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HEADQUARTERS 17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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The gen situation at the beginning of the month was that 2/5 Aust Inf Bn having almost completed the clearing of the MALABASAKUM gp of villages were once more turning towards the EAST, to complete the task allotted to them of clearing the enemy from WEST of the YOIBI River between the 99 and 95 lateral grids.

Enemy had clung most tenaciously to his posns in the MALABASAKUM area, and the clearing of a considerable number of pockets held by parties varying from 10 to 50 in str had been far more difficult and arduous than it had been anticipated.

The immediate objective of the Bn was the ULUPU Villages. Natives had stated that the enemy had constr strong def in this area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn, after a short period of comparative inactivity in the YAMIL area, were proceeding with the clearing of the CHOLOGWIN RIDGE, as the first phase of their mov to the EAST to secure the KABOIBUS area. A Coy were again moving to the high ground to the NORTH to clear the left flank and gd all approaches to and from the NORTH.

2 NG Inf Bn had quickly commenced the tasks allotted to them in Op Instr No 14, having in the few days since their arrival cleared the MIKAU and TUWAGIM areas. The area between the AMUK River and the MAPRIK - MARUI Rd SOUTH to the 85 grid line was considered to be clear of enemy. The clearing of the KWIMBU area and SOUTH to the WOSERA area was proceeding.

The enemy plan appeared still to be to delay our adv to EAST for as long as possible.

CHOLOGWIN RIDGE had been held in str estimated to be 100/150 enemy, some of whom were still holding posns on the ridge. It appears as if our adv to the KABOIBUS area will be strongly opposed by enemy dug in in strong def posns on the two ridges to the WEST of that area.

The holding of the ULUPU and KALAUURU areas in str also appears likely.

Whether it is the intention of the Jap Army Comd to withdraw all his forces to the SEPIK River by tracks leading SOUTH from BUKINARA area to the KOROGO area and from the MT TURU and SASSUIA area to the KARARAU area, in view of the adv of 19 Aust Inf Bde SOUTH from WEWAK across the PRINCE ALEXANDER Ranges and our adv to the EAST, or whether it is

intended to make a final stand in the MT TURU area is still a matter for conjecture.

Captured documents, PW and native infm have indicated a stand in the MT TURU area, but recent native infm of unknown reliability states that the plan now is to withdraw to the SOUTH. Without doubt every effort to delay the adv of this Bde and 19 Aust Inf Bde will continue for the time being, whatever the enemy plan may be.

- 17 Aust Inf Bde disposns as at 1 Jul 45 were:
- |                         |          |         |        |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde      | MAPRIK   | A678994 |        |
| Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde | AITAPE   |         |        |
| 2/46 Aust LAD           | AITAPE   |         |        |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn         | NEWTONS  |         |        |
|                         | KNOLL    | A754980 |        |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn         | YAMIL 2  | A788988 |        |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn         | AITAPE   |         |        |
| 2 NG Inf Bn             | HAYFIELD | A676904 |        |
| 1 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt     |          |         |        |
| one 75 mm gun           |          | A770975 | under  |
| one 75 mm gun           |          | A762960 | comd   |
|                         |          |         | 2/5 Bn |
| 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt     | HAYFIELD | A684924 |        |
| 2/23 Aust Sup Dep Pl    | SOLONGAN | V790006 |        |
| 2/24 Aust Sup Dep Pl    | NEWTONS  |         |        |
|                         | KNOLL    | A754980 |        |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb         |          |         |        |
| ADS                     | YAMIL 1  | A785990 |        |
| MDS                     | MAPRIK   | A678994 |        |

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1 JULOPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

BAUM A758952 and posn at A783974 approx 1000 yds NW of KALAURO MISSION were occupied without opposition.

KUNAI KNOLL A771971 was engaged by 75 mm fire during the day.

Enemy were reported to be occupying gardens at A767953 in unknown str.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy posns at V802000 and A799999 were reported to be clear. Enemy were cleared from posns on CHOLOGWIN RIDGE at A797990 but were contacted in unknown str lower down the ridge at A794986.

To the NORTH area V810014 was reported occupied by enemy in unknown str.

2 NG Inf Bn

ABUSIT A663849 and KWIMBU A737837 were cleared of enemy and occupied. WAIGAKUM 3 was found to have been vacated and was also occupied. WAIGAKUM 2 was reported to be still held by the enemy.

Native reports were that enemy were in str in the TURUKO A783883 and UENGE A811901 areas. Eqpt and stores which had been at TURUKO had recently been moved to GWALIP area A8292.

Cas for the day were 6 enemy killed and 2 wounded own cas were nil.

GEN

MAPRIK - YAMIL Rd was by the end of the day jeepable to the PARCHI River at A746981.

2 JULOPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Continuing to close in on ULUPU area, A Coy moved to posn A783970 approx 1000 yds NW of KALAURO MISSION and

B Coy moved EAST to A760950. No opposition was encountered by either coy.

Enemy posns were located at A778967 and A764953.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On CHOLOGWIN RIDGE an enemy posn was contacted at A794986.

2 NG Inf Bn

KUNJINGE MISSION A662832 was occupied without opposition. WAIGAKUM area was completely cleared with the capture of WAIGAKUM 2.

NAILAH A696832 was now reported occupied by approx 50 enemy.

Enemy cas were 6 killed 2 wounded own 1 own tp 1 native tp wounded and 1 native sentry killed.

GEN

SC advised by RT that Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde would be closing at AITAPE at 041200K and reopening in the WEWAK area the same time.

Bde Comd told the BM over RT that he was proceeding to WEWAK on 3 Jul, and returning to MAPRIK on 4 Jul.

3 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy posn on KUNAI KNOLL A771971 which had been holding up the Bn for over a fortnight and which had been continually bombed and engaged by arty, mortar and MG fire and patrols, was found to be clear. Approx 100 pillboxes and weapon pits were located in the posn.

5 Enemy surrendered to C Coy at A775972 just after daylight.

Approx 30 enemy were reported by patrol to be occupying posn at A785968 and the same number at A775966.

YINDINYAN A763951 was occupied by B Coy less one pl and enemy at A764953 were engaged by D Coy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol encountered enemy at A807999 but were unable to dislodge them. Posns at A794986 and A795987 were reported to have been vacated by the enemy.

Native patrol to the WIHUN area reported TUFANO V90 1078 and WIHUN V896088 occupied in str. Main track from the coast via SARGUM River thence to MT TURU shows signs of considerable use. Patrol stated 60 enemy had been killed, but only produced evidence of having killed 12.

2 NG Inf Bn

KONJAMBE A742885 was cleared of enemy and occupied as was KWANDANINGI A730935.

After a hard fight lasting 3/4 hrs NAILAH A598832 was also cleared and occupied. 16 enemy were killed in the engagement.

Native report to 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt stated there were 60 enemy in the BENJIN gp A6558.

Cas for the day were the most prolific since Bde commenced ops in mid Dec 44. 58 enemy were killed or reported killed 2 wounded and 5 PW captured. All own cas were suffered by 2 NGIB and were 2 offr 1 sgt wounded 4 native soldiers killed and 6 wounded.

Maj BRANDWOOD AASC OC 2/5 Aust Sup Dep Pl arrived in area. Purpose of his visit is to inspect AASC tps in the area.

SC advised BM of details of first party to proceed from this area to go on home leave. Allocation was Bde HQ 1 2/5 Bn 1 offr 4 OR 2/6 Bn 1 offr 7 OR. Personnel were to be in WEWAK by 5 Jul.

4 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

ULUPU was attacked by one pl of D Coy following an excellent air strike by 27 Beauforts. Enemy were driven from fwd posns, but pl came under hy MG fire from A773968 and were forced to withdraw, 10 enemy were killed.

Enemy at A773968 estimated 20 were engaged by a patrol from C Coy, 5 being killed.

Two pls of B Coy occupied village A768953.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

During night 3/4 Jul 3 blast bombs were thrown into C Coy posn. This is quite a frequent occurrence now and is being carried out, it is believed, by special raiding parties formed by the enemy in this area.

Enemy in unknown str were contacted at A790978 and A807997.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrol reported track KWIMBU - NIALAH clear. BUGINGWANDU A771889 was found to be occupied by 35 enemy NOT dug in.

DOINYINGI A 765879 was reported clear of enemy but DUNBIT A744786 was stated by natives to be occupied in str. Enemy were also stated to be withdrawing from NARAMUKO A759918 to TORUKO gp A7888 which was occupied in str.

Much valuable infm was obtained from the 5 PW captured 3 Jul and is contained in appx att.

Generally PW who were members of IBA Force, stated that this force, str approx 200, had moved up from SOUTH during June. MATSUMOTO Force and IBA Force totalling 250/300 were conc in the ULUPU and AONIARU areas whilst KOIZUMI Force of at least 100 were in the KABOIBUS - CHOLOGWIN areas, 20 Div HQ and 18 Army HQ were situated in GWALIP area.

41 Div estimated 200 in str moved recently from SOUTH towards BUKINARA area.

Total cas for the day were 26 enemy killed, own cas being 5 wounded (incl 3 remaining on duty) and 1 native sentry wounded.

Over 2000 enemy have now been killed since the Bde commenced ops in the TONG area on 21 Dec 44.

GEN

Hy rain rendered all rds impassable and HAYFIELD unfit for planes to land. This prevented Bde Comd from returning from WEWAK.

Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde opened in WEWAK area at 1200 hrs.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn are remaining in the ATTAPE area until required to relieve 2/6 Aust Inf Bn in late Jul.



5 JULOPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Main feature of the day's ops was the attack on UJUPU. The southern portion of the village was cleared and occupied by B Coy and the northern portion by D Coy, with enemy remaining in def posns between the two coys and approx 100 yds to the EAST of D Coy.

Enemy posn in gardens at A773968 was cleared by C Coy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Attack was launched on enemy posn at V.804009, but met with determined opposition and the attack was NOT successful. Enemy posns on lower portions of CHOLOGWIN Ridge A791979 remained occupied. Village of KWAMBIKUM A784883 was cleared by 2 NGIB and villages at A771889 and A772894 were reported unoccupied.

Enemy str at DUNBIT A745785 was reported by natives as 40.

30 enemy were killed and 2 wounded. Own cas were 3 killed 4 wounded.

GEN

Bde Comd returned from WEWAK in the afternoon.

Further, by rain prevented planes landing at HAYFIELD during the morning, and rd from HAYFIELD could NOT be used until the river fell. Rd to the EAST was closed to all traffic.

Additional allocation of personnel to proceed on leave was received. Total allotment of personnel to proceed almost immediately from this area now is, HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 4, 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 1, 11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 1, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 20, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 35.

6 JULOPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols were active during the day. Enemy def posns were located in vicinity KULURU MISSION at A791962, in UJUPU area at A774961 and on track leading to YOIBI River at A783962.

75 mm guns were now in posn at A773968 and A783  
A761960.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol reported enemy posn V804009 still to be occupied by approx 20 enemy.

2 NG Inf Bn

Enemy were encountered in str by patrols in the NARAMUKO area A7583.

10 enemy at KWAMBIKUM A783882 were engaged with unknown results.

DUNBIT A745786 was found to be occupied by approx 80 enemy. Increase in str was due to enemy mov from NIALAH to this area, according to kanaka reports.

One jap surrendered to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn shortly after daybreak. PW was from the same unit from which 5 enemy had deserted and surrendered during the night. His friend who had been going to surrender was prevented from doing so as he had been detailed for the task of digging taro. He would probably be in tomorrow.

GEN

Rain again prevented use of HAYFIELD and both rds were closed.

MAPRIK - YAMIL Rd will be closed for two to three days owing to washaways and a landslide. Rd SOUTH from HAYFIELD towards MARUI can now be traversed for a distance of 7 miles.

7 JUL

OPS

Generally things were fairly quiet during the day.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Our ambush at A787968 was successful, 3 enemy being killed. An attack on ULUM A778963 was unsuccessful. Three pillboxes were cleared but LMG and SMG enfilade fire forced our tps to withdraw.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Attack on enemy posn at V804009 was unsuccessful. It was considered that this posn had been reinforced by the enemy since previous attack.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Fwd. base was est at KUNJINGE MISSION A662833. This base is to be held by two tps when 2 NG Inf Bn move EAST, and active patrolling to SOUTH will be carried out.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrols again reported large enemy conc in the NARAMUKO area.

17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 15 was issued and is att as appx. Generally tasks were as follows:-

2/6 Aust Inf Bn to clear KABOIBUS area and patrol NORTH to WIHUN area.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn to clear enemy from WEST of AITLEM Creek.

2 NG Inf Bn to destroy enemy in GWALIP Village area and as far EAST as 86 grid line with patrols as far SOUTH as 75 grid line.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt to continue with protection of HAYFIELD with fwd patrol base at KUNJINGE MISSION.

Cas were enemy 11 killed, own 1 killed 1 wounded (both by own booby trap).

GEN

Lt col MURPHY, AAQMG and Miss BOWEN, Red Cross Rep, arrived at MAPRIK.

Mail was received for the first time for 8 days.

HAYFIELD and rd to MAPRIK were once again fit for use.

8 JULOPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Following an excellent air strike enemy posns were attacked in the NE portion of ULUPU. Aircraft sp the attack by continuing to strafe until our tps were within approx 100 yds of their objective. 28 enemy were killed, own cas being 4 offr and 3 OR wounded. Offrs wounded were Capt BUSBY RMO, Lt PITTS IO, and Lts NEWTON and MACDONALD Pl Comds.

Approx 25 enemy were reported to be dug in in pit pit at ULAM A778963.

Further 3 members of IBA Force surrendered to A Coy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy posn at V804009 was again attacked following the bombing of the area by 9 BEAUFORTS. Trees which had been felled across approaches to the posn handicapped our tps, and enemy fire again forced patrol to withdraw.

2 NG Inf Bn reported little activity during the day.

Cas for the day were enemy 31 killed 3 PW, own 7 wounded.

GEN

Miss BOWEN, Red Cross Ref, flew to YAMIL by TIGERMOTH to visit patients in ADS there.

Message was received asking for the numbers of personnel who had had five years service, incl two years overseas service, who wished to apply for discharge.

9 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy were contacted at A785968 and A773951.

Enemy were also located in well dug in posns at OINYALIB A777956.

Following two airstrikes patrol to ULUM found the village had been vacated by enemy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy were again contacted by patrols in posn at V8040009 and also at V807002.

Rece patrol to KABOIBUS area observed signs of enemy mov at V835027.

2 NG Inf Bn

Enemy were contacted at GISINAMBU A772894 and an enemy party was ambushed at A753835.

8 Enemy incl 3 offr were killed by kanakas in area A7676 and 2, one of which was a Lt col, at YUONJANGAI A787860.

Cas were enemy 21 killed own two wounded.

GEN

Lt col BISHOP, G1 6 Aust Div arrived from WEWAK.

In the afternoon the Bde Comd and Lt col BISHOP proceeded to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn where they stayed the night.

3 Aust Div Concert Party arrived in the area. Party consisted of 1 offr and 12 OR, gave an enjoyable concert in the Bde HQ area in the evening. Concert party will tour the coys of 2/5 and 2/6 Aust Inf Bns as did the previous party and if necessary will remain in the area for a fortnight.

Notification of Bde Comd's conference to be held at MAPRIK 121000K was circulated. Object of conference is to discuss plans for future ops. All CO's, G1 DAQMG, OC Air Maint, Capt COLE ANGAU and Bde Staff Offrs will attend.

10 JUL

OPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Little contact was made by patrols.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

After an excellent air strike enemy posn on knob 1 V804009 was attacked by a pl. After a stiff fight the objective was captured.

Lower down the ridge posn at V806001 was also occupied by our tps. Further enemy posns were contacted at V815001 and A814996 covering approaches to ULUNKOHOTU and northern ILIPEM Villages.

2 NG Inf Bn

Little infm was received from this unit who were experiencing difficulty with comms to coys. KWANBIKUM A784884 was reported occupied by 20 enemy. One PW was captured in NARAMUKO area. Enemy were reported to be preparing defs at DUNBIT.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Patrols from base at KONJINGE MISSION op SOUTH to MANINGE A787859 but made NO contact.

Cas were enemy 13 killed 3 wounded 1 PW own 1 offr (Lt WARD 2/6 Bn) 1 OR wounded.

GEN

Owing to lack of suitable fuses for the time being for air dropping, 3 in mortar bombs now have to be landed at HAYFIELD and tpted fwd to jeep-head where boy lines from units will collect the bombs. Bombs were landed at HAYFIELD during the day and ferrying fwd to jeephead commenced.

Notification that further two 75 mm guns would shortly be available to the Bde was received from 6 Aust Div.

Bde Comd visited all coys of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, accompanied by the G1. Bde Comd remained at 2/5 Aust Inf Bn for the night, and G1 moved to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

F/Lt BARTLETT, Air Sp Offr, left for short visit to 71 Wing to discuss problems and clarify certain points in regard to Air Sp.

110 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

KALAURO MISSION area was unexpectedly found to be unoccupied and one coy took up posn in this area.

An attack on ULUPU 2 A772951 was successful enemy fleeing on approach of our tps.

Contact patrol from 2 NG Inf Bn in the KWANDILINGI area reached 2/5 Aust Inf Bn posn at A773954.

Enemy were contacted during the day at V810009 and V785957.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols located enemy posns at V810009 and A827028.

WOSERA area had been reported clear by Tk A Bty patrol.

2 NG Inf Bn

YANUGO A754941 and NARANGO A753933 were reported clear by patrols, to have been vacated by the enemy but NARAMUKO and TUROKO areas were still occupied. DUNBIT 1 A755830, KUPMABIT A804765 and MANGUBO A766757 were unoccupied

Patrols report there are now NO enemy NORTH of JAMA A6764 along MAPRIK - MARUI Rd and NO enemy WEST of SCREW River SOUTH to JAMA.

Native infm received by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn stated that a further conference of enemy high ranking offrs had been held in the BUKINARA area on 7 Jul. Conference had directed that force would withdraw from present area of ops SOUTH to the SEPIK. A rear guard force would hold line MALABEIM A8496, KABOIBUS A8499 until withdrawal is complete. Withdrawal was expected to be via KUMUN A9397. Considerable activity in the SUAUI - GWALIP area was reported.

GEN

Bde Comd returned from 2/5 Aust Inf Bn in the morning.

Lt col BISHOP, G1 returned from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn in the afternoon.

Lt col SMIBERT, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb and SC arrived from WEWAK to attend conference on 12 Jul.

12 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

After an attack which lasted in all 6 hrs, C Coy cleared and occupied enemy posn at A784962. 15 enemy were killed in this engagement.

adv

A Coy/approx 2000 yds against minor opposition to occupy posn at A812972 just to SOUTH of ILIPEM Villages, while KALAURO MISSION area was occupied by D Coy.

Enemy remained in occupation of the OANYALIB area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy posn on ULUNKOHOITU area was cleared and occupied. Fighting patrol was unable to clear track junc at V828031 and enemy remained in occupation of track junc at V811010.

2 NG Inf Bn

Comm between Bde HQ and the bn was lost during the day, and NO reports of their activities were received.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Patrol reported DANGUGAI A658750 clear of enemy.

Cas 24 enemy killed, own 1 killed 1 wounded.

GEN

Conference to discuss future ops was held during the day. Details are att as appx.

ANSON aircraft landed on MAPRIK Strip for the first time bringing with it as passengers Lt col PARBURY, Capt DUFFY 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, Padre O'KEEFE and Flt Lt BARTLETT. Plane used full length of strip to take off, unloaded.

Lt ENNIS who will act as BASCO in the absence of Capt PROTHERO arrived to take over his duties.

13 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy mov from GWALIP - SUAUI area NORTH towards MALBEIM was thought to have taken place on night 12/13 Jul when lights were observed moving in northerly direction. Mov EAST towards MALBEIM was also observed.

Mov to NE from DUNBIT and TORUKO areas reported by 2 NGIB seems to indicate that PW's statement that 41 Div were to move from the SOUTH to relieve forces at present opposing us in ULUPU area and est def line in area MALBEIM - KABOIBUS was at least partially correct.

Evidence of enemy thinning out in ULUPU - ILIPEM area was found when OANYALIB Village was found to have been vacated by enemy and several villages in ILIPEM area were found to be unoccupied. Village of YALAHINA and YAGIMAIN were occupied.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy continued to hold posns in ULUNKOHOITU area and on high ground to the NORTH covering approaches to KABOIBUS area. Posns to NORTH had been reinforced from ULUNKOHOITU area according to our patrols.

2 NG Inf Bn

Activity during last two days had consisted of the clearing of DUNBIT area to the SOUTH. Portion of the village had been occupied, the enemy withdrawing from remainder of the village to NE on night 12/13 Jul. GISANABU was reported to have been vacated but enemy remained in occupation of KWAMBIKUM. The gen trend of enemy



mov appeared to be to NORTH and NE.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

One tp are en route to DUNBIT where they are to relieve 2 NG Inf Bn tps in that area.

ANGAU patrol to JAMA area reported village to be occupied by approx 120 enemy with 10 LMGs and 2 MMGs. A bamboo fence 10 ft high was being erected round the village.

Cas were enemy 49 killed (incl 30 killed by 2 NG Inf Bn on 12 Jul) and 1 PW who surrendered to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn tps at OANYALIB, own cas 2 killed 1 wounded 1 native soldier killed 3 native soldiers wounded.

GEN

Members of Bde HQ filled in particulars required by AMF Census now in process of being taken.

Further two 75 mm guns together with gun crews from 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt were landed at HAYFIELD. Guns were moved fwd to Jeephead at PARCHI River during the afternoon preparatory to being hauled to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area by natives. Guns will be in sp 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

14 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy were contacted by patrols in ILIPEM 2 A815 978 and feature at A813976 was captured and occupied.

In the ULUFU area all known enemy posns were found to have been vacated and NO further contact was made with the enemy. This area was now considered to be quite clear of enemy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Attack on ULUNKOHOITU after hy air strike met with hy fire and tps were unable to continue. Posm was thought to be occupied by approx 25 Enemy. 2 by 75 mm guns were moved into posn at V800001.

Native patrol returned from operating in the WIMUN area reported the village to be occupied by approx 40 enemy. SUMOGAN V863105 was occupied in str.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt.

Patrol base was est by one tp at KULIGI A7584.

2 NG Inf Bn

KWAMBIKUM was occupied as were NARANGO and NARAMUKO, the last named without opposition.

There are NO enemy now WEST of KWATIT River SOUTH to 85 grid.

Cas were 26 enemy killed 4 own killed 6 wounded.

GEN

Brig SHEEHAN, BGS First Aust Army arrived in MAPRIK area, where he will spend two or three days.

WIRRAWAY landed on MAPRIK Strip for the first time. It brought with it Lt col BISHOP, G1 6 Aust Div. Plane took Lt col PARBURY on recce of KIARWU area, and then back to AITAPE after landing at HAYFIELD.

Lt col BISHOP, SC and Adjt 2/7 Aust Inf Bn departed for WEWAK after lunch.

15 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Hopes that the ILIPEM gp was clear of enemy or were occupied only by small party were dashed when patrol encountered enemy in str in occupation of ILIPEM 2 A815980.

Village of AHWIL A804983 was also found to be occupied and an attempt to clear village was unsuccessful.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy killed by air strike were seen by patrol which followed in an attack by 30 BEAUFORTS on enemy posn on track junc at V814013. Enemy remained in posn and engaged our tps with a JUKI when they were caught in an open patch. Cas were only saved by the fine action of a native sentry who dashed fwd and grabbed the muzzle of the JUKI deflecting fire from the patrol. Native then escaped without being hit.

Further enemy posn was reported at track and creek  
junc A819999.

2 NG Inf Bn

TAIGESHI 2 A784874 was occupied by patrols without  
opposition. TAIGESHI 1 A790883 was reported occupied  
by enemy in unknown str.

AONIARU previously reported clear of enemy was found  
to be occupied by approx 30 enemy and attempt to clear  
the village was unsuccessful. 30 enemy were also engaged  
at A767900. A and C Coys were now conc at SWAMBIKUM with  
B Coy at YANUGO and D Coy at NARAMUKO.

Cas enemy 21 killed 1 wounded own 3 killed 4 wounded  
(incl 1 offr 2 natives 2 NG Inf Bn killed 2 natives wounded).

GEN

Bde Co md and Brig SHEEHAN visited 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

16 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

TAMUP A804975 was occupied by B Coy and patrols from  
this coy later reported ILIPEM 1 A806977 to be unoccupied  
by the enemy. Patrols again reported AHWIAL A804983  
occupied by enemy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Following further airstrike on enemy posn at V814013  
which is dominating feature of the ULUNKOHOITU area, a  
further attack was launched on the posn without success,  
tps being forced to withdraw by hy LMG and MMG fire.

2 NG Inf Bn

TAIGESHI 1 A790885 was reported by patrol to be  
occupied by enemy in some str.

GISANABU was reported clear of enemy, but AONIARU  
A778940 was reported occupied by at least 30 enemy well  
dug in.

Enemy were also contacted at KULINU A825888.

Native patrol to WIHUN area reported parties of enemy  
scattered throughout the hills. The main str being  
encountered in the BIHUN area. The patrol killed 18 enemy  
in all.

Cas 22 enemy killed 1 PW (by A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn)  
own 1 native killed 1 native wounded.

GEN

3 offrs of 100 Sqn returned from visit to the Bns - visit had been thoroughly enjoyed.

BM moved to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn area accompanied by Lt col SMIBERT and F/Lt BARTLETT. All will spend a few days with the Bns.

Mov of a sec of AASC Tpt B1 Jeeps into HAYFIELD was commenced.

MAPRIK - YAMIL Rd reached the top of NEWTONS KNOLL A755981 and from here it was anticipated that fairly rapid progress towards YAMIL would be made.

Brig SHEEHAN, BGS First Aust Army departed for WEWAK.

17 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols reported that ILIPEM 2 A815989 had been vacated by the enemy. Two small parties of enemy were encountered in YOIBI River, but withdrew EAST when fired on.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

For the third day enemy posn on ULUNKOHOITU Ridge at V814013 was bombed. The posn was occupied with opposition, and are reported completely devastated by the bombing. Direct hits had been obtained on three bunker posns incl the JUKI posn, and enemy dead were believed to be buried under the debris. Further enemy posn was located approx 200 yds to the EAST, and also approx 500 yds NORTH of ULUNKOHOITU Village.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrol reported that enemy remain in occupation of OINARU, TAIGESHI 1 A790885 and KWAMBIKUM area.

One coy occupied posn at A803925 approx 2,000 yds WEST of the GWALIP area. NO opposition or signs of enemy mov were located.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Natives reported that enemy strs at JAMA and BURUI were 48 and 15 respectively.

PW captured yesterday was a member of KOZUMI Force, strength of which he stated was approx 120. Enemy planned to withdraw to other side of the SEPIK River after the end of Jul according to the PW.

Cas enemy 12 killed 2 wounded, own nil.

GEN

Lt col BUTTROSE and Capt CAMERON 2/5 Aust Inf Bn visited the Bde Comd.

Rd to SOUTH was now jeepable, in fine weather, as far SOUTH as KUNJINGE MISSION.

18 JUL

OPS

ILIPEM 2 was occupied by own tps and an enemy posn encountered just to the NORTH of the village.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

ULUNKOHOITU Ridge was reported clear of enemy after posn just to the NORTH of the village had been occupied. This posn had first been subjected to another excellent air strike. Accuracy of bombing and quantity of air support being made available had over the last month or so been excellent.

Only enemy posn with which the Bn was now in contact was at V816014.

2 NG Inf Bn

AONIARU was attacked unsuccessfully by own tps, who also contacted approx 30 enemy dug in at KULINGU A846872.

Patrolling was carried out in the GWALIP Village area.

Natives reported ASADA Force HQ plus 100 enemy now at KARARAU B0233.

2 PW were captured by natives in the WIHUN area were found to be carrying an op order issued by Col IDE, CO 80 Regt, and dated 15 Jul. Force HQ would move from WIHUN at 200630K via BOINAM and BOINIP to DUNIGI. 20 Div HQ was stated to be in TARABIS area. PW are yet to be interrogated.

GEN

Lt col PARBURY and SC visited Bde HQ to discuss further arrangements ref 2/7 Aust Inf Bn task of capturing KIARAVU.

Maj WILSON, Senior LO 6 Aust Div, arrived in area.

BM returned from visit to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

19 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy were contacted on ridges both to WEST and EAST of WAHIBI Creek in area A8298.

After another excellent air strike, ANWIAL was attacked and occupied by D Coy. NO opposition was encountered.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol was unable to clear posn at V816014.

C and B Coys were now occupying posns in ULUNKOHOITU area.

2 NG Inf Bn

After accurate air strike B Coy attacked AOINARU but were unable to dislodge enemy although 15 were killed.

D Coy moved fwd to A825923 on outskirts of GWALIP Villages.

Cas were enemy 20 killed, own nil.

GEN

Bde Comd left to spend a few days at WEWAK.

F/Lt MAUGER, OC ASP and F/Lt PEARSON, IO 71 Wing, arrived at MAPRIK to spend two days in area.

Advice was received that the flying in to HAYFIELD of one tp short 25 prs would commence 20 Jul.

20 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

The enemy continued to hold the ridges EAST and WEST of WAHIBI Creek in the area A8298.

A patrol from A Coy following an airstrike on A814891 contacted the enemy dug in, the patrol was engaged with HMG and LMG fire and were forced to withdraw.

B and D Coys continued to patrol and harass enemy posns at A822980 and A824980.

16 Pl occupied track junc A811985.

C Coy on the southern flank carried out clearing patrols in the area A7895.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols again engaged the enemy at A816014 and the tracks in that area revealed considerable activity.

B Coy patrols contacted enemy in prepared def posns at A819004, A819991 and A819000.

2 NG Inf Bn

On the southern flank A Coy attacked the enemy at TOKYO Village A783890 inflicting cas and D Coy attacked WINGAY A835925 killing 8 enemy. Later A Coy following an excellent air strike attacked KWAMBIKUM A784883 and came under by LMG fire cas inflicted on the enemy in this attack was 13 killed.

B Coy continued patrolling and harassing the enemy in OANIARU A778940.

Patrol to WITABI A844855 killed 2 enemy; patrol to KULINGI A846872 reported enemy still in occupation. WINGAY A834923 was reported clear, 4000 rounds SAA were destroyed in this village.

Patrols from D Coy to GWALIP Villages sq A8292 killed 4 enemy and reported the Jap now preparing def at southern edge of the village.

Natives captured a Jap Sgt at MALABEIM area A8496 and handed him to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

GEN

Bde Comd obtained authority to recruit 120 indentured boys for 2 NG Inf Bn.

At the same time recruiting continued in anticipation of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn requirements.

21 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

C and D Coys were attacked by small enemy parties who threw grenades and blast bombs into the coy perimeters inflicting cas.

A Coy following an effective airstrike occupied ILIPEM 2 A814981, a B Coy patrol contacted enemy well dug in with LMGs at A824950.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Local clearing patrols were carried out and NO mov was seen.

2 NG Inf Bn

To the SOUTH patrols continued to harass enemy posns at TARIBOR A782894, MANGIL A810765, TAUGESHI 1 A790885 and AONIRU A778940 where the enemy continued to resist our attacks.

A further patrol attacked enemy at A813932, the total cas on these patrols were 20 killed.

C Coy moved up to join D Coy at GWALIP A824924 to speed up the clearing of the villages in anticipation of their subsequent occupation by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

GEN

22 rfts arrived at HAYFIELD for 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and were taken fwd to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn B Ech.

Bde Comd returned and brought Brig REDDISH CRA with him.

2 by 25 pr had landed at HAYFIELD with a quantity of 25 pr amm.

22 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy moved to A818982 and located 7 enemy dead, the result of their previous day's patrol activity.

C and D Coys patrols contacted the enemy at A780940 and A815985. 2 enemy were killed.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy parties again at night approached B and C Coys throwing blast bombs, wounding 3 own tps. They were engaged and a patrol at first lt found 3 enemy dead and 1 damaged LMG.

A Coy following an airstrike of poor coverage, unsuccessfully attacked the high ground at V818015.



Patrol from D Coy moved across to V863020 to ambush 80 Regt as they moved SOUTH from WIHUN (this infm received from captured documents brought in by natives together with a Jap PW two days before). The ambush was unsuccessful as later in the day natives reported that the Regt of approx 250 had taken a route further to the EAST and were now occupying DUNIGI A8800.

Enemy still continued to occupy posns along the KABOIBUS Creek from A818997 to A819002 and aggressive fighting patrols were not successful in dislodging them.

### 2 NG Inf Bn

Patrols continued to harass KWAMBIKUM A7888 and a patrol reported the enemy preparing defs at the southern end of GWALIP Villages which seemed to indicate he was preparing to def this vital staging and reorganising area with determination.

B Coy continued to harass AONIARU with patrols and ambush parties.

### GEN

Bde Comd took Brig REDDICH to the village of MAPRIK 1 to show him the HOUSE TAMBORAN and the native gardens and their mode of living in this area. Later in the afternoon, Brig REDDISH was shown over the native hosp MAPRIK.

The adv party for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn under Maj LAVER arrived and were tptd to the assembly area to prepare the area, UBILEM administratively for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

23 JUL

### OPS

### 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy patrolled to A823987 and reported that area clear, but contacted enemy approx 20 strong at A817986.

B Coy moved to A816970.

C Coy continued patrolling to the SOUTH, killed 1 enemy at A800950 and observed enemy in sq A7994 and observed 15 enemy digging in on a ridge A820960.

### 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy patrols killed 1 enemy at V813012.

B Coy contacted enemy at A817994 and wounded 2 Japs at V814009.

C and D Coys carried out local clearing patrols with NMS.

2 NG Inf Bn

A Coy patrol to TAIGESHI A790895 contacted the enemy with unknown result.

B Coy continued pressure on AONIARU; one pl attacked but by fire forced the pl to withdraw; 1 enemy was killed.

C and D Coys continued to clear GWALIP Villages. Fighting patrols contacted 30 enemy at A838927, A813926.

No native reports of the air strike on DUNINGI have been received but 71 Wing reported good coverage and a suspected amn dump hit, the HOUSE TAMBORAN was destroyed.

Native patrols killed 9 enemy at BANAHOTAM V8601, BELAGAU V8800 and 11 enemy were killed at NUMAS A8311.

GEN

BM and ASP Offr departed for AITAPE to arrange air sp for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Op.

24 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy carried out local patrols NMS.

B Coy began patrolling from the new coy posn and contacted enemy along creek from A819965 to A823968.

C Coy patrol contacted enemy at track junc A799950. 14 Pl moved to A793952.

D Coy continued to successfully exploit the KABOIBUS RIDGE and following a good airstrike two pls attacked and captured the vital track junc at CHUGLUMUN A818986 killing 16 japs without cas to own tps.

4 Pl moved to A805967.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy patrols contacted enemy at V818015.

B Coy patrols reported the enemy posns covering creek from A819999 to V819001 clear.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Carried out local patrolling.

2 NG Inf Bn

A Coy patrol contacted enemy at TOKYO A783980.

B Coy attacked and occupied AONIARU A778940 following an air strike the enemy fled to the NORTH.

C Coy and D Coy continued patrolling to GWALIP.

25 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

C Coy less 14 pl moved to A793952, a pl attack on DALIMUG A823989 came under hy fire and were forced to withdraw. 4 enemy were killed and own cas 1 killed and 4 wounded.

B Coy contacted enemy at A822965.

C Coy patrol contacted enemy at A802952.

D Coy patrol contacted enemy at A813952 killing two.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Coys carried out local patrolling and reported enemy mov EAST of feature V834008. A native patrol to WIHUN V8908 reported 24 enemy killed and produced evidence for ten, incl Lt col, capt and 2 lts.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrol contacted enemy well dug in at A780935 and further patrols harassed KUAMBIKUM with unobserved results, the enemy have a standing patrol 300 yds SOUTH of the village.

A contact patrol moved from B to C Coy NMS.

A n attack by 8 pl on the enemy at A795936 was not successful as our tps could not penetrate the dense pit pit.

B Coy moved to WANAGAT A779933.

GEN

Lt col PARBURY arrived from AITAPE and reported to

the Bde Comd to receive instr for future ops. He was accompanied by Lt FLEMMING 2/7 Aust Inf Bn IO.

BM and F/Lt BARTLETT returned from AITAPE after attending a conference at 71 Wing, bring with them the air sp plan for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn op.

26 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Bn HQ moved to A815980, the area previously occupied by A Coy.

Local patrolling was carried out and B Coy made contact with the enemy in dug in posns at A834981. Bad weather hampered patrolling and caused the air strike DALIGUM A821987 to be cancelled.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Local patrolling was carried out in bad weather. 11 Pl moved to and occupied posn A822993, some 300 yds NORTH of DALIGUM.

C Coy contacted enemy at V820000, moving NORTH; the enemy were engaged and 4 killed. A further 20 enemy in prepared posns were located at V821001; they were engaged with fire with unobserved results.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Bn less A and B Coys were assembled at UBILUM. A Coy were staging at HAYFIELD, bad weather and heavy rain made the main rd unserviceable and A Coy could not be moved to the assembly area.

2 NG Inf Bn

A Coy moved to GWALIP area and joined Bn HQ, C and D Coys to assist in the clearing of GWALIP Villages. A patrol from A Coy contacted enemy at TAIGHESI A646581. B Coy patrols attacked enemy at A795936 killing 1, but were unable to dislodge them. Enemy were also contacted at A7992. Another patrol to A793943 reported the area clear having been recently vacated; also patrol to A791936 cleared the posn and 500 yds EAST; enemy cas were 2 killed 3 wounded.

C Coy - 9 pl patrol reported A796935 clear.  
10 pl patrol located 10 enemy at A808950.  
11 pl patrol reported sq A7992 clear.

D Coy - Pl patrol to recce routes SOUTH and EAST GHAGULEM Villages went to 90 grid, then A834904, then NORTH to A836907 and did not locate any main tracks.

Natives reported 100 enemy KWARAL SOUTH of DUNPBIT, the actual posn is not known.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Patrol located enemy in unknown str at JAMA 1 A613640, JAMA 2 A653636 and BURUI A646588.

The disposns of the Bty were:

Bty HQ plus G Tp	HAYFIELD
H Tp	KUNJINGE MISSION A6683
F Tp	WALWAL A6576
E Tp	sq A6468

GEN

Owing to the bad weather which caused the rd to be closed, it was decided not to move stores and personnel fwd to jeephead.

Maj ROBINSON and 8 OR from 2/6 Aust Svy Bty landed at HAYFIELD. The Bde Comd. had arranged with the CRA to make the sec available to determine spot heights in the area to assist the aircraft in bombing.

25 pr amn continued to be landed at HAYFIELD during the day and 1 x 25 pr complete was landed.

ADMS, Col SAXBY, accompanied by Lt col SMIBERT returned from the bn areas.

4 aircrew from 7 sqn arrived at Bde HQ. They intend to visit fwd areas to observe the results of bombing.

Lt col PARBURY returned to ULIBILUM from Bde HQ.

The first personnel for discharge marched out to HAYFIELD, the allotment was 8 to each bn, 2 Bde HQ, 2 Bde Sig Sec, and 1 Gd Pl. Two sgts with long and honourable service were amongst the party.

They were Sgt SMITH JJ who was an original med orderly with 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, later transferring to Bde HQ; he served with the HQ throughout the WAU - SALAMAUA campaign and this WEWAK - MAPRIK campaign; he will be missed by all ranks, his kindness and ability were always available to those who were wounded or sick. Sgt McAULEY who was an original member of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn transferred to Bde HQ as Pl Sgt 11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt. His record for patrolling was second to none in the Bde and his efficient and firm handling of tps made him a valuable and respected NCO.

27 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy - two pls followed in after an air strike and occupied DALILMUL A823989 without opposition. 2 enemy dead were located in the area. Patrols from this posn located enemy dug in at A828992 and A833992.

B Coy patrol engaged enemy at A833978 with unobserved results.

C Coy patrol to the SOUTH along the main SUAUI track killed 2 enemy at A803943, then moved to A814940 where the patrol came under fire. A further patrol moved out and cut the SUAUI MALABEIM track at A832952 and then moved out and cut the SUAUI MALABEIM track at A832952 and then moved NORTH along a well used track with many vacated def posns. At A835958 enemy were encountered, 3 were killed and our cas was 1 wounded. During the ~~uninterrupted~~ day C Coy moved to KUNBUENABIL A802952 and occupied a coy posn.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy patrol followed in the airstrike at V818015 and came under hy fire from 30 enemy in strong def posns. 5 enemy were killed and our patrol was forced to withdraw.

B Coy carried out local patrols and a C Coy patrol contacted enemy in unknown str at V823001.

D Coy patrol moved down from 18 Pl and killed 3 enemy moving SOUTH from V832032.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrols reported YANGUMP A797934, A808950, SIGORA A858914 clear of enemy and MAMBORO A848916, BELMOR A851920, BUKITSU A845925 all occupied in unknown str. 8 Pl moved to GWALIP sq A8292.

28 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Pressure along the KABOIBUS Ridge was continued and following a good airstrike by 33 BEAUFORTS on GWEWIK A833792 a patrol followed in but came under hy fire from A831989 and were forced to withdraw. A further patrol captured a JUKI at A817986. Enemy posns at A838964 and A835960 were harassed during the day by arty.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols contacted enemy dug in at A822996 and at V821001 - 2 enemy were killed

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Bn HQ, A C and D Coys at A778979, B Coy plus elements HQ Coy at AITAPE.

Trg and preparation for Op TOJO were carried out.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrols contacted enemy in str at A834926 preparing def posns, 3 enemy were killed. A patrol to TORUKO gp engaged the enemy with unobserved results at sq A7888.

TAIGESHI was reported clear.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

Patrolling to JAMA 1 continued.

GEN

Bde Comd moved out to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to inspect the coy areas and discuss ops with Lt col BUTTROSE; on the way he called at HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to see Lt col PARBURY.

The weather improved and the rd opened. All the amn and remaining personnel of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn who were at HAYFIELD Staging Camp were moved fwd by jeep to jeephead.

2 x 75 mm guns were moved to jeephead from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area to be returned to HAYFIELD and then WEWAK for packing for airdrop.

Bde Comd decided to open his HQ at MAMIL on 1 Aug 45.

29 JUL

OPS2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A and C Coys were fired on by LMG from A825992 and A831989. C Coy less two pls moved to A815954.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols killed one Jap at A823994. 10 and 12 Pls moved to A823994.

2 NG Inf Bn

An enemy posn in the GWALIP Villages A830925 was

attacked unsuccessfully due to the hy pit pit. A patrol to A825929 located 10 enemy dead, the result of a previous action.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt

An attack was launched against the enemy at A6463. 32 enemy were killed and our cas were 1 offr and 3 OR killed.

Native Reports

Natives YIBOMINU A8597 and BELAGEL V8800 areas report enemy previously occupying KAIRU V883004 and DUNINGI V886002 moved to BUKINARA Villages A8896 leaving small garrison. YIBOMINU Villages occupied by 20/30 enemy. Enemy in unknown str in posn track junc A8699 with 2 LMGs.

NIMBENU natives report 7 villages NIMBENU area A866959 occupied str unknown with OGIMOTO IC.MIYAKE now at KUMUN A921975.

GEN

Lt col PARBURY moved out to 2 NG Inf Bn with a contact patrol. He was accompanied by Bn IO and Lt GERRARD, Bde LO.

30 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol engaged enemy with unknown results at A828992. The enemy were reported to be in occupation of the MALABEIM BUAUI track from A836957 to A836963. A patrol followed in an airstrike on A832978 but were unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. 1 enemy was killed.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Enemy were contacted V822010 and V828003 and a patrol was fired on from A824023. In these areas 5 enemy were killed. A further patrol to V828002 reported many recently vacated foxholes.

Native patrols reported 20 enemy at BOINYIP V879048 and 30 at SUMOGEN V863014, 4 enemy were killed in the BOINYIP area.

2 NG Inf Bn

An excellent airstrike on ULAMA A819924 completely devastated the feature and killed 21 Japs. An



attack which followed in accounted for a further 16 and the posn was occupied.

2 Bty 2/1 Aust TR A Regt

2 Bty were ordered to withdraw E and F Tps to KUNJINGE MISSION.-

GEN

Bde Comd departed for WEWAK to attend a senior offrs farewell dinner to the GOC.

BM moved to YAMIL and inspected the new Bde HQ site.

Further elements of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn were landed at HAYFIELD and tptd to the bn assembly area.

The Bde Comd issued verbal orders to CO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn that B Coy who had completed over 5 months op service in this area would be returned to the coast.

31 JUL

OPS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy were engaged by enemy MMG fire from A840978. Patrols moved out and contacted enemy at A828992 and A843993. 4 enemy dead were located as a result of the strike 28 Jul. The airstrike A837964 was reported inaccurate, but all bombs fell on the sec target A835965. B Coy following an arty and mortar conc occupied A830980 and exploited to A834997 killing 5 enemy. Enemy were reported to occupy AHEGULIM A8397.

C Coy followed in the airstrike MALEBIM A8496 and contacted enemy dug in on creek A823963, 5 enemy were killed, our cas was 1 killed.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy patrols made contact at V823011 and V828031.

B Coy moved to HAYFIELD to return to WEWAK.

D Coy less 18 Pl occupied A823996, 18 pl in posn V816043.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

The conc of the Bn at ULEBILUM A7797 was completed.

2 NG Inf Bn

Patrols killed 5 enemy at BELMOND A852921. Our posns

and were engaged from A864911 with MMG and IMG fire.

Enemy activity was reported at A821928 and SUAUI A826927 and enemy in str at KWIMU area A831925 where 2 PW were captured,

The village gps KWAMBIKUM - TAIGESHI - UENGE were clear of enemy, 19 dead were located in these areas as the result of previous airstrikes.

MONTHLY CAS

Enemy cas for month ending 31 Jul 45	749 killed
	17 PW
Own cas for month ending 31 Jul 45	32 killed
	68 wounded
Enemy cas Dec 44 to 31 Jul 45	2658 killed
	80 PW
Own cas Dec 44 to 31 Jul 45	111 killed
	291 wounded

31 JUL

OPS

S/5 Aust Inf Bn

*M J Moten*  
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 Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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COMD 17 AUST INF BDE

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

21 July 45

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(K C CLARKE)  
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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176. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND - MID-YEAR HAMPERS

Units will acknowledge receipt of the hampers in Routine Orders.

In view of the shortage of funds of the ACF, it is requested that all ranks write to the donor of the hamper (name and address is enclosed in each hamper) and express their appreciation. It is felt that this will help considerably in maintaining interest in the fund.

177. CUSTODY OF SOLDIERS AWAITING TRIAL

Close arrest should not be used for an offence unaccompanied by drunkenness, violence or insubordination unless confinement is necessary to ensure the safe custody of the accused. The practice of holding all soldiers in close arrest irrespective of the nature of the charge against them will be discontinued.

In an area such as this, where due to operations considerable delay may occur in bringing soldiers to trial, the use of close arrest will be restricted to the absolute minimum number of cases. Any personnel awaiting trial on AWL charges will, in future, in the absence of special circumstances, be released to open arrest on their return to their unit and held in open arrest pending trial.

*W P Bolger* Capt  
(W P BOLGER)  
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

COMFORTS FUND ISSUE

Receipt is acknowledged of 87 Mid-year hampers for personnel of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde from ACF

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL 6 AUST DIV FOR ACCRUED  
RECREATIONAL LEAVE

Appendix 'B' to 6 Aust Div  
Adm Instr. No. 20

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Serial No.	Number	Rank	Name	Last known location of kit	Number of days leave granted	Address whilst on leave

War Diary

PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION PW

CAPTURED BY C COY 2/5 BN AT 775973

1. PERSONAL DETAILS:

PW's Name                    ZUSHI, Agao

Rank                            Leading Pte.

Duty                            Transportation

Unit                            20 Div Tpt Regt (ASA 2063 Force).

Place of Capture            775974.

Date of Capture            3 Jul 45.

Civil Occupation            Electrical Appliance Distributor.

2. ASSESSMENT:

PW was 31 years of age and had 11 years of education. He had been observant, was most cooperative throughout interrogation and volunteered substantial information. His knowledge was far above his rank and information given is considered reliable.

3. TACTICAL INFORMATION:

(a) Capture:

PW and nine others under a Sgt-Maj relieved a front line troop about 18 days prior to voluntary surrender. During this time, they were undergoing continuous fire from Aust troops. Four days prior to surrender, PW and eight others, excl the Sgt-Maj, decided to give themselves up. During the night of 3 Jul, PW and four others were finally able to escape from their posts by taking advantage of the rain. En route they unarmed themselves by casting aside their rifles in the jungle. The others were left behind with Sgt-Maj because of NO opportunity.

(b) Chronology:

- 13 Apr 43. Carried out debarkation duty at HANSA.
- 5 Jul 43. Carried out debarkation duty at ERIMA.
- Mid-Oct 43. Participated in op at STATION Pt.
- 7 Feb 44. Took mtn route from GALI to MINDIRI.
- 16 May 44. Arrived MARUJIRU via ERIMA, HANSA and RAMU Valley.
- 13 Sep 44. Arrived BUT via DALYD, RYU Mtn, CI Village and MAMMARU Hill (near BINTO Riv r).
- End Sep 44. Arrived MILU carried out stretch production and pacification of the natives until 22 May 45.
- 5 Jan 45. Arrived KAPOIBUS. Constructed houses.

(2)

10 Jun 45. Transferred to ULUFU.

15 Jun 45. Posted at GARDEN Hill as a coy to defend the area.

3 Jul 45. Surrendered.

Movs:

From Sep 44 to May 45 IBA Force, of which FW are part, were on a self sufficiency project in the area SOUTH of MILAU sq A6887. FW arrived at LABOIBUS in early Jun where they were placed on constr duty, preparing and cam posns in this vicinity. FW carried out infiltration trg for two days while in this area under instr of KOIZUMI Engr Unit. They were taught particularly how to delouse Aust booby traps as many of their raiding parties had been wounded as a result.

When FW were at LABOIBUS, YAMIL was the main def posn and the LABOIBUS area was being prepared as a second line of def.

From LABOIBUS FW moved to the ULUFU Sector and were placed on the GARDEN Hill feature A73968. This feature was divided into three main posns:

Number 1. Three Bamboos Posn;

Number 2. Bamboo Hill Posn;

Number 3. Garden Hill Posn.

The enemy were driven from Posns 1 and 2 and FW were then in the fwd posn and decided to surrender.

IBA Force:

Formed in KOREA (1300 strong). When this force left the coast in Sep 44 only 300 men were left. 150 of this party moved to an area SOUTH of MILAU. The remaining 150 did NOT leave the coastal area with them.

FW states that IBA Force were under comd of 41 Div for a period from Sep 44.

IBA Force are disposed as follows: Col IBA and Regt HQ (40 men) at AONIARU sq A7793; 70/80 men in the ULUFU area covering our EASTWARD approach to ULUFU Ridge.

MATSUMOTO Force:

78 Regt with under comd HAYASHI T.I are covering our WESTERN and NORTHERN approaches to ULUFU. Both these posns are defended by approx 60 men, giving a total str of 120 men.

41 Div:

PW believes this force is moving in an EASTERLY direction to hold a general line from TORUKO area 47888 to the KURAGUMON area (approx 48794). Only one regt is left and total str is estimated at 170/200.

20 Div:

Main str of 20 Div in EBOIBUS-ULUFU area. NAKAI has his HQ in the GWALIP area.

79/80 Regt on the coast.

KOISUMI Force:

This force 20 Div Engr Regt withdrew from the YAMIL area and are now in occupation of the EBOIBUS area. PW states this force under direct comd 18 Army. PW had little idea of total str but considered at least 100.

Force HQ are stated to be in good barracks in the HEGUHM area on the river bank vicinity 48398 (NB: Recent native infm reports a HQ in the same area.).

MIYAKE:

Reported to be at AONIARU. Still in comd of ops. Left the MALABASAKUM area for present location when our tps forced the enemy out.

PW stated MIYAKE is a very strict disciplinarian and always operated with the fwd tps.

GWALIP Sq 48292:

GWALIP is centre of ops and 20 Div HQ is said to be in creek sq 48392. PW believes 18 Army HQ is in same area but was NOT certain of this infm.

All forces are collected and organized in this area and then moved to operational areas.

Hositals:

PW states main hospital areas are at GWALIP and SUKIMARA.

General:

PW states that present line EBOIBUS-ULUFU-TORUKO is area of final stand and tps will fight until annihilated.

If our forces capture ULUFU PW states enemy will withdraw to AONIARU area.

Army units have been absorbed into Div units; e . . . 78 Regt was down to 8 original members but has since

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been reinforced by various Army units. 26 Fd Arty Regt and 5 Shipping Engr Regt are said to have been absorbed into 20 Div units.

FW believes enemy holding general line through KA-BOIBUS-ULUFU-TORUKO-KURAGUMON with 51 Div protecting the NORTH.

YOSHIWARA Force HQ at KURAGUMON in early Jun 45, estimate str 40 men.



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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 15

Ref maps: AITAPE - NEWAK Series 1 in - 1 mile  
MAPRIK WEST (Provisional) 1 in - 1 mile

1. An Int Summary is att with all known enemy infm.
2. 17 Aust Inf Bde will continue its ops along the gen line YAMILI, KABOIBUS, MT TURU.
3. 2 BTY 2/1 TK A REGT

Tasks

- (a) Relieve the 2 NG Inf Bn at KUNJINGE MISSION A662833 with not more than two tps and est a patrol base in this area.
- (b) Patrol the area between the SCREW and the PARCHI Rivers as far SOUTH as the 70 lateral grid.
- (c) Continue the protection and control of HAYFIELD.

4. 2 NG INF BN.

With under comd deta AASC and 2/2 Aust Fd Amb,

Tasks

- (a) Continue the ops laid down in 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 14 para 6.
- (b) Destroy the enemy in the GWALIP VILLAGES A8293 area and as far EAST as the 86 vertical grid.
- (c) No patrols will move EAST of the 86 vertical grid until further instr.
- (d) Maintain contact patrols with 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
- (e) Patrols to the SOUTH will incl KUPMABIT A804765 and DANQUQAI A658750 further southern limits will be at your discretion.

5. 2/5 AUST INF BN

With under comd -

Det 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt (two 75 mm guns)  
Dets AASC 6 Aust Div

Tasks

- (a) Destroy the enemy in the ILIPEM area and continue the ops EAST as far as the ATELIM River.
- (b) Maintain a strong flank in touch with 2/6 Bn in the YAMIL area.

6. 2/6 AUST INF BN.

With under comd -

Dets AASC 6 Aust Div.

- (a) Maintain strong contact with left flank of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Secure and maintain control of the ULUNKOHOITU track junc area A815999.
- (c) Destroy the enemy in the KABOIBUS VILLAGES.
- (d) Patrol offensively against the enemy in the AGLABIKITA sq V8804 - MULAWHATAI V8405 - BOINUM V8709 - WIHUN V8908 areas.
- (e) Assist 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to clear ILIPEM VILLAGES by maintaining pressure on this area from the NE.
- (f) Destroy the enemy in the KABOIBUS VILLAGES.

7. INTER UNIT BOUNDARIES.

- (a) From A740950 EAST to 80 grid then NE to A844970 and EAST to 90 grid incl 2 NG Inf Bn.
- (b) From A764985 EAST to A794984 NE along KABOIBUS Creek to A820992, NE along river to A862997 and EAST to 90 grid incl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Ack.

Signed at: *07200K*

*M J Moten* Brig  
 (M J Moten)  
 Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1	16 Aust Inf Bde	10
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2	19 Aust Inf Bde	11
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	3	71 Wing RAAF	12
2 NG Inf Bn	4	Comd	13
2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt	5	BM	14
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	6	BASCO	15
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17 AUST INF BDE SUMMARY OF ENEMY INFM as at 071800K

(To be read in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 15 of 7 Jul 45)

Ref Trace 'P' att.

It is estimated that 500/600 enemy are opposing the Bde adv along a gen line through KABOIBUS sq A8499 - ILIPEM sq A8097 - ULUPU sq A7795 - AONIARU sq A7793 - NARAMUKO sq A7591 - TORUKOGI sq A7888 - DUNBIT sq A7482. Enemy pockets of resistance fwd of this line remain along the CHOLOGWIN RIDGE sq A7898 and in YANUGO area sq A7594.

It is considered that the enemy has little depth to his present line as the only known force in rear of his main posns is YOSHIWARA force. This force consists of base and L of C tps and is mainly concerned with sup duties and the maintenance of the L of C. In addition it is known that elements of this force have been absorbed into fighting units in the ULUPU - KABOIBUS area.

KOIZUMI FORCE

This force is responsible for the def of the KABOIBUS - ILIPEM area with their HQ in the vicinity of ANEGULIM sq A8397. The exact str of this force is NOT known but from PW reports and captured documents it would appear the str is between 100/200.

This force is under direct comd of 18 ARMY and is comprised chiefly of 20 Engr Regt and possibly 5 Shipping Engr Regt.

79/80 Regts are situated NORTH of KOIZUMI FORCE sector. Elements of 79 Regt are occupying villages along the main track to WIHUN sq V8908 protecting the enemy flank from the NORTH. 80 Regt are thought to be operating further NORTH towards the coast.

MIYAKE FORCE

MIYAKE is still in comd of ops in the ULUPU - AONIARU sector with MATSUMOTO FORCE and IBA FORCE under comd. MATSUMOTO FORCE which consists of 78 Regt and IBA FORCE is responsible for the def of the ULUPU sector. The str of this force is estimated to be 80/100.

In the AONIARU area MIYAKE FORCE HQ and elements of IBA FORCE are in occupation in estimated str of 70/80.

41 DIV

Owing to possible rft from units of ASADA FORCE the str of 41 Div is uncertain but is considered to be in the vicinity of 200/250. A captured str state of 15 May 45 shows 239 Regt str of 119 and in occupation of the NARAMUKO sector. Allowing for cas since that date the present estimate is 70/80.

Our tps have made contact with remaining units of 41 Div in the TORUKO gp of villages and in the DUNBIT area. 80 enemy were reported in the latter area on 6 Jul. The total str for this area is estimated at 150/170.

ASADA FORCE.

This force is operating EAST of BURUI A6657 and MARUI A6653 in the SEPIK RIVER area. Army estimate of this force is 1000 but in view of recent infm it would appear high. The MAPRIK - MARUI Rd from KUNJINGE MISSION A6683 to BURUI shows signs of little use and it is considered only isolated enemy parties remain SOUTH of an EAST - WEST line linking WOSERA A6581 and NAILAH A6983 as far SOUTH as the SEPIK.

GEN.

Army and 20 Div HQ (under NAKAI) are reported to be in the GWALIP - SUAUI area A8393. YOSHIWARA HQ is stated by PW to be at KURAGUMON area A8996.

NOTES ON PENDING OPS - KIARAVU EIG

TASKS

- (a) Capture KIARAVU Air Strip.
- (b) Occupy suitable defended area from which to patrol along tracks -
  - (1) KIARAVU MT TURU
  - (11) KIARAVU SASSUIA

TROOPS for move to KIARAVU

2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Coy 2 NG Inf Bn  
2 75 mm gun crews  
Medical Team  
ANGAU plus what natives  
AASC

for HAYFIELD

B Ech elements 2/7 Bn  
Air Maint det

for GWALIP VILLAGES AREA

Elements of HQ Wing

GENERAL IDEA

1. To move 2/7 Bn into GWALIP Village area as soon as possible. Tentative date, complete by approx 30 July.
2. 1 NGIB Coy to move by circuitous route on KIARAVU with speed and secrecy and occupy position pending arrival 2/7 Bn.
3. 2/7 Bn move same time as NGIB follow to KIARAVU. Occupy suitably defended areas to cover EIG. Establish DZ. Clear EIG. Fly in immediately for dropping:
  - (a) Am n
  - (b) Rations
  - (c) Med stores
  - (d) Hy weapons
  - (e) Tools
  - (f) 2 75 mm guns
  - (g) Amn for 75 mm guns
  - (h) 44 gal drums
  - (i) Stores

4. Withdraw NG Inf Bn Coy as soon as 2/7 Bn consolidated. (Say after two days).  
In meanwhile NGIB to patrol approaches to KIARAVU while 2/7 Bn consolidates etc.

5. DECEPTION

- (a) Controlled air recces not to hover over KIARAVU.  
(b) No patrolling due EAST of 86 grid from GWALIP.  
(c) Patrols to SE of GWALIP to move out 2 days and return.  
(d) Approach of 2/7 Bn to KIARAVU to be first SE of GWALIP then NORTH.  
(e) No bombing or strafing of objective until ETA minus 1.

AIR PHOTOS

1. 2 Sets of available photos this area for 2/7 Bn.
2. 1 set for 2 NG Inf Bn.
3. Additional photos ordered by 2/7 Bn? When available?
4. Stereoscopes - 2/7 Bn require?

MAPS

1. Enlargements of KIARAVU area for 2/7 Bn, 2 NGIB and Bde.

TAC R.

1. Limited Tac R for -  
CO 2/7 Bn  
Coy Comd 2 NG Inf Bn  
2 other offrs 2/7 Bn  
To fly over proposed approach to KIARAVU. Not to hover over  
KIARAVU but fly through from EAST to WEST

AIR SUPPORT

1. Bomb located targets near area prior to move for one day only.
2. Bomb selected objectives localities on morning of attack on KIARAVU.  
Use hy bombs to clear area of undergrowth.
3. Sen bombers be "on call" to 2/7 Bn during move to KIARAVU and for 24 hrs after.
4. Use of flourescent screens to indicate forward limits own troops.

AIR MAINT

Stores to be shifted by air to KIARAVU to be conc at HAYFIELD.

2/7 Bn to prepare tables of stores by bundles.

Bundles to be given serial numbers  
Weights of bundles to be listed  
Contents of bundles to be listed

2/7 Bn to call fwd bundles by serial numbers as required on arrival and est of NZ at KIARAVU.

Air Maint det at HAYFIELD to handle loading, paras etc.

One plane at disposal HAYFIELD during daylight hrs until day after capture of KIARAVU then normal air maint from WENAK

COMNS

Bde sigs will supply two 22 stations complete for 2/7 Bn.

PENDING OPS - KIARAWU AREA

Conference convened by Bde Comd to discuss future ops in KIARAWU area was held in Offrs' Mess, Bde HQ, MAPRIK on 12 Jul.

Those present were -

Bde Comd  
BM  
G1 6 Aust Div  
CO's 2/5, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns, 2 NG Inf Bn, 2/2 Fd Amb  
ZIC's 2/6 Inf Bn, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
OC 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt  
Capt COLE, ANGAU  
DAQNG(L), SC, OC Air Maint Pl  
BASCO, ZIC 2/5 Aust Gen Sup Coy  
Lt ENNIS (relieving BASCO)  
Adj't 2/7 Bn, BM(L), Sig Offr, IO, LO  
Capt TURNER, 2/14 Aust Fd Coy  
ASP Offr

Bde Comd opened the conference by stating briefly the object of the conference - to discuss the proposed capture of KIARAWU area, thus securing a base in rear of the enemy. This would it was considered speed up ops, as enemy would feel most insecure with our tps in his rear.

IO then gave review of all info pertaining to enemy and own tps. He was followed by Capt COLE of ANGAU who dealt with info available ref tracks, vegetation and the possibility of securing local kanaka labour in the area. Natives would most certainly co-operate with our tps once they arrived in the area, in his opinion.

Present tasks of the various units were then given by the BM.

Unit comds then gave outline of their plans to carry out these tasks.

CO 2 NG Inf Bn estimated his Bn would be well est in GWALIP - SUAUI area by the end of July.

CO 2/5 Bn estimated ILIPEN Villages would be cleared by the end of the month and ZIC 2/6 Bn stated Bn expected to be est in KABOIBUS Gp.

Bde Comd then elaborated on notes which were made available to personnel attending conference and which are att.

Conference adjoined prior to lunch to permit CO 2/7 Bn to prepare his outline plan, and to enable Q reps to discuss any possible problems and prepare any suggestions to be put fwd after lunch.

Lt col PARBURY stated that his outline plan was -

- (a) 2 NGIB to carry out recce of route accompanied by an offr and 2 OR of 2/7 Bn.
- (b) Bn to assemble in GWALIP area.
- (c) Coy 2 NGIB to move fwd to intermediate objective, leaving guards on all tracks which might be used by enemy to ambush the approach route.
- (d) Bn move on D day to intermediate objective in SIGOR area.  
Coy 2 NGIB moving to KIARAWU area.
- (e) Bn capture objective which from the map would appear to be high ground to EAST of ELG.

SC then gave broad outline of Q problems and suggested method of maintaining the Bde and the units at present op, to permit the mov in of 2/7 Bn and stores.

Problems and factors involved would have to be discussed in far greater detail before any firm Q plan could be made.



HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

16 Jul 45

Q6856

"TOJO" - 2/7 AUST INF BN OPS IN KAIRAVU ELG AREA

1. It is intended herein to summarize the "Q" requirements in regard to the above op and to provide thereby a basis for the outline maint and sup problem for the actual ops, and the necessary preliminary tasks to be undertaken prior to the implementing of the ops plan.

It is pointed out that this summary can of necessity only be used as a planning basis and is NOT to be treated as the firm adm order for the ops.

2. (a) All time calculations are based on the assumption of the capture of GWALIP village area by 2 NG Inf Bn on 30 Jul 45 and for planning purposes "D" day will be taken as 30 Jul 45.

(b) A forecast of events ("Q" only) is att as appx "A".

3. The preliminary tasks to be carried out, briefly in chronological order, are:-

(a) PERSONNEL AND STORES:

(i) Mov of elements of "B" Ech 2/7 Aust Inf Bn from AITAPE to WEWAK area with all unit stores required for dropping at KAIRAVU, by LCT on 20 Jul 45.

(ii) Mov of main body 2/7 Aust Inf Bn by air from TADJI to HAYFIELD commencing 23 Jul 45 and to be completed NOT later than AM 30 Jul 45.

Method as follows -

(a) Aircraft proceeding from AITAPE to WEWAK for normal dropping commitments to carry load of tps to HAYFIELD and then proceed to WEWAK plus one aircraft allotted to tp carrying only each day until mov completed.

(b) Capt H J COUGHLAN HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde to act as control and coord offr at TADJI.

(iii) Mov of main body 2/7 Aust Inf Bn from HAYFIELD to bn assembly area vicinity YAMIL to commence 23 Jul 45 and to be completed by 1800 hrs 30 Jul 45.

(iv) Mov of 25 pr Dets, personnel, non-droppable stores and eqpt from WEWAK to HAYFIELD to be completed by AM 30 Jul 45.

(v) Mov of 25 pr Det from HAYFIELD to assembly area to be completed by 1800 hrs 30 Jul 45.

(vi) Mov of Rear Details 2/7 Aust Inf Bn from AITAPE to WEWAK area by LOT commences NOT before 31 Jul 45.

(vii) Preparation at WEWAK of unit stores for dropping (when required) at KAIRAVU.

(b) SUPS (less amn)

(i) Building up of ration holdings at all DZs (where tactical conditions permit) to 7 days.

(ii) Building up holdings at HAYFIELD to 2000 WPA to cover staging of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

(iii) Provision of 7 days sups at assembly area for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp (by 23 Jul 45).

(iv) Provision of track rations for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp to cover mov from YAMIL area to GWALIP area (by 30 Jul 45).

(v) Provision of 3 days rations at GWALIP DZ (when est) for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp, plus maint requirements for 2 NG Inf Bn in that area.

(vi) Provision of track rations for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp at GWALIP DZ for mov from GWALIP to KAIRAVU.

(vii) Preparation at WEWAK of ration requirements for dropping at KAIRAVU (when required) for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

(c) AMN

(i) Provision of amn at bn assembly area to cover 2/7 Aust Inf Bn requirement for "carried on the man" scale for the ops.

(ii) Preparation at WEWAK of estimated requirements for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp for dropping (when required) at KAIRAVU.

(iii) Provision of maint requirements for remainder of force.

(d) Detailed requirements are given in att appendices as follows:-

Rations	-	Appx "D"
Amn	-	" "G"
POL and Expense Stores	-	" "D"
Track Rations	-	" "E"
Stores and Eqpt	-	" "F"
25 prs and associated stores	-	" "G"

It is intended to:-

(a) Move remainder Rear Details 2/6 Aust Inf Bn from AITAPE to WEWAK by LOT ETD AITAPE 20 Jul 45.

(b) Relieve 2/6 Aust Inf Bn in inland area, and move unit by air to WEWAK for resting. It is probable that one coy may be available for mov 30 Jul - 8 Aug.

5. It is requested that the building up of the requirements as per para 4 be arranged by SC 17 Aust Inf Bde in conjunction with normal maint of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp and NOTA: a sep. task by 6 Aust Div.

*W P Bolger*  
Capt  
(W P BOLGER)  
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

2/7 Aust Inf Bn (2)

6 Aust Div (5)

RAA 6 Aust Div (for infm only)

AASC 6 Aust Div (for infm only)

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FORECAST OF EVENTS "TODAY"

APPENDIX "A"

Day	Date	Detail	Air Dropping Requirement
D minus 10	20 Jul 45	"B" Bch and stores 2/7 Aust Inf Bn move to SEWAK ex ATTAPU per LCT	Normal maint plus building up of res.
D "	9		ditto
D "	8	17 Aust Inf Bde LO (Capt Coughlan) proceeds to ATTAPU	Normal maint plus 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area as per appx "B" (requirements at assembly area).
D "	7	1st serial Main Body 2/7 Aust Inf Bn commences mov to HAYFIELD and thence to assembly area	ditto
D "	6	2nd serial Main Body 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to HAYFIELD and thence to assembly area	Normal maint plus 2/7 Aust Inf Bn amn require- ments as per appx "C" (assembly area).
D "	5	3rd serial ditto	ditto
D "	4	4th serial ditto	Normal maint plus track rations as per appx "E" (assembly area).
D "	3	5th serial ditto	Normal maint.
D "	2	1st and 2nd serials 2/2 Aust Fd Regt Det moves to HAYFIELD and thence to assembly area.	ditto
D "	1	3rd serial ditto	ditto
D	30 Jul 45	2 NG Inf Bn establishes new DZ GWALLIP area	Normal maint plus rebuilding res to 7 days.

Day	Date	Detail	Air Dropping Requirement
D plus 1	31 Jul 45	(1) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp commences mov YAMIL to GWALIP. (2) Rear Details 2/7 Aust Inf Bn commences mov by LCT to WENAK.	Normal maint plus 1 NG Inf Bn requirements and 2 days rations for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn at new DZ.
D plus 2	1 Aug 45	2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp completes mov YAMIL to GWALIP	Normal maint plus 1 day normal and track ration for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn at new DZ.
D plus 3	2 Aug 45	One Coy 2 NG Inf Bn move to vicinity KAIRAVU (intermediate objective) - sites alternate DZ. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn remains GWALIP	Normal maint plus rebuilding of res where necessary.
D plus 4	3 Aug 45	2 /7 Aust Inf Bn Gp remains GWALIP.	ditto
D plus 5	4 Aug 45	(1) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn commences mov GWALIP to KAIRAVU. (2) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp to advise rear 17 Aust Inf Bde of est priorities for KAIRAVU dropping. (3) Preparation of stores, weapons etc completed at WENAK.	ditto
D plus 6	5 Aug 45	2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp arrives KAIRAVU (intermediate objective)	Normal maint dropping at alternate DZ if required.
D plus 7	6 Aug 45		2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp proceed to KAIRAVU ELG and est DZ. (Dropping of stores, eqpt, weapons, rations ex WENAK on call)
D Plus 8	7 Aug 45		Remainder stores, weapons etc dropped.
D plus 9	8 Aug 45	Recommence normal maint for whole force at WENAK.	normal maint.

RATION REQUIREMENTS "TOJO"

(based on estimated str 700 Europeans 300 natives)

(a) Assembly area - BILL DZ by 22 Jul 45.

5000 SWPA  
3000 NATIVE

plus fresh commodities during period of staging.

(b) GWALIP DZ when est.

2100 SWPA  
1800 NATIVE

plus (i) 2 NG Inf Bn requirements

(ii) plus fresh commodities during period of staging.

(c) HAYFIELD - res to be built up to 2000 SWPA by 23 Jul 45.

(d) To be dropped at KAIRAVU:

SWPA	1600
NG Inf Bn	300
NATIVE	600.

AMN REQUIREMENTS "TOJO"

Appx "B"

(a) Required to be dropped at "BILL" by 24 Jul 45 to complete 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp to "carried on the man scale":-

Type	Scale RPG	Required
303 BDR	150	3000
303 CTN	250	2496
303 stripless belt	1200 (2 guns only)	2500
9 MM	300	4000
2 MOR HE	12 (4 mortars only)	48
2 MOR SMOK	6	24
3 MOR HE	39 (2 mortars only)	78
3 MOR SMOK	12	24
36 GREN 4 sec	4	2700
36 GREN 7 sec	36	480
63 GREN SMOK	3 per EY rifle	36
1 IN SIG ILL	4	60
1 IN SIG RED	4	60
1 IN SIGRN	4	60

(b) Required to be dropped at KAIRAVU:-

Type	Quantity
303 BDR	18000
303 CTN	4608
303 TRAC	2496
303 stripless belt	12000
380 REV	420
9 MM	24000
36 GREN 4 sec	1200
36 GREN 7 sec	480
1 IN SIG ILL	48
1 IN SIG RED	12
1 IN SIGRN	12
2 MOR HE	144
2 MOR SMOK	72
3 MOR HE	408
3 MOR SMOK	120
25 Pr	to be allotted by HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde later.

POL AND EXPENSE STORES "TOJO"

## 1. Assembly area - BILL DZ by 23 Jul 45.

(a) POL:

Oil OE 30	gals	8
Range fuel	"	48
Distillate	"	48
Kero L	"	24
Meth Spirit	"	2

## (b) Expense:

7 x 700 SWPA  
7 x 300 NATIVE

## 2. GWALIP DZ when est:

(a) POL:

Oil OE 30	gals	4
Range Fuel	"	12
Kero L	"	8
Distillate	"	16

## (b) Expense:

3 x 700 SWPA  
3 x 300 NATIVE

plus requirements for 2 NG Inf Bn.

3. KAIRAVU:(a) POL:

Oil OE 30	gals	8
Range Fuel	"	24
Distillate	"	16
Kero L	"	8
MT 80 Petrol	"	48 (for flame thrower)
Geletrol	lb	16 (for flame thrower)

## (b) Expense:

7 x 700 SWPA  
3 x 120 NG Inf Bn  
7 X 300 NATIVE.



TRACK RATIONS "TOJO"

## 1. Scale per man:

Fd Op ration	-		1
Preserved Beef	-	tins	2
Biscuits	-	pckts	2
Tea	-	oz	1
Sugar	-	oz	2
Milk	-	oz	2
Rice	-	lb	1/2
Canned Heat	-	tins	1

## 2. Required assembly area by 30 Jul 45:

Fd Op Rations	-		700
Preserved Beef	-	tins	1400
Biscuits	-	pckt	1400
Tea	-	lb	44
Sugar	-	lb	88
Milk	-	lb	86
Rice	-	lb	350
Canned Heat	-	tins	700

## 3. Required GWALIP DZ (when est plus 2 day)

Fd Op Rations	-		850
Preserved Beef	-	tins	1700
Biscuits	-	pckts	1700
Tea	-	lb	54
Sugar	-	lb	106
Milk	-	lb	106
Rice	-	lb	425
Canned Heat	-	tins	850

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2/7 AUST INF BN STORES TO BE ASSEMBLED AT HAYFIELD  
FOR DROPPING AT KAIRAVU

(a)	<u>WEAPONS:</u>				
		Mortars 3 in complete	6	weight	1400 lbs
		" 2 " "	8	"	180 "
		MMGs Complete with spare barrels, rangefinders etc	2	"	280 "
		Flame throwers complete with Geletrol and POL	2	"	526 "
(b)	<u>TOOLS:</u>				
		Shovels entrenching	100	"	150 "
		Picks	10	"	45 "
		Pnr Tools boxes	3	"	90 "
(c)	<u>SIG EQPT:</u>				
		Telephones	?		
		Lucas Lamps			84 "
		Stationery			50 "
		Tools & Sundries			50 "
		Security Box			20 "
(d)	<u>COOKING EQPT:</u>				
		Containers Cook 3 gal	80		800 "
		" " 7 "	6		60 "
		" " 12 "	6		72 "
		Pans Frying	50		100 "
		Spoons Gravy Ladles	30		20 "
(e)	<u>BN HQ STORES:</u>				
		Typewriter	1		
		Records Boxes	2		
		Security Box	1		180 "
(f)	<u>"I" SEC STORES:</u>				
		Boxes	4		240 "
(g)	<u>RAP STORES:</u>				
		Med Boxes	8		
		Blankets	50		
		Bundles	2		600 "

(h) "B" ECH STORES:

Picks	6	weight	24 lbs
Axes Hand	24		100 "
Shovels RE	20		130 "
Axes Felling	8		30 "
Machettes	30		60 "
Security Box	1		60 "
Armourers Tools			300 "
Boot Repair E pt			60 "
Lamps Hurricane			50 "
D3 Sig Cable miles	8		560
Assault Cable miles	14		150 "

(i) ADS STORES:

Details to be advised by 2/2 Fd Amb 1500 "

(j) SUNDRY STORES:

Empty 44-gal drums for water	20		600 "
SARIFS or Machettes (for clearing ELG)	120		300 "

Estimated total weight

9000 lb.

APPX "G"

ARTY EQPT TO BE DROPPED AT KAIRAVU

(Details to be supplied after trial drops by RAA 6 Aust Div)

1. 4 x 25 Pr Short Gun complete with associated stores less non-droppable eqpt.
2. Unit stores and eqpt.

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WD

SECRET

Subject: RT CODE No 2

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

23 Jul 45

G252

2/5 Aust Inf Bn (3)  
 2/6 Aust Inf Bn (3)  
 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (3)  
 2 NCIB (3)  
 Rear 17 Aust Inf Bde (2)  
 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt  
 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt  
 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (5)

Copies to: ASP  
 8 Aust Inf Bde  
 16 Aust Inf Bde  
 19 Aust Inf Bde  
 6 Aust Div (2)  
 Sigs 6 Aust Div  
 File (2)  
 War Diary (3)

1. The undermentioned RT codewords/keyletters are effective as from 010001K AUG 45:

Serial 1 - For current use until further notice	-	WETRYGINSODA/L
Serial 2 - First reserve	-	CHAMPIONBREW/Q
Serial 3 - Second reserve	-	CHARLIESBOUT/B

2. The undermentioned figure code is effective as from 010001K AUG 45:

Q	U	I	C	K	L	Y	S	E	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0

3. All previous allotments are cancelled as from 1 Aug 45. Obsolete lists will be destroyed by fire.

4. Any actual or suspected compromise will be reported immediately to this HQ.

5. Please ack.

*Wiles J. J.* Major  
 (K C Clarke)  
 BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

17 AUST INF BDE INT REPORT No 313 JUL to 26 JUL 45OPS - OWN

In the northern sector of the front, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn has made limited progress along the southern slopes of the ULUNKOHOLITU and KABOIBUS features and patrols reported the area clear as far to the EAST as 821002 on 26 Jul. The enemy still occupy posns on the higher ground to the NORTH and a strong enemy pocket at V818015 has impeded our progress in this area.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn have continued their adv in an easterly direction and patrols have penetrated as far as the ANEGULIM area A8397 and SE down the SUAUI track to A810943. Considerable progress has been made along the KABOIBUS ridge and a strongly held pocket at A817937 was cleared on 24 Jul. Our patrols operating towards MALABEIM A8496 contacted enemy parties in the WIHIBI Ck area sq A8296 and have been unable to penetrate EAST of this pt.

After several days of active harassing patrols, 2 NGIB were successful in capturing a strong enemy posn at LONLARU A7794. A rapid adv was made to the GWALIP area A8292 against minor opposition but well prepared enemy defs have now been encountered covering approaches to all main tracks in the area. Fighting patrols have inflicted considerable cas on the enemy and captured documents reveal a HQ area was successfully raided at WINGAY A8392 on 20 Jul. Contact has been maintained with the enemy in the KWAMBIKUM A7888 and TAIGESHI A7988 areas. Further to the SOUTH patrols from 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt have contacted the enemy in the JAMA area A6264.

Native patrols have inflicted hy cas on enemy parties moving down from WINUN A8908 to the DUNIGI V8800 and KABOIBUS areas.

OPS - ENEMY

Recent patrols indicate there are only small parties of enemy WEST of the 82 easting grid between the 00 and 91 northing grids. From captured documents and native reports it was known that the enemy intended to hold a strong line through KABOIBUS - AGNELIUM - MALABEIM and GWALIP. Native infm and the minor opposition encountered by our patrols in the ANEGULIM area indicate that the enemy may have decided to vacate his MALABEIM - ANEGULIM line. NO confirmation of this infm is yet available. The enemy holds strongly to his posns in the GWALIP and KWAMBIKUM areas and considerable activity in the MT IRUP area A8797 is indicated by tac R reports.

In the northern area the enemy occupied strong posns on the EAST bank of the KABOIBUS Ck between A818990 and V820004 but eventually withdrew from these posns before pressure was applied by our tps. However, the enemy are still holding the high and dominating ground in sqs V8101 V8201 and B8200.

20 Div HQ is believed to be in the AMBANABIS area A8895.

Particularly hy cas have been inflicted upon the enemy during the period under review.

Total enemy cas 13 Jul 45 to 26 Jul 45	- 337 killed, 5 PW
Total own cas " " " " " " "	- 14 " , 31 wounded
Total enemy cas Dec 44 to 26 Jul 45	-2478 killed, 74 PW
Total own cas Dec 44 to 26 Jul 45	- 105 " , 286 wounded

17 AUGUST THE BDE INT REPORT NO 3

13 JUL to 26 JUL 45

TOPOGRAPHY

Overlay att (copy to 6 Aust Div only).

MAPRIK - YAMIL rd is now jeepable to A777985.

AIR

BEAUFORTS have carried out numerous sorties in sp of ground tps and on several occasions the close sp afforded by strafing aircraft greatly assisted the tps in attaining their objective.

A reported enemy conc in the DUNIGI area was attacked by 23 aircraft on 23 Jul.

OOB (ref overlay att)

From captured documents and PW reports it is apparent that the enemy has reinforced the SOUTHERN SECTOR both from the NORTH and SOUTH. The present estimate of enemy str is 1200/1400 excl NOZAKI Force. It is known a large number of tps from 5 Shipping Engr Regt under NOZAKI moved into this area from the SOUTH but the degree to which they have been absorbed into other units is unknown. Captured documents reveal that elements of 5 Shipping Engr Regt are operating as an indep force under comd of NOZAKI. The str of this force is unknown.

27 Jul 45

*K G Clarke*  
Major  
(K G Clarke)  
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

- 6 Aust Div
- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2 NG Inf Bn
- 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
- 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt
- 16 Aust Inf Bde
- 19 Aust Inf Bde
- File
- War Diary (2)

30 Div HQ is believed to be in the KAMBIRI area.

Particularly by cas have been inflicted upon the enemy during the period under review.

Total enemy cas 13 Jul 45 to 26 Jul 45 - 237 killed, 5 PW

Total own cas " " " " " " " " - 14 " " " " " " " " - 31 wounded

Total enemy cas Dec 44 to 29 Jul 45 - 2478 killed, 74 PW

Total own cas Dec 44 to 29 Jul 45 - 102 " " " " " " " " - 298 wounded

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Serial	From	To	TOO & FOR	Orig No	Message
624	6 Div	First Army 17 Bde AIB AITAPE	301700K 010645K	GI 191	SECRET (.) your GI 5523 of 281420K (.) employment of AIB (.) consider tasks set out in our GI 054 of 14 Mar has now been completed by ASHTON and MCCOLL (.) as result of discussion with AIB AITAPE following is proposed (.) one (.) one party proceed via MAPRIK YAMIL MIARIVU to move to and operate in MT TURU area (.) two (.) second party to move EAST towards KUMBINGAI 8769 and operate from suitable base this area report movt on tk GWALIP 8494 KOROGO 8247 and tks radiating from KIMIAMBU 9977.
625		6 Div	010700K	0 6	RESTRICTED (.) WLC3V5DOPOTS.
626	HAYFIELD		010910K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CTY in 0835K 300 lb welding eqpt, 1 pers 2/22 Pd Pk, 19 rolls sisalcraft. Out 0900K empty. O ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
627		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 MGIB HAYFIELD ADS YAMIL	010940K	I 326	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 41 to 301500K.
628		6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	010900K	0 5	SECRET (.) SITREP 329 to 010800K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrol observed enemy on ridge A783974 to A783976 (1) one enemy killed (.) B Coy (.) 301615K patrol cleared UANINGE A748951 without opposition (.) enemy occupy def posns in dense pit-pit at BAUM A758952 (.) C Coy (.) patrol reports feature A775973 clear but enemy still hold kunai ridge at A771971 (.) 75mm guns engaged targets at A771971 and BAUM A758952 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy (.) enemy in unknown str approached 8 Pl at 7811009 from NE (.) one enemy killed (.) 301100K clearing patrol report enemy on ridge at V802000 and A807998 (.) B Coy (.) 301230K native patrol contacted small enemy party at A797990 (.) one sentry boy wounded (.) enemy reported in unknown str A794977 (.) one enemy killed at A794986 (.) C Coy (.) patrol to A798992 located 10 enemy dead (.) 40 pits with overhead cover and 2 large air raid shelters in area (.) 600 rounds SAA one grenade discharged captured (.) estimate 100 enemy occupied posn (.) 301000K patrol SOUTH along ridge contacted enemy in unknown str at A798991 (.) (NEXT SHEET)



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628					(CONTINUED) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) 301100K fighting patrol attacked and cleared WININGI A671859 (.) 4 Pl occupied village (.) enemy cas 6 killed own NIL (.) 301300K 5 Pl attacked and occupied TUWAIGUM A652854 (.) enemy cas 5 killed 1 wounded (.) 301100K recon patrol A689832 estimate 25 enemy in village (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl contacted 10 enemy at KWIMBU A737886 (.) result unknown (.) disposes Bn HG plus B and D Coys A676904 (.) A Coy less 4 and 5 Pls WAMOMBUOTO A676886 (.) 4 Pl WININGE A671859 (.) 5 Pl TUWAGIM A652854 (.) C Coy less 11 Pl WAMOMBUOTO (.) 11 Pl in KWIMBU area sq A7388 (.) HAYFIELD MIKAU rd now jeepable to A680873 (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) 2 enemy killed by HP at WAIGAKUM A718934 (.) total cas enemy 25 killed 1 wounded own 1 sentry boy 3 native soldiers wounded all infm
629		AIB	011000K	O 784	RESTRICTED (.) ref your MR 18 (.) as this matter is a civil affair have referred it to COLE for action.
630	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	011000K	O 17	SECRET (.) SITREP 8 to 011000K (.) A Coy (.) coy HQ and 3 Pl to 76867 (.) R patrol Sgt and 12 OR moved out 010745K to NAILA 699832 (.) 4 Pl WININGI one enemy killed 1 wounded 30 Jun/1 Jul (.) 5 Pl TUAGUM village (.) C Coy (.) report on 11 Pl activities to date very brief NOT yet known whether KWIMBU taken (.) present location 11 Pl rd junc 724897 (.) C Coy HQ and 9 Pl at 678867 (.) 10 Pl moving from TUAGUM to clear all villages in fork of SCREW thence to LUMU 639822 (.) 010850K 10 Pl reached 650839.
631	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	011005K 011040K	I 118	SECRET (.) SITREP 55 to 011000K (.) B Coy (.) 010930K 12 Pl arrived ORANINGI 750954 (.) A Coy C Coy D Coy NOTHING to report (.) 010630K M4 cone BAUM 758952 (.) all infm.
632	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bde 2 NGIB	011035K 011100K	I 543	SECRET (.) SITREP 231 to 011000K (.) A C D Coys NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) 010945K natives report enemy str unknown at 797991 ( NEXT SHEET )

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632					(CONTINUED) (.) engaged with M3 fire all infm.
633	HAYFIELD		011100K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIK in 1035K 1 AASC offr, 2 pers Bde Sigs, 5 pers 2/2 Fd Amb, 1 pers 6 Div Pro Coy, 27 packages Red Cross and Med Stores, 930 lbs NGIB stores, 4 cases 2/5 Bn. Out 1050K 1 pers 2/14 Fd Coy, 1 white pers 2 NGIB, 1 pers 17 Bde HQ, 2 circular saws 2/14 Fd Coy, 1 case FBLO gear, 15 stretchers 2/2 Fd Amb 2 cases 2/2 Fd Amb. DOUGLAS VH-CITY in 1050K 4 bags mail 2nd class), 348 lbs rations.  Out 1100K empty.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
634	TADJI	ASP	011120K	L 58	ETD 8 Sqn 1200 7 Sqn 1220 100 Sqn 1235 (.) note alteration time intervals (.) 100 Sqn only strafing your target (.) others strafing AIN villages 995080 to 995090.  ACTION: 2/5 Bn notified.
635	HAYFIELD		011200K	PHONE	DOUGLAS in 1140K 4974 lbs rations. Out 1200K empty.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
636	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	011200K	O 7	SECRET (.) SITREP 330 to 011100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 12 Pl now with B Coy CRANINGE A750954 (.) 2/6 Bn NOTHING to report (.) 2 NGIB (.) 4 Pl WININGI A671859 killed 1 wounded 1 enemy (.) 11 Pl now at track junc A724897 (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) NOTHING to report all infm.
637	TADJI	ASP	011200K	L 59	ETD 7 Sqn and 100 Sqn deferred (.) weather report your area by C 47 unsatisfactory (.) ETD 8 Sqn 3 BEAUFORTS still 1200.

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638	TADJI	ASP Bde ASP Div	100215K	G 15	7 Sqn ETD 1315 100 Sqn ETD 1330.
639	HAYFIELD		011355K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIK in 1335K 520 lb Med Gear, 2 44 galls MT80, 2069 lbs rations. Out 1350K Capt DRIGHT, ASC.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
640		6 Div	011645K	I 337	RESTRICTED (.) Your G 111 of 291535K ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register.
641		6 Div 71 Wing 7 Sqn 8 Sqn 100 Sqn	011825K	O 8	SECRET (.) SITREP 331 (.) air sq ULUFU area sq A7795 (.) 2 planes dropped 1000 lb bombs on target clearing ridge considerably (.) remaining 17 aircraft dropped all bombs on target area (.) excellent coverage of target (.) NO JXB.
642	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	011830K	M 233	(A) 2 Jul (.) NOT before 1230K (B) bomb only (C) destroy approx 50 enemy dug in on kunai ridge (d) kunai ridge 600 yds long running EAST and WEST (.) has two distinct kunai spurs 300 yards apart running away to SOUTH (.) target is centre of 400 yards of kunai spur bounded by two distinct knolls which are incl in target area and 100 yards SOUTH on each of the two kunai spurs running SOUTH (.) bomb scars and burnt patches all over target area (E) 771971-774971 (.) Phs MDG 39 Run 5M number 325 refs E 570-FR369 E574 F473 (F) 650 (G) mortar 3" smoke centre of target and as required (H) MIL (I) own attacking tps 30 Jun (J) 773975, 767977, 767960, 758962, 777973 (.) white Ts (K) NOT NORTH line creeks 755975-764974-772974-776974 (.) NOT SOUTH line creek 764964-770965-775966 (.) NOT WEST line creek 765964-764968 (.) NOT EAST line creek 778965-775972 (L) fighting patrol to attack feature from EAST (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) NO repeat NO 1000 lb bombs (.) NO incends (.) NO strafing of target (.) do NOT repeat NOT bomb WEST-EAST (.) strafe track along ridge from 803982-840995 (.) NOT WEST or NORTH KAPOIBUS Creek 793980-818992 (.) only request for 2 Jul.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
643	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	011845K	JA 231	SECRET (.) native reports (C) GISANUBU 771896 occupied by small party in bush (.) SUMBIKUM 779819 enemy previously reported now at TORUKU 7888. (.) 9 previously at KWIMBU 737886 now at SUAMBIKUM (.) TORUKU reported having many Japs in bush (.) Japs call TORURU TOKYO (.) TAIGISI 783870 / 6 enemy (.) 6 claimed killed by natives (.) <del>TAIGISI 780869</del> 2-7- TAIGISI 2 780869 7 enemy (.) YOAMJONGAI 789858 6 enemy (.) KWAIMA 1 Jap and 1 MADANG native who is Jap Capt (.) YOAMJONGAI 2 7 enemy (.) BENGARAGEN 787888 2 enemy (.) WINGI 812901 15 occupied houses str unknown (.) OC 1st Lt KANJIMI and 1 LMG (.) empt and stores previously reported at TORUKU taken to GWALIP but 3 LMGs carried to ILIFEM 8097 (.) GWALIP 15 occupied houses (.) MIAYKI and Capt MASIMOTO present (.) 1 MMG (.) wounded enemy // passed via following places GWALIP SUANABU BUKIWARA SIMOEN and then EAST.
644	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	011900K	M 234	TAC R (A) 2 Jul (.) NOT AFTER 1200K (B) area bounded by 7900-7998-8500-8598 (C) locate enemy defences and signs of enemy movement particularly along ridge from 800982-844996 (.) white cloth in area vicinity creek 840985 (D) gain infm of reported enemy defences along ridge as above (E) 801996 (F) strafe WIHIBI Creek from 822980-840985 (.) NOT NORTH or WEST KABCIBUSCK (G) 2/6 Bn YAMIL BLG and 17 Bde.
645	011905K 2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 Tk A Regt 2 NGIB	011905K 011914K	I 120	SECRET (.) SITREP 56 to 011900K (.) A Coy (.) rR 79 report 783974 clear (.) 011100K BAUM 758954 village occupied by 11 Pl (.) contact patrol 16 Pl LOLIMBIL 761959 via JELERUM 754967 report NMS (.) track suitable L of C (.) C Coy (.) disposes (.) Coy HQ 13 Pl 15 Pl 775972 (.) 14 Pl 770975 (.) 4 Pl plus arty YAMIL 4 772977 (.) D Coy (.) R 80 cancelled (.) R 81 report enemy str NOT known gardens 762953 (.) arty (.) gun in sp C Coy engaged target 771971 (.) gun in sp D Coy engaged ADIARU approx 777939 (.) air (.) strike ULUFU excellent coverage (.) all infm.
646	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	011920K	M 235	Report on today's air strike on ULUFU village (.) all bombs on target area (.) excellent coverage (.) NO UXBS.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
647	6 Div		011645K 011935K	GI 117	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 2 Jul (.) fine clear night broken cloud during day (.) visibility good patches fog foothills early morning (.) NO showers during night (.) wind light EASTERLY (.) slight EASTERLY swell. All infm.
648	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	011900K 011936K	JA 230	SECRET (.) SITREP 88 to 011900K (.) G Tp relieved by B Coy 2 NGIB at 011100K (.) Bty SITNOR.
649	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	011915K 011945K	I 544	SECRET (.) SITREP 222 to 011900K (.) A Coy (.) 011100K patrol to 802000 following M3 conc report enemy str unknown evac posn in direction ck 804997 (.) 011130K F 224 report route out track 808008 to 809012 NORTH to track junc 809015 then SE to 9 Pl (.) enemy str unknown encountered dug in at 810014 (.) approaches and est of enemy str difficult due to pit pit (.) posn harassed by M3 (.) 011130K clearing patrol report 30/40 foxholes 2 blast bombs and approx 12 sticks picric at 799999 (.) 011430K patrol cleared enemy from 797990 cas 1 enemy killed (.) 011500K patrol report enemy str unknown bambos 794986 posn harassed M3 MMG (.) 011630K contact patrol to C Coy EMS (.) C Coy (.) disposes coy less 13 Pl 801993 13 Pl 801994 (.) D Coy (.) disposes CHQ plus 17 Pl 791999 16 Pl 796020 18 Pl 796001 all infm.
650	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	011945K 012001K	I 545	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 2 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 020730K clearing patrol to house cement return via track up spur 803010 due in 021200K (.) HF through out day enemy posn 810014 (.) B Coy (.) 020730K standing patrol during hrs daylight track junc 797990 (.) 020730K R 225 NCO 6 OR EAST down track from 797990 to 801990 object observe enemy mov this area due in 021200K (.) am 2 Jul F 226 NCO-10 OR SOUTH from coy posn to 794986 object harass enemy this area (.) C Coy (.) 020730K contact patrols to B Coy and 9 Pl (.) D Coy (.) 020630K contact patrol to C Coy (.) further to SITREP (.) 17 Pl reverted to cmd D Coy all infm.
651	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	011900K 012100K	O 19	SECRET (.) SITREP 9 to 011900K (.) A Coy (.) R patrol sgt 3 OR to 642842 report clear (NEXT SHEET)

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651	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	011900K 012100K	0 19	SECRET (.) SITREP 9 to 011900K (.) A Coy (.) R patrol sgt 3 OR to 642842 report clear of enemy (.) 1 offr 10 OR moved from WININGI to ABUSIT 663849 occupied ABUSIT 011300K (.) 011630K patrol returned WININGI 1 enemy killed (.) R patrol sgt 12 OR to NAILA 689832 estimated enemy str 25 (.) natives report enemy CO this area ESILARA maybe Maj IMAMURA 3 Bn 239 Cr with HQ at DOINYINGI 748878 enemy runners operating continuously along track NAILA to DOINYINGI (.) native estimate enemy str DOINYINGI (.) native estimate enemy str 4 offr 26 OR (.) total enemy cas 1 killed own NIL (.) coy dispsns as of 30 Jun (.) jeep track now through 15 38 kilo peg 674852 (.) B Coy (.) took over WAIGAKUM 1 from 2/1 Tk A Bty at 011125K (.) WAIGAKUM 3 occupied by 6 Pl 011415K (.) R patrol to WAIGAKUM 2 estimate enemy str 14 poss LMG (.) Coy dispsns (.) Coy HQ 7 and 8 Pl WAIGAKUM 1 (.) 6 Pl WAIGAKUM 3 (.) C Coy (.) 10 pl moved from TUAGUM to MASABU 647828 thence to LUMU 648823 report area clear of enemy (.) returning to GUAGUM (.) ABSUIT cleared 2 enemy killed 1 wounded own cas NIL (.) 11 Pl (.) patrol to KONJAMBE 743886 reports 20 enemy (.) 010600K occupied KWIMBA village deserted (.) coy dispsns (.) coy HQ and one sec 9 Pl 677867 (.) 11 Pl and two secs 9 Pl 737887 (.) 10 Pl WANAMBUOTO (.) D Coy (.) SITROR.
652		71 Wing 7 8 100 Sqns	012100K	0 789	RESTRICTED (.) appreciate the effort and cooperation put into TAC R (.) it is of great help to all in this area.
653	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	012000K 012123K	0 20	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 2 Jul 45 (.) A Coy (.) 3 Pl plus one sec 5 Pl will attack NAILA 699831 at 020600K (.) 4 Pl will patrol SOUTH to KUNJINGI Mission 661833 and harass enemy this area (.) on return will concentrate at ABSUIT 663849 (.) 5 Pl less one sec will relieve 4 Pl at WININGI 671859 (.) B Coy (.) 8 Pl will attack WAIGAKUM 719934 at 020600K with 6 Pl in ambush at rear of objective (.) 7 Pl and Coy HQ and 9 Pl will move to KWIMBU 737886 prepare for attack on DOINYINGI 748878 (.) D Coy (.) 13 Pl will move to WANAMBUOTU and come under comd A Coy at 021400K (.) addition C Coy (.) 11 Pl R patrol to limit 2000 yards EAST of KWIMBU.
654	2/5-BN	17-Bde 2/6-BN 2/1-TK-A			

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654	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A 2 NGIB	012000K 012133K	I 121	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 2 Jul (.) 020800K Bn HQ mov ULEBILUM 778977 (.) A Coy (.) F 74 str Lt MCCOY 10 ORs to knoll approx 783970 (.) object secure knoll (.) on success coy less 8 Pl less one sec 7 Pl will occupy feature (.) B Coy (.) F 75 str NCO 10 OR to YINDINYAN approx 767951 (.) object harass enemy (.) Coy HQ 10 Pl 12 Pl mov to BAUM 758952 (.) C Coy (.) F 76 str Lt MILTON 10 Or to gardens 778957 (.) object (.) recce and harass enemy posns (.) F 77 str Lt BALDWIN 10 OR to track 777965 (.) object set ambush (.) D Coy (.) R 82 str NCO 7 OR to 764964 thence NW along track to KUMBUNGA 757967 (.) object recce for enemy mov (.) F 78 str Lt MCDONALD 8 OR to track junc approx 764953 (.) object set ambush (.) contact patrol to B Coy BAUM (.) M3 cone YINDINYAN night 1/3 Jul (.) M4 HF 771971 night 1/3 Jul (.) air (.) strike kunai ridge 771971 (.) NOT before 021230K (.) all infm.
655	6 Div		011700K 012150K	GO 899	SECRET (.) REVSIT 239 to 011500K.
656	TADJI	ASP	012200K	L 59	Ref M 234 1 BEAUFORT 7 Sqn ETD 0800.
657		17 Bde 2 NGIB	011445K 020645K	GO 897	SECRET (.) until a new code directory is issued by this HQ Adv 8 Bde is allotted row 50 and 30-Bn is allotted row 44 of our G 1419 of 5 Apr all infm.
658	6-Div	6 Div	020700K	O 10	RESTRICTED (.) W204V4DOPOTS.
659	6 DivRAE	6 Div 16 17 19 Bdes CE FirstArmy	012000K 020748K	REX 1710	SECRET (.) amendment to RAE LOCSTAT 8 (.) amend map ref serial 15 to W248140 (.) amend map ref serial 13 to W248140.
660	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn	020730K 020802K	O 33	SECRET (.) Bn HQ closes present location 021000K opens ULEBILUM 778977 some time (.) RAP opens ULEBILUM 021000K.(.) all infm.
661	AIB		011430K 020855K	NR 1	PB patrol reports NUNGAGUA now clear of Nips (.) believed gone MAINJA (.) confirmation later.

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661	AIB		011430K 020855K	NR 1	PB patrol reports NUNGAGUA now clear of Nips (.) believed gone MAINJA (.) confirmation later.
662	TADJI	6 Div ASP 17 Bde ASP	020915K	L 61	Ref M233 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 021230K.
663	HAYFIELD		021035K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUC in 1030K 300 lb rations, 2 bags second class mail 2/1 Pd Coy. Out 1030K 5 RAAF pers 2 air cylinders 8 AOC.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
664		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD ADS YAMIL	021000K	I 323	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 42 to 011500K.
665	17 Bde	6 Div 17 Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	020905K	O 9	SECRET (.) SITREP 332 to 020800K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrol to A783974 report area clear (.) 8 Pl in occupation (.) B Coy (.) 011100K BAUM A758952 occupied by 11 Pl without opposition (.) C Coy less 14 Pl A775972 (.) 14 Pl at A770975 (.) 75 mm gun at A772977 engaged on kunai ridge A771971 (.) D Coy (.) patrol reports enemy in unknown str gardens area A762953 (.) 4 Pl at A772977 (.) D Coy less 16 and 18 Pls A762960 (.) 16 Pl A761959 18 Pl A764961 (.) 75mm gun at A762960 engaged AONIARU A775935 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrol reports enemy vacated posns V803000 (.) patrol to V810014 report enemy occupy area in unknown str (.) 011130K patrol to A799999 report enemy vacated extensive def posns (.) 011430K patrol cleared enemy from A797990 (.) cas enemy 1 killed (.) 011500K enemy in unknown str contacted at A794986 (.) C Coy now at A801995 (.) D Coy less 16 and 18 Pls A791999 (.) 16 Pl V796020 18 Pl V796001 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) patrol to A742842 report area clear of enemy (.) 011300K fighting patrol to ABUSIT A663840 cleared village killing 1 enemy (.) patrol to NAILAH A689832 contacted estimate 25 in village (.) estimate 30 enemy at DOINYINGI A745878 (.) 1 enemy killed (.) B Coy (.) coy less 6 Pl occupied WAIGAKUM 1 A714940 (.) 6 Pl WAIGAKUM 3 patrol to WAIGAKUM 2 report estimate 15 enemy on feature (.) C Coy (.) patrol to LUMU A648823 report area clear of enemy (.) 011100K patrol to ABUSIT A663844 killed 2 enemy wounded 1 (.) 010600K 11 Pl occupied KWIMBU A737887 without opposition (.) patrol to KONJAMBE A742886 reports 30 enemy in village (.) ( NEXT SHEET )



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665					<p>(CONTINUED)                      C Coy less 9 and 11 Pls                      WANAMBUOTO A677867 (.) 9                      and 11 Pls KWIMBU A737887                      (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) native                      reports (.) TORUKO A783883                      and UEJGE approx A881901                      occupied in some str (.)                      eqpt and stores previously                      reported at TORUKO now at GWALIP A8292 (.) 3 LMGs ta-                      ken to IIEPEM sq A8097 (.) 15 enemy occupied houses                      GWALIP area (.) MIYAKE and MASIMOTO may be MATSUMOTO                      in this area (.) wounded enemy reported moving via                      GWALIP BUKINARA sq A8897 and then EAST (.) total cas                      enemy 5 killed 1 wounded own NIL (.) identifications                      (.) from documents captured by 2/5 Bn at A761959 on 30                      Jun further identification of 78 Regt is gained (.)                      documents captured at WININGI A672859 by 2 NGIB on                      30 Jun identify 238 Regt and 41 Div Engrs (.) total                      cas for month Jun (.) enemy 422 killed 19 wounded 4                      PW own 23 killed 54 wounded excl 1 native killed 4                      natives wounded (.) total for period 21 Dec 44 to 30                      Jun 45 (.) enemy 1909 killed 158 wounded 63 PW (.)                      this figure includes 161 killed by air force and 236                      killed by natives (.) own cas (.) 79 killed 223 wound-                      ed excl 13 natives killed and 13 wounded all infm.</p>
666		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/B Tk A	020915K	I 328	<p>SECRET (.) total cas for month                      Jun (.) enemy 422 killed 19                      wounded 4 PW own 23 killed                      54 wounded 1 native killed                      4 natives wounded (.) total                      for period 21 Dec 44 to 30                      Jun 45 (.) enemy 1902 killed                      158 wounded 63 PW (.) this                      figure includes 161 killed                      by air force and 236 killed by natives (.) own cas                      79 killed 223 wounded 13 natives killed and 13 wound-                      ed all infm.</p>
667		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD 2/14 Fd Coy ADS YAMIL ANGAU 17 Bde Sigs	021000K	O 11	<p>SECRET (.) passwords commenc-                      ing 051800K (.) 051800K                      HASTINGS 061800K CULLODEN                      071800K TRAFALGAU 081800K                      WATERLOO 091800K CORUNNA                      101800K BERKA 111800K MARNE                      all infm.</p>
668		17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	021000K 021012K	O 23	<p>SECRET (.) to 021000 A Coy                      (.) preliminary report rec-                      ce patrol killed two enemy                      SOUTH ABSUIT (.) B Coy (.)                      preliminary report 8 Pl con-                      tact with enemy at WAIGAKUM                      2 (.) C Coy D Coy (.) SITNOR.</p>

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669	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	021005K 021020K	I 546	SECRET (.) SITREP 223 to 021000K (.) A and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) enemy still in occupation 794986 (.) C Coy (.) during night 1/2 Jul enemy mov around SOUTH and WEST coy perimeter engaged with grenades (.) 020600K clearing patrol report pools  blood 3 blast bombs on track approx 20 yds fwd of perimeter (.) cas enemy 1 wounded own 1 slightly wounded by own shrapnel all infm.
670	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB Tk Att	021010K 021130K	I 1222	SECRET (.) SITREP 57 to 021000K 020900K Bn HQ est at ULEBI-LUM 778977 (.) M4 M3 HF 771971 night 1/2 Jul (.) all coys NOTHING to report all infm.
671	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	021100K 021135K	JA 230	SECRET (.) SITREP 69 to 021100K (.) SITROR.
672	HAYFIELD		021250K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUC in 1305K 3730 15 rations, 1000 lbs NGIB stores. Out 1335K NO load.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
673	7 Al Sec		301330K	G 430	Your Op Instr 14 Copy 12 ack.  ACTION: Noted ack register.
674	HAYFIELD		021610K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIK in 1545K 4890 lbs rations. Out 1610K. For AGH: 2 pers 2/5 Bn, 2 pers 2/6 Bn, 1 2/2 Sup Dep Pl, 1 2/14 Fd Coy. For WE-WAK via AIRTAPE: 2 pers 2/1 Tk A Regt, 1 pers 2/22 Fd Pk:  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
675	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	021700K	M 236	(A) 3 Jul (.) NOT before 0800K NOT after 1000K (B) bomb only (C) destroy 20/30 enemy dug in in weapon pits (D) long spur running approx NORTH- (NEXT SHEET)

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675					<p>(CONTINUED)                      SOUTH (.) track runs length of spur (.) target is bounded by and inclusive of two distinct knolls approx 300 yards apart (.) NORTH knoll is the smaller and has gardens on the EAST slope (.) SOUTH knoll is much bigger and has 8 native huts on it (.) whole spur is lightly timbered with pit-pit and gardens (.) from NORTH end of target spur turns slightly EW into heavily timbered country (.) from SOUTH end of target spur runs approx 500 yards and then down into re-entrant (.) angle of EAST-WEST slopes 50 degrees (.) the SOUTHERN knoll is first priority for aircraft to bomb (E) 806998-807994 (.) Pns MDG 59 Ran 3 Number 243 Refs C951-C465 (F) 1000 (G) mortar smoke on SOUTH knoll and as required on NORTH knoll (H) NIL (I) own patrols 301200K (J) 807007, 800003, 811009, 801996 - all white Ts (K) NOT WEST line creek 805990-806998 (.) NOT NORTH track 800005-812004 (L) attack on feature after strike (M) RT (N) as desired (.) RT 2/6 Bn (.) NO repeat NO 1000lb bombs (.) NO incends (.) strafe track along ridge from 802982-840995 (.) NOT WEST or NORTH KABOIBUS Ck 793980-818992 (.) only request for 3 Jul.</p>
676	ASF	TADJI 6 Div	021830K	M 237	<p>TAC R (A) 3 Jul (B) main MAPRIK-MARUI Rd from 6678-MARUI 6553 (C) locate signs of enemy occupation of villages and use of tracks (D) to confirm native infm that enemy have moved EAST from this area (E) native patrols in TAC R area (F) strafe opportunity targets WEREMAN 7353 and KOROGO 8347 areas (.) also bomb (.) NOT WEST MEIWI 7152 (G) 17 Bde and 2 NGIB white T at 676904.</p>
677	ASF	TADJI 6 Div	021830K	M 238	<p>TAC R (A) 3 Jul (B) MEIWI 7152, WEREMAN 7353, NONGRU-MERI 6752 areas (C) locate signs of enemy occupation and any movement (D) confirm AIB infm of enemy concs these areas and signs of EASTERLY movements (E) native patrols MARUI 6553 (F) strafe opportunity targets WEREMAN 7353 and KOROGO 8347 areas (.) also bomb (.) NOT WEST MEIWI 7152 (G) 17 Bde and 2 NGIB white T and 676904 (.) also report on air strike WEREMAN 29 Jun.</p>
678	2-Bty PFA				

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678	2 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	031830K	JA 232	SECRET (.) SITREP 90 to 021900K (.) SITNOR.
679	2/23 Sup Dep Pl	HQ ComdASC Div Sup Dep Coy	021900K 021912K	S 35	SECRET (.) HQ now located MAPRIK WEST 1 in to mile ref 790998.
680	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	021910K 021933K	I 548	SECRET (.) SITREP 224 to 021900K (.) A Coy (.) 021200K clearing patrol to HOUSE CEMENT NMS (.) report signs enemy mov along track spur 803017 (.) HF M3 during day on enemy posn 810014 (.) B Coy (.) 021100K R 225 NMS (.) Picric and blast bomb found at 798990 and 021200K F 226 report enemy still in occupation 794986 (.) posn harassed with unknown results (.) C Coy (.) clearing patrols to 9 Pl and B Coy NMS (.) 021130K native sentry killed by enemy sniper at approx 799994 (.) patrol to investigate found NO evidence enemy mov (.) one damaged enemy LMG found CHOLOGWIN village area (.) 021645K HF M3 fire on feature 805995 (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to report all infm.
681		6 Div 71 Wing 7 Sqn	021940K	O-13	SECRET (.) SITREP 234 (.) air sp A77197 (.) 7 planes bombed from low level (.) also strated ULUFU Sq A7795 (.) poor coverage (.) last plane dropped bombs on target (.) remaining planes dropped bombs on target (.) remaining planes dropped bombs SOUTH and EAST approx distance 400 yds from target.
682	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	021925K 031943K	I 549	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 3 Jul (.) A Coy (.) request air strike ridge 807995 NOT before 030800K NOT after 031000K (.) F 227 Lt WARD 12 OR to attack and occupy knoll 807998 after airstrike (.) day 3 Jul HF M3 on 810014 (.) B Coy (.) 030600K contact patrol to C Coy (.) 030830K R 228 Lt WHITE 6 OR route out SOUTH down ridge object recce approaches on EAST slope to enemy posn 794986 due in 031200K (.) C Coy (.) clearing patrols (.) HF M3 fire on ULUNKOHOITU 815999 after airstrike (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl relieve F 227 at 807998 and consolidate (.) 16 Pl move to 796001 all infm.

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683	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	021935K 022000K	I 123	SECRET (.) SITREP 58 to 021900K (.) F 74 report 783970 clear (.) 021300K patrol contacted enemy sentries at approx 783967 (.) enemy withdrew when fired on (.) 021100K Coy less 8 Pl less one sec 7 Pl occupied posn 783970 (.) 021715K clearing patrol report ridge SOUTH (.) F 75 report YINDINYAN 767951 clear (.) disposns (.) coy less 11 Pl 760950 (.) 11 Pl BAUM 758952 (.) C Coy (.) F 76 report NO contact made (.) patrol confirms enemy occupying dig in posns gardens 778967 (.) sentries guarding approaches (.) F 77 NO contact made (.) one enemy dead NOT previously reported found YAMIL 4 (.) D Coy (.) R 83 reports NO signs recent enemy mov on track (.) F 78 report track junc 764953 occupied str NOT known (.) NO contact made (.) contact patrol to B Coy NMS (.) air (.) 021300K strike kunai ridge 771971 NOT accurate (.) all infm.
684	2 NGIB	17 Bda 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	021955K 022055K	O 26	SECRET (.) SITREP 11 to 021900K (.) A Coy (.) 021500K 4 Pl occupied KONJINGE Mission (.) native report WOSERA vil- lages clear of enemy (.) 3 Pl on recce before attack on NAILA saw 25 Japs move into NAILA from DUNBIT 745786 (.) attack on NAILA delayed until 3 Jul (.) approx str NAILA 50 (.) suggest increase in enemy str NAILA ration party (.) B Coy (.) 021030K 8 Pl attacked and captured WAIGAKUM 2 (.) enemy cas 2 killed 1 wounded own cas 1 native WW (.) 3 Kanakas later in morning wounded by enemy booby trap on track (.) Coy HQ 6 7 and 8 Pls WAIGAKUM 2 C Coy (.) R patrol 11 Pl to KONJAMBE 742886 reports enemy est str 25 and one Juki (.) Coy HQ 11 Pl and 9 Pl KWIMBU (.) D Coy (.) 13 Pl came under comd A Coy to 041800K (.) Coy HQ 12 and 14 Pl 071902 (.) addition A Coy (.) Kana- kas killed 3 Jap ABSUIT 021000K all infm.
685	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	022030K 022130K	O 27	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS for 3 Jul (.) A Coy (.) attack and capture NAILA 030600K occupy NAILA with 3 Pl (.) 13 Pl patrol WOSERA village (.) on completion attack on NAILA Coy HQ 4 Pl and 5 Pl occupy KUNJINGE Mission (.) B Coy (.) 030600K 6 Pl recce ( NEXT SHEET )

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685					(CONTINUED) rd to MARAMUK-O (.) 8 Pl F patrol KWANDIN-INGI 730935 (.) coy HQ 7 Pl move to WAIGAKUM 3 (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl will attack KONJAMBE 742884 at 030600K and occupy (.) patrols from 11 Pl NORTH and SOUTH of KWIMBU (.)  10 Pl move to KWIMBU all infm.
686	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A 2 NGIB	022045K	I 124	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 3 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 79 str Lt MILES 10 OR to vicinity KALAURO Mission 790967 (.) object recce for enemy mov (.) coy less 9 Pl occupy ridge at 783966 (.) 9 Pl re- main 783970 (.) B Coy (.) coy less 11 Pl occupy YINDIN- YAN 767951 (.) 11 Pl remains BAUM (.) C Coy (.) R 83 str NCO 5 OR to 771971 (.) object recce for enemy oc- cupation (.) R 84 str NCO 7 OR to 772970 (.) object recce for enemy occupation (.) F 80 str Lt CARRICK 10 OR to 777965 (.) object clear village (.) D Coy (.) F 81 str Lt NEWTON 15 OR to track junc 764953 (.) object clear and occupy (.) on success patrol will be relieved by 10 Pl B Coy (.) F 82 str Lt HEILBRON 15 OR to river 768962 thence NE to approx 773965 (.) object harass enemy (.) R 85 str NCO 7 OR SOUTH to river 767955 (.) object recce for enemy mov (.) all infm.
687	6 Div	17 Bde FSS	021220K 022155K	GI 119	RESTRICTED (.) NX 67920 L/Cpl BRASSIL, J J (.) NX110966 L/Cpl HOWELLS, G R W (.) these NCOs moving your area at earliest for FSS duties (.) NX119748 L/Cpl O'HALLO- RAN H S to return this HQ on relief.
688	TADJI	ASP Bde ASP Div	022210K	I 65	13 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn BTD 0845K (.) weathers from 0700K.
689	6 Div		022045K 030645K	GO 905	SECRET (.) REVSIT 240 to 031500K.
690		6 Div	030700K	O 15	RESTRICTED (.) W102V4D0F0T8.
691	HAYFIELD		030900K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CTY in 0840K 13 pers 2/1 Tk A Regt, 3 rolls (NEXT SHEET)

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691					(CONTINUED) sig wire, 1 case 3/4 Dental Unit. Out 0855K for ALTAPU via WEWAK, 3 air cylinders 2/22 Pd Pk, 1 circular saw 2/14 Pd Coy.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
692		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD ADS YAMIL	030930K	I 330	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 43 to 021500K.
693	6 Div		030730K 030940K	PR 88	RESTRICTED (.) Military History Photographer reporting to you today (.) requested to replace GIBSON who could be att NG Inf Bn.
694	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 Bty Tka 2 NGIB  2/3 Jul	031015K 031040K	I 125  NOTHING	SECRET (.) SITREP 59 to 031000K (.) A Coy (.) 030845K coy less 9 Pl occupied ridge at 783966 (.) B Coy (.) 030945K coy less 11 Pl mov YINDINYAN 767951 (.) C Coy (.) 030645K 5 enemy surrendered to coy at 775972 (.) M4 M3 MMG HF on 771971 and 775967 night to report (.) all infm.
695	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn  <del>KUNJINGI Mission</del>  RUKO 755915 (.) 3 Pl departed A730935 (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl cleared KALITU 739886 cleared (.) 11 Pl attacked and captured KONJAMBI 742885 (.) cas enemy 6 killed check NOT yet completed own 1 officer wounded 1 native slightly wounded 1 native sentry killed (.) 9 Pl moving to KONJAMBI (.) D Coy (.) SITROR.	031000K 031045K  <del>030745K</del>	O 28	SECRET (.) SITREP 12 to 031011K (.) A Coy (.) OC with 3 Pl and 5 Pl moved out NAILA 699827 (.) 030430K 4 Pl moved out to KUNJINGI Mission (.) 13 Pl arrived → KUNJINGI Mission 030745K (.) B Coy (.) 7 Pl departed 030700K to recce rd to NAMA- 030700K for KWANDANINGI (.) 11 Pl cleared KWIMBU 2737888 (.) 11 Pl attacked and captured KONJAMBI 742885 (.) cas enemy 6 killed check NOT yet completed own 1 officer wounded 1 native slightly wounded 1 native sentry killed (.) 9 Pl moving to KONJAMBI (.) D Coy (.) SITROR.
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696	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	03093OK 031105K	JA 234	SECRET (.) SITREP 91 to 031000K (.) SITNOR.
697	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	03103OK 03105OK	I 550	SECRET (.) SITREP 225 to 031000K (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
698	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2 Bty 2/1 Tka ADS YAMIL  2 NGIB (.) 13 Pl now at KUNJINGI Mission A662332 (.) 11 Pl cleared KWEMBU 2 A737888 KALILU A739886 and attacked and cleared KONJAMBI A742885 (.) cas enemy 6 killed own 1 off: 1 native soldier wounded 1 sentry boy killed (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt SITNOR (.) total cas enemy 6 killed 5 PW own 3 wounded 1 sentry boy killed all infm.	031205K	O 16	SECRET (.) SITREP 236 to 031100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A coy less 9 Pl occupied ridge at A783966 (.) 9 Pl A782970 (.) B Coy less 11 Pl now at YINDINYAN A767951 11 Pl A758952 (.) 5 enemy surrendered at A775972 (.) 2/6 Bn NOTHING to report (.)
699	HAYFIELD		031035K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIK in 1005K 340 lb rations, 1 box stores 2/14 Fd Coy, 3 boxes .303 incendiaries, 1 box sig cartridges GREEN, 1 box sig cartridges RED, 1 box illuminating cartridges. Out 1015K empty.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
700	HAYFIELD		03095OK	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL in 0905K 1 pers 2/1 Tk A Regt, Cpl BING MH Sec, Maj BRANDWOOD ASC, 2 pers 2/14 Fd Coy, 3500 lbs engr stores. Out 0935K empty. ACTION: --Out-0935K-empty. ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
701	16 Bde		03141OK 03112OK	O 378	RESTRICTED (,) ref your OP Instn 14/0210 (.) ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register 03114OK.
<del>702</del>	<del>6 Div</del>		<del>031349K</del>	<del>60-004</del>	<del>UNCLASSIFIED-(.)-year-09</del> In



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702	6 Div		021340K	GO 904	UNCLASSIFIED (.) your Op Instr 14 of 27 Jun ack.  ACTION: Noted ack register.
703	17 Bde Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	6 Div	030900K	O 14	SECRET (.) SITREP 335 to 030800K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) 021100K coy less 8 Pl occupied A783970 without opposition (.) clearing patrol report ridge to A783966 clear (.) 8 Pl at A783974 (.) B Coy (.) patrol to YINDINYAN A767951 report village clear (.) coy less 11 Pl A760950 (.) 11 Pl BAUM A758952 (.) C Coy (.) patrol to A778967 reports enemy occupying dug in posns this area (.) 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported located YAMIL 4 A772977 (.) D Coy (.) fighting patrol reports enemy in unknown str track june A764953 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrols report enemy mov along track V803017 (.) B Coy (.) patrol to A794986 contacted enemy in well dug in posns (.) C Coy (.) 021130K native sentry killed by enemy sniper at A799994 (.) one damaged LMG captured at CHOLOGWIN A801996 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) 021500K 4 Pl occupied KUNJINGE Mission A662832 without opposition (.) recce patrol to NAILAH A696832 re- port 25 enemy moved into village from DUNEBIT corrected ref A745786 (.) estimate 50 enemy now in village (.) B Coy (.) 021030K 8 Pl attacked and captured WAIGAKUM 2 A718934 (.) enemy cas 2 killed 1 wounded own 1 native soldier wound- ed (.) coy now at WAIGAKUM 2 (.) C Coy (.) recce patrol to NAILAH A696832 report 25 enemy moved into village from DUNEBIT corrected ref A745786 (.) estimate 50 enemy now in village (.) B Coy (.) 021030K 8 Pl attacked and captured WAIGAKUM 2 A718934 (.) enemy cas 2 killed 1 wounded own 1 native soldier wounded (.) coy now at WAIGAKUM 2 (.) C Coy (.) recce patrol to KONJAMBE A742886 reports estimate 25 enemy with 1 HMG in area (.) coy less 10 Pl KWIMBU A737884 (.) 10 Pl at WAMOMBUOTO A676867 (.) D Coy less 13 Pl A671902 (.) 13 Pl under cmd A Coy at WAMOMBUOTO (.) natives killed 1 enemy at ABUSIT A657842 (.) total cas enemy 4 killed 1 wounded own 1 sentry boy killed 1 native soldier wounded (.) native reports state MANO and ASADA at BURUI A6658 (.) MAPRIK Rd now jeepable to A746981 all infm.
704	HAYFIELD		031150K	PHONE	ANSON in 1025K 1 offr 5 natives 3 NGIB. Out 1135K 2 pers 2/6 Bn for AGH. DOUGLAS VH-CUC in 1050K 4760 lbs rations. Out 1125K 6 natives for ANGAU.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
705	HAYFIELD		031300K	PHONE	DOUGLAS in 1230K 440 lbs rations, 12 4 galls lighting kero, 10 4 galls range fuel, 10 doz eggs HARRIE. (CONTINUED)

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705					(CONTINUED) MAPRIK. Out 1255K empty.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
706	HAYFIELD		031400K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL in 1310K 1 pers 2/1 Tk A Regt, 3730 lb rations, 800 lbs NGIB stores, 1 crate acid, 2 boxes med gear. Out 1335 empty. VH-CTY in 1300K 4680 lbs rations. Out 1400K NO load.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
707	HAYFIELD		031530K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIK in 1505K 4580 lbs ration. Out 1535K empty for ALTAPE.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised.
708	HAYFIELD 2 NGIB		031545K	PHONE	8 Pl plus 1 sec 6 Pl cleared and occupied KWANDININGI A730935 cas enemy 8 killed 2 wounded own 1 native soldier killed (.) 3 LMG 10 rifles captured (.) 1 Bren Gun captured during attack on KONJAMBE am 3 Jul.
709	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn	031515K 031637K	I 551	RESTRICTED (.) results of interrogation on native patrol WIHUN area see our I 504 of 20 Jun (.) patrol did NOT penetrate EAST of SARGUM River (.) report main track from COAST via SARGUM River to headwaters then in direction of TURAHUN believed MT TURU shows considerable signs traffic (.) enemy disposals WANIURITARI in gen area headwaters of SARGUM River TUFANO estimated posn 901078 WIHUN 896088 all occupied in str (.) BOINUM 874092, found occupied huts approx str 20/30 (.) MULAWATAI approx 845057 three occupied huts str 20/30 (.) AGLABILITA approx 880046 two occupied huts str 25/30 (.) two occupied huts str 10/15 in OLIEM CK (.) patrol state killed 60 enemy all areas considered reliable by ANGAU (.) proof of 13 killed incl one Capt 3 First/Lts brought back (.) WIHUN area stated by natives to be under arty fire from direction of coast while patrol in area all info.
710		6 Div 71 Wing 100 Sqn	031845K	O 17	SECRET (.) SITREP 337 (.) air Sp A807997 (.) 030915K 11 aircraft bombed strafed from low-level (.) all aircraft except (NEXT SHEET)

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710					(CONTINUED) planes 7 and 9 dropped bombs on target area (.) coverage considered excellent (.) planes 7 and 9 dropped bombs on WESTERN slopes of NORTH-ERN target (.) poor coverage this area.
711	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	031830K 031905K	JA 236	SECRET (.) SITREP 92 to 031900K (.) Bty SITNOR native reports (.) 2 enemy killed BENJINI 1 Sgt 1 Cpl (.) reported 50 enemy in BENJIN Gp possibly 3 MMG (.) BENJIN is near BERUI ELG between the 8 and 9 kilo pegs on MAPRIK BERUI Rd (.) natives grenaded enemy in huts this area (.) NO result observed.
712	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	031920K	M 240	Request repeat air strike M 229 ULUPU village (A) Jul 4 NOT after 1000K (.) B (.) bomb incl 1000 lbs and strafe (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) same as M 229 (J) 783966-763951-764954-775972-771971-764961 (K) NOT WEST line creek 770952-762971 (.) NOT NORTH kunai ridge and track from 761973-776973 (.) NOT EAST line creek 775970-778965 (L) own tps attacking feature immediately after strike (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) only target for 4 Jul.
713	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	031940K	M 241	TAC R (A) 4 Jul (B) YENTCHEMANGUA 7447 KOROGO 8347 areas NORTH to 5 grid line (C) locate enemy concentrations and signs of movement particularly to the EAST (D) confirm AIB infm (E) native patrols MARUI 6553 (F) bomb and strafe opportunity targets this area (.) NOT WEST River entering SEPIK at YENTCHEMANGUA (G) 17 Bde and 2 NGIB white T at 676904.
714	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 3 NGIB	031915K 031945K	I 552	SECRET (.) SITREP 226 to 031900K (.) A Coy (.) 030930K airstrike on feature 807994 accurate NO bombs on kunai knoll 807998 (.) 031000K F 227 after hy M3 MMG fire by A and C Coys on both features report (NEXT SHEET)

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714	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	031915K 031945K	I 552	SECRET (.) SITREP 236 to 031900K (.) A Coy (.) 030930K airstrike on feature 807994 accurate NO bombs on kunai knoll 807998 (.) 031000K F 227 after hy M3 MMG fire by A and C Coys on both features report encountered enemy str NOT known on narrow razor- back at 807999 patrol unable to proceed and withdrew (.) 031100K following M3 MMG fire area razorback ku- nai knoll further patrol found enemy still in occupa- tion razorback patrol engaged but failed to dislodge enemy cas enemy wounded own MIL (.) 031300K native patrol ULUNKOHOITU area report 10 enemy with rifles only dug in in garden area 814005 with sentries posted NORTH and SOUTH approaches (.) 20 enemy occupy large trench system with overhead cover at 827007 comd approach- es from ek 828009 826006 and 826010 (.) enemy forage in gardens at 828003 (.) B Coy (.) 031130K R 228 re- port 794986 and feature 795987 clear of enemy (.) C Coy (.) mov obs throughout day area 8011985 engaged by MMG results unknown (.) harassing fire on ridge 805995 (.) D Coy (.) sec 16 Pl moved to 18 Pl posns 796001 all infm
715	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	031950K	M 242	TAC R (A) 4 Jul (B) CHAUACHE 7754 NUMANGOA 8358 KUMBOGUA 7457 areas (C) locate enemy concentrations and signs of movement particularly to the EAST (D) confirm AIB infm (E) native patrols MA- RUI 6553 (F) bomb and strafe opportunity targets this area (.) NOT WEST river entering SEPIK at YENTCHEMANGUA (G) 17 Bde and 2 NGIB white T at 676904.
716	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	032000K	M 243	Report on todays air strike M 236 (.) NORTHERN knoll NOT bombed (.) SOUTHERN knoll bombed accurately (.) excellent coverage (.) NO UXB (.) strafing along KABOIBUS ridge being satis- factory.
717	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	031915K 032000K	I 553	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 4 Jul (.) A Coy (.) local patrol- ling (.) HF on enemy posn 810014 (.) B Coy (.) 040730K native sentries to area coco- nut knoll 790977 (.) native sentries to ILIPEM villages due in 6 Jul (.) C Coy (.) 040830K sub-sec MMG move from (NEXT SHEET)

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717					(CONTINUED) B Coy to 13 Pl (.) local patrolling (.) D Coy (.) R 229 NCO 3 OR route out through 9 Pl to ck at approx 805992 object recce approaches to high ground area 807993 all infm.
718	3/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A 2 NGIB	031905K 032007K	I 127	SECRET (.) SITREP 60 to 031900K (.) A Coy (.) F 79 contacted and killed 3 enemy at creek approx 783965 (.) enemy mov observed track approx 782964 and 779962 (.) patrol NOT previously notified report 20/30 enemy YOIBI River approx 785968 (.) 1 enemy killed own cas NIL (.) B Coy (.) coy less 10 Pl now at YINDINYAN 763951 (.) 10 Pl JIGENOM-BU 764953 (.) 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported located YINDINYAN (.) killed by mor fire (.) C Coy (.) 031000K R 83 R 84 report kunai ridge 771971 clear (.) 80/100 w/pits and pillboxes along ridge (.) 3 enemy dead NOT previously reported located SOUTH side ridge (.) killed by mor fire (.) 3 own killed action 28 Jun plus 1 OSMG 2 rifles recovered (.) F 80 report 031530K patrol engaged enemy str 20/30 village 775966 (.) enemy returned fire with LMG rifles (.) cas enemy NOT known own NIL 0031500K kunai ridge 771971 occupied by 4 Pl 14 Pl (.) 75mm M3. MMG fire 773968 and village 775966 during pm 3 Jul (.) D Coy (.) F 81 (.) 030930K engaged enemy str NOT known track junc 764953 (.) cas enemy str NOT known track junc 764953 (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) 031000K patrol relieved by 10 Pl B Coy (.) F 82 R 85 NMS (.) all infm.
719	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	031950K 032110K	O 30	SECRET (.) SITREP (.) 13 to 031900K (.) A Coy (.) 031230K A Coy attached NAILA 693832 and occupied at approx 031600K (.) stiff opposition were dug in posns well sited (.) enemy cas 16 killed own cas 3 native soldiers killed (.) wounded 7 incl 1 Offr evac 1 European Sgt remaining on duty (.) disposns (.) coy HQ 4 and 4 Pl plus 13 Pl KUNJINGE Mission 662833 3 Pl NAILA (.) C Coy (.) 8 Pl plus one sec 6 Pl captured KWANDININGI 730935 (.) enemy cas 8 killed two wounded own cas 1 native soldier killed (.) disposns coy HQ 7 Pl 8 Pl WAIGAKUM 3 711933 (.) C Coy (.) report NOT yet to hand (.) D Coy (.) move to KUNJINGEB to relieve A Coy 041000K (.) total cas enemy 34 killed 2 wounded own cas 4 native soldiers killed 7 wounded (.) 3 LMGs and 11 rifles captured KWANDININGI (.) (NEXT SHEET)

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719					(CONTINUED) 1 serviceable Aust Bren captured KONJAMBE large number of documents also captured (.) all infm.
720	6 Div		031845K 032135K	GI 126	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 4 Jul (.) fine clouds night scattered showers about coast in early morning (.) fine cloudy day showers on ranges after midday (.) visibility good (.) fog and haze at foothills early morning (.) winds light to EAST to SOUTH (.) seas slight with slight EASTLY swell all infm.
721	2/5 Bn	17 Bde. 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A 2 NGIB	032100K 032200K	I 128	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 4 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 83 str Lt MILES 12 OR to vicinity 787968 (.) object destroy enemy (.) F 84 str NCO 10 OR to creek junc 782966 (.) object destroy enemy (.) M3 HF enemy posns 785968 night 3/4 Jul to B Coy (.) 12 Pl will clear village 768953 (.) on success will be relieved by 10 Pl (.) C Coy (.) F 85 str NCO 10 OR to 773965 (.) object clear area (.) F 86 str Lt BALDWIN 10 OR to ULUM 778963 (.) object clear feature (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl sp by 16 Pl will clear and occupy NW village ULUPU at 774963 (.) air (.) strike ULUPU (.) NOT after 041000K (.) all infm.
722	TADJI	ASP	032200K	L 67	Ref M 240 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 040830K 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 0845K 9 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 0900K (.) only travel to strafe (.) weathers from 0630K.
723	6 Div		031710K 032305K	GO 911	SECRET (.) REVSIT 241 to 031500K.
724	6 Div	17 Bde FELO	031030K 032310K	GI 125	CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref your G 219 (.) your suggested leaflet submitted DO ANGAU slight change made (.) leaflet now with FELO (.) supply should arrive approx 9 Jul (.) will fwd supply your area at early as requested.
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725	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	032230K 032312K	O 33	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 4 Jul 45 (.) A Coy (.) relieved by D Coy 041000K (.) will be concentrated KUNJINGE Mission (.) B Coy (.) will patrol and ambush approaches to NARAMUKO (.) C Coy (.) will continue ops in general area KONJAMBE (.) D Coy (.) will relieve A MAILA and hold. Coy at 041000K and occupy
726		6 Div Rear 17 Bde	040655K	O 19	RESTRICTED (.) NO planes to land HAYFIELD until further advice (.) by rain during night still continuing.
727		6 Div	040700K	O 20	RESTRICTED (.) W7C6V2D0F0T8.
728		ADS YAMIL 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	040845K	I 331	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 44 to 031500K.
<del>729</del>	<del>2 NGIB</del>	<del>17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn</del>	<del>041000K 041030K</del>	<del>O 35</del>	<del>SECRET (.) SITREP 14 to 041000K (.) A Coy (.) ref SITREP 13 to 031900K disposed 13 Pl at MAILA NOT KUNJINGE Mission (.) cas NOT previously reported 031300K one enemy killed WININGI (.) 031230K 13 Pl 3 Pl.</del>
730	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	040930K	O 18	SECRET (.) SITREP 338 to 040800K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) fighting patrol killed 3 enemy at creek A783965 (.) enemy mov observed track A782964 (.) patrol to YOIBI River report 20/30 enemy at A785968 (.) 1 enemy killed (.) B Coy (.) coy less 10 Pl at YINDINYAN corrected ref A763951 (.) 10 Pl A764953 (.) 1 enemy dead located this area (.) C Coy (.) 031000K patrols report Kunai ridge A771971 clear (.) approx 100 pits and pill boxes along ridge (.) 3 enemy dead NOT previously reported located on ridge (.) 031500K ridge (.) 3 enemy dead NOT previously reported located on ridge (.) 031500K ridge occupied by 4 and 14 Pls (.) 031530K patrol engaged 20/30 enemy A775966 (.) cas unknown (.) D Coy (.) 030930K fighting patrol engaged enemy in unknown str (NEXT SHEET)

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730					<p>(CONTINUED)                      at track junc A764953 (.)                      cas enemy 2 killed (.) 10                      Pl occupied area (.) PW states                      4 enemy killed by mortar fire                      A773968 on 2 Jul (.) infm re-                      liable (.) 5 PW captured                      by 2/5 Bn now at this HQ being                      interrogated (.) 2/6 Bn (.)                      A Coy (.) 031000K fighting patrol to A807999 encountered                      enemy in unknown str (.) patrol forced to withdraw (.)                      cas enemy 2 wounded (.) B Coy (.) patrols to A794986                      and A795987 report area clear of enemy (.) C Coy (.)                      enemy not observed at A811985 throughout day engaged                      by mortar fire (.) native infm (.) native patrol to                      ULUNKHOCITU area report 10 enemy at A814005 and 20                      enemy V827007 (.) native patrol WIHUN area A896088                      period 20 Jun to 3 Jul (.) all refs approx (.) patrol                      reports main track from coast via SARGUM River to head-                      waters at A8902 and then in direction of MT TURU shows                      signs of considerable use (.) estimate of enemy str                      (.) TUFAMO V901078 and WIHUN V896088 occupied in str                      (D) BOINUM V874092 str 20/30 (.) MULAWHATAI V845057                      str 20/30 (.) AGLABILITA V880046 str 25/30 (.) OLIBM                      Creek area V865058 str 10 (.) patrol states 60 enemy                      killed (.) proof of 12 killed incl 1 Capt 3 Lts brought                      back by patrol (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) native reports (.)                      50 enemy in BENJIN gp A6558 (.) 2 enemy killed (.) 2                      NGIB (.) A Coy (.) 031230K A Coy attacked NAILAH A698832                      and after a battle lasting 3½ hrs occupied the area                      at 031600K (.) enemy offered stiff opposition from well                      dug in posns (.) enemy cas 16 killed (.) own cas 3 na-                      tive soldiers killed 7 incl 1 offr and European sgt                      wounded (.) coy less 3 Pl KUNJINGE Mission A662833 (.)                      3 Pl NAILAH A698832 (.) B Coy (.) 6 Pl captured and                      occupied KWANDANINGI A730935 (.) enemy cas 8 killed                      2 wounded (.) own 1 native soldier killed (.) 3 IMGs                      11 rifles captured (.) coy less 6 Pl WAIGAKUM 3 A711932                      (.) 1 Bren Gun captured in KONJAMBE action A742885                      reported our SITREP 336 (.) total cas enemy 52 killed                      2 wounded (.) own 4 killed 7 wounded incl 1 offr all                      infm.</p>
731	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	041010K 041035K	I 553	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 227 to 041000K                      (.) A Coy (.) 031845K 6 enemy                      obs kunai knoll 807997 engaged                      with unknown results (.) B                      Coy NOTHING to report (.)                      C Coy (.) 032300K 3 blast                      bombs thrown into coy peri-                      meter NIL casm (.) 040900K                      enemy movt obs and engaged                      on ridge 807986 (.) D Coy</p> <p>NOTHING to report all infm.</p>



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732	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	041000K 041030K	O 35	SECRET (.) SITREP 14 to 041000K (.) A Coy (.) ref SITREP 13 to 031900K disposes 13 Pl at NAILA NOT KUNJINGE Mission (.) cas NOT previously reported 031300K one enemy killed WININGI (.) 031930K 13 Pl 3 Pl NAILA village report enemy action (.) 040600K consolidated SOUTH edge of village (.) cas enemy one killed count incomplete (.) cas own one native OR killed (.) B Coy (.) SITNOR (.) C Coy (.) recce patrol reports GANGUTO 743882 NINTIGUMAN 744885 GUNINGI 750880 clear (.) 9 Pl 11 Pl 743891 (.) coy HQ 10 Pl 733889 (.) Kanakas report enemy in str TORUKO gp (.) they also report some Kanakas helping Japs in this area (.) Kanakas reported Japs preparing KAI 750895 (.) patrol from 11 Pl left 031645K ref 031800K reported 20 Japs had eaten and were mov EAST (.) D Coy (.) SITNOR (.) all infd.
733		6 Div	041050K	I 332	SECRET (.) native patrols from this area are now operating NORTH from WIHUN V898088 towards DAGUA (.) these patrols will continue to operate in this area until further notice (.) can own tps in the DAGUA area be informed of these patrols as natives are at present afraid of booby traps and own patrols from the NORTH.
734	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	041005K 041100K	I 129	SECRET (.) SITREP 61 to 041000K (.) A Coy (.) 032100K 040100K MB HF on enemy posn 785968 (.) B Coy D Coy NOTHING to report (I) C Coy (.) enemy cas NOT previously reported 1 killed 773968 at 031100K (.) all infm.
735	<del>17-Bde</del>	<del>6-Div</del> Rear-Bde 2/1-TR-A ADS-YAMIE	<del>041225K</del>	<del>0</del>	
735	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	041830K 041835K	JA 239	SECRET (.) SITREP 93 to 041900K (.) SITNOR.

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736	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	041840K 041856K	I 554	SECRET (.) LOCSTATE as at 041800K.
737	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	041900K	M 244	(A) 5 Jul (B) bombs incl incendiary and strafe (C) destroy and burn huts in village as these are key posns for siting of 7 IMGs (D) WARAMUKO village approx 50 huts in fair condition with others dilapidated on ridge running NORTH and SOUTH (.) large shelter with NO sides at NORTH end of village (.) 6 bunker posns being dug under shelter (.) NORTH-SOUTH track well-worn (.) foxholes on track at 755917 (E) corrected map ref 755915 (.) NO photos this area (F) 550 (G) NIL (H) NIL (I) native patrols 2 Jul (J) WAIGAKUM 3 711922, KWIMBU 738887 (.) orange fluorescent Ts pointing to target (K) NOT WEST PARCHI River 737886-737931 (.) NOT SOUTH track 737886-770882 (.) NOT NORTH line creek 737931-750932 (L) NO (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2 NGIB (.) target indication NOT possible owing to distance from own tps (.) second priority but would like some aircraft for this target as it is the first request from 2 NGIB.
738		6 Div 71 Wing 7 Sqn 8 Sqn 100 Sqn	041915K	O 23	SECRET (.) SITREP 340 (.) air sp ULUPU sq A7795 (.) excellent strike (.) all bombs on target area (.) considerable devastation to feature.
739	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	041825K	O 21	SECRET (.) SITREP 339 to 041200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 1 enemy killed at A773968 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) 031845K 6 enemy observed at A807997 engaged by mortar fire (.) 032300K 3 blast bombs thrown into C Coy area A801995 (.) enemy mov A807986 engaged by mortar fire (.) 2 NGIB A Coy (.) 3 Pl and 13 Pl under comd occupy MAILAH A698832 (.) report enemy active in area (.) one enemy killed own one native soldier killed (.) one enemy killed at WININGE A672859 C Coy (.) patrols report villages at A743882 A744885 and A750880 all clear (.) coy less 9 and 11 Pls A733889 (.) 9 and 11 Pls A742891 (.) enemy reported in str TORUKO A758883 (.) 20 enemy at A750895 reported moving EAST (.) total cas (.) enemy 3 killed own 1 native soldier killed all infm.
740	ASP				

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740	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	041915K	M 245	Request report air strike M 240 UIUPU village (.) NO change in own tps posn or bomb lines (.) attack after today's strike unsuccessful (.) own tps will again attack after strike (.) First Priority (.) NOT after 1000K
741	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	041920K	M 246	Report on today's air strike M 240 (.) all aircraft except one on target area (.) excellent coverage (.) NO UXB.
742	3/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	041910K 041930K	I 555	SECRET (.) SITREP 228 to 041900K (.) A Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) 041030K native patrol to coconut knoll report 5 enemy 791981 enemy str unknown at 790978 (.) 041100K HF M3 on enemy posn 791981 (.) C Coy (.) HF throughout day on feature 808998 and ULUNKOHOITU village (.) 041430K one BEAUFORT dropped stick of bombs on ULUNKOHOITU scoring direct hit on village area (.) D Coy (.) 041130K R 229 moved to small clearing 804997 where were fired on by enemy from high feature 807997 (.) native sentries indicated mov on either site and patrol withdrew all infm.
743	3/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	041930K 041940K	I 556	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 5 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 050730K F 230 NCO 12 OR object clear enemy posn 810914 and occupy until relieved by 9 Pl (.) B Coy (.) native sentries to 790978 object recce enemy str and disposes (.) native sentries previously reported moving out to ILIPEM area 4 Jul new moving out 5 Jul due in 7 Jul (.) C and D Coy local patrolling all infm.
744	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	041950K	M 247	TAC R (A) 5 Jul (B) area bounded by 8095, 9095, 8090, 9090 (C) locate reported headquarters area vicinity river 8292 and signs enemy movement and concentrations this area (D) confirm PW information of possible (NEXT SHEET)

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744					(CONTINUED) Army and Divisional HQ this area (E) own tps sq 7795 (F) bomb and strafe WIHIBI Creek from 830983-860996 (.) NOT WEST or NORTH KABOI-BUS Creek 787973-829996 (G) 17 Bde.
745	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	041910K 042020K	I 131	SECRET (.) SITREP 62 to 041900K (.) A Coy (.) F 83 report area 787968 clear (.) NMS (.) F 84 cancelled (.) 041400K native sentry wounded 785966 (.) B Coy (.) 041230K 12 Pl report village 768953 clear (.) disposns (.) Coy HQ 10 Pl JIGENONBU 764953 (.) 11 Pl 12 Pl 768953 (.) C Coy (.) F 85 cancelled (.) F 86 report 041130K patrol engaged enemy str 20/30 773968 (.) cas (.) enemy 5 killed (.) own 3 wounded incl 2 remaining on duty (.) FM 4 Jul arty M3 MMG MF 773968 (.) D Coy (.) 041830K 18 Pl report engaged enemy str NOT known ULUPU 774963 (.) patrol infiltrated by HMG fire enemy posn 773968 (.) patrol withdrew (.) cas (.) enemy 10 killed (.) own 2 wounded 1 remaining on duty (.) air (.) strike ULUPU reported excellent all infm.
746	6 Div		041820K 042025K	GI 129	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 5 Jul broken to overcast cloud decreasing to scattered after sunset (.) visibility 15 to 20 miles reduced to 1 to 3 miles in mist about foothills during early morning (.) wind SE to NE 8 miles per hr (.) sea slight.
747	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	042130K	O 36	SECRET (.) SITREP 15 to 041900K (.) A Coy (.) 041130K 3 Pl arrived KUNJINGE Mission from NAILA (.) enemy killed NAILA 3 Jul incl one first-Lt three WO and 2 Sgts (.) 3 fresh enemy graves found (.) A Coy resting KUNJINGE Mission (.) B Coy (.) gen patrol-ling KWANDANINGI area (.) C Coy contact patrol from 9 Pl to 771889 (.) 10 Pl recce patrol to 759882 reported location of BUSAGI (.) 10 Pl recce party reports (NEXT SHEET)

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747					<p>(CONTINUED)                      track to NAILA on bearing 240 degrees from 749860 clear (.) natives report SOUTH along PARCHI River to track creek june 758817 clear also Japs in str DUNBIT 744786 (.) 9 Pl patrol to BUGINGWANDU 771889 report  <del>35-Japs-in-str-DUNBIT-744786-(.)-9-Pl-patrol</del>                      35 Japs staging NO weapon pits (.) NR Japs withdrawing from NARAMUKO to TOROKU gp (.) also report Japs dug in SUANBIKUM 779879 (.) KONJAMBE to 758880 clear (.) 4 old Jap graves GANGUTO 743882 (.) also 4 old Jap graves KONJAMBE (.) R patrol reports GANGUTO NINTIGINUM 739881 DOINYINGI 748878 clear (.) NR enemy in str TOROKO gp (.) NR enemy dug in TAIGESHI one 784872 and TAIGESHI two 780868 (.) natives helping Japs this area (.) also 45 Japs moved to KWANBIKUM 783883 (.) further count KONJAMBE attack 3 Jul additional 6 killed total now 12 enemy killed (.) C Coy concentrated KONJAMBE (.) D Coy (.) occupied NAILA taken over from A Coy (.) D Coy at NAILA all infm.</p>
748	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 TKA	04214OK	O 24	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 341 to 04210OK (.) preliminary report interrogation of PW indicates MATSUMOTO Force and IBA Force in the ULUFU sq A7795 and AONIARU sq A7793 areas in estimate str of 250 (.) IBA Force total str 100/150 moved up from SOUTH during month Jun (.) KOIZUNI Force occupies KABOIBUS sq A8499 CHOLOGWIN A8099 areas in unknown str ubt considered more than 100 (.) MIYAKE MATSUMOTO and IBA all said to be in AONIARU area (.) MIYAKE still comds ops (.) NAKAI at GWALIP A8292 (.) ADACHI and 18 Army Hq also stated to be in GWALIP area but this infm can NOT be considered reliable (.) PW believes 41 Div estimate str 170/200 moved from SOUTH recently to KUMAGUMON area (.) this posn unknown but may be in BUKINARA sq A8897 (.) however further identifications of 41 Div come to hand from 2 NGIB sector vicinity WININGE A671889 (.) 5 PW departing 5 Jul (.) 2 remaining PW being held further 24 hrs supplying valuable infm ULUFU area all infm.</p>
749	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	042115K 042145K	I 132	<p>SECRET (.) LOCATION STATE as at 04200OK.</p>

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750	TADJI	ASP	042219K	L 72	Ref M 245 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 0830K and 9 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 0850K and 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0915K (.) 100 Sqn a/c will strafe only M 244 (.) 6060 (.) weathers 0630K sharp (.) ref M 247 1 BEAUFORT ETD 0800K.
751	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB  (.) F 89 str NCO 10 OR to area (.) F 90 str NCO 10 OR to feature (.) time out both (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl will make sp B Coy at 774953 (.) all infm.	042130K 042230K	I 133	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 5 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 87 str NCO 9 OR to 786971 (.) object harass enemy F 88 str NCO 10 OR to 785966 (.) object harass enemy (.) B Coy (.) coy less 11 Pl will attack and secure SOUTH villages ULUFU at 773954 (.) C Coy (.) object clear (.) object clear (.) object clear after B Coy attack (.) strike ULUFU NOT after
752	2 NGIB	17 Bde	042315K 042240K	O 38	SECRET (.) LOOSTAT as at 041800K.
753	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn  (.) on completion will lay patrol will last approx 4 days gen area MAILA.	042200K 042245K	O 37	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 5 Jul 45 (.) A Coy (.) resting (.) B Coy (.) general recce patrols possibly attack NARAMGO 754932 (.) C Coy (.) 9 Pl will attack BUEINGWANDU 771889 and return to KONJAMBE (.) 10 Pl F pat 1 offr 10 OR SOUTH along PARCHI River to 757817 (.) D Coy (4) recce
754	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde	050635K	O 26	RESTRICTED (.) NO planes to land HAYFIELD until further notice (.) by rain here.

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755		6 Div	050700K	O 37	RESTRICTED (.) W7C5V2DOFOT8.
756	6 Div		041840K 050715K	GO 917	SECRET (.) REVSIT 242 to 041500K.
757	3 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	051000K 051030K	O 41	SECRET (.) SITREP 16 to 051000K (.) SITNOR all infm.
758	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 3 NGIB	051005K 051100K	I 134	SECRET (.) SITREP 68 to 051000K (.) A Coy (.) 050125K 1 enemy killed 1 wounded on coy perimeter (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy night 4/5 Jul M3 HF 773968 (.) all infm.
759	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	051030K 051100K	I 557	SECRET (.) SITREP 229 to 051000K (.) A Coy (.) 041800K native sentries report enemy still in occu- pation razor-back ridge 807990 and knoll 807997 with fire lanes cut (.) tent obs EAST slope knoll 807997 (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 050830K HF on feature 805995 all infm.
760	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	050930K 051130K	JA 243	SECRET (.) SITREP 94 to 051000K SITNOR.
761	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMII	051220K	O 26	SECRET (.) SITREP 341 to 051200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 050125K enemy mov coy peri- meter A783966 cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded (.) 2/6 Bn (.) native reports enemy still in occupation A807990 and A807997 (.) 2 NGIB SIT- NOR (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt NOTHING to report (.) cas Dec 44 have now passed the 2000 killed mark all infm.
762	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMII	050900K	O 35	SECRET (.) SITREP 342 to 050800K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) fighting patrol reports area A787968 clear (.) 041400K native sentry wounded at (NEXT SHEET)

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762					<p>(CONTINUED)</p> <p>A785966 (.) B Coy (.) 041230K  12 Pl cleared village A768953  (.) coy less 11 and 12 Pls  A764953 (.) 11 and 12 Pls  A768953 (.) C Coy (.) 041130K  patrol engaged enemy str  20/30 A773968 (.) cas enemy  5 killed own 3 wounded incl  2 remaining on duty (.) D Coy (.) 041830K 18 Pl engaged  enemy on UIUFU ridge A774963 and drove enemy from his  fwd posns (.) pl came under hy fire incl HMG from  A773968 and were forced to withdraw (.) enemy 10  killed own 2 wounded (.) 2/6 Bn (.) B Coy (.) 041030K  enemy in unknown str contacted at A790978 (.) D Coy  (.) 041130K patrol to A804997 were fired on by enemy  from A807997 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy now conc at KUNJIN-  GE Mission A773832 (.) 2 further enemy dead located  NAILAH area A695832 (.) C Coy (.) patrol from KWIMBU  area sq A7388 report unmarked track to NAILAH clear  (.) patrol to BUGINGWANDU A771889 report 35 enemy  staging in area (.) patrol from KONJAMBE A741886 to  A758880 report area clear (.) 8 old Jap graves located  KONJAMBE GANGUTO areas sq A7488 (.) patrol to DOINYIN-  GI A745879 report area clear (.) further 6 enemy dead  located as result KONJAMBE action 3 Jul (.) C Coy  now at KONJAMBE (.) D Coy at NAILAH (.) native reports  (.) enemy in str DUNBIT ref A744786 (.) enemy withdraw-  ing from NARAMUKO A759918 to TORUKO gp sq A7888 (.)  enemy in str TORUKO (.) enemy dug in at TAIGESHI one  A784872 and TAIGESHI two A780868 (.) 45 enemy reported  to have moved EAST to KWAMBIKUM A783883 (.) total cas  enemy 33 killed own 6 wounded incl 1 sentry boy (.)  KURAGUMON reported in our SITREH 341 known to be in  vicinity of sq A8995 all infm.</p>
763	HAYFIELD		051230K	PHONE	<p>DOUGLAS VH-CY in at 1155K  with Maj LENNAN, Pte LYNCH,  both 2/2 Fd Amb. Out 1230K  for AITAPE with 3 offrs,  1 sgt, 4 natives, all from  ADS, 2 NGIB, for AGH.</p> <p>ACTION: WT informed for  Rear Bde.</p>
764	17 Bde	2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	050920K	I 355	SECRET (.) REVSIT 45 to 041500K (6 Div).
765	6 Div	17 Bde 2 NGIB	051100K 051735K	GO 921	SECRET (.) 1 Aust Fd Sqn have been allotted Row 34 in code directory G 1419 of 5 Apr (.) all infm.



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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
766	HAYFIELD		051450K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL landed 1435K with 900 lbs rations. Took off for AITAPE 1450K with 1 pack for AGH.  WT advised for Rear Bde.
<del>767</del>	<del>6 Div</del>	<del>17 Bde 2 NGIB</del>	<del>051100K 051735K</del>	<del>GO-921</del>	<del>SECRET (.) 1 Aust Wa Sqn have been all</del>
767	3/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	051830K 051840K	JA 244	SECRET (.) SITREP 95 to 051800K (.) SITNOR (.) native reports (.) SUAMBIKUM 1 Jap S/M 1 Jap Cpl killed by sentry boys (.) 1 OSMG 4522 recaptured (.) DUNBIT 40 Japs occupying 6 houses nearest to KULUGI (.) offrs names YAMOTO WIRA KARINO (.) MALABASAKUM Japs keeping strong guard (.) killed sentry boy and ate him.
768	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	051845K	M 248	TAC R (A) as early as possible 6 Jul (B) area bounded by 8799, 9299, 8794, 9294 (C) locate large HQ area indicated by two white panels placed in area by own native patrols (.) HQ is located between the two panels (.) panels thought to be at approx 89765 (.) pay particular attention to PANAMBERI River (D) TAC/R aircraft to locate panels preparatory to leading in air strike on this area (E) 801996 (F) NO bombing or strafing (.) TAC R aircraft to return as soon as panels located (G) 17 Bde.
769	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	051845K	M 249	TAC R (A) 6 Jul (B) area bounded by 8095, 9095, 8090, 9090 (C) locate reported HQ area vicinity river 8292 and signs enemy movement and concentration this area (D) confirm PW infm of possible Army and Divisional HQ this area (E) own tps track along ridge from sq 7795 (F) bomb and strafe 802982-840995 (.) NOT WEST or NORTH KABOIBUS Creek 793980-818992 (G) 17 Bde.
770	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	051905K	I 558	SECRET (.) SITREP 230 to 051900K (.) A Coy (.) 051100K attack on enemy posn 804009 (NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
770					<p>(CONTINUED)                      after M3 fire by F 230 NOT                      successful (.) patrol attacked                      posn from EAST but came un-                      der fire from tree snipers                      on both flanks and rifle                      and grenade fire from front                      (.) patrol forced to withdraw                      cas enemy 6 killed 1 wound-                      ed own 1 wounded (.) amended                      (.) amended refs CHQ plus 7                      800001 (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING                      patrol to ILIFEM cancelled (.)                      tracks 4 Japs attack crossing                      on EAST slope approx 791979                      day on feature 805995 and                      (.) clearing patrols NMS (.) all infm.</p>
771	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	051910K	M 250	<p>(A) 6 Jul (?) if TAC R M 248                      successful (B) bomb and strafe                      1000 lbs (C) destroy located                      enemy HQ area as indicated                      by TAC R aircraft (D) HQ                      is between two white panels                      placed in area by own native                      patrols (.) HQ known to be                      well camouflaged (E) sug-                      gest TAC R aircraft M 248                      (G) NIL (H) NIL (I) native                      (K) NOT WEST ATILEM River                      (N) as desired (C) second</p> <p>Lead-in (F) approx 500                      patrols 3 Jul (J) 801996                      (L) NIL (M) RT ASP 17 Bde                      priority.</p>
772	3/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	051905K 051910K	I 558	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 230 to 051900K                      (.) A Coy (.) 051100K attack                      on enemy posn 804009 after                      M3 fire by F 230 NOT success-                      ful (.) patrol attacked posn                      from EAST but came under                      fire from tree snipers on both                      flanks and rifle and grenade                      fire from front (.) patrol                      forced to withdraw cas enemy 6 killed 1 wounded own 1                      wounded (.) amended ref above enemy posn 804009 (.)                      amended refs CHQ plus 7 Pl 801004 8 Pl 804006 9 Pl                      800001 (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) native                      patrol to ILIFEM cancelled (.) native reports (.) fresh                      tracks 4 Japs at ck crossing 788978 (.) enemy posn                      on EAST slope approx 791979 (.) C Coy (.) HF through-                      out day on feature 805995 and along ck 803996 (.) D Coy                      (.) clearing patrols NMS (.) all infm.</p>
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773	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	051910K 051915K	I 559	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 6 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 060730K F 231 NCO 11 OR object harass enemy posn 804009 (.) B Coy (.) 060630K standing patrols during hrs daylight 797990 794987 (.) 060900K patrol NCO 4 OR to investigate suspected enemy WP 788978 (.) C and D Coys local patrolling (.) all infm.
774	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	052000K 052035K	I 136	SECRET (.) SITREP 64 to 051900K (.) A Coy (.) F 87 to 786971 NMS (.) F 88 report area EAST of track ULBILUM creek junc 782965 clear to YOIBI River (.) enemy located WEST bank river 786968 gardens 784964 and track at 786964 (.) pm 5 Jul M3 conc enemy posns 779962 and WEST of YOIBI River (.) B Coy (.) 051230K following arty M4 M3 MMG conc 10 Pl 12 Pl attacked and occupied posn ULUPU 773953 (.) enemy str NOT known fled NORTH and EAST (.) clearing patrol fwd of posn contacted enemy approx 773955 (.) cas enemy 2 killed count NOT complete own 1 killed 2 wounded (.) action continued throughout afternoon (.) coy now consolidated 773953 (.) area clear NORTH to 773956 SOUTH to 774951 (.) enemy occupy high feature at approx 773957 (.) C Coy (.) F 90 (.) following arty M3 conc patrol or occupied garden knoll 773968 without opposition at 051345K (.) patrol exploited and cleared to 300 yds SE of knoll (.) 4 enemy dead located SOUTH side ridge killed by mortar fire (.) disposns (.) coy adv HQ 13 Pl 15 Pl 773968 (.) 14 Pl & Pl rear HQ kunai knoll 771971 (.) D Coy (.) 051330K 17 Pl carried out diversionary attack on 774959 on sp B Coy (.) 051320K 17 Pl again attacked and occupied 774959 (.) cas enemy 3 killed count NOT complete (.) own two killed one wounded (.) 051500K remainder of coy occupied posn 17 Pl returned AMUWIMBIL 761960 (.) action continued throughout afternoon (.) enemy now occupy high ground approx 50 yds EAST D Coy posn all infm.
775	6 Div		052035K	GI 135	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 6 Jul 45 (.) fine overcast at night broken low clouds on ranges and foothills in early morning (.) fine with broken clouds during day showers in afternoon (.) visibility good hazy at foothills in early morning (.) winds light EASTLY seas slight EASTLY swells all infm.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
776	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	<del>IXIIS</del> 052000K 052035K	I 136	SECRET (.) SITREP 64 to 051900K (.) A Coy (.) F 87 to 786971 NMS (.) F 88 report area EAST of track ULEBILUM creek junc 782965 clear to YOI- BI River (.) enemy located WEST bank river 786968 gar- dens 784964 and track at 786964 (.) pm 5 Jul M3 conc enemy posns 779962 and WEST of YOIBI River (.) B Coy (.) 051230K following arty M4 M3 MMG conc 10 Pl 12 Pl attacked and occupied posn ULUFU 773953 (.) enemy str NOT known fled NORTH and EAST (.) clearing patrol fwd of posn contacted enemy approx 773955 (.) cas enemy 3 killed count NOT complete own 1 killed 2 wounded (.) action continued throughout afternoon (.) coy now consolidated 773953 (.) area clear NORTH to 773956 SOUTH to 774951 (.) enemy occupy high feature at approx 773957 (.) C Coy (.) F 88 (.) following arty M3 conc patrol occupied garden knoll 773968 without opposition at 051345K (.) patrol exploited and cleared to 300 yds SE of knoll (.) 4 enemy dead located SOUTH side ridge killed by mortar fire (.) disposns (.) coy adv HQ 13 Pl 15 Pl 773968 (.) 14 Pl 4 Pl rear HQ kunai knoll 771971 (.) D Coy (.) 051230K 17 Pl carried out diversionary attack on 774959 on sp B Coy (.) 051320K 17 Pl again attacked and occupied 774959 (.) cas enemy 3 killed count NOT complete (.) own two killed one wound- ed (.) 051500K remainder of coy occupied posn 17 Pl returned AMUWIMBIL 761960 (.) action continued through- out afternoon (.) enemy now occupy high ground approx 50 yds EAST D Coy posn all infm.
777	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	052045K	M 251	(A) 6 Jul (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in on feature (D) tamboran feature on spur running EAST from NE edge of bombed ULUFU village (.) tamboran is 450 yards from NE end of ULUFU (.) 300 yards EAST tamboran is kunai feature running down to bend in YOIBI River at 788965 (.) angle of slopes 30 degrees (E) 77962 (.) Phs MDG 59 Run 6 Number 175 ref D256 (F) 550 (G) 3" mortar smoke centre target (H) NIL (I) own patrols 5 Jul and 8 Sqn 4 Jul (J) 783967, 773955, 773968, 773959 (.) T panels facing target (K) NOT NORTH line creek 776964- 784964 (.) NOT WEST line ULUFU village 773954-774961 (L) attack on feature after strike (M) RT (N) as de- sired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) NO 1000 lb bombs (.) First priority.

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778	6 Div	17 Bde	051715K 052115K	GO 929	SECRET (.) REVSIT 2143 to 051500K.
779	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	052015K 052120K	O 45	SECRET (.) SITREP 17 to 051900K (.) A Coy (.) SITNOR (.) B Coy (.) F patrol to YANUGO 755941 also F patrol to 753932 NANARAMGO NO reports to hand of these patrols (.) C Coy (.) F patrol to DUNBIT 753824 (correct ref) then proceeded to KULIGI 753852 (.) NO reports (.) F patrol to KWANBIKUM 785883 found NOTHING arrived back KONJAMBE later report stated 27 enemy at KWANBIKUM (only found eleven) (.) patrol attacked enemy cas eleven killed own cas NIL (.) patrol to BUNGINWANDU 771889 and GISANAMBU 770894 report both villages clear (.) enemy sighted 740896 (.) D Coy (.) general patrolling MAILA area (.) body of Jap killed MAILA action located 5 Jul (.) total cas 5 Jul 12 killed (.) all infm.
780	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 TKA	052045K 052125K	O 46	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 6 Jul (.) A Coy (.) NIL (.) B Coy (.) 8 Pl continues recce for attack on NARAMUKO (.) 6 Pl laying ambush track NARAMUKO NARAMGO 753932 (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl will move to TOROKU gp and continue clearing this area (.) 10 Pl will attack DUNBIT 753824 (correct ref) (.) coy HQ and 9 Pl KWIMBU (.) D Coy (.) will move to KUNJINGE Mission and prepare to move to area B Coy and C Coy operations all infm.
781	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	052100K 052205K	I 137	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 6 Jul (.) A Coy (.) R 86 str Lt MILES 6 OR to recce main track NORTH KALAUURU Mission at approx 791969 (.) F 91 str NCO 6 OR to YOIBI River approx 785967 (.) object set ambush (.) F 92 str NCO 6 OR will relieve F 91 at 061600K if NO previous contact with enemy (.) time in 070700K (.) R 87 str NCO 5 OR to recce main track between ULUFU and YOIBI River 786965 (.) B Coy (.) coy will maintain contact with enemy and exploit NORTH along ULUFU Ridge (.) local patrol to recce for enemy occupation spur 772957 (.) C Coy (.) F 92 str NCO 18 ORs to 780968 (.) object (.) clear track and contact A Coy 782967 (.) F 94 str NCO 15 OR to NORTH end ULUFU village (.) object harass enemy (.) D Coy (.) 060700K 17 Pl mov to coy posn 774959 (.) coy will consolidate present posn (NEXT SHEET)



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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
784	6 Div	1 Army 17 Bde	051425K 052245K	G 132	SECRET (.) your GI 5553 of 041010K (.) infm concerning MT TURU area vitally important (.) this infm NOT concerned as to route AIB patrol follows to enter area and will do everything possible to assist (.) have requested AIB AIRTEL recon-sider and advise firm proposal (.) ASHTON's only other alternative proposal know here is to move in from coast instead of via KAIRIVU.
785	17 Bde	Rear Bde 6 Div	060632K	O 30	RESTRICTED (.) NO planes to land HAYFIELD until further notice (.) raining.
786		6 Div	060700K	O 31	RESTRICTED (.) W7C6V1D0F0T8.
787		6 Div	060710K	O 32	RESTRICTED (.) our O 29 SITREP 342 to 060800K should read to 052200K.
788	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	060900K 060945K	JA 247	SECRET (.) 96 to 060900K (.) SITMOR.
789		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD ADS YAMIL	061005K	I 337	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 46 to 051500K.
790	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB  C Coy D Coy	061010K 061045K	I 138	SECRET (.) SITREP 65 to 061000K (.) A Coy (.) 060700K one Jap surrendered to coy at 783966 (.) B Coy (.) 051930K enemy appreciated NORTH end perimeter (.) cas 1 enemy killed own NIL (.) further 6 enemy dead located in area (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
791	2 NGIB	2 NGIB 17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	061000K 061050K	O 470	SECRET (.) SITREP 18 to 061000K 1700 SITMOR (.) all infm.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
792	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	061055K 061125K	I 560	SECRET (.) SITREP 331 to 061000K (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
793	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 TR A ADS YAMIL	2/1-TR-A 061215K	O 33	SECRET (.) SITREP 343 to 061200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) 060700K one enemy surrendered at A783966 (.) B Coy killed one enemy at A773954 (.) considerable enemy activity this area (.) 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB NOTHING to report (.) total cas enemy 1 killed 1 PW own NIL all infm.
794	6 Div	AIB 17 Bde	061145K 061425K	OA 139	SECRET (.) 5 Jul P38 pilot safely baled out approx 10 miles SE of CHAMBRI LAKE (.) aircraft searching area view to possible rescue by CATALINA ldg CHAMBRI LAKE.
795	Rear Bde	6 Div 17 Bde	061130K 061500K	I 11	SECRET (.) LOCSTAT as at 061130K (.) Rear 17 Bde DALMANN HARBOUR W258126 (.) Rear 2/5 Inf Bn W257127 (.) Rear 2 NGIB W256128 (.) Rear 2/6 Inf Bn W246155 (.) Rear 2/2 Fd Amb W246156.
796	17 Bde	6 Div 71 Wing 7 Sqn 8 Sqn	061700K	O 35	SECRET (.) SITREP 344 (.) air sp ULUFU area A779962 (.) accurate strike all bombs on or close to target area (.) excellent coverage.
797	17 Bde	6 Div 2/7 Bn	061705K	O 34	SECRET (.) air phs (.) would appreciate further copies of MDG 59 runs 1 to 7 incl at earliest (.) also copies of run 5A of same series (.) ref bur C 401 of 18 Jun (.) alteration in priorities (.) cancel priority two priority 3 now priority 1 (.) would appreciate early delivery of these.



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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
798	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	061900K	M 252	(A) 7 Jul - time immaterial (B) bomb incl 1000 lbs and strafe (C) destroy 80 enemy dug in in village (D) DUN- BIT village (.) large vil- lage of 50 huts with Jap flag flying from hut in centre of village (.) village is on kunai spur in a fork of PAROHI River (.) DUNBIT is approx 4 miles SOUTH of KWIMBU (.) approx distance from river 400 yards EAST (.) 2 small villages just SOUTH of DUNBIT (E) correct- ed map ref 755830 (.) WEWAK 4 miles to 1 inch map totally inaccurate in this area (F) approx 400 (G) NIL (H) NIL (I) on 6 Jul - own patrols (J) KWIMBU 738686, KUNJING Mission 662832 - fluorescent panels pointing to target (K) NO tps closer than 4 miles to this tar- get (L) fighting patrol will investigate (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2 NGIB.
799	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	061900K 061910K	JA 251	SECRET (.) SITREP 97 to 061900K (.) SITNOR (.) native reports (.) Kanakas ambushed and killed 3 Japs KUMABIT track (.) 6 enemy reported at YAGUNGAI approx 753868 (.) DUNBIT natives killed 5 enemy.
800	6 Div	17 Bde	061650K 061922K	GI 136	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 7 Jul (.) broken to overcast clouds scattered over range during afternoon over sea and along coast line at night (.) winds ESE to ENE 5 to 10 miles per hour during day light vari- able overland at night (.) sea slight all infm.
801	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	061905K 061925K	I 561	SECRET (.) SITREP 232 to 061900K (.) A Coy (.) 061500K F 231 reports route out NE along NORTH slope high feature 813013 to 815014 to gardens 814007 (.) enemy posn garden area evacuated time indefinite owing to recent rains (.) patrol confirmed enemy still in posn 804009 and sounds enemy mov along high ground to EAST (.) one enemy obs moving SOUTH along track from ck to 804009 (.) B Coy (.) 061200K patrol to 788978 report MIS (.) C and D Coys (.) NOTHING to report all infm.
802	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	061940K		(NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
802	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	061940K	M 253	(A) 7 <sup>30</sup> 7 Jul (.) NOT before 0600K NOT after 1000K (B) bomb only (.) NO 1000 lbs (C) destroy 20 enemy in pill-boxes (D) heavily timbered knoll on large ridge running EAST from YOIBI Creek (.) approx 1100 yards EAST YOIBI Creek (.) from SOUTH end to SOUTH (.) approx 600 yards EAST of target is a higher knoll feature (E) 804009 (.) photos MDG 59 Run 2 Number 273 refs D485 (F) 1600 (G) 3" mortar smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) 061300K - own patrols (J) 804005 - red T (.) 801004 - white T (K) NOT possible to lay bomblines (.) MAP INCORRECT THIS AREA (.) own tps at 804005 only 400 yards from target (L) own troops will attack from SOUTH 35 minutes after end of strike (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/6 Bn (.) priority two (.) do NOT bomb NORTH to SOUTH (.) strafe track along ridge from 802982-840995 (.) NOT WEST or NORTH KABOIBUS Creek 793980-818992 (.) request that after strafing aircraft circle and make dummy runs on bomb target from 25 minutes after completion of strike till notified on RT.
803	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	061910K 061933K	I 562	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 7 Jul (.) A Coy (.) airstrike requested enemy posn 804009 NOT before 070800 NOT after 071000K (.) F 232 NCO 2 OR to attack and occupy enemy posn 804009 after strike (.) patrol to be reinforced by remainder 9 Pl during day (.) B C D Coys local patrolling all infm.
804	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	061930K 062007K	I 140	SECRET (.) SITREP 66 to 061900K (.) A Coy (.) R 86 reports mov to river 787968 observed by enemy sentries posted track junc 791969 (.) weapon pits observed in area (.) enemy OP located EAST bank river overlooking crossing pt (.) R 87 to 783962 report enemy def posns this area (.) F 91 report (.) 061615K ambushed and killed 1 enemy 785967 (.) F 93 cancelled (.) 061300K 9 Pl joined coy at 783966 (.) B Coy (.) 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported located (.) result action 5 Jul (.) 061600K M3 cone 773949 (.) C Coy (.) F 93 report track 780968 and area EAST to A Coy clear (.) F 94 report enemy def posns 775962 (.) posns barricaded to NE and EAST (.) sounds of enemy constructing new def 774961 (.) huts 772962 clear (.) approaches to enemy posns 773962 from WEST NOT suitable due dense pit-pit (.) 061130K 75mm gun arrived coy posn 773968 (.) D Coy (.) 061030K (NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
804					(CONTINUED) standing patrol 773959 killed 1 enemy (.) 1 enemy NOT previously reported found dead 771959 (.) coy less arty MMG amended ref 771959 (.) arty MMG 761960 (.) contact patrol to B Coy NMS (.) arty (.) gun sp C Coy engaged target (.) 061050K strike ULUM, infm. get 775901 at 061045K (.) reported accurate (.) all
805	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	062015K	M 254	(A) 7 Jul (.) time immaterial (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in on feature (D) heavily bombed feature on NE end of ULUPU village (.) ridge is 300 yards NE of heavily bombed section of village (.) spur with distinct track runs ESE for 500 yards to tambaran feature heavily bombed 6 Jul (.) another spur runs down to NORTH for 300 yards then turns WEST (E) 774962 (.) Run 6 Number 175 refs E436, E931, E939 (F) 600 (G) mortar 3" smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) own patrols 6 Jul (J) 783967, 773955, 773968, 774959 - white Ts (K) NOT NORTH line creek 784964-775964 (.) NOT SOUTH of or on line of spur 770958-773958 (.) NOT WEST line of track 770962-774965 (L) fighting patrol to attack (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) NO 1000 lb bombs (.) priority three (.) do NOT bomb NORTH to SOUTH.
806	6 Div		061700K 062037Z	GO 945	SECRET (.) REVSIT 344 to 061500K.
807	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	062045K	M 255	TAC R (A) 7 Jul (B) area bounded by 7076, 8076, 7070, 8070 (C) locate tracks and signs of enemy occupation of village (D) to gain infm for pending operations 2 NGIB (E) A6683 (F) bomb or strafe PANAMBURI River from junction 884953 to 875969 (.) NOT WEST ATI- LEM River (G) 17 Bde (.) report on air strikes area 870955 and 897965.
808	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	062105K	M 256	Report on today's air strike M 251 (.) all aircraft bombed on or close to target area (.) excellent coverage (.) NO UXB (.) results of this afternoon's strike NOT as (NEXT SHEET)

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808					(CONTINUED) yet known (.) TAC R will re- port 7 Jul.
809	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	062050K 062130K	O 50	SECRET (.) SITREP 19 to 061900K (.) A Coy (.) resting (.) B Coy (.) 061600K 7 Pl moved out as fighting patrol to re- lieve 6 Pl NARMGO 753932 a- rea stopping night at KWAN- DANINGI 736935 (.) 8 Pl re- turned B Coy unable to cross PARCHI River (.) 6 Pl ambush patrol to NARAMUKO struck by opposition retired to KWIM- BU (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl patrol to TOROKU gp found 10 Japs and KWANBIKUM 783882 who withdrew on being fired on ene- my cas NIL own cas NIL (.) 10 Pl moved out to attack DUNBIT found enemy increased strength did NOT attack withdrew to KONJAMBE 741884 (.) enemy str DUNBIT 7 offrs 76 OR one Juki (.) enemy occupy seven houses (.) Jap flag flying very large house in village (.) natives report one wounded offr 20 OR moved from NAILA 3 Jul to DUNBIT (.) also one offr and 20 OR moved SOUTH from KWANDINUM (.) D Coy (.) concentrated KUNJINGI Mission (.) all infm.
810	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	062040K 062122K	O 51	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 7 Jul (.) A Coy (.) resting (.) B Coy (.) 6 Pl ambush track NARAMUKO (.) 7 Pl F patrol to YANUGO 754941 and NARANGO 753932 (.) 8 Pl patrolling WAIGAKUM area (.) C Coy (.) 9 Pl patrol lays ambush SOUTH of TOROKU gp (.) 11 Pl small patrol to KWANBINUM 783883 KONJAMBE 742884 (.) D Coy (.) will move to 730900 and prepare for future ops (.) all infm.
811	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	062116K 062142K	I 141	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 7 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 95 str NCO 6 OR to 785967 (.) object set ambush (.) R 88 str NCO 5 OR to vicinity 775963 (.) object observe result air strike and recess track EAST from ULUPU (.) B Coy (.) one pl will occu- py posn approx 773956 (.) F 96 str Lt HODGE 12 OR will harass enemy posns approx 773957 (.) C Coy (.) one pl will clear and occupy ULUM 778963 (.) on success village will be occupied by coy HQ two pls (.) M3 M4 HF ULUM night 6/7 Jul (.) D Coy (.) during hrs daylight standing patrol 773959 (.) M3 MMG HF 774959 (.) air (.) strike NE ULUPU 775961 (.) all infm.

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812	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/1 TKA ADS YAMIL	062215K	O 35	SECRET (.) SITREP 345 to 062200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrols located enemy def posns A791969 and A783962 (.) 061615K patrol ambushed enemy party killing one at A785967 (.) coy at A783966 (.) B Coy (.) one enemy dead located A773954 (.) C Coy (.) patrols reports extensive enemy defs at A774961 (.) D Coy (.) 2 enemy killed at A773959 (.) coy at A771959 (.) 75mm guns at A773968 and A761960 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) patrol to V804009 report enemy estimate str 20 in occupation of feature (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) native infm (.) 3 enemy killed on KUMABIT track A7576 (.) 5 enemy killed at DUNBIT A745786 (.) 2 NOIB (.) patrol to NARAMUKO area sq A7593 encountered strong opposition (.) NO further details (.) C Coy (.) patrol to KWAMBIKUM A783882 engaged 10 enemy with unobserved results (.) patrol to DUNBIT A745786 report 60 enemy in village (.) total cas enemy 13 killed own NIL all infm.
813	TADJI	17 Bde 6 Div	062300K	L 77	Ref M 253 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0830K (.) ref M 252 (.) 13 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 1300K and 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 1330K and 3 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn to remain in target area for 25 mts after strike (.) weathers 0630K.
814	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde	070633K	O 36	RESTRICTED (.) HAYFIELD OK for planes to land.
815		6 Div	070700K	O 37	RESTRICTED (.) W1C2V5DOPOTS.
816	6 Div		062000K 070901K	GA 142	CONFIDENTIAL (.) request 20 copies incl 4 for 71 Wing following air phs (.) MDG 5 Jun 27 MAPRIK WEST and EAST (.) MDG 5 Jun 30 MAPRIK WEST and EAST (.) these cover area V6603 W2503 B2590 A6690 (.) as negatives were dispatched under cover NORCOM G 86 of 6 Jul direct FONEG BRISBANE this fm unable obtain adv copy from 71 Wing (.) we still very anxious obtain extra 12 copies future MDG 59 MAPRIK as requested in our 20 782 of 15 Jun (.) understand scale MDG 5 series is 1 to 20000 (.) in view this appreciate if it intended extend MDG 59 series further to EAST (.) scale MDG 59 approx 1 to 13000 and more satisfactory for gen purposes than 1 to 20000 (.) can infm be given please of availability of phs recee BEAUFORT for further tasks this area all infm.

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817		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD ADS YAMIE	070930K	I 338	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 47 to 061500K.
818	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	071000K 071025K	JA 253	SECRET (I) SITREP 98 to 071000 (.) advance party to KUNGINGINI 661832 time out 070830K (.) native infm (.) airstrike WEREMAN Sq 7153 10 Kanakas killed NO Japs cas (.) enemy in area 65. ACTION: ANGAU advised.
819	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	071010K 071025K	I 563	SECRET (.) SITREP 233 to 071000K (.) A Coy (.) 070910K airstrike on 804009 NOT accurate all bombs 200/400 yds WEST of target (.) 070945K M3 and MMG barrage on 804009 in sp F 232 (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 070700K one man killed one wounded by own booby traps all infm.
819	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	071010K 071025K	I 563	SECRET (.) SITREP 233 to 071000K (.) A Coy (.) 070910K airstrike on 804009 NOT accurate (.) all bombs 200/400 yds WEST of target (.) 070945K M3 and MMG barrage on 804009 in sp F 232 (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 070700K one man killed one wounded by own booby traps all infm.
820	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	071005K 071030K	I 142	SECRET (.) SITREP 67 to 071000K (.) A Coy D Coy NOTHING to report (.) B Coy 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported located in area (.) C Coy (.) contact patrol from 14 Pl posn 771971 NMS (.) night 6/7 Jul M3 MMG HF on 775961 (.) all infm.
821	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	071000K 071050K	O 52	SECRET (.) SITREP 20 to 071000K (.) A Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) approx 0300 hrs enemy fired on posn KWANJAMBI with 1 LMG patrol 0615K located LMG posn (NEXT SHEET)

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821					(CONTINUED) enemy had moved (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infrm.
822	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	071105K	O 38	SECRET (.) SITREP 346 to 071100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported loca- ted A773953 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) 070700K 1 own killed 1 wound- ed by booby trap (.) 2 NGIB (.) 070300K enemy LMG fired on coy posn KONJAMBE A742885 all infm.
823	17 Bde	2 NGIB	071100K	I 339	SECRET (.) disposns coastal sector (.) Div HQ W280115 (.) 16 Bde (.) bde HQ W336052 (.) 2/1 Bn HQ W288085 A Coy W260092 B Coy W303053 C Coy W260114 D Coy W249138 (.) 2/2 Bn less C Coy W319080 C Coy W282028 (.) 2/3 Bn conc area W242054 (.) 19 Bde HQ W320085 (.) 2/4 Bn HQ plus A Coy W338056 B and C Coys W318069 D Coy W335005 (.) 2/8 Bn HQ W305005 A Coy W319013 B Coy W302011 C Coy W305003 D Coy W298008 (.) 2/11 Bn HQ W332031 A Coy W345015 B Coy W372050 C Coy W383032 D Coy W364026 (.) F Force W325026 (.) 2/3 MG Bn HQ W431018 A Coy W404023 B Coy W401031 C Coy W403025 D Coy W431012 (.) 2/6 Cdo Regt HQ and 2/10 Sqn KARAWOP 2/7 Sqn HQ BOIKEN B Tp 2/7 B Tp 2/10 Sqn W103183 C Tp 2/7 Sqn PAROM 2/9 Sqn less A Tp DAGUA A Tp V958203 (.) 30 Bn A Coy W336004 B Coy W326015 C Coy W351021.
824		6 Div 71 Wing 100 Sqn	061340K	O 39	SECRET (.) SITREP 347 (.) air sp V804009 (.) 9 planes dropped 54 bombs from low level (.) all bombs 200 to 400 yds WEST of target on wrong feature (.) owing to sharp wind mor- tar smoke drifted across to area bombed (.) KABOIBUS Ridge strafed.
825	HAYFIELD	∅	071420K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CY in 1040K 1 pers 2/2 Fd Amb, 2 pers FSS Sec, 1 offr 2/5 Bn, 1 pers 17 Bde, Lt/Col MURPHY, 1 Red Cross pers, 2000 lbs engr stores, 1 air cylinder. Out 1115K 6 pers 2/1 Tk A for AGN, 1 pers 2/7 Bn for AGH, 2 pers 2/5 Bn for AGH, 1 pers 2/24 (NEXT SHEET)

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825					(CONTINUED) Sup Dep Pl for AGH, 1 native for AGH, Capt PALMER Rear Bde, Maj BRANDWOOD, 2 bags mail 2/5 Bn Rear, 2 bags mail 2/6 Rear, 1 bag mail 2/2 Fd Amb, 1 air cylinder & AOD.  ACTION: This infm late in arrival due to break down in comms. RT advised.
826	HAYFIELD		071420K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUC in 1205K 540 lbs ASC stores, 1 case eggs MAPRIK, 3 bags mail, Lt GERRARD and 1 OR. Out with 2 pers 2/2 Fd Amb, 1 pers 6 Div Pro for AGH.  ACTION: RT advised.
827	HAYFIELD		071420K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL in 1225K, Capt GEER 2/5 Bn, 6 cases 1100 rds .303, 2 cases 1240 rounds .303, 2 cases 2000 rounds 9mm, 4 12 hand grenades, 12 12 rifle grenades. Out 1250K 4 pers 2/14 Fd Coy, 1 pers 17 Bde Sigs, 1 bag mail 2/46 LAD, 3 bags mail 17 Bde Rear, 2 bags mail 6 Div HQ, 2 bags mail 6 Div HQ. RT-advised.  ACTION: RT advised.
828		6 Div	071430K	I 340	RESTRICTED (.) can you fwd this HQ any duplicating paper urgently required.
829	HAYFIELD		071440K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CY in 1425K empty. Out 1435K 3 pers 2/5 for AGH, 1 pers 2/6 for AGH.  ACTION: RT advised.
830	6 Div	First Army 17 Bde	071030K 071450K	GA 146	CONFIDENTIAL (.) request 10 copies MDG 3 BOIKEN MT TURU 12 Jun 45 1000K 17 inch 6000 ft 6 Sqn NORCOM Runs 1 to 5.
831	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	071910K	M 257	Request air strike M 254 8 Jul time immaterial (.) (NEXT SHEET)



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831					(NEXT SHEET) (.) NO change in own tps posn or bomblines (.) first priority.
832	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	071910K	M 258	Request repeat air strike M 253 (.) attack unsuccessful delay (.) NO change in own tps posn (.) NOT before 0800K NOT after 1000K (.) second priority.
833	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	071915K 071915K	I 144	SECRET (.) SITREP 68 to 071900K (.) A Coy (.) F 95 to 785967 NO contact with enemy (.) R 88 moved to 784964 report NMS on track (.) indications track NOT now used by enemy (.) 071740K ambush patrol NOT previously notified to river at 787968 contacted 3 enemy (.) cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) B Coy (.) 071115K posn 773956 occupied by standing patrol (.) 3 enemy dead NOT previously reported located in area (.) F 96 cancelled (.) C Coy (.) 071215K attack on ULUM 778963 NOT successful (.) pl cleared 3 pill boxes then was enfiladed by LMG fire from rt flank SMG from left flank (.) cas enemy 3 killed own NIL (.) pm 7 Jul arty M3 MMG HF on ULUM (.) D Coy (.) standing patrol est 773959 reported enemy in occupation feature 774959 (.) posn harassed by mor fire during day (.) all infm.
834	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	071920K	M 259	Report on today's air strikes (.) M 252 results NOT yet available until patrols return (.) M 253 NO bombs fell on target area (.) this was probably due to strong EAST-WEST wind which blew smoke to WEST and confused target area.
835	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	071905K 071925K	I 564	SECRET (.) SITREP 234 to 071900K (.) A Coy (.) 071200K F 232 unable to penetrate enemy posns 804009 (.) considered area had been reinforced since attack 5 Jul (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (2) HF on feature 815985 when mov obs all infm.

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836	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	071920K	M 260	TAC R (A) 8 Jul (B) area bound- ed by 7082, 8082, 7076, 8076. (C) locate tracks, movement and signs of enemy occupation of villages (D) to gains infrm for pending operations 2 NGIB (E) A6683 (F) bomb and strafe PANAMBERI River from 884953 to Ford 908977 (G) 17 Bde (.) report on air strike DUNBIT corrected map ref 755825.  (.) NOT WEST ATILEM River strike DUNBIT corrected map ref 755825.
837	2/1 TRA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 3 NGIB	071900K 071950K	JA 256	SECRET (.) SITREP 99 to 071900K (.) Adv party est base KUNJINGINI Mission. 071900K.
838		6 Div	072000K	I 341	SECRET (.) NO/ further amend- ments to AMBUNTI MOI EAST WIHUMA WEST sheets yet avail- able.
839	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	071910K 072015K	I 565	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 8 Jul (.) A Coy (.) airstrike knoll 804009 NOT before 080800K NOT after 081000K (.) F 233 Lt WARD 12 OR to follow up airstrike and occupy until relieved by 9 Pl (.) B Coy (.) 11 Pl to attack knoll 790997 and hold until relieved by 10 Pl (.) C Coy (.) 080630K R 234 NCO 8 OR 13 Pl route out EAST to ck thence to fea- ture 805996 4 OR to be detached ck to guard crossing object recce approaches and suitability for coy posn (.) 080630K R 235 NCO 6 OR 14 Pl to 803997 object to clear enemy pocket (.) night 7/8 Jul HF 805996 (.) D Coy (.) 0800K R 236 Lt GORDON 4 OR route out to 806025 to 810035 to 828000 to approx 835018 object recce suit- able patrol base for ops against KABOIBUS area due in 091230K (.) 4 Pl (.) pl to relieve 10 Pl area 766976 if attack by 11 Pl successful all infm.
840	2 JGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	071945K 072040K	O 53	SECRET (.) SITREP 21 to 071900K (.) A Coy (.) NOTHING to re- port (.) B Coy (.) 6 Pl re- turned WAIGAKUM 3 from rec- ce NARAMUKO 755915 (.) contact- ed enemy on track NORTH of NARAMUKO cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) patrol reports large number of enemy tps 7 Pl proceeded to KWANDANINGI (736935) NO infm received (.) 8 Pl coy HQ WAIGAKUM 3 (.) C Coy (.) NO report to hand (.) D Coy (.) moved to (NEXT SHEET)



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844					(CONTINUED) and were forced to withdraw (.) enemy cas 3 killed own NIL (.) D Coy contacted ene- my at A774959 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy (.) fighting patrol unable to dislodge enemy from V804099 (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) base est at KUN- 2 NGIB (.) B Coy (.) patrol to NARAMUKO A755915 report large number of enemy in area (.) one enemy killed (.) D Coy now at KWIMBU A738888 (.) total cas enemy 10 killed own NIL all infm.
845	TADJI	17 Bde 6 Div	072230K	L 79	Ref M 254 (.) 6 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 1000K 12 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 1015K (.) 7 Sqn only will strafe (.) unable comply M 253 (.) 4 BEAUFORTS <del>12</del> 8 Sqn will bomb on route to another job in SEPIK area ETD 0900K.
846		6 Div	080700K	O 41	RESTRICTED (.) W204V4D0F0T8.
847	TADJI	ASP	080700K	L 82	Confirmation of RT message ref M 254 amended programme (.) 3 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0845 and 6 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 1000 and 12 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 1015K.
848	ASP	6 Div	080850K	M 261	Have been allotted 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 1500 for M 253 (.) await your approval (.) ad- vise TADJI also.
849	17 Bde		080950K	I 343	SECRET (.) can surrender leaf- lets be dropped in the ULU- FU-KABOIBUS areas (.) indi- cations are that the enemy is now susceptible to such propaganda and in many cases prepared to surrender (.) revised document stressing the comparison Japanese peace days with war time and informing the enemy of recent surrenders is suggested (.) the main obstacle to surren- der is the uncertainty of the Jap as to how to approach our posns (.) it is suggested if they were given a def- inite time to surrender results would be improved.

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850	6 Div	17 Bde 7 Comd AL Sec	080915K	GA 147	SECRET (.) here under substance of First Aust Army GA 109 of 072135K in reply to our GA 142 of 6 Jul (.) quote (.) BASETEL instructed to deliver 20 copies MDG 5 direct your HQ urgently (.) appreciate if you will arrange deliver four copies to 71 Wing (.)  two (.) 10 782 of 15 Jun MDG 59 despatched from BRISBANE 5 Jul (.) three (.) at present unable extend MDG 59 (.) four (.) photo recce BEAUFORT fully employed for high priority mapping requirements (.) if required urgently for operational purposes every consideration will be given (.) unquote (.) this HQ will request First Aust Army to extend MDG 59 as urgent operational requirement.
851	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	081005K 081020K	I 566	SECRET (.) SITREP 235 to 081000K (.) NOTHING to report all infm.
852	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	081015K 081030K	I 146	SECRET (.) SITREP 69 to 081000K (.) A Coy (.) night 7/8 at M3 MMG HF NORTH slopes ULUM 778963 (.) 080700K 3 enemy surrendered to coy at 783966 (.) B Coy (.) one enemy dead NOT previously reported found killed result action 5 Jul (.) C Coy NOTHING to report (.) D Coy (.) 080530K 16 P occupied posn 774959 against NO opposition (.) remainder of coy now 774959 (.) all infm.
853	HAYFIELD		081050K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1015K 1396 lbs rations, 1460 lbs amm, 1 battery Bde Hq. Out 1040K 1 OR 2/1 Tk A Regt, 1 OR 2/6 Bn for AGH, 1 shaft 2/14 Pd Coy, 1 bag mail 6 Div, 1 bag mail WFO.  ACTION: RT advised.
854	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	081045K 081105K	O 55	SECRET (.) SITREP 23 to 081000K (.) A Coy (.) 080730K moved to KWIMBU (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) moving to KULIGI (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to report.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
855	HAYFIELD		081125K	PHONE	VH-CIA in at 1050K with 1 set jeep springs for 2/46 LAD, 2800 lbs rations. Out for NEWAX 1120K with 1 pers 2/5 Bn for AGH, 1 OR 17 Bde HQ, 1 OR 2/14 Pd Coy.  ACTION: RT advised.
856	TADJI	ASP	081355K	L 84	At least 25 enemy sighted by strike a/c on E rept E and W rept W slope of tamboram feature towards which own tps were approaching.
857	17 Bde Sigs	17 Bde	081410K 081430K	SX 533	RESTRICTED (.) your Op Instr 15 of 7 Jul 45 ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register.
858	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	081216K	O 43	SECRET (.) SITREP 349 to 081100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 080700K 3 enemy surrendered to coy at A783995 (.) 1 enemy dead NOT previously reported found A773984 (.) 080630K D Coy occupied posn A774959 without opposition (.) 2/6 Bn NOTHING to report (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy now at Regt SITNOR all infm. A738888 (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A
859		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	081600K	I 344	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 48 to 071500K.
860	17 Bde	6 Div 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	081600K	I 345	SECRET (.) ref Appx P to Op Instr 15 of 7 Jul 45 (.) MIYAKE Force HQ now known to be at ONIAROPU and NOT AONIARU A775935 as shown on sketch (.) approx posn of ONIAROPU is A780955 all infm.
861	6 Div		081140K 081705K	GI 139	SECRET (.) should PW interrogation reports be wax-sheeted request 7 copies incl ATIS copy be fwd this HQ (.) could additional two copies be fwd of PW A775972 interrogation (NEXT SHEET)

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861					(CONTINUED) (.) also request report on FELO aspect surrender 5 PW UMBILUM 3 Jul.
862	19 Bde		081130K 081800K	I 346	SECRET (.) LOCATION STATE as at 071730K.
863		6 Div 71 Wing 7 Sqn 8 Sqn	081845K	O 43	SECRET (.) SITREP 351 (.) air sp ULUPU A7795 (.) 22 aircraft attacked from low level (.) all bombs on target area (.) excellent coverage ground tps gained objective (.) area A804009 (.) planes one two three four and nine all on or within 50 yds of target (.) plane five 300 yds to WEST plane six 400 yds to EAST (.) plane seven 1 bomb on target remainder 200 yds to EAST (.) plane eight 200 yds EAST of target (.) target considered to be well covered (.) aircraft gave greatest possible co-operation in ULUPU attack by covering approaches tps were within 50 yds of objective.
864	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	081900K	M 252	Request repeat air strike M253 9 Jul NOT before 0800K NOT after 1000K (.) NO change in own tps posns (.) RT 2/6 Bn (.) priority one.
865	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde	081900K 081900K	JA 259	SECRET (.) ref op order No 15 copy 5 (.) ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register.
866	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	081900K <del>081905K</del>	JA 257	SECRET (.) SITREP 100 to 081900K (.) SITROR.
867		6 Div	081915K	I 346	SECRET (.) ref your GI 139 of 081140K (.) further 2 copies PW interrogation A775972 being fwd am 9 Jul (.) FELO aspect of surrender dealt with in further PW report being fwd 9 Jul.
868	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	081940K	O 56	SECRET (.) SITREP 22 to 081900K (.) A Coy (.) concentrated at KWIMBU (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING (NEXT SHEET)

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868					<p>(CONTINUED)                      to report (.) coy (.) 9 Pl patrol TOROKU gp NOT yet returned (.) D Coy moved to 730900 (.) adv BHQ at KWIMBU (.) all infm.</p>
869	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 3 NGIB	081905K 081945K	I 148	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 70 to 081900K (.) A Coy (.) F 97 cancelled (.) F 98 NO contact with enemy (.) B Coy (.) 081130K M3 conc on 773960 in sp D Coy (.) C Coy (.) R 89 report estimated enemy str ULUM 778963 approx 25 (.) approaches from SW through dense pit-pit to within 15 yds enemy defts (.) contact patrol to D Coy NMS (.) D Coy (.) following M4 M3 HMG conc and air sp 16 Pl 17 Pl attacked enemy posn 775962 at 081130K (.) enemy str approx 30 in extensive pill box posns (.) 081330K posn cleared (.) cas (.) enemy 28 killed incl 3 offrs (.) own 5 wounded incl Lt NEWTON Lt McDONALD incl 1 or remaining on strength (.) HMG rifles and documents captured (.) disposns (.) coy less 17 Pl 775962 (.) 17 Pl plus arty 774959 (.) cas own NOT previously reported Capt BUSBY Lt PITTS wounded by sniper during D Coy engagement (.) air (.) strike NE ULUM 775960 target well covered (.) arty (.) gun in sp C Coy engaged ULUM 081800K (.) all infm.</p>
870	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 3 NGIB	081910K 081955K	I 567	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 236 to 081900K (.) A Coy (.) 081530K air strike 804009 fair (.) patrol F 233 report enemy still in occupation with defts across approaches from SOUTH (.) enemy engaged with LMG and rifle results unknown (.) B Coy (.) 081000K 11 Pl cleared 790977 after slight opposition 1000 rds and spare parts for Juki found (.) further patrol to clear track NORTH to coy posn contacted enemy at 792982 cas enemy 2 killed remainder fled direction YALAHINE 800978 (.) 081030K 10 Pl relieved 11 Pl (.) 4 Pl moved to take over 10 Pl posn (.) C Coy (.) 081145K R 235 NMS (.) 081245K R 234 report knoll feature 805996 clear and suitable as coy posn (.) D Coy (.) 080800K R 236 report 1 member of patrol accidentally killed by fall from ledge 802019 (.) patrol continued as per INTENTIONS all infm.</p>



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I-568 871	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	081925K 081957K	I 568	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 9 Jul (.) A Coy air strike request- ed 804009 NOT after 091000K (.) F 237 Lt WARD 14 ORs to occupy until relieved by 9 Pl (.) B and D Coys local patrolling C Coy (.) 090700K F 238 WCO 10 OR 15 Pl to hold feature 805996 until relieved by 13 Pl (.) patrol then to move NORTH along ridge and clear to A Coy posn (.) security patrol to be est ck 804994 (.) 9 Jul (.) night 8/9 Jul HF on ULUNKOHOITU all infm.
872	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	082000K	M 263	(A) 9 Jul time immaterial (B) bomb incl incendi and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in (.) some with overhead cover (D) kunai ridge 400 yards long running NORTH and SOUTH from previously bombed tambaram feature (.) NORTH end of tar- get is approx 150 yards SOUTH of tambaram (.) well defined track runs EAST and WEST across centre of target (.) target is approx 500 yards EAST of previously NE edge of ULUFU villages (E) 779951- 778957 (.) air phs Run 6 Ph number 175 Refs D133 D144 (F) 550 (G) mortar 3" smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) own patrols and observation 8 Jul (J) 783967, 773956, 773958, 774962 (.) T panals facing target (K) NOT NORTH line creek 784964-776964 (.) NOT WEST EASTERN edge ULUFU villages 774964-774958-774956 (L) ground attack after strike (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) NO 1000 lb bombs (.) priority two
873	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	082005K	M 264	TAC R. (A) 9 Jul (B) area bound- ed by 8199, 8799, 8195, 8796 (C) locate signs of enemy de- fensive posns particularly in the MALABEIM 8496 area and AHEGULIM 8397 area (.) also signs of enemy activity in the WIHIBI Creek and ATILEM River areas (D) to confirm FW infm of possible probable enemy withdrawal to the MALABEIM area (E) 801996 (F) bomb and strafe ATILEM River from 846950-870980 (.) NOT WEST WIHIBI Creek (G) 17 Bde and 2/5 Bn (.) Bn flag at 778977 rear D2.
874	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	082015K	M 265	Report on today's air strike (.) M 264 ULUFU all bombs on (NEXT SHEET)

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874	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	082015K	M 365	Repeat-on-today's-air-8 400H (CONTINUED) target area (.) excellent coverage (.) ground attack successful through close support by strafing from aircraft (.) M 353 9 aircraft bombed with good coverage (.) some bombs up to 400 yards from target but majority on target area.
875	6 Div		081645K 082000K	GO 962	SECRET (.) REVSIT 246 to 081500K.
876	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A  D Coy (.) preparation coy	082030K 082107K	O 58	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 9 Jul (.) A Coy (.) pl occupy KON-JAMBE remainder of coy in reserve BHQ Carry on recce patrols to TOROKU gp (.) B Coy (.) concentrating KWANDANING (.) C Coy 9 Pl 11 Pl coy HQ will move to KULIGI 756840 (.) 10 Pl recce DUMBIT (.) osns 733912 (.) all infm.
877	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL  pill box posns (.) cas enemy 28 killed own 7 wounded incl 4 offrs (.) one MG rifles and documents captured (.) D Coy now at A775962 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) fighting patrol engaged enemy at V804009 (.) enemy well dug in and patrol forced to withdraw (.) B Coy (.) 10 Pl cleared and occupied A790977 against minor opposition (.) 1000 rounds and parts of Juki found (.) patrol to A792982 contacted enemy killing 2 (.) C Coy (.) patrol reports feature A805996 clear (.) D Coy (.) member of own recce patrol accidentally killed at V802019 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy now at KWIMBU A738885 (.) D Coy at A730900 (.) total cas enemy 30 killed own 1 killed 7 wounded all infm.	082100K	O 44	SECRET (.) SITREP 352 to 082100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) C Coy (.) patrol to ULUM A778963 contacted enemy in estimate str of 25 (.) D Coy (.) 081130K two pls attacked enemy posn A775962 (.) 081330K posn cleared (.) enemy in estimate str 30 resisted strongly from extensive 28 killed own 7 wounded incl 4 offrs (.) one MG rifles and documents captured (.) D Coy now at A775962 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) fighting patrol engaged enemy at V804009 (.) enemy well dug in and patrol forced to withdraw (.) B Coy (.) 10 Pl cleared and occupied A790977 against minor opposition (.) 1000 rounds and parts of Juki found (.) patrol to A792982 contacted enemy killing 2 (.) C Coy (.) patrol reports feature A805996 clear (.) D Coy (.) member of own recce patrol accidentally killed at V802019 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy now at KWIMBU A738885 (.) D Coy at A730900 (.) total cas enemy 30 killed own 1 killed 7 wounded all infm.
878	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	082030K 082115K	I 149	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 9 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 99 str Lt (NEXT SHEET)

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878					(CONTINUED) MCCOY 15 OR to KULAUURU Mis- sion area 790968 (.) object secure posn EAST bank YOLBI River (.) R 90 str NCO 6 OR to 790963 (.) object recce for enemy mov (.) B coy (.) R 100 str NCO 10 OR to 773950 (.) object clear feature (.) R 91 str Lt DONALDSON 10 OR to OINYAHIB 777956 (.) object for enemy occupation (.) C Coy (.) R 92 str Lt BALDWIN 8 OR to vicinity ULUM 778963 (.) observe effect air strike and recce for enemy occupation (.) contact patrol to D Coy (.) standing pa- trol gardens 773966 (.) D Coy (.) standing patrol gar- dens 773966 (.) D Coy (.) security patrols and consoli- dation (.) air (.) strike ULUM 778963 (.) all infm.
879	TADJI	ASP	082145K	M 253	12 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 0830K (.) M 263 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 1000K (.) weathers from 0630K.
880	6 Div	17 Bde	082040K 082210K	GI 141	RESTRICTED (.) Forecast 9 Jul (.) moderate showers during night with further showery conditions over the highland after midday (.) day conditions otherwise fine but cloudy fresh EASTERLY winds seas slight all infm
881	6 Div		081620K 082255K	QG 245	RESTRICTED (.) Lt-Col BISHOP departs WEWAK 090830K for HAYFIELD by C 47.
882		6 Div	090700K	O 45	RESTRICTED (.) W205V3DOPOTS.
883	TADJI	ASP	090701K	L 87	4 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn bomb with 1000 lb bombs and strafe WERE- MANA 7353 AMBUNTI ETD 091030K.
884		2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	090845K	I 347	SECRET (.) ref 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 15 para 4 (e) (.) delete DANGUGAI A658750.
885	HAYFIELD		091000K	PHONE	DOUGLAS in 0930K 5 OR ANGAU, Padre YATES and batman, Col (NEXT SHEET)

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885					(CONTINUED) BISHOP, 30 blankets, 540 lbs rations. Out 0940K, Lt-Col MURPHY, Red Cross rep, 1 offr and 15 OR 2/6 Bn, 2 rifles and 1 bag 6 Div Pro, 1 case ASC.  ACTION: Rear Bde advised by RT.
886	HAYFIELD		091000K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL in 0945K 1 offr 11 OR Concert Party, Lt CASE, 2 bundles stretchers. Out 0955K with 10 OR 2/6 Bn, 1 OR Bde.  ACTION: RT advised.
887	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	091000K 091025K	JA 261	SECRET (.) SITREP 101 to 091000K (.) patrol base est KANGIN- GINI.
888	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	091010K 091045K	I 568	SECRET (.) SITREP 237 to 091000K (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
889	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	091020K 091100K	I 150	SECRET (.) SITREP 71 to 091000K (.) A Coy (.) 090600K clear- ing patrol located enemy foot- marks outside coy perimeter (.) B Coy (.) 090800K M3 MMG HP on CINYALIB eq 7795 (.) C Coy (.) contact patrol to 14 Pl at 771971 NMS (.) D Coy NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
890	HAYFIELD		091130K	PHONE	DOUGLAS, landed 091050K 15 OR 2/5 Bn 2 bundles strat- chers. Took off 091105K for MEWAK with 1 OR from 2/23 Sup Depot for AGH.  ACTION: Passed to WT 091135K

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891	TADJI	ASP	091350K	G 34	Ref M 263 ETD 1345K.
892		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn ADS YAMIL 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	091545K	I 349	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 49 to 081500K.
893		6 Div  comd of ord depot 41 Div Hq at TORUKO on 23 May.	091620K	I 348	SECRET (.) additional infm to PW report fwd am 2 Jul (.) PW stated that Col OSHI-MA C of S 41 Div would be in comd of 41 Div when relief of 20 Div takes place (.) PW states OSHIMA will replace MIYAKE as overall comd of op area (.) Col MATSUDA is last reported with 41 Div
894	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 4722/7Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	091300K	O 46	SECRET (.) SITREP 353 to 091130K (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt est patrol base KUNJINGE Mission A662833 all infm.
895	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	091810K	M 266	Request repeat air strike M 253 10 Jul (.) NOT before 0900K NOT after 1100K (.) attack will follow strike (.) NO 1000 lb bombs (.) RT 2/6 Bn (.) priority one (.) only target for 10 Jul (.) maximum effort would be appreciated.
896	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	091900K	M 267	TAC R (.) from 0800 to 1700K to 10 Jul (B) area bounded by 7900, 8693, 7993, 8693 (C) to watch for signs of enemy withdrawal from this area or reinforcements taking up new posns in the MALABEIM 8396 area (D) confirm PW infm of likely enemy withdrawal 10 Jul (E) 783967 (F) bomb and strafe opportunity targets paying particular attention to ATILEM River and WIHIBI Creek (G) 17 Bde (.) pinpoint any red panels seen in this area.
897	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	091900K 092015K	JA 263	SECRET (.) SITREP 102 to 091900K (.) clearing patrol MASANGWAI 347817 (.) SERANGWANDI 743807 (NEXT SHEET)

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897					(CONTINUED) 743807 NMS (.) INTENTIONS 10 Jul (.) clearing patrol WOSERA Gp sq 6680 time out 100800K (.) all infm.
898	091910K 092015K 2/5 Bn	I-151 17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	091910K 092015K	I 151	SECRET (.) SITREP 72 to 091900K (.) A Coy (.) 091645K F 99 contacted enemy str NOT known on WEST bank VOIBI Creek at 785968 (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) 091530 R 90 contact- ed 2 enemy in creek at 783965 (.) enemy fled (.) patrol re- turned to base (.) B Coy (.) 091100K F 100 contacted enemy str approx 15 dug in NW side of feature 73951 (.) cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) R 91 to CINYALIB 777956 report approach from EAST NOT suitable owing to steep slope and enemy fire lanes (.) enemy in occupation str NOT known (.) cas NOT pre- viously reported (.) own two wounded incl 1 remaining on str in coy perimeter (.) C Coy (.) 091630K R 92 re- port ULUM 778963 clear of enemy (.) 091815K ULUM occu- pied by 14 Pl 4 Pl none see 13 Pl (.) contact patrol to D Coy NMS (.) D Coy NOTHING to report (.) 091630K M4 cons on enemy def posns in course of construction 797965 (.) arty guns in sp C Coy fired on target ULUM 091300K (.) pill boxes destroyed (.) air (.) strike ULUM 090930K good coverage 091400K (.) strike repeated (.) all infm.
899	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	091915K 092030K	O 59	SECRET (.) SITREP 24 to 091900K (.) A Coy (.) recce patrol to GISINAMBU 771895 report occupied by enemy unknown (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) patrol ambushed enemy party 753833 enemy cas 4 killed own cas NIL (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) LA Coy less 4 Pl 734885 4 Pl 755840 (.) D Coy less 12 and 14 Pl 754885 12 Pl 14 Pl 734913 (.) all infm.
900	TADJI	ASP	092045K	L 92	Ref M 253 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0900K 9 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 0915K (.) M 267 TAC R 3 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn de- tails as follows (.) ETDs 0800 and 1000 and 1400K (.) weathers from 0730K.

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901	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	092000K 092050K	I 569	SECRET (.) SITREP 238 to 091900K (.) A Coy (.) airstrike 804009 cancelled (.) 091400K F-237 changed to R 237 report enemy occupy shelters dug in to NORTH slope knoll during strikes and M3 cones suitable approaches to posn from HW located (.) B Coy (.) 091130K 2 Japs seen at approx 796978 engaged by M3 (.) YALAHINI 800978 engaged by M3 4 huts burnt (.) clearing patrols to KABOIBUS CA HMS (.) C Coy 090830K F 238 secured feature 806996 until relieved by 13 Pl (.) patrol then moved NW along track where fired on by enemy from knoll feature 807002 (.) one enemy dead killed by M3 fire located vic 807001 (.) throughout day knoll feature 807002 and ULUNKOHOITU where move seen engaged by M3 MMG (.) D Coy (.) 091300K R 236 reported reached ULUNKOHOITU-KABOIBUS track junc approx ref 835027 where fresh footprints seen on track leading to MAIGAL approx ref 836017 suitable patrol base located vic 817045 all infm.
902	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	092030K 092050K	I 152	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 10 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 101 str Lt MILES 15 OR to vicinity KULAU-RU Mission 790968 (.) object contact and harass enemy (.) F 102 str HCO 6 OR to YOIBI River at 786965 (.) object set ambush (.) contact patrol to C Coy (.) B Coy (.) R 93 str Lt MCKENZIE 10 OR to SOUTH end CINYALIB 778951 (.) object locate enemy dispositions (.) R 94 str Lt TAYLOR 5 OR to 771951 (.) object recess suitable approaches for attack on feature C Coy (.) coy HQ 15 Pl two sec 13 Pl plus sp arms mov ULUM 778963 (.) security patrols to SOUTH and EAST (.) D Coy (.) security patrols (.) night 9/10 Jul M4 HF on enemy posn 795966 (.) all infm.
903	6 Div		091800K 092100K	GI 143	SECRET (.) NO material change from present conditions (.) further moderate showers during latter part of night with few patches of light rain in early morning (.) day conditions fine and cloudy slight clearing in afternoon (.) wind light NORTH-EASTERLY sea slight all infm.
904	6 Div		091625K 092130K	GO 976	SECRET (.) REVSIT 247 to 091500K.

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905	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	092130K	M 268	Correction to bomb line in M 267 (.) NOT WEST creek 810930-800956-805983 NORTH to KABOIBUS Creek at 805988 along creek to 819998 (.) own patrols now in this area.
906	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	092020K 092135K	I 570	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 10 Jul (.) A Coy (.) request airstrike 804009 NOT before 100900K NOT after 101100K (.) 7 Pl to attack and occupy 804009 on completion of strike until relieved by 9 Pl (.) B Coy (.) local patrolling (.) C Coy (.) 100900K 14 Pl mov to 806996 (.) security patrol 15 Pl at ck 804995 (.) F 239 NCO 8 OR 13 Pl to clear knoll 807002 in conjunction with diversionary attack from NORTH by sec A Coy (.) 100800K R 240 NCO 6 OR 12 Pl to receive suitable approach to ULUNKHOITU ridge (.) night 9/10 Jul HQ ULUNKHOITU and knoll 807002 (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl plus sec 17 Pl i/c Lt GORDON to est patrol base 817045 all infm.
907	2/6 Bn		092100K 092135K	O 342	RESTRICTED (.) 17 Bde Op Instr 15 Copy 2 ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register.
908	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	092130K 092200K	O 600	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 10 Jul (.) A Coy (.) fighting recce patrol to TOROKU Group in preparation for attack (.) B Coy (.) continue pat est and maintain contact 2/5 Bn (.) C Coy (.) continue fighting patrol harass enemy in preparation for attack DUN-  BIT (.) D Coy (.) coy HQ less sigs move to 734913 (.) 13 Pl remain as cargo line to MAYFIELD (.) all infm.
909	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	092220K	O 47	SECRET (.) SITREP 350 to 092100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) enemy contacted in unknown str at A785968 (.) 2 enemy killed (.) B Coy (.) contacted 15 enemy dug in at A773951 (.) enemy cas 4 killed (.) patrol to QINYALIB A777956 report enemy well dug in (.) str unknown (.) own cas two wounded (.) C Coy (.) 091630K patrol to ULUM A778963 report area clear of enemy (.) 4 and 14 Pls occupied posn (.) enemy observed preparing-def (NEXT SHEET)



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909					<p>(CONTINUED)                      preparing def posns A797965                      (.) good coverage air strike                      ULUM area (.) 3/6 Bn (.) A Coy                      (.) enemy contacted at V804009                      (.) C Coy (.) 13 Pl occupied                      feature A806996 (.) enemy con-                      tacted at V807002 (.) enemy                      (.) one enemy killed (.) D                      Coy (.) recce patrol to KIBOIBUS area reached V835027                      and observed signs of enemy mov (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy                      (.) patrol to GISINAMBU A773694 contacted enemy (.)                      C Coy (.) enemy party ambushed at A753833 (.) 4 enemy                      killed own cas NIL (.) disposns (.) A Coy A734885 (.)                      B Coy A730933 (.) C Coy A756840 (.) D Coy A734913 (.)                      2/1 Tk A Bty (.) clearing patrols report MASANGWAI A647817                      and CHIRANGUANDU A643807 clear (.) natives killed 8 enemy                      at KUMABIT approx sq A7676 incl 5 offrs (.) one Juki                      captured (.) natives killed 2 enemy at YUONJANGAI A767850                      incl 1 Lt-Col (.) total cas enemy 21 killed own 3 wound-                      ed (.) 1 own wounded 8 Jul died all infm.</p>
910		6 Div	100700K	O 48	RESTRICTED (.) W2C5V4D0F0T8.
911	AQ 6Div	RAA6Div 17 Bde	091515K 100930K	GO 973	SECRET (.) two 75mm guns com- plete with crews and 100 rds per gun will be moved by air to HAYFIELD and will come under comd 17 Inf Bde at earliest.
912	6 Div	<del>091730K</del> <del>101018K</del>	091730K 101018K	GO 971	<p>SECRET (.) ref your I 333 of                      O41045K (.) owing to pro-Jap                      natives in area ANGAU natives                      patrols operating SOUTH from                      DAGUA have instrs may shoot                      if in doubt of natives in area                      (.) suggest in view this some                      boundaries be laid down for                      patrols operating NORTH from                      WIHUN (.) ANGAU reports NO contact with any patrols to                      date (.) ANGAU patrols have operated from DAGUA as far                      SOUTH as LIWO W9315 (.) suggest you clarify posn with                      GSO 1 at present your area and indicate boundaries suit-                      able to you (.) relevant units will then be notified.</p>

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913	HAYFIELD		101020K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1005K 3 pers Bde Sigs, 6 pers for ASC, 3 batteries and 1 wireless Bde Sigs, 8 cartons mortar 3" HE. Out 1020K 1 pers 2/5 Bn for AGH.
914	HAYFIELD		101025K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 0840K 35 cartons 3" mortar HE. Out 0900K 1 bag mail 6 Div, 1 bag mail 2/5 Rear. VH-CIF in 0925K 580 lbs rations, 39 cartons 3" mortar HE. Out 1000K 1 pers 2/5 Bn for AGH, 1 native for AGH, 1 bag mail for PPO.
915	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	101000K 101025K	I 153	SECRET (.) SITREP 73 to 1000K (.) A Coy (.) D Coy NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) 100700K M3 MMG conc on enemy posn 773951 (.) C Coy (.) 100815K coy HQ 15 Pl two secs 13 Pl mov to ULUM 778963 (.) security patrols NO contact (.) kunai ridge EAST of ULUM approx 782963 clear of enemy (.) unc approx 794970 (.) all
		100600K	M4 conc on track infm.		
916	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	101000K 101030K	I 572	SECRET (.) SITREP 239 to 101000K (.) A Coy 100945K A/S on 804009 preliminary report good coverage (.) B Coy C Coy NOTHING to report (.) D Coy 100820K 18 Pl plus sec 17 Pl moved out for 817045 (.) 100130K patrol NOT previously reported str NCO 7 OR moved out to
			make diversionary attack in sp C Coy attack same posn all infm.		from NORTH on enemy posn 807002
917	HAYFIELD		101130K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 1105K 9 OR 2/6 Bn, 9 boxes mortar 3" HE. Out 1120K Lt WHITLEY, 1 pers 2/6 Bn for AGH, P/Lt CARTER RAAF.
918	Rear Bde	17 Bde	100945K 101130K	Q 413	RESTRICTED (.) 17 Bde Op Instr No 15 dated 072000K (.) received 092000K (.) Copy No 8 (.) ack.  ACTION: Noted in ack register.

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919	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	101000K 101140K	O 62	SECRET (.) SITREP 24 to 101000K (.) A Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 10 Pl ambushed DUNBIT-TORUKO track NMS (.) report fresh tracks road from TORUKO group indicate night movement (.) fighting patrol 11 Pl to KAMABIBI ref enemy str 10 (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
920	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	101308K	O 49	SECRET (.) SITREP 354 to 101100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) C Coy now at ULUM A782963 (.) patrol reports ridge clear from ULUM to A782963 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) NOTHING to report (.) 2 NGIB (.) ambush patrol track DUNBIT A743786 TORUKO A764883 NO mov seen (.) 2/1 Tk A Regt NOTHING to report all infm.
921	17 Bde	2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	101435K	I 350	SECRET (.) REVSIT 50 to 091500K (6 Div).
922	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	10 Jul	M 270	(A) 11 Jul time immaterial (B) bomb with 1000 lb bombs (C) destroy enemy and clear heavily timbered area (D) heavily timbered half-moon shaped feature approx 300 yards long with what appears to be large house on EASTERN end of target (.) well defined NORTH-SOUTH track runs through EASTERN end of village (.) a spur with several huts on top runs away to WEST (E) 800978 (.) air photo run 5A photo number 328 ref H345 (F) 1000 ft (G) mortar 3" smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) native reports (J) 806996-791978 T panels facing target (L) NO (M) RT ASP 17 Bde (N) as desired (X) NOT NORTH or WEST of YOIBI KABCIBUS creek (.) strafe ATILEM River from 840960 to 877990 (.) <del>preese</del> priority two.
923	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	10 Jul	M 271	(A) any time before 111030K (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in with overhead cover (D) wooded pit-pit tea- (NEXT-SHEET)

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923	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	10 Jul	M 271	(A) any time before 111030K (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in with overhead cover (D) wooded pit-pit feature approx 80 hds SOUTH of SOUTHERN end of a kunai patch (.) kunai patch approx 200 yds in length (.) distinct track runs NORTH and SOUTH through kunai (.) angle of slope on WEST and SOUTH 30 degrees on EAST 40 degrees (E) 773950 (.) air ph run 6 ph 175 ref F279 (F) 850 ft (G) mortar smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) own patrols 10 Jul (J) 773956 T panel facing target (K) NOT NORTH of NORTH end of kunai 773954 NOT WEST of creek 770945 to 769955 (L) ground attack (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/5 Bn (.) priority one.
924	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	10 Jul	M 272	TAC R (A) 11 Jul (B) area bounded by 8086, 9086, 8080 and 9080 (C) locate signs of enemy movement and defensive posns (D) confirm PW reports (E) 738886 (F) bomb and strafe PANAMBERI River from 884953 to 909978 NOTHING WEST of ATILEM River (G) 17 Bde.
925	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	10 Jul	M 273	(A) NOT after 1100 hrs (B) bomb only NO 1000 lb (C) destroy enemy dug in with overhead cover (D) NORTHERN target (.) kunai pit-pit knoll along narrow ridge which runs NW from main NORTH-SOUTH ridge (.) approx 200 yds SE of target is small village (.) 75 yds NW of target is kunai patch which extends for 150 yds (.) well defined track runs along ridge (.) SOUTHERN target (.) partly burnt out village on same ridge (.) approx 150 yds SOUTH of target main track swings to ESE along a kunai spur (.) 150 yds NORTH of target a spur runs away to EAST (.) angle of slope WEST 60 degrees EAST 40 degrees (E) 815001 814996 (F) 1200 ft (G) mortar smoke NORTH target first (H) NIL (I) own tps 10 Jul (J) 806001 806996 white T both posns (K) NOTHING WEST of line of creek 807989 to 813000 (L) patrol to occupy SOUTHERN village (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/6 Bn (.) dummy runs over 814996 as controlled by RT (.) ASP ref A141 NORTHERN target H 177 SOUTHERN target (.) priority one (.) M 271 and M 270 drop priority 2 and 3 respectively.
926	KAYFIELD		101715K	PHONE	1555K VH-CIL landed with 4 OR 2/14 Fd Coy, 940 lbs ra- (NEXT SHEET)

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926					(CONTINUED) tions, 19 bags 2nd class mail, 1 bundle stretchers, 5 boxes, 3" M NB 150 lbs NGIB stores. 1610K departed for WEWAK NO load. 1535K VH-CUD in with 33 boxes 3" M smoke. 1655K out with NO load to WEWAK.
927	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 3/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	101905K 101930K	JA 267	SECRET (.) SITREP 103 to 101900K (.) clearing patrol WOSERA 640800 HNS (.) native reports 3 enemy killed YUONJONGAI 778660 (.) 5 cases amn captured (.) DANGUGAI 658750 MANINGE 660725 WALWAL 658772 MANGUBO sq 7175 clear (.) JAMA 613640 enemy occupied aircraft LMG captured (.) INTENTIONS 11 Jul clearing patrols WALWAL 688772 DAN-GUGAI 658750 time out 110800K.
928		6 Div 71 Wing 8 Sqn 100 Sqn	101940K	O 50	SECRET (.) SITREP 355 (.) air sp V804009 (.) 18 aircraft bombed (.) excellent coverage target area completely cleared ground tps gained objective (.) 100 Sqn (.) planes one three four seven and eight all bombs on target (.) 4 bombs number eight UXB (.) remainder planes within 100 yds of target (.) 8 Sqn (.) planes two four five six seven nine on target (.) remainder in target area (.) three of four UXB from plane seven on target all infm.
929	6 Div		101745K 101950K	GI 244	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 11 Jul (.) cloudy and dull conditions continuing through the next 24 hrs with a few breaks in early part of night (.) some light rain patches moderate rain over foothills between 0300 and 0800 hrs (.) light and variable winds seas slight all infm.
930	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	101920K 101954K	I 155	SECRET (.) SITREP 74 to 101900K (.) A Coy 101130K F 101 contact- ed enemy str NOT known river (NEXT SHEET)

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930					<p>(CONTINUED)                      bend 786976 (.) F 102 to YOI-BI River 786975 NO contact with enemy (.) contact patrol to C Coy NMS (.) B Coy (.) R 93 report feature approx 776948 clear of enemy (.) R 94 to 773951 report enemy still in occupation (.) approaches for attack located (.) C Coy (.) patrol NOT previously notified report sentries posted on approaches to NORTH of OINYALIB 778957 (.) sounds of enemy occupation of village (.) patrol reports kunai ridge approx 783963 occupied by enemy str NOT known (.) 701330K enemy mov on feature engaged with LMG LMG fire result NOT known (.) D Coy NOTHING to report (.) all infn.</p>
931	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	102000K	I 573	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 240 to 101900K (.) A Coy (.) airstrike 804009 excellent coverage (.) 101130K attack by 7 Pl successful against stiff resistance exploitation carried out to small knoll 806009 (.) enemy opened fire at short range with rifles LMG grenades cas enemy 9 killed 3 wounded own Lt WARD 1 OR wounded (.) posn 804009 strongly defended and numerous foxholes on small knoll 806009 considered enemy fled to further posns high ground 808009 (.) 9 Pl relieved 7 Pl at posn 804009 standing patrol sec 8 Pl 806009 (.) B and D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 101100K F 239 occupied knoll 806001 without opposition # 1 further enemy dead located killed by M3 (.) 101400K R240 report approaches to SOUTHERN ULUNKOHOITU feature from ck at 812997 very steep native sentries recce feature and reported enemy in occupation of knoll 815001 also village 814996 well worn track between these posns continues SOUTH down spur then up to ILIPEM 1 817987 (.) disposes CHQ less 13 14 Pls 801996 13 Pl plus 14 Pl less sec 806996 sec 14 Pl 806001.</p>
932	6 Div		101600K 102005K	GO 980	SECRET (.) REVSIT 248 to 101500K.
933	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	102010K 102045K	I 574	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 11 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 110900K R 241 (NEXT SHEET)

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933					<p>(CONTINUED)                      MCO 4 OR to receive enemy dis-                      posns high ground 808009                      (.) B Coy (.) 110600K 12 Pl                      move to 801996 (.) C Coy                      F 292 Lt ROACH 15 OR 14 Pl                      to occupy village 814996 af-                      ter airstrike (.) on success                      see 15 Pl to believe F 242                      Lt ROACH 15 OR 14 Pl to occupy village 814996 after                      airstrike (.) on success see 15 Pl to believe F 242 (.)                      adv CHQ plus 15 Pl move to 806996 (.) request air strike                      knoll feature 815001 and village 814996 NOT before                      110800K NOT after 111100K (.) D Coy (.) local patrol-                      ling (.) further to SITREP D Coy (.) 101500K 16 Pl                      moved to 9 Pl posn 800001 (.) all infm.</p>
934	17 Bde	6 Div Rear 17 Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	102200K	O 51	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 356 to 102200K                      (.) 2/5 Bn (.) B Coy patrols                      report enemy in occupation                      feature A773951 (.) posn                      A776948 clear of enemy (.) C Coy                      (.) patrols contacted enemy                      A783963 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy                      (.) 101130K pl attacked V804009                      gaining objective against                      stiff enemy opposition (.) enemy 9 killed 3 wounded own                      1 offr 1 OR wounded (.) 9 Pl occupied posn (.) C Coy                      (.) patrol occupied knoll V606001 (.) one enemy dead                      located (.) patrols contacted enemy at V815001 and A814996                      (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) patrols as far SOUTH as                      MANINGE A660725 report NO contact with enemy (.) natives                      killed 3 enemy YUONJONGAI A787859 (.) 2 NGIB (.) report                      NOT to hand (.) total cas enemy 13 killed 3 wounded own                      1 offr 1 OR wounded all infm.</p>
935	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	102110K 102205K	O 63	<p>SECRET (.) SITREP 26 to 101900K                      (.) A Coy (.) 100830K R patrol                      to KWANBIKUM 784864 report                      enemy est str 20 in occupation                      (.) 100830K receive patrol                      to TAIGESHI one 784872 re-                      ports clear of enemy (.) ene-                      my force str unknown between                      TAIGESHI one and SUAMBIKU                      778878 (.) B Coy receive patrol captured 1 Jap being moved                      to 17 Bde HQ 1 Jul (.) C Coy (.) receive patrol reports                      enemy cutting timber in garden NORTHERN edge DUNBIT                      enemy str approx 20 in gardens area (.) enemy camp WEST                      side of PARCHI River with weapon pits had been vacated                      result of air strike (.) sentries reports enemy in                      NORTH end DUNBIT with sentries on all ridges (.) D Coy                      report NOT yet to hand (.) all infm.</p>

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936	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	102110K 102205K	I 156	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 11 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 110900K 9 Pl will secure posn approx 788968 (.) on success adv CHQ 8 Pl plus one sec 7 Pl will move to 788968 (.) when this mov completed 8 Pl will attack and secure posn vicinity KULAUURU Mission 790968 (.) (.) on success adv CHQ 8 Pl will join 9 Pl and consolidate (.) see 7 Pl standing patrol 788968 due in hrs of daylight returning to 783966 last light (.) B Coy (.) following air strike and M3 conc 12 Pl with 10 pl in sp will attack and secure posn ULUFU 2 773951 (.) one success 10 Pl will occupy posn (.) C Coy (.) F 103 str Lt HEARN 10 OR to NE approach (.) kunai ridge 783963 (.) object cut track and harass enemy (.) F 104 str Lt BALDWIN 10 OR to SE approach of ridge 783963 object harass enemy 783963 and recce enemy posn OINVALIB 780957 (.) contact patrols to A Coy (.) D Coy security patrols (.) arty (.) gun in sp D Coy will mov A Coy 783966 (.) night 10/11 Jul M4 harassing fire 792966 M3 fire 783963 (.) air (.) strike ULUFU 2 773951 (.) all infm.
937	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	102125K 102215K	O 64	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 11 Jul (.) A Coy (.) propose for attack on GISINAMBU 770894 (.) B Coy (.) 6 Pl and 7 Pl attack YANUGO 754941 (.) 1 offr 4 OR contact 2/5 Bn (.) C Coy (.) 9 Pl fighting patrol to SOUTHERN approach 10 Pl ambush DUNBIT TOROKU (.) 11 Pl pro- tective patrol WEST flank DUNBIT (.) D Coy (.) fighting patrol to NARUMUKO (.) all infm.
938	2 NGIB	17 Bde	101900K 102220K	Q 243	SECRET (.) IW 10 Jul Japanese 1 total to date incl 10 Jul 1.
939	TADJI	ASP	102245K	L 95	Ref M 273 (.) 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 110900K NORTH tar- get 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0915K SOUTH target (.) weathers from 0700K (L) 100 Sqn a/c will strafe BRANDI River as requested AS 179.
940		6 Div	110930K	I 352	RESTRICTED (.) please fwd at earliest 50 sheets MAPRIK (NEXT SHEET)



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940					(CONTINUED) EAST 50 sheets MAPRIK WEST one in series.
941	17 Bde	2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB HAYFIELD 10 Pl 2/14 Fd Coy ADS YAMIL ANGAU Bde Sigs	110940K	O 52	SECRET (.) passwords commencing 121800K (.) PANSY (.) 131200K SUNFLOWER (.) 141800K FLOX (.) 151800K DAHLIA (.) 161800K GLADIOLA (.) 171800K CANNA (.) 181800K LANTANA all infm.
942		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	110940K	I 351	SECRET REVSIT 51 to 101500K (6 Div)
943	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	111000K 111005K	JA 270	SECRET (.) SITREP 104 to 111000K (.) NOTHING to report
944	2/5 Bn 17-Bde	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	111005K 111015K	I 157	SECRET (.) SITREP 75 to 111000K (.) A B D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) contact patrol to A Coy MMS (.) night 10/11 Jul M4 HF 792966 M3 fire on 783963 (.) all infm.
945	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB  into 13 Pl posn 806996 cas by M3 MMS (.) F 242 cancelled report all infm.	111005K 111035K	I 575	SECRET (.) SITREP 241 to 111000K (.) A Coy (.) 102240K enemy threw two grenades direction standing patrol posn 806009 from EAST cas NIL (.) B Coy (.) move of 12 Pl to 801996 cancelled (.) C Coy (.) 110600K Juki from ULUNKOHOITU 3 814996 fired 4 strips incl tracer (.) enemy posn engaged (.) D Coy (.) NOTHING to
946	Rear Bde	2/5 Bn 17 Bde	110840K 111045K	I 59	RESTRICTED (.) please arrange by signal authority for transfer or on loan one UNIVERSAL STE-(NEXT SHEET)

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946				I 59	RESCOPE from your Rear HQ to 2/7 Bn.
947	Rear Bde	17 Bde 2/7 Bn	110840K 111050K	I 60	RESTRICTED (.) re transfer UNIVERSAL STEREOSCOPE from 2/5 Inf Bn to 2/7 Inf Bn (.) can NOT transfer or loan without authority (.) being arranged.
948	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	111055K 111205K	O 67	SECRET (.) SITREP 27 to 111000K (.) A Coy (.) patrol between TAIGESHI one and SUAMBIKUM 10 Jul reports TAROKU village approx three-quarters of mile WEST of TAIGESHI one occupied by enemy (.) B C D Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
949	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	111105K 111205K	O 68	SECRET (.) additional to SITREP 27 to 111000K (.) B Coy (.) fighting patrol reports YANUGO and YARAMGO clear (.) signs of recent occupation (.) 1 Jap brought in by WAI-GAKUM Kanakas (.) all infm.
950	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	111205K	O 53	SECRET (.) SITREP 357 to 111100K (.) 2/6 Bn (.) 110600K Juki fired from A814996 onto our posns at A806996 (.) 2 NGIB (.) patrol to KWAMBIKUM A784883 contacted estimate 20 enemy (.) enemy in unknown str A766876 (.) patrols report enemy in str DUNEBIT area report enemy in str DUNEBIT area A755825 (.) one PW captured NARAMUKO area sq A7591 all infm.
951	HAYFIELD		111345K	PHONE	111240K VH-CIF in with 250 lbs canteen stores 2/1 TKA, 250 lbs sig stores 2/1 Tk A, 390 lb AASC Stores 2/1 Tk A, 3 OR 2/2 Bn, Lt-Col SMIBERT, 1 OR, 2/2 Fd Amb; Capt ADDISON, Lt INNES, 1 OR, AASC. (NEXT SHEET)

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951					(CONTINUED) Capt BOLGER, 1 OR 2/46 LAD, 1 OR 2/1 Tk A, Capt BRAY, 2 cases 3" mortar HE.  <del>14315K</del> 14315K departed for WEWAK in 18 natives.
952	HAYFIELD		111425K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1405K 420 lbs rations. Out 1420K 15 natives for WEWAK.
953	6 Div		111430K	GA 154	CONFIDENTIAL (.) another seven copies MDG 59 MAPRIK WEST being sent you today.
954	HAYFIELD		111510K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 1450K 1 OR 6 Div Pro Coy, 1 box battery acid, 7 cases 3" mortar HE. Out 1450K WEWAK 18 natives.
955	HAYFIELD		111650K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD 1540K in 35 cases 3" mortar HE, 1620K out 20 natives. VH-CIF in 1635K 35 cases 3" mortar HE, Out 1640K 15 natives, 1 sjt ANGAU, 1 OR Bde HQ.
956	HAYFIELD		111740K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIL in 1640K 35 cases 3" mortar HE. Out 1740K 6 OR from 2/24 Sup Dep Fl.
957	AIB		091100K 111800K		AVATIP A5642 agent reports (.) DENJANGAI A 15 Japs 2 HMGs (.) YAMANUMBO A6449 5 Japs (.) SENGU A7057 20 Japs in 2 SOUTHERN villages each side of stream (.) JAMA A6464 19 Japs in bush on EASTERN side of largest village have 2 HMGs 1 grenade discharger in kunai NORTH of village (.) 6 sentries 1 IMG BURUI Rd (.) NONCUMBERT A6752 5 Japs (.) JAPANDAI A6243 6 Japs (.) CHAMBRI A8026 10 Japs (.) GARAMAMBU A6427 3 Japs (.) KUPULUB A8446 15 Japs under officer ARA suffered 10 killed by airstrike remainder moved to WEREMEN A7353 and MEIWI A7152 (.) MEIWI now 7 Japs WEREMEN now 10 with 1 HMG (.) large number incl ACHITAM- BITA officer i/c killed by airstrike this area some moved NORTH (.) dead burnt (.) 7 Jul YENCHEMANGUA A7448 report- (NEXT SHEET)

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957					(CONTINUED) ed clear (.) YARANGAI A7343 6 Japs (.) agent heard fol- lowing villages occupied YENT- CHAN A9045 KANGANAMAN A9437 YARAURU B 0131 KAMINDIBIT B.0127 TIMBUNKE V 2339 NUMANGOA / A8258 NUMBOGUA A7457 and vil- lage V 1026 (.) when ARA (of- ficer i/c KUPULUP) moved NORTH to relieve ASADA all area (.) HMGs left behind (.) area (.) of 20 mm guns previously reported 9 destroyed at KUPULUP others moved location unknown (.) NUMBOGUA A7457 reported as HQ of SHOGI who is old and blind (.) many Japs killed this area by airstrike (.) natives will wipe out Jap garrison at AVATIP when own tps reach MARUI (.) fear reprisals if earlier action taken.
958	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	111830K	M 374	Request repeat M 373 (.) NO change in posn own tps (.) priority one.
959	2/1 TKA	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	111830K 111828K	JA 273	SECRET (.) SITREP 105 to 111800K (.) SITNOR (.) clearing patrol WALWAL NMS (.) native reports enemy occ GIDMAPIL 74078( unknown str HMGs (.) INTENTIONS (.) 12 Jul clearing patrol to DANGUGA 1 656756 time out 130800K (.) all infm.
960	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	111840K	M 375	TAC R (a) 12 Jul (b) all NORTH- SOUTH tracks in area bounded by A8099 A8090 A9699 A9690 (c) locate signs of enemy move- ment particularly to the SOUTH (d) confirm native infm of reported enemy withdrawal to SEPIK (e) sq 7997 sq 8099 (f) bomb and strafe PANAMBERI Ri- NOTHING WEST of ATILEM River ver from 884953 to 909976 (g) 17 Bde.
961	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	111905K 112000K	I 159	SECRET (.) SITREP 76 to 111900K (.) A Coy (.) 111520K adv coy HQ 8 Pl 9 Pl occupied feature approx 793968 (.) NO enemy contacted (.) 2 enemy dead located in area (.) 7 Pl remain 783966 (.) enemy evac on approach of pl (.) cas NIL (.) 2 enemy dead (.) NOT previously report- ed located result patrol action 6 Jun (.) standing patrol (NEXT SHEET)

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961					(CONTINUED) est 773951 during hrs of daylight (.) 111845K contact patrol from 2 NG Bn arrived coy posn (.) C Coy (.) F 103 cut main track at 784960 (.) approach of patrol to enemy posn 783963 observed by enemy sentries (.) F 104 mov along track to KWALANDU 785957 (.) enemy in occupation str NOT known with sentry posted (.) enemy str NOT known in occupation track junc 784961 (.) D Coy (.) patrol NOT previously notified to investigate reported enemy mov garden area 775965 NMS (.) all infm.
962	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	111910K	M 276	(a) NOT after 1030K (b) bomb incl depth charges and strafe (c) destroy enemy dug in and clear foliage (d) target is in centre of a half-moon shaped spur running approx NORTH and SOUTH (.) this spur running-approx runs paral- lel with and on EASTERN side of main ULUPU Spur (.) target is 300 yds long and in centre of spur (.) a further spur runs away to SE at a track junction approx 250 yds NE of NORTHERN end of target (.) target is covered with high dense foliage incl coconuts (.) many native huts along spur (.) angle of slope WEST 60 degrees EAST 45 degree (e) NOT shown on one inch map (.) approx posn 777955 (.) air photos ran 6 ph 176 ref H 153 H260 (f) 850 ft (g) mortar smoke on centre of target (h) NIL (i) own patrols 11 Jul (J) 773956 782962 774962 E panels these posns (k) NOT WEST of line of creek from 774949 to 776958 NOT NORTH of line of track 775961 to 784961 (l) ground attack (m) RT (n) as desired (o) RT 2/5 Bn (.) priority two.
963	17 Bde	6 Div 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	111955K	O 54	SECRET (.) SITREP 358 (.) native reports of unknown reliability state a conference of high rank- ing Japanese offrs was held in BUKINARA area A8797 on 7 Jul (.) it was decided to withdraw from present area of ops to the SEPIK (.) reargd force will hold line MALABEIM sq A8496 KABOIBUS sq A8499 until withdrawal is complete (.) enemy expected to withdraw SOUTH from KEMUN area sq A9397 (.) considerable activity report in SUAUI KWALIP areas sq A8293 all infm.
964		6 Div	111955K	O 900	SECRET (.) your GO 971 (.) we will NOT patrol NORTH of LIWO 935156.
965	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	111925K 112000K	I 577	SECRET (.) SITREP 242 to 111900K (.) A Coy (.) 111400K R 241 re- port enemy in occupation high ground 810009 corrected map ref (NEXT SHEET)

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965					(CONTINUED) with 2 sentries posted at 808009 WEST and NORTH approaches very steep (.) B Coy (.) 111000K clearing patrol located body of Jap at 801990 (.) 111500K smoke fire obs in YALAHINI engaged with M3 (.) C Coy (.) mov on ULUNKOHOTU feature engaged with MMG (.) airstrike cancelled due to unsuitable weather (.) D Coy (.) 111630K sec 17 Pl reported back from patrol base 816043 (.) report fighting patrol from 18 Pl unable to reach MAIGAN corrected ref 833028 due to difficult terrain (.) native sentry reported enemy dug in at track junc 827028 str NOT known (.) 4 Pl patrol to investigate enemy posn ck 786976 reported signs enemy foraging in area located old posns NOT recently used NMS all infm.
966	AIB		112003K		Leaving for coast tomorrow (.) 2RY closing down after afternoon schedule.
967	6 Div		111815K 112017K	GI 146	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 12 Jul (.) moderate showers during the latter part of the night with day conditions showers gradual improvement (.) broken clouds with SOUTH-EASTERLY winds (.) seas slight all infm.
968	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	111945K 112017K	I 578	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 12 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 120800K R 243 NCO 6 OR to recce SOUTH approaches to enemy posn 810009 (.) B Coy (.) clearing patrol 10 Pl to ck 791975 (.) C Coy (.) airstrike knoll 815001 and village 841996 NOT before 120800K NOT after 121100K (.) F 244 Lt ROACH 15 OR 14 Pl to occupy village 814996 after atriike (.) on success sec 15 Pl to relieve F 244 (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl to occupy track junc 827028 (.) 4 Pl (.) contact patrol to A Coy 2/5 Bn route out from pl posn SOUTH down main track to ck 786972 thence to A Coy due out 120730K all infm.
969	6 Div		111640K 112020K	GO 990	SECRET (.) REVSIT 249 to 111500K.
970	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	111720K	I 576	SECRET (.) LOCSTAT as at 111800K (.) BHQ 787990 (.) A Coy (.) CHQ plus 7 Pl 801004 8 Pl less sec 804005 sec 806009 9 Pl 804009 (.) B Coy less 10 Pl 795989 10 pl 790977 (.) C Coy (.) CHQ plus 15 Pl 801996 13 Pl 14 Pl less sec 806996 sec 14 Pl 806001 (.) D Coy (.) CHQ plus 17 Pl 791999 16 Pl 800001 18 Pl 817045 all infm.

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971	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	112035K 112120K	O 69.	SECRET (.) SITREP 28 to 111900K (.) A Coy (.) remained KWIMBU preparing for clearing TOROKU gp (.) B Coy (.) local patrolling NO reports hand (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl contacted enemy YUNAN 745755 enemy cas 4 killed 1 wounded incl two 2nd lts killed own cas NIL (.) 9 Pl patrolled to village destroyed (.) 11 Pl reports 804765 and MANGUBO 766757 clear (.) D Coy (.) garden 755917 enemy cas 2 killed own cas NIL (.) all infm.
972	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	112120K 112200K	I 160	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 12 Jul (.) A Coy (.) Coy less sp arms will move and occupy posn at 812972 (.) route out 797972 track junc 798974 track creek junc 803971 track junc 805968 track junc 810969 track junc 811970 to 812972 (.) time out 121000K (.) B Coy (.) F 105 str Lt TAY-78953 (.) object observe and harass enemy posn (.) R 95 str NCO 6 OR via EAST track SOUTH to YOIBI River 775942 (.) object recce for enemy move (.) R 96 str NCO 6 OR via WEST track SOUTH to YOIBI River 775942 (.) object recce for enemy mov (.) C Coy (.) F 106 str Lt BALDWIN 18 OR to SE approach kunai ridge 784960 (.) object clear track junc SOUTH of ridge on success 15 Pl 4 Pl will occupy and exploit NORTH to clear ridge (.) D Coy (.) two pls mov to 797972 to relieve A Coy by 120940K (.) on arrival one pl will escort A Coy cargo line to 812972 then return 797972 (.) remainder of coy mov 797972 by 121200K (.) arty (.) guns in sp C Coy will sp attack on kunai ridge 784960 (.) on completion of task gun at 774962 mov to 783966 (.) air (.) 121300K strike OINYALIB 777955 (.) all infm.
973	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	112030K 112145K	O 70	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS for 12 Jul (.) A Coy (.) attack GISINAMBU 771894 and harass enemy tracks GISINAMBU-NARAMOKO (.) B Coy (.) local pat YANUGO (.) C Coy (.) continue recce for attack on DUNBIT 2 755823 (.) D Coy (.) NOT to hand faulty wireless comm (.) all infm.
974	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	112200K	O 55	SECRET (.) SITREP 359 to 112200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy occupied feature A792968 without opposition (.) 2 enemy dead located (.) B Coy (.) 12 Pl attacked and occupied ULUPU 2 A772951 (.) (NEXT SHEET)

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974					(.CONTINUED) 2 enemy killed remainder fled (.) patrol from 2 NGIB contacted coy at A773954 (.) C Coy (.) patrol-from-2-NGIB-contacted patrols contacted enemy at A783963 and A785957 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy (.) patrols contacted enemy at A783963-and-A785957 V810009 (.) one enemy dead located A801990 (.) D Coy patrol contacted enemy dug in at track junc V827028 (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) natives report enemy in occupation GIDMAPIL A740780 (.) 2 NGIB (.) B Coy (.) patrols report YANUGO A754941 and NARANGO A753933 clear (.) one PW captured KONJAMBE A742885 (.) C Coy (.) patrols contacted enemy at YUNAN A745755 (.) enemy cas 4 killed incl two lts and one wounded (.) patrols report DUNBIT 1 A755830 KUPMABIT A804765 and MANGUBO A766757 clear (.) D Coy contacted enemy in garden A755917 (.) enemy cas 2 killed (.) patrol reports indicate NO enemy NORTH of JAMA A6264 along main MIPRIK-MARUI Rd (.) NO enemy WEST of SCREW River as far SOUTH as JAMA (.) total cas enemy 11 killed 1 wounded 1 PW own NIL all infm.
975	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB.	112130K 112230K	I 161	SECRET (.) LOCSTAT as at 112000K.
976	TADJI	ASP	112230K	L 4	Ref M 273 (.) ETD 12 BRAUFORTS 7 Sqn 0900 ETD 12 BRAUFORTS 100 Sqn (.) details unchanged (.) ref M 276 (.) will advise am to- morrow (.) weathers from 0630K.
977		6 Div	120700K	O 56	RESTRICTED (.) W3C6V3DOPOTO.
978	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	120715K	M 277	TAC R (.) will TAC R aircraft ensure that only strafing targets engaged are those requested by us (.) own native patrols are operating well behind enemy lines.
979	HAYFIELD		120900K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF landed Capt SANGS- TER 6 Div. 120820K VH-CIF depart- ed for WEWAK empty.
980	7 Comd A1 Sec		100910K 120906K	A 201	Your Op Instr No 15 ack.  ACTION: Noted ack register.
981	16 Bde		111000K 120906K	O 394	RESTRICTED (.) ref 17 Bde Op Instr 10 Copy 10 (.) ack.  ACTION: Noted ack register.



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982	HAYFIELD		121020K	PHONE.	120945K DOUGLAS VH-CQD in with 4 OR 2/20 Sup Pl, Capt ALLIDICE 6 Div, 1 jeep 1 box med stores. 121015K VH-CQD out to WEWAK 1 OR 2/1 Tk A, 3 OR 2/24 Sup Pl, 1 OR 2/6 Bn, Capt BRAY 1 Aust Army mail.
983	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	121005K 121035K	I 162	SECRET (.) SITREP 77 to 121000K (.) A Coy (.) 120915K coy mov out en route 802972 (.) B Coy (.) 120830K 2 NGIB contact patrol mov out to return base (.) C Coy NOTHING to report (.) D Coy (.) 120900K two pls relieved A Coy at 797972 (.) one pl escort for A Coy cargo line (.) night 11/12 Jul M4 M5 HF on Lunai ridge 784963 (.) all infm.
984	19 Bde		092020K 121100K	O 529	UNCLASSIFIED (.) ref 17 Inf Bde Op Instn 15 Copy 11 of 7 Jul (.) ack.  ACTION: Noted ack register.
985		6 Div 16 Bde 19 Bde	121100K	I 353	SECRET (.) LOCATION STATEMENT as at 120800K (.) HQ 17 Inf Bde MAPRIK A678994 (.) 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) 1 Bty under comd 2/5 Bn (.) one gun ULUM A778963 one gun A774962 (.) 2 Bty less one tp KUNJINGE Mission A662633 one tp HAYFIELD A684923 (.) 10 Pl 2/14 Fd Coy A749981 (.) 2/23 Sup Dep 24 Sup Dep Pl NEWTONS KNOLL A756980 (.) 2/5 Bn HQ ULIBILIM A778977 (.) 7 Pl A783966 (.) B Coy A773953 (.) C Coy plus 4 Pl ULUM A778963 (.) D Coy less 18 Pl A775962 (.) 2/6 Bn HQ A781990 (.) A Coy less two pls V801004 8 Pl V804005 9 Pl V804009 (.) B Coy less 10 Pl A795989 (.) C Coy less two pls A801996 13 and 14 Pls A806996 (.) D Coy less two pls A791999 16 Pl V800001 18 Pl V817045 (.) 2 NGIB HQ plus A Coy KWIMBU A738886 (.) B Coy KWANDANINGI A730935 (.) C Coy A756640 (.) D Coy A734913 all infm.
986		ADS YAMIL 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	121100K	I 354	SECRET (.) REVSIT 52 to 111500K (+) 19 Bde (.) 2/8-Bn-centries and-ref-at-V315992-(+)-2/11-Bn (+)
987	6 Div		120945K 121110K	S 126	SECRET (.) for Brig MOTEN from GOC ref your O 54 of 111955K (.) do you attach any importance this native report (.) if so. (NEXT SHEET)

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987					(CANCELLED) essential everything possible be done interfere enemy SOUTHWARD movt even at expense your NORTH flank (.) would like your view quickly.  <i>ACTION: Reply sent - see Serial 997</i>
988	2/6 Bn	17 Bde	121005K 121115K	I 579	SECRET (.) SITREP 243 to 121000K (.) A Coy (.) 112000K mov heard left flank 9 Pl posn (.) R 243 cancelled till after a/s ULUNKOHOITU (.) B D Coys NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 112250K indiscriminate HMG LMG fire from vicinity ULUNKOHOITU target NOT known all infm.
989	HAYFIELD		121200K	PHONE	1140K VH-CUD in - 400 lbs stores. 1150K out - Lt WARD 2/6 Bn, Padre DINEEN, 1 OR 2/2 Fd Regt, PW and escort.
990	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2/5 Bn 2/1 Tk A	121030K 121205K	O 76	SECRET (.) SITREP 29 to 121000K (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
991	17 Bde	6 Div Rear 17 Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMII	121215K	O 57	SECRET (.) SITREP 360 to 121200K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) 120900K two pls B Coy moved to A797972 (.) night 11/12 Jul kunai ridge A784963 harassed with mortar fire (.) 2/6 Bn (.) 112250K C Coy A801996 fired on by enemy HMG and LMG from vicinity ULUNKOHOITU A815996 (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty SITNOR (.)  2 NGIB NOTHING to report all infm.
992	TADJI	ASP	121330K	O 43	TAC R M 272 (.) weather prevented observation over area (.) will we try again 13 Jul.
993	6 Div	17 Bde	121030K 121500K	GO 996	RESTRICTED (.) Rear Details 6 Div closed AITAPE 111800K all infm.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
994	RAE Div	6 Div 16 17 19 Bdes First Army	121030K 121600K	REX 2010	SECRET (.) 8 Fd Coy less one pl under comd CRE 6 Div as from 11 Jul 45 (.) LOCSTAT (.) Coy HQ 1 Pl 3 Pl at W341048.
995	6 Div		111600K ---	GI 145	RESTRICTED (.) advise at earliest if on vacancy at First Aust Army model constr course desired (.) duration 14 days (.) commencing 23 Jul at LAE (.) purpose to train students in the constr topographical models from materials available local resources (.) students Lt (.) Int NCO (.) Int OR.
996	HAYFIELD		121550K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1355K 1 OR 2/14 Fd Coy, 3240 lbs tractor parts. Out 1540K Lt CARRICK 2/5 Bn, 5 OR 2/24 Sup Dep Pl, Capt SANGSTER, Capt ALLARDYCE.
997		6 Div	121600K	M 28	<del>SECRET</del> SECRET (.) for GOC from MOTEN (.) your S 126 (.) unable obtain any positive evidence of SOUTHERN mov (.) natives investigating (.) NGIB moving today to AONIARU A774936 NARAMUKO A758919 GISANABU A771896 and SUAMBIKUM A778879 (.) tomorrow C Coy moving to KUIGI A807841 and track junc A846858 to prevent enemy SOUTHERN move (.) all NGIB op designed to stop move SOUTH (.) the mov reported GWALIP area considered to be elements of 41 Div who were scheduled to relieve IBA Force in the ULUPU area on 10th (.) TAC R requested for today of tracks to SEPIK unsuccessful due to weather (.) repeat request tomorrow (.) all enemy mov GWALIP and BUKINARA villages and SIGOR A902942 under constant observation.
998	HAYFIELD		121625K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF landed 121455K: 1 OR for 2/20 Sup Depot Pl, 3340 lbs engineer stores. Departed for WEWAK 121625K empty.
999	HAYFIELD		121710K	PHONE	DOUGLAS landed 121650K - VH-CUD: 2975 lbs engineer stores, 5 4-gal drums range fuel, 5 4-gal drums lighting kerosene, 3 c/s for Bde Sig Sec. Departed 121710K empty.
1	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	121900K 121905K	JA 275	SECRET (.) SITREP 106 to 121900K (.) area clear far SOUTH as DANGUGAI A658750 (.) Bty SITNOR (.) INTENTIONS 13 Jul (.) clearing patrol to KUPMABIT.

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2		6 Div	121920K	I 355	RESTRICTED (.) ref your GI 145 of 111600K (.) NO vacancy required.
3	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	121930K	M 278	Request air strike M 276 13 Jul (.) NOT after 1630K (.) own tps disposns now 773956, 784963, (.) ground attack following strike (.) RT 2/5 Bn (.) priority one.
4	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	121940K	I 581	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 13 Jul (.) A Coy (.) request airstrike 811010 NOT before 130900K NOT after 131400K (.) patrol to investigate (.) B Coy (.) local patrolling (.) C Coy (.) sec 13 Pl move to 15 Pl area (.) one sec 14 Pl to rejoin pl (.) standing patrols to be maintained 806001 811995 807994 during day light (.) natives to investigate enemy str and disposns ULUNKOHOITU (.) harassing fire ULUNKOHOITU (.) D Coy (.) patrol 18 Pl to recce ULUNKOHOITU track junc 828031 for signs enemy mov and locate suitable approach (.) 4 Pl F 245 to vic 792974 to ascertain enemy mov that area all infm.
5	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	121915K 121955K	I 580	SECRET (.) SITREP 244 to 121900K (.) A Coy (.) 124300K R 243 report enemy occupy high ground 811010 without post posn on small knoll vic ULUNKOHOITU YAMIL HOUSE CEMENT track junc 809009 approach from SOUTH steep and difficult enemy endeavoured outflank patrol which withdrew (.) B Coy (.) clearing patrols SMS (.) C Coy (.) 120900K airstrike knoll 815001 NOT effective (.) airstrike village 814996 good coverage (.) 121300K F 244 occupied village 814996 without opposition enemy fled NORTH along ridge direction ULUNKOHOITU on approach of our patrol (.) 1 Juki good working order captured (.) 121500K 15 Pl plus sec 13 Pl relieved F 244 at 814996 (.) C Coy less 15 Pl sec 13 Pl sec 14 Pl now at 806996 sec 14 Pl at 806001 (.) D Coy (.) 121130K 18 Pl contacted enemy str 6 on track 50 yds NORTH track junc 828031 cas enemy 4 killed own NIL (.) further attack on track junc area NOT successful due to enemy crossfire from EAST and WEST slopes enemy str estimated 15 (.) pl withdrew to base (.) 4 Pl (.) liaison patrol to A Coy 2/5 contacted enemy str 8/10 moving in SW direction at 792974 cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) further to B Coy (.) 121230K 12 Pl moved to 801996 all infm.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
6	TADJI	ASP	122010K	G 43	In ref your M 278 (.) NO strikes on this request.
7	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	121940K 122015K	I 165	SECRET (.) SITREP 78 to 121900K (.) A Coy (.) 121430K coy consolidated posn 812972 (.) 3 enemy contacted garden area via 812970 result NOT known (.) 121500K security patrol contacted enemy str NOT known village 812975 (.) cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) B Coy (.) 121000K F 105 contacted enemy OINYALIB 777952 (.) cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) R 95 R 96 report tracks SOUTH from ULUPU 2 773951 clear of enemy (.) C Coy (.) 121100K 13 Pl attacked and captured enemy posn 784961 (.) on success 13 Pl 2 sec 14 Pl attacked and captured ridge 784963 (.) 121700K posn cleared (.) cas enemy 15 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.) enemy withdrew to SOUTH and SE (.) one LMG 9 rifles 1 OSMG captured (.) coy disposns (.) coy HQ 13 Pl 14 Pl ULUM 778963 (.) 15 Pl 4 Pl knai ridge 784963 (.) D Coy (.) following relief A Coy 797972 fighting patrol NOT previously notified to track June 799974 contacted enemy at 121130K (.) cas enemy 2 killed own NIL (.) 121330K coy 16 Pl 18 Pl mov to 799974 (.) 121800K 17 Pl escort A Coy cargo line returned 799974 (.) arty (.) one gun in sp C Coy ULUM 778963 one gun 783966 all infm.
8	6 Div	ASP	122015K	GA 157	Maximum effort being given 19 Bde 13 Jul (.) may be able to do afternoon strike.
9	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	122015K	M 279	(A) 13 Jul (.) NOT after 1400K (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy 30/35 enemy strongly dug in in pillboxes on heavily timbered feature (D) heavily timbered knoll on EAST-EAST ridge approx 600 yards EAST of previously bombed knoll (.) spur runs SOUTH from target (.) creek at a point due NORTH of target turns sharply to NE (E) 811010 (.) phs run 2 number 274 ref F585 (F) 1700 (G) mortar 3" smoke centre target (H) NIL (I) own patrols 121300K (J) 804009, 814996 white T, 804006 red T (G) NOT SOUTH track 805004-815998 (.) NOT possible to lay NORTH-SOUTH bomblines but own tps 700 yds WEST of target (L) ground tps will attack after strike (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/6 Bn (.) priority two.
10	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	122015K	M 280	Request TAC R s M272, M275 13 Jul (.) M275 first priority.
11	6 Div		121745K 122155K	GI 150	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 13 Jul (.) few moderate showers during night with tendency to improving (CONTINUED)

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11	6 Div				(NEXT SHEET) conditions during day (.) scattered showers may be expected overhighlands after midday (.) winds light variable (.) seas slight all infm.
12	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	122200K	O 58	SECRET (.) SITREP 361 to 122100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) coy occupied posn A812972 without opposition (.) patrol contacted enemy at A812975 (.) 1 enemy killed (B) B Coy (.) patrol to OINYALIB A777952 killed 1 enemy (.) patrol SOUTH from ULUPU 2 A773951 report track clear to A775942 (.) C Coy (.) 121100K two pls attacked enemy at A784962 (.) 121700K posn cleared (.) enemy 15 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.) 1 LMG 9 rifles and 1 OSMG captured (.) coy less 15 Pl A778963 15 Pl A784963 (.) D Coy (.) coy now at A799974 (.) 2 enemy killed this area (.) 75mm guns at A778963 and A783966 (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy contacted enemy at A811010 (.) C Coy (.) after air strike of fair coverage only patrol occupied village A814996 against minor opposition (.) one Juki captured (.) 15 Pl occupied posn remainder C Coy at A806996 (.) D Coy (.) patrol contacted 6 enemy at V828032 killing 4 (.) unable to dislodge enemy from track june V828031 (.) patrol from 4 Pl contacted 10 enemy at A792974 killing 1 (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Rest (.) patrol to DANGUGAI A658750 report area clear (.) 2 NGIB NO reports to hand (.) total cas enemy 24 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded all infm.
13	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	122145K 122210K	I 166	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 13 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 107 str Lt MILES 12 OR to clear YAGAMAIN 812976 (.) on success standing patrol will be est in village (.) R 97 str NCO 8 OR along track 811961 SE to river 818965 (.) object recee for enemy mov (.) standing patrol track june 801968 (.) B Coy (.) F 108 str Lt MCKENNA 776948 object harass enemy (.) R 98 str Lt DONALDSON 6 OR to recee enemy disposns OINYALIB 778953 (.) security patrol to track june 773947 (.) C Coy (.) F 109 str NCO 8 OR to SOUTH end KWALANDU 787954 (.) object locate and harass enemy (.) D Coy (.) contact patrol to A Coy (.) R 99 str Lt HEILBRON 5 OR to YALAHINA 800978 (.) object locate enemy disposns (.) R 100 str NCO 5 OR to TAMUP 804975 (.) object recee for enemy occupation (.) all infm.
14		6 Div	130700K	O 59	RESTRICTED (.) W2C6VLDOPOTS.
15	6 Div	17 Bde First Army	121605K 130730K	GO 1002	SECRET (.) as from 141200K Jul 8 Bde will assume comd and be responsible for defence of area (NEXT SHEET)

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
15					(CONTINUED) excl WIRUI Ck to MANDI and area holding time excl tk and ck junc at 323007 all incl MT TAZAKI 334003 hill 910 352022 364027 364034 383032 BIANDI River 477015 MANDI 4300 on pass of comd 2/3 MG Bn 2 Coy 2/3 MG Bn 8/11 Bn now withdraw BORAM area and F Force come u/c 8 Bde all infm.
16	6 Div		121700K 130800K	GO 1003	SECRET (.) REVSIT 250 to 121500K.
17	6 Div		121950K 130840K	GI 151	RESTRICTED (.) ref your I 295 of 171100K (.) request further infm (.) name of Indian PW (.) date evac to AITAPE (.) copy of PW statement.
18	6 Div		122000K 130850K	GI 152	SECRET (.) could original enemy map captured KWANDININGE A730935 5 Jul showing boundaries 20 Div 239 Reft 41 Div and ASADA Force be fwd earliest please.
19		6 Div	130935K	I 357	RESTRICTED (.) ref your GI 152 of 12200K (.) original copy of map was fwd to OC language det immediately on capture.
20		6 Div	130940K	I 356	RESTRICTED (.) ref your GI 151 of 121950K (.) PW name ANGAT RAM (.) evac to AITAPE 17 Jun 45 (.) NO further interrogation was carried out at this HQ other than stated in our I 295 (.) return incl above infm was forwarded to your HQ on 18 Jun in compliance with GRO 112/45.
21	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	131000K	M 281	(A) pm 13 Jul (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy 120 enemy in village (.) 10 IMGs and 2 MMGs dug in in area (D) stockaded village approx 1/2 mile WEST of main MAP-RIK-MARUI Rd (.) village is close to main JAMA village on track which branches WEST from main road at 620640 (.) village is centre of sago patch and has a barricade 10 ft high around it (.) this village consists of approx 6 huts and is only village of this type in area (E) approx 612642 (F) 150 (G) NIL (H) NIL (I) ANGAU patrols 12 Jul (J) WOSERA A6480 (K) NO tps within 8 miles of target (L) ANGAU patrol will investigate (M) NIL (N) as desired (.) target suitable for 1000 lb bombs (.) ref maps WIHAMA WEST MOI EAST 1 in 1 mile.

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22		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	131025K	O 60	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 53 to 131500K.
23		6 Div	131145K	O 914	RESTRICTED (.) for GSO 1 from BM (.) request ANSON be made available for recce Sun and Tue next instead of WIRRAWAY or BEAUFORT.
24	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	130900K 130847K	JA 276	SECRET (.) SITREP 107 to 130900K (.) F Tp ex KUNGININGI for KULUGI time out 0800K (.) route MIKAU (.) KWIMBU (.) KULIGI (.) patrol base to be established at KULUGI (.) patrol-base native reports (.) ANGAU patrol reports large concentration enemy JAMA area (.) est str 120 (.) 10 LMGs  2 MMGs dug in (.) location of enemy (.) half mile from main road on JAMA track (.) area consists of 6 houses in a sage patch (.) village is surrounded by fence 10 ft high.
25	2/6 Bn	17 Bde	131015K 131045K	I 582	SECRET (.) SITREP 245 to 131000K (.) A Coy (.) A/S on 811010 cancelled 130700K recce patrol left to suitable recce approaches to enemy posn 811010 from EAST and suitable pl posn EAST of 811010 due in 131400K (.) B Coy (.) 130915K recce patrol NOT previously reported route out from 801996 to ck 803988 up ck to 817990 then to 804996 object recce suitable pl posn SOUTH of ULUNDIHOITU due in 131500K (.) patrol NOT previously reported str NCO 6 OR route out from 10 Pl to ck at 793979 then NORTH up ck to 803988 object clear ck (.) C D Coys NOTHING to report all infm.
26	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2 NGIB	131015K 131055K	I 167	SECRET (.) SITREP 79 to 131000K (.) A Coy 130800K standing patrol est YAGAMAIN 812976 (.) 130830K enemy approaching from NORTH engaged result NOT known (.) 1 enemy dead located in area (.) standing patrol considerable mvt observed NORTH along (NEXT SHEET)



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26					(CONTINUED) SUAUI-MALABEIM track. (.) several parties using lights (.) further enemy mvt observed EAST from approx 830980 (.) B Coy 130630K NGIB contact patrol arrived departed 130800K (.) 130900K 1 enemy surrendered F 108 at 772951 (.) C Coy contact (.) was NOT previously reported on duty (.) D Coy NOTHING to report all infm.
27	WADJIASP 6-Div	131200K TADJI 6 Div	131200K	M 282	Cancel strike M 276 (.) own tps occupied posn this morning.
28	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	131210K	O 61	SECRET (.) SITREP 362 to 131100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) standing patrol est YAGAMAIN A812976 (.) 130830K enemy approaching from NORTH engaged results unknown (.) 1 enemy dead located in area (.) night 12/13 Jul considerable enemy mov observed NORTH along SUAUI A8293 MALBEIM A8496 track lights (.) further mov observed EAST from approx A830980 (.) B Coy (.) 130900K patrol captured 1 PW A772951 (.) C Coy (.) additional 1 own wounded 13 Jul (.) 2/6 Bn SITNOR (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) ANGAU patrol reports approx 120 enemy with 10 LMGs 2 MMGs in JAMA area A6264 (.) patrol investigating further (.) 2 NGIB NO report to hand all infm.
29	6 Div	TADJI ASP	131240K	GS 157	Ref your M 281 (.) regret can NOT carry out (.) all A/C standing by waiting for to clear to do coastal job.
30	TADJI	ASP	131330K	L 7	Ref M 272 (.) weather prevented operations.
31	HAYFIELD		131110K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 1015K 1 OR 2/6 Bn, Capt MACDONALD and 8 OR 2/1 Tk A Regt, 1 75mm gun. Out 1040K 320 lbs 2/6 Rear, 4 bags mail, 1 parcel ASP, 6 OR 2/2 Fd Amb, 1 OR 2/24 Sup Dep Pl.
32	HAYFIELD		131110K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1025K 570 lbs rations, 1 box 17 Bde, 3 boxes med gear, 3 stretchers. Out 1050K 1 OR 2/5 Bn for AGH, 1 OR 2/1 Tk A Regt, 1 OR 2/14 Fd Coy.

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Serial	From	To	TOO & TOR	Orig No	Message
33	HAYFIELD		131000K	PHONE	ANSON in 0935K 3 RAAF per. Out 0955K Lt-Col BISHOP, Maj PARSONS, 1 OR 6 Div.
34	HAYFIELD		131445K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 1135K 7 OR 7 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt, 6 OR 2/5 Fd Amb, 42 rds 75mm amn, out 1150K-2-OR Lt HURREN 2/6 Bn. Out 1150K 2 OR 2/2 Fd Amb, 1 air cylinder AOD, 1 circular saw 2/14 Fd Coy.
35	HAYFIELD		131445K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CUD in 1350K 9 pers 2/1 Tk A Regt 1 Bty, 1 75mm gun, Out 1410K 1 OR 2/6 Bn for AGH, 3 bags mail, 2 bags 17 Bde Rear, 2 Bags 2/6 Bn Rear, 1 case 6 Div Pro Coy.
36	6 Div	71 Wing 17 Bde 2/7 Bn 5 TAC R	131500K	GA 160	SECRET (.) to confirm and promulgate arrangements made today by GOC with Group-Capt DANCOCK (.) WIRRAWAY landing HAYFIELD 140900K to take Lt-Col PARBURY on recce KIARIVU area (.) WIRRAWAY landing HAYFIELD TUESDAY 170900K to take three offrs 2/7 Bn on recce KIARIVU area (.) 17 Bde will make available facilities for refueling WIRRAWAY.
37	HAYFIELD		131545K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF 1455K 1 OR 2/14 Fd Coy, 1800 lbs engr stores, 1 44-gal OE 30, 5 empty 4-gal drums, 1 44-gal GO 90. Out 1540K NO load.
38	2 NGIB		131315K 131620K	I 62	RESTRICTED (.) reports from fwd tps indicate enemy movt NE through area.
39	6 Div		131650K	GI 155	RESTRICTED (.) please signal corrected maprefs of DUNBIT and DUNEBIT villages.
40	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	131815K	O 62	SECRET (.) SITREP 363 to 131800K (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) coy attacked GISANABU A772894 and occupied WESTERN portion of village (.) in contact with enemy on EASTERN edge of village (.) (NEXT SHEET)

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40					(CONTINUED) enemy 11 killed 1 own wounded (.) C Coy (.) fighting patrol to DUNBIT A755825 encountered enemy in str with 2 LMGs (.) ene- my cas 16 killed own 1 offr 1 native soldier killed 2 wounded (.) patrol withdrew (.) D Coy (.) patrol to A763934 killed 3 enemy (.) patrol to A757923 engaged enemy with unobserved results (.) total cas enemy 30 killed own 1 offr 1 native soldier killed 3 native soldiers wounded all infm.
41	6 Div	17 Bde 2/7 Bn	131610K 131904K	GA 162	SECRET (.) amend our GA 160 of 131500K as follows (.) WIRRAWAY will land WEWAK 140900K pick up take Lt-Col BISHOP to MAPRIK (.) then take Lt-Col PARBURY on recce from MAPRIK NOT HAYFIELD (.) otherwise NO change in arrange- ments.
42	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	131950K	M 283	(A) 14 Jul (.) NOT before 0800K NOT after 1100K (B) target (i) bomb (.) target (2) bomb and strafe (C) destroy 20/30 enemy dug in pillboxes (D) target (i) knoll at NORTHERN end of NORTH-SOUTH ridge (.) small village on SOUTHERN side of knoll (.) from target ridge continues to <del>W</del> Wiwai NW into heavily timbered country (.) narrow spur runs EAST into defined track runs length of 300 yards NW of target one on same ridge NW of target timbered (.) angle of slopes 45 degrees (E) 815998 phs run 3 number 245 refs target one G7460 target two H240 (F) 1250 (G) 3" mortar smoke target one (.) target two as request- ed (H) NIL (I) own patrols 131500K (J) 84996, 806996, 804009 (.) T panels (K) NOT WEST line of track 809005-807994 (.) own tps 500 yards SOUTH of target one on same ridge (L) at- tack on target one will commence as soon as strafing on target two commences (M) RT (N) as desired (O) RT 2/6 Bn (.) bomb target one first and then target two (.) notify 2/6 Bn when strafing will commence on target two (.) priority one.
43	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	132000K	M 284	request strike M 281 anytime 14 Jul (.) NO further details avail- able (.) priority two.
44	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	132000K	M 285	TAC R (.) request M 272 14 Jul.
45	6 Div		131805K 132005K	GI 158	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 14 Jul cloudy and dull conditions con- (NEXT SHEET)

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45					(CONTINUED) continuing with clouds mainly above 10000 ft except for low clouds on ranges in the afternoon resulting in isolated showers (.) some rain during the night (.) tendency to lt clearing over the sea in the afternoon (.) lt NE winds (.) seas slight all infm.
46	6 Div		131645K 132005K	GO 1020	SECRET (.) REVSIT 251 to 131500K.
47	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	132000K 132045K	I 169	SECRET (.) SITREP 89 to 131900K (.) A Coy (.) 131230K Coy HQ 9 Pl occupied YAGAMAIN 812976 (.) R 97 to river 778965 report signs recent enemy mov NMS (L) 131330K standing patrol 811968 withdrawn (.) small parties enemy observed an mov towards YIBOMINU 840980 (.) B Coy (.) 131000K 10 Pl 12 Pl occupied CINYALIB 777955 without opposition (.) 5 enemy dead NOT previously reported located in area (.) 131130K F 108 contacted enemy dug in with HMG LMG CINYALIB 777952 (.) cas enemy 5 killed own one killed one wounded (.) R 98 to 778948 to YOIBI River found area clear of enemy (.) C Coy (.) F 109 to NORTH end KWALANDU 785963 report enemy str NOT known in occupation (.) patrol NOT previously notified str Lt MILTON 8 OR report YOIBI River from 787965 to 789961 clear of enemy (.) clearing patrol to 10 Pl 777955 report NMS (.) D Coy (.) R 99 report YALAHINE 800978 clear (.) 131530K village occupied by coy less 18 Pl (.) R 100 report TAMUP 804975 clear (.) standing patrol est 797967 during hours of daylight (.) arty (.) 131345K gun to 783966 fired on enemy 834964 (.) 131755 gun engaged enemy on track 824973 results NOT known (.) all infm.
48	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn	131830K 132106K	JA 280	SECRET (.) SITREP 108 to 131800K (.) F Tp biv KWIMBU area (.) native reports NIL (.) INTENTIONS 14 Jul (.) F Tp move KULUGI est patrol base.
49	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	132010K 132106K	I 583	SECRET (.) SITREP 246 to 131900K (.) A Coy (.) R 246 NOT previously notified report unable to reach high ground EAST enemy posn 814013 due to enemy sentries on NORTH slope on track leading from approx 814013 NORTH to main ck (.) approaches from NORTH very steep (.) natives sentries with patrol report enemy approx 10 on small knoll 811012 and enemy in str with offr i/c on high ground 814013 posn reinforced 13 Jul consolidation in progress sac sac being carried from ULUNKOHOI- (NEXT SHEET)

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49					<p>(CONTINUED)</p> <p>TU area for hut construction natives say posn reinforced from ULUNKOHOITU (.) B Coy (.) 131400K patrol NE along KABOIBUS ck contacted enemy str unknown at 803988 cas enemy 1 killed own NIL (.) 131500K huts at 812990 reported occupied by natives engaged by M3 (.) C Coy (.) 130900K patrol from 15 Pl report main enemy I of C runs EAST from village at 814996 to ck 817995 track well worn and shown signs much use previous day (.) 131000K see 13 Pl moved to 15 Pl area (.) 131630K patrol to vic village 815998 report much mov digging and talking heard patrol to obs owing to dense pit-pit (.) native patrol to EAST of village reports main track leading EAST and 4 huts occupied str unknown at 819998 (.) D Coy (.) recee patrol from 16 Pl report track junc 827031 occupied by enemy str approx 20 (.) native sentries report further 3 enemy mov to track junc from ULUNKOHOITU area pm 13 Jul (.) natives report MAIGAN village clear (.) 4 Pl (.) patrol F 245 to investigate 792974 report extensive def posns located (.) further body located result patrol am 12 Jul all infm.</p>
50	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	132050K 132111K	I 170	<p>SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 14 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 100 str to MCCOY 15 OR to clear and occupy village 813978 (.) B Coy (.) F 111 Lt DONALDSON 14 OR to 777948 (.) object harass enemy (.) contact patrol to C Coy (.) coy mov to 777953 (.) C Coy (.) F 112 str NCO 10 OR to 790957 (.) object recee EAST approach to KWALANDU 786955 and clear NORTH end of village (.) F 113 str NCO 10 OR to 787953 (.) object clear SOUTH end KWALANDU (.) contact patrol to 10 Pl 777955 (.) D Coy (.) R 101 str NCO 6 OR to AHWIAL 804983 (.) object recee for enemy occupation (.) R 102 str NCO 6 OR to 797978 (.) object recee for enemy occupation (.) contact patrol str NCO 6 OR to 10 Pl 2/6 Inf Bn at 790977 (.) all infm.</p>
51	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	132040K 132142K	I 584	<p>SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 14 Jul (.) A Coy (.) HF enemy posns 811012 and 814013 throughout day (.) B Coy (.) 140800K F 247 NCO 8 OR to 803988 object destroy enemy that area (.) 140800K native ILIPEM area object report on enemy mov due in 141700K (.) C Coy (.) request air strike knoll/ 815001 and village 815998 NOT before 140800K NOT after 141100K (.) F 248 NCO 12 OR following air strike to clear village 815998 and knoll 815001 on success pl to occupy knoll 815001 (.) D Coy (.) F 249 NCO 5 OR from 16 Pl route via Kanaka pads to area track junc 827031 object harass enemy (.) F 250 NCO 8 OR from 16 Pl route out NORTH along YAUIBI ck to HOUSE CEMENT 806025 thence EAST along ck to ck track junc 826023 object harass enemy that area due in 141600K all infm.</p>

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52	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	132225K	O 63	SECRET (.) SITREP 364 to 132100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) coy moved to YAGAMAM A812976 (.) patrol to river A818965 report signs recent enemy mov (.) small parties of enemy observed at A830980 moving EAST (.) B Coy (.) coy occupied OINYALIB A777955 locating 5 enemy dead (.) enemy dug in with HMG and LMG (.) ene- my cas 5 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.) B Coy (.) coy occupied YALAHINE A800978 without opposition (.) patrol fwd to TAMUP A804975 report area clear (.) 2/6 Bn (.) A Coy contacted enemy at V814015 and V811012 (.) enemy posns reinforced from WUNKOHOFU A816998 (.) B Coy (.) patrol contacted enemy at A803988 killing 1 (.) C Coy (.) patrol reports considerable enemy activity at A815998 and A819998 (.) D Coy (.) patrol to V827031 estimate 20 enemy in occu- pation (.) further enemy dead located A792974 (.) 2 NGIB report continued enemy mov in NE direction (.) NO other reports to hand (.) total cas enemy 12 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded all infd.
53	6 Div	17 Bde 2/7 Bn 71 Wing	132245K 132153K	GA 158	SECRET (.) approval given Lt- Col PARBURY arrange direct with 71 Wing recee flight for 12 offrs on strike mission.  ACTION: Copy handed Adjt 2/7 2200K.
54	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	131930K 132230K	O 83	SECRET (.) SITREP 32 to 131900K (.) A Coy (.) Coy HQ 3 Pl 5 Pl moved to SUAMBIKUM 779878 occu- pied without opposition consol- idated (.) 131400K 1 offr 10 OR recee KWANCIKUM 784883 re- port village occupied str unknown (.) B Coy (.) NOT to hand owing breakdown communications (.) C Coy (.) moved to DUNBIT now clear additional cas 1 Jap killed by Kanakas (.) B Coy (.) 13 Pl 14 Pl moved to posn 755914 astride NARAMUKO track (.) Lt BOOKER ANGAU arrived this HQ 131600K report killing two Japs SOUTH of NAILA 2 Japs near IAMA 1 Jap KAMBIBU SOUTH of BENJIN gp NO map ref given these locations (.) 25 Japs 3 IMGs at BENJIN 1 and 2 offrs in charge Capt MISAKA (.) SATOGU village situated in bush EAST of and near BURUI occupied str unknown officer- in-charge Maj ASANTA (.) enemy reported mov from KOROGO on SEPIK to JAMA (.) all infd.
55	TADJI	ASP 6 Div	132240K	L 9	Ref M 283 15 BEAUFORTS 7/8 Sqn ETD 0815 target 1 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn 0830 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn 0845 target 2 100 Sqn to strafe.  ACTION: 2/6 Bn advised.

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56	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	132130K 132247K	O 84	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 14 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F patrol to KWANBIKUM 784883 (.) section ambush SOUTH-EAST KWANBIKUM ambush track KWANBIKUM UENGE 811901 (.) B Coy (.) NOT to hand (.) C Coy (.) coy less one section 9 Pl will move to SUAMBIKUM 778878 (.) section of 9 Pl will move to SUAMBIKUM on handing over to Tk Att comprising 30 OR 1 offr situated this HQ mov to DUNBIT 140800K (.) D Coy (.) 13 Pl will ambush garden 758921 (.) 14 Pl will take over area bounded by 755915 and 761915 at 141400K (.) 13 Pl F patrol track NARAMUKO AONIARU (.) 12 Pl in reserve at 754914 (.) all infm.
57		6 Div	140700K	O 64	RESTRICTED (.) W162V4D0F0T0.
58	6 Div	17 Bde 7 Comd ALSee	131620K 140735K	GA 163	SECRET (.) request you fwd details suitable secondary targets for aircraft SOUTH of 2 NGIB area of ops.
59		6 Div	140755K	I 358	RESTRICTED (.) ref your GI 155 of 131650K DUNBIT and DUNEBIT are same village ref A753822.
60		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A	141000K	O 65	SECRET (.) REVSIT 54 to 131500K (.) 19 Bde (.) 2 Coys 2/44 Bn at W304011 under comd 2/8 Bn (.) 16 Bde (.) 1 Javanese surrendered at CAPE EUS W226097 (.) 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt (.) native reports enemy in posn W096178 all infm.
61	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	141005K 141010K	I 585	SECRET (.) SITREP 247 to 141000K (.) NOTHING to report all infm.
62	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	141020K 141043K	I 171	SECRET (.) SITREP 81 to 141000K (.) A Coy (.) NO report to hand (.) B Coy (.) 140900K coy HQ 11 (NEXT SHEET)

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62					(CONTINUED) Pl mov 777955 (.) C Coy (.) enemy mov outside coy perimeter during night 13/14 Jul (.) D Coy (.) 140845K R 101 to vicinity AHWIAL 804983 fired on by enemy from approx 804982 (.) cas NIL (.) M4 HF KWALANDU 785958 during night 13/14 Jul (.) all infm.
63	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	141000K 141045K	JA 281	SECRET (.) SITREP 109 to 141000K (.) SITNOR.
64	HAYFIELD		141105K	PHONE	BBAUFORT 141035K A9720 in with 5 OR 2/20 Sup Depot. Out 141105K with Lt BALDWIN and 1 OR 2/5 Bn.
65	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	131120K	O 80	SECRET (.) SITREP 31 to 131000K (.) A Coy (.) at DUNBIT enemy rifles and LMG active during night enemy str estimated 10 rifles and 1 LMG (.) B Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) C Coy (.) 10 Pl ambush TOROKO DUNBIT NMS but signs of hy usage of track to NORTH (.) 10 Pl contact patrol to WEST side of DUNBIT (.) 9 Pl further check enemy cas total 16 killed incl native in enemy uniform (.) D Coy (.) one sec 754915 to maintain contact (.) 130700K 13 Pl mov to 754915 will harass NARAMOKO from EAST (.) all infm.
66	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	141130K	O 66	SECRET (.) SITREP 365 to 141130K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) B Coy now at A777955 (.) D Coy (.) 140945K patrol to AHWIAL A804983 fired on by enemy from approx A804982 NO cas (.) 2/6 Bn 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt SIT NOR (.) 2 NGIB NO report all infm.
67	HAYFIELD		141020K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 140945K Brig SHEEHAN. Out 141005K 1 OR 2 NGIB, 1 2/1 Tk A Bty, 1 ANGAU native, 4 bags 17 Bde Rear, 16 rifles 17 Bde Rear, 15 rifles 2/5 Rear, 1 3" mortar 2/5 Bn Rear, 3 bags mail.



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68	HAYFIELD		141150K	PHONE	DOUGLAS VH-CIF in 1120K 460 lbs rations, 4 44-gal G090. Out 1140K 1 OR 2/5 Bn for AGH.
69	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	141235K	PHONE	O 67 SECRET (.) SITREP 366 to 141230K (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) occupied SUAMBIKUM A779879 without opposition (.) patrol contacted enemy in KWAMBIKUM area sq A7888 (.) B Coy now occupy YANUGO A754941 (.) 5 enemy dead NOT previously reported located in YANUGO area (.) C Coy report DUNBIT A753823 dead located (.) natives killed 5 enemy in JAMA area sq A6264 (.) ANGAU patrol reports 120 enemy in JAMA area thought to have moved from KOROGO area A8347 (.) total cas enemy 11 killed.
70		6 Div	141435K	I 359	SECRET (.) your GA 163 of 131620K (.) suitable secondary targets for aircraft SOUTH of 2 NGIB (.) JAMA A6264 KOROGO A8347 MEIWI 7152 in that order of priority (.) aircraft bombed JAMA 14 Jul as per our ASP request M281 of 13 Jul (.) unable to give further details of target except from map (.) nearest own tps DUNBIT area A753823 (.) estimate 120 enemy at JAMA 40/50 MEIWI and in str KOROGO.
71	HAYFIELD		141545K	PHONE	BEAUFORT landed 1350K with 1 OR 2/23 Sup Dep Pl, 7 bags 2nd class mail, 1 box eqpt 2/1 Tk A, 12 boxes hand grenades, 400 lbs rations. Departed for WEWAK with 1 Jap PW and Provost escort, Capt BOLGER, Capt DUFFY 2/7 Bn, Lt ROENSELDT 2/2 Fd Amb. Proceeding from WEWAK to AITAFE.
72	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	141000K 141210K	O 86	SECRET (.) SITREP 33 to 141000K A Coy (.) 140830K 3 Pl moved to KWAMBIKUM to harass enemy posn (.) B Coy (.) Coy HQ YANUGO 6 Pl patrol 1000 yds EAST YANUGO NMS but two fairly new graves sighted (.) 8 Pl patrol beyond WARAMGO and entered D Coy area 3 Japs dead sighted (.) D Coy (.) SITNOR (.) all infm.
73		6 Div	141840K	I 360	SECRET (.) enemy OOB (.) following units identified 13/14 Jul (.) 33 Indep Engr Regt and 46 Rd Constr Unit at A812976. (.) 36 Indep Engr Regt at A792974 (NEXT SHEET)

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73	x				(CONTINUED) and an identity disc marked 21 Indep Mixed at the same area (.) remainder of disc stamped out (.) have you any infm of this unit (.) further identifications of 239 Regt at 772894 and 48 Airfd Constr Unit at A783963.
74	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	141900K	M 287	TAC R (A) 15 Jul (B) ref map NEWAK 4 miles to 1 in (.) area bounded by A6360, A7560, A6350, A7550 and KOROGO A8347 (C) to locate signs of enemy move- ment in this area particularly to the WEST or NORTH (D) can you-inform ANGAU infm of enemy movement NORTH to the JAMA area. bomb and strafe opportunity tar- gets in this area (G) 17 Bde.
75	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	141910K	M 288	TAC R (A) 15 Jul (B) area bound- ed by 8302, 9002, 8396, 9096 (C) bomb-si locate signs of development of enemy defences since last TAC R (.) also locate indications of any enemy move- ment (D) to find trend of enemy activity in this area (E) 812978, 814996 (F) bomb and strafe ATI- (.) recommend pilot who has re- LEM River only (G) 17 Bde cently covered this area.
76	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	141930K	M 289	(A) 15 Jul (.) NOT after 1200K (B) bomb and strafe (.) strafe from target along ridge to EAST (C) destroy enemy strongly dug in in pillboxes and bunkers (.) also clear timber from ridge (D) heavily timbered knoll on WEST-EAST ridge approx 600 yards EAST of previously bombed knoll (.) spur runs SOUTH from target (.) creek at pt due NORTH of target turns to NE (E) 814013 (.) run 2 number 274 ref F386 (F) 1700 (G) 3" mortar smoke centre of target (H) NIL (I) own patrols 141200K (J) 804009, 806996, 814996 white Ts (.) 804006 red T (K) NOT WEST line of track 809008-807994 (.) NOT SOUTH line of track 801004-815998 (L) patrol to investigate (M) RT (N) as desired (L) RT 2/6 Bn (.) prior- ity one.
77	6 Div		141745K 141935K	GI 163	RESTRICTED (.) forecast 15 Jul (.) present conditions continuing (.) scattered showers along ran- ges in afternoon and nights other- wise fine with broken cloud (.) mainly high cloud except for low patches along hills (.) lt EASTERLY wind seas slight all infm.

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78	2/1 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	141830K 141945K	JA 281	SECRET (.) SITREP 110 to 141830K (.) patrol base est KULUGI (.) INTENTIONS 15 Jul (.) one section move ex HAYFIELD to KULUGI.
79	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	142000K	M 290	(A) 15 Jul (B) bomb and strafe (C) destroy enemy dug in with overhead cover and clear foliage off ridge (D) MALABEIM village (.) on a NORTH-SOUTH ridge approx 400 yards long (.) on SOUTH end of target is small knoll (.) target is heavily wooded and village runs length of ridge (.) track runs due SOUTH from SOUTHERN end of target for approx 300 yards then forks to SE and SW (.) a further track runs about due EAST from SOUTHERN end of target (.) 600 yards NORTH of target is large EAST-WEST kunai ridge (.) at NORTH end of target ridge runs away to NW (B) 844967 (.) run SA number 331 refs B873-C183 (F) 1050 (G) NIL (H) NIL (I) native patrols 13 Jul end TAC R (J) 812972 (K) NOT NORTH or WEST WIHIBI Creek (L) NIL (M) RT ASP 17 Bde (N) as desired (O) strong enemy line this area (.) softening up for future ops.
80	6 Div	17 Bde	141650K 141945K	GO 1032	SECRET (.) REVSIT 252 to 141500K (.) -east-29-Bde-2/8-Bn-aster active-patrolling-and-sustained arty-sp-our-tps-captured-the
81	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	141945K 142040K	I 586	SECRET (.) SITREP 248 to 141900K (.) A Coy (.) 141100K native sentries to WIHUN area report WIHUN occupied in str with IMG (.) natives killed 6 enemy in outpost posn at ck approx 857105 enemy have strong comd of all track approaches natives found penetration difficult (.) 141615K 8 Pl fired on enemy observed at 815998 results unknown (.) throughout day HF on 814013 (.) B Coy (.) 141200K F 247 report 806990 clear of enemy (.) 141230K 12 Pl moved to 814996 (.) 141300K native patrol to ILIPEM report were fired on by enemy str unknown with IMG from 801985 (.) C Coy (.) 140845K airstrike on village 815998 and knoll 815001 excellent coverage both targets (.) 141100K attack by F 248 NOT successful (.) patrol moved up ridge and gained posn in bomb crater but came under hy fire from both flanks and village 815998 forcing patrol to withdraw cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded own 3 killed 3 wounded incl 1 sentry boy (.) estimate enemy str 20/30 with 1 IMG (.) D Coy (.) F 249 cancelled (.) 141045K native sentries to 827031 report were fired on by 5 enemy track junc area (.) 141300K F 250 reported at 812022 contacted 1 enemy who fled on approach of patrol (.) new def incl bunker pill box and shelter under constr located in area (.) 17 Pl now at 801996 (.) two 75mm guns in posn 16 pl area 800001 (.) 4 Pl (.) clearing patrols SOUTH to A Coy 2/5 Inf Bn L of C NMS all infm.

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82	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	142000K 142040K	I 173	SECRET (.) SITREP 82 to 141900K (.) A Coy (.) 141000K (.) following M3 cone 8 Pl attacked enemy posn amended ref 813976 (.) 141200K posn cleared (.) cas enemy 2 killed own one killed 3 wounded incl 2 remaining on duty (.) one OSMG recovered (.) patrol exploited to SOUTH end ILIPEM 2 815978 contacted enemy str NOT known with HMG and LMG (.) 141400K 7 and 8 Pls occupied 813976 (.) Coy HQ 9 Pl remain YAGAMAIN 812974 (.) B Coy (.) F 111 to 777958 report posn clear of enemy (.) patrol NOT previously notified to ULAGAN 800950 report area clear of enemy (.) 3 graves located in area (.) contact patrol from 2 NGIB arrived 141030K (.) 141800K further patrol 2 NGIB arrived (.) C Coy (.) 141400K coy less one sec 13 Pl less 75mm gun occupied posn KWALANDU 778954 (.) one sec 13 Pl plus 75mm gun remain ULUM 778963 (.) F 112 to 790957 report area clear NMS (.) 141530K patrol contacted NGIB patrol 784955 (.) F 113 reports KWALANDU sq 7895 clear of enemy (.) 2 enemy dead NOT previously reported located SOUTH end of village (.) D Coy (.) R 102 to 797978 report NMS (.) 141100K contact patrol to 10 Pl 2/6 Inf Bn 790977 (.) 141400K enemy mov in gardens 805977 engaged with MMG result NOT known (.) all infm.
83	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	142015K 142050K	I 588	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 15 Jul (.) A Coy (.) request airstrike 814013 am 15 Jul (.) F 251 NCO 10 OR to 814013 following airstrike (.) B Coy (.) local patrolling (.) C Coy (.) night 14/15 Jul HF village 815998 (.) 150730K R 252 NCO 4 OR route out SOUTH down ridge to huts 812990 object report any enemy mov this area due 151200K (.) 150730K R 253 NCO 4 OR route out 814996 EAST to ck 817996 NORTH along ck to ck track junc 819999 object report on enemy mov and approaches to village 815998 from EAST due in 151200K (.) D Coy (.) standing patrol NCO 4 OR 18 Pl during hrs daylight area of track junc 827031 object obs enemy mov (.) 150700K R 254 NCO 4 OR 18 Pl to MAIGAN 833028 object confirm native infm of village clear (.) 4 Pl (.) 150800K contact patrol to D Coy 2/5 Inf Bn route out along main E of C (.) all infm.
84		2/7 Bn	142100K	O 933	RESTRICTED (.) for Col PARBURY from BM (.) please contact Flt-Lt MERCER 12 LASU 71 Wing and arrange with him your recee by ANSON tomorrow if possible.
85	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	142045K 142110K	I 174	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 15 Jul (.) A Coy (.) F 114 str Lt MILES 15 OR to track junc 809984 (.) route out YAGAMAIN 813974 huts at 808978 to track junc (.) object clear (NEXT SHEET)

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85					(CONTINUED) track junc (.) R 103 str NCO 6 OR to 815975 (.) object locate and harass enemy EAST side of spur (.) R 104 str NCO 6 OR to ILIPEM 2 815980 (.) object observe result air strike (.) B Coy (.) R 105 str Lt TAYLOR 12 OR to ULAGAN 800950 thence NORTH to track junc 797971 thence SOUTH through KULAUURU Mission 790968 thence return OINYALIB 777952 (.) object recce track (.) C Coy (.) security patrols (.) D Coy (.) 18 Pl within sp 16 Pl will attack and capture AHWIAL 804983 (.) on success coy less 16 Pl will occupy posn (.) R 106 str NCO 7 OR to recce enemy disposns at 805978 (.) air (.) strike ILIPEM 2 815980 (.) all infm.
86	ASP	TADJI 6 Div	142145K	M 291	further to our TAC R M 288 (.) pinpoint red panel believed to be in area between SALAGAS 8499 and YIBOMINU 8497.
87	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	141900K 142150K	O 87	SECRET (.) SITREP 3 to 141900K (.) A Coy (.) 2 EUROPEANS 8 OR moved out recce TAIGESHI two 784874 (.) enemy str unknown TAIGESHI one 790885 (.) 141630K 3 Pl reported captured village 792883 enemy cas 4 K (.) B Coy (.) local patrol YANUGO NARAMGO killed one Jap vicinity NARAMGO (.) 8 Pl occupied and patrolled NE end contacted 2/5 Bn patrol at 797952 proceeding towards EWALIP villages (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl recce patrol SOUTH of SAUMBIKUM NMS (.) D Coy (.) NARAMUKO occupied NO opposition (.) NARAMUKO part of NARAMGO 757923 correct posn (.) all infm
88	2 NGIB	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	142050K 142150K	O 90	SECRET (.) INTENTIONS 15 Jul (.) A Coy (.) 3 Pl F patrol KWAMBIKUM area (.) 5 Pl lay ambush TAIGESHINGI track (.) B Coy (.) 7 Pl occupy AONIARU (.) 8 Pl patrol EAST AONIARU (.) C Coy (.) 11 Pl F patrol to 845865 and lay ambush (.) 9 Pl 10 Pl complete defence posns SUAMBIKUM (.) D Coy (.) patrol from NARAMUKO to GISANABU (.) F patrol out L of C 788918 (.) all infm
89	TADJI	ASP 6 Div	142210K	L 15	Ref M 289 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 0930 and 9 BEAUFORTS 7 Sqn ETD 1000 and 12 BEAUFORTS 8 Sqn ETD 1030 (.) all Sqdns will strafe (.) ref M 290 9 BEAUFORTS 100 Sqn ETD 1400 (.) weather from 0700K.

ACTION: 2/5 2/6 Bns notified.

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90	17 Bde	6 Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	2/7-Bn 142350K	O 68.	SECRET (.) SITREP 367 to 142100K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) A Coy (.) pl at- tacked and occupied area A813976 (.) enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded (.) one OSMG recovered (.) patrol to ILIPEM 2 A815978 contacted enemy with HMG and LMG (.) B Coy (.) patrols to A777958 and A800950 report are- as clear (.) C Coy occupied KWALANDU A778954 without oppo- sition (.) 2 enemy dead NOT previously reported located (.) D Coy (.) further 3 enemy dead located (.) 2/6 Bn (.) B Coy (.) patrol contacted enemy at A801985 (.) C Coy (.) 140845K air strike A815998 excellent coverage of target (.) pl attacked but came under hy fire from flanks from estimated 35 enemy and were forced to withdraw (.) enemy 2 killed own 3 killed 3 wounded incl 1 sentry boy (.) D Coy (.) patrols report enemy preparing defs at V812022 (.) two 75mm guns in posn V800001 (.) native infm (.) patrol reports 40 enemy at WIHUN sq V8908 and SUMOGAN V863105 occupied in str (.) 6 enemy killed at V837105 (.) enemy have control of all tracks in area (.) 2 Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt (.) patrol base east MULIGI A7584 (.) 2 NGIB (.) A Coy (.) enemy contacted at TAIGESHI 1 A785871 in unknown str (.) pl attacked and occupied KWAMBIKUM A785883 killing 4 enemy (.) B Coy (.) pl occupied NARANGO corrected ref A757925 killing 1 enemy (.) D Coy occupied NARAMUKO corrected ref A757923 without opposition (.) total cas enemy 20 killed own 4 killed 6 wounded (.) there are NO enemy WEST of KWATIT River as far SOUTH as 85 grid all infm.
91		6 Div	150700K	O 69	RESTRICTED (.) W164V3D0FOTO.
92		2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	150830K	O 70	SECRET (.) 6 Div REVSIT 55 to 141500K.
93	2/5 Bn	17 Bde 2/6 Bn 2 NGIB	151000K 151035K	I 175	SECRET (.) SITREP 83 to 151000K (.) A Coy (.) 141955K enemy LMG fired on own tps YAGAMAIN 813976 from 815978 (.) cas NIL (.) B Coy C Coy D Coy NOTHING to report (.) all inform.
94	2/6 Bn	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2 NGIB	151015K 151040K	I 589	SECRET (.) SITREP 249 to 151000K (.) NOTHING to report all inform.

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95	3 NGIB	17 Bde 3/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 2/1 Tk A	151000K 151120K	O 93	SECRET (.) SITREP 35 to 151000K (.) A Coy (.) NOTHING to report (.) B Coy (.) 8 PI NOT yet returned F patrol (.) escorts to carrier line fired on 2 enemy 739939 (.) one previously unreported Jap grave found (.) C D Coys HESH (.) NOTHING to report (.) all infm.
96	3 Tk A	17 Bde 2/5 Bn 2/6 Bn 3 NGIB	151000K 151120K	JA 282	SECRET (.) SITREP 111 to 151000K (.) location patrol base KULIGI 756837 (.) SITNOR (.) patrol track DUNEBIT CHAKIUM MANICOT 798829 (.) time out 150730K (.) patrol to DUNEBIT GIDMAPIL 740780 (.) time out 150730K.
97	17 Bde	6 Aust Div Rear Bde 2/7 Bn 2/1 Tk A ADS YAMIL	151150K	O 71	SECRET (.) SITREP 358 to 151130K (.) 2/5 Bn (.) corrected map ref C Coy KWALANDU A788954, (.) 2/6 Bn (.) one additional enemy killed 14 Jul (.) 2/1 Tk A Bty (.) SITNOR (.) 3 NGIB (.) one additional enemy dead located all infm.
98	TADJI	ASP	151208K	L 18	Ref M 289 amended ETD, 100 Sqn 1230 7 Sqn 1245 8 Sqn 1300 only 8 Sqn strafe.  ACTION: 2/6 notified.
99	BM (L)	Adj 2/7	151545K	RT	Adj 2/7: Col PARBURY carried out his recce this morning. He would like TAC R pilot to fly over the area concerned tomorrow and Tue to get to know the area. Pilot fully understood that he must NOT stay over area and appreciates that enemy must NOT get any inkling that we are interested in the area. BM (L): Will ask the Bde Comd for his decision and let you know answer this evening. Adj: Number of personnel for recce on Tue is 2 offrs from this unit and one from 3 NGIB. Our two offrs will come to HAYFIELD in plane which is to do recce. BM (L): We will arrange for 2 NGIB offr to be waiting at HAYFIELD on morning concerned.  ACTION: Approved. Sig to 2/7,