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29 Infantry Brigade

December 1944 – January 1945,  
History of Operation Bougainville

7 DECEMBER 1944

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3 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO.9

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3 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO. 9

Ref Map : BAUGAINVILLE ISLAND  
one in to one mile

7 Dec 44

To : Brig R.F. MONAGHAN, Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde

1. This instn is supplementary to 3 Aust Div OO No. 2 of 4 Dec 44 and governs the role of 29 Aust Inf Bde in the JABA RIVER - MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA sector.
2. All available infm regarding enemy dispositions has been issued
3. The enemy has NOT been active against the fwd elements of 182 US Regt situated on the north bank of the JABA RIVER.
4. It is not expected that the enemy in this area is capable of any major offensive action. Nevertheless, vigorous counter attacks for the recapture of lost ground must be expected.

FUTURE OPS

5. Subject to concurrence of higher authority I intend to employ the Div south of the JABA RIVER with the object of destroying the enemy forces in the south of the island. The first phase in these ops will be the capture of MOSIGETTA and MAWARAKA for use as op and adm bases for further ops in the South East of the Island.  
Before plans can be formulated for the capture of MOSIGETTA and MAWARAKA it is essential that complete and detailed infm of enemy dispositions within the area concerned is available.

ROLE

6. Your initial role will be active recce of the area south of the JABA RIVER to ascertain details of enemy dispositions and terrain in order that plans for the capture of MAWARAKA and MOSIGETTA may be completed.
7. The employment of forces as stipulated in 3 Aust Div OO No. 2 paragraph 9 will apply until further notice.

ACK

Method of Issue LO

Maj-Gen  
Comd 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Time of Signature 0830 hrs

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SECRET

Subject : AMDT No.1 to 3 AUST DIV OP INSTN No.9

25 Dec 44

Delete para 7

Insert new para 7 as under

7. In carrying out your initial role, a force exceeding one inf bn will not be committed to an attack role without prior approval of this HQ.

ACK

GS 3 Aust Div <sup>Col</sup> (AIF)

29 Aust Inf Bde  
Comd  
File (2)  
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29 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 2/44

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29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 2/44

Ref Map : 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet No. 1  
4 ins to 1 mile

To : OC 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. It is understood that a track leads approximately due East from the area at present occupied by C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn and running closely beside the MARIROPA RIVER.
2. Whilst it is NOT considered likely that the enemy will be encountered, it is some time since the track has been reconnoitred and the danger does exist.

INTENTION

3. You, personally, with NOT more than 4 OR will conduct a stealthy recce of this track.

METHOD

4. Times

The patrol will leave your present area NOT after 0730 hrs 11 Dec and will return NOT after 1730 hrs 11 Dec.

5. Reporting

You will report to the Bde Comd at ADV HQ, 29 Aust Inf Bde immediately on your return.

6. Security

(i) Should the enemy be encountered they will NOT repeat NOT be attacked, but their movements will be closely observed. It is highly important that this patrol does NOT disclose itself to other than own tps.

(ii) This Op Instn will NOT be carried on this patrol

7. IO 15 Aust Inf Bn (Lt CAMPBELL) will accompany the patrol. He will report to you at your present area NOT later than 0600 hrs 11 Dec.

INTERCOMN

8. (a) Two cages of 2 pigeons each will be delivered to you by 1730 hrs 10 Dec.  
(b) Two pigeons will be released when you halt for return to your present area.  
(c) Remaining two pigeons will be used in case of emergency.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by LO

11 DECEMBER 1944

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2. Patrol area 15 Aust Inf Bn
3. Sitrep. 13 to 111730L

CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS

SECRET

Copy No..

11 Dec 44

Subject : 29 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN 3/44

Ref : Comd Sheet No.1 1/25000

To 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Nothing further from Op Instn 2/44 until 5 Pl patrol No.1 returns from its task.

Own Tps

- (b) 15 Aust Inf Bn are patrolling the area mouth TAGESSI RIVER 765812 - point 7881 - pt 800788 - thence along line 500 yds north of MARIROPA RIVER to north south grid line 86 north south grid line to 8678 - pt 8276 - DREEK at 800758 - thence line of creek to 794760 - Ck at 783762 thence line of Ck to JABA RIVER 775754 during 12 Dec. Their patrols may be met anywhere in this area.

INTENTION

2. One Sjt with NOT more than 6 OR will conduct a stealthy patrol of the North bank of the JABA RIVER during 12 Dec.

METHOD

3. Extent of patrol

- (a) The patrol under no circumstances will cross the JABA RIVER.  
(b) The patrol will NOT proceed along the JABA RIVER further East than the north south grid line 79.

4. Times

- (a) Patrol will spend the night 11/12 Dec in perimeter occupied by A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol comd will report to OC A Coy NOT later than 1700 hrs 11 Dec  
(b) Patrol will leave A Coy area NOT after 0730 hrs 12 Dec.  
(c) Patrol will return through A Coy area NOT after 1700 hrs 12 Dec.

5. Reporting

- (a) 15 Aust Inf Bn will report time of patrol out and in.  
(b) Patrol comd will report to Bde Comd HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde immediately on return.

6. Security

- (a) Should the enemy be encountered they will NOT be attacked, but their movements will be closely observed. It is highly important that this patrol does NOT disclose itself to other than our own tps.  
(b) The patrol will NOT approach closer than 25 yds to the north bank of the JABA RIVER except for purposes of observation. Particular attention in this regard will be paid to camouflage of those portions of the body and eqpt which are likely to be noticed.

ADM

7. 15 Aust Inf Bn will provide tpt to report to A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn by 1645 hrs 12 Dec to transport the patrol to HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde



INTERCOMN

- 8. No pigeons, line or W/T will be allotted to the patrol.
- 9. In case of emergency one OR may be despatched to A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn who will be responsible that the message is sent by priority telephone call to HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde.
- 10. On return of patrol through A Coy 15 Aust Inf the patrol comd will telephone the BM giving a brief outline of the results of the patrol.

ACK

Signed at 1550 hrs

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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DISTRIBUTION

Patrol Comd  
 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
 15 Aust Inf Bn  
 File  
 War Diary

Subject : PATROL AREA - 15 AUST INF BN

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
11 Dec 44

15 Aust Inf Bn

Copy : 42 Aust Inf Bn  
47 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt

1. The area which will be patrolled, commencing 12 Dec, by 15 Aust Inf Bn is attached trace 'A'
2. No patrols will be made outside this area without prior ref to this HQ.
3. Attention is drawn to the following points :
  - (a) All patrols will be serially numbered
  - (b) Particulars of all patrols as follows will be sent to this HQ as early as possible prior to the patrol leaving.
    - (i) Unit patrol number
    - (ii) Strength
    - (iii) Task
    - (iv) Time out and in.
  - (c) When a patrol reports through any area held by our own tps Bde HQ will be notified immediately.
  - (d) When a patrol returns from its mission an interim report on its activities will be immediately reported to this HQ by telephone. This will be confirmed as soon as possible by a formal written report.
  - (e) Attention is drawn to 'Notes for the Guidance of COs' issued by the Bde Comd on 4 Dec 44 para 9.

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: PATROL AREA - IS MUST INM BN

From 29 aust inf bde TOO 111745L  
To 3 Aust Div  
For infm 11 Bde 7 Bde

I.188 SECRET (.) SITREP 13 to 111730L (.) ref map. COM  
SHEET (.) 5 Pl 1 NG Bn patrol along NORTH bank  
MARIROPA RIVER reached approx 823794 NMS turned back on  
account of time (.) track through waist deep swamp  
police boys hut located approx 808779 (.) otherwise  
SITNOR all infm

No patrols will be made outside this area without

Attention is drawn to the following points:

(a) All patrols will be serially numbered  
(b) Particulars of all patrols as follows will be  
sent to this HQ as early as possible prior to  
the patrol leaving

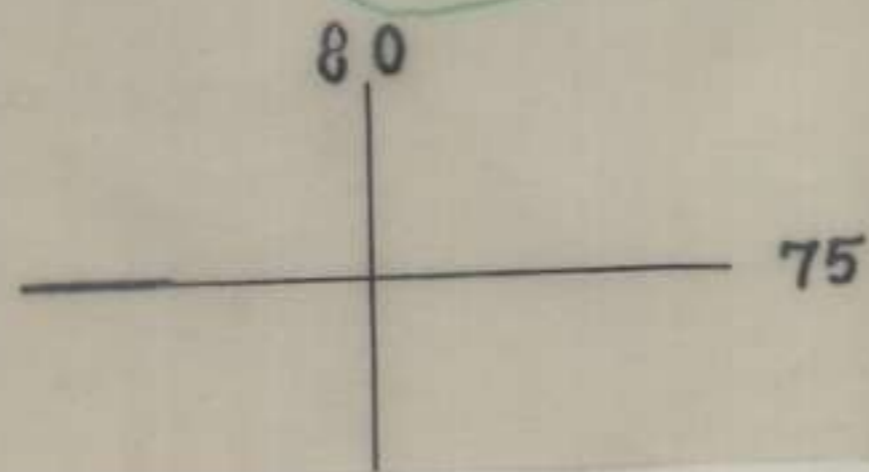
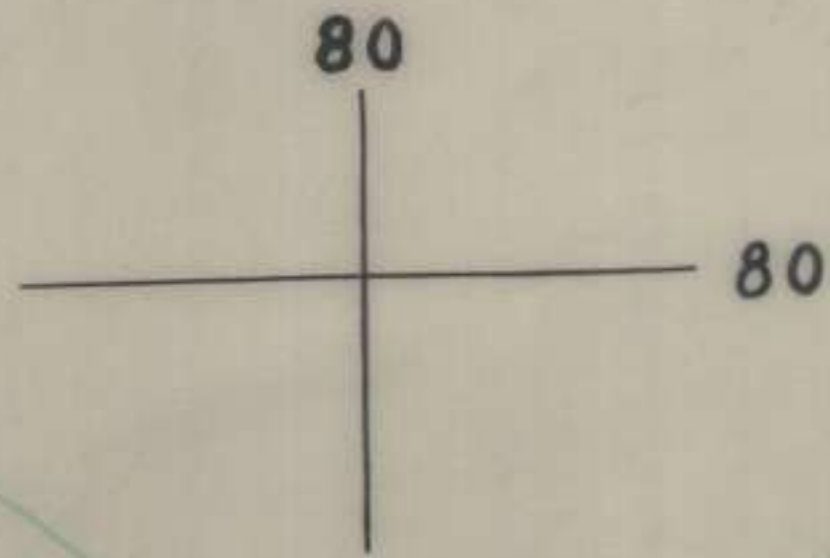
- (i) Unit patrol number
- (ii) Strength
- (iii) Task
- (iv) Time out and in

(c) When a patrol reports through any area held by  
own the HQ will be notified immediately  
(d) When a patrol returns from the area an interim  
report on its activities will be prepared and  
to this HQ by telephone. This will be confirmed as  
soon as possible by a formal written report  
(e) Attention is drawn to Notes for the Guidance of  
issued by the Bde Comd on 4 Dec 44

111745L  
29 AUG 44

# 15 AUST INF BN PATROL AREA

REF MAP: 29 AUST INF BDE COMD SHEET No 1



12 DEC 44

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1. Programme of Training 15 Aust Inf Bn **13-23 Dec**
2. 29 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 4/44
3. 29 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 5/44
4. Sitrep 14 to 121730L

Serial	Date	Coy	Period	Subject	Remarks
1	13 Dec	B.D	0800-1200	Stalker Trg - Sec	<u>Ser 1</u>
2	"	"	1400-1600	P1 Stalk	1. Trg in silent mvt
3	14 Dec	"	0800-1200	Sec Trg - as Ser 1	2. Patience trg
4	"	"	1400-1600	carrying tools etc Ser 3 carrying rations and <del>amm</del> (P1)	3. Slow cautious mvt
5	15 Dec	"	0800-1230	P1 trg-mvt along a line to a pt and deployment.	<u>Ser 2</u> 1. Trg in silent mvt of a small body in jungle
6	"	"	<del>1400</del> 1600	Silent river crossings	
7	15/16 Dec	"	2359-0600	Sec trg-silent mvt in jungle at night. Keeping direction. Visual contact.	<u>Ser 5</u> 1. Selected pls lightly equipped. 2. Two pls - tools etc 3. Two pls - Amn, rations
8	16 Dec	"	0800-1200	P1 movt and deployment	During trg <u>Serials</u> 1-5 all noisy pers (coughs, clumsy feet, chatterers, etc) to be elim- inated and an assault pl sel- ected to contin- ue further trg in stealthy mvt.
9	17 Dec	"		Stand Down	
10	18/19 Dec	"	2359-0600	Serial 7 P1 Trg	
11	19 Dec	"	0800-1200	River Crossings	
12	19/20 Dec	"	2359-0600	Serial 10	
13	20 Dec	"	0800-1200	River crossings	
14	20/21 Dec	"	2359-0600	Mvt at night deployment of P1	<u>Ser 12</u> Carrying of eqpt
15	21 Dec	"	0800-1200	River crossings	<u>Ser 11</u> Carrying of eqpt
16	21/22 Dec	"	2359-1200	Approach to embark- ation pt. River cross- ing. Disembarkation mvt and deployment	
17.	22/23 Dec	"	2359-1200	Serial 16	

NOTES

- All trg during this period will receive the utmost attention to details to ensure the production of teams to move in jungle at night, crossing a stream and deploying with absolute silence.
- Fast mvt is not expected and periods of trg will NOT on this account be rushed, but time taken with each step and movement to ensure complete silence.
- During latter stages of trg guides from 5 P1 A Coy NG Inf Bn will be employed.
- The utmost care will be taken to obviate rattling and noise of equipment.
- Observers will be used in all trg to report on noise in mvt and in handling of eqpt etc.

Lt Col  
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bn

29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.4/44

Ref: Comd Sheet . - 1/25,000

To OC 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. Nothing further until return of NGIB patrol No.2

INTENTION

2. One sec 5 Pl A Coy 1 NF Inf Bn, consisting of NOT more than one European and 10 native pers will conduct a stealthy patrol from present area 780794 to JABA RIVER JUNC 822726 . A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn 772758.

METHOD

3. Times

- (a) Patrol will leave area C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn NOT after 0830 hrs 13 Dec
- (b) Patrol will return to present area NOT after 1730 hrs 15 Dec.

4. Route

Direct from area C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn to JABA RIVER JUNC thence along north bank of JABA to A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn.

5. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) After arrival at JABA RIVER JUNC NOT more than one European and 4 native pers will proceed along north bank of JABA RIVER. Remainder of patrol will return by direct route to present area.
- (b) The patrol moving along north bank of JABA RIVER will NOT approach closer than 25 yds to the river except for purposes of observation. Particular attention will be paid to camouflage of those portions of the body and equipment which are likely to be noticed.
- (c) Should the enemy be met they will not be attacked, but their movements will be closely observed. It is highly important that this patrol does NOT disclose itself to other than our own troops.
- (d) This O.I. will NOT be carried on the patrol.
- (e) 15 Aust Inf Bn will notify this HQ when mutual arrangements have been made for recognition between this patrol and those operating from 15 Aust Inf Bn area.

REPORTING

6. 15 Aust Inf Bn will report patrol out and in.

ADM

7. 15 Aust Inf Bn will provide tpt to lift patrol from A Coy to Bde HQ.

INTERCOMN

8. (a) Four pigeons in secure carriers will accompany the patrol as far as JABA RIVER JUNC.  
(b) Pigeons will NOT accompany the patrol along the JABA RIVER.  
(c) Pigeons will NOT be released closer than 400 yds to JABA RIVER JUNC.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1705 hrs  
Issued by LO

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	1	File	3-4
15 Aust Inf Bn	2	War Diary	5-6

29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION 5/44

Ref: 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet 1/25000

OC 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. As per current sitreps.

INTENTION

2. 1 Sjt and not more than 6 OR will recce thoroughly the area 793737 in which the answering rifle shot was made during patrol No.2 on 12 Dec.

METHOD

3. Times

- (a) Patrol will leave area A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn NOT after 0830 hrs 13 Dec.  
(b) Patrol commander will report to this HQ not after 1600 hrs 13 Dec.

SECURITY

4. (a) Patrol under no circumstances will cross the JABA RIVER.  
(b) Previous instructions regarding security as outlined in O.I. 2/44 and 3/44 will be followed.

ADM

5. 15 Aust Inf Bn will provide a boat at A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn complete with paddlers by 0700 hrs 13 Dec for transport of the above patrol along the JABA RIVER to a site selected by the patrol commander. This boat will return to the above spot pointed out by the patrol commander NOT later than 1500 hrs 13 Dec.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 2000 hrs

Issued by LO

DISTRIBUTION

5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	1
15 Aust Inf Bn	2
File	3-4
War Diary	5-6

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BM 29 Aust Inf Bde



SECRET  
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13 Dec 51

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121810L  
To: 3 aust div  
For infm: 7 aust inf bde

INFORMATION

I.70 SECRET (.) SITREP 14 to 121730L (.) ref map Comd Sheet  
(.) number two patrol from 5 Pl 1 NG Bn EAST from JABA  
RIVER mouth along NORTH bank of river returned 121630L NMS  
(.) patrol encountered extremely hy swamp taking 5 1/4 hrs to  
cover 2000 yds (.) two shots in quick succession heard  
121300L approx from vicinity 783730 and 793737 probably jap  
point 303 (.) otherwise SITNOR

METHOD

Times

(a) Patrol will leave area A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn NOT after  
0810 hrs 13 Dec.  
(b) Patrol commander will report to this HQ not after  
1600 hrs 13 Dec.

SECURITY

(a) Patrol under no circumstances will cross the JABA RIVER  
(b) Provide instructions regarding security as outlined  
in O.I. 244 and 344 will be followed.

ADM

15 Aust Inf Bn will provide a boat at A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn  
complete with paddlers by 0700 hrs 13 Dec for transport of  
the above patrol along the JABA RIVER to the above  
the patrol commander. This boat will return to the above  
spot pointed out by the patrol commander NOT later than  
1500 hrs 13 Dec.

15 Aust Inf Bn

ACKNOWLEDGES

Stamped at 2000 hrs

Issued by HQ

DISTRIBUTION

5 Pl 1 NG Bn  
15 Aust Inf Bn  
File  
War Diary  
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2. 0.96 of 132050L - warning order 15 & 47 Aust Inf Bn
3. 0.95 of 132051L - warning order 47 Aust Inf Bn

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 131750L

To : 3 Aust Div

For Infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 bns, 2 aust fd regt  
5 bty 2 aust fd regt, 5 pl 1 NGIB

I.72 SECRET (.) SITREP 15 to 131730L (.) ref map Comd Sheet  
(.) patrol number six strength one european sjt six  
natives returned 131540L (.) patrol landed 778749 from  
boat and followed river bank upstream to 783743 where fresh  
footprints observed (.) these followed along river bank  
to approx 793743 where sounds of chopping were heard (.)  
patrol watched from 100 ft two japs leisurely cutting track  
NE along river (.) one armed with revolver and natives state  
wearing rank (.) one carrying wallet and a pineapple (.)  
both eating unripe bananas (.) observation continued until  
131410L when patrol withdrew (.) action of patrol in NOT  
firing due to orders and highly commended (.) country  
extremely difficult and patrol required seven hrs to travel  
4000 yds (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 132050L

To : 15, 47 aust inf bns

0.96 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) ref map comd sheet  
one coy 47 bn will be prepared to relieve B coy 15 Aust Inf Bn  
in gen area 768808 - 779790 - 775797 NOT before 17 dec (.)  
15 aust inf bn will be prepared to move one coy NOT before  
AM 18 Dec to area which will be described verbally by bde  
comd to CO ack all informed

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 132051L

To : 47 Aust Inf Bn

For infm : 15 Aust Inf Bn rear HQ 29 aust inf bde

0.95 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 47 bn less rear bn HQ  
and one coy and also less one coy already fwd CHOP CHOP area  
will be prepared to move immediately after parade for GOC  
on 15 dec to CHOP CHOP (.) duties of rear bn HQ and one  
coy will be to receive sort and fwd direct to CHOP CHOP  
unit stores as they arrive ex ship ack all informed.

14 DECEMBER 1944

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1. 29 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 6/44
2. O.104 of 141700L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
3. O.105 of 141705L to 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
4. Sitrep 16 to 141730L
5. 15 Aust Inf Bn Op Instn 1/44

SECRET

Copy No..

14 Dec 44

29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 6/44

Ref Map : 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet No. 1 - 1/25000

To Lt PEARCE

OC 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. Nothing further to 29 Aust Inf Bde Sitrep 15.

INTENTION

2. You, personally, with three natives will conduct a stealthy recce of the track 778746 - 793736

METHOD

3. Standing Patrol

(a) Tps : One sec 15 Aust Inf Bn under comd Sjt McMILLAN  
5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

(b) Task

- (i) precede recce patrol by 5 mins distance along JABA RIVER.
- (ii) Provide standing patrol at 776751 to cover recce patrol operating on south bank of JABA RIVER. Close watch will be kept for patrol No. 3 which may be returning along JABA RIVER from JABA RIVER JUNC during 14 Dec.
- (iii) Any attempt by the enemy to move west along north bank of JABA will be met by fire.

4. Recce Patrol

(a) Tps : Det 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn with under comd.  
one NCO and 3 OR from 15 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Comd : Lt PEARCE 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

(c) Tasks :

- (i) You will follow standing patrol along JABA RIVER at 5 mins distance.
- (ii) Land on south bank of JABA RIVER at 778748 and locate track at about 782746.
- (iii) Having located track to remain in observation watching for any enemy movement along track.
- (iv) Return and report observations to boat gd
- (v) After reporting to boat gd return and locate track at about 777746 remaining again in observation watching for any enemy movement.

(d) Times

- (i) You will start from 778748 NOT after 1000 hrs 14 Dec
- (ii) You will report to the Bde Comd NOT later than 1600 hrs.

(e) Boat Gd

One NCO and 3 OR placed under your comd and supplied by 15 Aust Inf Bn will accompany you to 778748 where they will remain secreted and in a position of readiness to assist you should you require them.

5. Action in emergency

Arrangements for action to be taken by standing patrol or recce patrol in an emergency will be your personal responsibility.

SECRET

REPORTING

6. Standing patrol and recce patrol will report to Bde Comd at 0730 hrs 14 Dec.

ADM

7. Boats

15 Aust Inf Bn will have two boats available at A Coy  
15 Aust Inf Bn by 0800 hrs 14 Dec

8. Transport

15 Aust Inf Bn will provide transport at A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn by 1400 hrs 14 Dec to return standing patrol and recce patrols to Bde HQ.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. No pigeons will accompany either patrol

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1700 hrs

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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DISTRIBUTION

Lt PEARCE 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
15 Aust Inf Bn  
File  
War Diary

15 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.1/44

Ref Map : 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet 1/25000

INFORMATION

1. Nothing to infm given at conference with Bde Comd at 141530L

INTENTION

2. Maj PROVAN with D Coy recce party will recce area south of JABA RIVER in vicinity of 777747.

METHOD

3. Recce Party

Tps : Comd - Maj D. PROVAN will comd  
Capt A. STRUSS OC D Coy  
Lt ROBERTSON 16 Pl Comd  
Lt TONKIN 17 Pl Comd  
Lt MOODY 18 Pl Comd  
Lt PEARCE 5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn  
Three native pers 5 Pl NG Inf Bn

4. Tasks

- (a) Maj PROVAN will recce area 777747 with a view to establishing a two coy perimeter in that area. Lt PEARCE and three NG Inf Bn pers will accompany Maj PROVAN on this preliminary recce and will guide recce party to 777747.
- (b) Capt STRUSS and the Pl comds will carry out a detailed recce of the area indicated by Maj PROVAN.
- (c) Maj PROVAN will recce for possible jeep route from 777747 to mouth of JABA RIVER NOT west of edge of thick timber on southern bank.

5. Standing Patrol

- (a) Tps : One sec A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn under comd Cpl BOYLE will provide standing patrol at 777750.
- (b) Any attempt by the enemy to move west along the north bank of the JABA RIVER will be met by fire.
- (c) The sec which performed this duty with Sjt McMILLAN 5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn on 14 Dec will be used.

6. Boats

- (a) A Coy will have ready for movement by 150600L one American assault boat for use of standing patrol and one Aust assault boat by 150745L.
- (b) A coy will provide 3 ORs under Cpl NECKER to act as paddlers and boat guard for recce party as on 14 Dec.
- (c) The American boat will return after landing standing patrol and will carry Capt STRUSS and three offrs to landing pt on south bank of JABA RIVER

7. Timings

- (a) D Coy recce party report HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn 150715L
- (b) Lt PEARCE and three pers 5 Pl NG Inf Bn will report to Maj PROVAN A coy area at 150800L
- (c) Standing Patrol will leave A Coy at 150600L
- (d) Maj PROVAN, Lt PEARCE and NG Inf Bn pers will leave A Coy at 150800L.

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 141700L

To : 15 Aust inf bn

O.104 (.) SECRET (.) for lt col MACDONALD (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000 (.) with a view to establishing a two coy perimeter in the vicinity of 775748 a recce party - limited to five pers and with Lt PEARCE and three natives from 5 pl A coy 1 NG Inf Bn under comd - will move across HABA RIVER NOT after 150930L returning NOT after 151600L (.) special instns (.) on NO account will the enemy be allowed to become aware of this recce (.) if the enemy is observed he will be closely observed and will NOT be fired upon except as a final def measure (.) 15 bn will be responsible for provision of boats and standing patrol on north bank JABA RIVER (.) results of recce will be communicated to comd NOT later than 151900L ack

From 29 aust inf bde

TOO 141705L

To : 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

O.105 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000 (.) recce area 784748 as patrol base for 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) movement NOT before 17 dec ack

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 141745L

To 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 bns, 2 aust fd regt  
5 bty 2 aust fd regt 5 pl NG Bn 'C' coy 47 bn

I.75 SECRET (.) SITREP 16 141730L (.) ref map 29 comd sheet (.) patrol number seven strength one offr, three natives returned 141450L (.) detailed recce completed of track 777746 - 793736 which can be made jeepable (.) track found from river 777748 to track 777746 (.) two sets day old footprints (.) natives state indications track probably used daily (.) old US army camp located 775747 on drained ground (.) NMS (.) patrol number three strength one european sjt ten natives returned 141620L (.) patrol covered twelve thousand yards in 20 hrs entirely through deep swamp (.) area 8274 - 7975 - 7978 - 8278 found to consist only of swamp four to seven feet deep (.) NMS (.) otherwise SITNOR (.) all informed



15 DECEMBER 1944

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1. Sitrep 17 to 151730L
2. O.20 of 151840L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
3. O.118 of 151841L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
4. O.119 of 151841L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
5. O.116 of 151843L to 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
6. O.115 of 151844L to 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 151735L

To : 3 Aust Div

For infm 7 aust inf bde 15,42 47 aust inf bns 2 aust  
fd regt 5 bty 2 aust fd regt 5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn

I.77 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 17 to 151730L (.)  
patrolling continued NORTH and SOUTH banks JABA RIVER  
(.) NMS (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 151840L

To : 47 aust inf bn

For infm : 15 aust inf bn

o.120 (.) SECRET (.) ref our O.96 of 132050L (.) one  
coy 47 aust inf bn will relieve B coy 15 aust inf bn  
NOT later than 181600L at which time op responsibility  
from incl CHOP CHOP to incl TAGESSI RIVER will pass  
to 47 aust inf bn (.) B coy 15 aust inf bn will move  
from present area NOT before 19 dec ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 151841L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm : 5 Bty 2 aust fd regt

O.118 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000  
(.) 15 aust inf bn will seize and hold with NOT less than  
one coy a firm base in the vicinity of 782749 NOT later  
than 180600L (.) FOO from 5 bty will accompany this force (.)  
water tpt available one ALC 20 as from 171200L (.) CO  
will submit detailed plan for approval NOT later than  
161800L ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 151841L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm : 5 Bty 2 aust fd regt

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 151841L  
To : 15 aust inf bn  
For infm : 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.119 (.) SECRET (.) recce for barge landing place and sig route will be conducted during 16 dec (.) capt CATO 42 aust water tpt coy will report your HQ 160930L (.) one offr 15 aust inf bn will accompany him to show proposed site (.) bn sig offr and bde sig offr will also accompany party with object siting permanent route along north bank JABA RIVER (.) 15 aust inf bn will be responsible for provision of water tpt and paddlers (.) protection (.) our O.115 refers (.) recce party complete will report bde comd on return (.) party will report out and in through A coy 15 aust inf bn ack all informed.

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 151843L  
To : 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn  
For infm : 15 aust inf bn

O.116 (.) SECRET (.) further to our O.105 of 141705L (.) recce will be continued during 16 dec with object of examining the possibilities of patrol base in proximity of 787747 (.) one offr from 15 aust inf bn will accompany recce party with object of siting area for one coy proximity 782749 ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 151844L  
To : 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn  
For infm : 15 aust inf bn

O.115 (.) SECRET (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000 (.) with the object of observing enemy mvt along track 774746-777748 you will send a small recon party under comd one aust across the JABA RIVER during 16 dec (.) time out and in will be notified to this HQ through A coy 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol will remain in observation until 161600L (.) in the event of isolated enemy pers moving along the track every effort will be made to take a prisoner WITHOUT THE USE OF FIREARMS OR GRENADES (.) on NO account will weapons be used except as a last def measure (.) patrol will report to bde comd immediately on return ack all informed

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12. PW Statement HARA HIROSHI

29 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT No.1  
AS AT 161200L

Serial	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>HQ UNITS</u>				
1	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)	29 Comd Sheet	774795	
<u>ARTY</u>				
2	5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt(AIF) (less C Tp)	"	778785	C Tp 777766
<u>SIGS</u>				
3	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec(AIF)	"	774794	
4	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div(AIF)	"	774794	
5	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	772759	
<u>INF</u>				
6	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	779779	
7	HQ Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	779778	
8	A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn(less 9 Pl)	"	773758	9 Pl 778766
9	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn (less 10&12 Pls)	"	775797	10 Pl 768808 12 Pl
10	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	793780	779790
11	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn (less 16 & 17 Pls)	"	779781	16 Pl 789785 17 Pl 779783
12	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA 1"	567959	
13	HQ Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	567959	
14	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	572964	
15	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	568965	
16	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	567964	
17	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	566964	
18	47 Aust Inf Bn	"	708862	Bn concen- trated 29 Aust InfBde Stag. Area
19	5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn	29 Comd Sheet	781792	
20	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt(AIF)	Sheet	777796	
<u>INT</u>				
21	Language Det	"	774795	
22	Det 'V' Aust FS Sec(AIF)	"	774795	
<u>AASC</u>				
23	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl(AIF)	2	767809	
<u>MED</u>				
24	7 Aust Fd Amb (less part A Coy)	TOROKINA 1"	720858	MDS Part A Coy(ADS)Ref 29 Comd Sheet 773798
<u>DENTAL</u>				
25	HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit	29 Comd Sheet	775795	
25(a)	C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	"	779779	
<u>ORD</u>				
26	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk(AIF)	TOROKINA 1"	573964	
<u>AEME</u>				
27	312 Aust LAD(Type J)(AIF)	29 Comd Sheet	775794	
28	104 Aust Bde Wksp(AIF)	TOROKINA 1"	573964	
<u>PRO</u>				
29	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy(AIF)	29 Comd Sheet	775795	

DISTRIBUTION

HQ 3 Aust Div(AIF) 1-2 15 Aust Inf Bn 3 BM 29 Aust Inf Bde Maj  
 42 Aust Inf Bn 4 47 Aust Inf Bn 5  
 5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn 6 5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt 7  
 29 Bde Sig Sec 8 7 Aust Fd Amb 9  
 18 Aust Sup Depot Pl 10 56 Aust Tpt Pl 11  
 Copy: BM(L) 12, File 13-14, War Diary 15-16

From: 29 Aust Inf Bde

Time of origin: 161110L

To: 3 Aust Div

I.81 SECRET (.) one officer PW captured SOUTH OF JABA RIVER (.) at present under interrogation will be sent back with G III Int and escort

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161700L

To: 3 aust div

I.83 SECRET (.) further contact reported SOUTH JABA RIVER 4 japs killed own cas nil

From 29 Aust Inf Bde

Time of origin: 161735L

To: 3 Aust Div

For infm: 7 Aust Inf Bde, 18 aust sup depot pl, 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns, 2 Aust Fd Regt, 5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt, 7 Aust Fd Amb 5 Pl A coy 1 NG Inf Bn

I.84 SECRET (.) SITREP 18 to 161730L (.) 160930L one offr PW captured by ambush patrol south of JABA RIVER MOUTH (.) 161420L same patrol killed four japs incl one sjt two cpls (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161700L

To: 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm: 15 aust inf bn

O.129 (.) SECRET (.) REF comd sheet 1/25000 (.) 5 pl A coy will move NOT before 170700L to previously recced patrol base area 784748 (.) 2 x 2½ ton trucks will be available at HQ 29 aust inf bde at 0800 hrs to lift pl as far as A coy 15 aust inf bn ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161700L

To: 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm: 15 aust inf bn

O.130 (.) SECRET (.) ref comd sheet 1 1/25,000 (.) lt PEARCE with one sec will maintain observation of track 774746-777748 during 17 dec from 0930 hrs (.) time out to be notified through A coy 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol will remain in observation until approx 171330L when it will form NCT later than 171400L a covering screen at 777749 protecting the landing of flight 1 D coy gp 15 aust inf bn (.) any enemy attempt to prevent landing of flight 1 will be met by fire (.) patrol passes comd D coy gp at 171200L ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 161900L

To: 15 aust inf bn

O.131 SECRET (.) B coy 15 aust inf bn will vacate present area by 181100L and move to assembly area preparatory to joining forward gp under comd maj PROVAN NOT before 190630L (.) A coy 15 aust inf bn will prepare to move to area reced approx 784748 NOT before 190630L (.) C coy 15 aust inf bn will be prepared to occupy the area vacated by A coy NO move before 20 dec ack

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 161940L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 15 aust inf bn

O.132 SECRET (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000 (.) one coy 47 aust inf bn will relieve C coy 15 aust inf bn 793780 NOT before 201200 (.) recce to be commenced on 19 dec and to be completed by 191600L (.) CO 47 aust inf bn will appoint comd for two coys entering ADV GP 29 aust inf bde area (.) such comd will be gi staff consisting of one offr one clerk and two sigs (.) both coys will move complete with WET weapons and first line amm i available (.) otherwise will be filled on receipt of stores (.) as soon as eqpt arrives these coys will have under comd es one sec MMGs two dets mortars (.) tpt (.) one jeep and trailer will be allotted to gp comd and each coy (.) total three jeep and trailers as soon as available ack all informed.

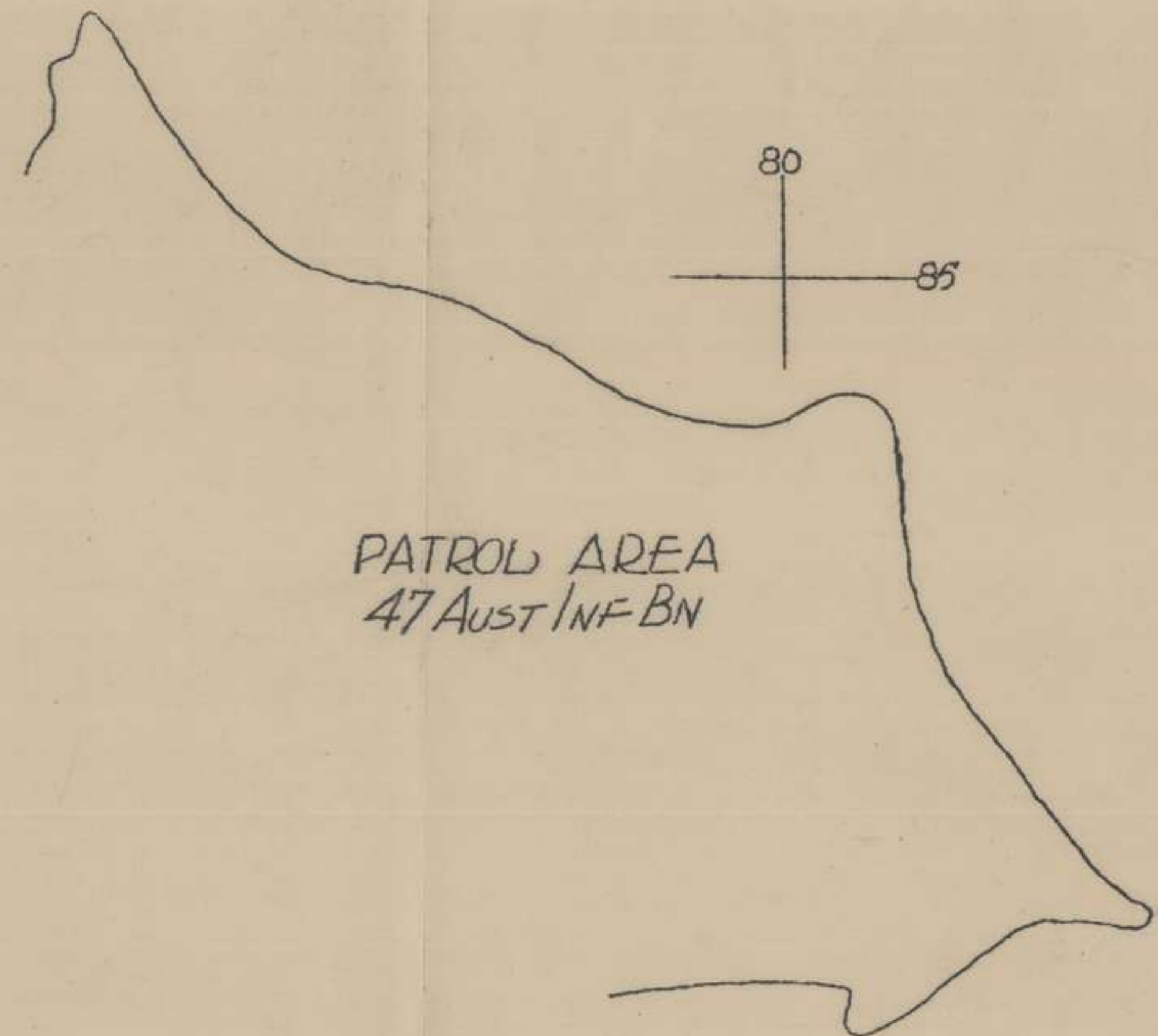
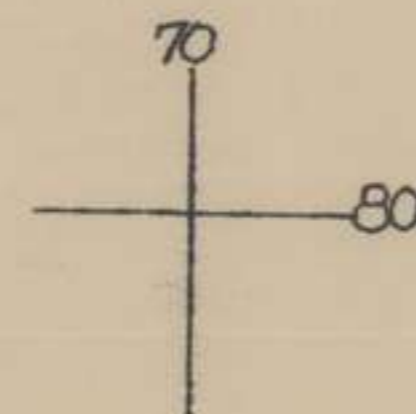
From 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 162030L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 15 aust inf bn

O.135 SECRET (.) ref 1 in maps (.) 47 aust inf bn will commen patrolling area CHOP CHOP - CHOP CHOP RD at 725875 - TAGESSI RIVER - at 810840 - MARIROPA RIVER at 840783 - MARIROPA RIVER to 799776 - thence to coast at 783774 (.) particular attentio is drawn to paras 2 and 3 of PATROL AREA 15 aust inf bn issued on 11 dec 44 ack

Ref Map:  
BOUGAINVILLE 1" SERIES



SECRET

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15 AUST INF BN O.I. 2/44

Ref Map: 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet - 1/25,000

To: Maj D. PROVAN  
15 Aust Inf Bn

INFM

1. Nothing further to infm given at conference with Bde Comd 15 Dec, except one JAP captured south of JABA RIVER by NG Inf Bn patrol morning 16 Dec.

INTENTION

2. D Coy Gp will establish a one Coy perimeter in the vicinity of 777749 NOT later than 180600L.

METHOD

3. Comd - Maj D. PROVAN 15 Aust Inf Bn will comd D Coy Gp

4. Comd - Maj D. PROVAN 15 Aust Inf Bn  
Lt PHILLIPS 15 Aust Inf Bn  
One batman  
Two Sigs  
Arty recce party

5. Tps under Comd

Under comd from 170800L D Coy, 15 Aust Inf Bn  
One sec MMG, 2 Pl, 15 Aust Inf Bn  
Two dets 2" mortars, 3 Pl, 15 Aust Inf Bn i/c Sjt PEAREN  
Under comd from 171200L : one sec 5 Pl 1 NG Inf Bn. Sec NG Inf Bn will return own camp each night.

6. Task

- (a) D Coy Gp will cross the JABA RIVER and establish a perimeter in the vicinity of 777749 reced by you.
- (b) You will hold this area and will act offensively with a view to enlarging later to a two coy perimeter with safe flanks resting on the south bank of JABA RIVER and covering proposed jeep track from mouth of JABA RIVER.
- (c) You will NOT allow Arty Recce with patrols from your perimeter.

PATROLS

7. One sec NG Inf Bn will land on south bank JABA RIVER and protect landing of Gp by patrol on track as 16 Dec.
8. One sec A Coy, 15 Aust Inf Bn i/c Cpl BOYLE, will provide Standing Patrol on north bank of JABA RIVER by 170800L. Same task as 16 Dec.

TIMINGS

9. Flights will leave A Coy area as follows:-

Flight 1 - 171300L  
Flight 2 - 171730L  
Flight 3 - 180630L

FD WORKS

10. You will dig immediately weapon pits and erect wire round your perimeters.



D COY GP OPERATION ORDER 1/44  
Ref Map: Comd Sheet 1/25,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - Nothing further to 29 Aust Inf Bde Sitrep.
2. Own Tps - See Appx "A".

INTENTION

3. D Coy Gp will seize and hold a firm base in the vicinity of 777749.

METHOD

4. Summary - D Coy Gp will move in three flights along JABA RIVER. Flight 1 will land during afternoon 17 Dec to provide a covering force for the remainder of D Gp in Flights 2 and 3, which will land during late afternoon and early AM on 18 Dec respectively.
5. Prior preparation - See Appx B
6. Detailed Orders for NGIB - See Appx C
7. Assembly Area - 773757
8. Timings

	<u>First flight</u>	<u>Second flight</u>	<u>Third flight</u>
Arrive assembly	1230L	1630L	0530L
Commence loading	1245L	1700L	0600L
Depart assembly	1300L	1730L	0630L
Approx time arrival	1430L		
9. First Flight - Comd, tps, task - see Appx D
10. Second flight - Comd, tps, task - See Appx E
11. Third flight - Comd, tps, task - see Appx F

ADM

12. Working party - (a) A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn are providing one offr and 12 OR to load stores in third flight barge under supervision Lt C.W. WORT  
(b) Working party is reporting to assembly area 180530L. Dec.
13. Hot breakfast for D Gp will be carried in hot boxes on third flight.

INTERCOMN

14. Line to 15 Aust Inf Bn

ACK  
Issued by HAND  
Signed at L hrs

Maj  
OC D Gp

DISTRIBUTION

OC D Coy	5 Pl A Coy 1 NGIB
OC First Flight	5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt
OC Second Flight	Comd D Gp
OC Third Flight	15 Aust Inf Bn
OC Sec 2 Pl	War Diary
OC Dets 3 Pl	

ADM

11. Tpt (a) A Coy will have ready by 171230L three assault boats with paddles for movement Flight 1.  
(b) For movement remaining flights 1 ALC 20. 42 Aust Water Tpt Coy reports loading point by 171200L.  
(c) One assault boat will be retained by D Coy Gp in in perimeter.

12. Rations

- (a) On the man: One FOR  
One emergency  
Two days SWPA  
(b) Three days reserve will be taken and maintained in perimeter.  
(c) D Coy will provide hot meals for Gp in hot boxes  
17 Dec - evening meal  
18 Dec - breakfast to be carried in Flight 3 and will be at loading point by 0600 hrs.

13. Amn

- (a) On the man: .303 three bandoliers  
.303 LMG 7 mags per gun  
LSMG 9 mm 7 mags per gun  
Grenades 36 4 sec 4  
(b) Three days res will be maintained in perimeter additional to Scale A.

14. Tools Wire etc

Tools and wire will be available at A Coy area from 16 Dec.

15. Accommodation

Shelter halves, cots folding will be taken into perimeter  
Cooking gear as arranged Maj PROVAN and one hydro burner

INTERCOMM

16. (a) Line will be provided by Sig Officer as reced 16 Dec  
(b) Buzzer only will be used at night. Speech will NOT be allowed during this period over telephone  
(c) NO wireless will be taken  
(d) Sig Officer will arrange a terminal for Comd HQs to report Maj PROVAN 170800L with telephone.

Lt Col  
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bn

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 161435L

Issued verbally

DISTRIBUTION

Maj PROVAN 15 Aust Inf Bn  
Lt PEARCE 5 Pl A Coy NG Inf Bn  
29 Aust Inf Bde  
File  
War Diary

APPX "A" TO 'D' COY OPERATION ORDER NO.1/44

1. Comd 'D' Gp - Maj D. PROVAN  
FOO(Arty) and party (2)  
Sigs
2. Tps - (a) Coy HQ D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn  
16 Pl  
17 Pl  
18 Pl  
  
(b) Under comd from 170800L Dec  
Own sec 2 Pl 15 Aust Inf Bn  
Two dets 3 Pl 15 Aust Inf Bn  
  
(c) Under comd from 171200L Dec  
One sec 5 Pl A Coy 1 NGIB  
  
(d) In sp from 180600L Dec  
5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt  
  
(e) Tps allotted
3. Barges - One barge 42 Aust Water Tpt Coy are reporting mouth  
JABA RIVER AM 17 Dec.
4. Comms - (a) Two lines (one arty and one inf) are being laid  
north bank JABA RIVER to 777750 under arrangements  
29 Aust Inf Bde during 17 Dec.  
(b) One 200 yd reel cable will be left at 777750 for  
use by FOO

APPX 'B' TO 'D' GP OPERATION ORDER No.1/44

1. ASSEMBLY OF 'D' GP

Tps	Report at	Time	Method of Mvt	Responsibility for Mvt
D Coy One Sec 2 Pl	773758	171000L	Foot	OC D Coy
Two dets 3 Pl	773758	171000L	Tps on foot stores by MT	15 Aust Inf Bn
One sec 5 Pl A Coy 1 NGIB	773758	171000L	"	"
FOO and party	773758	171000L	First Flight (for details see Appx C)	
	773758	171000L	Arranged by OC 5 Bty Aust Fd Regt	

2. ALLOCATION OF TPS AND STORES TO CRAFT

As shown in Appendices 'D', 'E' and 'F'.

3. PRACTICES

In boat and barge loading of pers will be carried out from 171030L to 171230L. From 171400L until 171600L practices in loading of stores will be carried out.

Appx C  
Copy No  
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APPX 'C' TO 'D' COY GP OPERATION ORDER NO 1/44

1. NGIB PATROL

- (a) Comd - Sjt MACMILLAN
- (b) Tps - one sec 5 Pl 1 NGIB

2. TASK

- Patrols will withdraw from Standing Patrol area to landing point at 777749 by 171400L, and form covering force for First Flight 'D' Coy Gp.

Appx 'D'  
Copy No....  
16 Dec 44

APPX 'D' TO 'D' COY GP OPERATION ORDER NO 1/44

1. Comd - Maj D. PROVAN

) Boat No.1

2. Tps - Lieut W.G. MOODY and 7 ORs 18 Pl)

Lieut J. TONKIN and 10 OR 17 Pl ) Boat No.2

1 Sig 1 Pl )

Lieut W. ROBERTSON and 10 OR 16 Pl)

1 Sig 1 Pl ) Bpat No.3

3. Tasks - Covering party for second flight

4. Dress - Fighting order, and matchetes, steel helmets.

5. Equipment in pack - Change of clothing, sweater, sox, shaving gear, repellent lotion, outfit first aid individual gas cape, ground sheet, two tins canned heat, matches, 2 days SWPA rations, 1 FOR, 1 emergency atebtrin.

6. Amn

Carried on the man - .303 bandolier 150 rds  
.303 Bren 7 mags per gun  
9 MM 7 mags per gun  
4 x 4 sec grenades per man  
6 x 7 sec grenades per rifle  
bomber.

7. Stores - 2 lanterns

2 shelter halves  
6 shovels per section  
3 axes  
3 tomahawks  
1/2 gal kerosene (in tin)  
6 pairs wirecutters  
2 coils barbed wire  
1 coil cordage  
Sig wire for booby traps

APPX 'E' TO 'D' COY GP OPERATION ORDER No. 1/44

1. Comd - Capt A.L. STRUSS OC Don Coy
2. Tps - D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn  
LESS three sections (First Flight)  
Rear Party: Lt C.W. WORT, batman  
COMS, 4 cooks, storeman
3. Task - Form a perimeter at 777749 with covering party
4. Dress - Fighting order, steel helmet will be carried
5. Equipment- (a) In the pack- Change of clothes, sweater, sox, shaving gear, repellent lotion, outfit first aid individual, gas cape, ground sheet, two tins canned heat, matches, two days SWPA rations, one FOR, one emergency.  
  
(b) On the man - Machetes, one Jap type shovel per three men, weapons, steel helmets
6. Amn - Carried on the man - .303 bandolier 150 rds  
.303 Bren 7 mags per gun  
9 mm OSMG 7 mags per gun  
4 x 4 sec grenades per man  
6 x 7 sec grenades per rifle bomber

APPX 'F' TO 'D' COY OPERATION ORDER NO. 1/44

1. Comd - Lt C.W. WORT 2 i/c D Coy
2. Tps - Rear Party D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn (6 CRs)  
FOC and 2 OR 5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt  
One sec 2 Pl  
Two dets 3 Pl
3. Task - Transport stores and men to perimeter.
4. Dress - Fighting order, steel hats will be carried.
5. Equipment - (a) In the pack- Change of clothes, sweater, sox, shaving gear, repellent lotion, outfit first aid individual, gas cape, ground sheet, 2 tins canned heat, matches, 2 days SWPA rations, 1 FOR, 1 emergency, atabrin.  
(b) On the man - Machetes, one Jap type shovel per three men, weapons, steel helmet.
6. Amn (a) On the Man - .303 bandolier 150 rds  
.303 Bren 7 mags per gun  
D Coy and 9 mm OSMG 7 mags per gun  
5 Bty 4 x 4 sec grenades per man  
6 x 7 sec grenades per rifle bomber  
Sec 2 Pl  
Dets 3 Pl Scale A with weapons  
(b) In bulk - Three days reserve of all types.
7. Rations - Three days SWPA reserve for 'D' Gp
8. Stores - 6 latrine seats, 1 doz rolls sanitary paper, 1 x 4 gal drum malariol, 1 x 4 gal drum range fuel, 1 x 4 gal drum kerosene, 1 gal rifle oil, 10 x 2 gal water cans (filled) 1 hydro burner, 11 kettles camp oval Aerosol bombs, Cots folding (with blanket and shelter half) 6 blankets for RAP stretchers, 12 coils barbed wire.

PW : HARA Hiroshi - 1st Lieut (M) Temp No. 29B2001

Date of Capture ; 16 Dec 44

Place of capture : South JABA RIVER.

Unit: No.6 Coy 13 Inf Regt (attached from No.1 Fd Hospital)

Movements: Sent from MOSIGETTA (where No.1 Field Hospital located to 2 Bn HQ at MOSINA arriving 22 Nov 44. Arrived at 6 Coy area on 25 Nov 44 where took up duties as MO.

### Tactical Information

Pinpointed on Command Sheet position of 6 Coy - seashore patrol - positions of two parties of telephone line operators - salt detail - sec of 6 Fd Arty - telephone line - track via KUPON to MOSINA (MORENO) track from MOSINA to MUPESI on sea shore - track from MUPESI north.

### Strengths

6 Coy - 30 men  
Seashore patrol - 3 men  
Telephone operators - 2 parties of three men  
Salt Detail - 3 men  
6 Fd Arty - section of 14 - 15 men

### Weapons and Ammunition

10 hand grenades  
2 LMGs and 30 rifles (other MGs in area but completely unusable owing to rust)  
500 rds SAA  
PW did not know how much LMG amn available but thought there was very little.

### Seashore patrol

1 LMG and 3 rifles  
100 rounds SAA a little MMG amn

### Telephone operators

Rifle per man

### Salt Detail

Rifle per man

### 6 Fd Arty Sec

Doesn't know what weapons - thinks only LMGs and rifles

### 75 mm Gun

PW could give no info re such a gun - not in 6 Coys area.

### Emplacements

6 Coy had no trenches but sheltered in 3 huts quite close to river.

On 14th a party of 4 men with 2 rifles left 6 Coy area at 0500 and proceeded to MOSINA to pick up supplies. Returned pm evening 15 Dec. Next party is scheduled to leave at 0500 on 19th and to return on evening of 20 Dec. Method of communication between 6 Coy and 1st party of operators is by runner.

### Recruits

None have arrived since Nov 44 when PW first joined unit. No movement of reinforcements up to JABA RIVER from south for a long time. No impending general attack.

Line of communication

6 Coy via KUPON NIGITAN to MOSINA.

Morale

Is low owing to lack of food - however in PWs opinion 6 Coy troops would fight if attacked. PW knew of 3 recent desertions. Also knew that Aust troops were north of river - said he heard this last July.

Information further south

Pinpointed 2 Bn HQ and 7, 8 and 2 MG Coy at MOSINA - in all 50 strong.

Pinpointed cultivated area 200 tsubo in area (1 tsubo = 36 sq feet) at MOSINA.

After MOSINA nearest troops are at MOSICETTA where 13 Inf HQ and No.1 Fd Hosp are stationed.

APPENDIX

Refs to Comd Sheet

- (1) 6 Coy 798738
- (2) Seashore patrol 775739
- (3) Place of capture 777747
- (4) 1st party telephone operators 802724
- (5) 2nd party telephone operators 839703
- (6) Salt detail 780712
- (7) KUPON 872706
- (8) NIGITAN 874696
- (9) Telephone line from 802724 via 839703 thence in a direct line to NIGITAN.
- (10) MORENO (or MOSINA) 864669 position of 2 Bn HQ 7, 8 and 2 MG Coys
- (11) Cultivated area 868672.

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1. O.138 of 170900L to 3 Aust Div
2. O.139 of 170915L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
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7. O.152 of 171925L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
8. O.149 of 171931L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
9. O.157 of 172115L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
10. Terrain report for week to 171700L



From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 170900L

To : 3 aust div

O.138 SECRET (.) request A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn less one pl  
pass to comd 182359L

From : 29 aust inf bde Too 170915L

To : 15 aust inf bn

O.139 SECRET (.) cancel our O.131 (.) B coy 15 aust inf  
bn less one pl will vacate present area by 181100L and move  
to the assy area preparatory to joining fwd gp u/c  
Maj PROVAN NOT before 190630L (.) one pl B coy will  
be prepared to join fwd gp not before 180630L (.) A  
coy 15 bn will be prepared to move by sea to  
undisclosed destination NOT before 190630L (.) C coy  
15 bn will be prepared to accupy area vacated by A coy  
NOT before 20 dec (.) 7 days res all natures will be  
taken by all coys ack

From : 3 aust div TOO 171145L

To : 29 aust inf bde

O.950 confidential (.) 2 aust fd regt less one bty will  
come under comd 29 aust inf bde at 172359L all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 171500L

To : 2 aust fd regt

O.145 (.) confidential (.) one (.) adv party will report  
HQ 29 aust inf bde NOT after 181000L (.) two (.) recce  
staging area vicinity CHOP CHOP for occupation by one  
bty (.) bty will occupy selected site NOT later than  
211200L ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 171520L

To : 15 aust inf bn

O.148 (.) SECRET (.) A coy 15 aust inf bn will be  
prepared to embark at JABA BARGE LOADING POINT by 180900L (.)  
7 days res all natures will be taken (.) OC A coy will report  
bde comd at this HQ at 180645L ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 171740L

To : 3 aust div

rptd 7 aust inf bde 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
5 bty 2 aust fd regt 7 aust fd amb

I.85 SECRET (.) SITREP 19 to 171730L (.) ref map  
29 comd sheet (.) D coy gp 15 aust ing bn landed south  
bank JABA RIVER and now located 777749 (.) 5 pl 1 NG  
Bn located 784748 (.) patrolling continued SOUTH of  
JABA RIVER one jap killed otherwise SITNOR all infm

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 171935L

To : 15 aust inf bn

O.152 (.) SECRET (.) for ops till further notice as from 181200L  
tps south of the east west grid line 76 will be grouped for comd  
and tasks as follows (.) under comd 15 aust inf bn - 15 aust inf  
bn less two coys and 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) task (.) by  
seizing and holding a perimeter at track junc 793735 to capture  
the jap sig det at 799730 and eliminate all japs in the area (.)  
Maj PROVAN with two coy gps 15 aust inf bn under comd will be  
under comd this HQ (.) task (.) to seize and hold a perimeter  
in the vicinity of 780713 and from there to cut the track  
leading south from 791736 and effect contact with the force  
comd by CO 15 aust inf bn (.) one MO and medical det will be att  
staff Maj PROVAN from 7 aust fd amb (.) after 181200L one ALC20  
and one assault boat with outboard can be made available to  
CO 15 aust inf bn (.) water tpt PROVAN GP will be arranged by this  
HQ ack

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 171931L

To : 15 aust inf bn

O.149 (.) SECRET (.) A coy 15 aust inf bn will be ready at  
barge landing pt 2 for embarkation NOT before 180900L (.)  
task (.) will seize and hold a perimeter in the vicinity of  
the north bank of the TUJU RIVER mouth (.) B coy will be  
ready to move from barge landing pt 3 across the JABA RIVER  
to the area in the vicinity of 775736 NOT before 181000L  
and on arrival at the area indicated to immediately send one  
fighting patrol NOT less than one pl forward to contact A coy (.)  
bde sigs will be responsible for the coms to the above two  
coys

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 172115L

To : 15 aust inf bn

O.157 (.) SECRET (.) ref our O.149 (.) six pigeons will  
be allotted A coy 15 aust inf bn (.) two will be released  
1 hr after disembarkation (.) two will be released at  
181730L and two at 190600L

## 29 AUST INF BDE TERRAIN REPORT FOR WEEK TO 171700L

Ref map : 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet

### 1. General

The area inland between northing grids 74 and 81, and as far east as easting 83 has been found to consist almost entirely of swamp varying in depth from 2 to 7 feet. Progress through this country is difficult in the extreme, and a general average of 500 yards per hour has been recorded by patrols making their own trails. Swamp growth for the major part is pit pit interspersed with timber and heavy vine growth.

### 2. Tracks

Attached is a sketch showing tracks which have been substantiated by either patrol or Tac/R coverage (Black) and tracks made as a result of Bde patrols (Green) (NB NOT attached this appx)

#### Previously existing tracks

- (i) Track from coast at 775793 East through ORIBIO thence along the north bank of the MARIROPA RIVER is well defined to Easting Grid 83. One section at approximately 785791 is swamp, the depth of which is directly influenced by the amount of rain - varying from 4 to 5 ft. Time of travel from coast at 775793 to ORIBIO is 1 hr 20 mins
- (ii) Coastal track from TAGESSI to JABA POINT has stood up well under the amount of traffic uses along it. 5 Aust Fd Coy RAE have commenced work on a new track just within the coastal fringe of timber. Coastal track south of JABA RIVER, and inland track south to MUPESI from approx 791736, have been reported probably jeepable by Tac/R. Patrols on the track along south bank of JABA RIVER substantiate that that particular route could readily be opened to jeep traffic after some construction.

### 3. Rivers and Crossings

- (i) The MARIROPA RIVER has a normal flow of approximately 3 knots, and is navigable by barge as far upstream as ORIBIO. The river is approximately 30 feet wide at this point and a relatively good crossing can be made on foot. Further upstream the river is heavily snagged and blocked by fallen timber.
- (ii) The JABA RIVER is bordered at the mouth by pit pit swamps which are tidal on the north side as far as Easting 78. The rivers flow is considerably effected by rains, the normal run being approximately 3 to 4 knots. A point of note is that a relatively firm strip of land can be found along the river banks, for some 30 yards inland, from the mouth upstream to Easting Grid 79. The river has been used by ALC20 without great difficulty as far as Easting 78.

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From : 3 aust div TOO 180913L

To : 29 aust inf bde

O.955 confidential (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn less one pl will come under comd 29 aust inf bde at 182369L all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 181155L

To : 3 aust div

O.162 (.) SECRET (.) ref comd sheet 1/25000 (.) fwd locations 15 aust inf bn 181145L (.) A coy landed by sea at 780711 at 181020L (.) B coy moved across JABA RIVER and reached 775736 at 181126L (.) fighting patrol moving along coast to contact A coy (.) fighting patrol A coy moving inland to cut track at 788711 own cas nil (.) enemy (.) in addition to 3 PW already reported 1 wounded later died of wound in abdomen

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 181250L

To : B coy 15 aust inf bn

rptd : 15 aust inf bn A coy 15 aust inf bn

O.166 (.) SECRET (.) for Maj PROVAN (.) at 181600L finalise patrolling install listening posts and establish close perimeters for night A coy vicinity 780711 B coy 775736 (.) no further activity until 190530L (.) Op instn follows (.) nice work all tps (.) ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 181520L

To : 15 aust inf bn, 47 aust inf bn

O.169 SECRET (.) ref 29 aust inf bde comd sheet (.) ref this HQ O.132 of 161940L one coy 47 aust inf bn will relieve C coy 15 aust inf bn 793780 19 Dec (.) mutual arrangements will be made between CO 15 Aust inf bn and CO 47 aust inf bn regarding exchange of rations amn cooking gear and tentage (.) C coy 15 aust inf bn will occupy perimeter vacated by A coy at 773758 (.) all moves to be completed by 191630L (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 181750L

To : 3 aust div

rptd 7 aust inf bde 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
A coy 1 NG inf bn 7 aust fd amb

I.86 SECRET (.) SITREP 20 to 181730L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) 180600L patrol surprised four japs approx 775742 (.) three PW taken one enemy attempted flee and later died of wounds (.) one LMG in fair condition two rifles partly rusted (.) all japs contacted to date have been unshod (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) 181020L A coy landed by sea at 780711 and established coy perimeter (.) patrol along NORTH bank TUJU RIVER sighted one jap who fled (.) later patrol cutting track sighted three japs in small boat upstream from TUJU mouth (.) enemy leisurely turned boat and returned upstream whilst sill out of range (.) B coy crossed JABA RIVER at mouth and by 181140L est coy perimeter 775736 (.) patrolling continues no further movement seen all informed

TOO 181845L

From : 29 aust inf bde

To : 15 aust inf bn

0.170 (.). SECRET (.). ref map comd sheet 1/25000 (.). 15 aust inf bn  
less two coy gps will report successively and as soon as  
accomplished the following tasks (.). one (.). contact fwd from  
D coy to jap posn 786738 and the emplacement and complete pro-  
tection of one Tk A gun ready to fire (.). 50 rds with gun  
composed of 12 cannister 12 AP 26 HE (.). two (.). the placing  
of an ambush to be held for at least three days by 5 pl A coy  
1 NG Inf bn less one sec at 792736 (.). three (.). the possibility  
of surprise LMG fire across the JABA RIVER to the jap posn (.).  
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leading from 792736 southwards and establish an ambush south of  
the point of contact (.). 5 bty 2 aust fd regt ranging between  
800728 and 802724 between 190900L and 191000L all infm

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FW29B 2003

HODA, KAZO

Sentry

6 Coy CO 1st Lt INOYA

HQ located about centre between No.1 and No.2 JABA where river separates - thinks about 200 metres from seashore between road and river.

Strength 10 men - also 2 men for salt detail at No.3 JABA

Equipment - 1 HMG - amm unknown  
10 rifles - 30 rounds per man

Communication line between 6 Coy and BN HQ

2 Bn HQ MOSINA - CO Capt KAGAMIUCHI - strength 10 men

7 and 8 coy - strength 20 each

Equipment - 40 rifles

7 coy was at KUPON but withdrew to Bn HQ

Amm - unknown

Regt HQ - MOSIGETTA - CO Col MUTA

Strength - unknown

Equipment - 2 or 3 regtl gun - amm unknown

6 Fd A ty Regt Pl about 1000 feet from 6 coy HQ - about 20 men with one Regt

Strength - 1 platoon of about 20 men

Equipment - 1 gun - size of regtl gun

Amm - Assume - 50 rounds - about half is defective

6 men salt detail at about 600 metres from 6 coy salt detail group

Food 1 go of rice daily if any

Been eating roots and grass

No new clothing - no shoes

Note : He has been wounded and has not travelled from his sentry post, therefore PW reports is unconfirmed. He was wounded about 3 months ago. A shrapnel wound on left heel

Assessment

This PWs information is 3 months old and not considered reliable

PW 29B2002

NAME IMAGAWA Tashishiye

Rank Ldg Pte

Unit 13 Inf Regt 2 Bn 6 Coy

Place of capture

South of JABA RIVER Captured while sleeping just after dawn  
Pinpointed place of capture at 775736 Command Sheet. He  
and two others formed seashore lookout post.

Tactical information

Pinpoints Salt detail of 4 or 5 men at 785667 - does not  
know of 6 Fd Arty - pinpoints two coys of 13 Inf Regt  
at MAWARAKA consisting of a total of about 60 men -  
says that telephone line out of action between 6 coy  
and NIGITAN but working from NIGITAN-MORENO (MOSINA)  
To MOSINA PW estimates to be 2 kilometres - about 50  
personnel of 2 Bn at MORENO - thinks these are only HQ  
personnel, 7 coy at KUPON which is 15 minutes along  
the track from NIGITAN towards JABA RIVER mouth, 8 Coy  
is at KARAKOPA, 5 coy is at KAREKOPA - consists  
of 15 men - 7 coy of 20 men, 8 coy of 20 men 2 MG  
coy has been split up amongst the coys of 2 Bn

At MOSIGETTA thinks 13 Inf Regt HQ  
No.1 Hospital -- altogether 100 men at MOSIGETTA

Weapons

7 coy at KUPON has two LMGs and rifles one per man  
several grenades  
6 Coy 1 LMG and 1 HMG and rifles - 3 trenches dug two  
days ago - none before that - heard this from a soldier  
who went from 6 coy down coast to get salt this man  
returned yesterday doesn't know what happened to him -  
returned in afternoon about 1500 hrs past him

Roads

MUPESI to MOSINA through swamps  
NIGITAN - no troops now

ADDENDA

Trenches pinpointed at 789737 command sheet

Arty Pl of 10 to 14 men at 805725 command sheet one  
Regt Gun

2 telephone personnel at 805725 Command sheet  
3 telephone personnel at NIGITAN  
3 telephone operators of Arty Pl  
3000 metres from 1st telephone post towards KUPON



PW29B2004

Name TSUCHIDA KIYOSHI

Rank Ldg Pte

Unit : 13 Regt 2 Bn 6 Coy

Place of capture

At site of seashore patrol pinpointed 775736 Comd Sheet  
Taken asleep - with two other PWs - the three forming  
seashore lookout post

Tactical Information

Day before yesterday 6 Coy dug three trenches waist high  
at point 500 metres from 6 Coy towards mouth of JABA RIVER -  
pinpoints 6 Coy at 789737 - Comd Sheet also pinpoints 3 recent  
trenches 789737 - Comd Sheet. When PW there had only  
commenced to dig trenches - dug on track as swamp either side.

6 Coy has one HMG one LMG - about 10 rifles - doesn't know  
about amm for HMG - about 600 rounds for LMG and rifles -  
amm interchangeable

2 soldiers of 6 Coy at MUPESI on salt detail - 3 soldiers of  
6 Coy inland 2 kilos on starch detail. Road to these  
three runs through swamp land from coast - 2 men of Fd Arty  
200 metres south of MUPESI at entrance to TAVERA RIVER north  
side of starch detail.

MAWARAKA - thinks 12 Coy there

Thinks that can use telephone line from 6 Coy to MORENO  
occasionally - speech weak - 3 men of telephone platoon 3  
kilos from 6 Coy along track to KUPON - there is a small  
cultivated patch in this area - visible to road - Pinpoints  
3 men about 806726 Comd Sheet

There is an Arty detail of 2 men at about 823715 - says 4  
kilos from 3 men on telephone.

There is an Arty pl of 18 men (about) at command sheet ref  
806725 - have one gun about size of Regt gun. Doesn't know  
how many rounds - PW doesn't know great deal about this  
position as hadn't been in there - but heard as late as  
a month ago that Pl was where pinpointed.

Pinpoints 2 men of Fd Arty on telephone detail at 823715 -  
Comd Sheet - doesn't think these two men would be armed.  
PW after perusing our maps says they are wrong - drawn his  
own plan of roads and shows KUPON NIGITAN and MORENO  
NIGITAN - 2 telephone personnel

MORENO 2 Bn HQ

5 Coy at KAREKOPA 20 men

7 Coy at MORENO

8 Coy at MORENO

2 MG Coy at MORENO

Altogether 100 men at MORENO but PW not sure of this figure

DISPOSITION OF ENEMY

AS COLLATED FROM PW REPORTS TO 181200L

Unit or Detachment	Strength and Armament	Map Ref 29 Comd Sheet	Confirmed by PW No.			
			29B2001	29B2002	29B2003	29B2004
6 Coy (of 2 Bn 13 Regt)	30	788738	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	10 1 LMG 1 HMG Rifles		No	No	Yes	No
7 Coy	20	KUPON	No	Yes	No	No
	2LMG Rifles	872706 MORENO (MOSINA) 860690	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
2 Bn HQ	50	-	No	Yes	No	No
		MORENO (MOSINA) 860690	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8 Coy	20	MORENO (MOSINA) 860690	No	No	Yes	Yes
2 MG Coy	10	MORENO (MOSINA) 860690	No	Broken up to 2 Bn Coys	No	Yes
7 Coy 8 Coy 2 Bn HQ )	50/60	MORENO (MOSINA) 860690	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
			No	No	No	Yes
Pl 6 Fd Arty.	14/20	805725	No	Yes	No	No
	1 Regt Gun	806726	Yes	No	No	Yes
Det STUJU	12	793688	Yes	No	No	No
Seashore Det (now eliminated)	3	775736	Yes	No	No	No
Salt Detail	3	784712	Yes	No	No	No
		786709	No	No	Yes	No
		793688	No	No	No	Yes
Starch Detail	3	813687	Yes	No	No	Yes
Phone Detail (a)	3	803727	Yes	No	No	No
		805725	No	Yes	No	No
		806725	No	No	No	Yes
(b)	3	848707	Yes	No	No	No
		832719	No	Yes	No	No
		823715	No	No	No	Yes
(c)	2	NIGITAN 874696	-	-	-	Yes

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8. O.973 of 192035 L from 3 Aust Div

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 191600L

To : 42,47 aust inf bns

For infm : 15 aust inf bn

0.173 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 47 aust inf bn will take over op responsibility for area from incl TAGESSI RIVER to incl JABA RIVER NOT before 210630L (.) fwd gp comd 47 aust inf bn will undertake necessary recce (.) 42 aust inf bn will move to bde staging area NOT before 21100L (.) adv party may move in as arranged between COs 42 and 47 aust inf bns ack all informed

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde TOC 191755L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt 7 aust fd amb A coy 1 NG inf bn

1.90 SECRET (.) SITREP 21 to 191730L (.) PROVAN FORCE (.) ref map 29 comd sheet (.) 190815L B coy occupied new perimeter 777724 and established ambush on track 777725 to 789737 (.) 191420L A coy fighting patrol reached 785685 (one inch series) found def posns and pillboxes (.) NO contact but indications of occupation by approx six japs (.) tracks well worn native canoe and documents found (.) patrol est firm base and coy moved same posn (.) 191340L further patrol occupied ambush 788707 on well used track and patrolled 600 yds south where at track end two japs fled (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) ref map 29 comd sheet (.) 190645L forward gp D coy attacked jap perimeter at 789737 (.) drove enemy into ambush set with NGIB pl at 791736 (.) nine japs killed and remainder incl one wounded broke to jungle for later collection (.) own cas one sjt wounded one native slightly wounded remaining on duty (.) weapons captured one HMG unserviceable three rifles other equipment being sorted by FS pers (.) some arms lost with japs killed in JABA RIVER (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 191830L

To : 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm 15 aust inf bn

0.174 (.) SECRET (.) patrolling for 20 dec (.) one (.) 5 pl will patrol north bank JABA RIVER to 821726 remaining in that observation pt during daylight hrs reporting to present perimeter NOT after 1600 hrs (.) mvt out NOT after 0830 hrs (.) two (.) lt PEARCE will recce new camp site to east of north south grid line 80 with a view to occupation on arrival of A coy (.) three (.) six pigeons allotted (.) two will be released at 1200 hrs and remaining two when departing from posn ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 191835L

To : 15 aust inf bn

0.175 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) C(coy will be ready to move NOT later than 200900L with 7 days res all natures ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 191840L  
To : 15 aust inf bn PROVAN GP

O.176 (.) SECRET (.) confirmation verbal orders (.) all coys south of JABA RIVER will develop fully forthwith present perimeters from which there will be NO mvt before 22 dec (.) advise exact locality of all perimeters forthwith (.) patrolling (.) PROVAN GP (.) A coy (.) south NOT more than 1000 yds from present perimeter and will establish on south side TUJU RIVER at approx 805686 ambush during daylight hrs (.) B coy (.) will relieve with one pl OXLEY patrol and form patrol base at 788707 patrolling south of TUJU RIVER at 805686 and contacting D coy 15 aust inf bn at approx 791736 (.) 15 bn (.) D coy will patrol fwd to track junc 792725 and contact B coy at 791736 (.) 5 pl 1 NG inf bn revert to comd 29 bde from 200600L and will concentrate pm 19 dec at camp site 784748 ack

~~From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 19....L~~  
~~To : 47 aust inf bn~~

~~O.181 SECRET (.) op responsibility for area incl TAGESSI RIVER to incl JABA RIVER will pass from 15 aust inf bn at 211100 hrs ack~~

From : 3 aust div TOO 192045L  
To : 29 aust inf bde

O.975 confidential (.) GOG desires congratulate you on progress made south of JABA RIVER (.) further request that 15 aust inf bn and A coy 1 NG inf bn be informed accordingly

From : 3 aust div TOO 192035L  
To : 29 aust inf bde

O.973 confidential (.) remaining pl A coy 1 NG inf bn will come under comd 29 aust inf bde at 192359L all informed

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1. O.177 of 200820L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
2. O.178 of 200830L to all units
3. O.181 of 200830L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
4. O.180 of 200837L to 2 Aust Fd Regt
5. O.182 of 200840L to 15 Aust Inf Bn A Coy 1 NGIB
6. SITREP 22 to 201730L
7. O.184 of 202000L to 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
8. O.185 of 202110L to 15 Aust Inf Bn, PROVAN GP
9. O.186 of 202125L to 2 Aust Fd Regt
10. PW Statement TANAKA MASARU
11. Map captured 6 Coy 13 Regt Area.

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 200820L

To: 15 aust inf bn

O.177 (.) SECRET (.) no mvt C coy before 210900L ack

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 200830L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
18 aust sup depot pl, 7 aust fd amb, 104 aust bde wksp,  
104 aust bde ord fd pk,

For infm: 56 aust gen tpt pl, 11 aust fd coy

O.178 (.) restricted (.) in mvt in mob jungle warfare it is vital that the main preoccupation after 1600 hrs at the latest each day is the occupation of a perimeter for the night which cannot be broken (.) only in exceptional circumstances should patrols be moving after 1600 hrs (.) patrols should however be out well before dawn all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 200830L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 15 aust inf bn

O.181 (.) SECRET (.) op responsibility for area incl TAGESSI RIVER to incl JABA river will pass from 15 aust inf bn to 47 aust inf bn at 211100L ack

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 200830L

To: 2 aust fd regt

O.180 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 5 bty will be ready to fire on MAWARAKA from proximity of JABA 2 by 211800L ack

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 200840L

To: 15 aust inf bn, A coy 1 NG Inf bn

O.182 (.) RESTRICTED (.) following message received from 3 aust div (.) GOC desires congratulate you on progress made south of the JABA RIVER (.) request you inform all tps accordingly,

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 201740L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust fd amb

I.91 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 22 to 201730L (.) aggressive patrolling continued throughout JABA - TUJU RIVERS area (.) three JAPS killed one running vigorously without pants one PW one HMG several rifles large quantity of documents captured (.) otherwise SITNOR.

From 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 202000L

To: 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.184 (.) SECRET (.) ref our O.174 (.) patrol task for 20 dec will be completed 21 dec (.) patrol will NOT return till task completed (.) six pigeons allotted which will be released at same time as for 20 dec ack

From; 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 202110L

To: 15 aust inf bn PROVAN GP

For infm: 2 aust fd regt

O.185 (.) SECRET (.) ref map comd sheet 1-25000 (.) tasks 21 dec (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) D coy will complete task for 20 dec (.) patrol will NOT return until task completed (.) particular attention will be paid to signs of a track leading to the right (.) all indications will be followed up for a distance of at least 300 yds (.) C coy will move by sea to 782680 (.) loading will commence barge loading pt 2 at 210700L (.) PROVAN GP (.) one (.) fighting patrol will move to 782680 and take up ambush posn by first light (.) patrol will remain in posn until relieved by C coy (.) two (.) patrol will trace track leading NE from 782680 to TUJU RIVER and will continue recce beyond TUJU RIVER for a distance of at least 800 yards (.) three (.) one offr and one sec will accompany barge recce along TUJU RIVER with the object of locating track and CK crossing approx 790689 (.) barge will return to mouth TUJU RIVER inside bar by 211100L ack all informed.

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 202125L

To: 2 aust fd regt

For infm: 15 aust inf bn PROVAN GP

O.186 (.) SECRET (.) 5 bty will be ready to load for move by sea to previously reced posn at 211100L (.) recce will continue between 782680 and 779666 for occupation by 4 bty (.) bty site will be selected with a view to engaging MAWARAKA ack all informed



PW29B2005

Name : TANAKA Masaru

Rank: 1st Class Pte

Unit: Reinforcement for 6 Coy 13 Inf Regt

Place captive: Southem bank JABA RIVER

Date captive: 20 Dec 44

PW claims that ever since reaching BOUGAINVILLE he has been in hospital at MUGUAI approx one year - On 2 Dec 44 he was discharged and instructed to proceed to 6 Coy at JABA River. Claims walked from MUGUAI to rear of 6 Coys position arriving there last night.

He found enemy soldiers in posn on JABA River last night, swam back to south side of River today at noon when he was captured.

Claims to have no knowledge of places through which he passed, On journey from MUGUAI North admits he saw Jap soldiers on way. Can't say how many, nor name units.

Knows nothing of MAWARAKA - so he claims

Knew Jap 6 Div at MUGUAI - could give no idea of strength. Could not give number of L of C Hospital at MUGUAI. Knew nothing of MCSIGETTA.

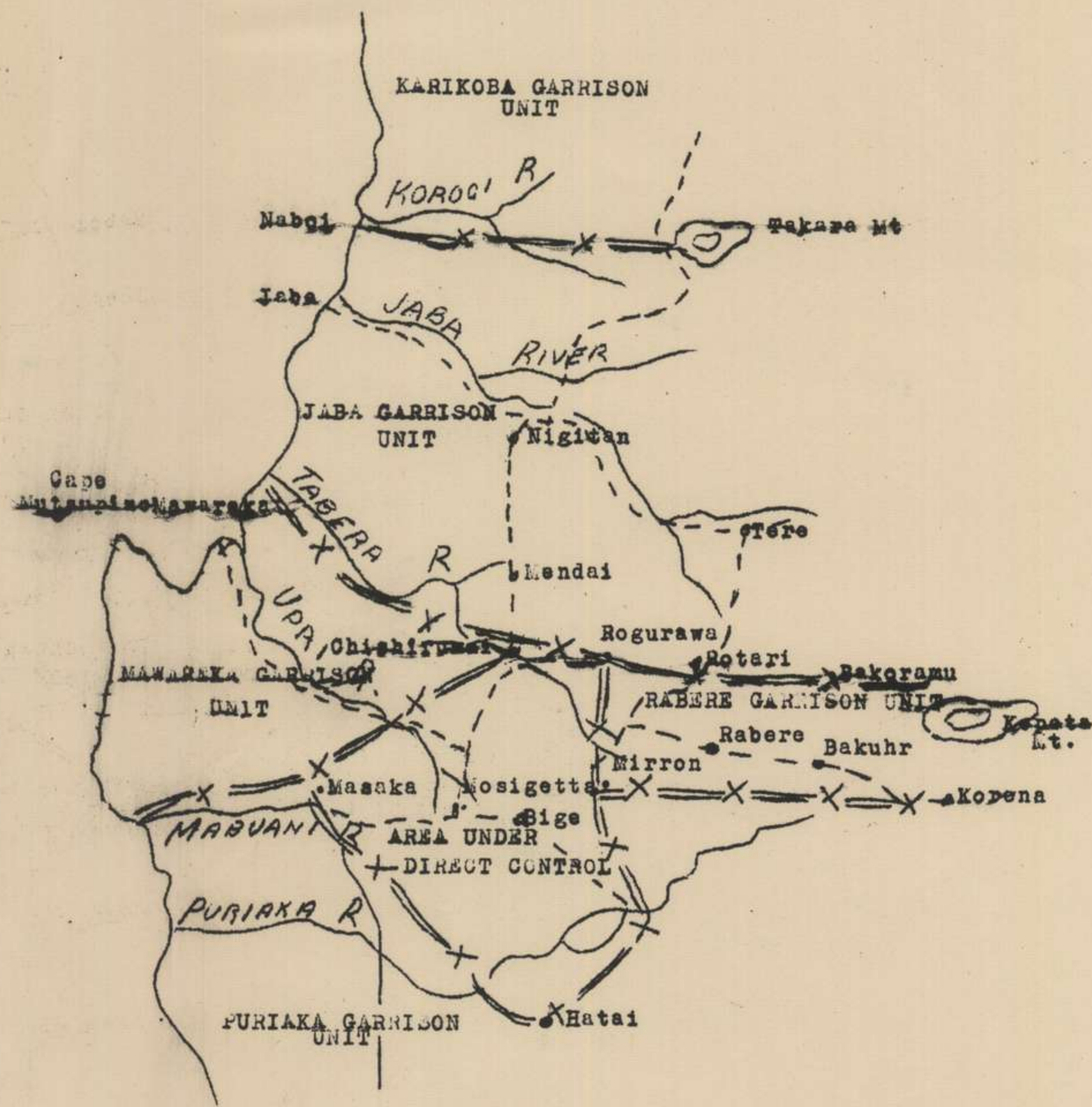
He is intelligent - well spoken - and is probably telling lies.

SKETCH PICKED UP JAP 6 COY AREA

SOUTH JABA RIVER

30 Dec 44

MAP DATED 11 Nov 44



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1. 0.189 of 210905L to 15 aust inf bn
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3. 0.192 of 211635L to 15 aust inf bn
4. 0.194 of 212015L to 15,47 Aust Inf Bns  
    'A' Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
5. Sitrep 23 to 211730L

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 210905L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm : PROVAN GP 2 aust fd regt

O.189 (.) SECRET (.) ref map comd sheet (.) on completion occupation area from 782680 to 779666 both incl by G coy PROVAN GP will revert to comd 15 aust inf bn (.) bn HQ will NOT ~~move~~ until ordered by comd (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 211230L

To : 47 aust inf bn

For infm 15 aust inf bn

O.191 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) one coy will be prepared to move to 777748 NOT before first light 22 dec ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 211635L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm A coy 1 NG Inf bn

O.192 (.) SECRET (.) ref map comd sheet 1:25000 (.) 4 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn on arrival at 784686 will come under comd 15 aust inf bn for local defence purposes only (.) ack all infm

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 212015L

To : 15, 47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm : 2 aust fd regt

O.194 (.) SECRET (.) PROVAN GP (.) as from 212359L the following tps will constitute PROVAN GP under direct comd this HQ - D coy 15 aust inf bn (.) A coy 47 aust inf bn will move to join PROVAN GP 22 dec under separate arrangements (.) tasks (.) gen (.) all def posns will be further improved (.) every effort will be made to obtain physical contact between PROVAN GP and 15 aust inf bn along north south grid line 80 (.) tasks in particular (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) continue patrolling along north bank JABA RIVER (.) PROVAN GP ambush track 796731 to 814721 as far fwd as is considered suitable (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) local patrolling will continue in area 775737 - river to 789725 -- pt 8072 -- north south grid line 80 to TAVERA RIVER - TAVERA RIVER to coast (.) no tps will move south of east west grid line 67 before 221200L due arty registration DF task (.) NO mvt south of east west grid line 67 after 221200L without prior ref this HQ (.) R gp 15 aust inf bn will move 22 dec to area B coy 15 aust inf bn under separate arrangements (.) B ech will be cleared by pm 24 dec (.) any hy surplus material will be dumped 29 aust inf bde ord dump ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 3 aust div  
For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15 42 47 aust inf bns  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG Inf bn  
7 aust fd amb

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 3 aust div  
For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15 42 47 aust inf bns  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG Inf bn  
7 aust fd amb

I.94 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 23 to 211730L ref map  
comd sheet (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) vigorous patrolling  
of JABA - TUJU RIVER area produced scattered patrol  
contacts in which two japs killed 9 wounded 5 probably  
wounded and further documents captured (.) enemy def  
posn incl two HMG located NORTH bank PAGANA RIVER  
823720 (.) jap first aid sta containing old scalpels  
and small supply petrol and oil found (.) own  
cas one killed three wounded otherwise SITNOR all  
informed

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 3 aust div  
For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15 42 47 aust inf bns  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG Inf bn  
7 aust fd amb

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 3 aust div  
For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15 42 47 aust inf bns  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG Inf bn  
7 aust fd amb

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1. O.198 of 221110L to 3 aust div
2. O.199 of 221114L to 3 Aust Div
3. SITREP 24 to 221730L

From 29 aust inf bde

TOO 221110L

To 3 Aust Div

O.198 (.) restricted (.) due impending ops it is requested that ANGAU offr and native pers already selected who come from MAWARAKA and MAKATOWA areas be att this bde immediately

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 221114L

To : 3 aust div

O.199 (.) restricted (.) request 4 bty 2 aust fd regt be placed under comd as from 222359L

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 221740L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
adv 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust fd amb  
A coy 1 NG Inf Bn rear 2 fd regt

I. 98 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 24 to 221730L (.) active patrolling continues in JABA-TAVERA RIVERS area (.) patrol on NORTH bank JABA RIVER reached ref 821729 with NMS (.) recce patrol detected jap ambush at 798730 but posn found vacated by subsequent fighting patrol (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

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1. Sitrep 25 to 231730L
2. O.212 of 232105L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
3. O.210 of 232045L to A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
4. O.213 of 232120L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
5. O.209 of 232030L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
6. Terrain Report for period 18/23 Dec
7. Locations as at 232000L



From : 29 aust inf bde                      TOO 231800L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
adv 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
7 aust fd amb 18 aust sup depot pl rear 2 aust fd regt

I.100 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP: 25 to 231730L (.) ref map  
comd sheet (.) PROVAN FORCE (.) following arty neutralisation  
of tract 805725 to 815721 pl and FOC moved east from D coy  
perimeter for observation of results (.) contact made with  
enemy posn 799729 (.) 3 IMG located (.) further pl commenced  
outflanking movement in late afternoon but attack deferred  
owing falling light (.) active patrolling continues TUJU-  
TAVERA RIVERS area (.) enemy cas one killed own cas one  
slightly wounded remaining on duty (.) otherwise SITNOR  
all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde                      TOO 232015L

To : 47 aust inf bn

For infm : PROVAN GP

O.212 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) mortar offr with two dets mortars  
and 120 rd s will be despatched as early as possible 24 dec  
to PROVAN GP (.) under comd PROVAN GP on arrival

From : 29 aust inf bde                      TOO 232045L

To : A coy 1 NG Inf Bn

For infm : 2 aust fd regt, PROVAN GP

O.210 (.) SECRET (.) tasks 24 dec (.) patrol will cross  
JABA RIVER in vicinity 81 north south grid line locate  
rear of enemy opposing PROVAN FORCE set ambush kill and  
return (.) NO mvt across JABA RIVER before 240730L  
due arty concentration

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde                      TOO 232120L

To : 42 aust inf bn

For infm : 47 aust inf bn

O.213 (.) restricted (.) ref 1 in maps (.) one coy will  
move to posns vacated by D coy 47 aust inf bn at mouth  
TAGESSI RIVER NOT before 260630L (.) from 260630L area  
of responsibility 42 aust inf bn will then include CHOP CHOP -  
CHOP CHOP RD at 725875 - TAGESSI RIVER at 810840 - thence  
MARIROPA RIVER at 840783 - MARIROPA RIVER to 799776 to  
coast at 783774

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 15 aust inf bn  
For info : 2 aust fd regt

From : 29 aust inf bde TOC 232030L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For info : 2 aust fd regt PROVAN FORCE

O.209 SECRET (.) counter attack role 15 aust inf bn (.)  
in the event of any enemy penetration of the JABA RIVER  
perimeters 15 aust inf bn will be responsible with NOT  
less than one coy for the protection of (.) one (.) gun  
sites (.) two (.) contact with PROVAN FORCE via lateral  
track joining JABA RIVER at 777748 (.) recee to commence  
NOT after 240630L (.) plans will be completed and  
necessary work pits dug and action rehearsed NOT  
later than 241600L ack

29 AUST INF BDE TERRAIN REPORT FOR PERIOD 18-23 DEC (incl)

Ref maps : 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet

1. GENERAL

The coastal area between JABA 2 and TUJU RIVERS and as far inland as easting grid 80, has been found to be mainly swamp country except for a narrow coastal strip

2. TRACKS

Previously existing tracks :

(a) The track following the SOUTH bank of JABA RIVER eastwards can be made to carry 3 ton traffic with some constructional attention. This applies as far as the present limit of patrolling at 814721

(b) The coastal track follows the bank from JABA POINT southwards to approximately 784685

3. RIVERS AND CROSSINGS

(a) A barge reconnaissance of JABA RIVER as far upstream as 812730 established that the river is readily navigable by ALCA (draught 2'9" loaded) to approximate 802734 thence upstream underwater snags render river movement difficult

(1) Detailed information is as follows :

(a) Depth - An average of 5 ft although transverse sandbanks cause considerable variation.

(b) Width - Varies from approximately 70 yds at the mouth (entrance narrowed by sandbar) to approximately 30 yards some 5 miles upstream

(c) Current - The normal run is 3-4 knots

(d) Nature of Banks - An average of approximately 3 ft above water level, falling sharply.

Vegetation bordering the river for the first 1000 yards is kunai and pit pit on the NORTH bank, and casuarinas backed by scattered timber and some swamp on the southern side. Further upstream the forest runs to the water edge and cover is complete.

(e) Navigability - Submerged snags from 802733 to 802734 (limit of recce) render the passage difficult, but the use of explosives would remove many of the obstacles.

(b) An assault boat reconnaissance of TUJU RIVER reached 804688 without difficulty : a double bar at the mouth renders the entrance awkward for ALCA at high tide and completely obstructed at low

(1) Detailed information is as follows :

(a) Depth - Averaging 12 ft or more for limit of recce

(b) Width - Narrows from 160 yards inside the bar to approximately 40 yds at 796689

(c) Current - Almost non existent - water salty for limit of recce

(d) Nature of Banks : for 2300 yds upstream sago swamp on either side, but at approx 804688 where garden exists banks are steeply cut and approx 12' above waterlevel.

(e) Navigability - No hindrance whatever for 2500 yds although from that point forward snags were numerous.

LOCATIONS AS AT 2000 hrs 23 DEC 44

<u>Ser.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Ref Map</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
1.	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29 Comd	774795	
	INF	Sheet		
2.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	780715	
3.	A coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	787694	
	7 Pl		787694	
	8 Pl		787694	
	9 Pl		787694	
4.	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	780715	
	10 Pl	"	780715	
	11 Pl		780715	
	12 Pl		780715	
5.	C coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	783680	
	13 Pl		783680	
	14 Pl		783680	
	15 Pl		783680	
6.	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	796731	
	16 Pl		796731	
	17 Pl		796731	
	18 Pl		796731	
7.	Adv HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA 1"	708863	
8.	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	726876	
	7 Pl	"	726876	
	8 Pl	"	726876	
	9 Pl	"	726876	
9.	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	715854	
	10 Pl	"	715854	
	11 Pl	"	715854	
	12 Pl	"	715854	
10.	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	715859	
	13 Pl	"	715859	
	14 Pl	"	715859	
	15 Pl	"	715859	
11.	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	706863	
	16 Pl	"	706863	
	17 Pl	"	706863	
	18 Pl	"	706863	
12.	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn	29 Comd	779780	
13.	A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	Sheet	777748	
	7 Pl	"	777748	
	8 Pl	"	777748	
	9 Pl	"	777748	
14.	B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	779783	
	10 Pl	"	779783	
	11 Pl	"	779783	
	12 Pl	"	779783	
15.	C Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	793781	
	13 Pl	"	793781	
	14 Pl	"	793781	
	15 Pl	"	793781	
16.	D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	773757	
	16 Pl	"	773757	
	17 Pl	"	773757	
	18 Pl	"	773757	
17.	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	"	774795	
	4 Pl	"	784685	
	5 Pl	"	812732	
18.	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	777794	
	<u>ARTY</u>			
19.	HQ 2 Aust Fd Regt	"	775794	
	Rear 2 Aust Fd Regt	TOROKINA	562941	
20.	4 Bty	"	564941	
	A Tp	"	564941	
	B Tp	"	564941	
21.	5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt	29 Comd	777727	
	C Tp	Sheet	777727	
	D Tp	"	777727	

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Ref Map</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
22.	6 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt E Tp F Tp	29 Comd Sheet	777788 777766 777788	
23	<u>Engineers</u> 11 Aust Fd Coy Rear HQ 1 Pl 2 Pl 3 Pl		777749 773758 777749 778723 777749	
24.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		774795	
	<u>Sigs</u>			
25	29 Bde Sig Sec		774795	
26	Det 3 Aust Div Sigs		774795	
27	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec		772759	
	<u>INT</u>			
28.	Language Det		774795	
29	Det V Aust FS Sec		774795	
	<u>AASC</u>			
30	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl		767809	
31	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		767809	
	<u>MED</u>			
32.	7 Aust Fd Amb MDS Part A Coy (ADS)	TOROKINA 1" Comd Sheet	720857 773798	
33.	18 AMCU	"	767809	
	<u>DENTAL</u>			
34.	H <sup>Q</sup> Det 63 Aust Dental Unit		774795	
35	C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit		780715	
	<u>ORD</u>			
36.	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	TOROKINA 1"	573964	
	<u>AEME</u>			
37	312 Aust LAD (Type J)	Comd Sheet	775794	
38	104 Aust Bde Wkshop (less MT Sec)	TOROKINA	573964	
	<u>PRO</u>			
39	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	Comd Sheet	775795	
	<u>MISC</u>			
40	Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	"	774795	
41	Det Royal Marines		767811	
42	Det ANGAU		781792	
43.	FPO 069		774795	

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1. O. of 240410L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
2. O.215 of 240850L to 3 Aust Div
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4. O.221 of 241930L to PROVAN GP, 15, 47 Aust Inf Bns, 2 Aust  
Fd Regt, A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn, 7 Aust Fd Amb
5. O.223 of 242100L to A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
6. O.222 of 242110L to A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
7. PW Statement NISHIRAWA YOSHIMATSU
8. PW Statement YONAMINE GYUKICHI
9. PW Statement KINA CHOAI
10. Sitrep 26 to 241730L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 240410L

To: 42 aust inf bn

O. (.) WARNING ORDER 42 aust inf bn prepare to move one coy battle order to TAGESSI RIVER (.) NO move before 240630L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 240850L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.215 (.) restricted (.) request permission relieve 5 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn located 812732 on comd sheet by 3 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn located 633894 on 1 in map

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 241535L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.218 (.) RESTRICTED (.) patrol from C coy will proceed along MARIROPA RIVER to track discovered south bank vicinity 796784 (.) patrol will follow track as far out as possible (.) time out NOT after 250730L time in NOT before 251600L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 241930L

To: PROVAN GP, 15 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 47 aust inf bn  
A coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust fd amb,

For infm: 42 aust inf bn, 11 aust fd coy

O.221 SECRET (.) INFM (.) PW infm discloses probable attack along line of track from 796731 to 821716 (.) estimated enemy strength 150 pers with one gun 5 LMG 3 HMG (.) each man has a rifle (.) there are no mortars (.) PWs captured fair sample of type - undersized suffering from malnutrition and should be easy killing (.) ORDERS (.) PROVAN GP will hold present perimeter at all costs and will counter attack viciously once enemy is repulsed (.) ARTY SP (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) harassing fire 241900L to 242000L target track from 814731 to 821717 20 rpg (.) 242400L to 250200L track from 805726 to 814731 30 rpg (.) 250330L to 250530L track from 799728 to 805726 50 rpg (.) SOS on DF task M3 one min 5 rpg two mins spell one min 5 rpg two mins spell one min 5 rpg rptd on call from PROVAN FORCE (.) SOS will be called for by maj PROVAN direct by phone to 2 aust fd regt (.) TASK 15 aust inf bn (.) B coy will be at one hours notice to carry out its counter attack role towards PROVAN GP as from 241900L (.) TASK 47 aust inf bn (.) D coy 47 aust inf bn will immediately notify this HQ direct of sounds of inf weapons heard from direction PROVAN GP (.) TASK A coy 1 NGIB (.) will be prepared to prevent any enemy mvt west along north bank JABA RIVER (.) ADM (.) one ALCA fitted as amb barge will be stationed at landing point 3 as from 241900L (.) amb barge will proceed upstream to landing point 6 immediately sounds of firing by inf weapons are heard from direction of PROVAN GP (.) 7 aust fd amb will fit up ALCA as an amb barge and will also establish car post of 2 amb jeeps with MO at landing point 3 ACK all informed.

From 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 242100L

To: A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm: PROVAN GP 15 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt

O.223 (.) SECRET (.) patrol will cross JABA RIVER in vicinity  
junc with PAGANA RIVER locate rear of enemy opposing PROVAN FORCE  
set ambush kill and return (.) no mvt across JABA before 250530L  
and patrol will NOT approach further west than 81 grid line due  
arty DF task

From : 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 242110L

To: A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.222 restricted (.) 5 pl will be relieved by 3 pl NOT before  
260830L (.) relief to be effected on a walk in walk out basis

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 241730L

To: 3 aust div

I.105 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 26 to 241730L (.) ref maps 29 comd  
sheets (.) patrolling throughout JABA TUJU RIVERS area continued  
(.) three PW captured at 797657 of whom two state 2 inf bn  
strength 200 departed MOSINA on 22 dec to attack JABA RIVER pos  
(.) otherwise SITMOR all informed.



POW 29B2006

Name: NISHIKAWA YOSHIMATSU

Rank: Leading Private

Unit: 13 Inf Regt 2 Bn 6 Coy

Where captured: North of TAVERA RIVER 797657

When captured: 26 Dec

Tactical Information

6 Coy 30 men 1 Nov

Locates mountain gun as being west of 6 Coy position but could not pin point. However, is along track near native garden (potatoes). No reliable information about KUPON.

Moreno 3 miles south of NIGITAN. Confirms story re GOTO Sup Pte coming from MORENO to starch detail but did not have a conversation with GOTO and knows nothing of 2 Bn moving to KUPON.

2 Bn is about 200 strong - has no idea of weapons.

No information re MAWARAKA Area.

PW29B2007

Name: YONAMINE Gyukichi

Unit: 13 Regt 2 Bn 6 Coy

Where captured: North of TAVERA RIVER 797657

When captured: 24 Dec 44

How captured: Surprised by natives whilst sitting in hut - PW and two companions were members of starch detail which left 6 Coy about a month ago and then made its way down coast over No.2 and No.3 JABA to ref 785671. Day before yesterday retreated to place of capture. Reason for retreat was that heard day before yesterday that Americans had landed below JABA - heard this from a member of 6 Coy salt detail.

PW knows nothing of a captain and 2 ORs who fled at time of capture. A Sjt Maj left this morning, together with 2 ORs from the hut towards MORENO. The Sjt Maj who was from 6 Coy and had come down coast to get strach, did not return by coast owing to landing of Americans.

PW has not heard of Australians being in this area

Tactical Information

6 Coy of about 30 men KARIKOPA

2 Bn of about 130 men at MORENO including 7 coy and 8 Coy.  
2 MG Coy split up amongst Coy. No regtl guns or Bn guns at MORENO.

MAWARAKA Garrison Unit - consists of Bn of fd arty can't name any other units - went there last in July of last year. Heard that 12 Coy of 13 Inf Regt relieved in Oct of this year by a Fd Arty Bn - Doesn't know of naval troops at MAWARAKA - There are some at MOTUPENA POINT but doesn't know numbers. Doesn't know of a light Trench Platoon at MAWARAKA. Thinks there is such a platoon at MOSIGETTA or PIKEI. PW was last in MOSIGETTA area in Dec 43

Doesn't know of MAKOTOWA nor of a gun there.  
Hasn't heard of Tank Attack Unit  
2 Bn Gun Pl is at MORENO but has no guns.  
No.1 Fd Hospital at MOSIGETTA  
13 Regt HQ at MOSIGETTA. Thinks Regtl gun pl at MOSIGETTA  
but doesn't think it has any guns

### Weapons

2 Bn HQ 1 HMG  
4 IMG  
130 personnel have rifles  
Amm is scarce  
Can't give definite idea re this - no mortars or guns.  
13 Inf HQ - has no definite idea of weapons

Localities - Pinpoints KUPON, NIGITAN, MORENO, the Arty piece  
between 6 Coy and KUPON. Also stated that 16000 metres  
from mouth of JABA by track to KUPON.

Dumps - Pinpoints amm and food dumps, near MORENO. Also farm

PW was recalled and interrogated about the alleged story  
of GOTO the Sup Pte from 2 Bn HQ. He confirmed PW29B2008  
- said that GOTO came yesterday and left early this  
morning on return journey to MORENO - GOTO also told him  
that 2 Bn had moved up to KUPON two days ago. This PW  
only heard of the move to KUPON from GOTO. He heard  
nothing of a proposal to attack our troops.

PW 29B2008

Name KINA Choai

Rank : Ldg Pte

Unit: 13 Regt 2 Bn 6 Coy

Where captured: North TAVERA RIVER AREA 797657

When captured:

How captured: : About month ago came from 6 Coy to north  
of TAVERA RIVER on starch detail - 5 men  
came down at that time including Sjt, Sjt  
and a Sup Pte left for MORENO this morning.  
Rest of capture story same as PW29B2007.  
Heard a year ago from native that both  
Americans and Australians here - but had  
heard no recent rumours.

### Tactical Information

Last at MAWARAKA about June 43 - thinks arty  
unit there but has only heard stories of this.  
Heard arty unit relieved infantry last month  
- that they have one or two guns stationed  
at MAWARAKA - can't pinpoint. MAKOTOWA -  
thinks infantry there about one coy - heard  
this over a year ago.

2 Bn

2 Bn HQ 7 Coy 8 Coy and elements of 2 MG  
Coy in all about 200 strong have moved up  
from MORENO to KUPON with the intention  
of attacking our troops advancing west on  
south side of JABA RIVER. PW heard this  
story yesterday from Sup Pte GOTO who  
came over to starch detail to collect  
starch for 2 Bn.

According to GOTO 2 Bn left MORENO four of five days ago leaving a small body behind to watch camp site. GOTO returned to MORENO early this morning. PW pinpointed on Command Sheet KUPON, NIGITAN and MORENO - also telephone line from NIGITAN. It is possible to walk along route of telephone line

Weapons of 2 Bn

3 MMGs, 5 or 6 LMGs. Rifle per man - amm is short PW could give no accurate information as to quantity. Nor mortars or guns with exception of Regtl gun already known to exist between KUPON and 6 Coys old area. This gun is rusty and amm is short - but it can be fired - It is in the vicinity of small cultivated area or clearing and was pinpointed by PW.

KUPON

PW pinpointed on map but also stated it was 16000 metres by the track from the entrance of JABA No.1 to KUPON.

2 Bn CO

Capt KAGANIUCHI

Health of 2 Bn

Many have malaria and all are suffering from malnutrition.

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1. O.225 of 251235L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
2. O.228 of 251700L to PROVAN GP, 15,47 Aust Inf Bns,  
2 Aust Fd Regt, A Coy 1 NG Inf  
Bn, 7 Aust Fd Amb
3. Sitrep 27 to 251730L
4. A52 of 251910L from A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

From : 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 251235L

To: 15 aust inf bn, PROVAN FORCE, 11 aust fd coy

For infm: 47 aust inf bn

0.225 (.) SECRET (.) B coy 15 aust inf bn will move into bivouac area on new air strip site NOT later than 251600L (.) B coy 15 aust inf bn will prepare relieve A coy 47 aust inf bn NOT before 260730L (.) A coy 47 aust inf bn will relieve D coy 15 aust inf bn on arrival B coy 15 aust inf bn (.) D coy 15 aust inf bn on relief by A coy 47 aust inf bn will occupy posns vacated B coy 15 aust inf bn (.) relief will be completed by 261600L (.) 15 aust inf bn will despatch one 2 pr tk/A gun with 50 per cent bn cannister shot holdings to arrive PROVAN GP forward perimeter NOT later than 251500L (.) under comd PROVAN GP on arrival (.) responsibility for rd from engr camp to rear perimeter PROVAN GP will be the responsibility of 11 aust fd coy ack all informed

From 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 251700L

To: PROVAN GP, 15 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 47 aust inf bn, coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust fd amb(SMO)

For infm: 42 aust inf bn, 11 aust fd coy

0.228 SECRET (.) ref our 0.221 of 241930L (.) present orders will remain in force until further notice except that 2 aust fd regt will NOT carry out harassing fire (.) SCS task on call maj PROVAN as required (.) if no attack eventuates by 0800L amb barge may be withdrawn for other duties

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 252000L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NF inf bn, 15,42, 47 aust inf bns, adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust fd amb, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.405 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 27 to 251730L (.) ref maps 29 comd sheets (.) patrolling continued throughout MARIROPA - TAVERA RIVERS area (.) six enemy telephone operators surprised 814722 but all immediately broke to jungle (.) two phones four rifles one artillery sight captured otherwise SITNOR all informed.

From: A Coy 1 NG inf bn      Time of origin: 251910L

To: 29 aust inf bde

A52 SECRET (.) ref map 29 aust inf bde comd sheet (.) 4 platoon A coy 1 NG inf bn has established an advanced base to be known as BASE 'A' at approx 761648 (.) this base established at 251600L (.) by 261700L anticiapted BASE 'B' will be established at approx 766630 patrols from BASE 'B' will endeavour to search area around MAWARAKA 762621 and MAKOTOWA 783624 on 27th (.) proposed length of patrols 3 days with possible extensions (.) communications (.) telephone through 15 aust inf bn (.) alternative communication pigeons (.) patrol strength 1 offr 4 NCOs 36 natives

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1. Sitrep 28 to 261730L
2. I.406 further to Sitrep 28
3. 29 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 7/44

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 261905L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 7 aust inf bde 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt  
7 aust fd amb A coy 1 NG inf bn rear 29 aust inf bde

I.129 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 28 to 261730L (.) JABA  
MARIRIEI RIVERS area (.) fighting patrol located and  
broke up enemy ambush at 801727 (.) own cas one killed  
enemy two killed (.) advance patrol BASE B established  
765629 and report new jap road running north from  
MAWARAKA crossing ck at 769622 approx leading back  
towards MAKATOWA (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 262100L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : A coy 1 NG inf bn 7 aust inf bde 15,42,47  
aust inf bns adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust  
fd regt rear 29 aust inf bde 7 aust fd amb

I.406 CONFIDENTIAL (.) further to SITREP 28 to 261730L (.)  
one (.) ref maps Comd Sheets (.) at about 261800NGIB  
patrol at 765629 surprised jap patrol estimated 20-25 (.)  
own cas one european sjt killed (.) enemy killed estimated  
by Capt JOHNSON at 18 (.) two boats approaching from  
MAWARAKA caused patrol to withdraw to BASE A which  
reached at 261940L (.) two (.) ref maps one inch series (.)  
ANGAU report native refugees state fairly large  
concentration of japs as MOSINA 849679 and MENDIA 855668 (.)  
large concentration japs MOSIGETTA have been employing  
natives building SAK SAK huts for week (.) can you  
please arrange air strike MOSIGETTA (.) all informed

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29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.7/44

Ref maps : Comd Sheets 1/25000

INFORMATION

1. (a) Enemy  
As per current Sitreps and Intelligence Summaries
- (b) Own Tps  
Attached Appx 'A'

INTENTION

2. 29 Aust Inf Bde will prepare for further aggressive action.

METHOD

3. Areas of responsibility and patrolling areas

Attached Appx "B"

4. Boundaries

Attached Appx "B"

5. Tasks

- (a) 47 Aust Inf Bn

Within the area of responsibility of 47 Aust Inf Bn

(i) The prevention of any penetration by the enemy  
The method adopted will be that of repulse from a fixed perimeter followed immediately by a determined and vicious counter attack.

(ii) The protection of gun sites and the organisation for def of inner perimeters by all units therein which are hereby placed under comd for that purpose.

(iii) Relief of 3 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn by a listening post of Not less than one rifle cos.

(iv) Deployment

NOT more than two coy gps will be committed south of the JABA RIVER without the express written permission of the Bde Comd

(v) Planning

Plans will be prepared for the encirclement of the force opposing the present PROVAN GP with one coy gp additional to those already employed

(vi) Arty Sp

2 Bty's 2 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp of 47 Aust Inf Bn as from 1100 hrs 29 Dec.

(vii) Patrolling

Vigorous patrolling will be carried out in the area shown in att Appx 'B'

- (b) 15 Aust Inf Bn

(i) Will be responsible, inside the area of responsibility 15 Aust Inf Bn for the protection of gun sites and the organisation for def of inner perimeters by all units therein, which are hereby placed under comd for that purpose.



(11) Patrolling

Vigorous patrolling will be carried out in the area shown in att Appx 'B'. Particular attention will be paid to patrols and ambushes along the track from TAVIPA RIVER LAGOON 783680 to SISURAI 830655 and along the track from track junc 792668 to coast at 778664

(111) Arty sp

One Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp 15 Aust Inf Bn from 2359 hrs 26 Dec.

(c) 42 Aust Inf Bn

(1) Will recce the area enclosed by the following grid lines : east west 67, north south 80 east west 65 with a view to its suitability for the deployment of the bn in two perimeters. This recce will be made under arrangements this HQ.

(11) Patrolling

Vigorous patrolling will be carried out in the area shown in Appx 'B'

(111) Trg

Will continue trg with special attention to night mvt and dawn attack.

6. Timings

- (a) Responsibility for areas shown in Appx 'B' will be assumed at 1100 hrs 29 Dec at which time all reliefs will be complete.
- (b) No relief will commence before 0630 hrs 27 Dec.

ADMINISTRATION

7. Hand over of stores on relief

All reliefs whether inter bn or intra bn will be on "walk in, walk out" basis, with the exception of

- (a) MT, HMGs and 3" Mortars
- (b) Articles belonging to units or sub units, which have been obtained, extra to WET, for the purpose of man management.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 262125L Maj  
EM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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15 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1
42 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2
47 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3
2 Aust Fd Regt	4	4	4
3 Aust Div	5-6	5-6	5-6
File	7-8	7-8	7-8
War Diary	9-10	9-10	9-10

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11 Aust Fd Coy SC  
 A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn BASCO  
 18 Aust Sup Depot Pl Sigs  
 104 Aust Bde Wkshop SMO

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APPX 'A' TO 29 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN 7/44

1. Tps

Tps as under are placed under comd inf bns for local def purposes..

(a) Under comd 15 Aust Inf Bn

5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

(b) Under comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

Det ANGAU (779793)  
18 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
Det 56 Aust Tpt Coy  
MDS 7 Aust Fd Amb

(c) Under comd 47 Aust Inf Bn

6 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy  
45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec

2. A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

(a) A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn are establishing the following temporary patrol bases :

- (i) ADV PATROL BASE A 761648
- (ii) ADV PATROL BASE B 765629

(b) 3 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn are relieving 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn during 26 Dec.

(c) 5 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn passed to comd 11 Aust Inf Bde at 0600 hrs 25 Dec.

3. PROVAN GP

Tps comprising PROVAN GP at present consisting of

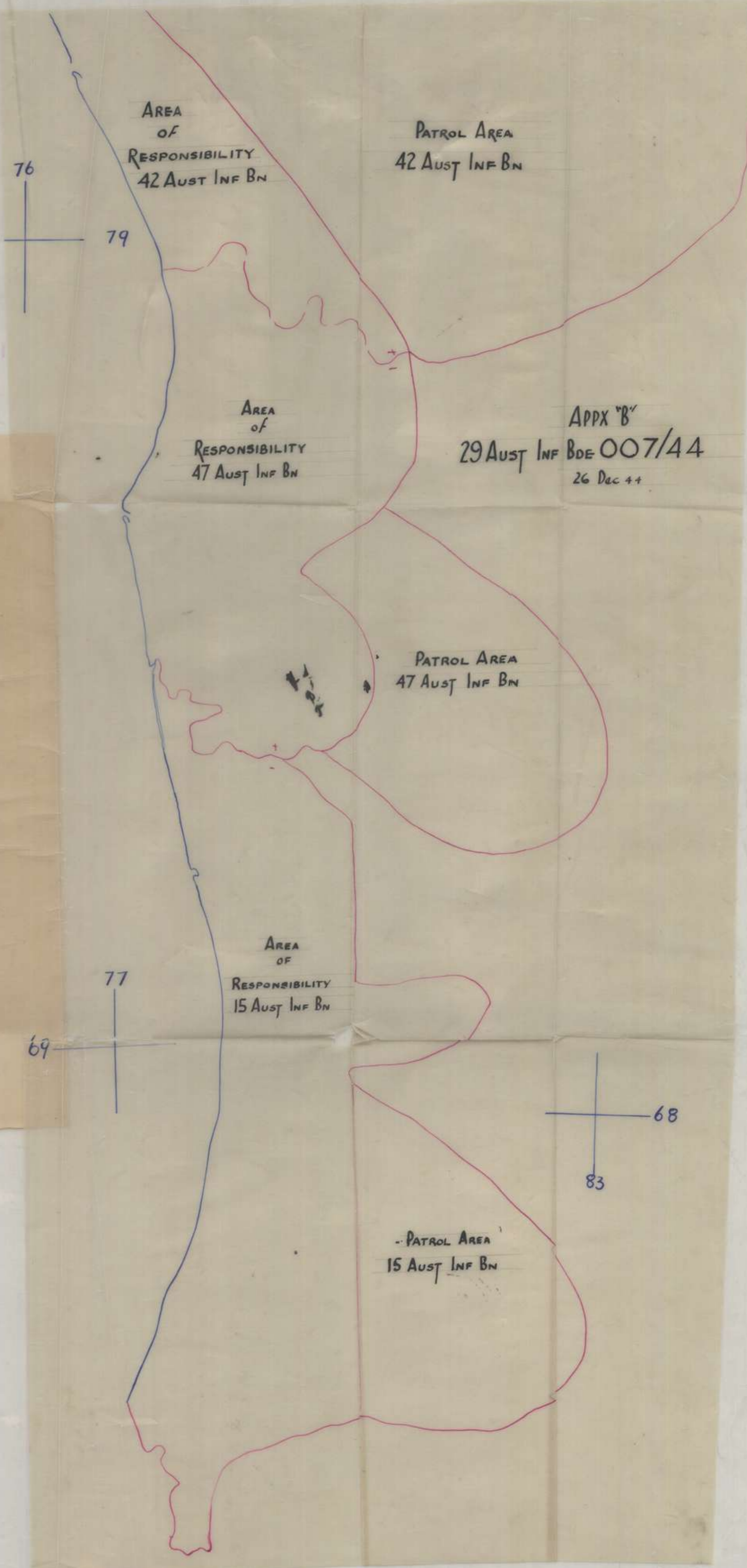
B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn  
A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn  
Det 7 Aust Fd Amb

will revert to comd parent units as from 1100 hrs 29 Dec.

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5-8	5-8	5-8
9-10	9-10	9-10

The following units and staff have noted this copy

11 Aust Fd Coy  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
18 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
101 Aust Fd Amb



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1. Sitrep 29 to 271730L
2. O.240 of 272015L to 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns

From : 29 Aust Inf Bde                      TOO    271730L

To : 3 Aust Div

For Infm ; 7 Aust Inf Bde 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt  
rear 29 aust inf bde 7 aust fd amb  
A coy 1 NG Inf Bn

I.407 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 29 to 271730L (.) active  
patrolling continued JABA - TAVERA RIVERS area (.) two  
well fed and equipped japs killed 805667 (.) papers on  
killed indicate possibility of presence 3 Bn 13 Regt  
at MOSINA (MORENO) ref 849679 1" series (.) patrol  
located newly dug enemy posn 821717 otherwise SITNOR (.)  
all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde                      TOO    272015L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns

For infm        A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.240 (.) restricted (.) every NGIB patrol which  
goes out will be followed by a white patrol which  
will establish a firm base for it.

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1. O.242 of 281055L to 3 Aust Div
2. O.243 of 281615L to 15 Aust Inf Bn  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
3. O.244 of 281620L to PROVAN GP
4. Sitrep to 281730L
5. O.246 of 281850L to 2 Aust Fd Regt
6. O.247 of 281900L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
7. Location amendments to 282000L
8. 47 Aust Inf Bn O.O. 2/44

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281055L

To : 3 aust div

O.242 (.) confidential (.) for GOC (.) further to conversation regarding track from 783680 to MENDAI (.) at 281050L C coy 15 aust inf bn had discovered without loss strong ambush at log crossing 792671

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281615L

To : 15 aust inf bn A coy 1 NG Inf Bn

For infm : 42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt

O.243 (.) SECRET (.) 15 aust inf bn will (.) one (.) occupy with one coy NOT later than 291000L a def posn based in the angle formed by the TAVERA RIVER and the coast in approx area 778663 (.) this coy will provide one pl to act as adv patrol base for a patrol from A coy 1 NG Inf Bn which will be operating from 778663 towards the NE (.) two (.) will patrol from present location C coy along track to LOG CROSSING 792671 as far as swamp only (.) three (.) will maintain existing perimeters protecting gun sites at 777726 and coy perimeters at 785692 and 783680 (.) four (.) will prepare plans for the relief of one coy for an offensive if required in the direction of MENDAI 852686 (.) these plans will be submitted verbally as early as possible to the bde comd (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn will (.) establish a listening post at ADV PATROL BASE A 771648 (.) two (.) will patrol from adv patrol base formed by one pl 15 aust inf bn NE from 778663 towards LOG CROSSING will locate track leading SW from LOG CROSSING to SISIRUAI locate rear of enemy holding LOG CROSSING killand return ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281620L

To : PROVAN GP

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt

O.244 (.) confidential (.) PROVAN GP passes comd 47 aust inf bn 281630L

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281800L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde 15,42 aust inf bns adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt 7 aust fd amb A coy 1 NG inf bn

I.111 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 281730L (.) TAVERA RIVER area (.) patrol along tract to SISIRUAI 1 saw jap ambush south side LOG CROSSING 792671 attempts to outflank prevented by swamp (.) arty engaged at least four japs being killed (.) JABA RIVER AREA (.) patrolling continued (.) otherwise SITNOR all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281850L  
To : 2 aust fd regt  
For infm : 15,42, 47 aust inf bns

0.246 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 4 bty will be prepared to move by rd to present area 6 bty NOT before 300700L (.) 6 bty will be prepared to move by sea area approx 782673 NOT before 300700L ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 281900L  
To : 15 aust inf bn  
For infm : 42 47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
A coy 1 NG inf bn

0.247 (.) SECRET (.) further to our 0.243 of 281615L (.) should opportunity offer during 29 dec 15 aust inf bn will seize and hold with one coy a perimeter controlling LOG CROSSING (.) should this perimeter be established by C coy one pl will be provided from bn res to hold their present area ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 282015L  
To : 3 aust div  
For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt A coy  
1 NG inf bn 7 aust fd amb 29 bde sig sec  
18 sup depot pl

I.112 (.) SECRET (.) location amendments to 282000L (.) 15 bn B 780713 9 pl returned A coy perimeter (.) 42 bn D 792780 (.) 47 bn B 791736 C less 14 pl 779733 14 pl 777765 D 17 pl 813731 16 pl returned D coy perimeter (.) 4 pl 1 NGIB BASE A withdrawn



47 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 2/44INFORMATION

1. (a) Enemy: As per current Sitreps  
 (b) Own Tps: A Coy in perimeter 800729, B Coy in perimeter at 797731, D Coy less 1 Pl in firm base at 772757, one Pl D Coy with 3 Pl NGIB at 813731 C Coy less one pl in reserve in present position. 1 Pl C Coy to relieve D Coy by 290700L at 772757. 2 Btys 2 Aust Fd Regt in support from present posn.

INTENTION

2. 47 Aust Inf Bn will clear the enemy from the area in square 8072.

METHOD3. Deployment of Tps

1 Pl D Coy with under comd 1 det Mortar pl will move from present posn at 281500L to 3 Pl NGIB in one ALCA which will be retained under comd. 3 Pl NGIB less one sec will cross river and establish a perimeter at 818723 by 290700L. One Pl D Coy will cross JABA RIVER at 290800L and will take over NGIB base as NGIB move out. This pl will hold posn as firm base for NGIB until op completed.  
 D Coy less one pl with under comd 3 LCAs will land at No.6 BLP at 290730L

PROVAN FORCE

A Coy with under comd one sec MMG pl and one det Tk/A pl will remain in present perimeter and hold firm base. B Coy less one pl and one sec will remain in present perimeter. One Pl B Coy will establish ambush at 799728 by 290800L and on withdrawal of Pl of D Coy from fight will move forward on orders from Comd HQ to bottleneck posn and form firm base which it will hold during night 29/30 Dec and until reinforced on morning 30 Dec. One sec B Coy in posn listening post at 796729 by 290800L to be relieved by D Coy less 2 pls on their withdrawal from bottleneck area. D Coy less 2 pls will hold listening post posn during night 29/30 Dec. C Coy with under comd MMG Pl less one sec and one det Mortar pl and Tk/A pl less one det will remain in reserve in present posn.

TASKS

4. 3 Pl NGIB less one sec will prevent the advance of enemy reserves at 820718 and will cut enemy telephone line at 290950L in that vicinity. 3 Pl NGIB will hold this posn until 291300L and then withdraw to firm base

One Pl D Coy will establish firm base at 818723 to be completed by 291000L. This pl will provide protection for 3 Pl NGIB as they come in and will then withdraw to 813731 but NOT before NGIB have entered perimeter.

D Coy less 1 Pl will move along new track SOUTH of JABA main track cross swamp south of bottleneck 801727. One pl will then move north laid on by NGIB to strike main JABA track at 291000L, this pl will then with grenades owens and brens wipe out the enemy in bottleneck posn. On pre-arranged signal from Pl Comd the pl will withdraw back along track to B Coys perimeter and come under comd B Coy.

D Coy less 2 Pls will provide covering fire to right flank and protect rear of attacking pl until pl has completed withdrawal when it will also withdraw to listening post posn 796729.

#### SUPPORT

5. Mortar Pl less 3 dets will range on area 806726 and be on call for DF by D Coy. One det Mortar Pl will act as direct support for D Coy during attack. Two Btys 2 Aust Fd Regt will provide harassing fire on BOTTLENECK posn on night 28/29 Dec as arranged by Bde HQ and will have DF task on call from 3 Pl NGIB at 821727 as from 291000L.

#### ADMINISTRATION

6. Arm  
D Coy will carry 100 rds per rifleman  
10 mags for Bren  
10 mags for Owen  
2 grenades per man (4 sec)  
7 grenades per EY rifle (7 sec)  
12 2" mortar HE per mortar

#### Rations

D Coy will carry emergency rations only.

#### Medical

6 Stretcher bearers allotted to D Coy  
One ALCA will stand by at 813731 for evacuation of casualties.  
One ALCA from three which transport D Coy to No.6 BLP will remain at this point for evacuations.  
Car Post is established 772757  
First Field dressings, first aid outfits individual will be carried by all personnel.

#### INTERCOMN

7. Eight pigeons allotted to 1 Pl D Coy at 818723 to be released in pairs at 290900L, 291100L, 291400L and one pair in reserve. This pl will be in direct line communication with fwd cmd Gp HQ and 3 Pl NGIB. D Coy will have two phones, one with attacking pl and one with Coy HQ both in direct communication with fwd cmd HQ. 4 Sigs are allotted to D Coy, Two extra phones are allotted to fwd cmd post. One phone is allotted to ambush pl B ccy and one phone to sec at listening post.  
All coys will be linked by line to fwd cmd post.

#### Reports

Cmd HQ for this Op opens 796731 at 290800L.

#### ACKNOWLEDGE

Capt  
Adjnt 47 Aust Inf Bn

#### DISTRIBUTION

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1. O.248 of 291130L to PROVAN GP
2. SITREP 30 to 291230L
3. C.252 of 291540L to 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns, 2 Aust Fd Regt, A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn, 7 Aust Fd Amb
4. SITREP 31 to 291730L
5. Location amendments to 292030L.

From: 29 Aust Inf Bde Time of origin: 291130L

To: PROVAN GP

C.248 (.) restricted (.) for maj PROVAN (.) please convey to all ranks of PROVAN GP my thanks and congratulations on a job well done (.) your own efforts have been indelibly recorded.

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 291315L

To: 3 aust div

For info: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 1 Coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust inf bde, adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust fd amb

I.113 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 30 to 291230L (.) ref maps comd sheet 1/25000 (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one pl with det NGIB established perimeters 818723 at 290800L (.) ambushed track leading east and cut telephone line 291000L (.) 291100L ambush killed 1 linesman and wounded another two escaped (.) one coy less two pls moving south through hy swamp seized track at 802724 at 290950L (.) one pl attacked west and has now cornered between itself and another pl ambush at 798729 at least 1 woodpecker 1 LMG 4 rifles (.) action proceeding (.) one sec with det NGIB moving east along track to contact perimeter at 818723 (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one coy moved 787662 and established perimeter 290930L thanks to excellent work by ALC (.) patrols moving south and east (.) patrol east with FOO and mortar op from 783680 reached LOG CROSSING without contact (.) forming perimeter (.) patrolling proceeding all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 291540L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, 1 coy 1 NG inf bn 7 aust fd amb

rptd: 3 aust div

O.252 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will hold as one coy perimeters 818723-801727-796731 which will be developed fully maintaining look and contact patrolling only until perimeters are secure (.) two (.) adv HQ 47 aust inf bn will move to suitable perimeter vicinity barge loading pt 6 (.) three (.) will with one coy be responsible for the protection of gun sites at approximately 779725 (.) four (.) all tasks will be completed by 301800L at which time the southern boundary 47 aust inf bn will be a line from 818723 to north bank mouth of TUJU RIVER (.) five (.) north bank mouth TUJU RIVER will be junc pt between 15 aust inf bn and 47 aust inf bn (.) 3 pl & coy 1 NG inf bn (.) one (.) will revert comd this HQ as from 291800L (.) two (.) on 30 dec will firstly patrol from their pl area to the first R in RIVER at 833736 and secondly patrol south bank JABA RIVER to 822720 maintaining observation there during hours of daylight (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will hold with MCT less than one coy gp each of the following perimeters 792671-778664-785692 and with one coy gp less one pl 783680 (.) two (.) will establish with MCT less than one pl not later than 300630L an adv patrol base at 771648 for the ops of 4 pl & coy 1 NG inf bn (.) 4 pl & coy 1 NG inf bn less one sec will conduct recce patrols in the area ADELE RIVER - east west grid line 62 - north south grid line 79 (.) these patrols will be completed by 011900L (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will concentrate bn less one coy in the bde firm base area TAGESSI JABA RIVERS by 302000L occupying following coy perimeters 779783-773797-792781 (.) unless otherwise ordered all mvt will be by rd (.) two (.) bn B ech and one coy remaining CHOP CHOP area will be prepared to sponsor the staging of one inf bn in that area (.) maximum tentage will be left standing (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) One (.) 4 bty

will move by road and will occupy present area 6 bty NCT later than 301600L (.) two (.) 6 bty will move by sea under separate arrangements and will occupy area 782673 NCT later than 301500L (.) 7 aust fd amb will station ALC5 amb barge and resuscitation squad at barge landing pt 5 NCT later than 300800L ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 291910L  
To: 3 aust div  
Rptd: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust fd amb

I.114 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 31 to 291730L (.) further to our L.113 of 291315L (.) JUBA RIVER AREA (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) pillbox consisting of 1 FMG located 797730 (.) outflanking pls holding present locations preparatory to liquidating pillbox posn 30 dec (.) fwd posn 818723 reports attempt to outflank by armed natives at 1715L one of whom was wounded (.) total enemy cas 8 killed 4 wounded own one wounded later died of wounds (.) TAVERA RIVER AREA (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one coy established def perimeter 291600L LOG CROSSING (.) patrolling continued otherwise sitnor all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 292030L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 7 aust fd amb, 29 aust inf bde sig sec, 18 aust sup depct pl

I.114 (.) SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 292000L (.) 15 aust inf bn C 792671 B 778664 D 17 pl 783680 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) B 12 pl 790728 C 13 pl 773757 D less 17 pl 801727 17 pl 818723 (.) 11 aust fd coy 2 pl 780714

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1. O.253 of 300745L to 3 Aust Div
2. Sitrep 32 to 200830L
3. O.255 of 301130L to 3 Aust Div
4. O.256 of 301435L to 3 Aust Div
5. O.257 of 301710L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
6. O.1089 of 301900L from 3 Aust Div to  
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7. Sitrep 33 to 301730L
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10. Int Report No.1
11. Terrain Report for period 24/30 Dec
12. Int Report No.3
13. Locations as at 30 Dec

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 300745L

To : 3 aust div

0.253 (.) confidential (.) for GOC (.) requesting recce for relief 47 aust inf bn JABA RIVER commence 1 jan (.) relief commence 2 jan to be completed by 031200L (.) accomodation one bn less one coy with fostering party installed available CHOP CHOP 710862 from 301200L

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 300930L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt 7 aust fd amb

I.116 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 32 to 300830L (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) fwd perimeter 818723 reports appearance last light 29 dec 1 jap in aust uniform possibly taken from cpl killed at 820718 a few days ago and NOT recovered (.) a further attempt to outflank 2 hostile armed natives resulted in both being killed (.) signs show bodies dragged away during night (.) jap infiltration by 3 patrols estimated strength 33 and 10 respectively at pts between barge landing pt 6 and 801727 culminated in jap attacks with grenades and small arms all of which were repulsed (.) known enemy losses 3 killed estimated from blood signs 4 wounded (.) own cas 2 killed 2 wounded one of whom remaining on duty (.) mopping up continues (.) TAVERA RIVER area (.) 15 aust inf bn sitnor all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 301130L

To : 3 aust div

0.255 (.) confidential (.) further to sitrep 33 (.) exact report from 47 aust inf bn states that at 818723 four armed hostile natives seen this morning (.) natives seen yesterday were wearing lap laps and bne had a metal disc hung from his neck similar in gen appearance to an identity disc (.) comd and NGIB comd proceeding 47 bn further investigation (.) request fullest enquiry from AIB and urgent details fwded.

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 301435L

To : 3 aust div

0.256 (.) confidential (.) ANGAU report footprints of enemy party approx 10 one day old north along track NIGITAN - SISIKA to MARIROPA and returning south (.) 5 sets prints split toed boots remainder unshod (.) further party same strength probably two days earlier south from SISIKA crossing MARIROPA

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 301710L

To : 47 aust inf bn

For infm : 15,42 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2  
aust fd regt

0.257 (.) SECRET (.) confirming verbal orders (.) one (.)  
fwd perimeter 818723 will be held night 30/31 dec but coy  
will be prepared to vacate NOT before 310730L leaving  
booby traps behind (.) two (.) one coy def posns  
established at 795731 - 792736 will continue to be held (.)  
our 0.252 47 aust inf bn para one varied accordingly.

From : 3 aust div

TOO 301900L

To : 2/8 commando sqn

For infm : 29 bde sigs 3 aust div AASC 3 aust div

0.1089 (.) confirming verbal orders (.) 2/8 commando sqn  
will move to JABA RIVER area as follows (.) one tp  
depart present area 310600L report HQ 29 bde (.)  
balance sqn move to arrive HQ 29 bde at 311200L (.)  
under comd 29 bde as from 310600L

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 301915L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde A coy  
1 NG inf bn adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust  
fd regt 7 aust fd amb  
I.117 confidential (.) sitrep 33 to 301730L (.) JABA  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) after successfully  
attacking enemy posn 797730 one coy less one pl concentrated  
in temporary perimeter at 802725 (.) patrol from raiding  
posn 818723 through enemy posn 797730 to 795731 reported  
NMS although sounds of considerable firing to south (.)  
301155L estimated 30/50 japs supported either by mortar  
or mtn gun attacked temporary perimeter of 802725 counter  
attack driven off and coy less one pl withdrew to perimeter  
at 792736 (.) cas (.) enemy 5 definitely killed considered  
numerous others (.) own 1 OR killed 2 offr and 6 OR  
wounded 1 offr remaining on duty (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.)  
15 aust inf bn (.) 1 pl at 771648 attacked by jap 301540L  
and telephone line cut (.) pigeon message read requesting  
assistance and medical sups (.) one pl sent with orders to  
withdraw after contact with fwd pl with whole party to  
coy perimeter (.) further infm when available (.) all  
informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 301915L

To : 3 aust div

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From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 302130L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde A coy I NG  
inf bn adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt  
7 aust fd amb

I.118 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 34 to 302100L (.) further  
to our sitrep 33 (.) TAVERA RIVER AREA (.) 15 aust inf bn (.)  
NGIB patrol operating from pl posn 771648 reached beach 100  
yds north of pl posn (.) killed one jap at break in wire (.)  
one pl from coy def posn 778663 contacted NGIB and moved on  
to assist fwd pl (.) on move up killed 2 japs and when  
30/40 yds from pl posn in dark endeavoured by using  
vernacular and slang to persuade the pl to permit them to  
enter perimeter (.) every attempt was greeted by grenades  
own and bren fire (.) relieving pl therefore returned (.)  
a further pigeon message received 1900L stated 1 offr  
wounded in abdomen 2 OR wounded and requiring morphia which  
could not be supplied owing to issue being restricted to  
SBs (.) JABA RIVER AREA (.) 47 aust inf bn sitnor all  
informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 302215L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd  
regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn 7 aust fd amb 18 sup depot pl  
104 wkshop det ANGAU

For infm : 3 aust div

O.258 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) hostile armed natives have been  
reported on various perimeters (.) in future NGIB pers  
will be wearing web eqpt with two basic pouches and shoulder  
braces (.) police are at present wearing bayonet with  
leather frog and extreme care should be taken until more  
suitable eqpt can be authorised all informed

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 1

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
30 Dec 44

3 Aust Div

Copy to 1 15 Aust Inf Bn  
42 Aust Inf Bn  
47 Aust Inf Bn  
2 Aust Fd Regt  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
7 Aust Fd Amb

Ref maps: 1" to 1 mile

1. Enemy dispositions and movements by locality

Locality		Source	Date	Grading
(a) MOSINA ) MENZIA )	(1) 'Fairly large' concentration of Japs	ANGAU	26 Dec	C3
	(ii) 'Number' of Japs dead and sick from causes unknown	"	"	"
(b) SISIRUAI	(1) 'small' concentration of enemy moving south along track	"	"	"
(c) MOSIGETTA	(1) 'Large' concentration of Japs employing natives on sac sac buildings for week past	"	"	"
	(ii) 'Main' concentration to EAST of MOSIGETTA but 'close to'	"	"	"
(d) MAWARAKA ) MAKATOWA )	(1) Very few enemy	"	"	"

2. Enemy Arms Equipment and Food

(a) TAVERA RIVER	(1) Arms captured :	15 Bn	27 Dec	A1
	Two Meiji long rifles recently oiled, and with one bottle mineral oil between the two.			
	(ii) Amn :	"	"	"
	In best condition of any captured to date Both mags fully charged Two full belt pouches and 50/60 rds in each			
(iii) Food :	8 pkts of fd ration, including compressed barley, salt and possibly fish.	"	"	"
	6 lbs rice Mess tin of cooked kau kau 4 lbs prepared sac sac			
(iv) Clothing etc	One enemy shod, although boots badly worn	"	"	"
	Clothing good			

29 AUST INF BDE TERRAIN REPORT

For Period - 24-30 Dec incl

Ref Maps : 29 Bde comd sheet  
BOUGAINVILLE 4 miles to 1 inch

1. This information has been gained from patrols, natives, airphotos and maps ex 2/5 Cdo Sqn. The reliability grading of individual items is shown in brackets

2. Where possible all data is shown on the attached appendices A and B. Otherwise it is listed below :  
(Appendices not attached)

(a) VILLAGE AND RIVER NAMES

(i) MARIROPA RIVER

Natives state that this is TAGESSI RIVER (B2)

(ii) MARIWI RIVER

Natives state that this is HUPAI RIVER (B2)

(iii) Un-named river immediately SOUTH OF HUPAI RIVER

Natives state that this is HUPAISUPANI RIVER (B2)

(iv) Villages Natives state that the following duplication of names exists :

WARAPA	)	MENDAI
MENDAI	)	
KUPON	}	KOKOPENEI
KOKOPENEI	}	

Locality		Source	Date	Grading
(b) MAWARAKA	(i) All footprints found were of bare feet No boot prints	NGIB	27 Dec	A1
	(ii) In patrol clash vicinity BASE B (ref 772606 one of enemy party was carrying wireless set	"	"	B2
(c) JABA RIVER	(i) Barge which partly exposed and scoured by heavy surf at approx ref 781754 is probably SHOHATSU (small type) and has type 94 37mm Tk/A gun mounted for 360 degree traverse on stern	2 Fd Regt	29 Dec	A1
	(ii) Captured rifles: Rusty and without oil	47 Bn	"	"
	(iii) Amn One bandolier of 20 rounds good condition	"	"	"
	(iv) Food: Half pound mildewed rice	"	"	"
	(v) Clothing and Boots Clothing poor Boots good	"	"	"

### 3. Enemy personnel

(a) TAVERA RIVER	(i) 2 Japs killed, best physical condition yet encountered	15 Bn	27 Dec	B1
(b) JABA RIVER	(i) 1 Jap killed, good physical condition	47 Bn	29 Dec	A1

### 4. Enemy miscellaneous

(a) JABA RIVER	Natives using arms against out troops as part of co-ordinated Jap attack plan	47 Bn	29 Dec	B3
(b) MOTUPENA POINT	A large aircraft similar in distant appearance to DOUGLAS tpt flying very low and slowly over MOTUPENA PT direction from SE disappeared behind trees	NGIB	25 Dec 26 Dec	B2

Capt  
IO 29 Aust Inf Bde

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 3 TO 300800L

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
30 Dec

3 Aust Div

Copy to : 15 Aust Inf Bn  
42 Aust Inf Bn  
47 Aust Inf Bde  
2/8 Aust Commando Sqn  
Adv 2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

1. Booby trapping - area 818723 (29 Comd Sheet)

All personnel will be advised that the raiding perimeter at present held at 818723 will be vacated during the next few days. The vacated area will be completely booby trapped. In particular a case of beer, a bottle of whisky, a bottle of gin, cartons of cigarettes, and a few tins of bully beef must be treated with greatest suspicion. In order to discourage the use of our clothing by the enemy one pair of trousers and one shirt have been treated with a strong persistent skin irritant and will NOT be booby trapped.

2. Armed Hostile natives

In future A coy NG Inf Bn will be wearing web equipment with two basic pouches. ANGAU have been requested to provide police boys with one cross brace easily seen on a black skin.

3. Enemy tactics

Enemy met in the last three days have employed every artifice of minor tactics which one expects normally from well trained Jap troops. They are in excellent condition and show a strong offensive spirit, considerable tenacity in the attack, and automatic encirclement on contact of outstanding celerity. On every occasion on which shell and mortar fire has been brought down on an occupied area, that area has been promptly vacated.

The danger of approaching the scene of a successful ambush or setting the same trap twice in succession has been again demonstrated. Due to the excellence of enemy scouts, mortar fire has been intensely accurate. It is NOT considered wise on this account, first, to make perimeters too tight and secondly, to leave small temporary perimeters outside prepared defences for longer than 12 hours without arrangements being made to deal with a certain attack after contact is made.

It is highly important that FOCs for both arty and mortars should be boldly used with patrols from fwd coys, as Arty R has not yet been proved successful. The use of mortar smoke in indication of arty targets is of greatest value.

Capt  
IO 29 Aust Inf Bde

LOCATIONS AS AT 30 DECEMBER 1944

Serial	Units	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
1.	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29 Comd sheet	774795	
	<u>INF</u>			
2.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn		783681	
3.	A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		786691	
	7 Pl		786691	
	8 Pl		786691	
	9 Pl		786691	
4.	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		778663	
	10 Pl		778663	
	11 Pl		778663	
	12 Pl		778663	
5.	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		792671	
	13 Pl		792671	
	14 Pl		792671	
	15 Pl		792671	
6.	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		783680	
	16 Pl		783680	
	17 Pl		771648	
	18 Pl		783680	
7.	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn		778780	
8.	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		779781	
	7 Pl		779781	
	8 Pl		779781	
	9 Pl		777788	
9.	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		770803	
	10 Pl		774795	
	11 Pl		777766	
	12 Pl		768807	
10.	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	TORAKINA	715859	
	13 Pl		715859	
	14 Pl		715859	
	15 Pl		715859	
11.	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	29 Comd sheet	793781	
	16 Pl		793781	
	17 Pl		793781	
	18 Pl		793781	
12.	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn		795731	
13.	A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		818723	
	7 Pl		818723	
	8 Pl		818723	
	9 Pl		818723	
14.	B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		795731	
	10 Pl		795731	
	11 Pl		795731	
	12 Pl		795731	
15.	C Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		778725	
	13 Pl		778725	
	14 Pl		778725	
	15 Pl		778725	
16.	D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		792736	
	16 Pl		792736	
	17 Pl		792736	
	18 Pl		792736	
17.	HQ 2/8 Aust Commando Sqn		773758	U/c
	A Tp		792736	29 Bde
	B Tp		784696	30 Dec 44
	C Tp		793781	
18.	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn		774795	
	3 Pl		813731	
	4 Pl		784696	
18(a)	15 Pl a/1 Aust Gd Regt		784700	

	<u>ARTY</u>		
19.	<u>HQ 2</u> Aust Fd Regt	29 Comd	775793
20.	4 Bty	Sheet	777787
	A Tp		777787
	B Tp		777787
21.	5 Bty		777725
	C Tp		777725
	D Tp		777725
22.	6 Bty		782678
	E Tp		777766
	F Tp		782678
22(a)	G Tp 3 Aust Survey Bty		775793
	<u>ENGINEERS</u>		
24	<u>11</u> Aust Fd Coy		777748
	1 Pl		780714
	2 Pl		777748
	3 Pl		780714
24(a)	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy		774795
	<u>SIGS</u>		
25.	<u>29</u> Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		774794
26.	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div		775794
27	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec		772759
	<u>INT</u>		
28.	Language Det		774795
29	Det V Aust FS Sec		774795
	<u>AASC</u>		
30.	<u>18</u> Aust Sup Depot Pl		767809
31	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		767809
	<u>MED</u>		
32.	<u>7</u> Aust Fd Amb		
	MDS	TOROKINA	720857
		1 <sup>st</sup>	
	ADS	Comd Sheet	773798
33.	18 AAMCU		767809
	<u>DENTAL</u>		
34.	<u>HQ</u> Det 63 Aust Dent Unit		775795
35.	C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit		779779
	<u>ORD</u>		
36.	<u>104</u> Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less MT Sec)	TOROKINA 1 <sup>st</sup>	573964
	<u>AEME</u>		
37.	<u>312</u> Aust LAD (Type J)	29 Comd	775794
38.	104 Aust Bde Wkshop (less MT Sec)	Sheet	775794
	<u>PRO</u>		
39	<u>Det 3</u> Aust Div Pro Coy		775795
	<u>MISC</u>		
40.	<u>Det 3</u> Aust Div Fd Cash Office		774795
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42.	Det ANGAU		781792
43.	FPO 069		767809

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7. O.265 of 312145L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
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9. Captured documents Batch No.31



From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 310930L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG Inf  
bn, adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust  
fd amb, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.120 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 35 to 310830L (.) TAVERA  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 bn (.) one pl isolated 771648 evacuated  
by barge with little incident at 310630L (.) story tallies  
completely with previous reports (.) one own gun lost by  
NGIB sjt killed recently recovered from dead jap (.) cas  
between 301730L and 310630L in this area enemy 9 killed bodies  
searched eqpt and documents not yet received no check on  
wounded (.) own cas 1 offr wounded 2 OR wounded a few minor  
injuries remaining on duty (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust.  
inf bn inf bn SITNOR (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 311030L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, A Coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn, 11 aust fd coy, 18 aust sup depot pl, 56  
aust tpt pl, 7 aust fd amb, 104 aust bde ord fd pk, 104  
aust bde wksp, 42 aust landing craft coy, 312 aust LAD  
det ANGAU, 29 aust inf bde sig sec, 15 pl 2/1 aust gd regt

0.261 (.) restricted (.) it is reliably reported that the  
enemy has a few power barges just south of MAWARAKA (.)  
emphasis is once more placed on the fact that the beach  
under these circumstances is vulnerable.

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 311320L

To: 3 Aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NGIB  
adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo  
sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.122 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 36 to 311300L (.) 47 aust inf bn  
contact reported 798729 and 802725 (.) 15 aust inf bn contact  
reported 794668 estimated enemy strength 25 to 30 (.) patrol  
withdrew in face of continuous encirclement and now in  
perimeter 792671 (.) 6 japs killed own cas 2 killed 1 wounded

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 311930L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf  
bn, adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 2/8  
aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.124 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 37 to 311730L (.) TAVERA  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) jap ambush posn previously  
reported 794668 now reported at 791668 (.) patrol reports sounds  
considerable chopping 100 yds further along track and consider  
ambush posn outpost in main perimeter (.) ambush posn well dug  
in and track covered by two LMGs (.) patrol to 771648 reports  
line cut in 5 places and new trench system dug at 775656 (.)  
jap bodies killed night 30/31 dec searched but found all papers  
weapons eqpt and amn had already been removed (.) JABA RIVER  
SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) patrol from raiding posn 820726  
sighted 12 japs digging in at 817720 (.) arty engaged with  
unobserved results all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 312050L

To: 15 aust inf bn

O.264 CONFIDENTIAL (.) for lt col MACDONALD (.) all perimeters at present occupied will be expanded forthwith to proper def areas commencing first light 1 jan 45 (.) state additional wire required if any (.) sketches of coy def posns will be prepared an bn arrangements incl security patrolling and comms will be placed on a sketch and fwded to reach this HQ NOT later than 011500L with full detail of complete working programme for the next five days ack

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 312130L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb, 29 aust inf bde sig sec 18 aust sup depot pl

I.125 (.) SECRET (.) location amendments to 312000D (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) B less 11 pl 776765 D less 17 and 18 pls 771802 17 pl 768807 18 pl 774795 C coy TOROKINA 1 inch 720857 (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn HQ 772759 A tp 791736 C tp 793781 B tp moving TAVERA area all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 312145L

To: 42 aust inf bn

For infm: 15,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NG inf bn 11 aust fd coy

O.265 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 42 aust inf bn less one coy will be prepared to relieve 47 aust inf bn less one coy during 2 jan (.) coy comds recce will be completed by 011200L (.) pl comds recce completed 011800L (.) relief will commence NOT later than 020600L and will be completed by 021600L (.) comd JABA RIVER SECTOR passes to 42 aust inf bn on completion relief by one coy (.) fwd coy posns 818723 will be withdrawn at discretion of CO 42 aust inf bn (.) 47 aust inf bn less one coy will occupy def posns vacated by 42 aust inf bn less one coy (.) one coy 42 aust inf bn at CHOP CHOP and one coy 47 aust inf bn 778725 will remain present posns pending further orders (.) ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 312200L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, adv 2 aust fd regt, rear 2 aust fd regt, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb 18 aust sup depot pl, 29 aust inf bde LCB

L.123 CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP 4 to 311200L (.) ref maps comd sheet (.) one (.) condition of enemy equipment captured in JABA - TAVERA area during past 24 hours (.) rifles and LMG only superficially rusted ammunition in good condition clothing poor (.) two (.) documents captured included a coy intelligence log (.) entries therein show the location of a bn HQ at MAWARAKA and state that the unit was moved to MAWARAKA to counter our landing in TAVERA area (.) three (.) during jap attack against our patrol perimeter vicinity TAVERA RIVER mouth on 30 dec cries of "SURRENDER AMERICANOS" were heard (.) this is interesting in the light of the fact that the last three PW captured by the brigade thought captors and interrogator were AMERICAN (.) four (.) our troops in both 47 and 15 bn areas state that aust 36 gdes are being used against them (.) five (.) enemy tactics (.) patrol to 791668 recognised an old jap trick - obstruction across track to create noise when leading scout passed through (.) leading scout outflanked and killed jap sentry (.) area behind obstruction found to be cleared and covered by cross fire from two LMGs (.) on return japs attempted to outflank the patrol from both flanks working out 30/40 yds from track (.) one LMG seen sited up tree at ambush (.) enemy dress shirt trousers weapons and man only - NO equipment

DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Batch No. 31 captured at BASE A MOTUPENA 1" series 775620 by 17 Pl D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn 29 Aust Inf Bde on 31 Dec 44 (one document only) Translator 118.

1. Document consists of 22 sheets of mimeograph paper bound together by a boot lace. There is no front cover but on the inside of the back cover is written "Intelligence Records No. 1 Coy. The document itself is written in pencil and nowhere does it refer to "No. 1 Coy" but only to "the coy"

Extracts (part of document illegible)

20 Dec 1510

2nd Lt SHIBATA and one man returned from MOSIGETTA Garden

21 Dec

1st Lt MICHINO and 5 men are constructing bivouac area.

Sjt KAI went on starch detail to SURUFURU

Leading Pte GOTO went to No. 3 garden at SURUFURU

23 Dec

Maj KINOSHITA of 13 Inf Regt came on inspection tour to SURUFURU departed 0700 hrs.

24 Dec

CO and 1st Lt MICHINO and WO KATSUC went on inspection tour of 4, 6 and 7 gardens at SURUFURU, Bn will move in order to repulse enemy which landed in the vicinity of TAVERA RIVER. Coy will go to PURIATA and receive order from Bn commander.

25 Dec

Above Coy arrived at PURIATA and left for MOSIGETTA. Arrived at MOSIGETTA 1050. Coy which received West Garrison Cp Order No. 115 was attached to MAWARAKA Garrison Unit. Coy, according to the Cp Order No. 115 under the temporary command of 2nd Lt SHIBATA went towards MEIBA and arrived at MAWARAKA Garrison unit and came under the command of Garrison Unit Commander.

The Coy CO and one messenger will leave for 13 Inf Regt HQ which is on the MEIBA fork and will advance towards MAWARAKA. At the same time Sgt IWAMOTO and one man came under our control. Present strength is 23 men.

26 Dec

Main strength of Coy under command of 2nd Lt SHIBATA and 17 men were despatched to left bank of TAVERA RIVER on patrol. Between MAWARAKA and UPAI we were attacked by enemy with automatic rifles. We repulsed them but in fierce attack by the enemy Coy CO and 2 OR were killed in action, 3 men wounded.

27 Dec

Sgt YAMAMOTO and two men were despatched via MEIBA to 13 Inf Regt HQ and to SURUFURU Rear Unit for the purpose of communication. Captured enemy equipment between MAWARAKA and UPAI River Mouth. Despatched to UPAI River mouth 3 men for the purpose of patrolling. 2 men were sent to Bn HQ at MAWARAKA for communications. Yesterday the enemy was pushed back by a coy attack and is occupying the bank of the UPAI River.

28 Dec

Four men were despatched to the mouth of the UPAI on left bank to patrol. WO KATSUC and 2 men were sent to reconnoitre left bank UPAI River. Four men were sent to reconnoitre the enemy situation between UPAI and TAVERA Rivers. Five men were sent to reconnoitre upstream UPAI River. 1st Lt ARANAKA and 2nd Lt SHIBATA overtook the patrol which returned to the unit.

Casualty List

1st Lt NAKAHATA killed in action

2 men

3 men

"  
wounded

1 JANUARY 1945

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1. O.267 of 011530L to 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns, 2 Aust Fd  
Regt 2/8 Aust Cde Sqn
2. VE of 011630L from ANGAU
3. Sitrep 38 to 011730L
4. O.268 of 012100L to A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
5. Location Statement No.2
6. 29 Aust Inf Bde OO 1/45
7. Captured Documents Batch 37

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 011530L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

0.267 (.) restricted (.) as from time of receipt of this message comms to 47 aust inf bn and 11 aust fd coy will be limited to buzzer and W/T traffic between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs the following morning.

From : ANGAU TOO 011630L

To : 29 aust inf bde

VE (.) natives recently brought in give the following information (.) one (.) MOKOKOLIO AREA (.) NO enemy have been seen in this village or in the area immediately EAST for some months (.) two (.) native visited village three weeks ago and saw only four Japs and three Jap houses just east of the village on small ck (.) three (.) HSTRA (.) No enemy movement seen recently (.) previously occasional parties moved through the area travelling north or south

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 011930L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde A Coy 1 NG  
Inf Bn adv 2 aust fd regt rear 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn 7 aust fd amb

I.126 (.) confidential (.) SITREP 38 to 011730L (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) 311900L enemy estimated 20/30 attacked def posns 795731 and 792736 (.) arty and mortars engaged and attack repulsed by 313115L (.) own cas 1 killed 3 wounded (.) enemy cas unknown (.) patrol from raiding posn 818723 to contact def posn 795731 killed 1 jap at 811725 (.) documents captured (.) 011500L one native NOT obviously armed wearing black or dark blue lap lap sighted 792736 (.) patrol to contact followed tracks until they disappeared into sak sak swamp approx 792732 (.) 011630L NGIB patrol sighted at 818720 one native armed with a rifle guiding two japs one armed with a rifle and one carrying an object about 3 ft long (.) fire exchanged and area searched without result (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrolling continued otherwise sitnor (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 012100L

To : A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust  
cdo sqn

0.268 SECRET (.) tasks 2 jan (.) location of track reported to run SW from 791668 (.) continuation of patrol of sjt BRAHAM from 773652 in a NE direction (.) recce of track running NE from 792671 (.) task 3 jan (.) recce of track circuit 792671 - 791668 - 797663 - 803667 (.) ack all informed

SECRET

Copy No..

29 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT NO. 2as at 012359L Jan 45

Serial

Serial	Unit	Location	Reference
<b>HQ UNITS</b>			
1.	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29 Comd Sheet	774795
<b>MARINES</b>			
2.	Det Royal Marines		772756
<b>CAV</b>			
3.	2/8 Cav Cdo Sqn		773758
4.	A Tp		813731
5.	B Tp		780712
6.	C Tp		793781
<b>ARTY</b>			
7.	HQ 2 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)		775793
8.	4 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt		777787
9.	5 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt		777725
10.	6 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt (less E Tp)		782678 E Tp 777766
11.	C Tp 3 Aust Svy Bty		775793
<b>ENGRS</b>			
12.	II Aust Fd Coy (less 2 Pl)		777748 2 Pl 780714
13.	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		774795
<b>SIGS</b>			
14.	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		774794
15.	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div		775794
16.	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec		772757
<b>INF</b>			
17.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn		783681
18.	A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		786691
19.	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		778663
20.	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		792671
21.	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		783680
21(a)	HQ Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn (less dets)		780713
22.	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn		778780
23.	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn (less 9 Pl)		779781 9 Pl 777788
24.	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn (less 11 Pl)		777765 11 Pl 777766
25.	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA 1"	727857
26.	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn (less 17 Pl) (less 18 Pl)	29 Comd Sheet	771802 17 Pl 768807
26(a)	HQ Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn (less dets)		779780 18 Pl 775794
27.	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn		795731
28.	A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		818723
29.	B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		795731
30.	C Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		778725
31.	D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		792736
31(a)	HQ Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn (less dets)		779780
32.	HQ A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn		774795
33.	3 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn		813731
34.	4 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn		784696
35.	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		784700

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	<u>INT</u>			
36.	Language Det	29 Comd	774795	
37.	Det V Aust FS Sec	Sheet	774795	
	<u>AASC</u>			
38.	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl		767809	
39.	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		767809	
	<u>MED</u>			
40	7 Aust Fd Amb (less Part A Coy)	TOROKINA 1" 29 Comd Sheet	720857	MS Part A Coy MDS 773798 MSP 773756
41	18 AAMCU		767809	
	<u>DENTAL</u>			
42	Det 63 Aust Dental Unit		775795	
43	C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	TOROKINA 1"	713860	
	<u>ORD</u>			
44	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		753264	
	<u>AEME</u>			
45	312 Aust LAD (Type J)	29 Comd	775794	
46	104 Aust Bde Wkshop	Sheet	775794	
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50.	ANGAU Det		781792	

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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and will continue until further orders.  
NOT before 0700 hrs 2 Jan 48

SECRET

Copy No. .  
1 Jan 45

29 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER 1/45

Ref Maps : All map refs given in this order are on Comd sheet 1/25000 except where otherwise stated.

INFORMATION

1. (a) Enemy  
Issued separately to COs only  
(b) Own Tps  
As per Appx 'A'

INTENTION

2. 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn after occupying areas as given below will carry out designated tasks

METHOD

3. Tps, locations and tasks as follows :

Tps	Location	Tasks
HQ 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	773758	
One Tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	784696	Reserve tp at disposal OC
One Tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	813731	(a) To raid MAITURI 8871 (ref 1 in maps) once and then (b) To maintain continuous ambushes on jap track from REIRA 8875 (ref 1 in maps) to PARNA 8972 (ref 1 in maps) (c) Contacting one tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn operating south along track from SISIKA 8881 (ref 1 in maps) to REIRA
One Tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	793781	(a) To maintain continuous ambushes on jap track running from SISIKA - track junc 8778 - REIRA south from 1 in map east-west grid line 80 to REIRA (b) To maintain continuous ambushes on jap track running from track junc 8778 to TABARATA 9275 as far east as 1 in map north south grid line 90 (c) Contacting one tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn operating along track from REIRA to PARNA

4. Timings  
Tasks will be commenced NOT before 0730 hrs 2 Jan 45 and will continue until further orders.



5. NGIB

3 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn located area 813731 will remain for 48 hours after arrival of one tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn and will then move to 784696 where it will patrol area south of the rd MENDAI 852686 - TAVERA RIVER LAGOON 783681

6. ANGAU

Det ANGAU will attach native police, where available and a minimum of four guides with knowledge of each tp area, to each tp 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn. These guides will NOT be used as carriers.

7. FOSTERING

Units will foster tps working in or near their areas. Tp bases inside Bn areas are under cond for local def.

ADMINISTRATION

8. Sups

Fostering units will be responsible for the delivery of sups of all natures to tp bases except in the case of one tp located 813731 where 48 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for delivery only as far as Barge Landing Pt. 8

9. Water Tpt

One paddle dinghy at present with 3 Pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn will be handed over to relieving tp. 47 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the sup of all other forms of water tpt

10. Medical

Fostering units will be responsible for the evacuation of casualties from tp base in the case of one tp located 813731 where 47 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for evacuating from Barge Landing Pt 8.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

11. Reports

6 hourly reports from each tp will be collated at Sqn HQ to reach this HQ by 0700 and 1900 hrs daily.

12. Line

Line is available to tp locations.

13. R/T

5 208 sets will be issued by 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec to 2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn.

14. Pigeons

Pigeons are available for specific tasks on application to this HQ.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 011630L

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by LO

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2/8 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	1	1
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The following units and staff have sighted file copy

<u>Units</u>	<u>Staff</u>
11 Aust Fd Coy	EM(L)
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	SC
Det ANGAU	BASCO
7 Aust Fd Amb	Sig O.

**APPENDIX 'A' to 29AUST INF BDE 00 1/45**

**SECRET**

Copy No.

1. Enemy  
 Issued for infn COs only
2. Hostile Armed Natives
  - (a) Hostile armed natives have been reliably reported as operating against our fwd tps at 818723.
  - (b) Native tps of A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn are wearing web eqpt, two basic pouches and shoulder straps.
  - (c) ANGAU police boys are wearing, at the moment, leather belt, bayonet and frog, and one cross strap easily distinguishable against a black skin
3. Infn held by I Sec HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde  
 OC Sqn will examine completely all int records held by I Sec HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

LAN  
 08E YAI JAWA ES ME  
 01830L  
 Signed at  
 14/1/45

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)  
Language Detachment  
2 Jan 45

DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No.37 captured at JABA RIVER AREA (29 Aust Inf Bde Comd sheet 812725) by NG Inf Bn 3 Pl on 1 Jan 45 (Three documents)

1. One sheet, loose, carbon copied Operation Order No.112 of WEST SECTOR GUARD UNIT dated 22 Dec 44 1700 hrs (Tr118)

WEST SECTOR GUARD UNIT OP ORDER NO.112

WEST SECTOR GUARD UNIT ORDER

22 Dec 44 1700 hrs  
1 Km east of NIKE (TN PIKEI)

1. Enemy who landed at JABA, strength unknown, is at area west of log bridge. Furthermore elements of enemy have landed at MUPESI but since the landing enemy situation is unknown.

MORENO Garrison Unit, situated in the vicinity of baft site, is preparing for an attack. We havn't been able to contact shore Garrison Unit (TN probably 6 Coy 13 Regt)

2. Guard Unit (TN probably West Area Guard Unit) will strengthen the MORENO Garrison Unit and immediately annihilate the enemy.

3. MORENO Garrison Unit Commander will include on strength unit mentioned in paragraph 4 and annihilate the enemy.

4. 10 Coy will immediately proceed to JABA and come under the command of MORENO Garrison Unit.

Ammunition and medical supplies will be received from HQ of Guard Unit and rations will be received from MOSIGETTA for 10 days and will be carried.

5. 3 Bn Commander will immediately despatch 20 men under command of Coy CO to MEIBA FORK (TN MEIVO) and these will be put directly under my command. Carry emergency ration for ten days.

6. Other units will continue with their previous duties.

By West Sector Guard Unit Commander

Method of delivery

To 10 Coy - essential points to be memorised  
To 3 Bn - written  
To other units will be given orally and written down by messenger

DISTRIBUTION

Units under my direct command  
Div HQ

- 2. One sheet, loose, carbon copied. Organisation Chart  
UEDA Unit undated (Tr118)

ORGANISATION CHART UEDA UNIT

Coy CO 1st Lt UEDA, ISAMU

Platoon CO 2nd Lt NAGANO

HQ Section - WO

12 ORs

First Platoon

Platoon Leader - Sjt NOMIYAMA

11 OR

2nd Platoon

11

2nd Platoon

11 OR

3rd Platoon

11 OR

Duty personnel of Coys - 4 OR

TOKO Gd Unit 3 men

Bn Starch Detail 4 men

MUGUAI rear echelon 2 men

MANARAKA Gd Unit 1 man

SURUFURU rear echelon 6 men

Propaganda Section 1 man

PURIKA No.1 garden 2 men

Bn HQ labour unit 3 men

(Name unreadable)

Starch Detail 5 men

Regt HQ Labour Unit 1 man

Intendance Orderly 1 man

Patients in Hospital

2nd Lt MASUMOTO

12 OR

Hospital attendant 1 man

- 3. Two loose handwritten sheets being personal letter  
and sundry notes

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0 1/c HQ 3 Aust Div  
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1. 0.270 of 021000L to 11 Aust Fd Coy
2. VE of 021300L from ANGAU
3. 0.272 of 021427L to 3 Aust Div
4. 0.273 of 021515L to 42 Aust Inf Bn, A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn  
ANGAU
5. 0.275 of 021630L to 2/8 Aust Commando Sqdn,  
47 Aust Inf Bn
6. 0.276 of 021645L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
7. 0.274 of 021730L to 11 Aust Fd Coy
8. Sitrep 38 to 021730L
9. Location amendments to 022000L
10. 0.282 of 022100L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
11. 0.283 of 022130L to A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 021000L  
To : 11 aust fd coy  
For info 15 aust inf bn

O.270 (.) restricted (.) assault boat with outboard motor at present 11 aust fd coy area will arrive TAVERA RIVER NOT later than 021200L for work in TAVERA RIVER LAGOON (.) under orders 15 aust inf bn on arrival

From : ANGAU - WO ROBERTS TOO 021300L  
To : 29 aust inf bde

VE (.) interrogation of natives reveals following definite (quote) information (.) one (.) from main JABA RIVER a track branches southwards to TUJU much as indicated 800722 - 806673 on 1" series (.) two (.) loop track built and used by japs runs from approx 8270 to MOSINA and just skirts NORTHERN reach of TUJU (.) three (.) track runs from 8369 to NIGITAN and is being used by japs (.) possibility of track from vicinity LOG CROSSING 798656 NORTH RIVER TUJU (.) guides are probably available from ANGAU camp - capt ORMSBY advised (.) natives state TUJU RIVER is MARAU RIVER and that TUJU runs to EAST coast

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 021427L  
To : 3 aust div

O.272 (.) restricted (.) adv HQ this bde warned to move to 784700 on 5 jan (.) accomodation 15 offrs 100 OR available 774795 from that date

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 021515L  
To : 42 aust inf bn A coy 1 NG inf bn ANGAU  
For info : 15,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.273 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) ref 1 in map (.) ANGAU states definitely that track from 800722 to 806673 exists (.) also that there is a strong possibility of a track running from a log crossing at 796556 north to the TUJU (.) tasks 3 jan (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) will continue patrolling SW from old jap posn 790730 (cmd sheet) until contact is gained with NGIB (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn will trace track running from 800722 to 806673 continuing NW until contacting 42 aust inf bn (.) all patrols time out and NOT later than 0700L time in NOT later than 1600L ANGAU will provide 3 local guides each to 42 aust inf bn and A coy 1 NG Inf Bn to assist patrols (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 021630L

To : 2/8 Aust cdo sqn, 47 aust inf bn

O.275 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) B tp will move by rd from 780713 to 777748 and thence by four ALCAs reporting 777748 at 031000L to 818723 (.) move to be completed by 031600L (.) 11 aust fd coy will arrange tpt for move by rd as required by B tp (.) task B tp (.) one (.) relieve A coy 47 aust inf bn (.) two (.) local security patrolling only (.) HQ will move in four ALCAs reporting 040800L from 772757 to 811730 and thence by rd to 813731 (.) move to be completed by 041600L (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) A coy on relief will move on four ALCAs reporting 818723 at 041200L and two ALCAs reporting 818723 at 051100L to 784696 (.) task (.) to occupy def posn 786691 (.) occupation to be complete by 051600L (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 021845L

To : 42 aust inf bn

For info : 15 47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt 2/8 Aust cdo sqn  
A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.276 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) C coy 42 aust inf bn will move by road and occupy def posn mouth TAGESSI RIVER area NOT later than 031200L

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 021730L

To : 11 aust fd coy

For info : 15, 42 47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.274 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 11 aust fd coy less B ech and one pl with one jeep and trlr will move to 783681 (.) mvt of stores eqpt and pers will be by rd to 773752 thence by one ALCA running three trips first commencing 031200L to 783681 (.) move to be completed by 041200L (.) tasks on arrival (.) to be prepared to (.) one (.) build and maintain class 2 FB ferry across mouth TAVEA RIVER (.) eqpt to be landed NOT south of 783681 (.) two build and maintain jeep roads and jeep crossing in area already designated by comd to OC (.) eqpt (.) as much hy. eqpt as possible together with one pl less one sec will remain concentrated present area (.) one pl less one sec will continue to maintain rd from 778748 to 791737 (.) one sec will continue work on rd TAGESSI - JABA under direction CRE (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 021930L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde A coy  
1 NG Inf Bn 2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
7 aust fd amb.

I.128 ( ) CONFIDENTIAL ( ) SITREP 38 to 021730L ( ) JABA  
RIVER SECTOR ( ) 42 aust inf bn relieved 47 aust inf bn  
021100L ( ) patrol from 796731 to raiding posn 818723  
contacted japs posn 805725 ( ) killed one jap captured 1 LMG  
2 rifles own cas nil ( ) patrol from 792671 contacted jap  
posn 792699 ( ) posn engaged by mortar results unobserved ( )  
otherwise sitnor all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 022000L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 2/8 aust cdo sqn 2 aust fd regt 11 aust fd coy  
29 bde sig sec 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG  
inf bn 7 aust fd amb 18 aust sup depot pl

I.129 SECRET ( ) location amendments to 022000L ( )  
2 aust fd regt ( ) B tp 777766 E tp 777652 ( ) 42 aust inf  
bn ( ) bn HQ 792736 A coy 795731 B coy 793735 D coy 792736  
( ) 47 bn ( ) bn HQ 779780 B coy less 11 pl 779781 11 pl  
777788 D coy 776765

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 022100L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm 42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2/8 aust  
cdo sqn 2 aust fd regt

O.282 ( ) SECRET ( ) ORDERS ( ) one coy 15 aust inf bn will  
move from 786691 to 778663 to complete def posn as ordered  
by comd to CO 15 aust inf bn 2 jan ( ) move will be  
effected as follows ( ) coy less one pl to be in posn by  
041600L remaining pl after relief has been effected by A  
coy 42 aust inf bn to be in posn by 051600L ( ) one ALC 20 will  
report 784691 041800L to move all hy gear tps will move  
by rd ( ) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 022130L

To : A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.283 ( ) SECRET ( ) tasks 3 jan ( ) in addition to patrol  
ordered in our O.273 patrols will trace from LOG CROSSING  
793671 and from track at 783680 the track joining both these  
two points ( ) ack all informed



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From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 030735L

To: 3 aust div

0.284 restricted (.) request allocation of sufficient natives estimate 50 to maintain emergency boy line of 30 cartage 7 days sup and amn to inland coy occupies two pls for two days

From: DC ANGAU BOUGAINVILLE Time of origin: 030835L

To: 29 aust inf bde

BV 19 (.) SECRET (.) MASON advises two airmen due TABARATA afternoon 4th he asks for patrol to meet them (.) desire you contact Brigadier with view to same being done by 2/8 aust cdc sqn or WATSON please advise urgently (.) for CAPT CRMSBY

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 031900L

To: 2 aust fd regt

0.291 (.) for lt col PARKER (.) OP barge night 3/4 jan will NOT cross a line east west through the mouth of the ADELE RIVER and should only proceed closer to shore than 600 yds if behind line east west through mouth TAVERA RIVER

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 032100L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.430 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP to 031900L (.) ref comd sheet (.) an int record captured TAVERA RIVER SECTOR confirms results NGIB patrol at 765629 on 26 dec (.) an op order captured JARA RIVER SECTOR places 10 coy 13 inf regt (strength approx 50) under comd MORENO GARRISON UNIT (.) this confirms comds top secret memo to CCs only (.) ANGAU natives report (.) ref map 1 inch series (.) one (.) NO enemy seen MOKOKOLIO 905683 or area immediately EAST for some months (.) two (.) only four japs and three jap houses seen MENDIA area 855668 three weeks ago (.) three (.) NO enemy mvt seen REIRA area 881751 for some weeks (.) ENEMY MISCELLANEOUS (.) ref comd sheet (.) ref hostile armed natives further details have been reported (.) one (.) at 291800L very black skinned armed natives in dark lap laps seen at distance 30/40 yds at 812724 (.) two (.) 011630L two japs and four armed natives seen same vicinity (.) three (.) 011730L native wearing dark lap lap seen 793732 and tracks followed into swamp but no contact made (.) it has been found that jap is using sheets from text books as markers on tracks (.) GENERAL (.) one (.) 35 chinese and large number of native evacuees brought in by ANGAU officer 1 jan (.) these evacuees from inland and EAST coast villages (.) two (.) natives state TUJU river is MARAU RIVER (reliability B2) (.) three (.) it is believed that chopping sounds heard on all fronts this area are sig system of either native drum wood or rifle butt or steel helmet as investigation has not yet disclosed anything beyond footprints which might have been scouts (.) ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 032030L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.409 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 39 to 031730L (.) JABA RIVER AREA (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one armed native sighted 790730 (.) patrolling continued otherwise sitnor (.) TAVERA RIVER AREA (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrolling continued otherwise sitnor (.) important track infm being fwded separately (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 032300L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust inf bde

0.292 SECRET (.) ref our conversation comd and GSO 1 (.) suggest junc pt between patrols 2/8 aust vdo sqn and one coy 61 aust inf bn be track junc 871786 (in map) copy our OO 1/45 forwarded 7 aust inf bde 3 jan

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 032300L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bna, A coy 1 NG inf bn ANGAU

For infm: 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn

0.289 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will patrol and keep in constant observation newly found track leading from 778664 to 791668 (.) two (.) will patrol forward from LOG CROSSING 792671 along track to MENDIA 851686 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) will send two day patrol along track leading from old jap posn 791727 to 792671 (.) ANGAU will arrange continuous canoe patrol up TUJU RIVER as far as 800689 between 0900L and 1800L on 4 and 5 jan to provide a ferry for the patrol across TUJU RIVER to connect with the track to 792671 (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn will provide escort for natives taking canoe along TUJU RIVER (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) will continue patrol east from 777725 and will cut track from 791727 to 792671 (.) with the exception noted above NO NGIB patrols will be operating on 4 jan (.) ack all informed.

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 032300L

To: det 42 aust landing craft coy, det Royal Marines, 11 aust fd coy

0.293 restricted (.) with the object of minimising advertisement of seacraft the following orders are issued to cover the area from TAGESSI RIVER south and 1000 yds west to sea (.) one (.) no craft will proceed south of white triangular sign 14 ft sides located 783701 without authority of this HQ (.) two (.) craft proceeding south of JABA RIVER when draft permits will proceed within 100 yds of shoreline (.) three (.) no craft will proceed south of JABA RIVER at a speed greater than 8 knots (.) four (.) all sup barges will report DID landing point before onward mvt south of the TAGESSI Rack

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From : 29 aust inf bde

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.294 restricted (.) natives report owing a/c activity enemy does NOT move large bodies except early morning and late evenings pass to all ranks and think how this knowledge may be used

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 040830L

To : 42 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.299 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one coy will be prepared to move at 050800L to log crossing area 791727 accompanied by an FOO (.) task (.) to hold during daylight hrs a posn which will permit the shelling of track junc area 789725 (.) coy will return to present area leaving 791727 NOT after 051400L (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) 600 rds allotted (.) task (.) harassing fire along track from 789725 to 792720 for a distance of approx 750 yds

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 041330L

To : 3 aust div

I.132 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 40 to 041100L (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) report considerable activity between 031930 and 040500 (.) numerous booby traps exploded and grenades exchanged without small arms fire from inside the perimeter (.) our cas NIL (.) patrol searched booby trapped area no enemy dead found but many signs enemy mvt and cas (.) contact reported 8 japs vicinity 791715 1 jap killed at 791668 otherwise sitnor all informed

From 29 aust inf bde

TOO 041645L

To : 3 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn, 4 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm : A coy 1 NG inf bn 15,42,47 aust inf bns,  
2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.298 SECRET (.) confirmation verbal orders (.) 3 pl will paddle the TAVERA LOGOON with the dugout used today along the TUJU RIVER by ANGAU (.) additional to verbal orders (.) will say by dugout and foot travel whether a track crossing exists along the TAVERA RIVER between 778665 to 801655 (.) 4 pl will request firm base of one pl from C coy 15 aust inf bn at approx 791666 as instructed in our O.297 and from that base will examine the track to MENDIA 852686 and state (.) one (.) trafficability (.) two (.) signs of recent enemy mvt (.) three (.) enemy posns (.) the patrol will pass through firm base NOT later than 050930L and will return through it NOT later than 051600L (.) ack all informed

From : ANGAU 29 aust inf bde

To : WO ROBERTS ANGAU TUJU RIVER

For infm : A coy 1 NG inf bn (3 & 4 Pl) 29 bde

RO 5 SECRET (.) you will provide guides to 3 pl 1 NG inf bn for water patrol TAVERA RIVER object discovery tracks and contact local natives (.) 4 pl 1 NG inf bn will also require guides (.) you will proceed LOG CROSSING area to endeavour contact natives

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 042200L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 15,42 47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde, adv 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn 7 aust fd amb 11 aust fd coy

I.136 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 042200L (.) 15 Aust Inf bn A coy less 7 pl 778664 7 pl 785691 B coy 777661 D coy less 18 pl 784685 18 pl 781672 (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn adv HQ 813731 rear HQ 773757 (.) 11 aust fd coy adv HQ 1 pl 2 pl 783680 (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 042000L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 15,42<sup>47</sup> aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde adv 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn 7 aust fd amb

I.135 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 41 to 041730L (.) JABA RIVER AREA (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) patrol from 791736 along north south track reached 791727 where extensive network of tracks discovered all showing signs of recent use by jap (.) contact made with approx 20/30 japs at this pt at least 2 japs being killed own cas one native police boy killed (.) japs killed seem to be wearing new eqpt and rifles (.) japs broke off contact and patrol reached 788725 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) patrol from 777725 cut a north south track at 792723 but did not contact 42 aust inf bn patrol (.) map refs open to some doubt but gendescription reasonably accurate (.) TAVERA RIVER area (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol along track LOG CROSSING 792671 to MENDIA 851686 reached 791667 where bodies of three men killed 31 dec recovered and buried (.) one jap killed 791668 own cas nil (.) other patrols sitnor all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 042030L

To : 42 aust inf bn

For infm 15,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.301 (.) SECRET (.) one coy 42 aust inf bn will move by rd not later than first light 5 jan from 768808 to 777725 (.) only essential gear will be taken (.) hy coy stores will remain present posn (.) 3 x 3 ton trucks will report 768808 at 050600L for ferrying troops to barge landing pt 3 (.) one ALC 5 will report BLP 3 050700L to ferry across JABA RIVER (.) ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 47,15 aust inf bn  
For infm 42 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2/8 aust cdo sqn

0.300 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) lieut  
OXLEY with two guides will report maj WINDSOR north bank  
TUJU RIVER by 050830L (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) on arrival  
one pl C coy 42 aust inf bn at 777725 will send out one  
pl guided by lt OXLEY to his ambush posn on north south  
track at approx 788707 (.) on arrival ambush posn lt OXLEY  
and guides will return 15 aust inf bn (.) one pl 47 aust  
inf bn will remain in occupation at ambush posn for 3 days  
from time of arrival returning coy perimeter NOT later than  
081600L (.) tasks (.) maintain ambush 788707 (.) patrol  
north along track towards 791715 and south to TUJU RIVER (.)  
all patrols will be inside pl perimeter NOT later than  
1700 hrs daily (.) ack all informed

(i) Capture of KAWAKAKA and clearing of GAZELLE PENINSULA  
(ii) Set a firm op and base within the above area  
(iii) Capture of MOKIETA and destruction of enemy forces  
in the area WITIAN-KUPON-SIKINAI

NOTE

8. Your task is

(i) Capture of KAWAKAKA  
(ii) Set a firm operational base in this area, then  
(iii) Clear GAZELLE PENINSULA

SECURITY

9. One Co 2 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for area as  
shown in Appx 'A' etc

7. In the event of 42 Aust Inf Bn being required by you  
for ops outside the present area of responsibility along the  
TUJU RIVER it will be relieved by 2/8 Aust Cdo Bn. As  
from date of completion of this relief 2/8 Aust Cdo Bn will  
revert to its comd.

ADMIN

8. The rear ply of your local admin area is shown in Appx  
'A' attached.

SUBMISSION OF PLANS

8. You will prepare and submit at least 48 hrs before  
proposed date of the operation, your outline plan for the  
capture of KAWAKAKA.

ACK

Method of Issue: LO  
Time of signature: 1800 hrs

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3 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO. 11

Ref map : BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND 1 in to 1 mile

To Brig R.F. MONAGHAN  
Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1. This instn is a continuation of 3 Aust Div Op Instn  
9 of 7 Dec 44

2. All available infm regarding enemy dispositions has  
been issued.

FUTURE OPS 3 AUST DIV

3. The next phase of ops for the destruction of enemy forces  
in the southern portion of the island will be to clear the  
enemy from, and est control of area south from JABA RIVER to  
PURIATA RIVER.

4. These ops will be devided into three stages

- (i) Capture of MAWARAKA and clearing of GAZELLE PENINSULA
- (ii) Est a firm op and adm base within the above area
- (iii) Capture of MOSIGETTA and destruction of enemy forces  
in the area NIGITAN-KUPON-SISIRUAI

ROLE

5. Your task is

- (i) Capture of MAWARAKA
- (ii) Est a firm operational base in this ares, then
- (iii) Clear GAZELLE PENINSULA

SECURITY

6. One Bn 7 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for area as  
shown in Appx 'A' att

7. In the event of 42 Aust Inf Bn being required by you  
for ops outside its present area of responsibility along the  
JABA RIVER, it will be relieved by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. As  
from date of completion of this relief 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will  
revert to my comd.

ADM

8. The rear bdy of your local adm area is shown in Appx  
'A' attached.

SUBMISSION OF PLANS

9. You will prepare and submit at least 48 hrs before  
proposed date of the operation, your outline plan for the  
capture of MAWARAKA.

ACK

Method of Issue LO  
Time of Signature 1500 hrs

Maj-Gen  
Comd 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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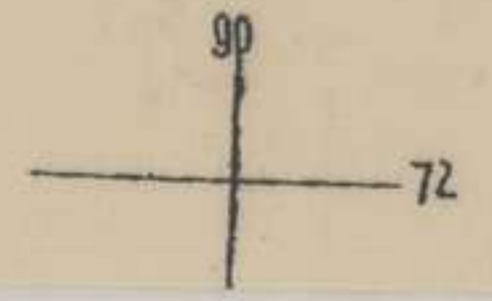
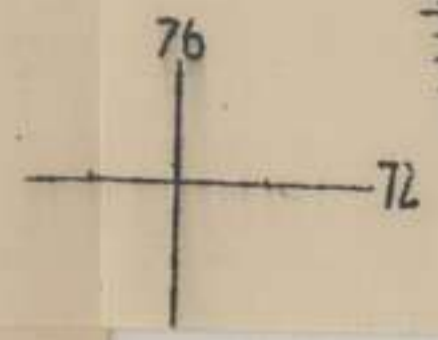
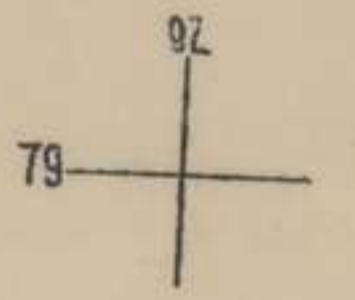


SECRET  
Appx A to  
3 Aust Div Op Instr  
No 11 of 4 Jan 45

Overlay to MOTUPENA PT PURIATA R  
1" to 1 mile

Bn 7 AUST INF Bde

Rear Bdy for Local Adm  
29 Aust INF Bde



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From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 050630L

To: 3 aust div

O.303 (.) restricted (.) ref our O.272 (.) move adv HQ deferred until NCT before 8 jan

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 050630L

To: 42,47 aust inf bns

O.305 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) adv bn HQ will move 779713 (.) move to be completed by 051700L (.) one coy will move to 779725 and relieve C coy 47 aust inf bn (.) minimum of hy eqpt to be taken (.) hy gear will be moved later (.) move to be completed by 051200L (.) one pl C Coy will carry out patrol with lieut OXLEY on 6 jan as already ordered (.) one pl will remain present posn for task 6 jan patrol fwd to jap track 791727 (.) C coy less two pls on relief by one coy will move 779713 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) move one coy from 768808 is deferred (.) further orders will be issued ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 050705L

To: 2/8 aust cdo sqn

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2 aust fd regt

O.306 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn will relieve 42 aust inf bn (.) one tp will relieve fwd coy 42 aust infbn 799728 commencing 051400L (.) relief to be completed 061400L (.) remainder of relief to be effected as circumstances permit probable date of completion 8 jan (.) comd JABA RIVER SECTOR will remain with 42 aust inf bn until completion of relief (.) perimeter vacated by 2/8 aust cdo sqn at 818723 will be left completely booby trapped (.) ack all informed

From: 3 aust div Time of origin: 051825L

To: 29 aust inf bde

For infm: B sqn 2/4 aust armd regt

O.1153 restricted (.) confirming verbal message (.) lt YOUNG recce offr B sqn 2/4 aust armd regt will report BM morning 6 jan 45 for attachment 29 aust inf bde (.) object of attachment enable offr to obtain topo infm and local op picture

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 052030L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 3, 4 Fl A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt

For infm: 2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NG inf bn ANGAU

O.307 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will provide security patrols as required by CO 47 aust inf bn during 6 jan to cover the occupation of 771648 by one coy 47 aust inf bn (.) two (.) one coy will relieve one coy 792671 (.) task (.) coy less one pl will occupy def posns track junc area 792668 (.) one pl will occupy def posn track junc area 792668 (.) one pl will occupy def posn LCG CROSSING 792671 (.) occupation both posns to be complete by 061600L (.) three (.) coy relieved at 792671 will move to res area 783681 (.) four (.) adv bn HQ will move to 778664 NCT later than 061600L (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one (.) one coy will move from 768808 by rd to temporary bivouac area 779725 by 051800L (.) will relieve one coy 47 aust inf bn with task protection gun areas 779725 NCT later than 061100L

(.) two (.) with one coy will clear the opposition from area 788725 and after contact with our own patrols will move by the shortest route to the coast (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one (.) one coy will move from 777765 in 2 ALC 20s at 052100L to 778664 (.) fighting order only (.) 4 days rations on the man (.) task (.) occupy def posn 771647 NOT later than 060930L (.) it is absolutely vital that there is no mvt of pers along or across beach during hrs of daylight (.) particular attention will also be paid to the shading of any lights used during the hrs of darkness (.) two (.) one coy will move on relief by one coy 42 aust inf bn from 779725 to 782674 in 2 ALC 20s reporting 779725 at 051100L (.) task (.) occupy def posn 711647 NOT later than 070930L (.) three (.) one pl will cut north south jap track at approx 792722 at but not before 060830L and place ambush at that pt (.) will patrol south along jap track to contact 3 pl A coy NGIB or patrol from ambush posn 788707 and north to contact one coy 42 aust inf bn (.) time out NOT later than 060600L (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) one (.) will provide FOC to accompany one pl 47 aust inf bn ambushing north south jap track at 792722 (.) two (.) one tp 5 bty will move to 786664 by 1 ALC 20 reporting 779725 061100L and two ALC 20s reporting 061430L (.) move to be completed by 061800L (.) harassing fire on MAWARAKA rate 2 rpg every 5 mins from time each ALC 20 is within 100 yds of shore until guns are landed and across beach line (.) three (.) harassing fire up to 400 rds on area 788725 throughout night 5/6 jan as required by CO 42 aust inf bn (.) four (.) opportunity targets by floating OP up to 100 rds on any lights seen 2130/2300L 5 jan (.) five (.) sp fire at call CO 47 aust inf bn up to 100 rds on area 771647 during morning 6 jan (.) six (.) up to 150 rds sp for attack by CO 42 aust inf bn except that AFTER 060830L NO FIRE WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR WEST OF NORTH SOUTH GRID LINE 794 (.) 3 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) will contact ambush posn 47 aust inf bn at 788707 NOT later than 061000L and then will move north along track and endeavour to contact rear of jap posn area 788725 (.) 3 days rations will be carried as harassing and observation will continue till otherwise ordered (.) report centre will be 47 aust inf bn ambush posn 788707 (.) 4 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) one (.) will continue patrol examination of rd 792671 to MENDIA 851686 (.) two (.) will patrol down along north south grid line 78 and remain in observation on CREEK at 778657 between 060830L and 061500L (.) route out and in through B coy 15 aust inf bn (.) all informed ack

From: 29 Aust inf bde Time of origin: 052145L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42, 47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn, adv 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.139 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 42 to 051730L (.) JABA RIVER AREA (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one pl with arty sp attacked through the undergrowth enemy posn 792722 (.) pillbox with one HMG one LMG and three rifles located 789725 (.) attack ceased 051730L (.) own cas 1 killed enemy cas unknown (.) whilst delousing booby traps 1 killed 8 slightly wounded (.) other patrols sitnor (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one pl established ambush across track 788707 (.) TAVERA RIVER AREA (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol to 771647 found 14 dead japs (.) 1 rifle and much eqpt of little value captured (.) no documents (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 052115L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7aust inf bde, adv 2 aust fd  
regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn. A coy 1 NG inf bn, 11 aust  
fd coy, 7 aust fd amb,

I.137 SECRET (.) location amendments to 052000L (.) 15 bn (.)  
A complete 778664 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) C 778725 (.) 47  
aust inf bn (.) adv bn HQ 779713 A 784626 B 778725 C less  
14 and 15 pls 779713 14 pl 788707 15 pl 778725 (.) 3 pl  
NG inf bn 786686 (.) c to 2/8 cdo sqn 795784 (.) all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 052235L

To: 42 aust inf bn

O.308 (.) RESTRICTED (.) two police boys with two native guides  
will be conducting stealthy recce of native pad running inland  
from coast at 777725 towards 789726 (.) natives have been  
warned NOT to engage enemy (.) police and guides will be wearing  
web cross strap and basic pouch inform every man in attacking  
coy

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From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 061040L

To: 2/8 aust cdo sqn

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG:  
inf bn, 3 aust div, 7 aust inf bde

0310 SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn will relieve remaining two coys 42 aust inf bn in JABA RIVER SECTOR at 794733 and 791736 (.) relief to be timed by movts of 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) task on relief (.) one (.) hold def posns at 799728 - 794733 and 791736 (.) two (.) maintain continuous recce of track junc area 789725 and along tracks leading therefrom (.) on completion relief 2/8 aust cdo sqn will revert comd 3 aust div ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 061200L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm: 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 3 aust div, 61 aust inf bn  
7 aust inf bde

0311 (.) SECRET (.) one sec 2/8 aust cdo sqn is establishing an ambush at 805726 by 061500L (.) sqn HQ 2/8 aust cdo sqn with one tp less one sec are moving to 42 aust inf bn def posns by 061800L (.) one coy 42 aust inf bn will move by 7 jan by jap track junc area 789725 by same route and procedure as that of one coy 6 jan (.) HQ 42 aust inf bn will move to 779715 as soon as possible (.) one coy 42 aust inf bn will remain JABA RIVER SECTOR until further orders from this HQ (.) CC one coy remaining JABA RIVER SECTOR will assume comd of that sector on move of HQ 42 aust inf bn and will remain comd until further orders (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 061930L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 3, 4 Pl A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust  
fd regt

For infm: adv 2/8 aust cdo sqn rear 2/8 aust cdo sqn

0314 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will patrol north along HARRISONS RD from 792671 to 800688 (.) two (.) one pl will establish a def posn BRUMBY WING 779658 (.) three (.) one pl will patrol through BRUMBY WING SW to contact 47 aust inf bn at BASE A 771648 (.) special attention will be paid to terrain and a report submitted to this HQ immediately on completion of patrol (.) 42 aust inf Bn (.) one coy with one pl 47 aust inf bn under comd will move to coast 7 jan and occupy def posn 779713 (.) two (.) one coy will move along JOES RD through log crossing 789725 to coast (.) occupy bivouac area 778725 on arrival (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one (.) adv bn HQ will move BASE A (.) move to be completed by 071600L (.) two (.) one pl will remain OXLEY AMBUSH 788707 until further orders (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) one (.) HF 200 rds night 6/7 jan as required by CO 42 aust inf bn (.) two (.) HF MAWARAKA 100 rds night 6/7 jan (.) 3 pl NGIB (.) will move before first light 7 jan east around swamp 791717 and harass rear of jap posn 788725 (.) 4 pl NGIB (.) will continue tasks 6 jan (.) general (.) it is highly important for obvious reasons that all ranks be warned of the mvts of friendly tps in or near their area (.) in particular steady and reliable men should be used as scouts when approaching own tps (.) ack all informed

From: 61 aust inf bn

Time of origin: 062000L

To: 61 aust inf bn adv HQ

For infm: 29 aust inf bde

A 964 confidential (.) ETA coys at TAGESSI RIVER (.) D coy 081000L (.) ADV BHQ and adv HQ coy 071030L (.) C coy 071100L (.) B coy 081000L (.) BHQ and remainder HQ coy 081030L (.) 4 pl with guns 081100L

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 062030L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn, adv 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.140 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 43 to 061730L (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) 3 japs approached fwd posn 799728 060930L (.) chased by sec patrol and later found dead with grenades wired to their hands (.) 2/8 aust vde sqn (.) two air-men in good condition escorted from TABARATA arrived this HQ 081200L (.) sqn HQ now at 791736 with additional tp less one sec (.) ambush established 805726 (.) other patrols NMS (.) OP reported aircraft crashing into sea 060920L (.) fast launch investigated but found floating wreckage only (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) three converging pat-rols from coast and JABA RIVER closed on jap posn 789725 (.) each patrol met resistance but attack by patrols moving north drove japs into ambush at log crossing 791727 (.) total killed 14 (.) 2 new LMGs captured (.) own cas nil (.) all patrols remaining area 789725 for exploitation first light 7 jan (.) estimated japs in area NOT less than 70 (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) MOORE JUNC 792668 now occupied after driving in jap ambush estimated at 12 (.) 2 killed out cas nil (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) occupied BASE A 771648 060915L (.) **further decomposed jap bodies discovered (.) total now 27 that area (.)** patrols SE south and from TAVERA RIVER mouth report NMS but listening posts discovered recently occupied posn at 778655 (.) all informed



3 AUST DIV OO NO.6  
Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND 1" to 1 mile

SECRET  
Copy No  
6 Jan 45

INFM

1. Enemy  
See 3 Aust Div Int Summaries and summaries of ops to date.
2. Own Tps  
(a) Dispositions )  
(b) Areas of responsibility ) See Appx 'A'

INTENTION

3. 61 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 47 Aust Inf Bn in area of responsibility as shown in Appx 'A'.

METHOD

4. Date of Relief  
(a) One coy 61 Aust Inf Bn will commence relief on 7 Jan 45  
(b) Remainder of relief as arranged between Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde and CO 61 Aust Inf Bn; details to be reported to BIV HQ.
5. Comd  
61 Aust Inf Bn will pass from op comd 7 Aust Inf Bde to 3 Aust Div at 1200 hrs 7 Jan 45
6. Role  
61 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for security of area shown in Appx "A".

ADM

7. Sups  
Will be drawn from TAGESSI DID
8. Res Rations  
61 Aust Inf Bn will move with three days res rations
9. Tpt  
61 Aust Inf Bn will advise HQ 3 Aust Div 12 hrs in advance of tpt requirements.
10. Med  
Cas will be evac through MDS 778787 to 109 CCS.

INTERCOMN

11. Line from Comd Gp HQ 3 Aust Div will be laid by Sigs 3 Aust Div.

ACK

Col.  
GS 3 Aust Div

Method of Issue DRLS

Time of signature hrs

DISTRIBUTION

7 Aust Inf Bde (one copy for 61 Bn)  
29 Aust Inf Bde  
RAA 3 Aust Div  
RAE 3 Aust Div  
Sigs 3 Aust Div  
AASC 3 Aust Div  
Comd  
AQ  
Med  
Ord  
AEME  
File  
War Diary

LOCATIONS  
AS AT 6 JANUARY 1945

Serial	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
	<u>HQ Units</u>			
1.	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29 Comd Sheets	774795	
	<u>INF</u>			
2.	15 Aust Inf Bn	2	778664	
3.	A Coy	"	"	
	7 Pl		"	
	8 Pl		"	
	9 Pl		"	
4.	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	776661	
	10 Pl		"	
	11 Pl		"	
	12 Pl		"	
5.	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	783683	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		"	
	15 Pl		"	
6.	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	"	792661	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
7.	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	791736	Adv HQ to 780713 7 Jan
8.	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	791727	
	7 Pl		"	
	8 Pl		"	
	9 Pl		"	
9.	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	794733	
	10 Pl		"	
	11 Pl		"	
	12 Pl		"	
10.	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	778725	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		"	
	15 Pl		"	
11.	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn	"	791736	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
12.	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	779713	Adv HQ to 771647 7 Jan
13.	A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	786691	
	7 Pl		"	
	8 Pl		"	
	9 Pl		"	
14.	B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	778664	
	10 Pl		"	
	11 Pl		"	
	12 Pl		"	
15.	C Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	779713	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		788707	
	15 Pl		791727	
16.	D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	"	771648	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
17.	HQ 2/8 Aust Cdb Sqn	"	791736	Passed to Comd 3 Div 9 Jan
	A Tp		"	
	B Tp		799728	
	C Tp		795784	
18.	A Coy NGIB	"	774795	
	3 Pl		784689	
	4 Pl		784696	
19.	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	784700	

ARTY

20.	HQ 2 Aust Fd Regt	29 Comd	775793
21	4 Bty	Sheet	777787
	A Tp		777787
	B Tp		775766
22	5 Bty		777725
	C Tp		777725
	D Tp		781672
23	6 Bty		782673
	E Tp		778663
	F Tp		782673
24	C Tp Aust Survey Bty		784697

ENGINEERS

25	11 Aust Fd Coy		783680
	1 Pl		779714
	2 Pl		783680
	3 Pl		777748
26	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy		774795

SIGS

27	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		774794
28	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div		775794
29	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec		772757

INT

30	Language Det		774795
31	Det V Aust FS Sec		784700

AASC

32	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl		767809	Passed from
33	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		767809	Comd 7 Jan

MED

34	7 Aust Fd Amb		
	MDS		773798
	MSP CHOP CHOP	TOROKINA 1"	720857
	MSP JABA	Comd Sheet	772758
	18 AAMCU		767809

DENTAL

35	HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit		775795	Passed from
	C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit			Comd 6 Jan

ORD

36	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less MT Sec)		776794
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AEME

37	312 Aust LAD(Type J)		775794
38	104 Aust Bde Wksp (less MT Sec)		775794

PRO

39	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy		775794
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MISC

40	Det 3 Aust Div Cash Office		774795
41	Det Royal Marines		772756
42	Det ANGAU		781792
43	FPO 069		767809

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5. Intrep 5 to 070830L
6. Sitrep 44 to 081800L
7. Location amendments to 072000L
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Regt, A Coy 1 NGIB, 11 Aust Fd Coy

From: 3 aust div

Time of origin: 070920L

To: 29 aust inf bde

O.1163 CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref 080800L all map references reported to 3 aust div referring JABA RIVER AREA will be from MOTUPENA POINT and OURIATA RIVER track map one inch to one mile (.) limited distribution of proof copies is being made and bulk supplies are expected approx 20 jan all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 071030L

To: 14 pl 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 47 aust inf bn, A coy 1 NG inf bn

O320 restricted (.) on return NGIB patrol operating from OXLEY ambush 788707 NOT before 071500L they will return to 3 pl posn at 784689 (.) 14 pl 47 aust inf bn will remain OXLEY ambush until further orders (.) ack all informed

From: 3 aust div

Time of origin: 071130L

To: 29 aust inf bde

O.1165 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 19 aust sup depot pl will come under comd 29 aust inf bde at 072400L (.) 18 aust sup dep pl will revert to comd AASC 3 aust div same time all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time or origin: 071220L

To: 15 aust inf bn, A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm: 42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt

O.322 (.) SECRET (.) confirmation verbal orders (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) one coy will vacate present location LOG CROSSING 792671 and 791667 drive enemy east of 802666 and establish def posn on track at 791667 and 802666 (.) two (.) occupy with one coy BRUMBY WING posn in vicinity 779658 and from there constantly patrol area bounded by 779658 east along south bank TAVERA RIVER to 783655 south east to 782651 south west to 780648 north west to coast at 774654 thence north along coast to 776658 (.) listening posts to be maintained day and night between 780648 and 773648 (.) no tps 15 aust inf bn present other than adv bn HQ and protective troops are to be between inner perimeter wire and TAVERA RIVER (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) one (.) 4 pl will by 081100L establish base camp in vicinity 778649 (.) role (.) constantly to patrol and observe for enemy mvt without being observed by enemy the area bounded by river junc 772642 north east along river to 780648 south along swamp line to 782641 south to 781635 west to 776634 north to 777640 west to river 775641 north west along river to junc 772642 (.) should they be observed by enemy it is essential that the enemy do NOT escape (.) two (.) 3 pl will (.) one (.) by 081100L occupy posn vacated by one coy 15 aust inf bn at LOG CROSSING 792671 and 791667 and from there cut own tracks to suitable OPs for watching rd to MENDIA (.) OPs to be estab NOT west of 82 grid and normal tracks will NOT be used (.) two (.) constantly patrol track from LOG CROSSING north to TUJU RIVER (.) patrolling both pls to commence by 081100L and constant contact to be maintained with nearest bn HQ (.) if prisoners can be taken for certain by either pls this will be done (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 071500L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
adv 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.142 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP 5 to 070830L (.) ref maps comd  
sheet (.) native reports (.) natives report that owing to a/c  
activity enemy does NOT move large bodies of tps except during  
early morning and late evening (B3) (.) general (.) one (.) bodies  
three men killed 31 dec recovered and buried 791667 (.) eqpt  
still on bodies rations amm weapons and boots had been removed  
(.) two (.) examination of BASE A 771648 on 5 jan revealed 14  
dead japs (.) one body approx 6 ft 3 ins well built and was well  
clothed and booted and wore only jap steel helmet in area (.)  
remainder of bodies pporly clothed and wither bare footed or feet  
bound with rags (.) only weapons captured one rifle in rusty  
condition and one grenade both on one body (.) two (.) body of  
jap killed 4 jan in good physical condition boots had not been  
worn (.) clothing and eqpt had been stripped (.) three (.) known  
enemy cas to 062000L 149 killed wounded unknown 8 PW (.) comment  
(.) natives (.) in spite of continuous efforts to obtain inform-  
ation regarding armed natives no armed native has yet been cap-  
tured or dead body seen (.) indications incline to the possibil-  
ity of japs being dressed in lap lap for special scouting missions  
(.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 072100L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf  
bn, adv 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 7 aust fd amb

I.144 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 44 to 081800L (.) JABA RIVER  
SECTOR (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) 070015L (.) enemy probed our per-  
imeter 799728 exploding 5 booby traps (.) enemy cas unknown own  
nil (.) 061700L ambush located 805726 three enemy seen (.) enemy  
engaged without result (.) seven well eqpt japs wearing boots and  
steel helmets sighted at 796730 (.) unable to make contact (.)  
CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one coy patrolled from 792722  
to 779725 without contact (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf  
bn (.) jap ambush located at 791667 (.) enemy reported armed with  
1 LMG 2 OSMG and 6 rifles (.) posn engaged by mortars and enemy  
scattered (.) own cas 2 slightly wounded enemy 1 killed (.) own  
tps remained 791666 (.) ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 072000L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 2 aust fd regt  
2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NGIB, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb

I.145 (.) SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 072000L (.) 15 aust  
inf bn (.) A 779658 D 791667 C 15 pl 792671 (.) 42 aust inf bn  
(.) fwd bn HQ 779715 A 779714 B 785677 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) fwd  
bn HQ 771648 rear 779713 B 771648 13 pl relieved 14 pl 788707 14  
and 15 pl rejoined C coy 779713 (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) A tp less  
one sec 792735 one sec 789725 one sec B tp 805726 (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin:

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn,  
11 aust fd coy

For infm: adv 2/8 aust cdo sqn, rear 2/8 aust cdo sqn, 3 aust  
div, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn.

O.370 (.) SECRET (.) due to the possibility that telephone lines  
may be tapped the greatest obliquity will be used in all telephone  
conversations (.) RT map ref code and code names as used will take  
effect as from 082000L (.) the following place names with their  
map refs on comd sheet 1:25000 are notified (.) these place names  
may be used in ditreps and OP reports of any kind (.) BASE A  
771648 BASE B 765629 (.) BRUMBY WING 779658 (.) BOTTLENECK 801727  
(.) JOES RD track from 777725 to 789725 (.) LOG CROSSING 792671  
(.) MACGLUSKIES PERIMETER 818724 (.) MOORE JUNC 791667 (.) OXLEY  
AMBUSH 788707 (.) SUNKEN BARGE 761621 (.) all informed

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From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 000630L

To : 4 aust div

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns 15 pl 2/1 aust gd regt  
2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
11 aust fd coy, 18,19 aust sup depot pls, 56 aust  
tpt pl 7 aust fd amb 104 aust bde ord fd pk  
104 aust bde wkshop 42 ALC coy det ANGAU  
Royal Marines, 312 aust LAD 29 aust inf bde  
sig sec 61 aust inf bn

O.326 SECRET (.) HQ closes 774795 081100L reopens 784700  
same time (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 081320L

To : 3 aust div

For infm : 42 aust inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.327 secret (.) anticipate by 081600L 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
complete plus one coy 42 aust inf bn concentrated JABA river  
perimeter (.) please advise your approval of responsibility  
JABA sector passing to 2/8 aust cdo sqn and 3 aust div  
as from 090630L

From : 3 aust div

TOO 081635L

To : 7 aust inf bde 29 aust inf bde

for infm : comd gp 3 aust div

O.1176 SECRET (.) ref map MOTUPENA POINT 1 inch over print (.)  
lateral gp 3 aust div will open at 778792 at 081800L (.)  
addresses SOUTH of TAGESSI R will address op messages  
COMD GP 3 AUST DIV and rpt to 3 DIV (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 081800L

To : 42 aust inf bn 47 aust inf bn

For infm : 15 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.329 SECRET (.) one coy 47 aust inf bn will move from  
784686 and occupy def posn 773648 by 091600L (.) one coy  
42 aust inf bn located 785677 will occupy def position  
vacated by one coy 47 aust inf bn 784686 by 091600L (.)  
ack all informed

From : 3 aust div

TOO 081800L

To : 29 aust inf bde

For infm : comd gp 3 aust div 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
sigs 3 aust div

O.1177 (.) SECRET (.) your 0327 of 081320L NOT to all  
addresses (.) approve 2/8 cdo sqn will revert to comd 3 aust  
div at 090630L and will assume responsibility for area  
as shown in appx 'A' to 3 aust div OO number 6 of 6 jan 45



From : 3 aust div

TOO 081945L

To : 29 aust inf bde

For infm : 7 aust inf bde Comd gp 3 aust div

O.1179 SECRET (.) our OP instn number 11 of 4 jan 45 (.) as from 090630L rear bdy for local adm 29 aust inf bde will be altered to northern bdy 15 aust inf bn area of responsibility as shown in appx A to 3 aust div 00 number 6 of 6 jan 45.

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 082030L

To : 42 aust inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn

For infm 15,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn  
29 aust inf bde sig sec

O.341 SECRET (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn reverts comd 3 aust div and assume responsibility JABA river sector 090630L all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 082100L

To : Comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div rear HQ 29 aust inf bde  
7 aust inf bde A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd  
regt 11 aust fd coy 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
7 aust fd amb det ANGAU

I.146 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 45 to 081730L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) JABA RIVER SECTOR (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) patrol from 802725 through 800724 to 789725 reported NMS (.) one dead jap found 800724 (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) active patrolling continued without contact (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one coy moving east along MENDAI RD contacted strong enemy posn 800665 (.) enemy cas four killed our cas two killed four wounded remaining on duty (.) tps remaining present posn for further adv 9 jan (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 082145L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns rear 29 aust inf bde A coy 1 NG inf bn 7 aust inf bde 2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn 11 aust fd coy 7 aust fd amb

I.147 (.) SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 082000L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) HQ 29 bde 784700 (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn (.) C tp 791736 one sec A tp 789725 (.) 2 aust fd regt HQ 784695 5 bty HQ and C tp 781673 6 bty Hnd F tp 778664 (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) B 779658 D 800665 (.) A coy 1 NG inf bn (.) coy HQ 784700 3 pl 792671 4 pl 774641 (.) 29 bde sig sec det sigs 3 aust div language det det V Aust FS sec det 3 aust div pro coy all 784700 (.) 19 sup depot pl came under comd 072400L 18 sup depot pl passed to comd 3 aust div same time (.) all informed

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7. O.348 of 091745L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
8. Sitrep 46 to 091730L
9. Location amendments to 092000L

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 090632L

To : 3 aust div

O.342 restricted (.) ref your OI 11 of 4 jan para 4(11) (.) please provide urgently approximately to scale diagramatic layout of area to be established (.) possessing this a suitable area will be acquired and notified after capture and close recce.

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 090840L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm : 42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG  
inf bn ANGAU 11 aust fd coy 3 aust div  
7 aust inf bde 2/8 aust cdo sqn

O.348 (.) SECRET (.) further to our O.370 of 071900L to commemorate the excellent work done by 15 aust inf bn along the MENDIA RD the log crossing 792671 will be known as PEELER POST and when captured the fwd coy perimeter at 802666 as D COY OUTPOST (.) the following additional place names are notified (.) GREGORY TERRACE (.) rd from 778664 to 771647 (.) RUTHERFORD POINT 771647 all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 090940L

To : 15 aust inf bn

For infm : 42,47 aust inf bns 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG  
inf bn ANGAU

O.343 (.) SECRET (.) for lt col MACDONALD (.) infm (.) the following units will come under comd 15 aust inf bn as from 091200L (.) 3 pl 1 NG inf bn (.) one WO (WO II BROWN) and native carriers to be used for the sup of D COY OUTPOST (.) WO BROWN is receiving a suitable carrier line area in the vicinity of 782668 (.) responsibility for delivery to carrier lane will be by outboard motor and white labour (.) role (.) one (.) you will be responsible for the area on the trace issued separately and for the coordination of def measures of all units therein (.) two (.) you will maintain constant aggressive patrolling towards MENDIA from D COY OUTPOST (.) three (.) you will obtain at least one PW from that area forthwith (.) ack all informed

From : comd gp 3 aust div

TOO 091310L

To 29 aust inf bde

For infm : 3 aust div

O.5001 (.) restricted (.) GOC desires congratulate you and all ranks your bde gp on success of ops south of JABA RIVER

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 091700L

To 47 aust inf bn

For infm : 15,42 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt  
A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.347 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) for maj GREGORY (.) one (.)  
you will seize and hold a firm base on the south side of  
the ADELE RIVER (.) two (.) exploit and hold fwd as far  
as the line of the RIVER commencing at 763626 and running  
to 769622 (.) posns as at 101500L will be held (.) sitreps  
are required to reach this HQ at 100630L 100830L 101200L (.)  
2 aust fd regt less one bty is available for tasks as  
ordered (.) floating RAP floating AP available at pt  
immediately west of ADELE RIVER mouth from 092100L (.)  
alternative means of comms by lamp to bde OP outward  
messages from you only (.) ack all informed

At 091055L it was explained to Maj GREGORY by the Bde Comd  
that in the event of the simple night plan being interfered  
with by enemy opposition sufficiently to affect in any way  
the simple night drill that had been practiced he was NOT  
to proceed but to obtain fullest infm by aggressive action  
with not more than one pl and return to present perimeter (.)  
At 092315L maj GREGORY stated posn and obtained approval  
of Bde Comd to withdraw

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 091715L

To : 15, 42, 47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd  
regt 11 aust fd coy 18 aust sup depot pl 7 aust fd  
amb 104 aust bde ord fd pk 104 aust bde wkshop  
15 pl 2/1 aust gd regt det ANGAU det 42 ALC coy  
312 Aust LAD 29 aust inf bde sig sec

O.349 restricted (.) following message received from 3 aust  
div (.) GOC desires congratulate you and all ranks on success  
of ops south of JABA RIVER (.) inform all ranks

From : 29 aust inf bde

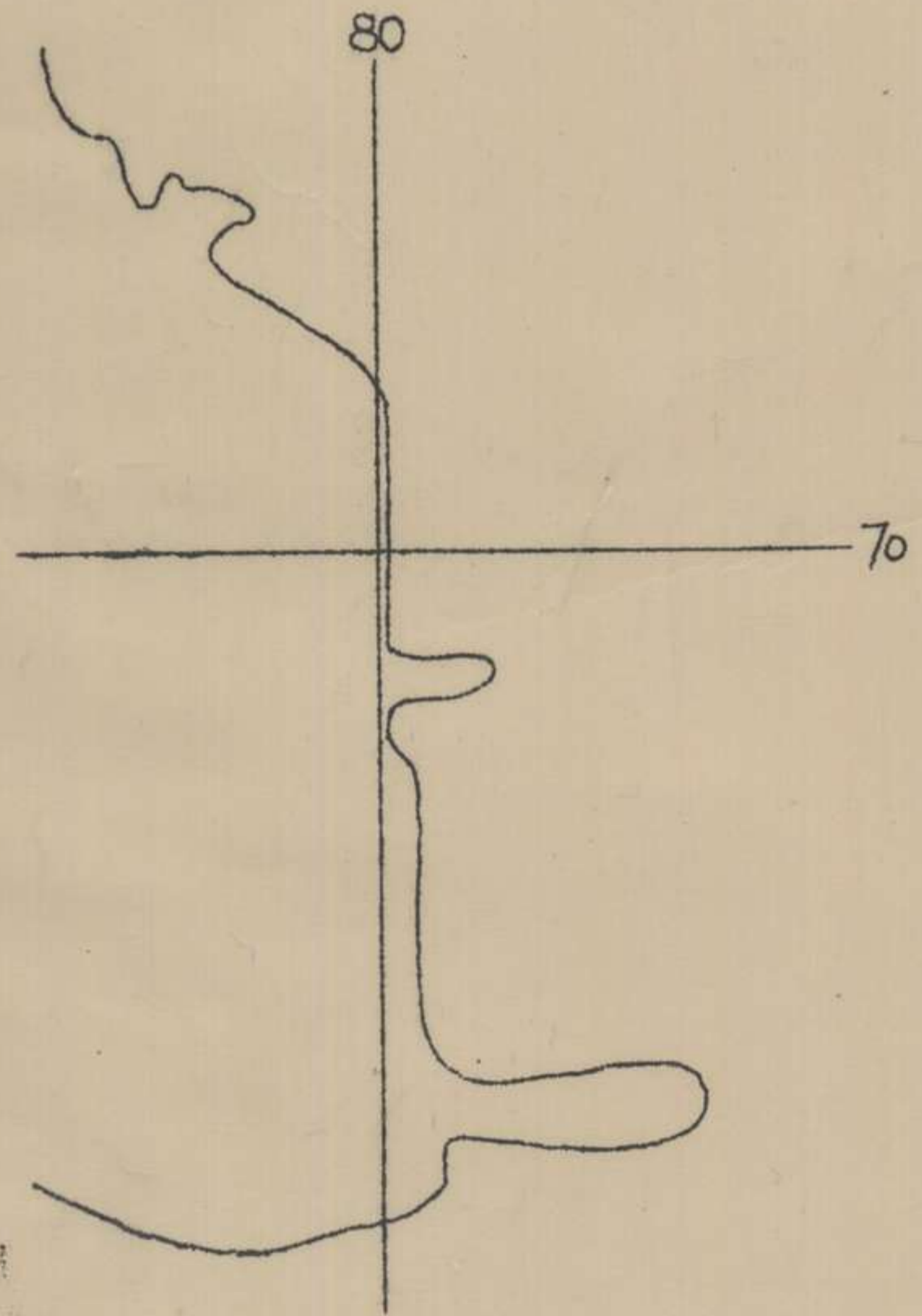
TOO 091745L

To : 42 aust inf bn

For infm : 15,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2 aust fd regt

O.348 (.) SECRET (.) one coy 42 aust inf bn will relieve  
one coy 47 aust inf bn at ADV BASE A posn during 10 jan at  
a time to be mutually arranged between COs 42 and 47 aust  
inf bns (.) ack all informed

OVERLAY to  
MOTUPENA Pt DURIATA RIVER TRACK MAP  
1" to 1 mile



From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 091830L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde  
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
A coy 1 NG inf bn det ANGAU 7 aust fd amb

I.148 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 46 to 091730L (.) ref  
maps comd sheet (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.)  
one coy moving from 792736 to 777725 struck light opposition  
791726 (.) cas enemy 1 killed 2 wounded own 1 killed 1  
wounded (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one  
coy continued attack in difficult country against strong  
enemy posn 802666 (.) immediately after our attack enemy  
counter attacked but was repulsed (.) coy again attacked  
and made slight adv but again held up (.) enemy in strength  
but believed to be NOT beyond 40 (.) cas own 1 killed  
3 wounded enemy cas hy but number unknown (.) coy  
remaining in contact (.) ADELE SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.)  
active patrolling continued without contact (.) ~~one~~ enemy  
sighted south bank ADELE RIVER (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 092110L

To : 15,42, 47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 8 aust  
fd regt 7 aust fd amb 11 aust fd coy

I.151 SECRET (.) location amendments to 092000L (.) ref  
maps 29 comd sheet (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) B 785691 13 pl  
788707 D 784696 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) A 773652 C 771647 (.)  
4 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn 774649 (.) det 63 aust dental unit  
784700 (.) 2/8 aust cdo sqn passed to comd 3 aust div  
090630L (.) all informed

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CONTENTS

1. O.352 of 101630L to 42 and 47 Aust Inf Bns
2. Sitrep 47 to 101730L
3. O.5004 of 102106L from 3 aust div
4. O.5005 of 102104L from 3 Aust Div

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : 15, 47 aust inf bns  
For infm : 15 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
0.352 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) R party  
will complete recce area 47 aust inf bn by 101800L with a  
view to (.) one (.) replacing those subunits which are used  
by 47 aust inf bn in crossing the ADELE RIVER (.) two (.)  
taking over 47 aust inf bn area of responsibility on  
relinquishment by CO 47 aust inf bn (.) the present coy  
areas at 779725 and 784686 will remain occupied (.) normal  
adm procedure (.) all mvt by rd (.) 47 aust inf bn (.)  
our 0.347 will remain in force except that sentences (.)  
posn to be held (.) and (.) sitreps to 101200L (.) will  
be deleted and (.) by 121600L (.) and (.) two hourly after  
start of op (.) will be substituted all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde  
To : comd gp 3 aust div  
For infm : 3 aust div 15, 42, 47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde  
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
det ANGAU 7 aust fd amb 2/8 aust cdo sqn

I.152 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 47 to 101730L (.) ref map  
comd sheet (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) patrolling  
continued NMS (.) TAVERA SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one  
coy with arty sp continued adv and by 101230L had reached  
804666 without opposition (.) only 1 enemy dead found but  
numerous blood stains indicate severe casualties (.) full  
inspection impossible as TAVERA RIVER has broken its banks  
and area under water with average depth 2 ft (.) ANGAU patrol  
of 2 police boys and 2 guides which moved from 796666  
across TAVERA RIVER returned 101215L with 64 refugees  
natives incl lululai who returned MENDAI for additional infm (.)  
natives reported 2 very hungry japs one a sjt who swam  
TAVERA late pm 9 jan were killed early am 10 jan (.) ADELE  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) a recce party of one  
coy preceded by NGIB and with a definite objective and line  
of exploitation if the enemy was found NOT to be holding the  
posn crossed the ADELE RIVER 091945L (.) immediately after  
crossing the recce party contacted a strong enemy posn  
consisting of 1 HMG 4 LMG and many rifles and grenades (.)  
after 4 hrs engagement the party was unable to get inside the  
fringe of the timber and therefore its mission accomplished  
returned (.) cas own 3 wounded enemy unknown (.) patrolling  
continued without contact (.) all informed

From : comd gp 3 aust div  
To : 29 aust inf bde  
TOO 102106L

0.5004 SECRET (.) 4 aust fd bty will revert to comd CRA as  
from 110800L and will be in sp 2, 8 aust cdo sqn as from same  
time and date (.) all informed

From : comd gp 3 aust div  
To : RAE 3 aust div 29 aust inf bde  
For infm : 3 aust div  
TOO 102104L

0.5005 SECRET (.) one pl 11 aust fd coy will revert to  
comd CRE at 110800L



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1. O.354 of 110725L to 11 Aust Fd Coy
2. O.355 of 110730L to 2 Aust Fd Regt
3. Sitrep 48 to 111730L
4. Location amendments to 112000L
5. Captured documents Batch 20
6. Report on crossing of ADELE RIVER

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 110725L

To : 11 aust fd coy

O.354 restricted (.) one pl 11 aust fd coy will revert  
comd CRE at 110800L

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 110730L

To : 2 aust fd regt

For infm : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn

O.355 restricted (.) 4 bty will revert comd CRA from 110800L (.)  
in sp 2/8 aust cdo sqn same time all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 111900L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde  
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
det ANGAU 7 aust fd amb

I.157 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 48 to 111730L (.) ref maps  
comd sheet (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) patrolling  
continued NMS (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.)  
a patrol along the MENDAI RD contacted an enemy ambush of  
approx 1 LMG and 20 men at 809665 (.) patrol moved to  
outflank posn but japs withdrew (.) ADELE RIVER SECTOR (.)  
47 aust inf bn (.) enemy guns considered to be 150 mm shelled  
fwd posns 110620L (.) supported by MMGs 2 pr Tk A guns and  
25 prs over open sights one coy crossed ADELE RIVER 110800L (.)  
small enemy pockets of resistance were quickly eliminated and  
by 111300L two further coys crossed river (.) by 111615L our  
fwd tps had reached 766634 without further contact (.) cas  
enemy 6 killed and 4 from shelling but further enemy cas  
expected when further search made (.) our cas 1 wounded (.)  
documents and eqpt incl 1 revolver with dum dum bullets  
captured (.) all infm

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 111930L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn

I.155 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 112000L (.) ref  
map comd sheet (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) A 773651 D 773652 (.)  
47 aust inf bn (.) A plus 15 pl 766643 B and C less  
15 pl 770648 (.) 4 bty passed to comd CRA from 110800L (.)  
3 pl 11 aust fd coy passed to comd CRE from 110800L (.)  
all informed

DOCUMENTS BATCH 20

Captured on 11 Jan 45 by B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn in dugout on south bank of ADELE RIVER near mouth

Doc 1 - Dictionary

Doc 2 - 2 pages handwritten to following effect (undated)

My Jubilation

My daily duty is to obey Imperial mandates and follow a straight path. If I offer myself to the Emperor reverently God will hear me and make me a son of God. God is almighty therefore there is nothing to fear except if you turn your back against him. If you make a false step you will be able with the aid of God to straighten it out.  
(Rest of two pages are in same strain)

Doc 3 - Notebook (owner unknown)

Oct 2/43 assigned 1 Coy

OKI 7016 Unit, HQ (TN 45 Fd AA Bn)

List of personal equipment and clothing to be carried per person (no indication of strength of unit)

6 Fd Arty Regt 2 Coy

(Bn HQ is referred to on next page and name of prefecture in JAPAN)

Note to 1st Lt NAMAMURA - AKIRA Force Commander will come to inspect

2 Oct 43 assigned to SHIRAZAWA Unit

7 Nov 43 From observation post MT "SCHIHIMAN" (Seventy Thousand) saw two aircraft carriers, battle ships, destroyers and others totalling 23 ships heading towards BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND from the direction of right side of SHORTLAND ISLAND

NODAKA Bn Comdr

NODAKA Coy Comdr

List of lost clothing will be reported to above named commander

Name of unit written on side of pencilled calendar in note book (name indecipherable) Aug 43

Doc 4 -

Issued 13 Oct 42 Reference book for guards (List of duties)

The following notation is written in ink on cover "Communication Section 45 Fd AA Bn"

Doc 5 -

Printed sheets of novel

Doc 6 -

About 40 small scraps of paper obviously from one or two sheets of handwritten paper which have been folded up and torn into sections. The pieces captured in small leather pouch

REPORT ON CROSSING OF ADELE RIVER  
BY 47 AUST INF BN 11 JAN 45  
REF MAP 29 AUST INF BDE (AIF) COMD SHEET

PHASE I - RECO NAISSANCE

The Bn less two Coys concentrated in the area 773650 on 7 Jan 45. A two coy perimeter was formed covering a beach length of approx 450 yds and a depth to the swamp varying from 50 to 100 yds. A listening post of one section was established forward at river mouth 777647 where observation of south side of river was obtained. Two days were spent in establishing a firm base, troops were dispersed and well dug in, wire was liberally used and laid out into the swamp 50 yards from the nearest pits. Active 2 and 3 men stealth patrols operated continually during this time, only one enemy being sighted on south side of river. An armed floating OP operated off the coast 24 hours a day. No movement was seen. A previous NGIB patrol had advanced as far as the HUPAISUFANI RIVER and although they contacted the enemy at this point where they killed at least 18 of the enemy they made no further contact on their subsequent withdrawal across the ADELE RIVER.

At 1600 hrs on the 9 Jan orders were received from Bde to seize and hold a firm base on the south side of ADELE RIVER. At 1800 hrs a sec of NGIB crossed the river and moved into the timber 400 yds upstream by assault boat. They were followed at 1900 hrs by one Pl B Coy, which has orders to clear the area up to 400 yds south of the river. B Coy less one Pl were ordered to move by barge at 1945 hrs to move into timber in single file to wait in edge of timber and in the event of no contact by forward pl Coy position could be availed of during the hours of darkness.

At 2030 hrs the leading Pl contacted enemy. They were fired on by one HMG, 4 BMGs and a number of rifles. Difficulty was experienced in the thick jungle growth and darkness in moving to outflank the enemy posn and at 2230 hrs a fairly accurate estimate of the enemys strength and positions was known the Pl was ordered to withdraw.

The Bde Comd who was in constant touch by phone followed Pls progress step by step and approved of my decision to withdraw when I was satisfied in my own mind that the necessary information had been obtained.

The remainder of the Coy was never committed.

During the operation a floating RAP and a floating AP and SP were standing by together with an LAC 20 for the withdrawal of the troops.

One NGIB native remained on the south side of the ADELE RIVER until first light on the 10 Jan when he crossed to the north bank of the river in full view of enemy posns without drawing fire. On the morning of 10 Jan the Div Comd and Bde Comd visited forward listening post where enemy positions were pointed out to them and plans for the operation on the 11 Jan were discussed. No movement was observed from either listening post or OP on 10 Jan.

PHASE 2 - CONCENTRATION

On 10 Jan A Coy were brought forward and the firm base perimeter extended further north around the present site of DID and ADS, and C Coy were standing by to move into perimeter on B Coy moving across ADELE RIVER. Four MMGs 14 Mortars and four Tk A guns were sighted and ranged on the position where the enemy had been located on the night 9/10 Jan. Two 25 prs were brought into position into specially constructed shell proof pillboxes and given direct fire targets. All troops were issued with steel helmets from

a reserve sent forward by Bde. During night 10/11 Jan arty concentrations were fired on area 767634 and 500 yds south to a depth from the coast line of 100 yds. Mortars also engaged with an area shoot from 770643 to 768636 and to a depth of 50 yds.

Detailed instructions were issued to all Coys regarding the necessity for dispersal of troops and the need for rapid construction of weapon pits with splinter proof pillboxes for all MMGs and LMGs. The Pnr Pl were specially detailed to assist in this task.

### PHASE 3 - ATTACK

At first light on 11 Jan under cover of Mortar, MMG, 2 pr and 25 pr one pl B Coy crossed the river by assault boat and gained a footing in the timber on the south bank. They advanced 400 yds killing six enemy and finding two enemy killed by 25 pr fire in the HMG pillbox. B Coy less one Pl landed by barge as soon as area 400 yds wouth was cleared and formed firm base under cover of deep 2 and 3 man stealth patrols. By 1200 hrs A and C Coys were also across the river A Coy advancing to 766634 where a perimeter was formed. Again dispersal of troops and solid weapon pit construction was insisted upon. In the meantime C Coy had formed a perimeter at 769639 200 yds ahead of B Coy. After the initial assault only one more enemy was seen and killed by the leading scout of A Coy. Our own casualties for the days operations was one wounded.

On the morning 12 Jan C Coy moved forward to LOG CROSSING at 767627 with a standing patrol forward at second LOG CROSSING at 768628 and D Coy crossed the ADELE RIVER and formed a perimeter at 767634. At approx 1400 hrs these two coys came under hostile mortar fire all bombs landing in perimeters. Troops were well dispersed and were constructing defences. Casualties were suffered.

Active patrolling continued on 13, 14 and 15 Jan towards MAKATOWA and to MAWARAKA POINT in the vicinity of the sunken barge, and on the morning 16 Jan one Pl B Coy crossed the HUPAISUPANI RIVER and formed a wide perimeter at MAWARAKA POINT after clearing pillboxes of the enemy. Seven enemy were killed and valuable documents and equipment (incl 1 HMG) were captured. At 1200 hrs one Pl D Coy took up a posn 200 yds north east of Pl B Coy at 764621.

No movement was seen on the night 16/17 Jan and at first light 17 Jan a four man patrol from B Coys Pl left with the task of reporting on enemy movement in the MAWARAKA and on the MAWARAKA - MAKATOWA road. This patrol returned at 1700 hrs having been into MAWARAKA clearing and up the main road 200 yds, no movement was seen. The presence of this patrol in MAWARAKA was confirmed by a floating OP who saw them in the clearing. At the same time as B Coys patrol was out a section from D Coy patrolling east located four enemy pill boxes at 766621. They had cleared these by 1600 hrs killing two enemy and capturing more valuable documents and equipment. By 1700 hrs both these forward pls were relieved by pls from 42 Bn and were returned to their Coys.

Maj  
Adm Comd 47 Aust Inf Bn

12 JAN 45

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1. 0364 of 120900L to 15,42 and 47 Aust Inf Bns
2. 0365 of 121000L to 15 Aust Inf Bn
3. 0366 of 121515L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
4. 0367 of 121630L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
5. I.159 of 121730L to all units
6. Sitrep 49 to 121830L
7. Location amendments to 122000L
8. 0370 of 122015L to 3 Aust Div

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 120900L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns

For infm: comd 3 aust div, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
O364 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) one (.) 15 aust inf bn (.)  
area of responsibility incl TUJU BR as per att trace (.) will  
with one coy the following localities 783703 - 802666 - 783681  
-778663 (.) two (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) area of responsibility as  
per att trace (.) junc pt with 47 aust inf bn will be FEATHERY  
TREE 770641 (.) three (.) responsibility for areas will commence  
at 130600L (.) ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121006L

To: 15 aust inf bn

For infm: 42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
O365 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 3 pl A coy 1 NG inf bn will revert this  
HQ at 121000L and will withdraw to area 782703 (.) fwd coy 15 aust  
inf bn 804665 will withdraw to D COY OUTPOST in an area in a  
healthy perimeter maintaining only ambushes and aggressive pat-  
rolling towards MENDAI (.) occupation of new area to be com-  
pleted by 121600L (.) vacated area will be extensively booby  
trapped ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121515L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 15,42 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
O.366 SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) dig in and hold the following def  
posns 765629 - LOG CROSSING 768628 - 765631 - 770644 (.) watch  
for counter attack and patrol activity for OP wires ack all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121630L

To: 42 aust inf bn

O.367 restricted (.) ref this HQ O.364 of 120900L after respons-  
ibility for areas will commence at 130600L add except 42 aust  
inf bn involving relief of 47 aust inf bn

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121730L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 15 pl 2/1 aust gd  
regt, 2 aust fd regt, 56 aust tpt pl, 19 aust sup depot pl, 11  
aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb, 104 aust bde ord fd pk, 104 aust bde  
wksp, 312 aust LAD, 29 aust inf bde sig sec, det ANGAU, 42 aust  
landing craft coy

I.159 restricted (.) considered enemy OP MOTUPENA POINT and  
accurate hostile shelling assisted by movement on beach and move-  
ment of water craft (.) please ensure such movement is limited  
to absolute operational minimum (.) smoke of fires will be stopped  
and hydro burners used SOUTH of TAVERA RIVER

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 121830L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn

I.162 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 49 to 121830L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) active patrolling continued NMS (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol reports jap posn sighted 810665 but unable to contact due to inundations and a 5 knot current (.) ANGAU patrol reported 3 jap footprints moving west at 789663 (.) ADELE RIVER SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) hostile 75mm shelling along beach and sea 121315L to 121324L and from 121450L and 121457L (.) total 44 shells of which 19 duds (.) 121830L 3 shells (.) nil damage or cas (.) HUPAI RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) after hy air strike 121115L adv continued and by 121200L fwd tps had reached the mouth of the HUPAISIPANI RIVER with a patrol fwd of one pl to SUNKEN BARGE 761621 which contacted at least 5 pillboxes immediately south and many three snipers (.) cas own 1 offr 1 OR killed and 1 wounded enemy 3 killed (.) on left flank adv continued to log crossing 768628 without contact (.) 121250L to 121300L fwd tps engaged by hostile shelling (.) own cas 6 OR killed 3 offr 24 ORs wounded 3 OR wounded remaining on duty (.) 121405L to 121457L fwd tps again engaged by hostile shelling (.) nil cas or damage (.) patrolling continued throughout afternoon without contact (.) dispositions of fwd tps 121830L (.) firm base of bn less two coys and with one 25 pr 771647 (.) fwd perimeters at 768628 and 764628 (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) engaged suspected gun area throughout day all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 122000L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn

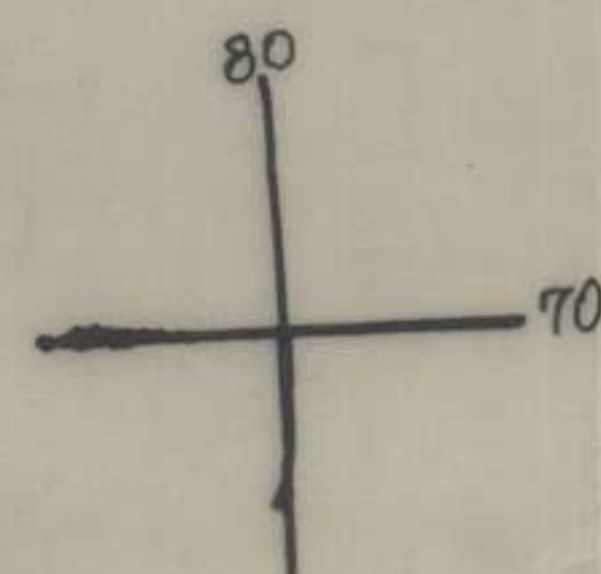
I.160 (.) SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 122000L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) A less 7 pl 798663 7 pl 791668 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) bn HQ 773652 C complete 777725 10 pl 788707 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) bn HQ 770644 A plus 15 pl 764628 C 765629 D 766632 (.) 3 pl NGIB 782703 (.) det 56 aust tpt pl 772649 (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 122015L

To: 3 aust div

O.370 (.) SECRET (.) ref OI 11 of 4 jan para 9 (.) outline plan as ordered will be submitted in next 24 hrs.





15 BN AREA OF  
RESPONSIBILITY

42 BN AREA OF  
RESPONSIBILITY

OVERLAY  
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY  
REF MAP 29 BDE COMD SHEET

13 JAN 45

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1. Sitrep 50 to 130600L
2. 0373 of 131130L to 2 Aust Fd Regt
3. Intrep 6 to 131200L.
4. Sitrep 51 to 131730L
5. 0375 of 131930L to 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns, 2 Aust Fd  
Regt, 19 Aust Sup Depot Pl
6. 3 Aust Div Op Instrn 12
7. Locations as at 13 Jan.

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 130630L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb

I.163 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 50 to 130600L (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) two japs approached B coy perimeter at 770643 fired two shots and withdrew (.) our response grenades only (.) cas nil (.) 130515L and 130600L hostile shelling of area 777664 (.) 30 rounds fired most into sea (.) 4 duds (.) nil cas or damage (.) otherwise sitnor (.) all informed

From: 29 Aust Inf Bde Time of origin: 131130L

To: 2 aust fd regt

For infm: 47 aust inf bn

O.373 (.) restricted (.) 25 pr gun at present under comd 47 aust inf bn may now be withdrawn (.) return to bty to be completed by 131600L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 131200L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, det ANGAU, 7 aust fd amb

I.163 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP 6 to 131200L (.) native reports (.) natives of MOSINA and SISIRUAI have provided the following infm (.) one (.) main areas of jap occupation are MOSINA few only 1 hut 28 dec 44 (.) MOSINA 4 houses - 10 japs seen est strength 50 9 jan 45 (.) KONKO PINEI - strength unknown (.) PIKEI many huts and japs large gardens (.) MARINGA 5 KEMPE (.) two (.) jap military police were placed in villages to protect the gardens and supervise supply of food to japs (.) japs stealing food are reported to have been punished by whipping (.) three (.) during MARCH attack on PURIATA the main road used was MOSIGETTA KUPON rd (.) on the way back many died (.) since this time the japs have been living mainly on sago and native foods (.) some have small quantity unhusked rice believed to have been grown in the BUIB area (.) four (.) since japs came to MOSINA SISIRUAI area natives have been living in a new area south of TAVERA known as MOSIWANA approx ref MOTUPENA POINT and PURIATA 1 in 840640 (.) five (.) a party surveyed jap rd now unused except by KEMPE runs from MOSIWANA across the MARIVI RIVER crosses the main MAWARAKA MOSIGETTA rd and reaches MARINGA (possible vicinity 840450 (.) general (.) patrols in the TAVERA RIVER area have reported the river in flood the tracks under water to a depth of 4 ft signs of enemy mvt along track on south side of river difficult to follow owing to the track being under water (.) one jap killed south of ADELE RIVER was wearing a green beret two sets of aust pattern webbing and one aust rifle

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 131900L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61  
aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 2/8 aust cdc sqn, A ccy  
1 NG inf bn, det ANGAU, 7 aust fd amb

I.166 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 51 to 131730L (.) active pat-  
rolling and ambushing continued all sectors (.) CENTRAL SECTOR  
(.) 42 aust inf bn (.) 6 badly decomposed jap bodies found  
792724 (.) TAVERA SECTOR (.) sec ambush 804666 killed 2 japs  
131500L (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 131930L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, 19 aust sup depot  
pl, 11 aust fd ccy

0.375 (.) restricted (.) POL with units will be stored below  
ground level in dumps containing NCT more than 5 x 44 gal  
drums or equivalent each 30 yds from other inflammable stores  
or explosives (.) POL for DID will NCT rptd NCT be held south  
of the east west grid line 675 and similar storage conditions  
will apply (.) this work will commence forthwith and will NCT  
cease until completed (.) completion to be notified to this HQ

SECRET

Copy No  
Jan 45

3 AUST DIV OP INSTR NO.12  
Ref Map: MOTUPENA POINT and PURITTA RIVER  
1 in to 1 mile TRACK MAP

To: Brig R.F. MONAGHAN  
Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde

1. Indications are that the enemy force in the MAWARAKA area has been reinforced. To what extent is not yet known.
2. In view of this it is essential that existing disposition of our forces in the area south of the JABA RIVER be made absolutely secure, and that the fullest possible infm as to enemy strength dispositions and intentions is available before any further advance southwards to MAWARAKA is undertaken.
3. Your role is:-
  - (a) Secure your force in the present area against any action enemy may undertake against you
    - (i) In deciding dispositions for the security of your force not more than one bn will be disposed south of the ADELE RIVER without authority from this HQ
    - (ii) Fd Arty will NOT be deployed south of ADELE RIVER
    - (iii) In disposing your forces due regard must be paid to dispersal in order to minimise casualties from enemy arty fire.
  - (b) Undertake extensive patrolling and ascertain:
    - (i) Enemy dispositions in MAWARAKA area
    - (ii) Any enemy movement on the tracks running west from MOSIGETTA to MAWARAKA
    - (iii) Any enemy movement and activity in the area west from track SISIRUAI - RUARURO - MOSIGETTA
    - (iv) Track infm
4. Bdy between 29 Aust Inf Bde and flanking units is shown in Appx A attached.
5. You will submit to this HQ by 2000 hrs daily a detail showing proposed patrols for the following day, in order that flanking units may be informed
6. You will be informed by 2100 hrs daily regarding proposed patrols by flanking units

ACK

Method of Issue LO

Time of signature: 1930 hrs

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War Diary

Maj Gen  
Comd 3 Aust Div

NOTE: Ref para 3(b) referred to GOC authority to move two pls forward in accordance with our C.404 was granted by GOC to comd at adv HQ prior to taking action 161310 hrs.

ADDENDUM TO 3 AUST DIV OP INSTR No.12 of 13 JAN 45

Add new para:-

7. Minimum forces, dependent upon the object to be attained, will be employed in all cases.

13 Jan 45

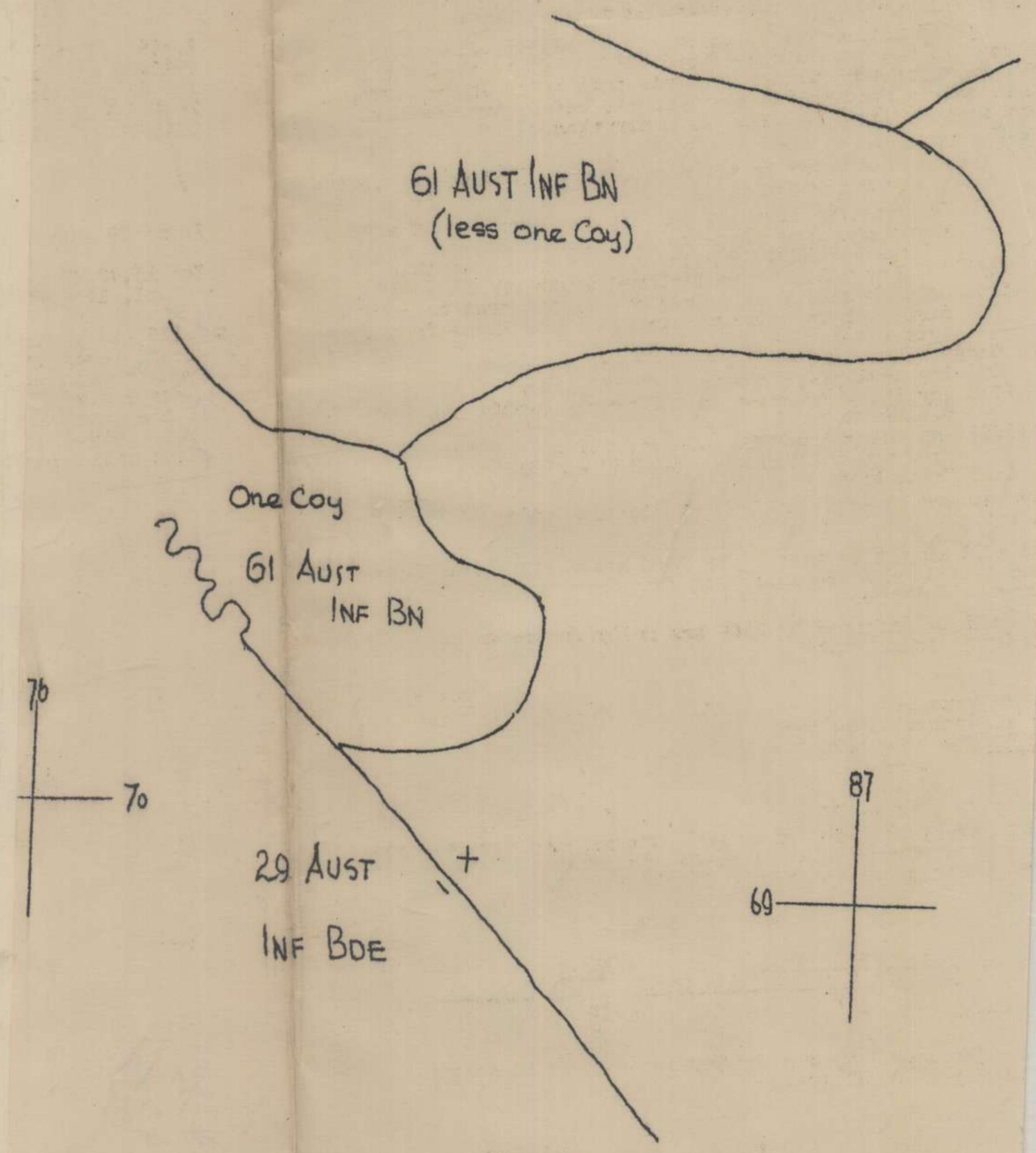
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LOCATIONS AS AT 13 JAN 45

SER	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
<u>HQ UNITS</u>				
1	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29 Comd Sheets	784700	
<u>INF</u>				
2	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn		778664	
3	A Coy		797663	
	7 Pl		792668	
	8 Pl		778664	
	9 Pl		"	
4	B Coy		779658	
	10 Pl		"	
	11 Pl		"	
	12 Pl		"	
5	C Coy		786691	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		782706	
	15 Pl		786691	
6	D Coy		783683	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
7	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn		772648	
8	A Coy		"	
	7 Pl		"	
	8 Pl		"	
	9 Pl		"	
9	B Coy		786691	
	10 Pl		788707	
	11 Pl		786691	
	12 Pl		"	
10	C Coy		777725	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		"	
	15 Pl		"	
11	D Coy		772650	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
12	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn		770643	
13	A Coy		765629	
	7 Pl		"	
	8 Pl		"	
	9 Pl		"	
14	B Coy		770643	
	10 Pl		"	
	11 Pl		"	
	12 Pl		"	
15	C Coy		768628	
	13 Pl		"	
	14 Pl		"	
	15 Pl		"	
16	D Coy		766632	
	16 Pl		"	
	17 Pl		"	
	18 Pl		"	
17	A Coy NGIB		784701	
	3 Pl		"	
	4 Pl		774648	

SER	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
18	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	29 Comd Sheet	784700	
	<u>ARTY</u>			
19	HQ 2 Aust Fd Regt	"	784696	
20	4 Bty			Passed to Comd CRA 110800L
	A			
	B			
21	5 Bty	"	782673	
	C		"	
	D		781672	
22	6 Bty	"	777662	
	E		778663	
	F		777662	
23	C Tp 3 Aust Svy Bty	"	784696	
	<u>ENGRS</u>			
24	11 Aust Fd Coy	"	783680	
	1 Pl		779714	
	2 Pl		783680	
	3 Pl			Passed comd CRE 110800L
	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy		784700	
	<u>SIGS</u>			
25	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	784700	
26	Det 3 Aust Div Sigs	"	784700	
27	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	772757	
	<u>INT</u>			
28	Language Det	"	784700	
29	Det V Aust FS Sec	"	784700	
	<u>AASC</u>			
30	19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	770643	
31	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl	"	767809	
32	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl	"	772648	
	<u>MED</u>			
33	7 Aust Fd Amb	"	784700	
	ADS	"	772648	
	MSP	"	773757	
	MDS	"	773798	
	18 ANCU	"	767809	
	<u>DENTAL</u>			
34	HQ det 63 Aust Dental Unit	"	784700	
	B Sec	"	773798	
	<u>CRD</u>			
35	104 Aust Bde Crd Fd Pk (less MT Sec)	"	776794	
	<u>AEME</u>			
36	312 Aust LAD (Type J)	"	775794	
37	104 Aust Bde Wksp (less MT Sec)	"	775794	
	<u>PRO</u>			
38	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	"	784700	
	<u>MISC</u>			
39	Det ANGAU	"	784701	
40	FPO 069	"	784700	

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Appendix A to 3 Aust Div, O Instr  
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AREAS of RESPONSIBILITY  
Overlay to NOTUDENA PT -  
PURIATA RIVER TRACK MAP  
1:63360



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A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn
5. O.383 of 141800L to all units
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8. I.175 of 142015L to 3 Aust Div
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MAMARIGU area

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 140700L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn det ANGAU  
11 aust fd coy 7 aust fd amb 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
61 aust inf bn

I.169 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 52 to 140600L (.) at intervals during the night 13/14 jan our arty engaged suspected targets MOTUPENA POINT and mouth MAMARAGU RIVER (.) otherwise sitnor all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 140745L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn

For infm : 2 aust fd regt

O.384 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will report NOT later than 161700L whether SISIRUAI 2 830655 is occupied by the enemy (.) two (.) what enemy if any are there between D coy OUTPOST and SISIRUAI 2 (.) three (.) patrols are NOT rptd NOT to consist of more than five men (.) will be prepared to stay out overnight and will be asked to answer definite questions regarding both tracks (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) will continue patrolling of the area from incl JABA 2 RIVER to incl TUJU RIVER (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one (.) will report NOT later than 161600L whether MAWARAKA is occupied by the enemy (.) two (.) whether the rd between MAWARAKA and MAKOTOWA shows signs of use within the previous 24 hours of time of recce (.) three (.) small parties only will be used (.) NGIB special instns have been issued which will include observation from the sea ack all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 140750L

To : 47 aust inf bn

For infm : 15,42 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2 aust fd regt

O.379 restricted (.) with a view to increasing the scope of patrol activities of fwd coys preliminary recce will be made of second log crossing 7:8628 with a view to its occupation all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 141715L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns

O.382 restricted (.) COs will give careful consideration to the size of patrols and will ensure that they are no bigger than is necessary for the purpose (.) for example a party of two or three men can frequently be used when information is the only requirement and any greater number would merely tend to lessen the likelihood of obtaining the infm (.) it is also felt that patrols are not being briefed in accordance with instns issued in this matter and in future every patrol leader will be required to answer a definite question or questions on his return as well as to provide the normal patrol infm required by the patrol no forma all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 141800L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd regt  
11 aust fd coy 19 aust sup depot pl 7 aust fd amb  
det 56 aust tpt pl 104 aust bde ord fd pk 104 aust  
bde wkshop 15 pl 2/1 aust gd regt det ANGAU 42 aust  
LC coy 312 aust LAD 29 aust inf bde sig sec

O.383 restricted (.) the attention of all offrs and O/PS particularly those in possession of prismatic compasses will be directed to the utmost importance of providing accurate bearings of any hostile gun flashes seen sounds heard or grooves of shells found (.) this infm will be passed direct to arty FOOs in the area or 2 aust fd regt whichever is the quicker (.) the same infm will also be passed immediately to this HQ by direct I line (.) complete shelling reports will be sent in by phone and confirmed in writing later as soon as the infm is complete (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 141815L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns 61 aust inf bn  
2/8 aust cdo sqn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
det ANGAU 11 aust fd coy 8 aust fd amb, 7 aust inf  
bde

I.170 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 53 to 141730L (.) active patrolling and ambushing continued in all sectors (.) TAVERA SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) sec ambush 804666 wounded 1 jap (.) ADELE RIVER SECTOR (.) our patrol along south bank of HUPAI RIVER reached SAK SAK clearing at 773630 (.) further patrol from 767634 to 767624 thence across HUPAISUPANI RIVER to coast at 763724 reported NMS (.) terrain south of river swampy and covered with PIT PIT all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 142000L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn

I.172 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 142000L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) 15 Bn (.) A less 7 pl 778655 7 pl 791667 B less 10 pl 797663 10 pl 778655 15 pl C 778701 (.) 42 bn (.) 10 pl returned B coy 784691 12 pl B 773652 (.) 47 bn (.) A 766631 C 768628 D 767634 all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 142015L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

I.175 CONFIDENTIAL (.) patrols and ambushed 15 jan (.)  
no 1 (.) 768628 - 768618 (.) no 2 (.) 766632 - 765623 (.)  
no 3 (.) 765628 - 768627 (.) no 4 (.) 771646 - 769638 (.)  
no 5 (.) 798663 - 807660 (.) no 6 (.) 793672 - 800688 (.)  
no 7 (.) 770638 - 774628 (.) no 8 (.) 771646 - 782648 (.)  
no 9 (.) 784691 - 800689 (.) ambush (.) pl strength 806666 (.)  
nos 1,2,5,7 and 8 are 3-4 men patrols (.) nos 3,6 and 9  
sec patrols

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde  
13 Jan 45

SUMMARY OF NATIVE REPORTS ON MAWARAKA - MAMARIGU AREA

1. It appears that the area between the main MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA road and the NAMA river to the south is subject to annual flooding.
2. Actual date of flooding is doubtful but it is said to be when strong NW winds and heavy rains occur simultaneously and is estimated to be during March, possibly February, March, April.
3. Period of flooding is doubtful but it is considered that road should be unusable by MT at least 14 days or that if used sooner would only stand traffic for a short period (Note- This is pure conjecture by an unqualified layman)
4. Area between the NAMA RIVER and MAMARIGU is said to be fairly dry at all times and this is borne out by the fact that both the Catholic Mission and natives from MOTUPENA POINT used this area for gardens.
5. Similarly MAWARAKA native gardens appear to have been confined to the area north of the main MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA ROAD.
6. The flooding of this area appears to be dependant on the UPAI RIVER (UPAI is the southern branch of ADELE RIVER) UPAI SIPANA or No.2 UPAI being mainly a flood water branch of this river. When the strong surf silts up the mouth of these two rivers, so that they cannot cope with floods, the UPAI bursts its banks in the vicinity of the 80 grid line and floods the road and coastal areas.
7. This information is from purely native sources and I would like to have Padre O'Sullivan of 2 Aust Fd Regt and Lt-Col McCullen of ANGAU comment on it before it is accepted as fact.

ANGAU Capt

REPORT ON MAWARAKA - MAMARIGU area from information obtained from native sources:-

1. MARTINO, a New Britain native formerly a mission teacher of MAMARIGU states:-

I have seen the MAWARAKA - MAKATOWA road under water of a depth of about 18". This flooding commences after the first bridge just outside the old village area and continues inland past MAKATOWA. I myself have caught fish on the actual road site at a distance of approximately 600 yds inland. I think this condition occurred about Easter, in March. I have only seen this once myself but local natives told me that this occurs every year. At this time the mission station was fairly dry. The mission as far as I know is never flooded. It is between the NAMA R and the MAMARIGU lagoon. Both the NAMA and the MAMARIGU at times become too deep to ford. Our normal method of transport was by canoe. This does not occur every year, but is normal rather than exceptional. It occurs mainly when strong winds and heavy rains come simultaneously.

2. Cpl BUIR a native constable with 12 years service in SOUTHERN BOUGAIVILLE states:-

I can corroborate MARTINO'S statement and add the following information:

I have seen practically all the MAWARAKA area under water with the exception of the actual village area and portion of the garden area. The area between the NAMA R and MAMARIGU keeps reasonably dry at all times.

3. NATURAE, Tultul of MAWARAKA generally confirms above statements and adds that on one occasion a canoe was taken from the beach to MAKATOWA up to the main road.

Natives of MOSINA and SISIRUAI have provided the following info:

1. Both villages are fully controlled and have village officials. Natives have been living in a new area south of T-VERA known as MOSIWANA for at least a year to avoid Allied planes and Japs stealing food. Approx ref PURIATA and MOUTUPEN. PT 1" 840640.
2. Last contact with Europeans was prior to November 1943.
3. First Japs came to MOSIGETTA prior to November 1943, travelling by road and using horse drawn carts, They came by main BUIR road, some were sent to MAWARAKA and some to JABA.
4. Supplies were originally landed at MAWARAKA by barge and brought to MOSIGETTA by road. Horse carts and hand carts were used. Some supplies also came overland from BUIR.
5. They know that guns were at MAWARAKA but not the number or location.
6. Natives were used to supply thatching and native foods and for carrying cargo. At first there were some cases of soldiers robbing gardens but military police were placed in villages to protect them and supervise supply of food to Japs. Japs stealing food are reported to have been punished by whipping.
7. During March attack on PURIATA main road used was MOSIGETTA-KUPON road. On the way back many died and were left to rot on the side of the road.
8. Since this time the Japs in the area have been very hungry and have been living mainly on sago and native foods. Some had a small quantity of unhusked rice believed to have been grown in the BUIR area.

9. Main areas of Jap occupation are:

- MOSINA - a few only - house 28/12/44
- MENDAI - 4 houses - 10 Japs seen estimated strength  
50 8/1/45
- KONKO PINEI - Some Japs strength unknown
- PIKEI - Plenty houses and Japs and large gardens
- MARINGA - 5 KEMPE
- MAWARAKA - strength unknown

10. Jap roads - MOSIGETTA - MAWARAKA

Sighting 10/1/44 signs indicated foot traffic only 20 towards MAWARAKA. 30 or more towards MOSIGETTA. Road fairly wet at point above UPAI-MAVRI Junction indicated possibility of being under water near MAWARAKA.

MOSIGETTA - KUPON

No recent sighting but known to be commonly used by Japs. Hand carts were used previously.

11. The two KEMPE incl one Sjt who have been living in village for approx five months were yesterday morning killed by stabbing with iron pig spears. Bodies were buried and a search will be made for documents as soon as possible.

One native claims to have killed two Japs in the MOSINA area a month or two ago, but there was no supporting evidence.

12. A road runs from MOSIWANA across the MAVIRI (Northern branch of OPAI) River crosses the main MAWARAKA-MOSIGETTA road and reaches MARINGA (possible vicinity 840540) after approx six hours walk. This road has not been used by Jap troops for some considerable time but in Feb 44 was surveyed from the MAWARAKA road to the MOSIWANA and apparently given up as unsuitable.

Road is sometimes used by KEMPE personnel. A visit was made by the KEMPE at MOSIWANA on 8 Jan by 1 Offr and 1 man. They got food and slept the night and were guided to MENDAI by the luluai. Natives believe them to have been refugees from the JABA.

13. Luluai took these two Japs to MENDAI on 9 Jan 45 and reports seeing four houses each capable of accomodating ten Japs. Ten Japs actually sighted and more were heard in bush. Believed to be more houses in the area. Some of the Japs were apparently sick and one Jap said they had malaria.

14. Only native communities reported to the west of main MOSIGETTA-BUIN road are

MARINGA, MCTUPENA, KONGARI, MAKAKA, MAMBIS, TABARA

Each village is reported to have two kempe stationed with them except MARINGA which has five.

15 JAN 45

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2. C.386 of 150900L to all units
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7. C.401 of 152100L to 15,42,47 Aust Inf Bns,  
1 Coy 1 MG Inf Bn, 2 Aust Ed Regt

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 150630L

To: 3 aust div

I.176 confidential (.) SITREP 54 to 150600L (.) during the night 14/15 jan our arty engaged targets in MAWARAKA area with harassing fire (.) otherwise sitnor

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 150900L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, 1 coy 1 NG inf bn, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb

0386 (.) confidential (.) adv HQ opens 772649 150900L closes present location same time all informed

From: fwd 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 151545L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 3 aust div, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.177 SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) one coy will occupy present perimeters held by A and C coys (.) relieving coy will move by berge to bivouac area vicinity 784696 before 151700L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 151930L

To: cmd gp 3 aust div, 2 aust fd regt

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo son, 2 aust fd regt, 1 coy 1 NG inf bn, det ANGAU, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb

I 178 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 55 to 151730L (.) ref map cmd sheet (.) TUJU RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol along south bank TUJU river to 793689 report NMS (.) CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) active patrolling without contact (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) small recce patrol along north bank TAVERA RIVER sighted one sniper at 805666 who fired one round and then fled (.) cas own one slightly wounded remaining on duty (.) ADELE RIVER AREA (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) boat patrol along HUPAI river reports many underwater obstacles (.) NMS (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) small recce patrol along track to track junc 769624 contacted jap ambush of at least eight men (.) cas own nil enemy one wounded (.) other patrols NMS (.) FLOATING OP (.) during straffing run by corsairs 151510L one burst AA automatic fire observed from edge of beach 300 yds east of MCTUPENA POINT (.) area engaged by gunfire (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) one hostile shell reported as landing at 772664 151655L all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 152000L

To: cmd 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn

I.280 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 152000L (.) ref map cmd sheet (.) adv HQ 29 bde 772649 (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) 7 pl returned & coy 777657 10 pl B 792668 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) A 777725 14 pl C 765628 (.) A coy NG inf bn (.) 3 pl 774648 4 pl 783701 all informed



From: fwd 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 152000L

To: comd gp 3 aust div, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.179 (.) SECRET (.) patrols for 16 jan (.) one (.) 772648 to 781624 (.) two (.) 777725 to 789726 (.) three (.) 772649 to 782641 (.) four (.) 777657 to 783655 (.) five (.) 784696 to 800689 (.) six (.) 783681 to 792671 (.) seven (.) 779715 to 791727 (.) eight (.) 769628 to 769618 (.) nine (.) 769628 to 769626 (.) ten (.) 767634 to 765617 (.) one ambush pl strength 805666 (.) standing patrol one pl 768628 (.) patrol No two pl strength all other up to sec strength (.) patrol one along NORTH and SOUTH bank of T.VERA RIVER towards SISIRUAI (.) time out 151530L time in 161600L

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 152100L

To: 15,42, 47 aust inf bns, A coy 1 MG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt rear 29 aust inf bde

For infm: 3 aust div

0401 restricted (.) ref comd sheet (.) crossing at 800663 will in future be referred to as DOUGLAS CROSSING

16 JAN 45

1. Sitrep 56 to 160600L
2. 0404 of 161330L to 47 Aust Inf Bn
3. 05020 of 161450L from 3 Aust Div
4. 05021 of 161605L from 3 Aust Div
5. 0405 of 161750L to 42, 47 Aust Inf Bn
6. Sitrep 57 to 161730L
7. Location amendments to 162000L
8. 1501 of 162020L to 3 Aust Div
9. Captured documents Batch 47

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7. Location amendments to 162000L
8. 1501 of 162020L to 3 Aust Div
9. Captured documents Batch 47

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 160700L

To: 3 aust div

For infm: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust inf bde  
61 aust inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
ANGAU, 7 aust fd amb

I.179 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 56 to 160600L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) 2 days stealth patrol of 3 men and one native guide to SISIRUAI endeavouring to by pass jap track at bottleneck 804668 found 2 jap scouts (.) shots were exchanged 1 jap wounded one of our patrol slightly wounded in leg (.) jap withdrew (.) cpl and one man remained in locality gained for night (.) patrol proceeding (.) 3 man patrol to OXLEY'S AMBUSH report NMS and no signs of movt on track at 787709 (.) ADELE RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) 3 man patrol to vic track junc 769624 located 2 japs and reported (.) patrol undertook same mission and located 11 japs at 773623 (.) fwd scout returned for sec attack but enemy had withdrawn and darkness precluded further movt (.) patrol returned to base distance 700 yds (.) another small patrol moved south of HUPAI RIVER towards beach observed fringe of sac sac area at 774622 and came out on beach 200 yds north of sunken barge report NMS (.) further floating OP reports indicate MAMAREGU jap def area

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161630L

To: 47 aust inf bn

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42 aust inf bns, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2 aust fd regt, 29 aust inf bde rear

O.404 (.) SECRET (.) confirming verbal orders issued between 160900L and 161200L (.) you will hold with NOT more than 2 pls and in two pl areas at least 100 yds apart the enemy pillbox area cleared by your fighting patrol this morning (.) in disposing this force due regard must be paid to dispersal in order to minimise cas from enemy arty and mortar fire (.) continue patrolling with not more than one sec in each patrol to line of rd MAWARAKA MAKOTOLA to report signs of enemy movement (.) standing patrol ambush will be established at vicinity track junction approx 300 yds due east of the most westerly point north of reef north of MAWARAKA (.) advise NOT later than 161600L DF arty task and SCS for night 16/17 jan (.) you will NOT commit more than the above troops SOUTH of the mouth of the HUPAI RIVER without reference to comd (.) ack all informed

From: comd gp 3 aust div

Time of origin: 161450L

To: 7 aust inf bde 29 aust inf bde

For infm: 2 aust con dep rear 29 aust inf bde HQ 3 aust div

O.5020 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 7 aust inf bde will relieve 29 aust inf bde (.) relief will commence 22 jan 45 (.) details will be issued later

From: comd gp 3 aust div

Time of origin: 161605L

To: 29 aust inf bde

O 5021 SECRET (.) you should keep two fwd pls in existing position at the moment (.) you will ensure that deep patrolling is carried out in order to get the very earliest warning of enemy intentions and dispositions

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161750L

To: 42,47 aust inf bns

For infm: comd gp 3 aust div, 15 aust inf bn, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2 aust fd regt, rear 29 aust inf bde

0.405 (.) SECRET (.) ORDERS (.) 42 aust inf bn less three coys  
will relieve 47 aust inf bn less three coys commencing at 170000L  
(.) comd to pass to 42 aust inf bn on completion of relief (.) the  
only coy 47 aust inf bn to be relieved by a coy 42 aust inf bn  
during this process is one coy occupying north bank HUPAI SUPANI  
river mouth and LOG CROSSING area (.) remaining tps 47 aust inf bn  
will remain under command 42 aust inf bn until the remainder of  
the relief is effected under orders from this HQ (.) ack all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 161800L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61  
aust inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo sqn, A coy 1 NG inf bn, det ANGAU, 11  
aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb

1.500 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 57 to 161730L (.) TAVERA RIVER  
SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) two day patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs  
with 1 native guide reached 804668 to outflank bottleneck caused  
by swamp and river contacted 2 japs killing one (.) our cas one  
wounded who returned with native guide (.) remainder of patrol  
stayed out night 15/16 jan killing 4 japs where attacked (.)  
returned to coy area 161200L (.) similar patrol on the south of  
TAVERA RIVER stayed out overnight and proceeded to 825657 without  
contact (.) patrol reports track underwater from ankle to chest  
deep and water flowing rapidly (.) a dry portion of track showed  
footprints of natives, japs and aust boots (.) 42 aust inf bn (.)  
patrols continued further efforts to penetrate swamp to east but  
were unable to proceed more than a few score yards (.) water pat-  
rol up ADELE RIVER passed through heavy swamp and no further  
mvt by water from 773645 (.) HUPAI RIVER SECTOR (.) 47 aust inf  
bn NGIB patrol with task of reporting mvt on MT road from 766617  
to 769619 made contact 769624 wounding 1 jap (.) recce party  
requested assistance of remainder of pl which endeavoured to  
move around left flank but encountered 10-15 japs vicinity old  
pill box 770624 (.) violent fire and grenade fight ensued res-  
ulting one sjt wounded (.) patrol returned to own firm base camp  
161630L (.) MAWARAKA SECTOR (.) after stealth three and four men  
patrol over period of 60 hrs all of which reported NMS at jap  
pillboxes previously located at 762621 a fighting patrol strength  
one pl crossed HUPAISIPANI RIVER at first light to investigate  
pill box area and report whether any mvt on MT road MAWARAKA to  
MAKATOWA (.) first pill box area 762621 entered by leading scouts  
without opposition (.) scouts moved to a second pillbox area  
and while on move 8 japs were reported from floating OP hurriedly  
leaving SUNKEN BARGE at 761621 (.) of these 5 were killed (.)  
second pillbox area found occupied except by 1 jap offr who had  
been dead for 2 days and whose papers incl an important enemy  
plan which was phoned to G1 at 161530L (.) 47 aust inf bn was  
then ordered to hold the two pillbox areas with NOT more than 2  
pls each in pl perimeter and not closer than 150 yds to each  
other (.) they were also warned to expect shelling and to  
occupy pillboxes until our perimeters were constructed (.) these  
perimeters at 762621 and 763622 now held approx 200 yds apart  
(.) as predicted shelling commenced 161325L in two lots of seven  
and three shells (.) guns considered to be 75mm from distance  
4 - 5000 yds (.) a small pnr carrying party crossing HUPAISIPANI  
RIVER suffered 2 killed 2 wounded (.) it is considered that the  
fire was unobserved (.) present locations and strength of 47 aust  
inf bn are A coy 777725 B coy less 11 pl 779642 11 pl 762621 C  
coy 769628 D coy less 16 pl 767634 16 pl 763622 (.) on infm from  
captured documents and after ground contact counter preparation  
task 200 rds was fired at 161630L the following targets were  
registered by floating OP and recent ground recce floating OP  
reports and confirmation of TAC/R (.) river mouth 758602 and  
pillboxes 784622 (.) mortar and arty DF tasks for night 16/17  
jan have been arranged (.) all infm

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DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 162000L

To: comd 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn

I 282 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 162000L (.) ref map  
comd sheet (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) 13 pl 788707 15 pl returned  
C Coy 784691 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) B less 11 pl 770642 11 pl  
762621 D less 16 pl 767634 16 pl 763622 all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde : Time of origin: 162020L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

I 501 ref map comd sheet patrols for 17 jan (.) one (.) patrol  
base pl strength 804666 (.) two (.) 804666 to 809665 (1) three  
(.) 770642 - 797663 (.) four (.) 792671 to 800688 (.) five (.)  
780666 to 792671 (.) six (.) 769628 to 775622 (.) seven (.)  
762621 to 769618 (.) eight (.) 775649 to 772620 (.) nine (.)  
767634 to 774621 (.) ten (.) 792671 to 779664 (.) ambushes  
772624 768628 (.) 3 day patrol from 797663 to 830655 (.)  
all patrols other than patrol number one up to sec strength

DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Batch No 47 captured south of UPAI RIVER by FS Sec personnel on 16 Jan 45 after capture of pillbox by 47 Aust Inf Bn, 29 Aust Inf Bde (One document only)

1. Two loose, handwritten sheets Operation Order of West Sector Garrison Unit dated 12 Jan 45 1200 hrs. Translator No. 84. (TN. The document, though styled 'Operation order' is not the original operation order as it is unsigned and written in pencil: presumably it is the rough notes taken when the operation order was distributed see (method of issue below)

WEST OP ORDER NO. 129

West Sector Garrison Unit Order 1200 hrs 12 Jan at IKARIBA

1. The enemy has reached the UPAI RIVER MOUTH; yesterday the 11th by large MLC. They have captured a strong posn and a gun posn on the left bank. They are planning to capture MAWARAKA.
2. The main strength of the Garrison Unit will attack the enemy at MAWARAKA  
I will move to MAWARAKA SIC
3. 3 Bn (3 bty Fd Arty Regt) will surprise the enemy at its present position. (TN presumably 3 Bn and 3 Bty Fd Arty Regt).  
The 3 Bn main road sentry group will be relieved today the 12th.
4. The 3 Bn ( ) (TN illegible) will be relieved by 2 Bn today, as sentry group of the main road and will leave the present area tomorrow morning 13th. The Bn will move to SURIFUNE area and will come under cmd of CO 1 Bn Fd Arty
5. The trench mortar coy will leave MORENO immediately and will proceed to MAWARAKA. At MAWARAKA it will come under cmd of CO 1 Bn Fd Arty
6. The Regt Tank Attack Coy will continue with its present duties.
7. MAWARAKA Garrison Unit will guard the present area and frustrate the enemy plan until the main strength of the infantry arrive.
8. I will leave tomorrow morning for MEIBA (TN MEIVO) fork.

Method of Issue Orally to all units on the front line.

O i/c HQ 3 Aust Div  
Language Detachment

17 JAN 45

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2. O.411 of 171520L to 42 Aust Inf Bn
3. O.412 of 171615L to 15,42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
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5. Location amendments to 172000L
6. I.505 to 3 Aust Div
7. Captured documents Batches 54, 68

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 170630L

To: 3 aust div

I.502 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 59 to 170630L (.) increase in enemy cas for 16 jan (.) NGIB patrol now 4 japs killed (.) MAWARAKA PT area (.) 6 japs killed (.) hostile shelling commenced 162058L on mouth of HUPAI SUPANI (.) 5 shells one of which was a dud (.) no cas or damage (.) 170630L a further 4 shells fell in same area (.) 4 were duds (.) no cas all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 171520L

To: 42 aust inf bn

For infm: A coy 1 NG inf bn 29 aust inf bde rear

O.411 restricted (.) confirming verbal orders (.) tasks for 18 jan (.) patrols will cross and report on the rd between MAWARAKA and MAKATOWA (.) one deep patrol will reach river at 753588 (.) NGIB stand down

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 171615L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns

For infm: A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, rear 29 aust inf bde

O.412 SECRET (.) ORDERS for 18 jan (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) one pl at OXLEYS AMBUSH will be relieved by one pl 47 aust inf bn and will come under command one coy 15 aust inf bn at 773653 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one coy less one pl will move from present posn 784691 and relieve one coy 47 aust inf bn at 770642 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) one coy at 770642 will on relief move to 784691 (.) one pl 784691 will relieve one pl 15 aust inf bn at OXLEYS AMBUSH (.) bn HQ will move from present posn 771648 to 779713 (.) SC will contact units for barge requirements (.) all moves to be completed by 181400L (.) ack all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 171800L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, A coy 1 NG inf bn, 2/8 aust cdo sqn det ANGAU, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.504 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 60 to 171730L (.) TUJU RIVER AREA (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) patrol from 777725 to 790727 reports noise of movt 1 body at 790727 but NMS (.) TAVERA RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) patrol east along south bank TAVERA RIVER to 791653 report no track seen in area (.) terrain flat alternating swamp and firm ground (.) patrol from 797663 to 791668 noticed native footprints and footprints of dog going both directions along track (.) footprints appear to be recent (.) stealth patrol 1 NCO and 3 OR with one native guide to report any movement at SISIRUAI departed 170700L time in 191600L (.) MAWARAKA SECTOR (.) patrol from 762621 reached point 761612 (.) exact point reached by this patrol verified by floating OP who observed patrol in clearing at MAWARAKA (.) clearing on which MAWARAKA is marked on map was found to be 100 yds x 200 yds covered with scrub 16 feet high surrounded by tall trees all of which showed signs of blast from shell or bomb (.) no trace of track found (.) this patrol cleared several empty pillboxes and reported NMS (.) patrol of one sec from pl perimeter 763622 located and attacked two pillboxes 100 yds east of pl posn enemy



cas 3 killed own cas 2 wounded (.) patrol continued and cleared further three pillboxes all showing signs of recent use (.) papers and documents captured (.) pillboxes were stoutly constructed and covered with 6 ft of earth and maybe dome shaped structure reported by tac/R various occasions and places (.) these have been destroyed by patrols (.) NGIB patrol proceeded with FOC to 771620 and registered pillisade area and four pillboxes scene of fight on 16 jan MMS (.) later section leader reports crossing main road at 200 yds from coast (.) 10 ft wide on set of tracks and no signs of recent movement followed to coast and reced deserted bty posn on south of road with 6 in and 3 in shell cases (.) all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 172000L

To: comd 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn

I.285 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 172000L (.) ref map cord sheet (.) 15 aust inf Bn (.) C less 13 pl 782671 13 pl 788707 D 772648 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) bn HQ 770642 B less 12 pl 784691 12 pl 762621 C less 14 pl 766632 14 pl 763622 D less 17 pl 767627 17 pl 768628 (.) 47 aust inf Bn (.) bn HQ 772648 C 783681 D 784691 (.) all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 172000L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, rear 29 aust inf bde

I.505 (.) SECRET (.) ref map cord sheet (.) patrols for 18 jan (.) up to sec strength (.) one (.) 770642 to 801662 (.) two (.) 778664 to 791688 (.) three (.) 762631 to 762616 (.) four (.) 763622 to 768618 (.) five (.) 767634 to 775622 (.) six (.) 767634 to EAST recce new track (.) seven (.) 773648 to 753588 (.) sec ambushes (.) 772624 and 769627 (.) pl patrols (.) stand- ing patrol 788707 (.) fighting patrol 765627 to 762616 to 768618 (.) recce patrol 770640 to 768628 to 771628 (.) patrol of 1 FCO 3 ORs and 1 native guide from 797663 to SISIRUAI departed 170600L time in 191600L (.) all infm

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HQ 3 Aust Div(AIF)  
Language Detachment  
18 Jan 45

BATCH No. 54 captured at PURIATA - NCTUPEN. POINT Track Map ref 766618 by 47 Aust Inf Bn, 29 Aust Inf Bde on 17 Jan 45 ( 3 documents)

1. Two, loose, pencilled sheets West Garrison Operation Order No 124 4 Jan - 0900 hrs. (TN this document is not the original operation order, but is presumably the notes made when the order was given verbally. In parts it is illegible)

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER NO.124

WEST SECTOR GARRISON UNIT ORDER 4 Jan @ 0900 hrs

1. The enemy has landed 14 or 15 guns on the opposite bank of IKADABA (or IKARIBA ) (TN not clearly written) between TAGESSI JAB., and MUPESSI and is firing on us

2. HONBASHI area (TN this probably a mistake for IPPONBASHI which means log bridge) was swept by enemy fire and there is an enemy position about 200 (TN unit not stated - probably metres) from where work is being carried out. There is a line of wire entanglements in front of the position. Last night the main strength of 2 Bn attempted an attack on the enemy near IPPONBASHI (TN translated below as log bridge) but was discovered by the enemy, so they ceased their attack.

3. The Garrison Unit with a portion of its strength, will secure the log bridge and with its main strength will quickly destroy the enemy at the log bridge and No.2 JABA.  
(TN portion illegible)

3 Bn..... with its entire strength will immediately stop the enemy near the log bridge (TN rest illegible)

4. 3 Bn CO, with a portion of HQ section and Fd Arty will check the enemy on the main road and attack the enemy in No.2 JABA RIVER area.

5. 3 Fd Arty Bty will remain at the present posn and guard the main road. At the same time destroy the enemy who attempt to infiltrate and patrol the main road.

6. Other unit will continue with their former duties.

WEST SECTION GARRISON UNIT CO

Order will be given verbally and recipients are to take notes.

3 Fd Arty Bty

6 Div

2 Bn

3 Bn

Regt Gun Coy

Inf Mortar Unit

3 Bn MG

2 Bn Gun Pl

3 Fd Arty

3. One, loose, handwritten sheet. Situation Report MAWARAKA  
UNDATED.

SITUATION REPORT MAWARAK GARRISON UNIT

1. Guard Report

The total strength of the Garrison Unit at present is 2 Bty Fd Arty - 76 men, 1 Bn Fd Arty - 45 men, Trench Mortar Pl - 10 men, Regt Sigs 4 men, Hy Fd Arty Pl - 21 men, Naval lookouts - 9 men totalling 165 men. However, of this number 62 men are detached for duty with other units, hospitalized etc and are not in this sector. 20 men are on additional duty or on duty at Gardens over 12 kms distant from the position. Therefore, a total of 82 men is not available in an emergency. Furthermore, as 15 more or less, of the number training and resting in the position and neighbourhood, are sick in lines, in the event of a critical occasion, the number immediately available is between 60 and 70

The present equipment of the Garrison is:

Mountain guns	3	15 cm Howitzer	1
Regt guns	1	Trench Mortars	2
HMG	2	Rifles	44
LMG	1		

but as we have so little ammunition for these, more is on requisition at present.

The distribution of the above strength is as follows. The main strength of the Arty is dispersed right on the beach viz:

Mountain guns	2
Regt Gun	1
HMG	2
LMG	1

The others, other than the Navy on MCTUPENA, are waiting in their original positions on guard, determined to annihilate the enemy at the water's edge.

The shore positions are at present under construction, the side walls of the artillery shelters are generally completed and the roofs under construction. Over one year has passed since the posn was set up and the material used have rotted and are unusable. After the artillery shelters and important equipment shelters have been completed, the position, will also be renovated.

In order to gather information re the guarding and construction of the beach position 2nd Lt GOTO and 25 men are in the vicinity of the old position, which is held by the remaining personnel and are supporting themselves.

2. The absolute fulfilment of Part 2 of the policy of His Excellency the Divisional Commander

Up to the present, at every morning and evening parade the Imperial rescript has been recited: and so have been the words of His Majesty given since the time of the TA Operations (THE TOROKINA Operation) "without fail attack repeatedly and swear the fulfilment of revenge and the fulfilment of duty"

We have been instructed, at times of spiritual instruction and at opportunities during working periods, that whatever we do now is for revenge and to repay the Emperor.

We will carry out in the future what we have done up to the present; and at morning roll call, prayers and the oath will be recited. The resolution for that day will be refreshed and at the evening roll call meditations will be carried out

The staff, especially the officers, after reciting the Imperial rescript in the morning and evening, will recite our Jubilation: and at the same time, personally guide and lead the subordinates, organize the company of the Sons of God and endeavour to take revenge and repay the Emperor.

3. The present situation with regard to self-sufficiency.

Self support is very much behind at present and half of the division acreage objective of 495 sq yds per man has not been

attained. For example the basic acreage of the Fd Arty Bty is 8 acres (approx) of which only 3 acres (approx) have been attained. Of the prescribed 1 acre for the Trench Mortar Pl only 1/10 has been attained. Of the Hy Fd Arty Pls 2 1/2 acres, only 1 acre has been attained; of the Navy's 1 acre, only 1/2 acre has been attained. That is the situation. In the future every unit must put forward its best efforts. It is thought that the earliest harvesting of the paddy fields will be at the end of February. In order to carry out the work for self sufficiency here, we must work twice, three times, even ten times harder.

4. The situation as to the condition of patients.

The main body of patients are suffering from malaria and acute malarial inflammation of the intestines. Present admissions to hospital amount to seven and sick in lines amount to twenty-three personnel - totalling 30 equal to 18% of the Garrison Unit.

The physical condition of the remainder is poor and we are unable to use them on arduous work for long periods. Half of the total number of patients are able to work. Hereafter they will be supplied with better rations for them to return to their normal condition. After damage by man and beast we are able to gather 500 - 700 Kgms of potatoes.

We are supplying 200 - 300 grammes of food per day to the Fd Arty Bty because they are constructing positions. The present ration for each unit is 200 grammes and potato leaves and jungle vegetation as well. The quantity is about one and a half to two mess tins covers. The Fd Arty Bty is receiving fish daily from the fishing section. Such is the situation.

O i/c HQ 3 Aust Div  
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT

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18 Jan 45

INVENTORY AND DRAFT TRANSLATIONS OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Batch No. 68 Docs 1 -3 Captured PURLITA MOUTUPENA PT Track Map 766612  
by 47 Aust Inf Bn on 17 Jan 45 (3AD Batch No. 54)

Doc No. 1 2LsHwSh West Area Garrison Unit Operation Order No. 124  
dated 4 Jan (Tr No. 68)  
Translated in full.  
West Area Garrison Unit Op Order  
0900 hrs 4 Jan at IKADABA (TN presumably "raft site")

1. Enemy has landed about 14 to 15 guns opposite the shore of TAKASHI (TN TAGESSI) JABA and MUPESI and the enemy is still firing on us.

In the vicinity of the log bridge there is an enemy position extending about 200 (TN presumably 200 m) where the field of fire has been cleared and a small CP has been established. In front of this position there is a line of wire entanglement.

Main strength of 2 Bn has made an attack on the enemy position on the east side of the log bridge, but was discovered by the enemy and was forced to retire.

2. One element of the Garrison Unit will secure the log bridge firmly and main strength of Garrison unit will destroy the enemy the enemy positions in the region of the log bridge No. 2 JABA River.

3. Handing over the duty of main road sentry group to 3 Bn, 2 Bn with its full strength will make a surprise attack on the enemy at the log bridge immediately.

Furthermore the main strength of Fd Arty 3 Bn will come under my direct control at the present position and Fd Arty main road sentry group will come under the command of 3 Bn CO.

4. 3 Bn CO will take command of Fd Arty main road sentry group together with his original unit, and with one element, he will stop the enemy on the main road advancing in an easterly direction. With its main strength he will proceed in the direction of No. 2 JABA River and will make preparations for an attack on the 5th

5. Fd Arty 3 Bty will take up position at the present position and will be responsible for the guard on the main road. At the same time, Fd Arty 3 Bty will thoroughly search for the enemy patrol which has infiltrated on the main road and annihilate them.

6. Other units will continue their present duties.

West Garrison Unit CO

Method of Distribution: Summary of the order will be given orally and will be taken down by recipients.

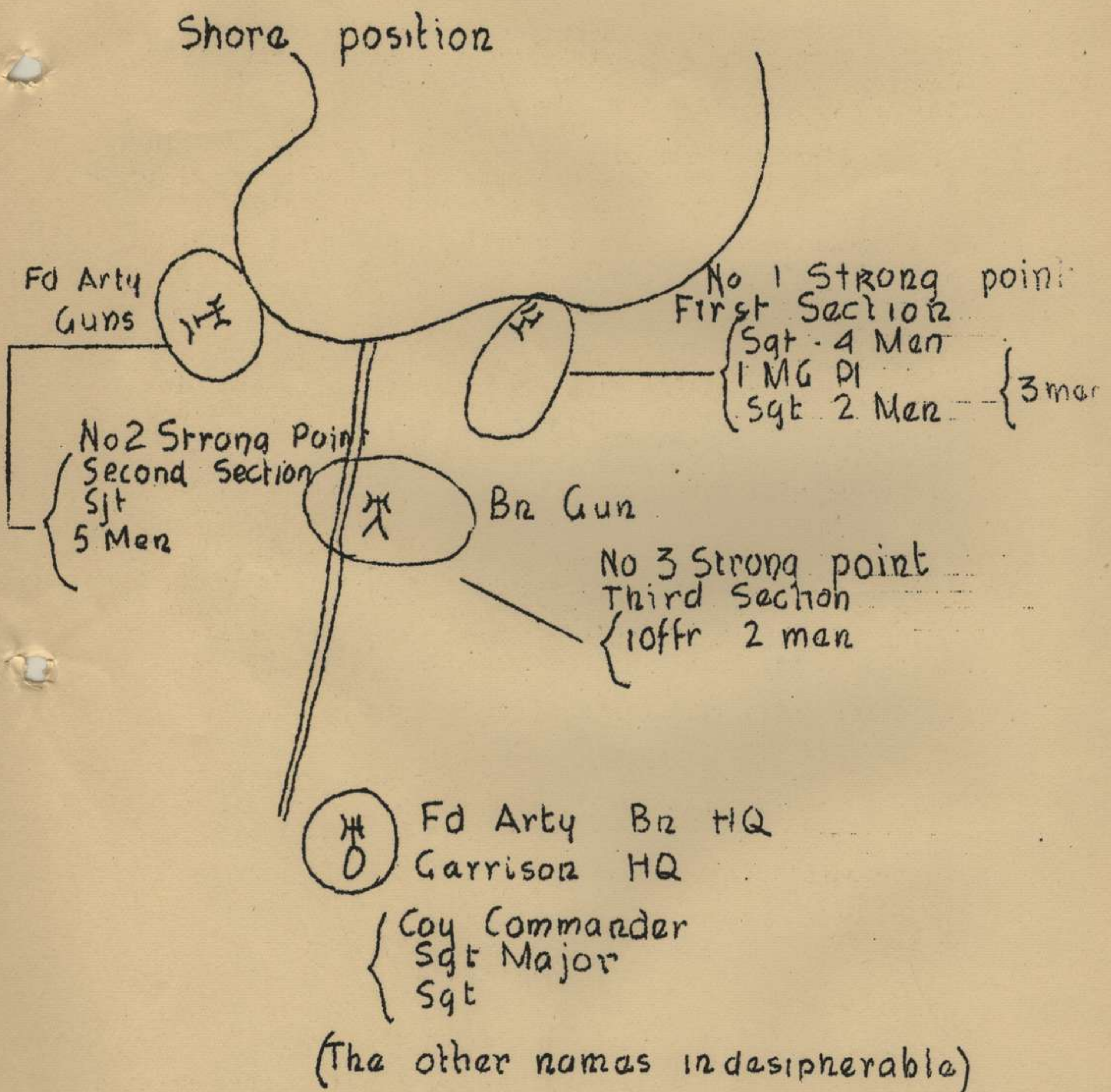
Distributed to:

Fd Arty 3 Coy	Inf Mortar Unit
6 Div HQ	3 Bn MG Coy
2 Bn	3 Bn Gun Platoon
3 Bn	3 Fd Arty
Regt Gun Coy	

Doc No. 2 2LsHwSk Area unknown Undated  
Reproduced by 3 Aust Div

Doc No. 3 1LsHwSh Situation report MAMERAKA Unit Undated  
Translated in full by 3 Aust Div  
No further translation by L-2AC

One, loose sheet Rough sketch in pencil



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From : Adv 29 aust inf bde

TOO 180630L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn  
2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG Inf bn ANGAU  
7 aust fd amb.

I.508 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) sitrep 61 to 180600L (.)  
all units SITNOR (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 180930L

To : 3 aust div

O.413 confidential (.) basic captured documents left this  
HQ 180735L by LO and with ATIS personnel (.) urgent request  
these be forwarded by fastest means to hand GOC 3 aust div.

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 18 L

To : 3 aust div

O.416 SECRET (.) ref your op instn 12 received 132155L para  
3 (b) 1 (.) the area bounded by HHPAISUPANI river from mouth  
east to 771627 south east to pallisade area 771624 south to  
771618 south west to 762613 thence south west along coast to  
753588 is now clear of all organised enemy resistance (.)  
para 3 (b) 2 (.) only one small fleeing party as reported in  
our I 507 of 181800L was seen on tks running from MAWARAKA  
to 771620 (.) para 3 (b) 3 (.) long range patrols from 15  
aust inf bn to SISIRUAI due return 191600L and ANGAU patrol  
despatched 18 jan to SISIRUAI returning 20 jan via MAKOTOWA (.)  
para 3 (b) 4 (.) trace forwarded separately.

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 181300L

To : 3 aust div

For infm 1 aust water tpt gp - rear 29 aust inf bde

O.414 restricted (.) recce of reef of MAWARAKA POINT made to-  
day by floating OP (.) starting from approx 500 yds off  
MAWARAKA POINT the reef extended over a distance of 3 miles  
following the bay in a semi circle (.) depth varies from 3  
to 20 ft (.) further report following



From : 29 aust. inf bde

TOO 181800L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15, 42, 47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf bde  
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt A coy 1 NG inf bn  
2/8 aust odo sqn 11 aust fd coy 7 aust fd amb  
rear 29 aust inf bde

I.507 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 62 to 181730L (.) TUJU RIVER  
AREA (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) patrol to LOG CROSSING 782671  
and patrol to ambush posn 788707 report NMS (.) TAVERA  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) small patrol along  
NORTH bank of river to 805667 NMS (.) patrol to SISIRUAI  
4 men with 1 guide due back 191600L (.) no report (.)  
local security patrols NMS (.) no track through swamp at  
783685 (.) MAWARAKA AREA (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) fighting  
pl to pallisade area 771624 reached Japs outer wire at  
1200L and heard Japs talking in pillbox area (.) within  
2 hrs had cut through three lots of Jap wire and crawled  
to within striking distance (.) wire to a depth of 8 feet  
(.) patrol launched surprise attack and immediately  
occupied 2 enemy pillboxes (.) after cutting through more  
wire further 4 pillboxes captured (.) 7 japs killed (.)  
much eqpt which cannot be recovered till morning and many  
documents captured (.) small patrol with FSS personnel  
completely searched MAWARAKA defences (.) old pillboxes  
showing signs of recent vacation (.) much discarded  
clothing and eqpt of no practical value captured (.)  
one dismantled 75 mm gun without piece found at 759603 (.)  
2 men security patrol during search came upon 8 japs who  
fled after exchanging shots (.) our cas 1 man wounded in  
foot (.) offr with remainder pushed fwd 800 yds NMS but  
8 japs later walked into an ambush of No.2 fighting patrol  
at 769609 (.) 3 japs killed all except one of remainder  
appeared to be wounded and fled screaming (.) No.2 fighting  
patrol SOUTH to main rd at MAWARAKA moved EAST along  
road to 769609 where on discovering Jap sig wire leading  
north made firm base and sent small patrol along wire (.)  
at this stage welcomed into ambush 8 japs previously  
mentioned (.) small patrol following wire heard sounds of  
firing from No.1 fighting pl at 771624 (.) No.2 remained  
in ambush and established contact with No.1 who had  
occupied jap pillboxes (.) patrol to MAMAREGU RIVER 753589  
report river too deep to cross (.) NMS (.) patrol report  
recently vacated senior offr dwelling at 759599 and  
returned with some valuable personal eqpt and some papers (.)  
no swords (.) area along coast from 760607 to 753589 many old  
disused pillboxes (.) recently vacated biv area at 763603 (.)  
present strength below ADELE RIVER ref 3 Div Op Instn No.12 1  
bn less one coy less one pl (.) locations 42 aust inf bn as  
at 181800L (.) bn HQ plus B coy less 12 pl 770642 12 pl  
762621 one sec 762615 A coy less 9 pl 773651 9 pl 771620  
C coy less 14 pl 767634 14 pl less one sec 763622 one sec  
764621 D coy less 17 pl 765628 17 pl 768628 (.) all informed

From : fwd 29 aust inf bde TOO 181830L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm 3 aust div rear 29 aust inf bde 15,42,47 aust  
inf bns A coy I NG inf bn ANGAU 2 aust fd regt

I.508 SECRET (.) patrols for 19 jan (.) NGIB (.) patrol to  
examine catholic mission at MAMAREGU and report number and  
condition of gardens and signs of recent habitation (.)  
LCA available to OC A coy NGIB for this purpose (.) two (.)  
patrol to examine the area EAST from MAWARAKA to native  
gardens at 779616 thence by edge of swamps to join patrol to  
MAMAREGU (.) later patrol will leave coast line just NORTH  
of MAWARAKA POINT (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one (.) fighting  
patrol EAST to MAKOTOWA area (.) stealth patrol SE from  
771620 (.) otherwise security patrols only incl MAWARAKA  
to 771620 (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) deep patrol to SISIRUAI  
due in 191600L (.) otherwise security patrols only (.) 47 aust  
inf bn (.) patrols to 792671 and to 788707 (.) ANGAU (.)  
deep patrol along track SOUTH of TAVERA RIVER to SISIRUAI  
and return via MAKOTOWA (.) time out 181200L time in  
201600L (.) all informed

From : adv 29 aust inf bde TOO 181925L

To : 42 aust inf bn

O.418 SECRET (.) confirming telephone orders of 181950L  
submit to reach me by 182359L outline of your detailed plan  
to hold against all probable counter attacks the perimeter  
north of HUPAI SUPANI river under your command (.) copy of  
Bn orders implementing plan will reach me NOT later than  
190900L (.) ack

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 181930L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

O.419 SECRET (.) one (.) with one bn south of ADELE RIVER  
can hold firm base north of HUPAISUPANI RIVER against  
all probable attacks (.) can also hold as outpost line only,  
able to offer considerable delay to any attack on line of  
road MAWARAKA to 771620 (.) from outpost areas while held  
can also provide all required small deep patrols (.) in  
event of further marked progress towards MAKOTOWA by patrols  
please advise action to be taken (.) two (.) considered  
likely that deep patrols NGIB 19 jan will find MAMAREGU area  
unoccupied (.) if this be so may I place one pl NGIB at  
MAMAREGU for 6 days for deep patrolling along and across  
GAZELLE PENINSULA (.) three (.) plans for holding in accord-  
ance with your Op Instn 12 para 3 (a) have been prepared by  
CO 42 aust inf bn are satisfactory to me and include as vital  
areas perimeters south of ADELE RIVER to HUPAISUPANI RIVER  
as at present held with a determined resistance on four  
axis by pls on outpost line as they withdraw to rejoin  
coys in perimeters

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 182130L

To : 15,42,47 aust inf bns, A coy 1 NG inf bn  
ANGAU 2 aust fd regt

0.420 SECRET (.) ANGAU patrol 1 european 9 natives wearing  
one cross strap one web pouch operating inland between  
TAVERA - SIBIRUAI - MAKOTOWA (.) time out 181200L time  
in 201600L

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 182000L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn

1.287 SECRET (.) location amendments to 182000L (.) ref  
map comd sheet (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) C less 13 pl 792671  
D plus 13 pl C 772648 (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) B less 12 pl  
770642 12 pl 762620 A less 9 pl 773651 9 pl 771620 C less  
13 pl 767634 13 pl 769625 (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) bn HQ  
779713 A less 8 pl 777725 8 pl 777748 B 784691 C 784669  
D less 17 and 18 pls 784695 17 pl 783702 18 pl 788707 (.)  
A coy NGIB (.) 3 and 4 pls 774648 (.) all informed

SECRET

42 AUST INF BN 00 8

Ref Map : Comd Sheet

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan 45

Copy No.7

INFM

1. As per sitreps

INTENTION

2. 42 Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive area from mouth HUPAISUPANI RIVER to ADELE RIVER

METHOD

3. The area will be held by a series of fortified localities.

4. (a) D coy less one pl with under comd 2 Det Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area BASE B - LOG CROSSING  
(b) C coy less one Pl with under comd 2 Det Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area COCONUT GROVE.  
(c) B Coy less one Pl with in support 4 Det Mortars, one sec MMG, Bn HQ protective tps will hold the area - FEATHERY TREE  
(d) A coy less one Pl will hold the area - FWD BDE

5. Outposts

- (a) (i) SUNKEN BARGE AREA will be held by one Pl B Coy  
(ii) WINTERS POST will be held by one Pl C Coy  
(iii) LINDSAYS POST will be held by one Pl A Coy

(b) Role of Outposts

- (i) To control by patrols the MAWARAKA - MAKOTOWA RD EAST to MAKOTOWA  
(ii) To control the LOG CROSSING tracks  
(iii) To prevent any enemy infiltration into the Bn def area.

- (c) Outposts will be withdrawn only on orders of the Comd and will fight vicious delaying actions back to the main posns

- (d) Line of withdrawals - SUNKEN BARGE and WINTERS POST NORTH across HUPAISUPANI, LINDSAYS POST via LOG CROSSING TRACK.

6. Reserves

- (a) A Coy less one Pl. Role immediate counter attack  
(i) LOG CROSSING AREA via COCONUT GROVE  
(ii) COCONUT GROVE via FEATHERY TREE

7. Counter Attack Tasks

- (a) Through A Coy is detailed, COCONUT GROVE comd will be prepared to make an immediate counter attack with one Pl to LOG CROSSING AREA. The counter attacking Pl to be replaced by Pnr Pl

- (b) Tk A Pl will be prepared to counter attack immediately from FEATHERY TREE to COCONUT GROVE.

- (c) A Coy, C Coy Pnr Pl Tk A Pl will reconnoitre counter attack lines as detailed by 191200L

- (d) All subunits detailed for counter attack tasks are placed on 20 minutes notice.

8. ARTY

- (a) DF tasks F 2, M 34 and M 35 on call
- (b) M 34 will be SOS task
- (c) FOO will be at LOG CROSSING

9. MORTARS

- (a) DF tasks 1 to 4 SUNKEN BARGE and WINTERS POST
- (b) DF tasks 5 to 8 EAST AND NORTH of LOG CROSSING

10. MMGs

- (a) Tasks as per Bn defensive fire plan sketch
- (b) Amn expenditure - one belt normal on each task repeated on call

11. TK A AND PNR PLS

Will occupy defensive posn FEATHERY TREE

12. PRIORITY OF WORK

- (a) Wiring
- (b) Pill boxing
- (c) Mining

13. PATROLS

Each comd of a defended locality will maintain a constant security patrol 400 yds out and around his perimeter from 0630 hrs until 1745 hrs daily. In addition 3 men contact patrols will be maintained between defended localities for the same periods.

14. AMN

- (a) 100 rds .303 and 3 grenades per man
- (b) Bn SAA reserve - Bde Comd area

15. WATER

Wells will be sunk in all defended areas.

16. SUPS

- 5 days SWPA
  - 1 FOR
  - 1 Emergency
- } on man in each defended locality

17. MED

RAP at Bn HQ

18. TPT B ECH

Bde Comd area

INTERCOMN

19. Bn HQ FEATHERY TREE

20. Sigs - There will be one high, and one buried line and one secret line along the beach from each defended locality.

21. CDFs and SOS calls through OC D Coy direct to Arty and Mortar FOOs

ACK

Time of Signature  
Method of Issue

2100L  
Safe Hand

Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt

DISTRIBUTION

All Coys	1 - 5	MMG	10
Comd	6	Tk A	11
E9 aust inf bde	7	MOR	12
Maj MACKAY	8	War Diary	13, 14
Sig Offr	9	File	15

Ref Map MOTUPENA POINT and PURIATA RIVER  
TRACK MAP 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. Enemy

No change from 3 Aust Div Int Summaries and  
Summaries of Ops issued to date

2. Likely Enemy Action

It is probable that the enemy will employ small  
recon patrols and endeavour to obtain detailed infm  
of our dispositions. Vigorous counter attacks for  
the recapture of lost ground must be expected.

3. Own Troops

- |                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Dispositions | } See trace Appx 'A' att |
| (b) Bdeys        |                          |
| (c) Role         |                          |

2/8 Aust Cdo Bn

Active recon of the area KUPON, NIGITAN, MOSINA,  
MENDAI, SISIRUAI to ascertain details of enemy  
dispositions, terrain and intentions.

7 Aust Inf Bde

Defence of portion of TOROKINA BASE area and  
control of HANEMO area.

29 Aust Inf Bde

Secure present area against any action enemy may  
undertake.

Extensive patrolling to ascertain

Enemy dispositions in MAWARAKA area

Enemy movement on track running west from  
MOSIGETTA to MAWARAKA

Enemy movement and activity in the area west  
from track SISIRUAI REARURO MOSIGETTA.

61 Aust Inf Bn

To secure the area as shown in Appx 'A' and  
prevent enemy infiltration into its area of  
responsibility.

4. ADDITIONAL TROOPS

- (a) Under comd 7 Aust Inf Bde as from 0800 hrs  
23 Jan 45 at present locations.

2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy (less one Pl)  
61 Aust Inf Bn  
A Coy (less one Pl) 1 NG Inf Bn  
11 Aust Fd Amb  
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
Det ANGAU

(b) Will pass from comd 29 Aust Inf Bde as from 0800 hrs 23 Jan 45 at present locations

2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy (less one Pl)  
A Coy (less one pl) 1 NG Inf Bn  
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
104 Aust Bde Wkshop  
Det ANGAU

(c) Will pass from in sp of 61 Aust Inf Bn and revert to 2 Aust Fd Regt as from 0800 hrs 23 Jan 45 at present location.

4 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt

(d) Will pass from comd 7 Aust Inf Bde as from 0001 hrs 23 Jan 45 at present locations

113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
113 Aust Bde Wkshop

(e) Will revert to comd 3 Aust Div as from 0001 hrs 23 Jan 45 at present locations

1 Pl 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy  
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
104 Aust Bde Wkshop  
113 Aust Bde Wkshop

5. Topography

All available infm has been issued. Air photographs at present held by 29 Aust Inf Bde will be handed over to 7 Aust Inf Bde as from date of relief

INTENTION

6. 7 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 29 Aust Inf Bde

METHOD

7. Ops effecting relief

7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will relieve 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp in JABA RIVER - PURIATA RIVER sector.  
29 Aust Inf Bde will then move to TOROKINA Base area and assume the op role of 7 Aust Inf Bde.

8. Date of relief

Relief will commence at 0800 hrs 23 Jan 45 and will be completed by 1700 hrs 23 Jan 45

9. Roles

7 and 29 Aust Inf Bde Gps will exchange roles as from 1600 hrs 23 Jan 45.

10. Liaison

There will be direct liaison between 7 and 29 Aust Inf Bde Gps to arrange details of adv parties, times of relief of sub units and adm details

11. Arty

2 Aust Fd Regt will remain in present locations until it passes to comd 7 Aust Inf Bde

ADM

12. Transfer of Stores

(a) The following items will be subject to inter-bde transfer

1st line amn (one bn, 29 Aust Inf Bde, will return all line amn to AP after relief

Engineer Stores incl 100 and 300 cubic feet refrigerators.

Ordinance accommodation stores (incl all tarpaulins and tentage but excl tents half shelters). Cooking gear - only hrdro burners, Soyer and Fowler stoves will be transferred.

Rations and expense stores hwd by units at date of relief

Sig stores. Sig tech eqpt on charge to units of bde to be withdrawn with bde. Tech eqpt on loan from 3 Aust Div to remain in situ. Cable both in posn and in res to remain. 7 Aust Inf Bde units to move without cable.

This para does NOT apply to 61 Aust Inf Bn

With the exception of 1st line amn this sub para does NOT apply to one bn 29 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) 29 Aust Inf Bde Ord Dump will revert to Div control as from 1600 hrs 18 Jan 45.

13. Engr Stores Dumps

The Engr Stores dump at TAGESSI RIVER mouth area will be under comd CRE as from 0001 hrs 23 Jan 45.

14. Camp Sites

Camp sites for Bde HQ, three bns at present occupied by 7 Aust Inf Bde at TOROKINA will be occupied by 29 Aust Inf Bde

15. Med and Red Cross Stores

Med and Red Cross stores will remain in situ and will be taken over by respective bdes.

16. Certificates

Certificates of handover, signed by both the COs of relieving unit and the unit being relieved will be rendered to this HQ for all installations, stores and res handed over.

17. Existing Adm Arrangements

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bde

Sups POL  
Med

Ord  
EME

Daily issue PERIMETER FSD  
Evac from RAP to 11 Aust Fd Amb  
then to 109 Aust CCS  
From ADOS dump 3 Aust Div  
Evac from LAD to 113 Aust Bde  
Wkshop



Canteens Weekly issue from Div Canteen at FSD as from date of relief the above arrangements will apply to 29 Aust Inf Bde

(b) 29 Aust Inf Bde

Sups FOL Amn Weekly issue through ADELE DID. Amn as required through AP at DID. Arty amn supplied direct to gun sites from TAGESSI DID

Med Evac from RAP to ADS at 773649 thence to MDS 775799 by water craft. From MDS to 109 Aust CCS by Amb work boat or MAC.

Ord Ord Dump TAGESSI RIVER

EME Evac from LAD to Adv Sec 104 Aust Bde Wkshop at 772790 thence by rd of landing craft to TOROKINA.

Canteens Weekly delivery on demand to TAGESSI DID where unit representatives take over.

Pay Det 3 Aust Div Cash Office 778792

Postal Div FPO at TAGESSI DID fwd to bde FPO.

As from date of relief the above arrangements will apply to 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp

18. Mov

Mov instns will be issued separately.

INTERCOMN

19. Existing lines to be taken over by 7 Aust Inf Bde. Existing wireless network manned by Sigs 3 Aust Div to remain. Existing DRLS system will be maintained by 3 Aust Div. Pigeon Loft sited at JABA RIVER mouth is available for 7 Aust Inf Bde

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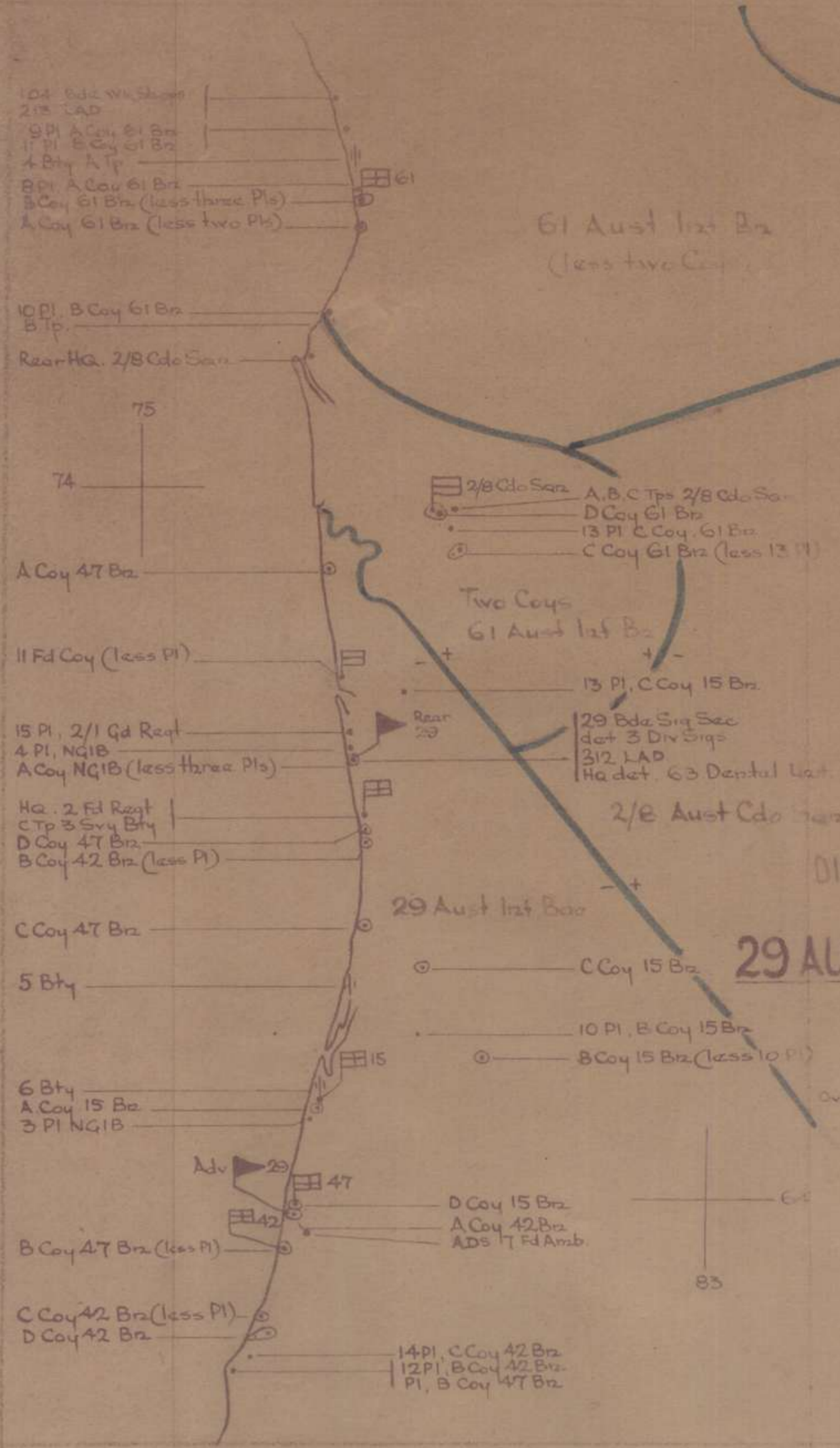
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GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue LO  
Time of Signature 1532 hrs

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Appx 'A'</u>	<u>Appx 'B'</u>
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	1	1
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	2	2
RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	3		
RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	4		
Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	5		
AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	6		
Comd	7	3	3
AQ	8	4	4
Med	9		
Ord	10		
AEME	11		
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SECRET  
 Appendix A  
 to 5 Aust Div. (AIF)  
 OC No 8  
 of Jan 45  
 Copy No ...



104 Bde Wk Shop  
 212 LAD  
 9 Pl A Coy 61 Bn  
 1 Pl B Coy 61 Bn  
 4 Bty A Tp  
 8 Pl A Coy 61 Bn  
 3 Coy 61 Bn (less three Pls)  
 A Coy 61 Bn (less two Pls)  
 10 Pl B Coy 61 Bn  
 B Tp  
 Rear Hq. 2/8 Cdo Sqdn  
 75  
 74  
 A Coy 47 Bn  
 11 Fd Coy (less Pl)  
 15 Pl, 2/1 Gd Regt  
 4 Pl, NG1B  
 A Coy NG1B (less three Pls)  
 Hq. 2 Fd Regt  
 C Tp 3 Svy Bty  
 D Coy 47 Bn  
 B Coy 42 Bn (less Pl)  
 C Coy 47 Bn  
 5 Bty  
 6 Bty  
 A Coy 15 Bn  
 3 Pl NG1B  
 Adv 29  
 47  
 42  
 B Coy 47 Bn (less Pl)  
 C Coy 42 Bn (less Pl)  
 D Coy 42 Bn  
 14 Pl, C Coy 42 Bn  
 12 Pl, B Coy 42 Bn  
 Pl, B Coy 47 Bn

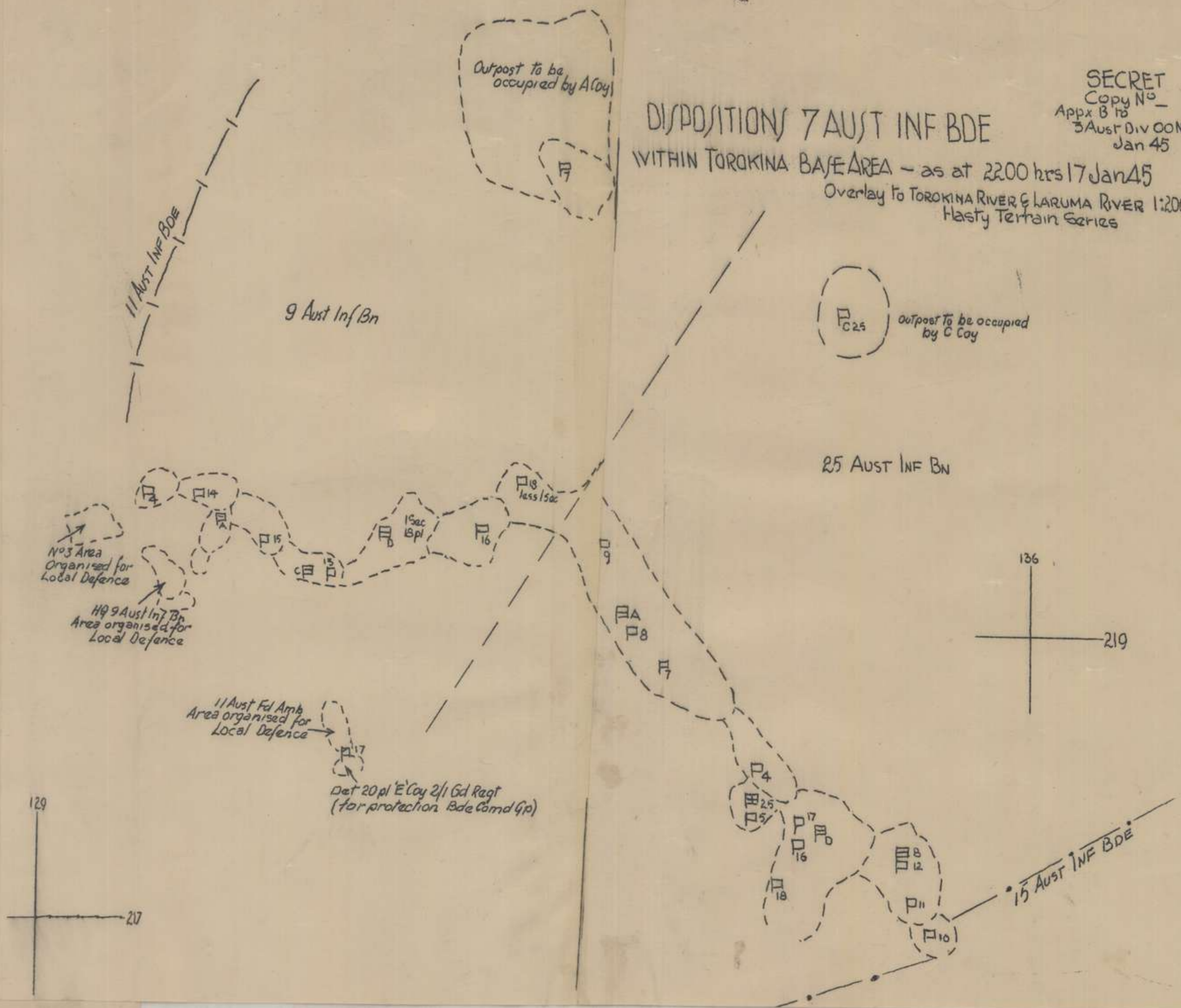
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 D Coy 61 Bn  
 13 Pl C Coy 61 Bn  
 C Coy 61 Bn (less 13 Pl)  
 Two Coys  
 61 Aust 1st Bn  
 13 Pl, C Coy 15 Bn  
 Rear 29  
 29 Bde Svy Sec  
 det 3 Div Sigs  
 312 LAD  
 Hq det. 63 Dental Unit

DISPOSITIONS & BOUNDARIES  
 of  
**29 AUST INF BDE, 2/8 AUST CDO SQN**  
 & **61 AUST INF BN**  
 as at 2200 hrs 17 Jan 45  
 Overlay to MOTUPENA Pt, PURIATA R. Track Map  
 1 inch to 1 mile

SECRET  
Copy No -  
Appx B to  
3 Aust Div OON 98  
Jan 45

# DISPOSITIONS 7 AUST INF BDE WITHIN TOROKINA BASE AREA - as at 2200 hrs 17 Jan 45

Overlay to TOROKINA RIVER & LARUMA RIVER 1:20000  
Hasty Terrain Series



11 AUST INF BDE

9 Aust Inf Bn

Outpost to be occupied by A Coy

P C 25  
Outpost to be occupied by C Coy

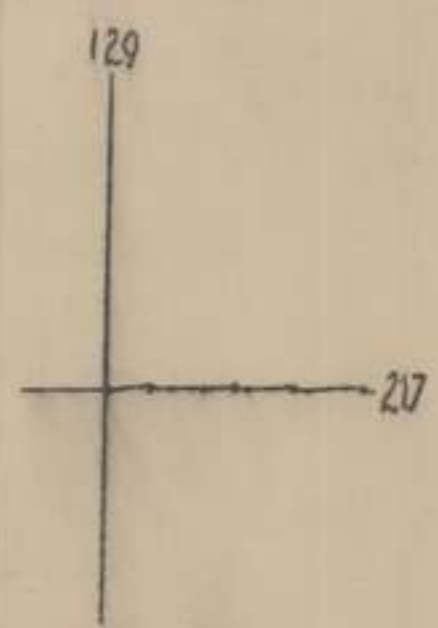
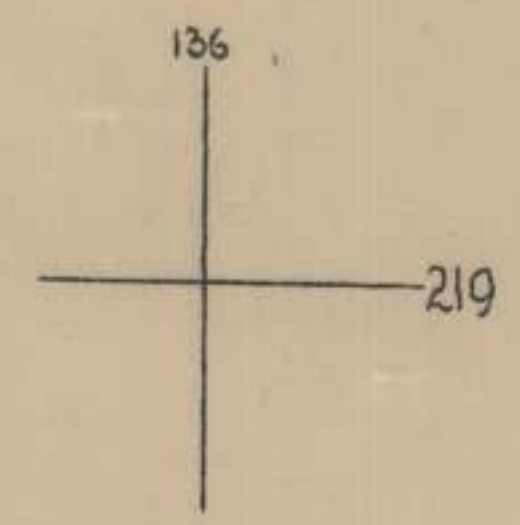
25 AUST INF BN

No 3 Area organised for Local Defence

HQ 9 Aust Inf Bn Area organised for Local Defence

11 Aust Fd Amb Area organised for Local Defence

Det 20 pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt (for protection Bde Comd Grp)



15 AUST INF BDE

HQ 3 AUST DIV (AIF)  
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT  
JAN 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 56 captured SOUTH of HUPAI RIVER by 42 Aust Inf Bn  
29 Aust Inf Bde on 18 Jan 45

1. Sixteen, bound, handwritten sheets Operation Orders Nos. 120, 123, 125, 124, 129, 134 and 135 of West Sector Garrison Unit dated respectively 26 Dec, 1, 4, 5, 12, 16 and 17 Jan. The document does not contain the original orders, but is, presumably, a copy of the orders made when they were delivered verbally. Similar copies of order nos. 124 and 129 have been captured previously. Translation of orders numbered 124 and 129 not included in this translation, otherwise orders are translated in full, except where illegible. Translators nos 197 and 84.

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER 17 Jan No. 135 at MOZAN

West Sector Garrison Unit Order

1. The enemy has occupied MAWARAKA position and is constructing barbed wire entanglements and appears to be planning to attack posts on the right of MAWARAKA. The enemy is not active in the JABA and MUPESSI areas.
2. The MAWARAKA Garrison Unit will leave a minimum strength on the secret track between the artillery position and the coconut grove. The infantry main strength will annihilate the enemy on the edge of MAWARAKA. For this reason 3 Bn Gun will be returned to 3 Bn.
3. Three Bn Gun Pl will leave its present area early tomorrow morning and proceed to MAWARAKA where it will come under command of 3 Bn CO.
4. An NCO and four men of No. 1 Transport Coy acting as Colour Guard will present themselves at MOZAN Garrison Unit Headquarters by 0800 hrs tomorrow and two men will be despatched to 3 Bn HQ at FURUFURU for purposes of liaison.

West Sector Garrison Unit CO

Method of Issue Orders will be given verbally and recipients will take notes.

Distribution Orally to COs.... (TN illegible)  
No. 1 Transport Coy  
..... (TN illegible, presumably another unit)

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 134

West Sector Garrison  
16 Jan 1300 hrs  
MOZAN

1. 2nd Lt ISHIKI henceforth will command his own platoon, together with one NCO and four men from Tank Attack Unit and will guard the colours and the regiment.

West Sector Garrison CO.

Method of Issue Order will be given verbally and recipients will take notes.

**WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 129**

**West Sector Garrison Unit Order 26 Dec 1400 hrs MEIBA**

(TN Not translated)

**WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 125**

**West Sector Garrison Unit Order 5 Jan 1230 hrs IKADABA**

1. The Guard Unit with the main strength of 2 Bn and 3 Bn will make preparation to attack the enemy on the EAST side of the LOG BRIDGE
2. Reconnoitre enemy situation and terrain EAST of unnamed river (TN sic) flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE into 2 Bn and make preparations to attack the enemy in that area. 10 Coy will return to its original attachment by the evening of 6 Jan.
3. Three Bn (less 3 MG) will make preparations to attack the enemy WEST of unnamed stream flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE. Although the time of attack is scheduled for 7 Jan there will be separate orders.
4. The boundary of the battle area of the battalions is the NORTH-SOUTH line of the unnamed river flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE

**Method of Issue** Orally recipients will take notes.

**Distribution** Units under command.

**WEST SECTOR OPERATION ORDER No. 124**

**West Sector Garrison Unit Order 4 Jan**

(TN Not translated)

**West GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 123**

**West Sector Garrison Unit Order 1 Jan 0400 hrs MORENO**

1. The Garrison Unit will re-organise and direct its strong point to JABA and annihilate the enemy at the beach.
2. The 2 Bn, including 10 Coy, will quickly destroy the enemy EAST of LOG BRIDGE and will reconnoitre the enemy situation WEST of LOG BRIDGE
3. The 3 Bn (less 10 Coy) will move to MUPESSI-MORENO IKADABA (TN Raft Site) and will leave one company at the Raft Site. The main strength, under my command, will take up its position near the Raft Site and make preparations to attack the sector SOUTH of the main road to No 2 JABA RIVER.
4. The tank Attack Unit will become the MUPESSI Attack Unit and will attack the enemy at MUPESSI.
5. MAWARAKA Garrison Unit and the Regtl Gun Coy will continue with their former duties.
6. I will be at my present position for awhile and will later move to Raft Site.

**Method of Issue** : Telephone and verbally

**Distribution** Forces under command.

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 120

West Sector Garrison Unit Order 26 Dec 1400 MEIBA

1. The main strength of the Garrison Unit will advance to the vicinity of MORENO and will make preparations to attack MUPESSI area.
2. Light trench Mortar Unit, 3 Bn Gun Pl will leave the present position tomorrow morning and go towards MORENO. They will carry one week's ration of 300 grammes of provisions.
3. Tank Attack Unit will proceed to MORENO after completing transportation of provisions between PIKEI and JABA.
4. I will leave the present position tomorrow at 0600 hrs and proceed to MORENO

West Garrison Unit CO

Method of Issue Verbally and written  
Distribution

Light Trench Mortar Unit  
 3 Bn Gun Pl  
 Tank Attack Unit  
 2 Bn  
 3 Bn

(TN Rough Notes)

Rice for one day 0.318 pints

Bread } 3 days 2 meals (TNS10)  
Taro }

(TN followed by various figures

O 1/c HQ 3 AUST DIV  
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT

Comd Gp  
3 Aust Div (AIF)  
18 Jan 45

**ESTIMATE OF ENEMY STRENGTHS BETWEEN JABA AND  
PURIATA RIVERS**

Includes information from Western Garrison Op Order No. 124 of 4 Jan Op Order No. 125 of 11 Jan and Situation Report of MAWARAKA Garrison Unit, undated but believed written between those dates.

13 Inf Regt HQ	45	
2 Bn	120	
3 Bn	320	
Mortar Coy	45	
Tk A Coy	40	
HQ 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty	45	
1 Bty	76	
2 Bty	76	
3 Bty	76	
Med Arty Pl	21	
Military Police	20	
Det Div Sigs	20	
Det Navy	9	A further 20 on MOTUPENA have not been included
1 Fd Hosp	150	
Miscellaneous Troops	75	1138
Less Casualties since commencement of ops across JABA RIVER		200
		<hr/> 938

Of this force an estimated 150 are believed to be in the SISIRUAL area. The remainder should now be considered as an integral force disposed in the MAWARAKA-MAKOTOWA-MOSIGETTA sector with the role of delaying our occupation of that sector. At the present time there has been no indication that reinforcement from across the PURIATA RIVER has taken place or is intended at this stage.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY ARTILLERY BETWEEN JABA AND PURIATA RIVERS

The following artillery pieces may be assumed located in this area

<u>Calibre</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Range - Yds</u>
150 MM Howitzer	2	96	13000
105 MM Howitzer	2	91	11500
75 MM Mtn Gun	9	94	9000
70 MM Bn Gun	4	92	3000 (Maximum
75 MM Regt Gun	3	41	7000 1500 effec-
47 MM Tk A Gun	1	01	5500 tive)
37 MM Tk A Gun	3	94	7000 maximum
			800 effective
		97	4400 maximum
			600 effective
81 MM Mortar	4	97	3000 approx

Capt  
GS 3 Aust Div

19 JANUARY 1945

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6. Sitrep 65 to 191730L
7. I.515 of 191935L to 3 Aust Div.
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FROM fwd 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 190630L

TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div.

rptd 3 Aust Div rear 29 Aust Inf Bde 15, 42  
47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde 61 Aust  
Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn 2 Aust Fd Regt  
A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn ANGAU 7 Aust Fd Amb.

I. 509 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) sitrep No 63 to 190600L  
(.) total enemy cas for 18 jan (.) 11 killed 4  
wounded (.) our cas 2 wounded (.) quiet night all  
sectors (.) SITNOR

FROM Comd gp 3 Aust Div

TOO 190730L

TO 29 Aust Inf Bde.

rptd 3 Aust Div

O.5031 (.) SECRET (.) consolidate at existing posns  
forthwith (.) no further adv will be made without  
prior approval this HQ

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 191120L

TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div

O.422 secret (.) ref your op Instn 12 of 13 jan (.)  
submit for approval can guarantee consolidation against  
probable attack the area ADELE CROSSING - LINDSAY'S  
POST 771624 - MAWARAKA all incl with one bn (.)  
proposed disposition (.) B ech incl Tk attack pl and  
pnr pl hold 770642 (.) one coy LOG CROSSING 768628  
and HUPAISUPANI RIVER mouth 763625 both incl (.) one  
coy MAWARAKA area (.) one coy LINDSAY'S POST 773623  
(.) one coy vicinity 771620 (.) BnHQ 763624 (.) can  
accomplish by tonight (.) supply to new dispositions  
by barge ex present DID

FROM fwd 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 191130L

TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div

rptd 3 Aust Div rear 29 Aust Inf Bde.

I.510 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) West area Operation Order  
No.135 captured by 42 Aust Inf Bn evening 18 jan (.)  
now in course of translation (.) confirmation of  
phone message

FROM fwd 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 191135L  
TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div rear 29 Aust Inf Bde 15.42, 47 Aust Inf Bns  
2 Aust Fd Regt A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn ANGAU 7 Aust Inf  
Bde 7 Aust Fd Amd.

I.511 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 64 to 191130L (.) investigation  
of area by fwd pl 42 Aust Inf Bn at 764623 shows extensive pill  
box area 300 yards by 200 yards estimated by pl comd as  
capable of holding one Jap bn (.) clearing of area proceeding  
(.) 1 Jap already killed (.) all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 191800L  
TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde  
61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt A Coy N.G. Inf Bn  
det ANGAU rear 29 Aust Inf Bde 7 Aust Fd Amb 11 Aust  
Fd Coy

I.514 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 65 to 191730L (.) TAVERA  
RIVER SECTOR (.) 15 Aust Inf Bn (.) deep patrol of 1 NCO and  
3 ORs and 2 native guides with task of reporting enemy  
enemy activities in SISIRUAI area returned to coy perimeter  
191010L (.) patrol reports estimated enemy strength in  
SISIRUAI as approx 1 coy (70 - 90) with three defence areas  
each of 1 pl (.) patrol reached a point 30 yds from rd and  
heard a number of Japs talking (.) patrol withdrew unobserved  
(.) Japs had no outposts or listening posts on approaches to  
village (.) area covered approx as shown on track map details  
separately (.) MAWARAKA AREA (.) 42 Aust Inf Bn (.) extensive  
pallisade pillbox and wired area at 764623 had been cleared  
of enemy and the posn now occupied by 1 coy 7 Japs killed (.)  
locations 42 Aust Inf Bn as at 191700L (.) BnHQ 770642 A Coy  
763622 with one sec 762621 (.) A Coy N.G. Inf Bn patrol to  
garden area 770617 thence to MAMAREGU report gardens with  
young plants newly watered (.) huts in area recently renovated  
(.) several disused pillboxes in area (.) patrol searched for  
bodies of 3 Fijians without result (.) NMS in area (.)  
further patrol cleared MAMAREGU and reached 740577 reports no  
signs recent occupation (.) small patrol moving east to  
MAKATOWA reached commencement of extensive pillbox area 780623  
(.) all infm

FROM fwd 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 191935L  
TO comd gp 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div rear 29 Aust Bde 15, 42, 47  
Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde 61 Aust Inf  
Bn 2/8 Aust cdo sqn 2 Aust Fd Regt ANGAU  
A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn 7 Aust Fd Amb.

I.515 (.) SECRET (.) patrols for 29 jan (.) one (.)  
fighting patrol EAST to MAKATOWA (.) two (.) pl  
patrol from MAMAREGU along north coast MOTUPENA  
POINT and to locate track SOUTH across base of  
peninsula (.) three (.) pl patrol to further recon  
garden area at 770617 (.) four (.) sec patrol to  
search MAWARAKA area (.) five (.) ANGAU patrol to  
SISIRUAI return via MAKATOWA due in 211600L (.)  
otherwise security patrols in all sectors (.)  
all infm.

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 192000L  
TO Comd gp 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div 7 Aust Inf Bde 61 Aust Inf Bn

I.289 (.) SECRET (.) location amendments to 192000L  
(.) ref map COMMAND SHEET (.) 15 Aust Inf Bn (.)  
A 772648 B less 10 pl 783681 10 pl 792668 C less  
13 pl 772667 13 pl 772649 (.) 42 Aust Inf Bn (.)  
BnHQ plus B less 10 and 11 pls 770642 10 pl 762621  
11 pl 773623 A less 9 pl 768618 9 pl 771624 C  
less 13 and 15 pls 768634 13 pl 773623 15 pl  
768622 D less 17 pl 768628 17 pl 767633 (.) 47  
Aust Inf Bn (.) ref map VITO one inch (.) 12 pl B  
Coy 834928 all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 192100L

To Comd gp 3 Aust Div

rptd 3 Aust Div rear 29 Aust Inf Bde 15, 42,  
47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde 61 Aust Inf  
Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt A Coy 1 N.G Inf Bn det  
ANGAU 11 Aust Fd Coy 7 Aust Fd Amd.

I.516 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP 8 to 191800L (.)  
one (.) patrol report (.) patrol to SISIRUAI reports  
heavy swamp with water waist high along track from  
801663 to 811659 where was found a vacated village  
(.) further along track were two gardens approx 600  
yds apart (.) one showed signs of recent strafing  
from aircraft (.) small village approx 826656 two  
dead Japs killed by natives (.) from here going was  
good on high ground to a large village and clearing  
at approx 831656 (.) village had evidently not been  
occupied by japs as quite an amount of corn crop  
was ready for picking (.) two more old villages  
were passed before coming to SISIRUAI (.) patrol  
estimates SISIRUAI occupied by one coy (70 - 90)  
(.) patrol withdrew and returned same route (.)  
patrol leader reports jap tracks easy to follow (.)  
terrain towards east higher than coastal area (.)  
on return trip water over track previously reported  
waist high had subsided to knee height (.) topo-  
graphical (.) one (.) from 772 648 to 780639 no  
tracks and no signs of any previous movement (.)  
terrain soft and muddy with knee deep swamps  
making movement difficult (.) two (.) from 802667  
to 810665 terrain north of track covered by water  
and heavy growth of vines and plants (.) three (.)  
there are no crossings by foot of the TUJU RIVER  
from mouth to 796688 where the river is reported  
to be 80 yds wide and very deep (.) native reports  
(.) one (.) native reports state that track on  
north bank of TAVERA RIVER leads towards MENDAI  
and not to SISIRUAI (.) enemy eqpt (.) enemy  
rifles and HMG captured MAWARAKA area were in  
fair condition and showed signs of recent oiling (.)  
two (.) a jap mobile kitchen badly damaged by  
strafing was seen in this area (.) documents (.)  
in the MAWARAKA area number of valuable documents  
have been captured incl West Area Op orders Nos. 123  
of 1 Jan 120 of 26 Dec 124 of 4 Jan 134 of 16 Jan  
136 of 17 Jan also undated situation report of  
MAWARAKA Garrison Unit and OOB MAWARAKA Garrison  
Unit (.) general (.) some pillboxes along coast from  
762613 to 753589 contained drums of water over fire  
places evidently used for boiling rice (.) these  
pillboxes had not been used for some considerable  
time (.) all infm.

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11. 29 Aust Inf Bde OC 2/45
12. Locations as at 20 Jan 45.

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 200707L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div rear 29 aust inf bde, 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 4 coy 1 NG inf bn  
ANGAU 11 aust fd coy 7 aust fd amb

I 817 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 66 to 200600L (.) between  
192235L and 192247L by calibre gun fired 9 rds incl 2 duds (.)  
all shells landed in sea just SOUTH of MAMARAKA (.) no damage (.)  
otherwise SITNCR all informed

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 201025L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

C 424 SECRET (.) patrol based MAMAREGU report reached MCTUPENA  
POINT (.) NMS patrol continuing

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 201350L

To: 42 aust inf bn

For infm: comd gp 3 aust div

0428 SECRET (.) ref comd sheet (.) a temporary patrol base NOT  
breater than one pl may be held vicinity track junc 775612 (.)  
pl comd must be informed that in event of attack by enemy he  
will withdraw to LINDSAYS PERIMETER (.) but in event no enemy  
aggressive action he will continue with small patrols to  
endeavour to make contact tomorrow (.) listening posts for this  
pl should be maintained well forward during night (.) he should  
also be warned of the possibility of ANGAU patrol in area  
returning from SISIRU I

From: 29 aust inf bde      Time of origin: 201845L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61  
aust inf bn, rear 29 aust inf bde, 2 aust fd regt, 4 coy 1 NG inf  
bn, det ANGAU, 7 aust fd amb, 11 aust fd coy

I 519 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 67 to 201730L (.) MAMARAKA AREA  
(.) 42 aust inf bn (.) patrol to MAMARAKA to locate boomrang  
which crashed 11 jan located wreckage at 766618 (.) fighting  
patrol east towards M.KATONA formed patrol base at 785622 (.)  
small patrol proceeded further endeavouring to locate enemy this  
patrol located uncompleted enemy strongpoint approx 400 yds square  
surrounded by wire fencing area showed signs of bombing (.) patrol  
reached 783623 (.) MCTUPENA POINT AREA (.) NGIB patrol from  
740577 followed coast line and reached 700587 (.) signs of recent  
occupation (.) at 737579 hut with mattresses and 75mm cartridge  
cases (.) this point track runs inland 300 yds to creek (.) at  
736579 three old wrecked barges (.) at 732582 three more wrecked  
barges one with gun possible 37 mm (.) gun in very rusty condition  
(.) further NGIB patrol moved from 740577 south to approx 740565  
where swamp stopped further progress (.) no tracks located in  
this area (.) south of HUPUISUPANI considerable equipment and  
weapons found resulting from organised salvage particularly  
MCTUPENA area (.) normal security patrols and special patrols  
all report NMS (.) all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde

Time of origin: 201945L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, rear HQ 29 aust inf bde, 7 aust inf bde 15, 42, 47 aust inf bns, 1 coy 1 NG inf bn, ANGAU, 61 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 7 aust fd amb

I520 CONFIDENTIAL (.) patrols for 21 jan (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) fighting patrol EAST to SISIRUAI time out 190900L time in 221600L (.) two (.) local protective patrols (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) small patrol from track junc 774621 SE to link rd 805565 time out 210630L time in 221600L otherwise protective patrols (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) protective patrols (.) ANGAU (.) patrol EAST to SISIRUAI return via MAKATOVA time 211600L (.) NGIB patrols (.) one (.) continue patrol MOTUPENA PENINSULA (.) time in 221600L (.) two (.) patrol SOUTH of MAWARAKI rd to locate tracks and recee area time in 211600L

From: 29 aust inf bde :

Time of origin: 202100L

To: comd gp 3 aust div

For infm: 3 aust div, 15, 42, 47 aust inf bns, 7 aust inf bde, 61 aust inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 1 coy 1 NG inf bn, det ANGAU, 11 aust fd coy, 7 aust fd amb, rear 29 aust inf bde, 2/8 aust cdo sqn

I.521 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREP 9 to 201800L (.) ref map comd sheet (.) topographical (.) MOTUPENA AREA (.) one (.) from 742577 small river runs SW possible outlet to swamp areas peninsula (.) at 737579 track runs 300 yds south and meets this river (.) two (.) no visible tracks on north coast peninsula swamp runs 30-40 yds inland from coast (.) three (.) vicinity 724587 reported to be MOTUPENA VILLAGE aerial bombing and arty fire have cleared an area 100 yds by 300 yds (.) MAWARAKI AREA (.) jeep track now through from J.B. to MAWARAKI and inland to 765617 (.) between that point and 785622 4 bridges are required two pioneer tasks one completed and two engineer tasks (.) medical report (.) following jap occupation the area bounded HUP I SUPANI RIVER MAWARAKI to track junction 785622 with the exception immediate foreshores is reported as unsuitable for prolonged occupation by troops (.) enemy eqpt salvaged MAWARAKI AREA (.) one (.) complete HMG in good condition with barrel in canvas cover hidden in scrub approx 765617 (.) two (.) large pair of binoculars mounted on tripod with lenses missing was found vicinity 762616 (.) three (.) general area several shells 105 mm and 150 mm calibre 75 mm shells fused and unfused in long and short cases comparatively untarnished (.) one dump found in pillbox approx 765615 (.) in vacated possible gun site vicinity 765612 arty protractor and binoculars (.) enemy eqpt located not yet salvaged (.) MAWARAKI AREA (.) parts of 75mm gun buried near track 763616 (.) parts apparently buffer recuperator system recently buried as showing signs of oil (.) two (.) 37mm tk attack gun minus barrel in grass covered pillbox 765616 split trail type with small shield and hinged wheels (.) nearby box containing shells (.) MOTUPENA AREA (.) 75mm cartridges and brass fuses in good condition in hut 755587 (.) tractor with possible 105mm limber steel hawsers block and tackle vicinity 747580 possibly been used as barge point (.) 37 mm gun mounted on wrecked barge 732582 very rusty condition (.) outboard motor minus magneto and carburettor and jap collapsible boat 734580 (.) outboard motor in fair condition (.) general (.) in areas occupied by our troops as defensive posns many dead bodies are being uncovered as new defences dug some old some quite recent (.) no count recorded but at least nine reported to date (.) further investigating NOT intended (.) pillboxes other than those used for defensive purposes have been destroyed by pnr pls and engr (.) all infm

From: comd gp 3 aust div Time of origin: 202135L

To: 29 aust inf bde

0504 (.) SECRET (.) adv HQ 3 aust div opens 773796 at 202359L  
(.) rear HQ remains present location

From: comd gp 3 aust div Time of origin: 202200L

To: 29 aust inf bde

O 5042 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 11 aust fd amb will relieve 7 aust fd  
amb as from 221600L all infm

From: 29 aust inf bde Time of origin: 202230L

To: 15,42,47 aust inf bns, 15 pl 2/1 aust gd regt, A coy 1 NG  
inf bn, 2 aust fd regt, 11 aust fd coy, 19 sup depot pl, det  
56 aust gen tpt pl, 104 aust bde ord fd pk, 104 aust bde wksp,  
7 aust fd amb, 312 aust L D, 29 aust inf bde sig sec, 3 aust  
div pro coy, 42 aust landing craft coy, det M G U

0390 confidential (.) the following is promulgated and will be  
read to all ranks on parade (.) one (.) the suggestion that arty  
in sp 47 aust inf bn shelled that bn area has been thoroughly  
investigated by a senior arty offr from HQ 2 aust corps and it  
is quite definite that the shells were enemy (.) two (.) all inf  
must realise that it is a favourite enemy trick to drop shells  
amongst our inf immediately our guns open fire in order that our  
inf will think our arty is shelling them all infm



22 Jan 45

INVENTORY AND DRAFT TRANSLATIONS OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No.82 - Docs - 1 to 7. Captured 600 yds East of MAWARAKA by  
 NG Inf Bn on 20 Jan 45. (3 D Batch No.68)

Doc No.1 - 1LsHwSh - Organised Chart of Mortar Pl, unit not stated.  
 Dated 23 Nov 44.

Doc No.2 - Organisation Chart of 2 Coy dated 29 Dec 44.  
 1LsHwSh

Translated in full:

Coy Co	Capt NAKAMURA
Attd Sgt Maj	Sgt Maj WADA
Supply	Sgt SHIEBA
Weapons	Sgt NAGATA
Liaison	Cpl MIYABARA and 2 men
Runner	3 men
Observation	2 Sgts
Medical Unit	
MO Capt HOSOKAWA	and 2 ORs
Watch men for kitchen supplies -	2 ORs
No.1 position	
Pl Ldr	1st Lt YUBU
1 Sec Ldr	Sgt YAMASHITA
Gunner	Sgt MATSUYAMA and 6 ORs
1 MG Sec	
sec ldr	Cpl BABA and 2 ORs
No.1 rifle sec	
sec ldr	Sgt HAYASHI and 7 ORs. Among them one Pfc killed in action. One Ldg Pte transferred to LG
Runners	2 ORs
No.2 Position	
Pl Ldr	2nd Lt GOTC
2 sec Ldr	Sgt KOZA
Gunners	7 ORs
Reserve Unit	
Sec Ldr	Sgt MINAMI WO YAMASAKI and 9 ORs
No.3 Position	
Pl Ldr	2nd Lt OTSUKA
3 Sec Ldr	Sgt ONO
Gunners	5 ORs
2 MG Sec	
Sec Ldr	Sgt ANDO and 2 ORs
2 Rifle Sec	
Sec Ldr	Sgt SHIMMENO and 6 ORs
Runner	One OR
Total - 5 Offrs (incl MO) 26 NCOs (incl MO) 48 ORs	
Garden Detail 5 ORs	
Late arrival of AA Arty Unit - Sgt Maj KAMIBAYASHI and 13 ORs	
Dispatched to MAIKA - 3 ORs	
Late arrival for position construction	
Fd Arty Bn HQ	3
1 Fd Arty	1
3 Fd Arty	1
Hospitalized persons - 6 ORs	

Doc No.3 1LsHwSh. Guard Plan MAWARAKA Garrison Unit  
Dated 12 Nov 44.  
Translated in full:

1. Plan.

Garrison Unit will in accordance with the battle plan of West Area Guard Unit, guard the former position and will annihilate the enemy, who are about to penetrate within the area and the barges nearing the shore.

2. Essentials of battle.

- a. Battle distribution and duty - as separate sheet No.1
- b. Plan of attack as separate sheet
- c. Gathering of intelligence reports from Div and Guard Unit. Ascertain the enemy situation. Carry out the secret recce and observation sentries. Gather the situation of enemy ships and aeroplanes in the area of guard unit and get them the knowledge of enemy plan before anything happens. Sentry distribution as separate sheet No.2

3. Other

a. Air defence.

Guard the secret of our plan and position. Take precautions with cooking fires and camouflage. Officers especially should promote air defence discipline.

b. Communication and report.

- (i) If the enemy situation and place becomes known the MAWARAKA Gar HQ Sigs will be responsible for communication between HQ and Western Sec. When each unit or each sentry discovers the enemy situation, information will immediately be reported by the telephone or runner to MAWARAKA Garrison Unit.
- (ii) Routine meeting will be at 1200 hrs daily
- (iii) Intelligence report form (blank)
- (iv) Officers will check every position 3 times daily

(v) First period

Shelters will be constructed by end of Dec (Details will be given in separate sheet)

Second period and thereafter  
Given by separate sheet

(vi) Ammunition

Even though it is small in quantity ammunition will be distributed as follows

3 Fd Arty	100 rds for each gun
Regt Gun Coy	100 rds for each gun
MG Unit	3000 rds for each gun
Light MG Unit	3000 rds for each gun
?	300 rds
Hand grenades	200 - two per man

Doc No.4 1LsHwSh Observation Party distribution sketch  
Translated in full  
Special Order for Point Observation Party  
Section Leaders Duty

- 1. He will guard the sea between SUPUNE River mouth and the sunken barge.

2. During the day one man will attend guard and remainder will stay in the air raid shelter. He will be relieved every hour.

3. If malaria patients continue to increase, and in case there is no relief, sentry is permitted to sit.

4. If enemy landing is discovered, one man will report and other sentries will hinder the enemy and guard the position.

#### Special order for sentry

1. This sentry is Point Observation sentry  
(Gun observation sentry)

2. The sea especially should be watched between the right of SUPUNE RIVER mouth and to the left of the sunken barge (between sunken barge and MOTUPENA POINT as mentioned in sketch).

3. When enemy boats are discovered, immediately report to sentry leader.

Doc No. 5 1LsHwSh. Chart showing number of weapons, Amn and eqpt  
Sketch map showing lookout area. Unit-Naval lockouts

Translated in full  
Naval lockout.

1. Fixed personnel - 17 men  
Lockout personnel - 14 men  
MAWARAKA Lockout post - 10 men  
MOTUPENA Farm detail - 4 men from lockout pers.  
Sigs - 3 men  
2 men of MOTUPENA Farm detail were sick

#### Weapons

Type 99 rifle	17
Type 94 pistol	1
Signal pistol	1
12cm Twin lens field glasses	1
8cm " "	1
X7 Field Glasses	1
Type Tm-2 portable radio	1
Type No 19 hand operating generator for type 94 No 5 radio	1

#### Ammunition

Type 99 Rifle amn	1000 rds
Type 99 pistol	12 rds

Doc No. 6 1LsHwSh. Chart showing number of weapons and ammunition of Pl. Chart showing present situation in regard to self - sufficiency. Sketch map of garden near MEIBA Unit - 15cm Howitzer Pl.

Doc No. 7 1LsHwSh Separate Sheet No. 5

Translated in full  
Distribution of strength and duty

1. 6 Fd Arty Regt, 2 Coy with main force will advance towards the extremity of MOTUPENA Point. Sentry group elements will take up posn in the vicinity of former south lockout post at MAKATOWA. Strong point will be oriented towards UPAI River mouth and TAVERA. Also place one part of infantry at left outpost.  
Duty: The backbone of the MAWARAKA Garrison Unit will guard the shore and destroy the enemy landing there, and will defend the present posn to the last.

2. On the part of 6 Fd Arty Regt, 1 Bn will take up posn at right outpost.

Duty: According to situation attack and counter attack will be made. In case of enemy landing, defend the right outpost.

3. Mortar Pl will occupy the position when separately instructed. Prepare the main firing power toward the mouth of UPAI River at loading and Unloading Point.

Duty: In case of enemy landing, will attack the enemy by order of Garrison Unit Commander. Annihilate the enemy on the beach. Guard the present position.

4. Fd Heavy Arty Pl will take up position in the vicinity of recent bivouac area and main firing power towards UPAI and TAVERA. One part will so orient that firing can be directed toward the loading and unloading point and MOTUPENA.

Duty: According to the order of Garrison Unit Comdr. will attack the enemy and destroy them at the shore. Unit will guard the present posn under all circumstances.

5. Navy will install radio at present posn and will place a sentry in the extremity of MAWARAKA.

Duty: Perform as a lookout and runner. In case of an enemy landing, will guard the right outpost.

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Distribution by GS (Int) (Ser No 4305 of 23 Jan)

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde  
First Aust Army  
DSIO AIB North SOLOMONS  
ANGAU  
FELO  
Langauge Det  
PA to Comd, BGS, DA&QMG  
G (1)  
G (Air)

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HQ 3 AUST DIV  
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT  
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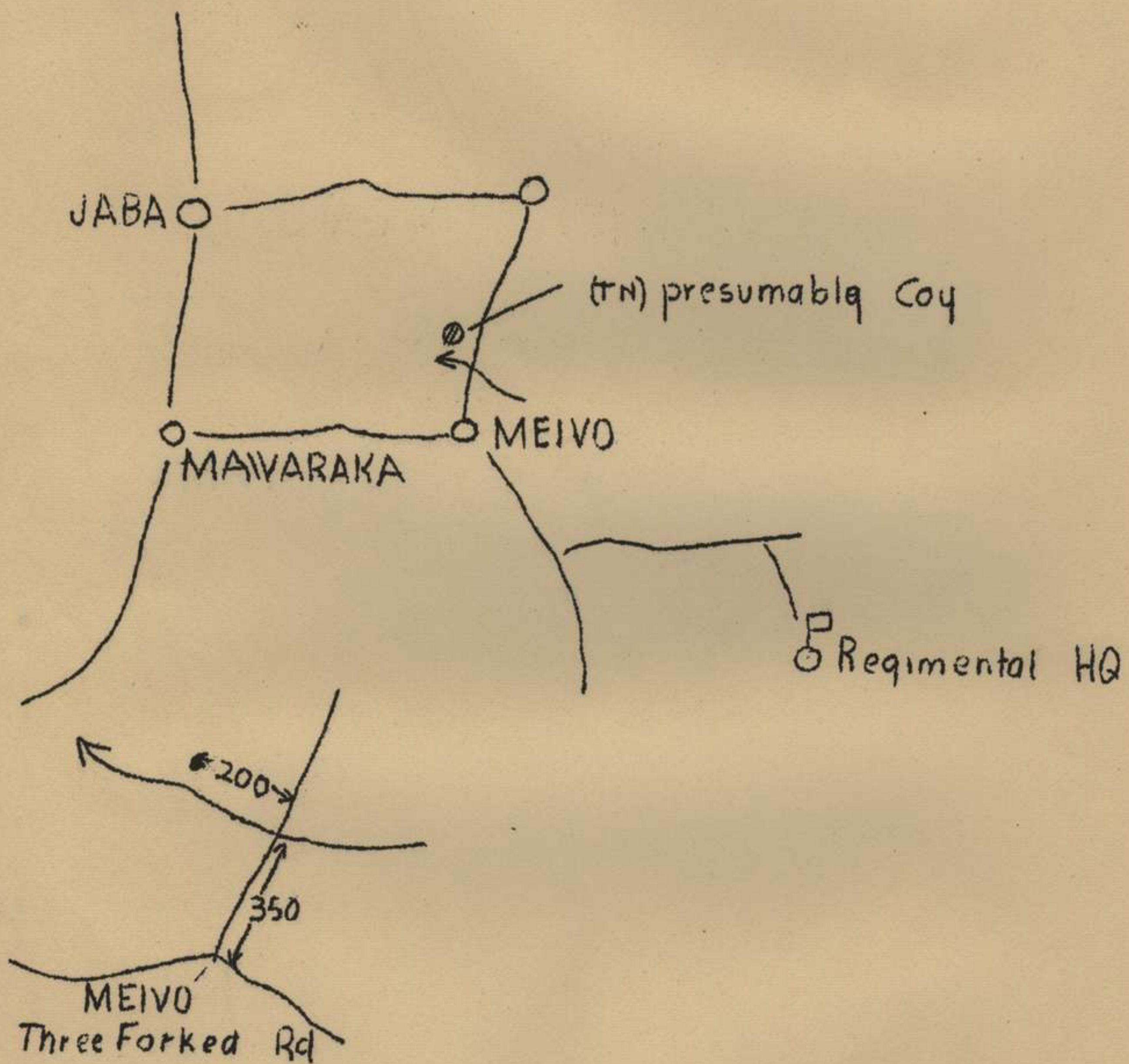
DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 64 captured SOUTH of HUPAI RIVER by 42 Aust Inf Bn, 29 Aust Inf Bde on 20 Jan 45

1. One, loose handwritten, sheet Undated Letter from 3 Bn CO to 1st Lt EGAWA requesting three men and one LMG to reinforce 11 Coy Sentry Group on the main road. Tr. 84.

2. Thirty, bound, handwritten, sheets Notebbok and personal diary owner unit not stated, contained sketch map. Tr 84.

Extract - Sketch Map



29 AUST INF BDE OP ORDER 2/45

Ref Maps: TOROKINA } 1 in to 1 mile  
          CAPE MOLTKE } Hasty Terrain 1/20,000  
          TOROKINA RIVER }  
          LARUMA RIVER }

INFM

1. (a) Enemy - As per daily sitreps and Int summaries
- (b) Own Tps - Att Appx A

INTENTION

2. 29 Aust Inf Bde will be relieved by 7 Aust Inf Bde at 1600 hrs 23 Jan.

METHOD

3. Tps  
The following units are being relieved by 7 Aust Inf Bde:

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy  
312 Aust LAD  
15 Aust Inf Bn  
42 Aust Inf Bn  
47 Aust Inf Bn  
7 Aust Fd Amb  
HQ det 63 Aust Dental Unit  
B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit  
FPO 069  
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

4. MVT

- (a) R parties report HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde - 20 Jan
- (b) O parties " - 21 Jan
- (c) Adv " - 22 Jan
- (d) Relief of Unit & Gps will commence 0800 hrs 23 Jan and will be completed by 1700 hrs 28 Jan.
- (e) Rear parties relieved by 7 Aust Inf Bde
- (f) Detailed mvt orders for each party will be issued separately

5. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES  
Att Appx D

6. LIAISON

Closest possible liaison will be maintained with incoming Units 7 Aust Inf Bde. In particular, the following op infm will be passed:

- (a) Detailed location of all def posn
- (b) Track maps
- (c) Terrain reports
- (d) Air photos
- (e) Copies all captured documents
- (f) Patrol reports
- (g) Detailed plans of all booby-trapped areas

7. ACTION ON RELIEF

On relief units will occupy def posns vacated by 7 Aust Inf Bde as shown att Appx C

Transfer of stores with relieving units 7 Aust Inf Bde:

- (a) All units except 47 Aust Inf Bn will transfer to relieving units 7 Aust Inf Bde :-
  - (i) First line amm
  - (ii) Engr stores incl 300 and 100 cub ft refrigerators

(iii) Following items only of accommodation stores held SOUTH of TAGESSI RIVER-

Tents oblong 12x14  
Flys  
Tubs washing round 3½ gal  
tubs washing oval 8 gal  
buckets 13 in  
chairs camp  
tables FS  
forms dining tent  
tarpaulin  
(See Appx E)

(iv) Cooking gear following items only:

Soyer stoves  
Hydro burners  
Fowler stoves  
(See appx F)

(v) Rations, expense stores and POL held by units at dates of relief.

(vi) Sig stores following items only:

Tech eqpt on loan from 3 Aust Div  
Cable in position and in res

(vii) Red Cross and Med Stores

Transfer of all above items will be by direct liaison - relieved unit with relieving units.

Certificates of hand over signed by the COs of relieving and relieved units both for this area and TOROKINA perimeter will be rendered to this HQ in duplicate for all installations, stores and res handed over. Items (iii & iv) will be replaced by relieved units TOROKINA. All other stores will NOT be transferred but will remain on charge and move with units of this Bde.

(b) 47 Aust Inf Bn will move with complete stores except bulk rations, expense stores, POL and amn, These latter items will be returned DID ADELE prior to movement

#### 9. CHANGE OF COMD ADM INSTALLATIONS

- (a) BOO dump will revert to Div Comd 181600L
- (b) Engr stores dump TAGESSI will revert to CRE 3 Aust Div 230001L
- (c) AASC installations will change to Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde 231600L

#### 10. MOVEMENT

(a) The following units are under Comd HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde for movement:-

15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
29 Aust Inf Bde Pro Sec  
FPO 069  
Language det ATIS  
HQ det 63 Aust Dental Unit

(b) The following unit is under Comd 7 Aust Fd Amb(MDS) for movement:

B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit

(c) Method of movement -

- (i) Units NORTH of JABA - by road
- (ii) Units SOUTH of JABA  
by landing craft from the present area to Barge  
Landing Point 2 thence by road to TOROKINA

Details and timings will be notified later.

(d) Particulars to be moved:

Each unit will notify this HQ by Sig forthwith approximate details of :-

- (i) the number of troops in the main body to be moved
- (ii) The cubic tonnage of Stores NOT loaded in vehs or on the man

and will again notify this HQ accurately of such details by 1200L of day prior to movement.

(e) Unit vehs:

All vehs will move by road throughout under unit arrangements on the day of movement of each units main body

(f) Rations:

On the man - 1 emergency ration  
1 FOR  
Unconsumed portion of day's ration

INTERCOMN

11. All existing lines manned by 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will be taken over by 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

ACK

Issued by LO  
Time of signature 1600L hrs

Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

15 Aust Inf Bn	1
42 Aust Inf Bn	2
47 Aust Inf Bn	3
7 Aust Fd Amb	4
Comd Gp 3 Aust Div	5
7 Aust Inf Bde	6
File	7 - 8
War Diary	9 - 10

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APPXS A,B,C,D,E,F

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The following units and staff have sighted file copy of this O.O.

A Coy NG Inf Bn  
2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy  
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
HQ det 63 Aust Dental Unit  
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy  
BASCO  
BOO  
Sig Offr  
det ANGAU  
104 Aust Bde Wksp.



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ACCOMMODATION STORES  
(APPX E TO 29 AUST INF BDE OO 2/45 of 20 JAN 45)

Accommodation stores being transferred should (in accordance with unit replies to this HQ Q221 of 181040L and Q222 of 181140L) be as follows, subject to reciprocal arrangements made between units:-

<u>15 Aust Inf Bn</u>	- tubs washing	42
	buckets 13"	11
	Tents 12x14	6
	Flys	7
	Tarpaulin 24x18	1
<u>42 Aust Inf Bn</u>	- Tents 12x14	19
	Flys	29
<u>29 Aust Inf Bde</u>	- Forms dining tent	4
<u>Sig Sec</u>	Tables FS	4
	Tents oblong 12x14	10
	Flys	11
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	8
	Buckets 13"	8
	Tubs washing oval 8 gal	1
<u>15 Pl 2/1 Aust</u>	- Tents oblong 12x14	10
<u>Gd Regt</u>	Flys	10
	Buckets 13"	8
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	4
	Tubs washing oval 8 gal	1
<u>HQ 29 Aust Inf</u>	- Forms dining tent	35
<u>Bde</u>	Tables FS	40
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	16
	Tubs washing oval 8 gal	3
	Buckets 13"	15
	Tents oblong 12x14	35
	Flys	43
<u>29 Aust Inf Bde</u>	- Tents oblong 12x14	3
<u>Pro Sec</u>	Flys	3
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	3
	Buckets 13"	3
<u>312 Aust LAD</u>	- Tents oblong 12x14	8
	Flys	8
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	5
	Buckets 13"	5
<u>7 Aust Fd Amb</u>	- Forms dining tent	20
	Tables FS	15
	Tents oblong 12x14	47
	Flys	47
	Tubs washing round 3½ gal	58
	Tubs washing oval 8 gal	8
	Buckets 13"	40

COOKING GEAR

(APPX F TO 29 AUST INF BDE OO 2/45 of 20 JAN 45)

Cooking gear items being transferred will be as follows-

	<u>Fowler Stoves</u>	<u>Sover Stoves</u>	<u>Hydro Burners</u>
15 Aust Inf Bn	10	10	11
42 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	11
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	4	5	-
7 Aust Fd Amb	6	12	4
	20	27	26

LOCATIONS

AS AT 20 JANUARY 1945

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Ref map</u>	<u>LOcation</u>
<u>HQ Units</u>			
1.	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	29Aust Inf Bde Comd sheets	784700
1 (a)	Adv 29 Aust Ing Bde		771649
<u>INF</u>			
2.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn		778664
3.	A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		772648
	7 Pl		"
	8 Pl		"
	9 Pl		"
4.	B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		783681
	10 Pl		792671
	11 Pl		783681
	12 Pl		"
5.	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		778664
	13 Pl		792668
	14		778664
	15		"
6.	D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn		772650
	16 Pl		"
	17		"
	18		"
7.	HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn		770643
8.	A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		763617
	7 Pl		"
	8		"
	9		"
9.	B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		774621
	10 pl		"
	11		775622
	12		"
10.	C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		767634
	13 pl		"
	14		"
	15		762621
11.	D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn		768628
	16 pl		"
	17		"
	18		"
12.	HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn		780713
13.	A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		777725
	7 pl		"
	8		"
	9		"
14.	B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		785695
	10 pl		"
	11		"
	12	VITO 1"	834928
15.	C Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn	29 Aust Inf	785693
	13 pl	Bde Comd	"
	14	sheets	"
	15		"
16.	D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn		784697
	16 pl		"
	17		788707
	18		784700
17.	A Coy 1 N.G Inf Bn		784701
	3 pl		752587
	4		769616

Serial	Unit	Ref Map	Location
18.	15 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	29 Aust Inf Bde Comd sheets	784700
	<u>ARTY</u>		
19.	HQ 2 Aust Fd Regt		784696
20.	5 Bty		782673
	C Tp		"
	D		781672
21.	6 Bty		777662
	E Tp		778663
	F Tp		777662
	C Tp 3 Aust Svy Bty		784696
	<u>ENGRS</u>		
22.	11 Aust Fd Coy		783680
	1 pl		779714
	2		783680
	3		U/C CRE
23.	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy		784700
	<u>SIGS</u>		
24.	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		784700
25.	Det 3 Aust Div Sigs		"
26.	45 Loft 7 Aust Pigeon Sec		772759
	<u>INT</u>		
27.	Language Det		784700
28.	Det V Aust FS Sec		"
	<u>AASC</u>		
29.	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl		770643
30.	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		767809
31.	Det 56 Aust Tpt Pl		772648
	<u>MED</u>		
32.	7 Aust Fd Amb		784700
	ADS		772648
	MSP		773757
	MDS		773798
33.	18 AAMCU		767809
	<u>DENTAL</u>		
34.	HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit		784700
35.	B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit		773798
	<u>ORD</u>		
36.	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less MT Sec)		776794
	<u>AEME</u>		
37.	312 Aust LAD (Type J)		775795
38.	104 Aust Bde Wkshop (less MT Sec)		775794
	<u>PRO</u>		
39.	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy		784700
	<u>MDD</u>		
40.	Det ANGAU		784701
41.	FPO 069		784700.

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From : fwd 29 aust inf bde 210700L

To : comd gp 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns  
7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn  
2/8 aust cdo sqn 2 aust fd regt  
NGIB ANGAU 7 aust fd amb

I.522 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) sitrep 68 to 210630L  
all sectors SITNOR

From 29 aust inf bde

TOO 210815L

To 42 aust inf bn

O.431 (.) restricted (.) for CO from comd (.) check and  
implement completely by 211400L your def posn (.) do  
NOT withdraw existing patrol before normal time except  
under hy pressure

From ANGAU

TOO 211520L

To 29 aust inf bde

RO.25 (.) confidential (.) native scouts sent out earlier  
have returned 2/8 aust cdo sqn with 80 natives and one  
European priest (.) ETA JADA mouth 220900L

From : 29 aust inf bde

TOO 211800L

To adv 3 aust div

For infm rear 3 aust div 15,42,47 aust inf bns 7 aust inf  
bde 61 aust inf bn A coy 1 NG inf bn 2 aust fd  
regt det ANGAU 11 aust fd coy 7 aust fd amb

I.525 CONFIDENTIAL (.) sitrep 69 to 211730L (.) 15 aust inf  
bn and 47 aust inf bn (.) SITNOR (.) MAWARAKA area (.)  
42 aust inf bn (.) early morn contact patrols from perimeter  
786620 and forward to patrol base 793619 encountered enemy  
strong point at least 3 occupied pillboxes with 4 LMGs approx  
300 yds from perimeter (.) further contact also reported  
later with scattered groups of enemy (.) total force of enemy  
encountered in day estimated 35-50 (.) sporadic fighting  
developed till 1500L (.) contact broken to permit arty CP  
task of 50 rds (.) after CP fire one offr and 10 men advanced  
to pillbox area (.) no report yet to hand (.) stealth patrol  
from 786620 south east along track to 798588 encountered 5 japs  
(.) patrol returned to base having killed 2 japs and two  
more wounded (.) enemy casualties to 1600L 17 killed 4  
known wounded (.) own cas 3 killed 4 wounded (.) MOTUPENA  
AREA (.) NGIB patrol round coast of peninsula reached 730543  
encountered 10 japs who fled on sighting patrol dropping  
all weapons and bundle of documents (.) SISIRUAI AREA (.)  
ANGAU patrol reports SISIRUAI now clear of enemy (.) tracks  
leading south from rd to MOSIGETTA no tracks to north (.)  
number of tracks could not be estimated owing to recent  
heavy rain (.) SISIRUAI showed evidence of accurate CP fire  
on night of 19/20 jan (.) all informed

From : 29 aust inf bde TOO 212000L

To adv 3 aust div

For infm : 3 aust div 7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn

I.295 secret (.) location amendments to 212000L (.)  
ref map MOTUPENA POINT and PURIATA TRACK MAP (.) 42  
aust inf bn (.) 11 pl returned B coy perimeter 774621 (.)  
A coy NGIB (.) 4 pl 774648 all informed

From 29 aust inf bde

TOO 212200L

To comd gp 3 aust div

For infm 3 aust div, 15 42, 47 aust inf bns  
7 aust inf bde 61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd  
regt A coy 1 NG inf bn ANGAU 7 aust fd amb

I.294 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 15 aust inf bn (.) fighting patrol  
to BLSIRUAI due in 221600L (.) otherwise security patrols  
only (.) 42 aust inf bn (.) one (.) fighting patrol from  
775622 EAST along MAWARAKA - MAKOTOWA RD (.) two (.)  
stealth patrol from 775622 SOUTH EAST to locate  
MOSIGETTA PURIATA rd (.) both patrols time in 221600L (.)  
otherwise security patrols (.) 47 aust inf bn (.) security  
patrols only (.) NGIB patrol from MAMAREGU to MOTUPENA  
VILLAGE approx 718593 (.) time in 221600L all informed

42 AUST INF BN 00 9

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn.  
21 Jan 45  
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Ref Map : Comd Sheet

- INFM 1. (a) Enemy as per sitreps  
(b) Own tps as per sitreps

INTENTION

2. 42 Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive area to incl  
MAWARAKA-LINDSAY POST -- ADELE RIVER

METHOD

3. The area will be held by a series of fortified localities
- (a) D Coy with under comd 2 dets Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area BASE B 764628 to LOG CROSSING 768628
  - (b) C Coy less one pl with under comd 2 dets Mortars will hold the area COCONUT GROVE 767634
  - (c) One pl C Coy will hold the area WINTERS POST 765622
  - (d) B Coy will hold the area LINDSAYS POST 773624
  - (e) A Coy less one sec will hold the MAWARAKA AREA disposed
    - (i) Coy less two pls and one sec with under comd Tk A pl 4 dets Mortars and MMGs will hold the area 763616
    - (ii) One pl A Coy will hold the area 765617
    - (iii) One pl A Coy 767618
  - (f) One sec A Coy will hold the area MAWARAKA POINT 761621
  - (g) Bn HQ less Pnr Pl and 1 MMG will hold the area FEATHERY TREE 770643

4. Outposts

- (a) One sec D Coy LOG CROSSING 768628 -- will be withdrawn only on orders of Bn Comd and will fight a vicious delaying action back to the main posn

5. Counter Attack Tasks

- (a) One pl A Coy will be prepared to make an immediate counter attack in support of LINDSAYS POST. This pl to be replaced by one pl C Coy from COCONUT GROVE AREA.
- (b) (i) C Coy will be prepared to counter attack with one pl BASE B - LOG CROSSING AREA. The counter attacking pl to be replaced by pnr pl
  - (ii) C Coy will be prepared to replace C Coy counter attacking pl. In the event of the replacement being necessary, C Coy pl will be replaced by Pnr pl.

6. All sub units detailed for counter attack tasks are placed on 15 mins notice of counter attack lines as detailed above will be completed  
211800L

7. Arty

- (a) SOS task area 775622 on call. Will be prepared to counter any enemy attack on LINDSAYS POST or MAWARAKA AREA
- (b) FOO will be with B Coy

8. Mortars

- (a) DF tasks 1 to 4 LINDSAYS POST
- (b) DF tasks 5 to 8 MAWARAKA
- (c) DF tasks 9 to 12 LOG CROSSING
- (d) Amn 10 rds per task repeated on call of Coy Comd

9. MMGs

- (a) Task as per bn defensive fire plan sketch
- (b) Amn expenditure one belt normal on each task repeated on call.

10. TK and PNR Pls

Defensive posns as detailed

11. Priority of Work

Wiring - pillboxing of automatics - mining

12. Patrols

Each comd of defended locality will maintain a constant security patrol 400x out and around his perimeter from 1630L until 1745 hrs daily. In addition 3 men contact patrols will be maintained between defended localities for the same period.

ADM

- 13. (a) Amn - 100 rds .303, 3 grenades per man
- (b) Coy reserve - 2000 .303, 2000 9mm, 72 grenades
- (c) Bn SAA reserve - Bde comd area

- 14. Water Wells will be sunk in all defensive areas. 4 days supply sterilising powder will be maintained.

- 15. Sups 4 days S/P 1 FOR 1 Emergency on man in each defended locality

- 16. Medical (a) RAP at Bn HQ
- (b) Fwd bearer post MAWARAKA

- 17. Tpt (a) 1 jeep and trailer and amb frame will be at MAWARAKA
- (b) 1 jeep and trailer FEATHERY TREE
- (c) Remainder B Ech

- 18. B Ech Bde Comd area

INTERCOMN

- 19. Bn HQ FEATHERY TREE

- 20. Sigs There will be one high and one buried line and one secret line to each defended locality.

- 21. CDF (a) Arty by comd B Coy through FOO
- (b) Mortars from comds A and B Coys direct to Mortar det MAWARAKA. From comd D Coy direct to Mortar det BASE B and COCONUT GROVE

- 22. Security This document will be read understood and then burned. Comds will signal Bn HQ by 1800 hrs today to this effect.

ACK

Time of Signature 1530L  
Method of Issue Safe Hand

Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt



DISPOSITIONS TOROKINA  
BASE AREA  
Ref Maps: TOROKINA  
CAPE MOLTKE } 1" to 1 mile

SECRET  
Appx C to 29 AUST INF  
OO No 2/45  
20 JAN 45



SECRET  
Copy No -  
Appx B to

# DISPOSITIONS 7 AUST INF BDE WITHIN TOROKINA BASE AREA - as at 2200 hrs 17 Jan 45 Overlay to TOROKINA RIVER & LARUMA RIVER 1:20000 Hasty Terrain Series

11 AUST INF BDE

9 Aust Inf Bn

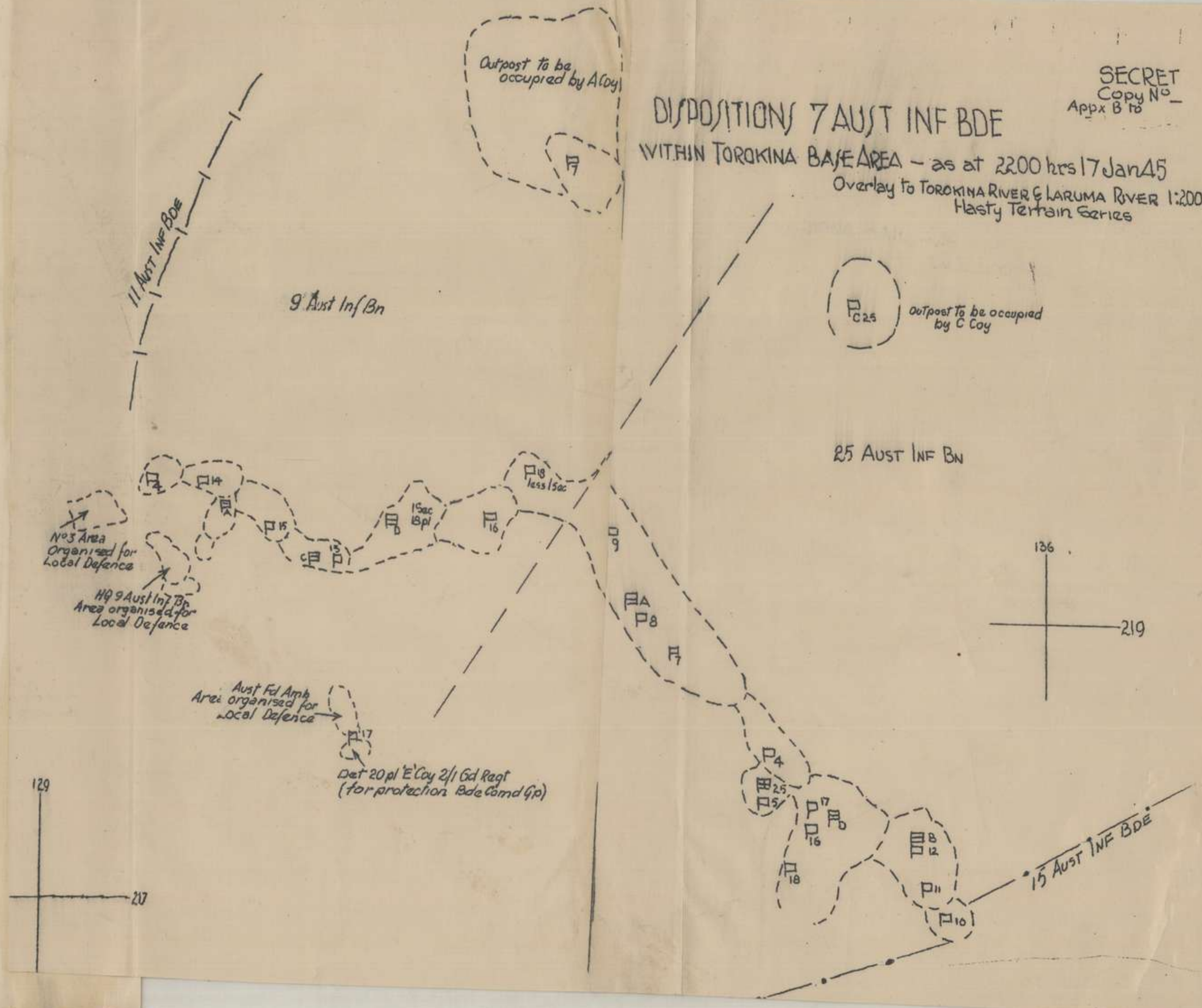
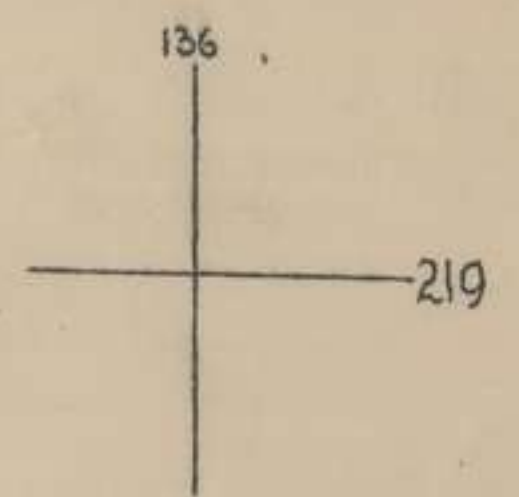
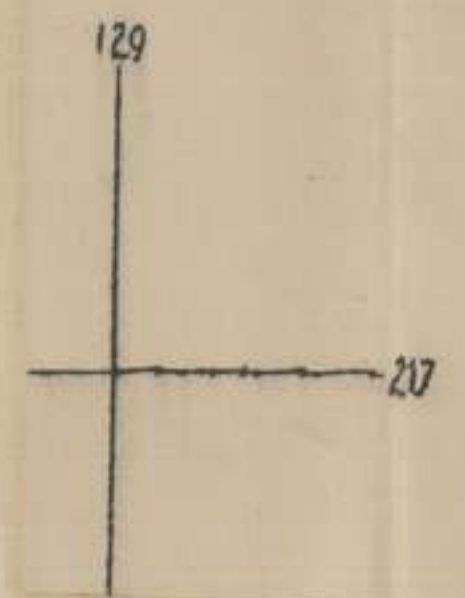
P<sub>C25</sub> Outpost to be occupied by C Coy

25 AUST INF BN

No 3 Area Organised for Local Defence  
HQ 9 Aust Inf Bn Area organised for Local Defence

Aust Fed Amph Area organised for Local Defence  
Det 20 pl 'E' Coy 2/1 Gd Regt (for protection Bde Comd Gr)

Outpost to be occupied by A Coy

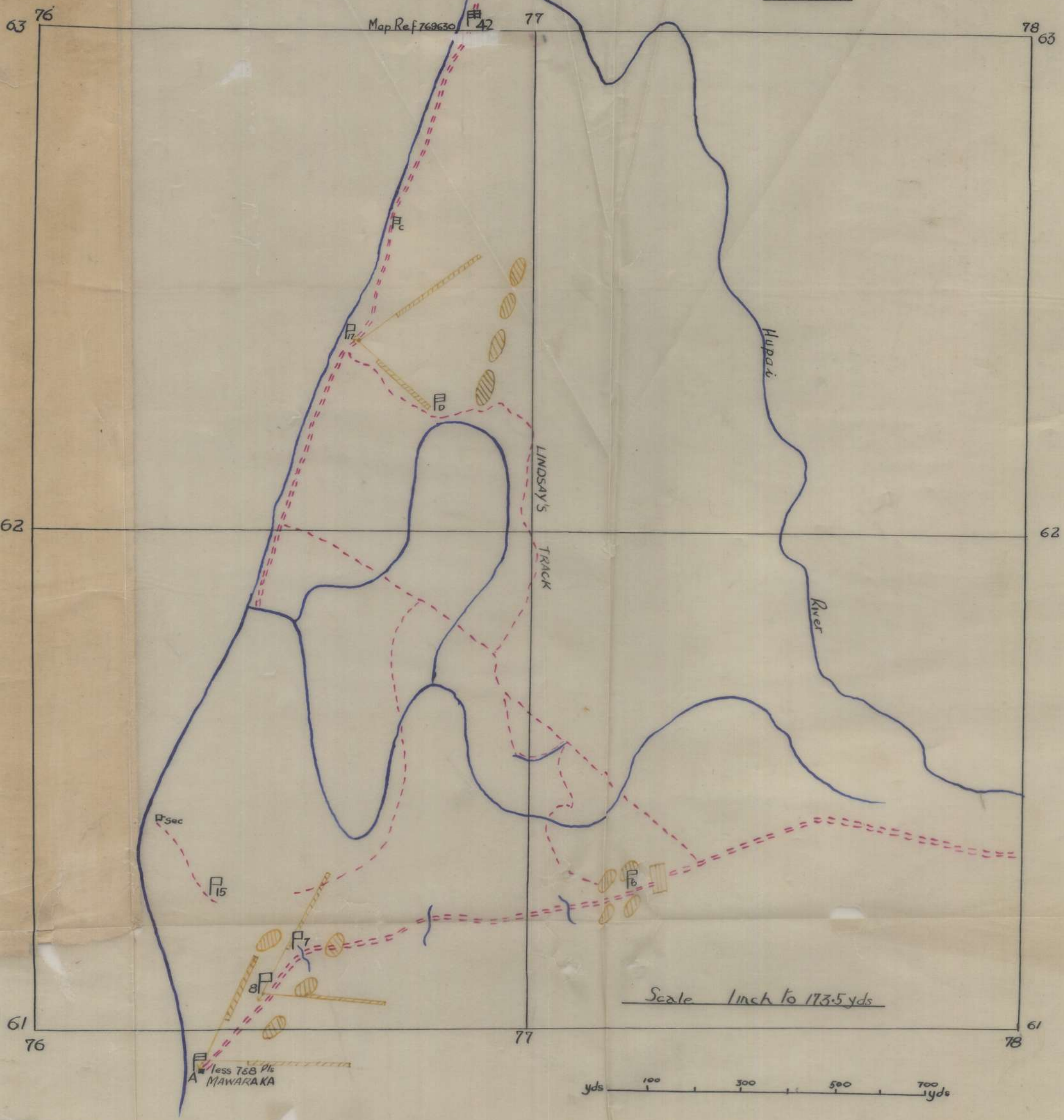


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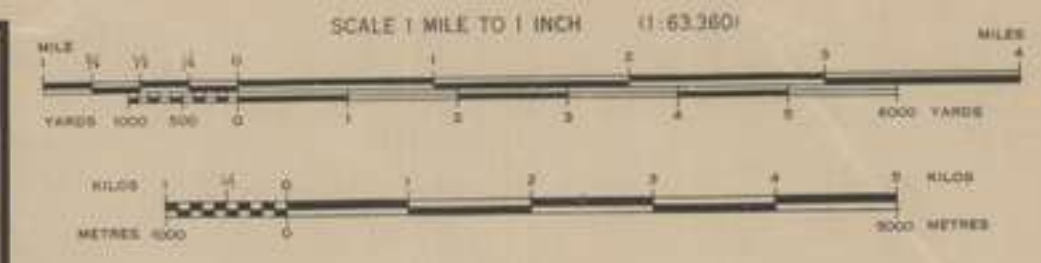
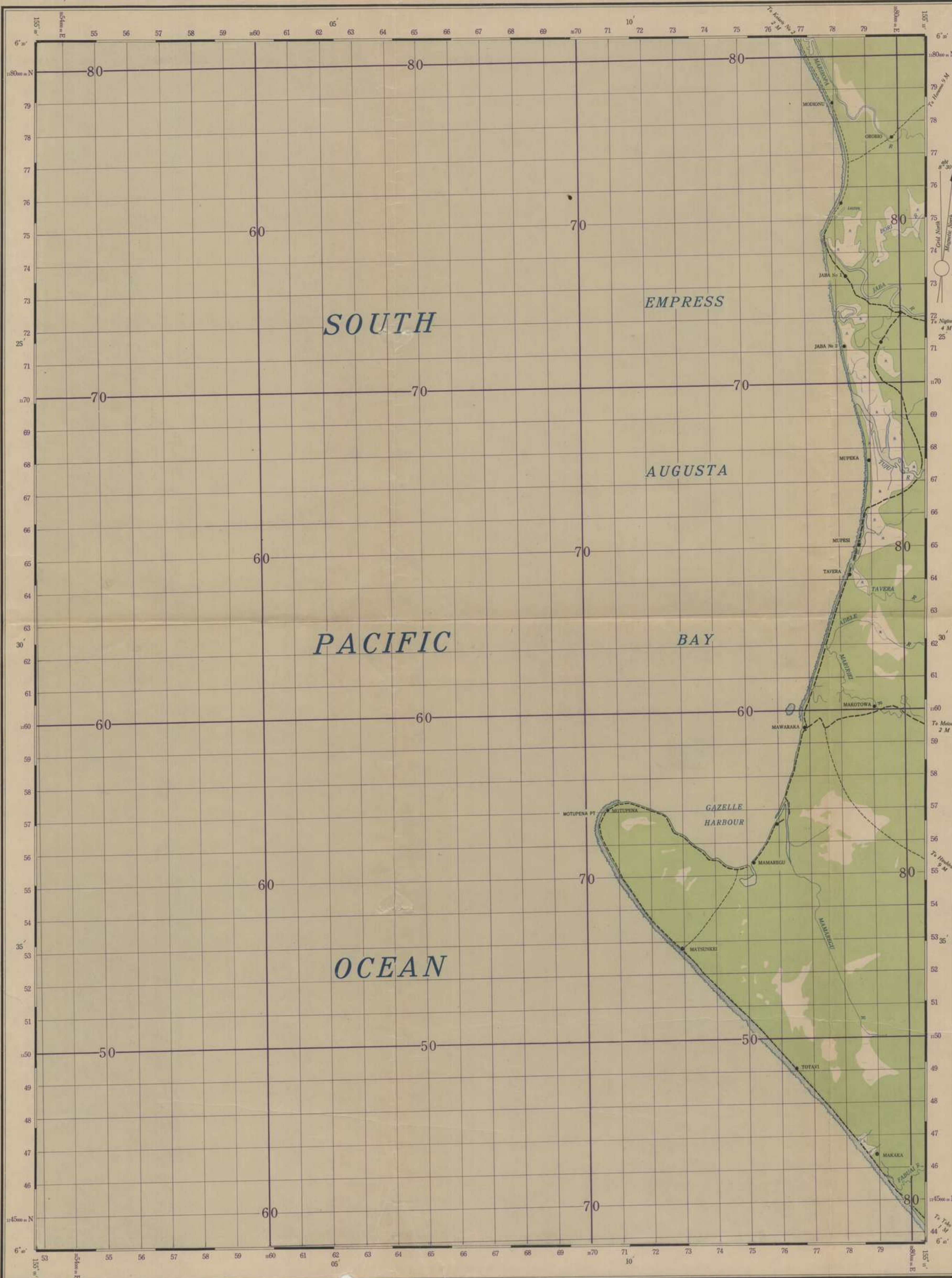


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SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

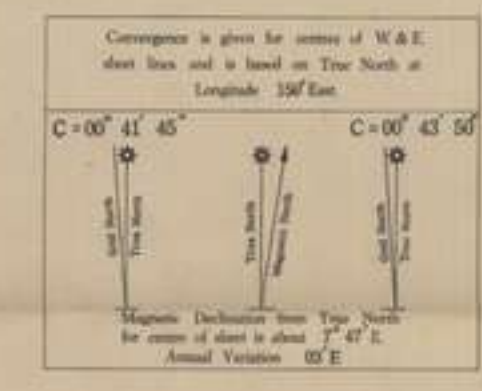
BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND  
MOTUPENA POINT

REFER TO THIS MAP AS  
No 0470 MOTUPENA PT 1 INCH SERIES



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Motor Road & Bridge	—————
Jeep Track	-----
Foot Track	-----
Reported Track	-----
Telegraph Line	-----
Airfield	-----
Sea Plane Base	○
Astronomical Station	+
Trig Stations	△
First Order	△ 905
Second	△ 852
Third	△ 529
Fourth	△ 206
Spot Height	•
Native Village (small or large)	•
Building	•
Mission Station	•
Native Garden	•
Jungle or Dense Forest	■
Open Forest	■
Scattered Timber	■
Scrub (Dense to Light)	■
Secondary Growth	■
Mangroves	■
Swamp (subject to inundation)	■
Swamp (permanently inundated)	■
River or Stream	—
Reef	—
Contours Form Lines (numbers read facing uphill)	—
Cliffs	—

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FIRST ATTENTION TO LARGE NUMBERS, SECOND AND THIRD ATTENTION TO SMALL NUMBERS, PRINTED AND TO THESE PRINTED ON FACE OF THE MAP

Point	MOTUPENA	Point	MOTUPENA
East	70	East	70
North	57	North	57
Reference	7057	Reference	7057
Altitude	100	Altitude	100
Horizontal distance	100	Horizontal distance	100
Vertical distance	100	Vertical distance	100

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ADV 019/0470

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TCO 220805L  
TO adv 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf  
Bde 61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt & Coy 1 N.G.  
Inf Bn ANGAU 11 Aust Fd Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb

I.298 (.) SITREP 70 to 220630L (.) quiet night all  
sectors (.) SITNOR

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TCO 221815L  
TO adv 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf  
Bde 61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt det ANGAU  
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn 11 Aust Fd Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb

I.299 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 71 to 221730L (.) 15 Aust  
Inf Bn (.) fighting patrol considerably hampered by  
floodwaters did not reach SISIRUAI (.) small patrol from  
main body reached main road approx half mile south of  
village (.) many tracks south none north (.) patrol  
followed tracks short distance and set ambush (.) NMS  
(.) patrol returned 221150L after three days out (.)  
42 Aust Inf Bns (.) fighting patrol moving east from  
786620 reached a point 1000 yds from perimeter where  
an extensive pillbox area was found this area was  
explored but had not been used for at least a week (.)  
one large pillbox had a hole 4 ft deep by 4 ft square  
in floor in which were several 75 mm shells in poor  
condition (.) along track patrol buried five dead japs  
and observed signs where numerous other bodies had  
been dragged off the track into jungle (.) tracks  
followed no bodies found (.) quantity of very blood-  
stained clothing was found beside track (.) five man  
patrol with task of traversing track from 769625  
towards SE reached a point at least 1000 yds from  
junction (.) at this point leading scout discovered  
ambush set by 14 japs with 2 LMGs (.) patrol engaged  
enemy with omen and rifle fire killing five (.) after  
throwing 11 grenades patrol returned to base (.) two  
men who had been cut off their pl during night 21/22  
jan returned to perimeter this morning and reported  
10 japs moving east of whom two were severely wounded  
and at least three others wounded (.) 47 Aust Inf Bn  
(.) OKLEYS ambush relieved at 221030L NMS (.) A Coy  
1 N.G. Inf Bn (.) track from 700590 to 710584 was  
followed by patrol and ends at a jap garden in which  
was found an american 500 lb UX bomb (.) heavy wireless  
eqpt with batteries found in area where 10 japs had  
been surprised 21 jan (.) all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 222000L  
TO 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 2 Aust Fd Regt  
11 Aust Fd Coy A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn 7  
Aust Fd Amb ANGAU

I.301 SECRET (.) LOCATION AMENDMENTS to 222000L (.)  
ref map 29 Aust Inf Bde Command Sheets (.) 42 Aust  
Inf Bn (.) 14 pl relieved 3 pl A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn  
at 753587 (.) 47 Aust Inf Bn (.) 16 pl relieved 17 pl  
at 788707 17 pl returned D Coy perimeter 784691 (.)  
A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn (.) 3 pl 774647 all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde TOO 222000L  
TO adv 3 Aust Div  
rptd 3 Aust Div 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust  
Inf Bde 61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt A Coy  
1 N.G. Inf Bn det ANGAU 11 Aust Fd Coy  
7 Aust Fd Amb.

I.302 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTREF 11 to 222000L (.)  
MOTUPENS POINT (.) one (.) track from 700590 ends in  
jap garden at 710584 (.) two (.) track from 707572  
goes east to 715575 where it circles to join coast  
at 711566 (.) in this vicinity are many tracks all of  
which lead inland short distance and circle back to  
coast (.) three (.) from 710596 to 720555 reef showing  
on track map 1" has not been located (.) at 709572  
ALC 20 beached to pick up patrol with absolute safety  
(.) enemy eqpt salvaged 22 jan MAMREGU AREA (.) one (.)  
arty prime mover which is believed to be an original  
capture (.) two (.) 48 rds of 75 mm/some in fair condition  
(.) three (.) two shells approx 47 mm and possibly that  
used for TYPE O1 tank attack gun (.) general (.) an  
identity disc captured at ref 768618 had written on it  
a number for 9 indep Tk & Bty (.) two (.) among sig  
eqpt found today was a postcard referring to SASEBO No.  
2 unit (.) all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 230730L

To adv 3 Aust Div

rptd 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde  
3 Aust Div 61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt A  
Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn det ANGAU 11 Aust Fd  
Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb

I.305 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP 72 to 230630L (.)  
hostile shelling of MAWARAKA area commenced at  
222109L (.) shells fell into timber some into sea  
(.) estimated three guns two 75 mm and one 105 mm  
(.) shelling ceased at 222126L (.) no cas or  
damage (.) otherwise SITNOR all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 231600L

TO adv 3 Aust Div

rptd 7 Aust Inf Bde 15, 42, 47 Bns 7 Aust Fd  
Amb

O.394 restricted (.) ref 3 Aust Div OO 8/45 (.)  
para 9 (.) roles 29 and 7 Aust Inf Bdes changed  
231600L all infm.

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 231600L

TO adv 3 Aust Div

rptd 15, 42, 47 Bns 7 Aust Fd Amb 7 Aust Inf  
Bde.

O.393 (.) restricted (.) ref map TOROKINA 1 in  
to 1 mile (.) adv HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde closes present  
location 231600L reopens 593970 same time all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 231700L

TO adv 3 Aust Div

For infm 3 Aust Div adv 29 Aust Inf Bde 15, 42, 47  
Aust Inf Bns 7 Aust Inf Bde 61 Aust Inf Bn  
2 Aust Fd Regt A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn det  
ANGAU 11 Aust Fd Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb

I.307 (.) confidential (.) sitrep 73 to 231600L (.)  
CENTRAL SECTOR (.) 47 Aust Inf Bn (.) one coy 25  
Aust Inf Bn relieved on coy 47 Aust Inf Bn at 777725  
at 231400L (.) TAVERA SECTOR (.) 15 Aust Inf Bn (.)  
small recce party contacted 6/8 japs in ambush posn  
810665 (.) posn engaged by mortar fire (.) later  
patrol found posn vacated (.) cas own 1 slightly  
wounded enemy unknown (.) MAWARAKA SECTOR (.)  
42 Aust Inf Bn (.) patrolling continued NMS (.)  
42 Aust Inf Bn relieved by 9 Aust Inf Bn at 231400L  
(.) roles 7 Aust Inf Bde end 29 Aust Inf Bde changed  
231600L all infm

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde

TOO 231715L

TO comd 3 Aust Div

for infm 15, 42, 47 Bns 3 Aust Div 7 Aust Inf Bde  
adv 29 Aust Inf Bde 2 Aust Fd Regt 19 Aust  
Sup Dep Pl A Coy 1 N.G. Inf Bn 11 Aust Fd  
Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb ANGAU

I.306 SECRET (.) location amendments to 231600L (.) the  
following tps pass from comd 29 Aust Inf Bde to comd  
3 Aust Div at 0001 hrs 23 Jan 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
104 Aust Bde Wkshps det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy (.)  
the following tps pass from comd 29 Aust Inf Bde to  
comd 7 Aust Inf Bde at 0800 hrs 23 Jan A Coy 1.N.G.  
Inf Bn less 5 pl 2 Aust Fd Regt C tp 3 Aust Svy Bty  
11 Aust Fd Coy less 3 pl 19 Aust Sup Dep pl det ANGAU  
(.) the following tps cease to be attached to 29 Aust  
Inf Bde and become attached 7 Aust Inf Bde at 1600  
hrs 23 Jan (.) det V FS sec det sigs 3 Aust Div 45  
Aust Pigeon sec two jeep and trailer dets 56 Aust Tpt  
coy (.) all infm