 2/6 cav advised by RT
193	2/7 Bn		120700K	I 129	RESTRICTED (.) fwd by YOUNG LION packages documents FSS744 G45 FSS746 (.) ack receipt packages
194	2/7 Bn				Weather report to 120800K WING advised 120815K
195	2/6 Bn		120805K 120830K	I 113	SECRET (.) 120730K gp 2 mov out en route AMI 2
196	2/6 cav				Weather report to 120810K WING advised 120815K
197	2/7 Bn		120900K		Weather report to 120900K WING advised 120930K
198	2/6 cav				Weather report to 120910K WING advised 120930K
199		2/7 Bn	120920K	O 521	RESTRICTED (.) GOC would like to air strike WORA 6693 do you concur
200	2/6 cav				Weather report to 121015K WING advised 121020K
201	Pilot YOUNG LION		12/3		What is SAVANA like over hills and AITAPE
202	2/7 Bn		111930K	I 126	SECRET (.) sitrep 32 to 111900K (.) B coy F42 returned 111530K

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
183	2/7 bn		111930K 112240K	0 241	SECRET (.) intentions 12 mar (%) B coy (.) F46 to village 598002 to contact A tp 2/6 aust cdo regt and ensure track 570985 591000 clear of enemy (.) C coy 15 pl to square 5495 to protect new L of C (.) D coy 16 pl to occupy AWI map ref 478916 to confirm this area clear enemy (.) all, infm
184	GIII Air	I.O.	111150K	(PHONE)	Ref strike on A582962 (.) map ref was NOT correct actual tgt was approx A589569 (.) mortar posn was NOT given in request and was located only 200 yards from tgt (.) could this be rectified (signal sent to 2/7 Bn)
185		2/7 bn	112230K	0 520	RESTRICTED (.) RAAF report ref strike on A582962 (.) map ref was NOT correct actual tgt at A589962 (.) mortar posn NOT incl in request 16 located 200 yards from tgt
186		16 bde	112220K	I 137	RESTRICTED (.) your I I3 50 as at 111326 (.) ACK
187x	2/7 bn		111900K	B (.) coy	
187	2/7 Bn		111930K 112240K	0 241	SECRET (.) intentions 12 mar (.) B coy (.) F46 to village 598002 d to contact A tp 2/6 cav cdo regt an ensure track 570985 591000 clear of enemy (.) C coy (.) 15 pl to square 5495 to protect new L of C D coy (.) 16 pl to occupy AWI map ref 530942 (.) F47 to area square 4990 to clear area of enemy (.) H coy (.) F48 to map ref 478916 to confirm this area clear of enemy (.) F49 to YUBANAKOR and ASINGAI to ensure new L of C clear of enemy (.) all infm Part 2
188	2/6 cav				Weather report to 120740K
189	2/6 cav				Weather report to 120700K
190		2/7 Bn	111655K	I 136	RESTRICTED (.) further to our 1135 (.) unnamed village A660934 well used and signs of occupation similar to WORA (.) 3 scrub clear- ings approx 20 yds x 20 yds astride track on NORTH track end of clear- ing
191	6 Div		110935K 112045K	AO 645	SECRET (.) request tac R immaterial (.) area WEST along SEPIK river

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
I75	6 Div		III500K II2100K	GO 653	SECRET(.) revsit I26 to III500K
I76	2/7 bn 2/6 cav cdo regt		II2040K	O 201	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) I2 M ar NOT before IOOK N OT after I200K B (.) bomb safe incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy in huts and dug in (.) D (.) village on hill feature (.) E (.) MAPOBMA map ref V65804I (.) F (.) IOOO feet (.) G (.) / inch mortar smoke on tgt (.) H (.) map ref V647043 indic- ated by WHITE T pointing direction tgt (.) K (.) NOT WEST UNALE creek (.) GENERAL (.) R/T conn between OP and aircraft (.) 2 priority of morning STRIKES
I77	Div		II2125K	O 57I	(serial I76)
I78	2/6 cav cdo regt		III950K II2130K	I II3	SECRET(.) intentions I2 M AR (.) MAURAK area (.) air strike V613016 patrol indicating tgt from V618017 (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol to V647043 to indicate to air strike on M AUOBMA AU PIK HOUSE COPP NO report
I79	2/7 cav cdo regt		III935K II2115K	I II2	SECRET(.) sitrep 72 to III900K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AUPIK area (.) conn broken due to river flooding (.) MAURAK area (.) II0900K contacted enemy at V611015 dug in behind double spiked bamboo fence LMG and snipers prevented further adv houses burnt (.) enemy counter attacked and patrol withdrew (.) cas own MIL enemy 2 killed in action
I80	I6 BDE		II2200K II2200K	I 180	SECRET(.) 16 aust inf bde pass words from 15-600 to 210600 (.) 15 MARCH LAUGHING JACKABS (.) 16 MAR KANGAROO RAT (.) 17 MAR RINGTAIL POUMIS MAR GUNNING CASSOWARY (.) 19 MAR RACING EMU (.) 20 MAR BLACK COCKATOO (.) 21 MAR RIVER PLATYPUSS (.) ACK all infm
I81	I 6 BDE		II2220K	I I80	(ACK) serial I80
I82	2/6 cav cdo regt		III935K II2225K	I II2	(Part 2) Sitrep 72 Fresh graves seen inside perimeter may be result of recent air strike (.) standing patrol at V617019 returning III830K (.) MILAK villages area (.) air strike accurate (.) all bombs on tgt (.) large fire caused (.) mortared V651034 (.) HOUSE COPP (.) patrol report enemy working sac sac ISAMIK creek (.) Brig MOTEN and party stoppin night II/I2 WALAHUTA creek impassable anticipate arrive HQ morning I2 Mar

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169	16 BDE.		111326K 111550K	I.1351	SECRET(.)sitrep 44 to 111200K (.)COASTAL SECTOR(.)111200K SITNOR(.)MOUNTAIN SECTOR(.) 111200K sitnor(.)additional cas result previous actions square 7424 from 040700K to 071700K and NOT previously reported cas own one killed six wounded cas enemy 23 killed(.)total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 111200K cas own forty six killed eighty four wounded cas enemy two hundred and seventy one killed(.)topo 111200K ANUMB RIVER slightly above normal(.)SELAMIN CK passable to MT but assistance tractor required BALAM CK (.)met(.)eighty points rain fell this area 100600K to 110600K: all infm
170		2/7 BN.	111555K	I.136	RESTRICTED(.)further to our I.135(.)un-named village A660934 well used and signs of occupation similar to WORA(.) 3 scrub clearings approx 20 yds x 20 yds astride track on NORTH end of village
171	6 DIV.		111545K 111600K	GI.422	RESTRICTED(.)forecast mar 12(.) hy weather belt approaching from NW expected bring hy showers night mar 11/12 and isolated showers throughout mar 12(.)very hy showers on NORTHERN SLOPES of RANGES(.)squally conditions in showers(.)rivers slightly above normal seas slight to moderate (.)moderate NW swell developing all infm
172	2/7 BN.		111600K 111645K	0.238	RESTRICTED(.)ref new DZ BALIF(.) damage to strip caused by mis- directed drops negligible(.) party available for instant repair of such damage.
173	111745K 7666	2/7 bn	111745K	O 519	SECRET(.) for MOTEN from CLARKE (.) quote for BISH OP from STEVE ENS (.) approval granted I6 bde withdraw M G sec at WALUM and det at MALIN (.) I7 B de is to arrange own protection unquote
174	2/6 cav cdo regt		111700K 111830K	O 198	SECRET(.) A(.) I2 MARCH NOT befor 1100K NOT after 1230K(.) B(.) bomb safe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy 50n enemy in huts and dug in (.) D (.) top of ridge running NE-SW (.) E(%) unamed village V6I3016 (.)F (.) 700 feet (.) G (.) M 2 mortar smoke tgt 4 m ins befor arrival I A/C (.) V 6108 I7 indicated by WHITE T on ground pointing toward tgt K (.) NOT EAST line through unamed village V611006 (.) R/T com between OP and A/C (.) request repeat air support afternoon NOT before 1300 NOT af after 1430 K (.) 0570x rept 6 aust div)

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164	A.I.B	MAJ HAY	100104K	A.4338	from McCOLL(.)following for MAJ HAY YUBANAKUOR(.)am on way BANDONGE(.)can meet you HAVANAKAW 4368 about 16 march(.)request you instruct my PB GELI to return me immediately. <u>ACTION:</u> from DIV LO at 110900K. 2/7 BN advised
165		6 DIV.	111330K	0.569	SECRET(.)sitrep to 111330K(.) 2/7 BN(.)10 march(.)patrol MALAHUM A555992 to SAUNAMBE AUPIK track reported track well used(.) patrol located enemy posn on track at A583982 with sentries posted(.)large number enemy foraging in gardens WEST to AMUK RIVER(.)cas enemy 2 killed own NIL(.)1 enemy indentified from 41 mountain arty(.)local patrol NUMANGO area ambushed 3 enemy V554004(.)cas enemy 1 offr 239 regt killed own cas NIL(.)patrol YUBANAKUOR A485877 ABINGAI A498883 SINAHU A523887 reported area clear(.)patrol ASANAKOR to A477916 contacted enemy in gardens(.)cas enemy 1 killed 2 wounded own NIL(.)natives report 40 enemy vicinity A 496916(.)changes of disposns(.)B coy 2/7BN ILAHOP A560984 (.)C coy 2/7 BN BALANGABADABIL A542979(.)D coy 2/7 BN ARMARMIN A500934(.)2/6 Cav cdo regt (.)AMI area(.)patrol AUPIK V597009 to A603991 fired on 7 enemy A603992 result NOT known(.)patrol from MILAK villages located enemy MAPOBMA V658042(.)air(.)all strikes reported accurate(.) native reports(.)enemy re-occupied village V640001(.) killed 3 KANAKAS(.)TULTUL MAPRIK assisting enemy(.)HOUSE COPP area(.)110730K patrol moved out to est L of C on high ground WEST of SCREW RIVER to V680037 all infm
166	G111(AIR)	to I.O:			ref strike on 582962(.)map ref was NOT correct actual target was approx 582969(.)mortar posn was NOT given in request was located only 200 yds from target(.)could this be rectified. <u>ACTION:</u>
		PHONE MESSAGE:			
		111150K			
167		2/7 BN.	111510K	I.135	RESTRICTED(.)ref your 0.203 of 091520K(.)10 march tac/R reported(.)track 603991 to WORA is well defined and appears well used(.)passes through numerous gardens and many villages(.)route of main track is 603991 to village 6197 - ENE to high ground 620980 - SE along high ground to WORA (.)another track runs 603991 along high ground linking up with main track at 690980(.)signs of much activity at WORA(.)freshly cut sac sac in many places close to village (.)3 new huts and many with newly patched roofs
168		2/7 BN.	111510K	I.134	RESTRICTED(.)your package FSS 743 aek.

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152	6 DIV.		110950K 111030K	AO.650	SECRET(.)confirming phone message advice air strikes 11 march 0930K 6 BEAUFORTS 100 sgn to attack A582962(.)1030K 6 a/c 8 sgn 658042 and 653044(.)1130K 4 a/c 8 sgn A611975(.)1330K 6 IGN a/c 100 sgn V658042(.)1500K 6 a/c 8 sgn canoes at YAMBON(.)times shown are times take off from TADJI.
153	2/7 BN.		111030K		weather report to 1030K. phoned to WING 1035K.
154	2/6 CDO.		111030K		weather report to 1030K. phoned to WING 1035K.
155	2/6 CDO.		111015K 111120K	I.111	SECRET(.)sitrep 71 to 111000K(.) HOUSE COPP area(.)110730K & offr 20 ors C tp moved out from HOUSE C on high ground WEST of AMOGU (SCREW) RIVER to v680037(.)AMI 2 area sitnor <u>ACTION:</u>
156	2/7 BN.		111025K 111125K	I.121	SECRET(.)sitrep 31 to 11100K(.) contact and security patrols report area clear enemy
157	2/7 BN.		111135K 111200K.	I.122	RESTRICTED(.)YOUNG LION departed 111135K (.)advise time of arrival one sitting. <u>ACTION:</u> NOT ADVISED. BM advised.
158	2/6 CDO.		111200K		weather report to 1200K. phoned to WING 1205K
159	2/7 BN.		111200K		weather report to 1200K. phoned to WING 1205K.
160	6 DIV.		111105K 111205K	GO.651	SECRET(.)for BISHOP from STEVENS your G.471 of 110810K(.) approval granted 16 BDE to WITHDRAW MG sec at WALUM and det at MALIN(.) 17 AUST INF BDE is to arrange own protection <u>ACTION:</u>
161	2/6 CDO.		111240K		weather report to 1230K. phoned to WING 1235K.
162	2/7 BN.		111300K		weather report to 1300K. phoned to WING 1305K
163	2/6 CDO.		111310K		weather report to 1300K. phoned to WING 1305K.

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138	2/6 CDO.		110815K		weather report to 0800K. Phoned to WING 0805K
139	2/6 CDO.		110830K		weather report to 0830K. phoned to WING 0830K
140	2/7 BN.		110830K		weather report to 0830K. phoned to WING 0830K
141		2/7 BN.	110900K	0.518	RESTRICTED(.)ref your I.112(.) fwd met signal direct to RAA 6 DIV. as at 0700K daily.
142	2/7 BN.		110900K		weather report to 0900K. phoned to WING 0905K
143	2/7 BN.		110855K 110915K	I.119	RESTRICTED(.)YOUNG LION departed. 110850K(.)advise time of arrival (.)one lying ACTION: 2/2 FD AMB and 4 TAC R infm
144		2/7 BN. 2/6 CDO.	110930K	0.515	RESTRICTED(.)burning villages while planes in are quite OK at any time(.)but MORTAR SMOKE only on target
145		2/6 CDO. 2/6 2/7 BND.	110930K	0.516	RESTRICTED(.)WING advise increased air sp now available up to 30 sorties per day available
146	2/6 CDO.		111000K		weather report to 1000K. phoned to WING 1005K
147	2/7 BN.		110930K		weather report to 0930K. phoned to WING 0935K
148		2/7 BN.	110945K	0.517	RESTRICTED(.)advised div imprac- ticable for HAY to move SOUTH(.) requested AIB to RV YUBANAKUOR(.)have requested AIB infm SOUTH of SINAHU(.)will advise as soon as infm available (.)AIB request PE GIELI return immediately.
149	2/6 CDO.		111000K		weather report to 1000K. phoned to WING 1005K.
150	2/7 BN.		111000K.		weather report to 111000K. phoned to WING 1010K.
151	TELEPHONE MESSAGE: 71 WING to IO:		101025K		1. 110930K 6 a/c 100 sqn take off for A582972. 2. 111030K 4 a/c 8 sqn taek off for V658042. 111040K 4 a/c 8 sqn take off for V653044. 3. 111130K 4 a/c 8 sqn take off for A611975. 4. 111530K 6 a/c 100 sqn take off for V658042. ACTION: 1. 2/7 BN. advised by R/T 110830K. 2. 2/6 Cav advised by sig. 3.) 4.)2/6 Cav advised by R/T 110850K.

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126	A.L.O	BM	101900K		AUSTER pilots would prefer to take COL WOOD and PTE TUCKER in on 2 and 3 trip. Approx time 0930K and 1200K. ACTION: Pointed out fact that loading of AUSTER is controlled by this HQ.
127	71 WING	to INT S/SJT.	101035K		101034 6 a/c took off for target V613016. ACTION: 2/6 CDO. advised by R/T 101036K
128	6 DIV.		101600K 101900K	GO.646	SECRET(.) location report 4(.) amend 6 aust div location statement as follows(.)serials 7, 33 to V20304(.)serial 57 to V015486 V745247(.)serial 56 to V620304(.)serial 57 to V015486 (.)serial 58 to V434337(.)serial 61 to Z947513 all infm ACTION: amended 11 march:
129	2/7 BN.		102130K 110700K	0.239	RESTRICTED(.)ref smoke in area during air strike necessity of patrol burning villages some-times make compliance to your ORDERS difficult(.)will advise in signals re intentions for following day if smoke likely to occur(.)for infm RAAF(.)do you concur ACTION: 2/7 BN. advised burning villages OK.
130	2/7 BN.		101945K 102300K	0.231	RESTRICTED(.)intentions 11 mar(.) B coy(.)F42 to SAUNAMBE to investigate result of air strike(.) C coy(.)F43 to ILAHETA to ensure area clear of enemy(.)R9 to AWI to ensure enemy clear of area and establish listening post for 24 hrs(.) D coy(.)F44 to area square 4990 to clear area of enemy(.)R10 to village UTUMUGU ref 525927 to ensure village and area clear(.)H coy(.)F45 to area square 4791 to ensure area clear enemy(.)all infm.
131	2/7 BN.		102030K 102359K	0.232	SECRET(.)further to our 0.231 (.)intentions 11 mar(.)H coy(.) remainder 10 pl move YUBANAKUOR and continue preparing DZ.
132	17 BDE.	2/6 CDO	102340K	0.568	RESTRICTED(.)111030K 4 a/c 8 scn will take off for target V658042(.) 111040K 4 a/c 8 scn will take off for target V653044(.) RAAF advise mortar smoke MUST be put on V653044 10 mins after that on V658042
133	2/7 BN.		102130K 110700K	0.138	SECRET(.)this HQ closes present location 121000K and re-opens BARANGABANDANGI 121000K.
134	2/7 BN.		110700K 110700K	I.117	RESTRICTED(.)MET W2 C6 V3 DOPOT 6 RF7 RTXSX
135	2/7 BN.		110700K		weather report to 0700K phoned to WING.
136	2/6 CAV.		110745K		weather report to 0730K. Phoned to WING 0745K
137	2/7 BN.		110800K		weather report to 0800K. Phoned to WING 0805K

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120	2/7 BN.		102000K 102120K	I.115	RESTRICTED(.)could you fwd latest AIB reports of enemy mov SOUTH of SINAHAU(.)natives at SINAHAU report enemy to SOUTH(.)your SUNRAY requests copy of CAPT O'DONNELLS report on patrol to SCREW RIVER be fwded by YOUNG LION for ANGAU. <u>ACTION:</u>
121	2/6 CDO.		102005K 102120K	O.195	RESTRICTED(.)A(.)NOT before 1000K NOT after 1200K(.)bomb strafe and incendiaries(.)C(.)destroy enemy in huts(.)D(.)partly burnt out villages and huts in adjacent gardens(.)E(.)A611975(.)F(.)600 ft(.)G(.)3 inch mortar smoke on approach first aircraft(.)H(.)un-mapped village A599983 indication by white T pointing towards target(.)K(.)NOT WEST of un-named creek A600985 and 606968(.)second priority of morning targets(.) KX r/t comm between OP and aircraft. <u>ACTION:</u>
122	17 BDE.	6 DIV.	102340K	0.566	air strike requested.
123	2/6 CDO.		101915K 102130K	I.109	SECRET(.)sitrep 70 to 101900K (.)disposns unchanged(.)AUPIK area (.)patrol to A603991 contacted enemy at A603992(.)fired on 7 enemy reslut unknown(.) MAURAK area(.)air strike on target house destroyed(.)patrol investigating NO report to hand(.)local patrol(.)NMS(.) MILAK villages area(.)air strike on V662014 and V656011 on target(.)enemy located in MAPOBMA area(.)HOUSE COPP(.) NO report(.)native infm(.)enemy re-occupied V640001(.) killed 3 kanakas(.)TULTUL MAPRIK actively assisting enemy.
124	2/6 CDO.		102013K 102130K	I.67	SECRET(.)intentions for 11 march(.) MAURAK area(.)rece patrol to V 640002K(.)MILAK villages area(.) air strike MAPOBMA V658042(.)AUPIK area(.)time to follow air strike(.)patrol to A603991
125	2/7 BN.		101915K 102140K	I.114	SECRET(.)sitrep 30 to 101900K(.) A coy patrol F41 returned 101655K report track SAUNAMBE AUPIK well used(.)patrol actually followed enemy party up track(.)enemy located on track with sentries posted at 583982 many others foraging in gardens WEST to AMUK RIVER(.) two enemy killed one from 41 MOUNTAIN ARTY(.)patrol to investigate native report enemy in vicinity cub strip located track five enemy in creek ref 545002(.)ambush at 554004 contacted & killed 1 offr from 239 regt(.)subsequent patrol beneath enemy A560007(.)B coy in posn ILAHOP(.)C coy in posn BALANGABADABIL(.)D coy in posn ARMARMIN(.)B coy 2/6 bn rece patrol YUBANAKUOR to ABINGAI to SINAHU report area clear(.)F40 contacted enemy 477916 signs other small parties in area to 493974(.)natives report 40 enemy 496916(.) patrol returning contacted small party gardens killing 1 wounding 2(.)101615K harrassing fire 3 inch mortar on gardens 448925 where enemy contacted 9 march.

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111	R/T CONVERSATION: SUNRAY 2/7 BN. - SEAGULL 17 BDE.				DAVID at SINAHUAREA SAPAKUM ref 570890(.)DAVID has pl at YUBANAKUOR and his own ETA there 13 march(.)impracticable for him to move so suggest AIB move forward meet him. <u>ACTION:</u>
112	2/6 CDO.		101730K 101920K	I.108	RESTRICTED(.)A(.)11 march NOT before 1100K NOT after 1300K(.)B(.)bomb strafe(.)C(.)destroy 40 D(.)ridge feature V658042 and J(.)V646004 indicated white T pointing to target(.)K(.)NOT WEST of UNALE CREEK(.)L(.)1 round red very over own tps by last a/c(.)general(.)there will be NO R/T comms between OP and a/c. <u>ACTION:</u>
113	17 BDE	6 DIV.	102038K	0.564	requesting Air Strike.
114	2/6 CDO.		101930K 102000K	I.66	RESTRICTED(.)request air strike on V658042 be repeated in afternoon (.)times NOT before 1300K and NOT after 1500K(.)original request our I.108 of 101730K <u>ACTION:</u>
115	17 BDE.	6 DIV.	102308K	0.567	air strike requested.
116	6 DIV.		101745K 102030K	GO.649	SECRET(.)revsit 125 to 101500K. <u>ACTION:</u> distribution as per rev.124
117	2/7 BN.		101810K 102030K	A.230	RESTRICTED(.)A(.)NOT before 1000K NOT after 1200K(.)B(.)bomb strafe and incendiaries(.)C(.)destroy enemy and village(.)D(.)ridge 200 yds NORTH of SAUNAMBE(.)E(.)582072(.)F(.)unknown(.)G(.)mortar smoke fire 4 minutes before ETA a white T at mortar posn pointing in direction of target(.)H(.)NIL(.)I(.)own patrol 9 march(.)patrol at 571965 with white T(.)K(.)NOT NORTH of NORTH slopes of ridge (.)L(.)patrol will move in for attack ILAHOP(.)N(.)report at 110900K(.)general(.)suggest drop incendiaries on village(.)strafe NORTH to SOUTH(.)also strafe WEST end of village and along track to LAHINGA map ref 584950(.)all infm <u>ACTION:</u>
118	17 BDE.	6 DIV.	102240K	0.565	air strike requested.
119	2/7 BN.		101750K 102120K	I.112	RESTRICTED(.)ref your 0.514 of 101515K weather report for 24 hrs ending 100700K fwd on signal I.106 at 160700K addressed 17 aust inf bde(.)advise correct address to which signal should be directed. <u>ACTION:</u>

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I08	6 Div		101705K	GI420	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 11 mar (.) isolated showers along coast at night and moderate showers over ranges at afternoon (.) day conditions generally good (.) rivers slightly above normal (.) seas slight all infm
109	2/6 Cav		101730K 101920K	1108	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 11 mar NOT before 111100K NOT after 111300K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy in huts foxholes (.) D (.) ridge FEATURE (.) E (.) V658042 and V658044 (.) F (.) 1200 ft (.) G (.) mortar smoke on approach aircraft (.) J (.) V646004 indicated white T pointing to target (.) K (.) NOT WEST of UNALE creek (.) L (.) 1 round RED very over own tabs by last aircraft (.) GENERAL (.) there will be no RT comm between OP and aircraft ACTION: Infm passed to Div by our 0564 102038K
110	2/7 Bn		101810K	A230	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) 11 mar NOT before 111000K NOT after 111200K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy and village (.) D (.) ridge 200 yds NORTH of SAUNAMBE (.) E (.) V582972 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) mortar smoke fire 4 mins before ETA a white T pointing at mortar posn pointing in direction of target (.) I (.) own patrol 9 mar (.) J (.) patrol at V571965 with white T (.) NOT NORTH of NORTH slopes of ridge (.) L (.) patrol will move in from attack ILAHOP (.) M (.) waggle wings over ILAHOP (.) N (.) report at 110900K (.) GENERAL (.) suggest drop incendiaries on village (.) strafe NORTH to SOUTH also strafe WEST end village and along track to LAHINGA V584950 ACTION: Infm passed to Div by our 0565
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102	(continued)				patrol to CHILIAK V701147 reported NMS (.) one sec B tp on route to HOUSE COPP from KAUMALA (.) native reports (.) jap party at WONGINARU V683189 and strong force at ONANUB village near KULAUNU mission A789966 all infm
103	2/6 CAV		101005K 101140K	I 107	SECRET (.) sitrep 69 to 101000K (.) AMI area (.) 3 in mortars from AUPIK moved to MILAK village 100700K (.) HOUSE COPP (.) 2 sec B tp en route HOUSE COPP from KAUMALA (.) enemy reported NORTH of HOUSE COPP in sitrep 65 skirted H HOUSE COPP and moved SOUTH to MAPRIK area (.) enemy evacuated ISAMIK creek following air strike moved EAST (.) patrol KAUMALA CHILIAK NMS
104	2/6 CAV		101410K	I 65	RESTRICTED (.) ref your adm order No 3 copies No 192 ack Noted ack register
105		2/7 bn	101515K	0514	RESTRICTED (.) ref our 0450 of 21 feb (.) please fwd daily weather report to RAA 6 Div as at 0700K
106	16 Bde		101330K	11349	SECRET (.) sitrep 43 to 101200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 091130K one enemy killed 101200K sitnor (.) MOUNTAIN SECTOR (.) 9 mar (.) village area V746244 captured cas own tps one killed (.) enemy withdrew to EAST (.) one IMG captured (.) enemy eqpt good condition plentiful supply rice (.) enemy cas result previous actions and NOT previously reported seven killed (.) night 9/10 mar small enemy party attempted infiltrate our posns V747245 (.) attempt repulsed cas own one killed one wounded cas enemy unknown (.) 101200K sitnor (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 23 jan to 101200K cas own 45 killed 78 wounded cas enemy 248 killed (%) location changes (.) 2/3 aust MG bn and 2/9 aust cav cdo sdn V745247 (.) TOPO rds EAST of NIAP closed (.) 101200K ANUMB river normal (.) SELAMIN and BALAM cks pass able to MT but assistance tracktor required at BALAM ck all ijfm
107	71 WIN G	IO	IO11140K	(PH ONE)	IO11130K 3 BEAUFORTS 8 sdn took off for tgt (.) IO1 I40K 3 BEAUFORTS 8 sdn took off for tgts (2/6 cav cdo sdn advised IO11140K)

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98	2/6 CAV		101100K		Weather report to 101100K WING advised 101122K
99	71 Wing		101140K		Phone message - 101130K 3 beauforts 8 Sqn took off for target V662014(.) 101140K 3 beauforts took off for target V656013 2/6 CAV advised by R/T 101140K
100	2/7 Bn		101045K 101240k	I110	SECRET (.) sitrep 29 to 101000K (.) contact patrols A Band C coy report area clear of enemy (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn (.) local patrol to gardens EAST of INIMBI burnt village at V452920 (.) gardens stripped by japs (.) NO enemy contacted (.) 2nd patrol to gardens area fired on by enemy dug in (.) 1 native killed 1 wounded (.) 1 offr Lt MORRIS killed when returning to coy posn (.) F39 arrived YUBANAKOR 091700K (.) villages clear of enemy (.) patrol remained that area during night 9/10 mar
101	2/7 Bn		101215K 101255K	0219	RESTRICTED (.) your SUNRAY does NOT consider survey party necessary this area
102	6 Div		101400K	0563	SECRET (.) sitrep 91 to 101330K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) 9 mar (.) patrol NUMANGO VV553008 to gardens V561010 reported enemy party engaged evening 8 mar withdrew via main track to AMUK river (.) 091600K patrol MALAHUM A554991 along AMUK river from A570985 to A600950 reported NO signs enemy crossing (.) patrol BOMBETA 2 reported village clear (.) 091000K previously known as MAPUNA (.) 13 pl L A542979 (.) B coy 2/6 inf bn at INIMBI A53921 (.) patrol to gardens EAST of INIMBI burnt village at A452920 NO contact with enemy (.) further patrol same area fired on by enemy dug in (.) cas own 1 offr killed one native wounded (.) 091700K patrol from INIMBI arrived YUBANAKOR A484976 reported village clear (.) native reports (.) NORTH and EAST approaches to SAUNAMBE A582960 covered by enemy posns (.) 25/30 enemy forage in adjacent (.) 2/6 cav cdo regt (.) MI area (.) village A588996 reported clear of enemy (.) 091015K 4 in mortar conc directed on village V 611015 (.) mortars also ranged on village A610974 (.) 1 enemy body located vicinity A611015 result action 8 mar (.) patrols WANGAM V633043 to V651034 fired on enemy sentries and hutments (.) WAIKIM V637039 KULINGAI V646048 and unamed village V649023 reported clear (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) enemy party reported V692090 on 8 mar skirted HOUSE COPP and moved SOUTH to MAPRIK area (.) KAUMALA area

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87	2/6 CDO.		092145K 100040K	I.104	SECRET(.) request for tac R sortie 10 or 11 march(.) area to be flown (.) bounded on the NORTH by an EAST WEST line through HOUSE COPP on the EAST by a NORTH SOUTH line through LOANIM V755005 on the SOUTH by an EAST WEST line through LOANIM V755005 and on the WEST by the SCREW RIVER(.) object to locate enemy mortar(.) preliminary report to be dropped HOUSE COPP V703076.
88	2/6 CDO.		100800K		weather report to 100800K. Phoned to WING 100810K.
89	2/6 CDO.		100830K		weather report to 100830K. Phoned to WING 0845K.
90	2/6 CDO.		100930K		weather report to 100930K. Phoned to WING 100935K.
91	2/6 CDO		101000K 101003K		Weather report to 101000K Phoned to WING 101004K
92		2/7 Bn	101034K	I 133	RESTRICTED (.) your FSS706 FSS 742 ack Noted ack register
92		6 Div	100905K	0561	RESTRICTED (.) request I tac R sortie 10 or 11 mar (.) area bounded by V678005 along SCREW river to HOUSE COPP V701076 to V755076 to LOANIN V755005 to V678005 (.) to locate enemy mortar (.) own tps HOUSE COPP and vicinity V662014 (.) NO bombing or strafing (.) preliminary report to be dropped HOUSE COPP
93	2/6 CDO		100830K 101007K	I 106	SECRET (.) native infm (.) jap party under maj NAKI at WONGINARW V683189 (.) strong enemy party under comd OWAMOTO at ONANUB village near KULANUNU mission V789966 (.) 1 killed 1 wounded by strafing at mission 4 mar
94		2/7 Bn	101010K	0562	RESTRICTED (.) AIB party with 3 in indians moving to YAMBES via N'DAINA A3483 TAU A3397 MIWHAK 3307 (.) RTA YAMBES 11 mar arrange staging
95	2/6 CDO		101030K		weather report to 101030K Phoned to WING 101040K
96	71 WING		101035K		Phone message (.) 101034K 6 aircraft took off for target V613016 2/6 CAV advised by R/T 101036K
97	6 Div		101000K 101055K	GI 419	RESTRICTED (.) several vacancies exist for int sjts exist in pacific islands regt (.) submit nominations of suitable cpis or OR together with record of service and op experience in int capacity (.) promotion if accepted

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82	2/7 Bn		091930K 092255K	0209	SECRET (.) intentions 10 mar (.) A coy (.) F41 to village map ref 598003 (.) object contact A tp 2/6 cav cdo regt and to ensure track through map ref 589996 clear of enemy (.) Bcoy move to ILAHOP for occupation (.) C coy less 13 pl move to occupy BALANGABADABIL (.) D coy less 16 pl move to and occupy xxx xxx ARMARMIN map ref 500932 (.) HQ coy (.) advise later (.) all infm <u>ACTION:</u>
83	2/6 CDO.		091930K 092235K	I.103	SECRET (.) intentions for 10 march (.) AUPIK AREA (.) 2 offrs 40 ors fighting patrol to A603991 (.) MAURAK AREA (.) indicating for air strike on V613016 (.) local clearing patrol (.) MILAK villages area (.) indicating target for strike V662014 and V656011 (.) local clearing patrol <u>ACTION:</u>
84	2/6 CDO.		091920K 092215K	I.102	SECRET (.) sitrep 68 to 091900K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AUPIK area (.) A588996 clear of enemy (.) 091015K bombs on target (.) also ranged on A610974 (.) 1 jap killed in action NOT previously reported result action 8 march (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol to V653040 sentries fired on then to KULINGAI NMS (.) patrols to V649023 NMS then to V651034 fired on enemy mov in hutments (.) patrol to WAIKIM NMS (.) HOUSE COPP NO report to hand (.) AUPIK AREA (.) TUL TUL AUPIK 2 returning from 2/7 aust inf bn after interview with ANGAU was wounded by jap en route AUPIK (.) native report V603991 devastated by air strike 9 march and enemy withdrew to nearby bush <u>ACTION:</u>
85	2/7 BN.		100700K		weather report to 0700K. phoned to WING 100705K.
86	2/6 CDO		100700K		weather report to 0700K. phoned to WING 100705K.

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76	16 BDE.		091440K 092110K	I.1346	SECRET(.)amendment to locstat number 2 up to 091200K(.)inf(.) HQ BDE re-opened SOWOM EAST 745296(.)2/3 MG bn(.)2/3 MG bn and C coy DZ ARONEMI 744247(.) D coy(.)744248(.)AEME(.)2/45 LAD WARABEN CREEK 721292
77	6 DIV.		091900K 092100K	GO.643	SECRET(.)revsit 124 to 091500K ACTION: distribution as for XXXX revsit 123.
78	2/6 Cdo.		091555K 091855K	O.186	RESTRICTED(.)A(.)10 march NOT before 101200K NOT after 101400K (.)B(.)bomb strafe(.)C(.)destroy 40 japs in huts and fox holes(.) D(.)top of ridge feature(.)E(.)un-named village map ref 662014 and un-named village 656011(.)F(.) 1100 ft(.)G(.)3 rounds 3 in mortar smoke on each target(.)J(.)un-named village V650019 indicated by white T pointing to target(.)K(.)NOT WEST of NIMROD CREEK(.)general(.)R/T comn between OP and a/c(.)smoke indicator on V662014(.)first(.)will await a/c request for smoke on 2 target(.)2 priority target ACTION: Phoned to G111(AIR) and confirmed our O.559 of 092045K.
79	2/7 BN.		091920K 092055K	I.103	SECRET(.)sitrep 28 to 091900K(.) A coy further patrol to area 561010 located posn where enemy engaged patrol evening 8 march (.)signs enemy broke bush to main track to AMUK RIVER(.)B coy F29 returned 091600K report NO enemy crossed AMUK river between 510985 and 600950(.)natives report NORTH and EAST approaches to SAUNAMBE covered by posns dug in with overhead cover(.) PART 1: PART 2: WE part estimated 25/30 come out foraging in adjacent gardens(.)C coy 13 pl occupied BALANGADABIL(.)D coy F38 returned 091400K report village NARUNUA 500938 is known as ARMARMIN (.)village at 491922 and 483913 non existent(.) NO trace enemy mov located(.)16 pl occupied at 091000K(.)B coy 2/6 bn F39 NOT yet reutrned(.) F40 did NOT move out as village NOT known to natives(.)coy now in posn INIMBI ACTION:
80	G111(AIR)	PHONE MESSAGE:	092110K		6 aircraft 100 sqn will take off at 101010K for target V613016. 6 aircraft 8 sqn will take off 101130K for targets V662014 and V656011. Tac/R sortie as requested will be flown 10 march. ACTION TO SERIAL 80:
81	2/6 CDO. 2/7 BN.		092215K	O.560	RESTRICTED(.)ref air strikes 10 mar(.)101030K 6 a/c 100sqn will take off for target V613016(.) 101130K 6 a/c 8 sqn will take off for targets V662014 and V656011., tacR will be carried out

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71	AASC 6 Div		091400K 091645K	ST 345	RESTRICTED(.) ref your adm order No 3 of 8 mar copy ll ack ACTION: noted ack register
72	6 Div		091545K 091645K	GI 15	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 10 mar (.) shows further by showers along coast at night and increased shower activity area ranges (.) patches rain early morning but day conditions gen improving (.) rivers still about normal (.) seas slight all infm
73	2/7 BN.		091730K 091755K	0.845	RESTRICTED(.) your adm order 3 copy(.) ack ACTION: noted on ack register.
74	2/7 BN.		091520K 091750K	0.203	RESTRICTED(.) request for Tac R(.) 10 march(.) is there a well defined track between village ref 603991 and WORA ref 665934(.) does it pass through many gardens(.) does it pass through many villages(.) are there many new buildings at WORA or signs of activity own tps village ref 600003(.) do NOT strafe ACTION: our 0.513 to 6 DIV 091835K
75	16 BDE.		091440K 091853K	I.1345	SECRET(.) sitrep 42 to 091200K(.) COASTAL SECTOR(.) night 7/8 mar 1 enemy wounded 749212 found dead 8 mar(.) 081310K 1 enemy killed 750290(.) 081315K 2 enemy killed 760292(.) 091210K sitnor(.) MALIN SECTOR(.) 090930K - 090950K a/c bombed enemy posn 745244 killed 4(.) following air strikes own tps engaged enemy in village 746244 cas enemy 2 killed own NIL(.) enemy equipment med stores captured being forwarded(.) further definite evidence cannibalism(.) enemy est str 10 in area 746244(.) own tps preparing to clear enemy opposition(.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 091200K cas own 41 killed 77 wounded cas enemy 240 killed(.) location change(.) 2/3 aust MG bn DZ 744247(.) topo EAST of NIAP close xxxx terrain(.) 091210K ANUMB river normal(.) SELAMIN creek passable to motor vehicles but BALAM creek only passable to jeeps with tractor assistance all infm. ACTION:

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67.	6 DIV.		091330K	0.557	SECRET(.)sitrep 90 to 091330K(.)8 mar 2/7 aust inf bn(.)patrol MALAHUM A554992 SAUNAMBE A583960 reported enemy foraging in gardens vicinity A584973(.)ambush set A579963 NO contact(.)patrol BARANGABANDANGI A543978 ILAHETA A555937 reported area clear enemy(.)patrol BOMBETA 2 A489974 ENDIPI contacted 5 enemy(.)cas enemy 1 killed own NIL(.)081130K following mortar conc 12 pl 2/6 aust inf bn occupied INIMBI A454922(.)slight opposition encountered(.)cas enemy 1 killed own i wounded (.)ASANKOR further 3 bodies located result 2/7 aust inf bn action 6mar(.)081900K NUMANGO V553008 patrol to gardens V561010 fired on by 4 enemy NO cas(.)area engaged with SMG fire(.)NO further mov heard(.)native reports(.)enemy HQ located WORA A668933(.)this enemy party incl 6 chinese previously located AUPIK area(.)2/6 cav cdo regt(.)AMI area (.)081415K contact patrol from 2/6 aust inf bn arrived AUPIK 1 597009(.)patrol AUPIK 1 to V662017 reported well used L of C V613017 to A603991 IMS(.)following air strike patrol to A603998 engaged enemy A601989(.)results NOT observed(.)FELO broadcast escort patrol located enemy dug in V611015(.)patrol engaged enemy with grenades then withdrew(.)V613017 reported clear of enemy 3 huts burnt(.)patrol WANGAM V634043 KULINGAI reported village clear(.)enemy gd posts at V651034 and V653014(.)enemy also at WAMBAKV656024 and V649023(.)HOUSE COPP fired on by 3 japs(.)enemy withdrew NORTH(.)KAUMALA(.)patrol to SI'II CREEK V684130 reported NMS all infm.
68	6 DIV.		091100K 091430K	GO.634	SECRET(.)location report 3(.) amendment to 6 div location No.7 ACTION: amended 10 mar.1 copy sent to 2/5 2/6 rear 2/6 bns.2/6 Cav Cdo regt
69	2/7 Bn		091400K 091405K		weather report cloud base 5000 ft sky covering 8/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised
70	2/6 Cav		091425K 091537K	0185	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) 10 mar NOT before 1100 NOT after 1230 (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy 50 enemy in huts and dug in (.) D (.) TOP of ridge running NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST (.) E (.) unnamed village V613016 (.) F (.) 700 ft (.) G (.) 2 in mortar smoke on target (.) H (.) V618017 repeated V618017 indicated by white T of ground pointing towards target (.) K (.) NOT EAST line running through u. unnamed village V615017 rptd V615017 and unnamed village V611006 rptd V611006 (.) GENERAL (.) there will be R/T comn between OP and aircraft ACTION: passed to 6 DIV by our 0558 of 091620K

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58	2/7Bn		090850K 090900K	I 97	RESTRICTED (.) young lion 090850K advise time arrival AITAPE
59	6 AUST DIV		090912K ?	GO.622	RESTRICTED (.) please expedite ack our G891 of 1 mar ACTION: 2/7 bn advised by R/T.
60	2/2 FD AMB		090830K 090900K	M.194	RESTRICTED (.) ref 17 AUST INF BDE adm order no 3 copy 10 (.) ack
61	2/6 Cav Cdo.		091000K 091125K	I.101	SECRET (.) sitrep 67 to 091000K (.) clearing patrol 8 mar report 2 hutments jap V651034 (.) AMI 2 area sitnor (.) HOUSE COPP (.) 3 japs fired camp then moved NORTH (.) B tp KAUMALA patrolled to SI'IP CREEK NMS. ACTION:
62	2/7 BN.		091025K 091220K	I.99	SECRET (.) sitrep 27 to 091000K (.) A coy 081900K further patrol to gardens area 561010 fired on by enemy estimated four at 563099 fire returned with SMC (.) whole area raked and NO further mov seen heard (.) being dark patrol returned to base (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn report further three bodies found ASANAKOR result 17 pl attack 6 mar (.) native report enemy HQ located WORA (.) offr with personal party two other offr six OR chinese (.) was pre- viously located UPIK but moved to WORA via ridge between AMUK and NINAB RIVERS. ACTION:
63	2/7 BN.		091300K 091300K		A3000 B9 C fine ACTION: WING advised 091303K
64	2/7 BN.		091330K 091335K		37408. ACTION: WING advised 091338K.
65	2/6 BN.		091210K 091300K	I.112	SECRET (.) 091120K B coy plus att pers reported in BN area.
66	HQ RAE 6 AUST DIV:		081300K 081500K	REX981	SECRET (.) amendment number 3 to RAE 6 AUST DIV locstat number 4 (.) ACTION: locstat amended 9 mar.

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51	2/7 bn		081900K 082345K	I 94	SECRET (.) sitrep 26 to 081900K(.) A coy () sentry boy reported enemy in gardens 561o1o patrol moved not to investigate found trace enemy having foraged in area (.) unable to locate enemy(.) B coy F29 report enemy move SAONAMBE to gardens vicinity 584973 to forage ambush was set 579963 NO contact made (.) unconfirmed report state enemy evacuated in 578961 (.) C coy F35 report area to and incl ILAHETA clear enemy (.) D coy F36 contacted 5 enemy gardens vicinity ENDIPI one enemy killed others dispersed into bush (.) B coy 2/6 bn (.) after softening by mortar I2 pl F37 entered INIMBI at 081130K meeting slight opposition cas own one wounded enemy one killed (.) coy less I2 pl ay ASANAKOR (.) I2 pl at INIMBI
52	2/6 Bn		082240K	041	RESTRICTED (.) 17 inf bde adm 0 3 copies 3 and 4 ack ACTION: noted ack register
53	17 Sigs		090835K	Sigs 63	RESTRICTED (.) your 0505 ack ACTION: NOTED ACK REGISTER
54	17 Sigs		090835K	Sigs 64	RESTRICTED (.) your adm 0 No 3 ack ACTION: noted ack register
55		2/6 Cav	081630K	0509	RESTRICTED (.) capt MARSDEN and 17 ORs depart AITAPE 9 mar for BALIF via WALUM to est comd post
56		2/5 2/6 2/7 bns 2/6 cav 17 sigs	081710K	0512	SECRET (.) ground air intercomn (.) following code names aircraft will apply from 090400K (.) 4 tac R sqn CHRISTINE 2 (.) 7 sqn SOSO (.) 8 sqn TRAVEL (.) 100 sqn DOUGHNUT
57	2/7 Bn		090830K 090855K	I 96	RESTRICTED (.) fwd by young lion FSS packages 706 and 742 ack receipt ACTION: noted in register capt. enemy docs

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No.	Message
46	2/6 cav cdo regt		081945K 082150K	I 199	SECRET(.) intentions 9 Mar (.) AUPIK area (.) patrols to vicinity A588996 (.) MAURAK area (.) OP for 4.2 mortar fire on V611015 from AUPIK (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol 1 to V653040 and KULINGAI
47	2/6 cav cdo regt		081930K 082105K	I 198	SECRET(.) sitrep 66 to 081900 (.) disposns unchanged (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol to C tp posn NMS (.) well used L of C between V60399I and V613017 (.)-patrel-tenative report reinf moved from V60399I to V613017 (.) patrol to A603988 following air strike contacted enemy at A 01989 (.) fired on enemy unknown result (.) 081413K I offr 5 ors arrived from 2/7 aust inf bn departing 081600K (.) MAURAK area (.) escort for FELO broadcast (.) NMS V611015 (.) contacted enemy at V611015 (.) enemy dug in with overhead cover (.) patrol fired rifle grenades and withdrew (.) MILAK villages ARBAR (.) enemy gd post at V651034 and 653014 (.) KULINGAI clear (.) enemy also WAMBAK and V649023 (.) HOUSE COPP (.) air strike on tgt (.) nothing further to report
48	2/7 bn		081930K 082150K	O 188	SECRET(.) intentions 9 Mar (.) C coy (.) I3 pl occupy BALANGABADABIL (.) D coy (.) I6 pl occupy posn ref 508938 (.) F38 to village ref 492921 (.) object to ensure area clear enemy
49	(Part 2)				B coy 2/6 aust inf bn (.) F39 to YUBANAKUOR (.) object to ensure area clear enemy to contact 5 AIB police boys in (.) F40 to MNGAMBURIS ref 485915 object to ensure village clear of enemy (.) H coy less I2 pl move to and occupy INIMBI ref 453921 (.) all infm
50	BDE COMD BM C O 2/6 bn		07 MAR	(PHONE) (will	Suggest to Col Wood what Capt CAMERON of 2/5 bn have a talk with his offr re ops liaise direct with 2/5 bn)

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38	AMO 4 TAC/R SQN	BM	081305K	(PHONE)	AUSTERT to take off I330K sharp (.) another trip to be made following that one
39		2/6 cdo regt	081645K	O 510	RESTRICTED (.) please advise present location all mortars
40	(rept) 6 DIV	2/5 2/6 2/7 inf bns 2/6 cdo regt 17 bde sigs	081615K	O 512	SECRET (.) ground air inter-comm (.) the following code names AIRCRAFT will apply from 090400K (.) 4 TAC/R sqn CHRISTINE 2 (.) 7 sqn SOSO (.) 8 sqn TRAVEL (.) IOO sqn DOUGHNUT
41		2/6 cav cdo regt 2/7 bn 1t BINSTAD		O 509	RESTRICTED (.) capt MARSDEN and 17 OR depart AITAPE 9 Mar for BALIF via WALUM to est comd post
42		2/7 bn	081700K	O 511	RESTRICTED (.) A.I.B. party with three INDIANS moving to YAMBES via N'DAINA A3483 (FROM 6 aust div 081425K)
43	6 DIV		081815K 082020K	GO 629	REVSIT I23 to 081500K (rept 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns 2I 19 wksps 2/2 fd amb II AGH)
44	2/6 cav cdo regt		081745K 082100K	I 61	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0510 (.) location all mortars A tp V588003 (.) intention to adv M3 to MILAK on receipt amn
45	I6 bade		081855K 082100K	I 1338	SECRET (.) amendment to I6 bd LOCSTAT 2 infm up to 081200K (.) CAV (.) HQ 2/9 cav cdo sq AROHEMI 742248 (.) INF (.) 2/2/3 MG bn (.) A coy WANK CK 697283 (.) D coy en-route AROHEMI 742248 (.) main moves 9 MAR (.) following units moving SOWOM EAST 745213 (.) HQ I6 BDE det I6 bde sig sec (.) Det 2/41 Cip her sec (.) 4 pidgeon sec (.) IO pl 2/I Gd regt (.) det AFS sec (.) det ATIS (.) one sec 2/3 tpt pl (.) det 6 Div postal unit (.) this HQ closes present location 091100K re-opens same time SOWAM EAST 745296 all infm

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32	A.L.O.	B.M.	080730K	(PHONE)	AUSTER will leave at 090730K(.) NO need to send bread down as they have sufficient there for a load (.) MILES advised to the contrary (.) AUSTER will leave each morning at 0730K
33	2/6 Bn		071800K	MY 7	RESTRICTED(.) amn (.) holdings unchanged 9(-) expenditure NIL
34	16 BDE		081355K	I 1337	SECRET(.) sitrep 41 to 081200K(.) coastal sector (.) 081200K sitnor (.) MALIN SECTOR (.) 7MAR (.) village area 745246 now clear of enemy (.) further enemy pocket engaged 745244 cas enemy 3 killed cas own I killed I wounded (.) one IMG captured (.) enemy good condition well clad (.) enemy pocket engaged by arty fire (.) 080730K following arty fire patrol engage enemy force still in posn 945244 (.) attack unsuccessful cas own one killed (.) enemy seen moving 745244 engaged with SA fire cas enemy " killed (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 081200K cas own 43 killed 77 wounded cas enemy 230 (.) TOPO (.) roads EAST of NIAP closed (.) 081200K SELAMIN & BALAM creeks traffic able MT but BALAM ck rising WANUMB river normal all infm
35	2/6 Bn		081028K 081125K	O 181	RESTRICTED(.) ref strike YUBANA-KUOR (?) village reported clear 081000K (.) request cancel strike (.) NO alternative strike
36	2/6 cav ado regt		071250K	2428	SECRET(.) weather conditions preventing air dropping (.) if present conditions continue it will be necessary to carry sups from coast via WALUM (.) be prepared for maximum number native carriers to proceed to WALUM when so requested (.) regret but it is imperative to conserve present holdings of amn until sup posn eases
37	2/7 Bn		071025K	A 778	RESTRICTED(.) following infm required this HQ (.) first (.) total patients evac by AUSTRAS at 7 Mar giving army number rank name (.) second (.) number of patients still to be evac

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28	RT CONVERSATION:				
	BDE COMD	- CO 2/7 BN:			
			081345K		
	BDE COMD:				To assist you in regard to concs and to ease sup and med problems, I have proposed to vary plans slightly as follows:-
					1. As the AIB are in area which HAY was to move, I propose asking them to cover route which he was to follow, ie, across to LINGU and WOSERA, and to pass infm to us of this area.
					2. HAY now to move to YUBANAKUOR then to SINAHAU, area A5288, then to village, and xxx track juncs A5488 and from here patrol SOUTH and SE.
					3. With AIB working along route previously laid for him, this will avoid unnecessary duplication. Also it will make your show more compact and ease sup problems etc.
					4. I suggest your right force move through ENDIPI, AMI, ILAHETA, TATIMBA, village 625900 to CHIGINAMBU area to aerodrome area. This force to keep slightly in front of your left force.
					5. Left force to move from MALAHUM to SANMAMBE to clean up LAHINGA area and then to move to gen area A6195 and A6496.
					6. Your res to hold and clear area between you and 6ar, and to assist and maintain contact with them.
	CO 2/7 BN:				I am happy about all that, however, I thought the intention was that MAPRIK area was to be the killing ground.
	BDE COMD:				That is correct. I consider that will x still work out provided your right force is ahead of your left force.
	CO 2/7 BN:				OK. Would like to call you back either this evening or to-morrow morning when I have had time to think your suggestions over.
	BDE COMD:				OK. I hope to come up to see you to-morrow if weather good and will probably stay the night.
29		2/7 BN	071430K	0.553	RESTRICTED(.)your I.79(.) every endeavour being made to take phs(.)unreliable weather last week prevented aerial photography of any area
30		6 DIV.	081555K	Q.430	RESTRICTED(.)DZ ASINIBIL(.) new DZ at map ref 536007 200 yds SOUTH of cub strip ready for dropping 9 mar 45
31	6 DIV.		081605K 081635K	G1.414	RESTRICTED(.)forecast 9 mar (.)further showers along coast at night but day conditions good(.)afternoon showers on ranges(.)rivers slightly above normal(.)seas slight(.) all infm

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24	(continued)				<p>area clear (.) D coy (.) natives report 50 enemy were in BU area 7 mar. foraging (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn (.) police boys report YUBANAKOR clear occupied by 5 AIB police boys (.) enemy parties state to be between YUBANAKOR and ASANAKOR and the NANU river</p>
25	6 Div		081230K 081340K	SD621	<p>RESTRICTED (.) on relief by 2/6 inf bn 2/6 cav cdo regt will hand over following A sec 22 sets (.) two from RHQ 2/6 cav cdo regt one from 2/7 cdo sqn</p>
26	2/6 cav		081005K 081235K	I197	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 65 to 081000K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AMI 2 area sitnor (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrol to KUNDU CK NMS (.) patrol to CHALMINIP CK to V735088 NMS tracks overgrown (.) patrol V706073 to V717068 NMS (.) KAUMALA infm received from ABOAMA indicates 70 enemy NORTH EAST of ABOAMA at IRAP CK (.) HOUSE COPP 080800K line moving ARAMAP contacted large enemy force at V692090 (.) enemy force moving SOUTH down AMOGU (SCREW) RIVER</p>
27	6 Div		081330K	0555	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 89 to 081230K (.) 2/7 inf bn (.) ambush posn A588987 made NO contact (.) patrol to AWI A532994 to NANU RIVER A515944 NMS (.) patrol ENDIPI A491956 BU A505946 report BU occupied by enemy (.) natives report 50 enemy foraging in area (.) ASANAKOR A452922 occupied by B coy 2/6 inf bn less 11 pl (.) slight opposition encountered (.) 11pl at INAKOR A447932 (.) INIMBI/now occupied by enemy (.) A453921</p> <p>YUBANAKOR A484878 reported by police boys to be clear and occupied by 5 AIB police boys (.) enemy parties are between between YUBANAKOR ASANAKOR and NANU R (.) 2/6 cav. cdo regt (.) FELO det broadcast from V625012 NO result (.) 4 in mortar arrived AUPIK V597008 from 2/7 2/7 bn (.) patrol to village V649023 to WOMBAK V656024 NMS (.) patrol to V651034 contacted enemy cas unknown (.) patrol to KULINGAI V646048 to UNALB ck V650043 to V654041 reported enemy occupying this village (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) patrols to KUNDU CK CHALMINIP CK to V735088 and to V706073 to V717068 NMS (.) 080800K line moving to ARAMAP contcted large enemy force at V692090 moving SOUTH down SCREW river (.) report received at KAUMALA from ABOAMA states 70 enemy NE of ABOAMA at IRAP creek all infm</p>

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14	2/7 Bn		080920K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
15	6 Div		080810K		6 Air
15	2/7 Bn		080930K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
16	2/6 Cav		080930K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 080930K
17	2/7 Bn		081000K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
18	2/6 Cav		081000K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised.
19	2/7 Bn		081030K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
20	2/6 Cav		081035K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 081035K.
21	2/7 Bn		081055K	I 89	RESTRICTED (.) CUB departed BALIF 081030K (.) advise time arrival AITAPE.
22		2/7 Bn	081100K	O 556	RESTRICTED (.) your 0175 of 071850K (.) inf in future please advise patrol number (.) coy providing patrol (.) where patrol proceeding and object.
23	2/7 Bn		081028K 081125K	O181	RESTRICTED (.) ref AIR STRIKE YUBANAKOR (.) village reported clear 081000K (.) request cancel strike (.) NO alternative strike
24	2/7 Bn		081000K 081145K	I 88	SECRET (.) sitrep 25 to 081000K (.) security and contact patrols report

6-Div	6 Div		080740K	PHONE	6 Aircraft 7 sqn take off 1000K to bomb NUBANAKOR (.) Offr from 2/5 to go on strike to report to ALO 7 sqn ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised.
6	2/6 Cav		080745K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned to WING.
7	2/7 Bn		080745K		Weather report. ACTION: Phoned to WING.
8	6 Div		080810K	PHONE	6 Aircraft 7 sqn taking off 081100K for 704054 5 aircraft 8 sqn taking off 081000K for 603991 YUBABAKOUR will be done this afternoon supply droppings permitting. ACTION: 2/6 Cav, 2/7 Bn advised
9		2/6 Cav 2/7 Bn	080825K		6 Aircraft 7 sqn leaving 1100 for 704064 5 aircraft 8 sqn leaving 1000 for 60399 YUBANAKOUR will be done this afternoon if possible.
10	2/6 Cav		080830K		Ceiling coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 080835K.
11	2/7 Bn		080830K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
12	2/7 Bn		071800K	O 172	RESTRICTED (.) request AIRSTRIKE 8th March same as our Air 53 (.) alternative target SINALU map ref 523887.
13	2/6 Cav		080900K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 0915K

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MAURAK area (.) further patrol to vicinity V613017 (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol to vicinity MAPOMBA (.) clearing patrol to V649027

1	2/6 Cav	072030K 072240K	L190	SECRET (.) sitrep 64 to 071900K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AUPIK area (.) local patrolling NMS (.) 1 offr 8 CRs with 4 2 in kmortars arrived 071510K (.) MAURAK area (.) 2 sec escorting FELO V625012 broadcast japs NO results (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol to unnamed village V649023 then to WOMBAK NMS (.) enemy at V651034 fired on patrol returned fire enemy cas unknown (.) patrol to KULINGAI then to UNALE ck to V654041 sighted enemy in this posn (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) NO report to hand
2	2/7 Bn	071850K 072330K	0175	SECRET (.) intentions 8 mar (.) patrol F35 to ILAHETA area to ensure area clear of enemy (.) patrol F36 to area square 5094 to clear area and tracks (.) patrol F37 to INIMBI 453921 object to clear village and occupy with one pl (.) all infm
3	2/7 Bn INTERCEPT	072030K	0 178	RESTRICTED (.) in view of Bde signals Q428 suggest 8 pl return 2/7 bn return 8 mar (.) advise concurrence or otherwise (.) recommend further co-operation when supply situation improves
4	6 Div	071700K	GI 409	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 8 Mar (.) no material change next 24 hrs (.) further intermittent rain night and early part of morning (.) hy showers along highlands throughout day (.) slight clearing in afternoon (.) rivers considerably above average seas slight all infm.

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994	(continued)				L (.) NO (.) M (.) waggles wings over target ASANAKOR (.) GENERAL (.) alternative SINAHAU A523887
995	6 Div	071830K 072035K	GO615		SECRET (.) revsit 122 to 071500K
996	16 Bde	071430K 072100K	I1334		SECRET (.) amendments to 16 aust inf bde locstat No 2 infm up to 071200K (.) Cav (.) 2/9 aust cdo sqn (.) B tp AROHEME 744248 (.) rear 2/9 aust cdo sqn NIMBUM CK 655280 (.) inf (.) 2/3 aust MG Bn (.) rear 2/3 aust MG bn NIMBUM CK 655280 (.) pay (.) det 6 aust div cash office FMC NIAP 1 637301
997	6 Div	071600K	GO 613		SECRET (.) location report No 2 ACTION: distn to 2/5 2/6 rear 2/7 bns 2/6 cav
998	2/7. bn	071925K 072100K	I 83	Part2	SECRET (.) sitrep 24 to 071900K (.) A coy patrol F30 met native who reported enemy square 5898 (.) ambush set vicinity 588987 (.) NO enemy contacted (.) B coy (.) F29 reported in area 568973 at 071445K C coy F31 patrolled to AWI RIVER thence WEST to NANU RIVER area xxx reported clear (.) F31 burnt village of BALANGABADABIL (.) F34 out 071430K in 071630K comd Lt HERROD (.) patrolled to square 5498 (.) NO trace enemy mov located (.) D coy F33 report track clear (.) R8 xxxx unable complete recce in view of enemy unknown str BU area (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn (.) coy less 11 pl occupied ASANAKOR at 071300K slight opposition vicinity 452922 enemy withdrew INIMBI 452922 NO cas either side (.) 11 pl def posn INAKOR (.) native report enemy INIMBI with sentries posted main track approach (.) 16 pl BOMBITA Dcoy returned BOMBITA
999	2/6 Cav	071945K 072235K	I 189		SECRET (.) intentions 8 mar (.) AUP AUPIK area (.) contact patrol str 1 offr 20 ORs to V622018 (.) 8 pl patrolling to vicinity unnamed village A603998 str two secs (.)

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990	2/7 Bn		071800K 071905K	0172	RESTRICTED (.) request air strike 8 mar same as our AIR-53 (.) alternative target SINAHAU map ref 523887 ACTION: 6 Div advised our 0554
991	16 Bde		071725K 071910K	11335	SECRET (.) our 11332 of 071230K (.) amend map ref PIMPLE to read 744247 all infm ACTION: noted
992	16 Bde		071430K 071915K	11332	SECRET (.) sitrep 40 to 071200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 071200K sitnor (.) MALIN SECTOR (.) 6 mar (.) patrol from 2/3 aust inf bn found three enemy dead and docs V572273 (.) docs being fwd (.) 061137K following arty fire own tps attacked enemy posn PIMPLE V744247 (.) PIMPLE captured (.) cas own tps two killed three wounded cas enemy unknown (.) enemy now dug in on reverse slope of PIMPLE (.) enemy in str armed with rifles OSMGs 7 mar recce patrol investigating terrain object securing more favourable from which to attack (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 071200K cas own forty one killed seventy six wounded cas enemy two hundred and seventy five killed (.) TOPO rds EAST of NIAP closed (.) 071200K DANMAP RIVER in flood (.) BALAM CK passable to jeeps but three ton vehs require bull dozers (.) ANUMB RIVER normal all infm
993	6 Div		071705K 071915K	GI 140	RESTRICTED (.) AIB report three indians SGT HARISINGH 30814 PTE RATASINGH 181947 PTE NANDLAH18224 all 1/13 FRONTIER FORCE recovered MOI A5060 (.) these with LASHYAL SINGH are all that are left of 131 indians brought to MOI (.) natives report all indians MAINJA 5265 eaten by japs (.) five japs left MAINJA balance isfk mov with Lt TAKUDA to KAULAGU A7447 (.) five to 16 sick japs left at MOI remainder armed mov to NORTH WOSERA A6671 and SEPIK RIVER
994	6 Div			0554	RESTRICTED (.) request for air sp 8.mar (.) A (.) time optical (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incend (.) C (.) destroy village and enemy (.) D (.) YUBANAKOR (.) E (.) A483878 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) NIL (.) J (.) ASANAKOR A 453922 (.) K (.) NOT NE unnamed villlage A481883 (.)

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986	2/6 Cav	071150K	I 188	SECRET (.) sitrep 63 to 071000K (.) AMI 2 area sitnor (.) HOUSE COPP (.) patrol to V686050 contacted 4 enemy 061000K (.) cas own nil enemy 4 killed in action (.) 070800K recee patrol departed for KUNDU creek CHALMINIP creek and unnamed creek V706073.
987	6 Div	071230K	O 552	SECRET (.) sitrep 88 to 071230K (.) 2/7 aust in bn (.) ASANAKOR A452922 harassed by mortar and MG fire night 5/6 mar (.) 061530K village occupied by pl (.) enemy estimated 10 withdrew to SOUTH (.) all villages in gp now clear (.) 070305K ten enemy with five natives attacked MALAHUM at A552991 (.) enemy withdrew under mortar fire cas enemy one sjt maj 239 regt killed own & wounded (.) native reports (.) LAHINGA A584950 still occupied by enemy who are foraging in vicinity. enemy dug in with LMG square A5794 (.) 2/6 aust cav cdo regt (.) patrol to village A503991 report all tracks guarded (.) airstrike 5 mar forced enemy to move to creek 400 yds to NW (.) patrol to V613017 saw one enemy (.) FELO escorted to V615016 (.) new enemy posn located V615012 (.) patrol to locate 6 enemy reported by natives to be foraging vicinity A588996 made NO contact (.) patrol to V656011 and V662014 report villages still occupied (.) patrol to investigate native report that enemy patrolling MAPOBMA V668042 to KULINGAI V646048 made NO contact (.) enemy believed to have returned MAPOBMA (.) HOUSE COPP area (.) estimated 40 enemy moved IMBIA V727027 to junc SCREW RIVER ISAMIK CREEK V700064 (.) patrol engaged enemy cas enemy unknown own one wounded (.) enemy now at V704064 (.) patrol to V686050 contacted and killed 4 enemy all infn.
988	2/6 Bn	071200K	I 111	SECRET (.) 071130 4 and 13 pls reported in
988	2/7 Bn	071250K	I 79	RESTRICTED (.) for 71 Wing RAAF is it possible to obtain air photograph of small
989	2/7 Bn	071310K	I 178	RESTRICTED (.) COMD desires to obtain LIST CODE members enemy units operating in this area also most recent addition JAP ARMY OOB.

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978	2/7 Bn		071030K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised 071035K
979	ALO		062145K	PHONE	6 Aircraft 7 sqn take off at 070900K for YUBANAKOR. 6 Aircraft 8 sqn take off at 071000K for other targets. ACTION: Passed to 2/7 Bn, 2/6 Cav.
980	2/7 Bn		071130K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised.
981		2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	071145K	PHONE	All air sp cancelled for today owing to heavy rain here.
982	ALO		071140K	PHONE	All strikes cancelled owing to weather. ACTION: 2/7 Bn, 2/6 Cav advised.
983		2/6 Cav	071130K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. WING advised 071135K
984	2/7 Bn		071250K	I 79	RESTRICTED (.) for 71 Wing RAAF is it possible to obtain air photograph of small area embracing future operations (.) No reply received request I 33 photographs urgently required. <i>ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised weather during last week has NOT permitted taking of photos</i>
985	2/7 Bn		071150K	I 77	SECRET (.) sitrep 23 to 071000K (.) 070305K enemy party estimated IO with five natives attacked IO pl at 552991 with grenades (.) CDF task brought down enemy withdrew police boys report enemy approached from and to SOUTH WEST cas enemy one sjt may killed identification tag 66 own four wounded (.) contact patrol report all tracks clear.

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968		2/7 Bn	070830K	O 507	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0142 (.) concur.
969		2/7 Bn.	070830K	O 508	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0155 (.) concur.
970	2/6 Cav		070900K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 0940K
971	2/6 Cav		070930K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 0940K
972	2/7 Bn		070945K	O 162	RESTRICTED (.) air sp sec 71 Wing (.) advise frequency to use for rest of comms (L) will use 22 set (.) also give time we will call.
973	2/7 Bn		070945K	O 164	RESTRICTED (.) ref your R/T message of 070830K (.) NO time limit on air STRIKE YUBANAKUOR today.
974	2/6 Cav		070945K	I 86	RESTRICTED (.) request time limit for STRIKE be extended to NOT later than 071500K <i>ACTION: In reply to R/T message advising weather bad and asking if time extensions can be extended or whether strikes to be cancelled</i>
975	2/7 Bn		070945K		Weather report ACTION: WING advised.
976	2/7 Bn		070930K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 071040K

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959	2/7 Bn		062150K	O 158	SECRET (.) ref our 0156 (.) for patrol F 34 substitute R 8.
960	2/6 Cav		070750K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 9/10 weather mist both areas. WING advised 070750K
961	2/7 Bn		070730K		Weather report. WING advised 0810K
962	2/7 Bn		070800K		Weather report. WING advised 0810K
963		2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	070801K		Weather bad here and air sp this morning extremely doubt- ful (.) advise immediately if you wish to extend time limit or cancel air sp (.) make extensions to latest possible time this attention.
964	2/6 Bn		070830K	I 109	SECRET (.) 070630K routine patrol PALAURU AFUA str 2 NCOs 7 ORs moved out time due in 102000K
965	2/6 Cav		070830K		Ceiling 5000 coverage 7/10 weather fine. WING: advised 070835K
966	2/7 Bn		070830K		Weather report. WING advised 0830K
967		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	060940K	O 505	SECRET (.) as from 062359K all BEAUFORT sqns will operate on freq 6060 KC/S (.) BOOM- ERANGS freq 4885 K/Cs (.) code names unchanged (.) if lead in strike by BOOMERANG then following BEAUFORTS use freq 4885 K/Cs ack all infn.

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955	2/7 Bn	2/7 Bn	061945K 0.1557 062310K	RESTRICTED(.)ref daily intentions signals(.)recommend signal is made briefer(.)suggest details of times in and out and comds name not necessary(.) suggest incl of patrol objects (.)area patrolled(.)sub units mov and locations(.)do you agree <u>ACTION:</u>
956	2/6 Cdo.		062015K I.184 -?-	SECRET(.)intentions 7 mar(.) AUPIK area(.)patrol to follow air strike str 2 offrs 40 ors(.) MILAK villages area(.)patrol to MAPOBMA V658042(.)patrol to WAMBAK(.)MAURAK area(.)escort patrol with FELO(.)HOUSE COPP(.) clear enemy from Y704064 following air strike <u>ACTION:</u>
957	2/6 Cdo.		062000K I.183 070700K	RESTRICTED(.)A(.)NOT before 071000K NOT after 071200K(.) B(.)bomb and strafe(.)C(.)to destroy 40 enemy(.)D(.)on small razor back ridge upstream ISAMIK CREEK 400 yds from junc of SCREW RIVER ISAMIK CREEK of SOUTH bank(.)E (.)V704064 (.)F(.)1000 ft(.)G(.)T pointing towards target from V702073 bearing 165 degrees mag from T(.)J (.)V702073 and V715060(.)K(.) NOT NORTH of line running through creek junc V702069 and creek junc V711061(.)L(.)own tps will advance in from NORTH posn(.)M(.)last aircraft over target to indicate 1 red very light(.)general(.)no smoke indication and no R/T indication second priority target <u>ACTION:</u>
958	2/7 Bn		061900K 0.156 062305K	SECRET(.)intentions 7 mar(.) A coy F30 to approx map ref 530943 comd LT BURNS(.)time out 070730K time in 071700K object to ambush enemy known to use track(.)C coy F31 to AWI map ref 530943 comd LT BOAD time out 070830K time in 071600K object security new L of C(.)F32 to BALANGABADABIL(.) ----- PART 2: comd LT JOSE time out 070800K time in 071500K object prepare for occupation(.)village will be burnt(.)D coy F33 to ASANAKOR via ENDIPI comd LT EVANS time out 070800K time in 071400K object to ensure track clear of enemy(.)F34 to area square 5094 comd CAPT BAIRD(.)time out 070800K time in 071600K object to recce area for coy posn(.)16 pl move INAKOR to BOMBETA on arrival B coy 2/6 aust inf bn less 11 pl(.) B coy xxx 2/6 aust inf bn less 11 pl move URITA to INAKOR

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951	2/7 Bn.	061905K 062200K	I.72	SECRET(.)sitrep 22 to 061900K(.) D coy during night 5/6 mar enemy at 452922 harrassed by 3 in mortar and MMG fire(.)061530K 16 pl moved into SOUTHERN portion ASANAKOR at 454922(.)enemy estimated 10 withdrew SOUTH EAST to small village 453921(.)village gp now clear enemy(.)huts at 452922 burnt cas own NIL enemy NIL(.)17 pl rel- ieved by 11 pl 2/6 aust inf bn at INAKOR(.)17 pl returned BOMBETA(.)native report(.)LAHINGA reported occupied by enemy who forage in area during daylight(.)enemy also reported by natives square 5794 dug in with one LMG. <u>ACTION:</u>
952	2/7 Bn. 2/6 Cdo.	062200K	0.551	SECRET(.)air sp(.)6 airerafv 7 sqn leaving 070900K for YUBANAKUOR 6 of 8 sqn leaving 071000K for A603991
953	16 BDE.	061415K 062230K	I.1331	SECRET(.)amendments to 16 bde locstat number 2 information up to 061200K(.)delete 2/9 cav cdo sqn (.)2/9 cav cdo sqn less A B and C tps mov AROHEMI (.)A and C tps 742248(.)B tp WARABEN CREEK 728248 (.)arty(.)2/1 aust fd regt(.)1 bty ANUMB RIVER 730292(.)inf(.)2/3 MG bn(.)AROHEMI 742248(.)C coy AROHEMI 742248(.)HQ coy tooth 720248 all infm <u>ACTION:</u>
954	2/6 Cav Cdo Regt.	061935K 062235K <u>PART 1:</u> <u>PART 2:</u> 061935K 062245K	I.181	SECRET(.)sitrep 62 to 061900K(.) disposns unchanged(.)AUPIK area(.) patrol to un-named village A603991 found guards on all tracks(.)patrol drawing enemy out flanking move(.) airstrike 5 mar XX on A603991 destroyed house(.) enemy since moved 400 yds N.W on to CREEK(.) 061400K native guard reported 6 japs foraging A588996(.)patrol failed to contact(.)MAURAK area (.)patrol to N.E of V613017 sighted one enemy(.) 061230K patrol escorted FELO to approx V615016 (.)NMS ----- new enemy posn located V615012(.) MILAK villages area(.)enemy occu- pying V656011 and V662014(.)local patrol NMS(.)061000K natives reported jap patrolling from MAPOBMA to KULINGAI V646048(.) patrol to investigate NO contact believe returned MAPOBMA(.)KAUMALA area(.)B tp report SOUTH clear (.)HOUSE COPP area(.)approx 40 enemy moved from IMBIA V727027 to junc AMOGU (SCREW) RIVER ISAMIK CREEK(.)patrol contacted 061030K(.)cas own one wounded enemy unknown(.)enemy now at V704064 upstream ISAMIK CREEK <u>ACTION:</u>

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WLB 7/3

MS

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SC: 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) regt. are in a bad way for amm and rations. Imperative to arrange to carry either by natives or own tps the following to AMI to-night
 300 FOR.
 1000 303 bdr.
 1000 303 etn.
 3000 9 mm
 100 grenades.

Cav will then carry fwd to HOUSE COPP.

ADJT: Alright, we will do our best. Unless you hear 2/7 BN from me, you will know that we have arranged as you desire. Is there anything else they want?

SC: No, let me know when party leaves and advise Cav.

 061730K.

SC: 4 BEAUFORTS have just taken off to have another try at HOUSE COPP. Please arrange for troops to give indication by fires to aircraft.

ADJT.

2/6 CAV: Good.

SC: Hold arrangements re carrier party as 4 aircraft have just taken off to have another try at HOUSE COPP

ADJT

2/7 BN. OK.

 061815K.

SC: Drop at HOUSE COPP successful, NO further action now required.

ADJT: OK.

2/7.

CO: OK, thanks.

948

2/6 Cav Cdo.

061815K
 062025K

O.166

RESTRICTED(.)A(.)7 mar(.)NOT before 1000K NOT after 1200K(.)B(.) bomb strafe(.)C(.)destroy 40 japs living in 3 huts(.)D(.)village contains 7 empty huts (.)japs occupying huts 300 yds SSE of village(.)E(.) un-named village A603991(.)F(.)600 feet(.)G(.) 3 in mortar smoke when requested by aircraft(.) J(.)un-named village V598003 indicated by white T pointing direction target(.)K(.)NOT ~~EXISTXK~~ NORTH of EAST WEST line through un-named village A618997(.)general(.)there will be R/T comm between aircraft and OP.

ACTION: *Passed to Div 062040K*

949

6 DIV;

061725K
 062030K

GO.609

SECRET(.)revisit 121 to 061500K(.)

ACTION:

copy sent to 2/5 2/6 rear 2/7 Bns
 2/119 Bde Wksp. 2/2 Fd Amb.
 2/11 A.G.H.

950

2/7 Bn.

061900K
 062135K

O.153

RESTRICTED(.)CANCEL our O.151 as village report clear(.)requested alternative target(.)A(.)any time during 7 mar(.)B(.)bomb strafe and incendaries (.)C(.)destroy village and enemy(.)D(.) YUBANAKOR(.)E(.)map ref 483878(.)F(.)unknown(.) G(.)NIL(.)J(.)ASANAKOR(.)K(.)NOT N.E unnamed village map ref 481888(.)L(.)NO(.)M(.)waggle wings over ASANAKOR(.)N(.)half hourly from 070700K

ACTION: *Our 0450 cancelled and this request passed to Div 2100K.
 (Div 0450 was requesting strike on ASANAKOR)*

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943	16 Bde	reports	061415K I.1328 061545K	SECRET(.)sitrep 39 to 061200K(.) COASTAL SECTOR(.)052305K one enemy engaged V748296 cas own one wounded cas enemy one killed(.)061200K sitnor(.) MALIN SECTOR(.)5 mar enemy engaged small party own tps V747345 cas own one wounded(.)patrol from 2/3 aust inf bn found eight graves and twenty one bodies site old enemy MDS sq.7527 total cas all sectors from and incl 28 feb to 061200K cas own thirty nine killed seventythree wounded cas enemy two hundred and twenty five killed(.)tac R MMXX LOANI villages sq 8027 occupied strafed(.) track from V843279 to MARABUS V837264 to V716252 shows signs hy use(.)loc changes(.)2/3 aust MGIX bn V742248(.)topo 061200K rds EAST of NIAPclosed (.)DANMAP and ANUMB rivers normal(.)BALAM and SELAMIN CKS passable to MT all infm
944	6 DIV		061800K 0550	SECRET(.)request for air sp(.)A (.)NOT before 070700K NOT after 070900K(.)B(.)bomb strafe and incendaries(.) C(.)destroy enemy and huts in area(.)D(.)village on spur(.)E(.)A452922(.)F(.)unknown(.)G(.)mortar smoke on SOUTH end of village at approach of aircraft(.)H(.)NIL(.)I(.)by own tps to-day(.)J(.) INAKOR A446932 T pointing direction of target(.) M(.)last aircraft to waggle wings over INAKOR(.) general.)attack from EAST to WEST(.)strafe and incendaries around village(.)concentrate SOUTH end of village(.)alternative target YUBANAKOR
945	6 DIV.		061805K A0.610 061910K	SECRET(.)as from 070001K all beauforts sqns W1 wing on ops over land will use frequency 6060 kcs(.) only exception when co-operating with boomerangs when 4885 will apply(.)boomerangs wirraways continue to use 4885 kcs all infm. <u>ACTION:</u>
946	6 DIV		061805K A0.610 061935K	SECRET(.)natives report additional japs now occupy huts under KABIAL trees A5673 bewtwwen NORTH bank of SCREW RIVER and small creek(.) white marker in KABIAX tree immediately WEST of posn <u>ACTION:</u>
947	RT CONVERSATION	061700:		CO 2/6 AUST CAV (CDC) REGT - SC - ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN: SC: Aircraft have made several attempts to drop to-day without success. What is exact posn of rations at:- HOUSE COPP AMI KAUMALA CO: HOUSE COPP are out of both SWPA and native. AMI have two SWPA, NO native. KAUMALA have one days sups native. SC: Can you supply HOUSE COPP from AMI; if so what route? CO: Only known L of C is via ARAMAP but if you can give me some rations and amn I will get them from here to HOUSE COPP direct. SC: OK. I will arrange for rations and amn to be delivered to AMI by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to-night. 300 FOR. 1000 303 bdr. 1000 303 ctn. 3000 9 mm. 200 hand grenades. CO: Thanks very much.

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938	2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn (rear) 2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav 2/6 Cav (rear) 2/2 Amb	061440K I 132	RESTRICTED (.) FLOOD WARNING (.) FURTHER by showers and storms giving large rise ALL rivers in next 24 to 36 hrs (.) worst flooding expected DAN- MAP area all infm
939	6 Div	061400K GI 405	RESTRICTED (.) FLOOD WARNING (.) further by showers and storms giving large rise ALL rivers in next 24 to 36 hrs (.) worst flooding expected DANMAP area all infm
940	2/7 Bn	061600K 0.450	SECRET (.) met reports (.) ref att first aust army GS instr number 2 of 14 feb para 6 (.) fwd full report daily as at 0700K commencing 10 mar (.) this in addition to brief weather re- ports for RAAF as now being sub- mitted
941	2/7 Bn	061410K 0.152 061720K	RESTRICTED (.) BALANGABADABIL will be burnt off 7 mar commencing 0900K (.) please advise RAAF ACTION: <i>ALD 71 Wing advised wing advised by phone 061725K</i>
942	2/7 Bn	061545K 0.151 061730K	RESTRICTED (.) A (.) NOT before 070700K NOT after 070900K (.) B (.) air support strafe and incendaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy and huts in area (.) D (.) village on SPUR (.) E (.) 452922 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) mortar smoke on SOUTH end village at approach of aircraft (.) H (.) nil (.) I (.) 6 mar by own tps (.) J (.) INAKOR 446932 T pointing pointing direction of TARGET on completion of strike (.) M (.) last aircraft to waggle wings over INAKOR (.) N (.) report half hourly 070600K (.) general (.) attack from EAST to WEST (.) strafe and incendaries around village (.) concentrate SOUTH end village (.) alternative target YUBANAKOR ACTION: <i>Parach to Div - over 0550</i>

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932	6. Div.	061300K	O 449	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 87 to 061300K (.) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (.) patrol to A572986 to investigate native report of enemy this vicinity made NO contact (.) patrol INAKOR A445933 to ASANAKOR killed one enemy wounded one NORTH ASANAKOR A450925 (.) all huts burnt (.) estimated 30 to 40 enemy dug in SOUTH village A452922 (.) patrol to ENDIPI A491955 BUS A498949 NANU RIVER A525945 report NMS (.) native reports (.) important enemy HQ at YAMBIGO A6785 6 to 8 weeks ago (.) 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt (.) A tp plus 8 pl 2/7 Bn V597008 (.) patrol to V613017 NMS (.) natives reported village occupied but patrol unable to locate enemy (.) air strike A643997 4 Mar failed to clear enemy (.) patrol to V661022 fired on by LMG from V660019 cas own one native killed (.) village V656011 occupied by enemy str unknown (.) native reports (.) enemy at V657042 and V666035 all infm.</p>
933	2/7 Bn	061300K		<p>Weather report. WING advised 061333K</p>
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934	2/6 Cav	061320K	I 177	<p>RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0505 (.) Ack. Noted ack register.</p>
935	2/7 Bn	061345K	O 149	<p>RESTRICTED (.) ref STRIKE ASANAKOR ensure NO STRIKE after 061400 (.) SAFETY own tps involved.</p>
936	2/7 Bn	061345K	I 71	<p>SECRET (.) ref your R/T message of 060930K (.) discussion with patrol comd would indicate patrol reached large village 555938 (.) many huts destroyed by bombing this village including large hut which may have been house TAMBORINE (.) village clear when visited by patrol (.) natives in vicinity stated enemy 1 hours march to SOUTH also parties foraging area sq 5794 (.) latter enemy reported to come from the EAST.</p>
937	2/7 Bn	052130K	O 135	<p>RESTRICTED (.) ETD 5 INDIANS LT CALDWELL and one OR 7 MAR (.) ETA LOCATION dependent on progress of party.</p>

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924	2/7 Bn	061045K	O 145	RESTRICTED (.) your O 448 (.) ack (.) WING understood and will comply
925	2/7 Bn	061050K	O 144	SECRET (.) ref our O 130 (.) detail F29 (.) Comd Lt KELLY probable time out 070730K time in 091200K.
926	2/7 Bn	061130K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised 061150K
927	2/7 Bn	061130K	I 70	SECRET (.) sitrep 21 to 061000K (.) security party contact pa- trol report tracks clear.
928	2/7 Bn	061200K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised 1220K
929	2/7 Bn	061215K	O 142	RESTRICTED (.) ref our 0139 (.) 2/6 Cav Regt agreeable to suggest- ion (.) your approval please.
930	2/7 Bn	061215K	O 143	RESTRICTED (.) anticipate this HQ closes present location and reopens BARANGABANDANGI 13 Mar(.) Confirmation later.
931	2/7 Bn	061225K	O 146	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0505 Ack.

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918	2/7 Bn	060930K	Weather report
			WING advised 060935K
919	2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	060930K	I 131
			SECRET (.) att is list of code numbers of enemy units likely to be encountered (.) numbers on identity discs are usually of four figures and those on identity discs are usually of four figures and those on identity tags the last two figures of the code number.
920	2/7 Bn	061000K	Weather report
			WING advised 061016K
921	2/6 Regt	061045K	I 175
			SECRET (.) Sitrep 61 to 061000K (.) disposn unchanged (.) NO report.
922	2/6 Bn	061105K	O 23
			RESTRICTED (.) Your 505 Ack. ACTION: Noted on ack register.
923	2/7Bn	060830K	
			<p>WALCH: Ref your Q398 - native carriers for Cav. Have contacted Col HENNESSY he requires 90 from 7 Mar to 10 Mar. Is that OK?</p> <p>BOLGER: YES.</p> <p>WALCH: Ref your A772 - L of C personnel. I spoke to BLACKWELL on the phone last night. He has brought all personnel fwd with him except:</p> <p>TONG: 2 AASC, 2 Med Orderlies, 2 Ed</p> <p>YAMBES: 2 AASC, 2 Med Orderlies</p> <p>SAMASAI: 2 AASC, 2 Med Orderlies.</p> <p>do you want them returned.</p> <p>BOLGER: It will make things awkward for your last party.</p> <p>WALCH: I contacted the camps concerned and they say they can manage alright.</p> <p>BOLGER: OK. Personnel may remain with you.</p> <p>WALCH: Can you give me any idea of how many of the 310 Bde Pool natives will be available for us after 2/6 Bn arrive.</p> <p>BOLGER: No, it is a little early to anticipate as yet.</p> <p>WALCH: We consider that it would require 336 all told. How does that figure suit you?</p> <p>BOLGER: I will keep it in mind but whole posn will be reviewed later. Yesterday figures submitted by you were 964 natives, on checking I was told that the figure should be 1164, as this is far too many to ration, look into matter and advise me who they are.</p> <p>WALCH: It does not sound right. I will check immediately.</p> <p>BOLGER: The number to be rationed is laid down in sig you received whilst I was with you.</p>

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910	2/7 Bn		070830K	Weather report ACTION: WING advised 0845K
911	2/6 Bn		060845K I 108	SECRET (.) routine patrol KAMTI PALAURU Str 1 NCO 8 ORs moved out 060600K time due in 091200K
912	2/6 Cav		060800K	Ceiling 500 coverage 10/10 weather mist. ACTION: WING advised 0810K
913		6 Div	060900K O 504	RESTRICTED (.) ref your G937 of 5 Mar 45 (.) desire six vacancies.
914		2/7 Bn	060900K O 448	RESTRICTED (.) despite our 0434 of 020930K and the fact that notification of air sp for 2/6 aust cav cdo regt and times planes would be leaving here was passed to you smoke was fired by mortar your area as aircraft approached at approx 051400K (.) it is repeated that at NO time in future will smoke be fired when aircraft are in or due to arrive in area except as target indication for them ack.
915	2/7 Bn		060900K	Weather report: ACTION: WING advised 0907K
916	2/7	2/7 Bn	060930K	Is whole of ILAHETA group now clear can you group now clear can you give map ref of SOUTH village ILAHETA group reached yesterday.
917	2/7 Bn		071100K	Weather report. WING advised 061100K

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903	2/7 Bn	051955K 052140K	<p>I 67 SECRET(.) sitrep 20 to 051900K(.) A coy (.) 8 pl moved out 050930K to proceed to A tp 2/10 aust cav cdo sqn B coy patrol to investigate native report enemy at 527986 unable locate enemy at (.) found tracks few hours old leading into gardens in vicinity (.) C coy F27 returned 051600K report reached SOUTH village ILAHITOK gp (.) village clear (.) natives report enemy 1 hours march SOUTH (.) stick bombs dropped vicinity C coy during strike 2/6 cav cdo regt area 051355K(.) NO damage or cas D coy first patrol F28 attempted approach ASANAKOR from SOUTH unable to locate suitable approach (.) second patrol 051500K entered village gp at 450923 (.) enemy surprised (.) cas own nil enemy one killed one wounded (.) enemy estimated 30/40 dug in armed with rifles and grenades (.) patrol withdrew burnt all villages NORTH (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn R7 area clear to NANU river (.) native report C 3 states important enemy HQ at YAMBIGO WA6785 6/8 weeks ago</p>
904	DO 8 Div	052130K	<p>PHONE MESSAGE(.) 6 A/C 7sqn take off 060830 to carry out strike at A452922(.) these planes will also do TAC/R</p>
905			<p>O 447 serial 904 rept-6-Div- 2/7 bn</p>
906	2/7 bn 2/6 cav	052010K 052355K	<p>O I39 RESTRICTED (.) suggest one 4.2 inch mortar from this unit replace 3 inch mortar (.) reason main tgts in AUPIK area out of range (.) advise your views</p>
907	6 DIV	051930K	<p>O 446 RESTRICTED (.) request TAC/R 6 Mar(.) track between ASANAKOR and A518875 (.) does track exist between ASANAKOR to village A495883 and thence to A558875 (.) what amount of use does it show (.) own tps INAKOR(.) strafe only between village A484888 and A518875 (.) drop preliminary reports on BALIF and BOMBITA A487975</p>
908	2/6 cav cdo regt	051930K 060010K	<p>I I72 (cont) on reaching op patrol came under IMG fire and grenades from V6600I 9 own cas I native killed (.) patrol r returned give un observed result(.) patrol then moved to V656023 and indicated tgt (.) bombs landed in tgt area and strafing on tgt (.) enemy occupy un-named village V656011 str unknown (.) KAUMALA area (.) B tp report area clear (.) HOUSE COPP sitno r (.) native infm report enemy at V657042 and V666035</p>
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895	(cont)	FIVE V801249 (.) TEM drome BALAM clear (.) three huts approx V850 V925229 to MUGULUWELA vicinity MUGULUWELA area (.) five LMG's WAHEP EK arty BUT (.) L of C NAGAHEM to MUGULUWELA WAHEP CK (.) V805272 one INDIAN returning with patrol	V863260 (.) coastal strip BUT native infm (.) enemy staging camp 230 use by enemy NW from NAGAHEM V815249 WAHEP CK enemy come three twin barrel point NINAHAU river junc (.) NO report villages via camp V880230 240 refugees from LOANIM
896	2/7 bn	051830K 051915K	O I33 RESTRICTED(?) HAY requests 2 VERY PISTOLS and 24 illuminating CARTRIDGES be dropped as soon as possible
897	2/7 bn	051810K 05200K	O I30 SECRET(.) intentions 6 MAR (.) A: B : C coys (.) contact and local sec- urity patrols (.) 16 pl mov INAKOR to BOMBETA on being relieved INAKOR by II pl 2/6 Aust inf bn (.) comd lt COOK move INAKOR to relieve 16 pl (.) time out 060745K (.) intentions & MAR (.) B coy 3 day patrol F29 working WEST side river between map ref 570985 and 600950 (.) object ambush enemy moving across river (.) details advised later (.) intentions 8 MAR B coy 2/6 aust inf bn less II pl move present location to INAKOR (.) 17pl D coy return BOMBETA
898	6 DIV	051715K 052030k	G 599 SECRET(.) REVSIT 120 to 051500K MATRON VINES 2/II AGH 2/2 fd amb (rept) 2/5 2/6 rear 2/7bns 2/II9 wksp
899	6 DIV	051430K 052045K	GO 596 SECRET(.) location report I
		2/5 2/6 2/7 bns 2/II9 wksp 2/2-fd-amb	
900	2/7 bn	051850K 052020K	O I34 RESTRICTED(.) ref 125(.) air strik e on ASANAKOR(.) NORTH end village burnt today enemy located in SOUTH 4527922 (.) indication by smoke (.) otherwise details the same <i>ACTION: Passed to Duty Offr 052040K</i>
901	KAUMALA	051930K 052105K	I I72 SECRET(.) sitrep 6 to 051900K (.) disposns unchanged other than arrival 051600K of 8 pl 2/7 bn at AUPIK (.) AUPIK arealocal clearing patrol NMS (.) air strike un named village A60399I very accurate (.) MAURAK area (.) recce patrol to V613017 NMS (.) native report enemy in village patrol unable to locate (.) MILAK villages area (.) strike 4 MAR A643997 needed to clear enemy (.) 050600K tp moved to V661022 to indicate tgt for strike
902	2/6 cav cdo regt	051935K 052140K	I I73 SECRET(.) intentions 6 MAR (.) AUPIK area (.) fighting str 2 offr 2I ors to A60399I time out 060830K (.) MAURAK areapatrol to V613017 (.) MILAK area (.) recce patrol to V647008 then to V656023 then to V661020

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The mov of HAY is dependent on dropping certain of his gear to-day the bulk of it has NOT arrived. Boots are acute and if we do NOT receive some soon, it will restrict ops.

BM: I will pas to SC.
How many more personnel to be evacuated by AUSTER.

CO: I will let you know.

891 16 BDE

051430K L.1326
051630K

SECRET(.) sitrep 38 to 051200K(.) COASTAL SECTOR(.) 051200K sitnor(.) MALIN SECTOR(.) 041345K enemy located dug in on spur V745246(.) our tps attacked (.) attack unsuccessful cas own one killed two died of wounds two wounded one missing cas enemy unknown(.) our tps withdrew for night 4/5 mar(.) airstrike arranged 050900K in conjunction with arty SP after which our tps were to attack(.) 5 mar(.) small enemy party attempted out flank our tps(.) cas enemy two killed(.) owing to bad weather airstrike was cancelled(.) due to some misunderstanding six aircraft dropped bombs resulting in cas own one killed seven wounded(.) comms faulty full report later(.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to 051200K cas own thirty nine killed seventy one wounded cas enemy two hundred and twenty four killed(.) loc changes(.) 2/3 aust MG bn TOOTHV720348(.) topo(.) rds EAST of NIAP closed(.) DANUM and ANUMB RIVERS flooded night 4/5 mar(.) 5 mar impassable to MT all infm

892 6 AUST DIV

051600K GI.402
051650K

RESTRICTED(.) forecast 6 mar(.) weather belt has moved SOUTH giving improving conditions(.) further showers and patched lt rain at night but of less general nature (.) seas slight to moderate(.) rivers slightly above normal all infm

893 16 Bde

051430K I 1327
051755K

SECRET(.) AMMENDMENTS to 16 Bde LOCSTAT 2 infm ref to 051200K arty (.) 2/6 aust svy bty (.) C tp SOWAM 754296(.) 2/2 aust inf bn D coy SOWAM 749296(.) 2/3 MG bn TOOTH 720248 (.) DENTAL (.) sec 2/3 aust dental unit WANK-BALAM CK 700284(.) A sec 2/4 aust dental unit SOWAM 754296 all infm

894 2/7 bn

051650K O I29
051755K

rest (.) request for TAC/R(.) 6 MAR (.) track between ASANAKOR and 518875 (.) does the track exist from ASANAKOR to village 495883 and thence to 558875 (.) what amount of use does it show (.) own tps INAKOR (.) strafe only between village 484888 and 518875 (.) drop on BALIF and BOMBETA 487975

ACTION: Passed to Div our Oub

895 6 DIV

051645K GI 40
051830K

SECRET(.) ANGAU PATROL returned 041200K after mov the following route (.) ABOAMA V685176 to KAUMALA V694142 BIWAM V798236 followed NINAHAU river to V841237 to head water of MAMB CK to BUT DROME along coast to BALAM V841237 V8228 to BIWAM to KAUMALA(.) enemy encountered following points(.)

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887	2/6 Cav	051250K	I 169	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep number 59 to 051000K (.) disposns unchanged (.) AMI area (.) enemy reported back in V613017 (.) cas 1 own previously reported wounded result action 4 Mar now died of wounds (.) KAUMALA area (.) native infm states enemy strength 40 which attacked KAUMALA 23 Feb withdrew area SOWAM river to NANAHAU river (.) small parties enemy reported ALBIS V842198 NUMINIHI V834137 MISUAM V791121 (.) enemy unknown strength JAMI 1 746004 NILIGUM 6801 HUMBUNGUA 709983 (.) unnamed village V741019 and LOANIM V755005 clear of enemy (.) Btp KAUMALA report 1 Indian and 250 natives from BUT area arrived KAUMALA 3 MAR proceeding to coast via ARAMAP.</p>
888	2/7 Bn	0511402K	I 65	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 19 to 051000K (.) Contact patrol report track clear (.) report by native sentries of 10 enemy located at 572986 being investigated by B Coy.</p>
889	6 Div	051535K	AO 95	<p>SECRET (.) request following new air force bomblines from 062400K (.) from V820289 south along 82 grid to SEPIK RIVER thence EAST along SEPIK RIVER to CAPE GIRDIR and incl all islands to NORTH (.) all infm.</p>
890	RT CONVERSATION: -----	BM - CO 050830K	2/7 BN:	<p>BM: Your delays in passing requests for airstrikes often cause you to miss out. There are many bidders and first in first served. CO: I will watch this this and see there is not a repetition of the last few sigs. BM: Bde Comd desires your intentions come to us under an "O" and NOT an "I" prefix. CO: This will be done. The intentions are seen by me and are actually my orders. BM: Send down for interview only those officers whom you recommend for INDIA. CO: Sending down ROOKE who is slightly wounded. BM: The AUSTER has been slightly damaged in the undercarriage. RAAF here will be in touch with you and let you know what stores are required. It is NOT thought to be serious.</p> <p align="right">CONTINUED SHEET 623</p>

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-2/6-Cav 881	2/6 Cav	051215K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 9/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 051230K
882	2/6 Cav	051230K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 051235K.
883	2/6 Cav	051300K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 051302K.
884	71 Wing	051308K	PHONE	7 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn took off at 051308K for target 603991. ACTION: Cav advised by R/T 051309K
885	6 Div	051400K	O 444	SECRET (.) sitrep 86 to 051330K (.) 2/7 aust inf bn (.) 141400K to 041600K ASANAKOR A452925 heavily mortared (.) 1 offr 1 OR slightly wounded by prema- ture explosion 2 in mortar bomb (.) patrol WURITA A485985 M'BRAS A469979 TIMINGER villages A4596 reported area clear of enemy (.) 2/6 aust cav cdo regt (.) AMI area (.) 4 Mab (.) AUPIK patrol from V622017 to unnamed village V662014 reported village occupied by approx 100 japs (.) enemy patrol- ling tracks around village (.) patrol was fired on jap sentries (.) MAPRIK natives being employed by enemy as guide and sentries (.) V613017 reoccupied by enemy (.) 2/7 sqn less B to now at HOUSE COPP V703076 B tp KAUMALA V694143 (.) 3 mar 1 Indian and 250 natives arrived KAUMALA from BUT area proceeding to coast via ARAMAP V620156 (.) native reports (.) 40 enemy which attacked KAUMALA 23 feb moved to area SOQAM river to NANAHAU river (.) small parties enemy at ALBIS V842198 NUMINIHI V834137 MISUAM V791121 (.) enemy unknown str JAMAI V746004 NELIGUM villages V6801 KUMBUNCHA A709983 (.) unnamed village V741019 and LOANIM V7550 clear of enemy all infm.
886	6 Div	051415K	O 445	SECRET (.) request for air sp (.) A (.) NOT before 060800K NOT after 061000K (.) B (.) bomb strafe and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy huts and pits in area (.) D (.) village on spur (.) E (.) A450925 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (?) mortar smoke on centre of target (.) H (.) NIL (.) I (.) by own tps (.) J (.) INAKOR A446932 T pointing in direction of target (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of NORTH tip of village A450925 (.) L (.) own tps will move onto target at completion of strike (.) M (.) last aircraft to waggle wings over INAKOR (.) gen (.) at- tack from EAST to WEST (.) strafe JAP pits around vil- lage (.) alternative target village A 525925.

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873	2/6 Cav	051050K	I 57	SECRET (.) ref your I 127 (.) area considered clear (.) contact patrols have been est with 2/3 MG (.) other than indications of 3 enemy at V707144 night 28/1 C NO further sign of pl or disposn of enemy.
874	2/6 Cav	051100K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 6/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 051112K
875	2/6-Cav 2/7 Bn	051100K		Weather report ACTION: WING advised 1105K
876	2/7 Bn	051035K	RB 6	RESTRICTED (.) CUB requires port side undercarriage to be dropped (.) RAAF signals sent max cas require evacuating at this stage 12 rpt 12. <i>ACTION: W Jac/R sgn used our set to speak direct to master pilot</i>
877	2/6 Cav	051130K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 8/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 051130K
878	2/7 Bn	051140K	O 125	RESTRICTED (.) ref out O 115 (.) request same airstrike for 6 Mar (.) with exception that village map ref 525925 by alternative target. <i>ACTION: Issued to Div our Ocas</i>
879	2/6 Cav	051200K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 051230K
880	2/6 Cav 2/7 Bn	051205K		6 Aircraft 100 sqn leaving for 603991 1300K 5 of 78 Sqn at 1330 for 662014 one aircraft from each sqn will carry out 2/7 Bn request for our recce.

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865	2/7 Bn	050915K	I 128	RESTRICTED (.) your package-FSS 741 ack.
866	2/6 Bn	050855K	I 107	RESTRICTED (.) our I 106 of 4 Mar (.) Amendment No 2 should read No 4.
867	2/6 Cav	041955K	I 56	RESTRICTED (.) air STRIKE C 5 Mar A603991 and V661014 (.) not before 1100 and not after 1330
868	2/6 Cav		I-5	RESTRICTED-(.)-airstrike-C-5-M
868	2/6 Cav	050930K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 050950K
869	2/6 Cav	050900K	I 168	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0502 (.) time limit extended for strike map ref 662014 to 051400K suitable. <i>ACTION: ALD advised 050932K</i>
870	4 Tac/R Sqn	050945K	I 129	SECRET (.) for Capt PUTTMAN (.) chang- es of disposns to 050800K (.) 2/5 aust inf bn (.) D Coy on route AITAPE (.) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn (.) B Coy less 11 pl WURITA A486985 (.) 11 pl BOMBETA 2 A488975 (.) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (.) 16 and 17 pls INAKOR A446993 (.) 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt (.) 2/7 sqn less B to HOUSE COPP V703076 B tp KAUMALA V694144.
871	2/6 Cav	051000K		Ceiling zero coverage 10/10 weather rain. ACTION: WING advised 051027K
872	2/6 Cav	051030K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 6/10 Weather fine and clearing. ACTION: WING advised 051027K

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854		16 Bde	050755K	O 444	RESTRICTED (.) your I 1323 of of 041000K ack.
855	2/7 Bn		050800K		Weather report. WING advised 0810K
856	2/6 Cav		050800K		Ceiling zero coverage 10/10 weather raining. ACTION: WING advised 0810K
857	2/6 Bn		050800K	O 17	RESTRICTED (.) your 0497 Ack Noted ack register
858		2/6 Cav	050820K	PHONE	Ref our 0502 air sp 603991 by 7 Sqn 662014 by 100 Sqn (.) ad- vise at earliest ref extension of time for 662014.
859	2/7 Bn		050815K	PHONE	AUSTER arrived 080810K
860	2/7 Bn		041920K	O 116	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/6 (.) 5 March (.) NANU R between 93 and 85 GRD line (.) where are river crossings and what indica- tions of traffic (.) any enemy on banks (.) nearest own troops ILAHETA map ref 555938 (.) OK to strafe and bomb (.) drop on BALIF.
861	2/6 Cav		050830K		Ceiling 2000 coverage 8/10 weather light rain. ACTION: WING advised 0835K
862	2/7 Bn		050830K		Weather report. ACTION: WING advised 0835K
863	2/6 Cav		050900K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 8/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised.
864	2/7 Bn		050820K	O 124	RESTRICTED (.) for 4 Tac/R (.) Young Lion collapsed U/C on land- ing (.) send block and tackle or heavy rope and new complete undercarriage urgent. <i>ACTION: 4 Tac/R advised 050915K</i>

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849	Contd			village V662014 occupied by enemy estimated str 100 (.) JAPS patrolling track round village (.) JAPS using MAPRIK sentries and guides (.) LULUAI unnamed village V662014 suspected of helping enemy are in custody and will reach this HQ 5 mar (.) 2/7 Sqn NO report
850		2/7 Bn 2/6 cav	042359 for infm	0503 SECRET (.) regret owing to higher priority your request for air strike 450925 5 mar NOT possible
851	2/7 Bn		041915H 042359K	0115 restricted (.) NOT before 050800K NOT after 051000K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy enemy butts and pit in area (.) D (.) VILLAGE on SPUR (.) E (.) 450925 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) mortar smoke on centre of target at approach of aircraft (.) H (.) NIL (.) I (.) 041600 by own troop (.) J (.) INAKOR MAP REF 446932 T pointing in direction of TARGET (.) D (.) not NORTH of NORTH tip of VILLAGE (.) L (.) own troops will move on to TARGET at completion of STRIKE (.) M (.) last A/C to waggle wings over INAKOR (.) N (.) report in action half-hourly after 040600 (.) general (.) attack from EAST to WEST Incendiaries and strafe jap pit around VILLAGE (.) alternative TARGET LAHING bearing 584950. <i>ACTION: following advice NO aircraft available. 2/7 Bn advised by signal 0503 042359K.</i>
852	2/7 Bn		050100K	0 117 RESTRICTED (.) advise if departure of ROOKE from BALIF 6 Mar will be too late for interview INDIAN army (.) advise latest EVANS can move.
853	2/7 Bn		050100K	I 64 SECRET (.) ref R/T conversation with IO (.) AUPIK area located by intersection on mortar smoke A tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at 597998 (.) enemy posn reported previously AUPIK 2 605990 (.) correct names these villages NOT known (.) due to acute angle of hearing ref only approx (.) impossible pin point village without aid air photograph (.) air photograph invaluable at native interrogation.

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842	2/6 Cav	042215K	0501	SECRET (.) assuming objectives reached as per 00 No 9 (.) please advise best routes for 2/6 Bn to relieve your tps NORTH of MAPRIK (.) advise your opinion if necessary to maintain standing patrol in NAGIPEM area (.) discuss R/T 5 mar
843	2/6 Cav	042235K	0502	6 planes 7 sqn take off for 603991 at 1030K (.) 8 planes 100 sqn take off for 662014 at 1130K c a n c e l l e d
844	71 wing	042258K	Phone	due to high priority targets 16 Bde our strikes altered. 6 A/C from 100 sqn taking off 1200K to bomb 603991 6 A/C from 7 Sqn taking off at 1300K to bomb 662014 Suggest the time for 662014 strike be extended to 1400K Action : earlier message to 2/6 Cav recalled and destroyed. Furthermsig advising cav 042330K
845	2/6 cav	042300K	1127	please advise any infm of enemy in area V590120 V590170 V730170 V730120 (.) is area clear of enemy (.) if not advise enemy mov and disposns
846	2/6 Cav 2/7 Bn for infm	042330K	0502	due to higher priority target air strikes 5 mar (.) 6 aircraft take off 051200K target V603991 (.) 6 aircraft take off 051300I target V662014 (.) request time for V662014 strike be extended to 051400K (.) please advise
847	6 Div	041915K		Revsit 119 to 041730K
848	16 Bde	041000K 042200K	11323	SECRET (.) 16 Aust Inf Bde passwords from 080700K to 140700K (.) 8 mar LANDCRAB (.) 9 mar SEASLUG (.) 10 mar MUDDY LOBSTER (.) 11 mar ROCK CLAM (.) 12 mar BOILED MUSSEL (.) 13 mar OPEN OYSTER (.) 14 mar SCALYSHRIMP (.) ack acked 050800K
849	2/6 Cav	041945K 042255K	1166	SECRET (.) sitrep 58 to 041900K (.) AMI 2 disposns unchanged (.) HOUSE COPP (.) sqn HQ A and C tps (.) B tp KAUMALA (.) AUPIK area (.) 6 japs contacted V603003 (.) own cas 1 wounded enemy 6 killed in action (.) MAURAK area (.) accurate air strike (.) result fwd later (.) MILAK villages area (.) air strike on A643998 accurate (.) result NOT yet to hand (.) patrol to V660016 fired on by jap sentry (.) unnamed

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836	2/7 Bn	041900K 042100K	L 61	SECRET (.) sitrep 18 to 041900K (.) A coy R5 returned 041630K report recent tracks enemy party from AMUK at 665995 then leading SOUTH also tracks estimated 10 enemy leading from AMUK to ILAHOP at 569986 (.) B coy (.) ambush parties returned 041600K report NO enemy seen (.) C coy nothing further to report (.) D coy period 041400K to 041600K 50 rounds 3 in mortar fired on ASANAKOR (.) one offr one OR slightly wounded by premature explosion 2" mortar bomb (.) B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn (.) patrol R6 to M'Bras TIMINGER and return report area clear
837	71 Wing	042115K	phone	6 A/C 7 sqn take off 051030K bomb A603991 8 A/C 100 sqn take off 051130K bomb 662014
838	16 Bde	041430K 042125K	I1321 2/2 Bn	No 2 amend to 16 Bde locstat/infnt to 041400K (.) 2/9 Cav Cdo Sqn moving to 845226 (.) disposns to be advised (.) BHQ SIMBI Creek 756296 (.) HQ Coy SOWAM villages V754295 (.) 2/3 Bn (.) BHQ ANUMB River 722292 (.) A Coy WASABEN CK 720292 (.) B Coy ANUMB River 729287 (.) HQ Coy ANUMB River 720292 (.) 2/3 MG Bn (.) BHQ feature 705253
839	2/7 Bn	042128K	0500	ref proposed bde HQ (.) please instruct BINSTED to proceed with clearing site and constr of HQ immediately provided proposed site tactically sound (.) tools material stores being dropped commencing 5 Mar
840	2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	041950K 042140K	L167	SECRET (.) intentions for 5 Mar (.) AUPIK area (.) local patrolling (.) MAURAK area (.) patrol to unnamed V613017 (.) MILAK area (.) indicating target for air strike and local patrolling
841	2/7 Bn	041900K 042200K	I 62	SECRET (.) intentions 5 Mar (.) A Coy F26 to A tp 2/10 Cdo Sqn and return in three days (.) object to coordinate attack on AUPIK area time out 050930K time in 071700K cmd Lt DARRYL (.) C Coy F27 to ILAHETA and return (.) object engage and destroy enemy time out 050830K time in 051500K cmd Lt HELROD (.) B Coy 2/6 Bn R 7 WURITA to BUS via ENDIPI and return object report whether village clear (.) time out 050730K time in 051700K cmd Lt MORRIS normal contact patrol (.) F28 INAKOR to NORTH end of ASANAKOR object to locate and destroy any enemy in vicinity time out 051000K time in 051800K

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			I 1327	(cont) 04I400K cas own 35 killed 72 wounded (.) loc changes (.) BnHQ 2/ 2/2 Aust inf bn V756296 (.) BnHQ 2/3 Aust inf bn V722292 (.) BnHQ 2/3 MG Bn V705253 (.) TOPO rd EAST of NIA Pclosed all infm
830	2/6 Cav cdo regt	04I435K 04I450K	A 174	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 497 of 04I300K (.) ACK (entered ack register)
831	2/7 Bn	04I650K	O 105	RESTRICTED (.) ref your Q400 (.) construction new DZ commencing 5 MAR estimate commence dropping 13MAR (.) will advise
832	2/6 Bn	041800K 041815K	I106	ref amp SUAIN EAST (.) amend to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn location statement No 40 C Coy adv HQ plus 14 pl 358366 att 2/8 Fd Pk Coy 12 pl ROCKY POINT 593303 att 2/14 Fd Coy
833	6 Div	041815K 041835K	I296	forecast mar 5 (.) general deterior- ation in next 24 hrs (.) very heavy showers along the coast increasing in intensity over the highlands with scat- tered storms (.) rain activity on coast mainly confined to the night (.) areas of light rain in the morning and gener- ally overcast cloud (.) seas slight to moderate (.) considerable rises in all rivers
834	2/6 Cav	041800K 041830K	0157	SECRET (.) A (.) 5 mar NOT before 1100 NOT after 1300 (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy living in 4 huts (.) D (.) village contains 7 empty huts (.) enemy are occupying the huts 200 yd SSE village (.) E (.) unnamed village A 603991 (.) F (.) 600 ft (.) G (.) 3" mortar smoke (.) J (.) unnamed village V598003 indicated by white T pointing in direction of target (.) K. NOT NORTH of an EAST WEST grid line through unnamed village A619998 (.) general R/T comm between aircraft target approx 158 degrees mag from AMI (.) first priority strike.
	V662014 unnamed village		0154	SECRET (.) A (.) 5 mar NOT before 1130K NOT after 1330K (.) B (.) bomb strafe (.) C (.) destroy 100 enemy in huts and in trenches (.) D (.) TOP HILL Road (.) E (.) (.) F (.) 900 Ft (.) G (.) 3 rounds 2 " smoke (.) J (.) SOUTH end of unnamed village V661020 indicated by white T on ground pointing in direction of target (.) K (.) NOT NORTH of CHAGWOP Creek (.) M (.) 1 round RED very light by last aircraft (.) general (.) R/T comm between OP and A/C approx bearing 100 degrees mag from AMI (.) second priority target <i>ACTION: Launch to Div (Launch to Div)</i>
835	6 Div	042000K	0498	repeat of serial 834. <i>(also shown in 15 MAR 1964)</i>

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821	R/T CONVERSATION: 2 I/C 2/7 AUST INF BN - IG	Maj. COX:	I have passed the Bde Comds suggestions to the CO and his answer is as follows. "Infm of enemy ASANAKOR is that there is only about one sec of enemy with NO LMG. I will be talking to the Comd down there there about noon and if infm is still the same will tell him to go ahead. However, if enemy is stronger and situation is changed I will tell COMD down there to wait and implement your suggestion".
		I.O:	Understood, but still wish to get definite answer ref air strike.
		Maj COX:	If you can let us know actual time planes will take off we will advise comd at INAKOR when speaking to him at noon.
		I.O:	O.K. Time obtained from G111(Air) and passed to 2/7 Bn 041115K. Time planes to leave here will be approx 041500K.
825	2/7 Bn	041330K 041345K	weather report.
			ACTION: phoned to Wing 041345K.
826	6 AUST DIV	041305K	0.442 SECRET(.)sitrep 85 to 041300K(.)2/7 aust inf bn(.)3 mar(.)patrol MALAHUM to SAUNAMBE A582960 reported village clear and LAHINGA A584950 occupied(.)natives estimate 80/100 enemy(.)patrol BARANGABANDANGI A541992 ASIMBE A554950 made NO contact reported village clear(.)16 and 17 pls now at INAKOR A446932(.)11 pl 2/6 aust inf bn now at BOMBETA 2 A488975(.)2/6 cav cdo regt(.)AMI area (.)patrol reported enemy from village V613017 mov to village V614016(.) patrol killed 7 japs at A607995 own cas nil(.)ARAMAP area(.)HQ 2/7 sqn plus C tp now at HOUSE COPP V703076 (.)small enemy standing patrol reported V701070(.)believed further enemy posn V701065(.)patrol KAUMALA to CHELIAK V717143 to V715138 made NO contact(.)4 mar(.)A tp 2/7 sqn en route HOUSE COPP B tp remaining KAUMALA(.)tac R reported enemy activity NELIGUM V689009 also V685005(.)native reports(.)small enemy party V690055(.) 5 japs KUMINIBUS villages V6503(.) 7 japs KUMINTAN SOUTH from MAROP V666026(.)unknown str JAMEI V743004 (.)enemy in YAMIL area A7798(.)recent move from ULUPU A7795 to Yamil all inf
827	2/7 Bn	041430K 041500K	weather report.
			ACTION: Wing advised 041453K
828	2/7 Bn	041330K 041512K	I.59 SECRET(.)sitrep to 041330K(.)attack on ASANAKOR cancelled(.)F25 NO trace of enemy.
			ACTION:
829	16 BDE	041430K 041450K	I 1327 SECRET(.) sitrep 37 to 041400K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 3 MAR (.) standing patrol estd V76429I (.) one enemy staggler killed V750290 (.) result action V764290 reported sitrep 36 two additional enemy killed (.) 041400K sitnor (.) MALIN SECTOR (.) 041400K sitnor (.) total cas all sectors from and incl 28 jan to

818	2/6 Cav	041010K 041225K	1164	SECRET (.) sitrep 57 to 041000K (.) AMI 2 area (.) sitnor (.) HOUSE COPP (.) A tp 2/7 Sqn en route from KAUMALA to HOUSE COPP (.) B tp remain KAUMALA (.) V701070 clear of enemy (.) KAUMALA area (.) pattrollé CHELIAK V717143 to V715138 then KAUMALA (.) report 3 enemy camp nigh 28/1 at 707144 (.) NO contact (.) native infm (.) Small enemy party 690055 (.) KUMINITUS villages area 5 enemy (.) 7 enemy at KUMINTAN SOUTH from MAROP (.) unknown str JAMIE V743004 (.) enemy in YAMIL area (.) recent move from ULUPU to YAMIL
819	R/T CONVERSATION	BDE COMD - 2	L/C 2/7	AUST INF BN:
				There is a big delay in signals for air sp. Your 075 took over 5 hours to arrive priority immediate. This makes air sp difficult to arrange. Ensure requests come RT code priority immediate. Ref attack on ASANAKOR. Ensure ASANAKOR properly softened by at least two hy air attacks before committing own tps. Previous air sp not sufficient. Will put on air sp between 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs. Suggest hold off attack until hy sp can be given again to-morrow. Please advise your views.
820	2/6 Cav Cdo. 2/6 Bn	041300K	0.497	SECRET (.) warning order (.) ref relief 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt (.) NO repeat NO move by 2/6 Aust Inf Bn before 12 Mar (.) ack
821	WING to I.O 17 BDE: PHONE MESSAGE:	041320K		6 aircraft from 100 sqn ASANAKOR taking off 1500K. <u>ACTION:</u> passed to 2/7 Bn by R/T 041335K.
822	2/7 AUST INF BN to I.O 17 PHONE MESSAGE:	041350K	AUST INF BDE:	Auster left with one stretcher case <u>ACTION:</u> phoned Tac/R - NOT known if Amb on strip. Phoned to 2/2 Fd Amb. Message passed on.
823	2/7 Bn	041400K 041405K		weather report. <u>ACTION:</u> wing advised 041415K

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808	2/6 Cav		041045K	I 54	RESTRICTED (.) ref 0101 of 2/7 Bn to 2/6 Cav for infm (.) NO rpt NO request for air support on V600002 rptd V600002.
809	2/7 Bn		041100K		Sealing- Weather report.
810	6 Div		031715K	GO 581	SECRET (.) revsit 118 to 03150K
811	2/7 Bn		041130K	I 58	SECRET (.) sitrep 16 to 04100K (..) security ambush on contact nothing further to report.
812		2/7 Bn	041130K	O 496	RESTRICTED (.) please advise number of phones held and how each phone is employed (.) please fwd this list by AUSTER.
813	2/6 Cav		041140K		Ref our I 164 (.) word between YAMIL area and advance should read RECENT.
814	2/6 Cav		041130K		weather cloud base 5000 ft sky covering 4/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 041140K
815	2/7 Bn		041130K		weather report to 041130K WING advised 041140K
816	2/7 Bn		041200K		PHONE MESSAGE. YOUNG LION leaving here again at 1200 hrs (.) in your intentions when patrol led by pip artist please name
817		2/7 Bn	041200K	0443	SECRET (.) permission granted boomerangs wirraways based TADJI (see serial 778 for remainder of message)

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801	2/6 Cav	032300K	I 162	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 56 to 031900 (.) disposn AMI 2 unchanged (.) HOUSE COPP 2/7 Sqn HQ and C tp (.) Posn of HOUSE COPP V703076 (.) Patrol 1 offr 8 OR depart HOUSE COPP 030700 to attack enemy standing patrol 3 to 6 at approx V701070 and recce larger force at V701065 (.) KAUMALA nothing further to report (.) Tac/R report enemy activity NELI- GUM V689009 also action at V685055. (PART II): MILAK villages area (.) patrol only reached V661014 report village occupied str unknown (.) MAURAK area (.) enemy now reported to have moved from V613017 to 5 huts at V614016 (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol engaged 7 Japs at A607975 (.) cas own NIL enemy 7 killed in action (.) corrected location (.) A tp now believe to be at unnamed village V600002 (.) AUPIK 2 believe A611975 (.) village stated in request for previous air sp as V598002 now corrected location A603991.</p>
802	2/7 Bn	040815K	I 57	<p>RESTRICTED (.) package captured documents No 741 forwarded CUB 4 March (.) Ack receipt package.</p>
803	2/7 Bn	040815K	ALO WING	<p>6 aircraft of 100 sqn leaving 041030K for 617013 6 aircraft of 7 sqn leaving 041130K for 643997. ACTION: Warned ALO request coming through for strike on ASANAKOR time about 1200 to 1300 hrs (.) ALO advised that strike NOT possible at this time and asked for extension of time limits</p>
804	6 Div	041005K	PHONE	<p>Tac/R plane has taken off. Will call up BRASS and possibly do ARTY/R this morning.</p>
805	4 Tac/R	041020K		<p>AUSTER left 1005K ETA 1100K. ACTION: IO pass to 2/7 Passed.</p>
806	2/7 Bn	041030K		<p>Weather report. ACTION: WING advised 041050K</p>

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792		2/7 Bn	040740K	O 441	SECRET (.) your 0101 of 032040K (.) NO. airstrike requested by 2/6 cav regt on V600002 (.) airstrikes requested are V613017 A643997 (.) advise.
793	2/6 Cav		040800K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 9/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 040820K
794	ALO WING		040825K	PHONE	6 A/C of 100 sqn leaving 041030K for 617013. 6 A/C of 7 Sqn leaving 041130K for 643997. ACTION: Warned ALO of request coming through for strike on ASANAKOR time limit 1200 to 1300 hrs. ALO advised that strike NOT possible this time and to ask for extension of time limit.
795		2/6 Cav	040825K	PHONE	6 Aircraft 100 sqn leaving 1030 for 617013. 6 Aircraft 7 sqn leaving 1130 for 643997.
796	2/5 Bn		040830K	PHONE	Unable to give air sp between 1200 and 1300 (.) is 1400 to 1600 OK
797	2/7 Bn		040900K		Weather report ACTION: Phoned to Wing 0910K
798	2/6 Cav		040900K		Ceiling unlimited coverage 3/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned to Wing 0910K
799	2/7 Bn		041000K		Weather report ACTION: WING advised 1005K
800	2/6 Cav		040930K		Ceiling Weather 7000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned to Wing 040935K

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785		6 Div	032257K	O 440	(CONTINUED) side of unnamed village V640002 (.) L (.) party will receive village following strike (.) M (.) last aircraft to fire 1 rd RED very light over own tps (.) general (.) NO wireless link between AMI 2 and OP (.) aircraft to fly 122 degrees mag from AMI 2 (.) R/T com can be est between AMI 2 and aircraft.
786	2/7 Bn		032330K	O 102	RESTRICTED (.) request for Tac/R 4 Mar (.) NANU RIVER between RIVER and CK JUNC 522964 and BEND in river 510870 (.) where are there indications of crossings in what direction MVT if any amount crossings used (.) nearest own tps patrol INAKOR and BOMBETA (.) OK to strafe.
787	2/7 Bn		040035K	O 101	RESTRICTED (.) request for Arty/R 4 Mar (.) time immediate on completion airstrike requested by BHQ 2/6 Cav Regt 600002 (.) Target QA 2 600002 (.) gun position 567997 with white arrow pointing direction target (.) normal Arty/R procedure except no smoke available for ranging (.) NO strafe (.) nearest own troops AUPIK 596009 with white T pointing in direction target (.) neither-of-method of indicating target mortar smoke fire on target from 596009 on request from aircraft (.) 4.2 mortar of target will be followed by ground attack by 2/6 Cav Regt.
788	2/6 Cav		041000K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned to Wing 1005K
789	2/7 Bn		040720K		Weather report from 2/7 Bn Phoned through to 71 Wing 040730K
790	2/7 Bn		040750K	<i>Phone</i>	CUB took off 0745K ETA 0830K
791	2/7 Bn		040730K		Weather report WING advised 0804K

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783	2/7 Bn	031940K O 100	<p>RESTRICTED (.) Request air sp. 4 Mar (.) A Coy (.) NOT before 041200K NOT after 041300K. B bomb and strafe EAST WEST in bush and drop incendiaries in pit round village (.) C (.) to destroy enemy hutments and pit in area (.) D (.) village on spur (.) E (.) 450925 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) Mortar smoke will be put centre target on approach of aircraft. (PART II): H (.) 1000 (I) 031600K (.) own tps (J) at 446932 improvised airstrip in form T pointing general direction target (.) K (.) NIL (L) airtps will move on to target on completion of strike (M) last aircraft to waggle wings over INAKOR (N) Report half-hourly as from 040600K (.) Alternate target LAHINGA.</p>
784	2/6 Cav	032155K I 162	<p>SECRET (.) A (.) 4 Mar not before 041100K not after 041300K (.) B (.) bomb incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy in FOXHOLES in HUTS (.) D (.) top HILL feature (.) E (.) A643997 (.) F (.) 700 ft (.) G (.) 3 rounds 2 in mortar smoke on approach first aircraft (.) J (.) V644003 IND by WHITE T pointing towards TARGET (K) not NORTH of AN northwest southeast line cutting the Northeast side of unnamed village V640002 (.) L (.) party will receive village following STRIKE (.) M (.) last aircraft to FIRE 1 round RED very light over own troops (.) general there will no wireless LINK between this HQ and OP IND TARGET (.) to further assist A/C in location TARGET FLY approx 122 degrees MAG from AMI second priority STRIKE (.) R/T COMM can be est between AMI and A/C</p>
785	17 Bde	<i>62</i> 032257K O 440	<p>SECRET (.) confirmation telephone conversation (.) first priority (.) A (.) 4 mar (.) NOT before 1100 not after 1300 (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy in huts (.) D (.) 5 huts on low ridge SE from unnamed village map ref 613017 (.) E (.) 617013 (.) F (.) 600 ft (.) G (.) indication by 2 in mortar smoke on approach of first aircraft (.) J (.) nearest own tps indicated by white T on ground 700 yds NE of target (.) also tp posn unnamed village V622017 (.) D (.) NOT NORTH of an EAST WEST line through unnamed village V614017 (.) general (.) R/T comm between aircraft and OP (.) aircraft to fly on approach 128 degrees mag from AMI 2 (.) second priority (.) A (.) 4 mar NOT before 041100K NOT after 041300K (.) B (.) bomb and incendiaries (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy in foxholes in huts (.) D (.) top hill feature (.) E (.) A643997 (.) F (.) 700 ft (.) G (.) 3 rds 2 in mortar smoke on approach first aircraft (.) J (.) V644003 indicated by white T pointing towards target (.) E (.) NOT NORTH of an NORTH WEST SOUTH EAST line cutting the NORTH EAST</p>

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779	2/7 Bn	031905K 032115K	I 54	SECRET (.) intentions for 4 mar (.) A coy R5 recce AMUK river from 566000 to 576980 for sign of enemy mov across river time out 040900K time in 041400K (.) B coy (.) ambush track at 563984 and 572983 object locate possible enemy mov and destroy same time out 040830K time in 041500K (.) C coy F25 BALANGABADABIL ILAHOP and return time out 040730K time in 041030K object notice location enemy and destroy any in area (.) D coy attack on ASANAKOR after air strike (.) normal contact patrol
780	2/6 Cav	032020K	I 163	SECRET (.) intentions for 4 mar (.) MAURAK area (.) air strike 6m V614016 and recce to target (.) MILAK villages area (.) air strike A643997 and recce o of target area (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol str 1 sjt 13 ORs to unnamed village A603991
781	2/6 Cav	03 032115K	I 161	SECRET (.) A (.) 4 mar (.) not before 1100 not after 1300 (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy in HH HUTS (.) D (.) 5 HUTS on low ridge SE from unnamed village map ref 613017 (.) E (.) 617013 (.) F (.) 600 ft (.) G (.) ind by 2 in mortar smoke on approach if first aircraft (.) H (.) J (.) nearest own tps indicated by WHITE T on ground 700 yds NE of TARGET (.) also tp posn unnamed village V622017 (.) K (.) not NORTH of an EAST WEST line though unnamed V614017 (.) general (.) RT conn between aircraft and OP (.) aircraft to fly on approach 128 deg MAG from AMI first priority of the two strikes
782	2/6 Cav	031810K 032155K	I 162	SECRET (.) A (.) 4 mar (.) not before 041100K not after 041300K (.) B (.) bomb incends (.) C (.) destroy 40 enemy in) FOXHOLES in HUTS (.) D (.) tpp hill feature (.) E (.) A643997 (.) F (.) 700 f (.) G (.) 3 rounds 2 in mortar smoke on approach first aircraft (.) J (.) 644 003 indicated by WHITE T pointing towards target (.) K (.) not NORTH of an NORTH WEST SOUTH EAST line cutting the the NORTH EAST side of unnamed village V640002 (.) L (.) party will recce villa following strike (.) M (.) last aircraft to fire one round RED very light over own tps (.) general there will be NO wireless link between this HQ and OP

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774	(continued)				V605253 (.) inf (.) 2/3 aust inf bn (.) adv BHQ WARABEN CK V72292 V722292 (.) C coy ANUMB RIVER V727294 (.) D coy ANUMB RIVER V724293
775	6 Div	031700K 031715K	GI 294		RESTRICTED (.) forecast 4 mar (.) slight deterioration in general weather during next 24 hrs heavier showers on coast at night with some patches lt rain morning (.) moderate storms over ranges between 1200 and 2400 hrs seas slight to moderate and continuing (.) rivers above normal all infm
776	6 Div	031530K 031725K	A5079		SECRET (.) request following airforce bomblines from 042400K (.) from V820289 SOUTH along 10 grid line to V740100 thence SOUTH along 74 grid line to SEPIK RIVER thence EAST along SEPIK river to CAPE SIRGIR and incl all islands to NORTH
777	2/7 Bn	031935K 032215K	I 55		SECRET (.) sitrep 15 to 031900K (.) A local patrol to AMUK river to search pad leading EAST did NOT contact enemy (.) NO trace recent enemy mov found (.) B coy (.) LAHINGA report ambush NOT successful (.) moved to SAUNAMBE (.) village clear (.) continued to LAHINGA which occupied by enemy natives estimated 80/100 (.) C coy (.) R4 made NO contact (.) D coy (.) 16 pl with M3 moved out 030830K joined 17 pl (.) force now located 446932 (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn (.) 11 pl moved BOMBITA occupy posn vacated by 16 pl (.) 031850K native report enemy party approaching MALAHUM from SOUTH
778	6 Div	031650K 032115K	AO 582		SECRET (.) permission granted boomerangs wirraways based TADJI flown by tac R pilots familiar area to strafe drop small bombs targets opportunity in 17 aust inf bde area WEST airforce when pilots in their direction discretion consider own tps will NOT be endangered (.) personnel will be pres will only be attacked only when positively identified as enemy (.) this permission applies generally but may be withdrawn for particular mission

ACTION: Approval for this to take place given by
CO 2/7 Bn and CO 2/6 Coy
This message passed to both units

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770	(CONTINUED)				vicinity village A644997 and returning via V653014 report NO contact (.) village A644997 and returning still occupied (.) native reports (.) JAP ambush posns vicinity V663005 V665016 (.) posns dug in and occupied by day enemy withdrawing to MAPRIK area at night (.) enemy unknown str vicinity A572995 all infm.
771	2/7 Bn		031540K	O 92	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 437 (.) OK TAC/R pilots to strafe opportunity targets unless otherwise stated in request
772		2/7 Bn	031608K	I 125	RESTRICTED (.) identity tag numbers are 65 238 regt 68 41 div engr
773	16 Bde		031330K 031615K	I1315	SECRET (.) sitrep 36 to 031200K (.) coastal sector (.) 2 Mar (.) following mortar and arty fire patrol attacked enemy posn ck mouth V764296 (.) attack successful cas enemy four killed cas own NIL (.) enemy ambushed patrol V758296 cas own four killed one wounded cas enemy four killed (.) patrol cleared enemy pocket V758280 and OLD GERMAN RD EAST to V764280 killing one enemy (.) enemy dead well clothed well fed carrying coffee rice and flour (.) definite evidence cannibalism (.) captured docs being fwd area EAST of ANUMBRIVER SOUTH to incl 276 grid and EAST to incl SIMBI CK now clear of enemy (.) 031200K sitnor (.) MALIN SECTOR (.) result action V733247 reported sitrep 32 two additional enemy killed 031200K sitnor (.) total cas all sector from and incl 28 jan to 031200K cas own thirty five killed sixty two wounded cas enemy two hundred and nineteen killed (.) loc change (.) adv BHQ 2/3 aust inf bn 722292 (.) BHQ 2/3 aust MG bn and sqn HQ 2/9 aust cav cdo sqn V688247 (.) topo (.) rds EAST of NIAP closed all infm
774	16 Bde		031330K 031645K	I1316	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 aust inf bde LOCSTAT No 2 infm to 031200K (.) Cav (.) 2/9 aust cdo sqn (.) sqn HQ PAUL CK V688247 (.) MG A tp WOLHUK CK V688247

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Serial	From	To	TOO & FOR	Orig No	Message
767	2/6 Cav		031335K	I 56	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0437 of 030955K (.) yes approved.
768		2/6 Cav	031425K	O 439	RESTRICTED (.) your I 54 (.) first (.) in all future requests give direction wish aircraft to approach target from AMI (.) second (.) minimum time to cancel strikes three hours before planes due to leave here.
769	2/6 Cav		031400K	I 54	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 436 (.) air support (.) to assist aircraft in locating TARGET an approx mag bearing from AMI could be given (.) if aircraft approached TARGET from this direction it would enable OP conducting STRIKE to know in what direction to look for aircraft (.) what is minimum allowance of time to cancel STRIKE (.) no information of smoke to SOUTH during STRIKE 2 MAR possible enemy. <i>ACTION: Matter discussed with Maj HOPKINSON and reply sent - our 0439 attached</i>
770		6 Div	011410K	O 438	SECRET (.) sitrep 84 to 031330K (.) 2/7 aust inf bn (.) patrol NUMANGO to AMUK river V572987 to V589996 contacted 2/6 cav regt V598006 (.) 8 enemy contacted A590990 cas enemy 6 killed one wounded own NIL (.) natives infm patrol 100 enemy at AUPIK 2 (.) village NOT at A 88996 correct ref NOT yet known (.) natives stated 5 huts occupied enemy foraging in nearby gardens (.) patrol BALANGABADABIL A543978 to ASIMBE A554950 contacted enemy in village cas enemy unknown own one killed one wounded (.) patrol BALANGABADABIL WAHINBII A540966 AWI A531944 NO contact (.) ASANAKOR A452925 attacked by patrol following airstrike cas enemy at least 2k killed own 3 wounded (.) patrol to APOS area A4095 report area clear (.) patrol to ENDIPI A491986 to investigate native reports of enemy in area report area clear (.) 030300K one enemy killed MALAHUM V555992 (.) 2/6 aust cav cdo regt (.) unmapped village V584005 clear of enemy (.) village V600993 reoccupied by enemy after airstrike 1 mar (.) natives report airstrike on village V613017 killed some JAS remainder withdrew to both NORTH and SOUTH (.) patrol to village V662014 to

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760	71 WING		030850K	PHONE	6 BEAUS from 100 sqn departing 0930 to bomb BYUBANAKOUR ACTION: Advised by R/T
761	17 Bde	2/6 Cav	030935K	O 437	RESTRICTED (.) tac/R planes request permission to strafe in future any JAPS observed inside bomblines (.) pilots are absolutely positive they can identify JAPS from natives own tps at all times (.) several excellent targets observed last few days but NOT strafed as requests from you stated NO strafing. do you approve.
762	2/7 Bn		030842K	PHONE	AUSTER left BALIF 030830K carrying one cas. ACTION: 2/2 Fd Amb advised.
763	2/7 Bn		031240K	I 51	SECRET (.) sitrep 13 to 031000K (.) B Coy 030300K mov heard NW flank fired on and early morning patrol located body enemy NCO (.) L/T A Coy to B Coy cut this vicinity (.) D Coy (.) airstrike ASANAKOR NOT on target (.) 17 pl mov into village engaged by enemy in trees own cas 1 Offr 2 ORs wounded enemy unknown (.) further report NOT available.
764	2/7 Bn		031230K	O 90	RESTRICTED (.) Ack your O 434
765		2/7 Bn	031225K		NO air sp today available now (.) resubmit request at earliest if still required.
766		2/7 Bn	031220K	I 134	RESTRICTED (.) your packages FSS 704 FSS 705 ack.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
754	2/7 Bn		021730K	O 70	RESTRICTED (.) Request tac/R 031400K (.) NANU river between river and creek junction ref 522964 and bend in river ref 510870 (.) where are main crossings and amount of use (.) nearest own tps patrol INAKOR ILAHITA BOMBETA (.) NO strafe (.) may require arty/R in AUPIK area a/c to call BRASS for instrs. <i>ACTION: Passed to 444 (AIR) 030905K</i>
755	2/7 Bn		031000K	I 50	SECRET (.) request for air photograph (.) ref map NANU EAST (.) 1 set (.) vertical mosaic loose (.) large scale (.) area bounded by 5398 - 6198 - 6102 - 5302 (.) urgently required for fixation village AUPIK area. <i>ACTION: Request passed to 444 (AIR) but area reduced to 5998-6108-6101-5601 as this is considered quite sufficient for purpose</i>
756	2/7 Bn		031015K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 7/10 weather fine <i>ACTION: Phoned to Wing 1020K</i>
757	6 Div		022020K	GO 574	SECRET (.) revsit 117 to 021500K
758	2/7 Bn		021520K	O 64	RESTRICTED (.) CUB departed 021415K ETA 021500K (.) Bde Commander on board.
759	ADS BALIF		021640K	M 92	Penicillin and quinine not recovered from dropping (.) now very urgent (.) please fly in by CUB five million penicillin ten saline ten glucose saline. <i>ACTION: Passed to 2/2 Fd Amb 021755K ALO Wing is endeavouring to arrange AUSTRER to take in tonight or BEAUFORT to drop. 2/2 Fd Amb will pick up supplies from Air Maint immediately and deliver to ALO 71 Wing</i>

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
751	2/6 Cav		022210K	I 52	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 54 to 021900 (.) disposns as reported in sitrep 52 (.) AUPIK area (.) unmapped village V584005 clear of enemy (.) unnamed village V600003 reoccupied by enemy following airstrike 1 Mar (.) AUPIK 2 as marked on map does not exist believed vicinity A595988 (PART II): SECRET: MAURAK area (.) airstrike on V613017 on target (.) natives reported indication number killed and enemy abandoned village moving to NORTH and SOUTH (.) MILAK villages area (.) patrol to unnamed village V662014 then to vicinity unnamed village A644997 returning approx via V653014 (.) village A644997 still occupied by enemy otherwise NO mov seen (.) contact patrol 2/7 Aust Inf Bn arrived AUPIK 1 return 021645. (PART III): SECRET (.) Native report Japs in str unknown vicinity A572995 (.) JAP ambush reported vicinity V663005 also V665016 posn dug in and occupied by day at night enemy return MAPRIK area (.) ARAMAP area (.) HQ 2/7 Sqn on mov to HOUSE COPP (.) NO report.</p>
752	2/7 Bn		022345K	I 47	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 12 to 021900K (.) A Coy patrol F20 NOT yet returned (.) B Coy F21 returned 021250K report reached SAUNAMBE which is occupied (.) natives contacted reports 5 huts occupied by enemy who forage in nearby gardens (.) bivouac site used 26 hrs previously located 578960 (.) C Coy F22 contacted enemy vicinity ASIMBE 554950 cas own 1 killed 1 wounded enemy unknown area considered clear (.) F23 made NO contact report pad BARANGABANDANGI BALANGABADABIL WAHINBIL to AWI suitable L of C future ops (.) D Coy F16 attacked NORTH ASANAKOR 011830K killed 2 enemy burnt 10 huts 1 of enemy killed wearing tag with figures 65 (.) R3 report APOS clear (.) patrol following native report enemy ENDIPI report ENDIPI clear (.) NO report airstrike ASANAKOR.</p>
753	2/6 Cav		031000K	I 60	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 55 to 031000K SITNOR.</p>

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744	2/6 Cav		030600K	S 53	SECRET-(.)-intentiens-fer-3 Mar-(.)-AUPIK-area-(.)-patrol to-unnamed-village-V600002 (.)-strength-1-sjt
		CANCELLED			
745	2/7 Bn		030835K	I 45	RESTRICTED (.) package cap- tured document number 705 forwarded Cub 3 Mar ack re- ceipt of message.
746	2/7 Bn		030848K	PHONE	AUSTER left BALIF 030830K carrying one cas ACTION: 2/2 Fd Amb advised.
747	71 Wing		030850K	PHONE	6 BEAUS from 100 sqn depart- ing 0930 to bomb YUBANAKOUR. ACTION: Advised by R/T
748		2/7 Bn	030850K	PHONE	6 Aircraft 100 sqn leaving for YUBANAKOUR at 0930.
749	2/7 Bn		030950K		Ceiling 2000 weather-6/10 coverage 6/10 weather fine ACTION: WING advised 030905k
750	2/7 Bn		030000K	I 49	SECRET (.) sitrep 13 to 022100K (.) F20 returned 021930K re- port contacted 8 enemy vicini- ty 599990 cas enemy 6 killed 1 wounded own nil (.) contact made with A tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn (.) natives report enemy estimated strength 100 occupy AUPIK 588992.
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735		2/6 Cav	021700K	O 436	SECRET (.) ref air sp (.) in future following procedure will be adopted (.) first (.) following receipt of request from you this HQ will advise at earliest number of planes for task sqn and estimated time of departure (.) second (.) R/T flash to operator your set that aircraft have taken off (.) operator to be instructed to pass flash immediately to person concerned your HQ (.) third (.) on receipt of flash immediately to person concerned your HQ (.) third (.) on receipt of flash you will immediately listen out on ground to air R/T (.) fourth (.) aircraft will best comn with you shortly after taking off and advise ETA over target (.) fifth (.) mortar smoke indication will be laid 4 mins before ETA as advised by aircraft (.) if ETA NOT advised by aircraft when comn est it will be asked for (.) time from AITAPE to AMI area approx 20 mins (.) RAAF will greatly appreciate your co-operation on these lines (.) they report today that on arrival over target smoke was fired approx five miles to SOUTH possibly by enemy (.) have you any infm ref this.
736		17 Bde	021745K	I1314	SECRET (.) our I 1212 of 021415K (.) delete 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt (.) mov postponed all infm.
737		2/6 Cav	021820K		Ceiling unlimited (.) coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: Passed to WING
738	2/7 Bn		022020K	O 828	RESTRICTED (.) 6 Aust Div location statement 7 copy 9 ref G891 ack.
739	2/7 Bn		022220K		CUB will be in with medical goods as soon after first light as possible. Watch out for it.
740	2/7 Bn		021920K 022230K	I 46	SECRET (.) intentions for 3 Mar (.) B Coy (.) F24 same as F21 plus destroy huts SAUNAMBE CANCELLED: see next sheet

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740	2/7 Bn		022230K	I 46	SECRET (.) intentions for 3 Mar (.) B Coy (.) F 24 same as F2L plus destroy huts SAUNAMBE time out 030830K time in 031600K (.) C Coy (.) R4 to posn ASIMBE 554950 (.) time out 030830K time in 031400K (.) object bury our dead and ascertain location of village (.) Contact patrol as 2 Mar.
741	2	2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav	022355K	<i>Phone</i>	Do you require any air sp tomorrow (.) have received nothing from you and have aircraft waiting work.
742		2/7 Bn	030007K	<i>Phone</i>	Ref your message re aircraft (.) two requests made before 2000K.
743	2/7 Bn		030600K	O 75	RESTRICTED (.) A NOT before 030800K NOT after 031200K (.) B (.) bomb and strafe (.) C (.) destroy enemy and village (.) D (.) YABANAKOR village (.) E (.) ref 483878 (.) F (.) unknown (.) G (.) NIL (.) I (.) native and AIB patrol (.) J (.) INAKOR (.) K (.) 1888 (.) L (.) NO (.) M (.) NOT NORTH village ref 483878 waggle wings over INAKOR.
744	2/6 Cav		030600K	S 53	SECRET (.) intentions for 3 Mar (.) AUPIK area (.) patrol to unnamed village V600002 (.) strength 1 sjt 10 ORs (.) object to observe enemy mov (.) MAURAK area (.) patrol to V613017 (.) strength 1 and 20 (.) object observe result of airstrike and mortar fire 2 Mar (.) MI- LAK villages area (.) patrol to A644992 (.) object to receive OR for airstrike also patrol to investigate Jap ambush vicinity V663005.

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732	16 Bde		021415K 021620K	II312	SECRET (.) sitrep 35 to 021400K (.) COASTAL SECTOR (.) 011900K one 75 mm duel purpose gun less breach block six boxes amm and one HMG captured V749297 (.) 011000K one enemy killed V738289 captured docs being fwd (.) one SMLE rifle less mag belt recovered V736286 (.) docs sketches med text-book found V749290 being fwd (.) 020023K one enemy killed V742290 (.) one twenty-two mm one point five ingun captured (.) 020840K patrol killed one enemy V760296 (.) enemy contacted V760290 (.) patrol engaged by two enemy LMGs 2 and rifles V764296 (.) mortar fire xxxxx laid down on enemy posn (.) MALIN SECTOR (.) 1 feb probable enemy posn or junc V742253 (.) result action V762247 reported sitrep 34 one additional enemy killed (.) total cas all sec tors from and incl 28 jan to 021400K cas own thirtyone killed sixtyone woundedcas enemy two hundred and seventy killed (.) loc change 2/2 aust inf bn V749290 (.) topo rds EAST 021415K of map close d
733	16 Bde		021415K 021635K	II313	SECRET (.) amendments to 16 Aust Inf Bde LOCSTAT no 2 infm up to 021400K (.) CAV (.) 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn (.) 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn now reads less A B and C tps (.) C tp WOLHUK CK698247 (.) ARTY (.) 2/1 Aust Fd Regt (.) 1 Bty (.) A NUM R 726292 (.) INF (.) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn (.) A Coy SOWOM 749290.
734	6 Div		021620K 021635K	G 1292	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 3 Mar (.) NO material change present conditions further showers highlands in afternoon and night (.) seas slight moderate swell (.) Rivers slightly above normal all infm.

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728	6 Div		021455K	AO 568	SECRET (.) request tac R 3 mar (.) V650080 V710080 A710980 V640980 (.) object locate enemy report mov (.) NO bomb- ing or strafing (.) own tps MILAK V653030 HOUSE COPP V703069 (.) preliminary message to C tp 2/7 aust cdo sqn V703069.
729		2/7 Bn	021445K	I 123	RESTRICTED (.) your FSS 738 141 ack
730	2/7 Bn		021520K	O 104	REST (.) CUB departed 021415K ETA 021510K (.) Bde Command- er on board.
731		6 Div	021400K	O 435	SECRET (.) sitrep 83 to 021330K (.) 2/7 aust inf bn (.) 28 feb 4 in mortar shoot from A567998 on target at A588966 NOT effective owing to diffi- culty in ranging (.) 1 mar patrol MATAHUM to A569967 contacted natives who stated SAUNAMBE A561960 clear but enemy str unknown sleeping at LAHINGA A585950 fora- ging to WEST daily (.) patrol BARANGABANDANGI A541992 WAHIMBII A540967 following mortar conc located 1 en- emy seriously wounded (.) patrol BOMBETA 2 A488975 ASANAKOR A451925 reported village occupied (.) patrol still in progress (.) one jap killed vicinity INAKOR A450934 (.) native sentry reported APOS area clear (.) native with contact patrol returning from AUPIK A598009 reported 30/40 enemy V585001 withdrew SOUTH (.) native reports (.) natives with japs at ILAHETA A555939 are from MUSCHU ISLAND (.) renegade native MUSUS reported with this party (.) B coy 2/6 aust inf bn now at WURITA A485985 (.) 2/6 aust cav cdo regt (.) 1 mar (.) patrol from V621017 to V640002 - reported village clear but enemy strongly dug in vil- lage A643997 (.) one enemy dead located MILAK area result action 20 feb (.) following airstrike and mor- tar conc patrol occupied EAST end village V613017 but enemy counter attack forced patrol to withdraw (.) cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded (.) native re- ports japs in str moved from MAPRIK to village V663013 sentries on all tracks (.) KAUMALA area (.) patrol KAUMALA V695413 to HOUSE COPP V703069 killed 3 believed part of enemy recce party (.) 011400K C tp 2/7 sqn departed ARAMAP for HOUSE COPP all infm.

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722	2/6 Bn		021240K	I 106	SECRET (.) 021200K routine patrol A reported in (.) nothing to report.
723	2/6 Cav	unquote (.) second (.) Bn time for 1100 hrs as aircraft were at first for indn of target (.) interval COMN prevented detachment (.) fourth (.) were asked to identify over target smoke was followed (.) sixth (.)	021305K	149	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 429 of 011615K (.) first your R/T signal of 010800K as read quote 6 aircraft 8 sqn leaving 011100K for 2/7 Bn (.) 3 aircraft leaving at 1300K for map ref 613017 (.) 6 aircraft 100 sqn 1300K for map ref 598002 in view of STRIKE for 2/7 as reported your R/T message ignored until they called third (.) break down in contact with indicating strike followed (.) confusion seems to have occurred through corruption of your R/T signal
724	2/6 Cav		021350K	S 51	RESTRICTED (.) ref your O 434 (.) ack. Noted ack register.
725	2/7 Bn		021350K	R/T	Ack your 0434 ACTION: Noted ack register.
726		6 Div	021400K	O 455	SECRET (.) sitrep 83 to 021330K <i>Cancelled</i>
727	6 Div		020900K	REX: 892	SECRET (.) amendment 2 to RAE LOCSTAT no 4 (.) serial 5 amend location to BUT WEST V687283 (.) delete serial 17 (.) add serial 32 2/6 AIB 13 pl V271388 Lt HURLEY (.) add serial 33 2/6 AIB 14 pl V358367 Lt MORRISON (.) serials 32 33 attached 2/8 aust fd coy (.) Ack.

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715		2/7 Bn	021115K	I 22	RESTRICTEDS (3) 7ybar packages FSS 732 FSS 357 FSS 336 336 338 339 340 341 ack.
716	WING		021047K	PHONE	6 Beauforts 8 sqn took off for target 613017 ACTION: 2/6 Cav advised by R/T
717	6 Div		020900K	GI 289	RESTRICTED (.) herewith 40 waterproof folders for car- rying air phs or maps.
718	2/7 Bn		021100K	I 41	RESTRICTED (.) enclosed map captured WAHINBIL 540968
719	71 Wing		021145K	PHONE	4 BEAUFORTS 100 sqn took off 021135K ACTION: Passed to 2/7 bn by R/T.
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720	6 Div		021145K	AO567	SECRET : request three copies type 1 mosaic large scale irregular shaped area A522948 V596010 A 635995 A518882 (.) first priority task (.) re- quired future ops.
721	2/7 Bn	<i>6 Div</i> <i>Intercept</i>	'021240K		FOR FRY (.) party and equipment of BALIF expect broadcast Jap and Pidgeon tomorrow (.) DACOSTA considers interpre- ter here ex 2/5 Bn competent to read the prepared SPEECHES (.) ETA DACOSTA AITAPE Thurs- day please arrange onward move (.) third SSEL.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
702	2/6 Cav		0208012K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 6/10 weather slight mist clearing ACTION: Phoned to Wing 0826
703	2/7 Bn		020730K		Ceiling 500 coverage 9/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned Wing 0800K
704	2/6 Cav		020830K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 6/10 weather misty. ACTION: Phoned Wing 0830K
705	2/7 Bn		020830K		Ceiling 3000 coverage 5/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 0835K
706	6 Div				<p>1. 2 officers 2/5 bn ro report to ALO 100 sqn at 021030K.</p> <p>2. Yesterday during arty/R smoke was used by 4.2 mortars and corrected on target in the usual way. Then 4 rds HE were salvoed. NO bursts observed reason unknown so shoot was cancelled.</p> <p>3. 1 Mar during strike by 100 sqn mortars using smoke were firing on other targets and 2 smoke fires were burning in village occupied by own tps. A/C made 2 bombing runs with bomb doors open over fires.</p> <p align="center"><i>Para 3 - Forward to 2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav</i></p>
707	2/7 Bn		020930K	I 36	<p>RESTRICTED (.) purpose despatching IMPORTANT official document and enemy document by CUB (.) if agreeable proposal please inform (.) RAAF agreeable (.) package enemy documents number 738 forwarding by CUB 6 Mar. Ack receipt package.</p> <p align="right"><i>WILLS to collect 1200K</i></p>
708	2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav		020930K		Ceiling 4000 coverage 6/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned Wing 020945K

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700	2/6 Cav Cdo.		011945K 012220K	I.158 <u>PART 1</u>	SECRET(.)sitrep 52 to 011900K(.) disposns(.)adv RHQ and 2/10 aust cav cdo sqn HQ plus 1 sec A tp AMI 2(.)A tp less 1 sec unnamed village V598007 B tp MILAK vill- ages C tp unnamed village V622017 (.)2/7 aust cav cdo sqn less A and C tps and 1 sec B tp ARAMAP(.)A tp plus 1 sec B tp KAUMALA(.)C tp en route HOUSE COPP V703069(.) MILAK villages area(.)patrol to V640002 report village clear of enemy but enemy strongly en- trenched in unnamed village A643997
				<u>PART 2:</u> 011830K 020145K	1 additional jap found dead MILAK villages result our action 20 feb (.)MAURAK area(.)bomb strike OFF target strafe good 2 secs att- acked following 3 in mortar conc (.)area booby trapped(.)own tps occupied EAST village but enemy counter attacked forced tps to withdraw(.)own cas 1 slightly wounded due enemy action and 4 slight injuries due explosion of grenade in discharger enemy one known killed(.)AUPIK area(.) air strike and 3 inch mortar conc on target V600003 result NOT yet to hand(.)native infm(.) report japs in str moved from MAPRIK to unnamed village V663013
				<u>PART 3:</u> 011830K	sentries on all tracks leading to village(.)TUL TUL ARMAHAUK report japs move daily to V538004 for food(.)2/7 sqn(.)patrol to HOUSE COPP V703069 killed 3 japs believed part of enemy recce party(.)evidence of large enemy party moving HOUSE COPP(.) correction to ref HOUSE COPP V703069(.)011400K C tp move out en route HOUSE COPP <u>ACTION:</u>
701	2/6 Cav. Cdo		012000K 012340K	I.159	SECRET(.)intentions 2 mar(.)MILAK villages area(.)patrol to un- named village V662013 to investi- gate native report(.)AUPIK area(.) patrol to V584005 str 1 sjt 10 ors investigate native report(.) patrol to unnamed village V600003 str 1 cpl 5 ors to investigate result of strike 1 mar(.)MAURAK area(.)air strike and mortar conc V613017(.)ARAMAP area(.)adv sqn HQ departing 020830 for HOUSE COPP V703069(.)2 secs B tp moving to KAUMALA <u>ACTION:</u>

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	697		6 DIV.	012210K	0.432	RESTRICTED(.)request for tac R(.) one sortie on 2 mar one sortie on 3 mar(.)area(.)V710080 A710980 A640980 A650080(.)object to locate enemy and report any enemy mov(.)NO bombing or strafing(.)own tps MILAK villages V643030 and HOUSE COPP V703069(.)preliminary messages to be dropped C tp 2/7 cav cdo sqn HOUSE COPP V703069
	698		6 DIV.	012225K	0.431	SECRET(.)confirming phone conversation duty offr IO(.)request for air strike 2/7 aust inf bn(.)A(.)NOT before 021200K NOT after 021300K(.)B(.)bomb and strafe(.)C(.)destry enemy and huts(.)D(.)ASANAKOR two posns first large two large huts on bushy ridge lone coconut palm second 5 huts 6 large palms and tree(.)e(.)unknown(.)G(.)on approach of aircraft a large hut will be fired at 448930 first target 500 yards bearing 121 degrees magnetic from fire second target 200 yards bearing 126 degrees magnetic from fire(.)I(.)own tps natives and sentry boys 281500K(.)J(.)after lighting fires tps will move to NW corner of INAKOR 445934(.)K(.)NOT NORTH track junc 448930(.)L(.)attack to move SOUTH EAST ASANAKOR on completion of strafe(.)last aircraft waggle wix wings over INAKOR(.)general(.)strage NORTH to SOUTH(.)request maximum strike possible
	699	2/7 Bn		011915K 012200K	I.37. PART 1:	SECRET(.)intentions for 2 mar(.)patrols(.)A coy(.)F20 to AMUK RIVER to 572987 and up track to area 589996 and return(.)time out 020900K time in 021400K(.)object obtain str and disposns of enemy in this area(.)B coy(.)F21 same as F18(.)time out 020830K time in 021600K(.)object clear track to end incl SAUNAMBE if clear ascertain str and disposns enemy at LAKINGA(.) F22 PART 2: C coy(.)to BALANGABADA/BIL to approx 555970 along spur to ILAHETA (X) and return by main track time out 020830K time in 021400K object to obtain str and disposns enemy on route and at ILAHETA(.)D.coy 16 pl to attack ASANAKOR after air strike 021300K also recce to APOS to confirm sentry report R3(.)contact control patrol same Mar 1(.)C coy F23 SOUTH to AWI and return time out 020830K time in 021600K object clear area and locate LofC from AWI to BARANGABANDANGI ACTION:

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	694.	2/6 Cav	Cdo.	011830K 012115K	I.158	SECRET(.)request 2 Tac/R sorties 1 on Mar 2nd 1 on Mar 3rd(.) area to be flown(.)bounded by a NORTH SOUTH line through LAKE IMBIA on EAST WEST line through MAPRIK a NORTH SOUTH line through un-named village V649023 and an EAST WEST line through BUMIGEN V678080(.)object locate enemy and report any enemy mov(.)NO bombing or strafing(.)own tps MILAK villages V643030 and HOUSE KOPP V703069(.)preliminary messages to be dropped C tp 2/7 aust cdo sqn at HOUSE KOPP V703069 <u>ACTION:</u>
	695		2/7 Bn 2/6 Cdo.	012200K	0.433	SECRET(.)air sp 2 mar(.)6 air- craft 8 sqn leaving approx 021100K for V613017 8 aircraft 100 sqn leaving approx 021130K for ASANAKOR
	696	2/7 Bn		011900K 012130K	I.38 <u>PART 1</u>	SECRET(.)sitrep 10 to 011900K(.) A coy(.)protection pl with M4.2 inch to vicinity 567998 patrolled 1000 yards SOUTH along AMUK RIVER reported NO evidence recent enemy mov(.)M 4.2 inch mortar x shoot NOT effective on 588966 difficulty in ranging(.)B coy(.) patrol F18 returned 011330K report reached point 569967(.) enemy bivouac site estimated contain 30 at 568979 used pre- vious night(.)natives contacted stated SAUNAMBE clear but enemy str unknown sleeping LAHINGA foraging to WEST daily(.)C coy patrol F19 returned 011600K moved out with M3 to 4 inch posn engaged enemy posn WAHIMBIL 540967 previously reported 559951(.) patrol moved into village found one jap seriously injured wounded confirmed three killed patrol F15 (.)documents and identity tag with figures 68 also purple unit patch found(.)village now clear(.) D coy native sentry sent to confirm if enemy at APOS report area clear(.)patrol F16 ASANAKOR occupied(.)one jap killed vicinity INAKOR(.)patrol continuing oper- ations(.)F11 returned 011200K nothing further to report(.)B coy 2/6 aust inf bn in posn WARITA. <u>ACTION:</u>
					<u>PART 2:</u>	

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684		2/6 Cav Cdo.	011615K	0.429	RESTRICTED(.)ref air sp to-day(.) your 0.119 and our R/T message 010805K refer(.)RAAF advise three planes to bomb V613017 NOT before 011100K NOT after 011300K were informed when over target(.)first (.)they were NOT required to bomb target until 011300K(.)second(.) when misunderstanding cleared up NO mortar smoke was put down for 25 mins after arrival of aircraft in area(.)in view of time limit laid down by you and advise from us by R/T message of 010805K and verbal R/T flash at 011107K that planes were on way this is hard to understand(.)in future put down mortar smoke on approach of aircraft and listen out on R/T(.) would appreciate your comments on misunderstanding to-day
685	6 Aust Div		011640K 011700K	GI.288	RESTRICTED(.)forecast 2 Mar(.) continuation of present conditions (.)night showers mostly confined to foothills(.)hy showers in afternoon on ranges(.)otherwise fine with broken cloud(.)moderate swell seas slight(.)rivers slightly above normal all infm.
686	16 Bde		011415K 011725K	I1307	SECRET(.)amendment 16 Aust Inf Bde/LOCSTAT no. 2 infm up to 011400K(.)2/2 Bn(.)BHQ SOWOM EAST V745296(.)A coy location to be advised(.)B coy SOWOM WEST 741296 (.)C coy SOWOM EAST 747296(.)D coy SOWOM WEST 750294(.)HQ coy SOWOM WEST 743296(.)2/3 MG Bn(.)C coy MIMA CREEK 671248(.)2/1 Fd coy(.) 2 pl PAUB CREEK 687253 all infm.
687	2/7 Bn		010820K 011715K	I 32	SECRET(.)LOCSTAT to 282359K(.) BHQ and 4 pl BAUPUTA 531012(.)A coy less 9 pl and det M3 and sec MG NUMANGO 355007(.)9 pl vicinity MAMIT 357009(.)B coy plus det M3 and sub sec MG MALAHUM 554990.
	PART (II)	See after Serial 676		PART 1:	
688	2/6 Cav Cdo		011530K 011905K	K.1	RESTRICTED(.)for DADPR capt BAZ(.) war correspondent KEANE remaining meantime 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn(.)ack
689		2/6 Cav Cdo	011915K	0.493	RESTRICTED(.)your K.1 restricted of 011530K ack.
690	2/6 Bn		011850K 011925K	I.104	SECRET(.)011400K number 4 pl arrived back in camp area.
691	6 DIV		011700K 012020K	0.565	SECRET(.)revisit 116 to 011500K(.)
692		2/7 Bn	012010K	0.494	RESTRICTED(.)SUNRAY with AUSTER ETA 020930K
693		6 DIV.	012010K	0.430	SECRET(.)request for air sp 2/6 Aust cav cdo regt 2 mar(.)repeat strike on unnamed village V613017 requested in our 0.422 of 282000K(.)all particulars the same except request direction of attack be 306 degrees magnetic from AMI V598032(.)request as many aircraft as possible make attack(.)one attack only required

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80	6 Div	bn 100 agricultural unit 50 others 25 total 695 (.) full translation following please advise likely identity of TAKAHASHI	011530	KGI 285	<p>SECRET (.) for GS int (.) captured enemy ration state dated 25 Jan 45 reveals following strengths of AOZU det (.) 1 Bn 237 Regt 50 2 Bn 239 regt 100 41 div med unit 50 FUJI RIVER Sector unit HQ 20 AKASAKA gd unit 50 AOKATSU village unit 60 AOKATSU unit 30 FUKADA Coy 40 MOKA reading unit 120 TAKAHASHI</p> <p><i>ACTION: This info concerns 16 Bde Sector only at the moment</i></p>
681	6 Div		011550	KDO 428	<p>RESTRICTED (.) request one tac/R sortie 020900K area AMUK river between ILAHOP and ORIGINAMBU villages (.) purpose of recce obtain infm about enemy on both sides of river (.) posn of our tps patrols ILAHOP and AUPIK areas (.) strafe only SOUTH A600950.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Passed to Div by sig</i></p>
682	2/7 Bn		011450	O 47	<p>RESTRICTED (.) A TAC/R (.) B (.) one (.) C (.) 020900K (.) D (.) AMUK RIVER between ILAHOP and CHIGINAMBU VILLAGES (.) E (.) Information about enemy on both sides of river (.) F (.) suspected MOVEMENT across river (.) G (.) patrol ILAHOP area also patrol AUPIK area (.) L (.) strafe only SOUTH 600950.</p>
683	16 Bde	6 Div	011550	I 1306	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 34 to 011200K (.) COASTAL SECTOR 281530K one Coy occupied WEST SOWOM village V742296 (.) patrol to V747297 NMS (.) enemy does diaries found V739590 being fwd (.) MALIN sector (.) 281030K patrol engaged enemy V744248 cas own 3 wounded cas enemy 2 killed (.) 2 enemy killed V737248 and V727247 (.) enemy str 15/20 attack patrol V745245 (.) 1 Mar Arty engaged enemy V745245 (.) As result tree burst cas own 1 killed 3 wounded (.) total cas all sec from and incl 28 Jan 012100K own 31 killed 61 wounded cas enemy 203 killed (.) TOPO roads east of NIAP closed (.) all infm.</p>

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676	2/7 Bn		101440K	I 34	SECRET (.) sitrep 9 to 011000K (.) A Coy (.) patrol F12 returned 281900K report contact made 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt 281300K (.) While returning sentry with patrol reported 30/40 enemy 585001 withdrew SOUTH (.) Native report natives with enemy ILAHITA associated (.) natives from MUSCHU ISLAND (.) renegade native MUSUS reported with this party (.) C Coy security patrol observe track 3 enemy with natives heading SOUTH on track BARANGABANDANGI BALANGABADABIL at 010630K (.) contact patrol report area clear.
(PART II) 132 Serial 687					(PART II): C Coy and det M3 and subsec MGs BARANGABANDANGI 541992 (.) D Coy and two det M3 BOMBETA 487975 (.) B ech 532010 (.) det 2/2 Fd Amb 121012 (.) adv elements 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ-531012 (.) 2/5 supply pl 532010 (.) two det M 4.2 at MALAHUM 554990 (.) det FELO propaganda broadcast 531012.
677	6 Div		011445K	AO 561	SECRET (.) request armed tac/R 2 Mar to check following native report (.) enemy mov WEST from MARUI A6553 began two weeks ago (.) approx 300 japs under Capt. ATANOW moving to AMBUNTI A4434 area and occupy TUNGASUM A3043 WASHKUK A3437 ORAMBANGI A3142 TONGWINBANJI A2740 SESERIMAN A3038 (.) WASHKUK natives fled to KOINIMU area A4258 using large canoes (.) staging pts MARUI A6553 AVATIP A5642 MALU A4831 YAMBON A3426 to WASHKUK lagoon A3443 (.) many japs moving to SEPIK river by track YAMIL A7999 KOROGO A8247 (.) 20/30 japs many sick incl first lts YAMAHOKA and TAKUDA sec lt YAMASOTA at MOI A5066 (.) request also Capt COLE of ANGAU accompany aircraft purpose recce area for future ops (.) country is fairly level and open suitable for beaufort recce (.) should be opportunities for strafing (.) target bomb line NOT NORTH of EAST WEST grid line A60 except that MOI may be attacked.
678	2/7 Bn		011455K	O 49	RESTRICTED (.) please drop 6 extra bird codes if available. <i>ACTION: Copies will be dropped 2 Mar</i>
679	2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav		011525K	O 427	SERIAL 667 REPEATED.

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Tel	From	To	TOO & FOR	Orig No	Message
672		6 Div	011310K	0 426	RESTRICTED (.) request for air photo (.) two sets vertical mosaic loose large scale of area bounded by A522948 V 596010 A635995 A 518882 (.) required at earliest for future ops.
673	2/7 Bn		011205K 011330K	0 48	RESTRICTED (.) for AUSTER pilot in action (.) smoke fire in action will lit at each end of strip ten minutes before ETA of each aircraft.
674		6 Div	011400K	0 425	<p>SECRET (.) sitrep 82 to 011400K (.) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (.) 281300K patrol BARANGABANDANGI A541992 to A552951 contacted approx 25 enemy with LMG at this pt (.) cas enemy 3 killed own nil (.) 281300K patrol BARANGABANDANGI BALANGABADABIL A542978 ILAHOP A560984 BARANGABANDANGI reported tracks NOT recently used by enemy (.) 281650K patrol NUMANGO V553008 to V566009 along AMUK river to A567998 MALAHUM A555992 reported NO sign of enemy (.) patrol MALAHUM ILAHOP to A565974 reported NO contact (.) 281750K 2 day patrol BOMBETA 2 A488975 ENDIPI A491956 BU A505946 to A546942 BARANGABANDANGI reported NO contact (.) patrol burnt AWI village A531942 (.) 2 small staging camps NOT used for 2 weeks located vicinity AWI (.) patrol confirmed native kill of 3 japs reported our sitrep 81 (.) 2/6 aust cav cdo regt (.) AMI area (.) 28 feb (.) harassing fire directed on village V613017 some enemy rifle and LMG fire returned (.) cas enemy 3 killed own nil (.) patrol from V599007 reported fresh enemy tracks square V5801 NO contact (.) 281430K contact patrol from 2/7 aust inf bn reached V599007 (.) following accurate airstrike on village V640002 patrol drove enemy to village A643998 (.) attack on this posn repulsed by enemy LMG and rifle fire (.) posn occupied by 60 enemy dug in (.) native reports 27 feb enemy this area reinforced from direction of MARIK (.) natives also report enemy mov towards ILAHOP (.) ARAMAP area (.) 28 feb 2/3 aust MG bn patrol departed KAUMALA V693142 for ABOAMA F685175 all infm.</p>
675	2/7 Bn		1kk4k5J 011345K	0 50	RESTRICTED (.) CUB 011345K ETA 011425K (.) passenger SC.

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666	2/6 Cav		011200K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 5/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 011222K
667	6 Div	GI 2740 SESERIMAN A3036 KONINIMU area 194258 (.) ing pts MARUI A6553 AVATIP A5642 MALU A4831 YAMBON A3426 to WASHKUK lagoon A3443 (.) to SEPIK RIVER by track YAMIL A7999 KOROGO A8247 (.) 20/30 Japs many sick incl first Lts YAMAHOKA and TAKUOA sec Lt YAMASOTO at MOI A5066	011100K 011205K	GI 284	SECRET (.) AIB patrol reports (.) natives report enemy mov WEST from MARUI A6553 began two weeks ago (.) approx 300 japs under Capt ATANOX moving to AMBUNTI A4434 area and occupy TUNGA- SUM A3403 WASHKUK 3437 ORAMBANGI 3142 TOWGWIMBAN- (.) WASHKUK natives fled to (.) large canoes used (.) staging pts MARUI A6553 AVATIP A5642 MALU A4831 YAMBON A3426 to WASHKUK lagoon A3443 (.) Many Japs moving to SEPIK RIVER by track YAMIL A7999 KOROGO A8247 (.) 20/30 Japs many sick incl first Lts YAMAHOKA and TAKUOA sec Lt YAMASOTO at MOI A5066 <i>Passed to 2/7 Bn + 2/6 Cav.</i>
668	ALO 4 Sqn		011255K		AUSTER left Strip 1240K ACTION: 2/7 Bn advised by R/T 011257K
669	2/6 Bn		011245K 011300K	I 103	SECRET (.) 011145K A Coy ar- rived bn area from trg area Z867558.
670	2/6 Cav		011230K 011310K		Ceiling 6000 coverage 6/10 weather fine.
671	2/6 Cav	enemy str operating in area NOT less than 100 (.) native infm considered reliable (.) area morning 27 feb from direction of MAPRIK (.) area (.) native report 50 enemy occupying V584005 (.) ARAMAP S tnor.	011015K 011235K	I 156	SECRET (.) sitrep 51 to 011000K (.) MILAK village area (.) further infm following airstrike on V640002 of 28 Feb (.) enemy withdrew to A643998 (.) further attack repulsed by enemy LMG and rifle fire (.) further recce report enemy str at least 60 dug in A643998 (.) estimate area NOT less than 100 (.) native infm considered reliable (.) enemy rft this direction of MAPRIK (.) AUPIK 50 enemy occupying V584005 (.)

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662		2/7 Bn			<p>IO: 1. NO air sp on ASINA-KOR possible today owing to three earlier requests having been teed up leaving NO more available. Please get requests in to reach us by 2000 hrs. 2. Ref Arty/R (.) air sp already requested and approved on village.</p> <p>What is the What is the posn? ADJT: Have made arrangements with Cav to do shoot. They wish to pound target today. IO: Aircraft are out in your area now see if you can arrange with them to do the job if NOT too early. 3. Pilot of Cub states you are NOT being notified of departure from this end. 4. BM and I have personally supervised the passing of information each time. ADJT: We have received notification each time but have NOT been taking stretcher cases down to strip until plane arrives as it sometimes does NOT get through. It is 20 min carry from here. Will do everything possible to prevent delay in departure of AUSTER from here. IO: 5. IO advised particulars of airstrikes today.</p> <p>FURTHER CONVERSATION 011030K:</p> <p>IO: Did Wirraways carry out Arty/R? ADJT: NO. Am trying to contact 2/6 Cav to see if shoot at 011400K is OK with them. IO: Can arrange for BEAUFORTS leaving here 1300 on strike for 2/6 Cav to do job after strike if still required. Advise at earliest if still required. ADJT: OK.</p> <p>ACTION: Advice received 011220K that Arty/R required.</p>
663	2/7 Bn		011020K 011045K	O 44	<p>RESTRICTED (.) ARTY/R 1100 hrs cancelled (.) waiting reply from Lt/Col HENNESSY if OK to SHOOT 1400 (.) If OK advise earliest.</p> <p>ACTION: Already advised by R/T</p>
664	2/7 Bn		011115K	O 45	<p>RESTRICTED (.) CUB OVERDUE. Overhead 0920 Last reported 6 miles south headed EAST (.) please advise if it returned.</p>
<u>665</u>	2/7 Bn		010935K 011130K	I 33	<p>SECRET (.) request for air PHS ref maps NANU east MAPRIK (.) with (.) one set (.) vertical mosaic loose (.) large scale (.) area bounded by 522948 596010 635995 51882 (.) required earliest (.) purpose future OPS</p> <p><i>Passed to Div-car 0426</i></p>

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654	71 Wing		011008K		6 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn took off 011003K for 2/7 bn target.
655	2/6 Cav		011000K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 5/10 weather fine. ACTION: Passed to WING 011025K
656	2/6 Bn		010954K 011025K	I 102	SECRET (.) 010730K D Coy moved out en route Z867558 for pl trg exercises (.) A Coy due back in Bn area 011200K
657	2/6 Cav		011045K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 9/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 011100K
658		2/7 Bn	011135K		CUB has new driver unable to get in this morning owing to low cloud (.) will leave here again about 1300 (.) arrange smoke on strip.
659	F/O FISER	BM	011130K		AUSTER did not get in due to cloud - try again 1300K. WE will indicate strip with smoke for new pilot. ACTION: Advised 2/7 Bn
660	2/6 Cav		011120K		Ceiling 7000 coverage 4/10 weather fine. ACTION: WING advised 011120K
661	6 Div		011000K 011125K	AO 55B	SECRET (.) request following new air force bomblines as from 022400K (.) NOT WEST 82 GRID SOUTH from V820289 to V820100 thence WEST along IO GRID V700100 thence SOUTH along 70 GRID to SEPIK RIVER thence along SEPIK RIVER to CAPE GIRGIR and incl islands to NORTH (.) all infm. <i>Advise 6 Div Case</i>

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647	71 Wing		010805K		6 Aircraft 8 sqn will take off 011000K to attack 2/7 bn target. 3 Aircraft 8 sqn will take off 011100K for V613017. 6 Aircraft 100 sqn taking off 011300K for V598002. ACTION: 2/7 Bn 2/6 Cav notified by R/T
648	17 Bde		010945K	I 121	RESTRICTED (.) your packages D506B FSS700 FSS702 ack.
649	2/6 Cav		010930K		Ceiling 8000 coverage 5/10 weather fine. ACTION: Phoned Wing 0950K
650		2/5 Bn			SUNRAY leaves first CUB 2 Mar. Would like to see Maj HAY and Col HENNESSY.
651	17 Bde		020920K	O 492	RESTRICTED (.) your G811 of 27 Feb 45 ack.
652	2/7 Bn		010900K 010935K	I 30	RESTRICTED (.) Package captured Sigs No 737 forwarded COURIER 1 March (.) ACK receipt package
653	2/7 Bn		282000K 011045K	O 36	(PART II of SERIAL 644) RESTRICTED: Tac/R today excellent (.) Request Tac/R 011400 (.) Area (.) Between grid 56 to 58 and 96 approach 98 (.) Very close to discover damage from bombing and enemy in area (.) Pay particular attention to both sides of track from 560980 to 580960 (.) Patrol report enemy definitely in area (.) Own troops ILAHOP (.) NO strafing.
654					