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30 Infantry Brigade

January 1943, Message Register

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DATE	TIME	NO	FROM	TEXT	ACTION TAKEN
Jan 43	0700	I 29	ZUGO.	Subep @ GILLELAND AND digging continuing in our right and center pls otherwise nil activity @ HILLEN nil report @ all quiet at stand down	
"	0800	I 136	HUGGINS	Subep to 0800 L/.	To Bn IO advised
"	1300	I 35	#21 Bde	Subep to 1200 L/1	
"	1800	I 30	ZUGO	Subep Communication est advanced. ZUGO HQ 1640 hrs HILLEN closed old area 1423 hrs and new area 1725 hrs otherwise NIL activity @ GILLELAND @ Center pl advanced total 6 yds left sec right pl advanced total 15 yds right sec right pl advanced total 15 yds right sec right advanced total 2 yards otherwise NIL activity	
"	1150	I 137	HUGGINS	Subep to 1200 L @ KANO long range patrol behind enemy lines leaving 1400 L otherwise nothing to report.	
2 Jan	0740	I 32	ZUGO	Subep @ HILLEN @ NIL activity @ GILLELAND @ occupied new area 2315 hrs 1 Jan otherwise nil activity.	
1 Jan	1800	I 36	A B O 9	Subep to 1800 hrs @ 1230 Lt Col MATTHEWS arrived in area @ Large column smoke seen west AMBOGA N between 110 and 300 yds from beach 1730 hrs	
"	1800	I 138	HUGGINS	Subep to 1800 L @ Adv parties of 1 Bn 163 US REGT arrived in HUGGINS and KANO area @ Small fire fight KANO area No observed results	
"	1855	I 31	ZUGO	Location fwd ZUGO HQ 200 x N br where American and strong post is est HQ now WEST Bank of ck	
"	1830	02066	NANI	Subep to 1800 hrs @ Rd block area @ 2/7 Cav long range patrol 20 strong moved out PM today behind Jap lines @ 6 light descriptions near areas @ 14 Bde @ Adv HQ 14 bde arrived GONA area @ 163 US Regt @ HQ and majority 1 Bn now concentrated SOPUTA area	

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1 Jan 43 1500 02064 NANI
 Report to 1400 L 0 No change 0 TAC/R reports 0 all coconut palms
 SANANANDA PT. chopped down apparently many removed 0 three
 quarters track Rd Block SANANANDA under water all
 informed.

" 2100 V124 NANI
 TAC/R 2 Jan 0 sorties 0730 to 0830 01330 to 1600

" 2215 I946 NANI
 TAC/R AM L/I 0 SANANANDA-SOPUTA rd 0 201275 two
 native huts under construction 0 201274 one tent 0 191270
 one Jap lying on back apparently observing movements of A/C
 200m to the open 400 yds west out from at creek 135 305
 OKUMUSI river 0 one parachute hanging in tree at village
 on EAST side river

2 Jan 0700 I239 HUGGINS
 Report to 0800 hrs 0 quiet night 0 some firing about EAST
 of KANO through night 0 KANO ambush party including
 11 US soldiers killed 6 Japs early am

" 0800 02070 7 Div
 Report to 0800 hrs 0 Adv parties 1 bn 163 US Regt
 have arrived in rd block area 0 otherwise no change
 0 antihuman bridge over GIRUA river at SOPUTA will be completed
 during PM today.

" 0830 I37 AB09
 Report to 0800 hrs

" 0855 I944 7 DIV
 32 div to 1700 L/31 0 EASTERN force now regrouped as follows 0
 0 18 W 126 CAPE ENDAIADERE area for coast defence 2/9 Bn STRIP PT area
 to SINEMI CN 0 2/10 bn from creek at pt 281275 to 279253 0 3
 Bn 128 then 2 Coy 2/10 Aust Inf Bn extend line along edge of
 coconut grove to 273258 0 Left flank held by 1 bn

" 0855 I944 7 DIV
 128 regt 0 WESTERN FORCE front line now extends N.E
 from RJ263264 to incl fall of govt garden 0 contact
 has been made by patrols with left flank EASTERN FORCE
 0 one Coy now established on BUNA MISSION strip no other
 change in disposition

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1 Jan	0900	I70	JASO	Sitrep to 0900 @ Shelling and mortars in enemy positions left of rd otherwise nothing to report.	
"	0800	02063	NANI	Sitrep to 0800 L @ Enemy localities harassed by arty and mortar fire throughout night @ (For next few days while 163 US Regt moves into position and other units regrouped activity will be confined to harassing fire small raids and reconnaissance)	
"	1800	I71	NANI and NAUSMET ABOGate	Sitrep to 1800 @ ZUGO HQ reopened approx TIDREP @ Regrouping continuing otherwise no change	
2 Jan	0815	I72	"	Sitrep to 0800 hrs @ No change	

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1 Jan	1615	YOKI 4	B Coy commenced MOVE OUT	I [unclear]'s informed
	1615	"	Capt MCGLYNN NOT coming out till tomorrow as BOE REM still requires his assistance	
1	1818	55	B Coy 36 Bn completed change with 55 Bn 55 Bn	
1	2315	36 Bn	Relief of DOUGLAS A Coy completed 2315 hrs	
2	0655	55 Bn	standing patrol. being maintained throughout day, 500 yds. to the east.	
2	0725	YOKI	Skipper TISU moved out of post relieved by GYLLE LAND 2315 returned H6 area 2400. MCGLYNN just moving out returning to H6 and VIKO plus small det KATO will be moving out when relieved. They is ready to leave at 0800. Otherwise pretty quiet all night.	
2	0837	YOKI	DO VA have just passed our way out and soon will pass 2400. Will let us know when relief is completed.	
2	0900	YOKI	20 personnel of 2400 has just moved by. KATO post. will be relieved when relief is complete.	

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1 Jan		P4	YOKI4.	<p>Patrol (LINEO & 50RS left 2000 to attack & destroy enemy LMG & possibly several fwd 300 yds. Superior patrol noticed a gap with khaki turban & clothing in same area & suspected presence of guns there hence reason for patrol. Returned 2200 - from Snipe tree (M.R. to be supplied) 290° - 60° (which they made an RV) - then placed 2 men 30 yds to right. remainder went fwd 290° - 30° thence 30° - 20° and from there saw glow of 4 fire 40° at 320° - also sound of voices same direction - voices appeared to approach patrol which returned to RV - they signalled, rifle shot for two men to right to return to RV & they mistook it for grenade & opened fire with Tommy gun in MG part. Patrol leader said elements of surprise was lost so they returned to B Coy (all bearing magnetic).</p>	
1 Jan	1550	30 Bde	Riley	<p>what was thought to be a mortar fire what was thought to be a mortar fire from a bearing of 295° (mag) at range of 75-150° landed in RILEY area wounding one man - thought to be hit and run attack fired from scrub 100° from RILEY area.</p>	

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2 Jan	0920	P4	YOKI 2	D Coy 36 Bn moved off for GONA area.	

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2 Jan 55/53 36 Bn 12 1302 Patrols in at 1145 & 1200 - full reports to follow
A COY 177246, B COY 178249, C COY 177253 fwd desps (177246 178249 177253)

" I140 HUGGINS 1200 1302 See below

" I149 7 DIV 1145 1302 See page 2

" I 498 Bn 1400 185253 - report of 498 Bn HQ. RALU with left to form a perimeter around the area
remains of 40 yds

" - 39 Bn 1523 39 Bn has just left old posn.

" 02071 7 DIV 1455 1550 Relief to 1400 hrs @ Rd block area @ relief of 39 and 49 Bns by 1 Bn 163 US Regt - W
progress @ 2/7 Aust team patrol with US troops ambushed and killed 6 Japs @ 30 Ede @
D Coy and perhaps C Coy 36 Bn after relief by elements 39 Bn moved to GONA area @ 163 US Regt
@ 209 all ranks arrived DOBODURA am today @ Wounded Jap captured at approx 167227
am today @ Interrogation proceeding.

" I14 HANT 7 DIV 1657 1700 JASO distribution 1500 hrs @ VOYA completely combated area 186253
@ YOKI @ YOKIA 177246 YOKI B 178249 YOKI C 177253 YOKI H6
177246 @ ZUGO approx 184247 ZUGO A/B 181251 to 182249 ZUGO
C/D area 185251 @ BOERAM from 179248 to 182248.

" I3 55/53 1738 1830 Sitrep @ HILLEN @ pl activity only @ GILLELAND @ campers
active on all flanks difficult to move from posns @ pits at 1200
hrs 35 yds from left flank bearing 190° M. Two men occupied pits
for few hours when observed Japs coming from their rear i.e. EAST
grenade thrown killing one perhaps 2 Japs men withdrew to
original left flank

" I75 7 DIV 21, 148 des 1820 1820 SITREP to 1800 hrs @ DUDA now under comd JASO @ otherwise nothing to
report

" I140 HUGGINS 1200 1830 1302 Sitrep to 1200 L @ enemy patrol reported approaching HUGGINS from
WEST @ strength seen 7 @ full strength unknown @ pl sent to
investigate @ relief by MUSKET proceeding satisfactorily

" I947 7 DIV 0920 0951 32 DIV to 0400 4/2 @ EASTERN FORCE @ phase 1 of attack launched by
2/22 bn 1 bn 128 regt supported by tanks successful @ Reached coast
between points 277258 - 275261 @ Adv continued NW and SE west
flank now on east bank of small stream west of GIROPA PT extending
south to 272256 @ enemy pocket south of mouth of SINEMI CK still
resisting @ other units no change @ Patrols operating between this force and
WESTERN FORCE @ WESTERN FORCE @ Pressure and some progress made 266261
and 265263 @ ENEMY of @ at 1700 L/Jap party approx 50 escaping south between two forces @
during night approx 10 Japs came ashore vicinity 269263 and SINORI VILLAGE wearing life jackets

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2 Jan	1949	7 DIV		1145	1209	TAC/R @ SANANANDA - SOPOTAK @ telephone line from enemy fwd pos traced back to 214291 (ref map GONA 4 inch) @ KUMUSI R. also see visible barges moored off mouth @ One barge on east bank @ WASIDA area @ natives seen in village clearing took to beach when A/C flew over @ AWALA - DIVINIKOARI @ One white man and 20 native carriers seen @ Some new huts being erected at DIVINIKOARI @ SAGARI - OINTATANDI @ almost gone over @ Shows very little signs of use @ HUTS at BAKUMBARI show little signs of use @ One outrigger canoe in inlet at BAKUMBARI	
2 JUN		7 DIV		1800	1920	SITREP @ 1800 hrs reported cleared by 1530 hrs except for snipers @ 2/12 pm concentrating and reorganizing on GIROPA ch @ 2/10 bn taking over coconut grove area and clearing out remaining snipers & beach defence @ SINEMIA - GIROPA des 02/9 bn reorganizing and coming into beach reserve @ 3/28 bn to be left flank guard	
"		30 BN		2000		to 2/12 bn and 1/28 bn beach defence SINEMIA ch @ 1/28 bn in American hands @ corridor between GIROPA ch and AMERICANS only picked remaining all unfamed	PIERRE covered
"	I 141	HUGGINS		1800	1920	SITREP @ to 1800/L @ fire fight lasting 10 mins in HUGGINS area 1445 hrs @ No casualties @ Jap killed in tree @ Jap seen by western listening post escaped observed mortar fire NW @ HANO landed amongst enemy.	
"	I 38	21 Bde			1930	SITREP number 36 to 1800 hrs @ 1415 hrs party 50 from YORKI arrived in area @ bivouacking this area @ night 2/3 Jan 1600 hrs 2 slightly wounded Japs captured by 2/14 BN number 1 patrol @ Fubing to 7 Div first light 3 Jan @ 1 Jap observed near CALOOGIE village @ Patrol investigation	

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3 Jan	02072	7405/div F		1815/L	<p>③</p> <p>Ship to 1800 hrs. Rd block area. Relay of 39 and 49 Bn by 10m 163 Reg. now complete. During first flight late PM today US had claim 1 gap sniper killed. Successful mortar shoot carried out by 17 Aust. Bn during PM. GORACE 02 Jan PW's captured. WARTY TP AT today. PW's included from MANGROVE IS appeared to have been in water for some period. Possibly from BUNA area. 8 km into 36 Bn captured 90 NVA area. 0 K's successful arty shoots with air observations carried out on what believed to be one of main remaining gap dumps SANANDA area. Large columns brown smoke and gas seen. 0 Inf in reapon dump originally obtained from captured native and confirmed by TAPPA ^{army} to shoots.</p> <p>Ref map GONNA one mile or more location dump 187267.</p>	BM
2 "	F54	7 Aust Bn		1655/L		BM
2 "	F126	7 Aust Div		2130/2 0650/3	<p>7 APC/R and arty Reco sokes 3 Jun 00730 to 08300 1230 to 1330 0 1530 to 1630</p>	BM
3 Jan		36 Bn		0730/3	<p>8 Coy + 2 patrol 2 patrols one on left flank at 0620 1 m right flank 0630. One on left flank 1 m right flank about 30 yds had a clear view and were able to observe about 100 yds ahead of them. 1st patrol movement 2 or 3 men. 6 before 1st others halted. A little beyond that a group of about 4 apparently building pillbox. F said point of pillbox from north of span one on right flank went out about 30 yds. Shocks thick smoke visible for only 20 yds ahead but observed ground falling away at that distance & heard voices there. Both patrols out there.</p>	BM already informed
"		49 Bn		0730	<p>Report that at 0010 H 13 a burst of tracer bullets from gap MG at upon approx 70 yds NW 49 Bn HQ.</p>	BM informed

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3 Jan	I 76		7DN 214 4 183 US	0810		<p>Schup to 0800 hrs @ Exchange of grenades in area ENEMY pocket night of rd. @ 1st killed probably wounded @ MG taken from ENEMY post near NW TESSELS village for first time @ Report of possible ENEMY patrol about 300 yds near that Hb now thought to be further</p> <p>F would be burnt Jap diary captured area 181251 by Hb Coy 1200 hrs 2 Jan</p>
2 Jan	I 73	7DN	7DN	1505	0900 0915	<p>Schup to 0800 Lf. @ 90 FORCE @ 1850 L/2 but Japs observed making ashtray chimney. 9 men in 1st @ Rd block area @ Nothing to report @ 30 Bde @ 39 Bn now under control @ 63 US Regts @ total 397 all ranks arrived DOBODURA 7 Jan @ Brown GIRUA River at SOPUTA will be complete by 1004/3.</p>
"	I 142	HOGGINS		0800	0915	<p>Schup to 0800/L @ STNOR</p>
"	I 79	218 ac		0828	0915	<p>Schup number 37 to 0800 hrs @ 0630 hrs @ 3 Japs captured by 214 bn number 1 patrol BASABOU village @ 1 attacked with MC @ hitting large piece from his jaw @ all killed whilst trying to escape</p>
"	-	36 Bn			0915	<p>at 0830 2 pts ordered to be dug by PORTER @ were finished by B Coy 30 yds on right flank and digging in operations were commenced</p>
3 Jan	I 34	55/53		0774	0730	<p>Schup @ HILLEN @ Nil activity @ GILLELAND @ further to evidence reported in last report two men left 2030 hrs to follow wire to put course of wire that been changed @ they listened heard voices and threw grenades that returned 2145 hrs @ further Nil report @ further Jap casualties found killed by rifle fire 2 Jan @ EL AND AREA @ Report reported 2345 hrs approx 200 yds NW Coy Hb</p>

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3 Jan 43	-	36 BN	0930	-	<p>Questions regarding 2 pits dug by B Coy at 0830 6/3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) D. really not an opponent's throw trench? 2) are they in contact with US troops on way? 3) how they got pits? If so how far <p>A 1) No 2) No 3) can push fwd whole Coy with 30 yds and push hastening pace at least another 30 yds fwd.</p>	<p>B Coy moved at end center platoon moved fwd 50-60 yds + ahead platoon fwd north somewhat up line.</p>	<p>B M advised also Mortar offer</p>
"	-	36 BN	1050	-	<p>One casualty in B Coy advance 40' past big tree, placing him right flank 20' south of Baslam's left flank. 7 bodies found - one US LMG tripod + one 2" mortar sight. One body buried. Bodies believed to be 55/58 Bns. Left pl preparing to move</p>	<p>Bns. advised</p>	
"	-	YOKI 2	1150	-	<p>Left pl of right pl pinned down by small fire. Bodies being moved up to fire on opposition, with intent to carry ditch and left pl to overcome opposition</p>	<p>Bns. advised</p>	
"	-	YOKI B	1300	7330	<p>21st pl numbers 38 to 1200 hrs 02/144 Bn number 1 patrol killed 1 platoon CALORING/E village of Tardof 40 from 36 Bns advanced 16 Bns at 1100 hrs 0 Balance dispersed among 16 Bns patrols</p>	<p>Bns. advised</p>	
"	I	7 DIV	1440	-	<p>TAC/R's offer duty. Planned out of commission. No need a TAC pl to be carried, and after 1449</p>		
"	-	49 BN	1450	-	<p>Mortar pl has been relieved and of other by 1 PL RALU and is returning to a position approx ng 178 2450</p>		
"	-	36 BN	1500	-	<p>B Coy still in same position but could have moved further only for expected relief. Bomber platoon could be pushed fwd and further ahead to M9 but only 1 pl, 1 pl and hand grenades</p>		

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3 Jan	-	49BN		1550		2/7 Suit bay passed through 49BN, and BM advised	
"	0082	7DIN		1515	1636	Ship to 1400 hrs @ Rikit of Hr 21 Bde and 2/7 Aust baw by this, HC 163 Regs and 1 part 1 BN respectively now complete. Only block area vacated by #/7 Aust baw and 39B is previously known as HUGGINS will now be known as MUSKET @ 30 Bde @ Part 36bn on left of bk advanced 50 yds during am @ 0600 to reduct of mtage to be held and prepare base for further ops @ 0600 losses 1 wounded @ 6 pts killed @ GORARE @ 30pts killed near BOS @ BOU village am today which killed 24 hrs @ 8 pts after capture @ another killed at GALOUNGIE west of GORARA @ during last 24 hrs @ 8 pts have made ashore vicinity GORARA WAUTUTU PT @ 4 were killed 2 captured @ 2 NOT yet contacted	
"	-	36BN		1700		A Coy 36BN moved off from area in north 90NA	
"	-	"		1715		BN HC & HC Coy moved out	
"	-	-	7DN/HG 21/14 300 163 U. Regs	1800	1830	Ship to 1800 hrs @ YOKI B adv 60 yds on left of rd @ further 200 yds by M 8 hrs @ 6 pts killed @ BEREM maintained perimeter of the ashore by night. 4 pts killed @ 1st pt 40MI HONNER FORCE @ 12 pts killed @ ASD and 40 yds. HONNER FORCE relieved 2090 hrs @ 1 HC	BM advised
"	-	39BN		1810		Monter of the ship moved west 1825 hrs @ 1 mg.	
"	-	36BN		1839			
"	-	53BN		1920	1838	Ship @ HILLEN @ 1800 hrs @ 1800 hrs @ 1900 hrs 2/16 BN number one 9ILLELAND @ Snipers advised otherwise Nil report	
"	-	36BN		1850		36BN HQ. Closed	
"	-	39BN		1850		M ^c LEANS Party moved in HONNER resemple has yused moved in	B/M advised
"	I41	21Bde		1805	1855	Ship number 39A-1800 hrs @ 1900 hrs @ 1900 hrs 2/16 BN number one ashore awaiting arrival 2 gaps believed to be armed waiting ashore from wreck	

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3 Jan	02023	7DIV		1830	1925	Setup to 1800 hrs O MUSMET. O light patrolling activity O No reports to hand O 30 Bde O relief of 36 hrs by 2/7 O and bay down in progress O light progress made in night of back PM today O 4 plato killed O there and complete operations ahead O A P with dropping his sub elements into his main position this area which appears to be astride SOPUTA. S ANANANDA black vicinity 1822-53 O B across GIRAVANAR SOPUTA open to bridge from 1400 hrs
3 Jan	4128	7DIV		1938	(947)	TAC/R and ARTY R 14 Jan 1100 to 1200 O 1500 to 1600
4 Jan	-	MAND		0810		17AMP 4 army units arriving to cut into night bank - advised to gain in attack with Americans
"	I78	7DIV 7DIV 14, 21, 165		0800	0810	Setup to 0800 hrs O Start arty about as first reported west of VOYA successful O First submachine gun 6 plato some few waist rounds # 50 gauge early dm O killed 2 VOYA by DVA in progress
"	02091	7DIV	2080	0800	0845	Setup to 0800 hrs O MUSMET O 10 plato accounts to date O 6 other possible O 30 BM O relief of 36 BM by 2/7 Aust last news complete O 39 BM telephone 55/53 by AM today O FORCE O 6 unit night
"	I42	218de		0810	0845	Setup to 0800 O NIL REPORT
3 Jan	I30	55/53		0658	0640	Setup PHLT EW O No activity O GILLELAND O cloud 2445 hrs 3 gun O Fwd BNHA released 1810 hrs 30m
"	-	2/7 Cav		0800	0850	Setup NO 9 to 0600 hrs 4 Jan O 12th B Lm of C Lm made positions at about 1730 hrs 3 plato O 100m army activity was observed by C Lm O 100m the night O suggesting the building of defence O some grenade and light firing throughout the night by 2/7 C Lm reports killed and 2 wounded at dusk and 2 died to enemy sniper B Lm A Lm reports a quest night

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2 Jan			1105	1105	Gap prisoner captured about 500 yds near JASO H6 now being interrogated. Details later.
"		91		1455	LOVELL wounded about condition of his legs - doubts whether they will reach GONA - LOVELL discusses matter with G1.
"					Col HONNER reported to Bde. 39BN now in para
3 Jan		Col MESELS	0945	0945	Para personnel 3 mortars of 49BN to report to Bde and commander comd Bde mortar officer
"		Col HONNER	1000	1000	Arrangements made for mortar off 39BN to take over from BELLE as Bde mortar off
"			1030	1030	Rece party of 2/7 Aust Bn arrived Bde. Para explained to offer 1/0 and Bde L.A. instructed to contact 36BN and 55/53BN in regard to relief of 36BN by 2/7 Aust Bn and the possibility of capturing prisoner 55/53 HE as taken HE.
"		36 BN	1105	1105	36BN informed that necessary from 2/7 Aust Bn has arrived and will be reporting to 36BN HE which is from Bde. C 036BN received that all of POWER has advanced 500 yards and left plan also moving up. Explained to push on and at least 1000 yds and great level with US Aps at night of 2/7 and that of your own met so best of purging on. Keep in mind that Bde will be taking over from 36BN by 1700 hrs today.
"	I143 HUGGINS		0800	0940	Relief 20000 L O changeover completed with 163 US Regs CO 1400L yesterday 2/7 long range patrol returned HUGGINS PM will make report through 30 Bde 021 Bde HQ located SOPUTA.
"	36 BN		1430	1430	POWER consolidating & awaiting relief by 2/7 Aust Bn.
"			1630	1630	HANO - 2/7 Aust Bn arrived & relief 36BN commenced
"			1800	1800	Relief of 36BN completed.
"			2345	2345	A/B Coy of 55/53 BN relieved
4 Jan		2/7 Cav	0840	0840	Sqm on immediate left of rd. No push on by infiltration tactics and with support of mortar which necessary. Explained that straight out attack NOT required. Bde sqm would creep forward as far as possible making full advantage of terrain and supplying fire.
"	Phone A9Bn		1010	1035	Relief of HILLEN by Coy A9bn completed 1010 hrs

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24 Jan	041		2/7 Bde 49 Bde HINCKSMAN	0830	1000	all mortars will be brigaded under Lt HINCKSMAN mortar off 39 Bn 0 Mortars will be arranged as follows 49 Bn 2 mortars 2/7 49 Bn 2 mortars 2/7 39 Bn 2 mortars 2/7 39 Bn 2 mortars 2/7 direct to Lt HINCKSMAN for mortar fire and use of mortars of 2/7 and 49 Bn and 39 Bn by those units will only be restituted when Bde programme is required	
"	I 956	7 DIN		1120	1145	32 DIN to 1800 L/3 0 mopping up continuing pocket area between GIROPA CK west to 190 VT GARDENS sk with gaps contained in wooded and swamp area 0 booby trap area along coast reported clear 0 all defensive posts now taken and no organized resistance 0 individual gaps hiding in swamp and woods 0 149 enemy dead counted in MISSION area	
"	02094	7 DIN	VOVA	1100	1220	Red map GONA 4 inches to 1 mile 0 boundary between 30 Bde and 163 US Regt 0 EAST WEST line through pt 184255 inel to 30 Bde Ack	
"	I 43	21 Bde		1100	1220	Setup number 41 to 1200 hrs 0 Siton	
"	043		2/7 Bde 39 49, HINCKSMAN	1330	1340	Red map GONA 4 inches to 1 mile 0 Boundary between 30 Bde and 163 US Regt 0 EAST WEST line through pt 184255 inel to 30 Bde	
"	02096	7 DIN		1425	1500	Setup to 1400 hrs 0 MUSTET 0 During AM patrols operated NE + SOUTH of rd block area 0 gap from engaged with mortar fire 0 30 Bde 0 Relief of 55/53 Bn by 39 Bn now complete 0 21 Bde 0 NB 21 Bde now located SOPUTA	
"	1630	7 DIN		1630	1700	TAC/R 1130/1245 L/4 0 SANANANDA 0 barvas shelter close EAST side sk June 213295 0 Palm leaves cut but NOT used on suspected bunkers area SANANANDA PT 0 shell holes and huts hit area 208285 0 Two L/7 lines from rd at 205281 disappear into timber in direction of 214284 0 Only one line noted 3 Jan 0 approx 100 yds SE 199274 clearing observed with filled trees and huts	

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4 Jan	044		2/7 Cav-39 49 Bns + BOEREM	1540		Sufficient care is NOT being taken of arms. Attention will be paid to cleaning of arms and where possible will be fired once per day. From 2/7 Cav-39 Bn arms will be carried at all times except in office areas and similar localities where arms will always be ready to hand. Many personnel have been noticed on the main rd and at YNICA without arms. This will cease.
"		BOEREM		1745		The whole line has been advanced 20-30 yds.
"		2/7 Cav		1745	1745	Sitrep no 9 to 1730 hrs 4 Jan. 0800 A Lgn reported one enemy killed by LMG fire. 01225 C Lgn reported patrol contacted Americans on right flank across SANANANDA PTRD. 0 C Lgn boundary 20 yds from road. 01310 C Lgn reported one casualty/due to slipping.
"		7 Cav		1800	1800	STT
"	I 79	7 DIV	7 DIV	1800	1805	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. 0 Light adv against enemy pocket on right of rd. 0 2/7 Lgwr consolidating positions taken over from 36 Bn in preparation for further adv.

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4 JAN	I 44	21 Bde				Sitrep 42 to 1800 hrs @ NIL report.	
"	02098	7 DIV	15	1830	2000	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 1630 S Reg @ Patrol conducted Gap MG from N.W. rd block area PM today. @ 3 Gaps killed @ 3 Gaps snipers accounted for @ @ only shoot carried out on suspected Gaps the area 214284	
4 Jan	Phone	49 BN				0650 Strongly suspect ENEMY MG & mortar post ^{knocked out} by 68 grenade fire. After shoot neither of these posts fired.	
5 Jan	Phone	7 CAV			0720	Nothing to report.	
	Phone	39 Bn			0720	Nothing to report.	
		7 CAV		0730	0740	SITREP N° 10. to 0730 hrs. 5 JAN @ A Sqn. nothing to report. @ B Sqn. one hand grenade thrown into the area during the night. no casualties otherwise nothing to report @ C Sqn 1830 4 Jan. one casualty due to sniping @ C Sqn also reports considerable ENEMY 2" mortar fire into area during the night no further casualties.	
	Phone.	49 Bn.			0740.	ENEMY restless during night hand grenades exchanged between 2100 hrs & 2200 hrs. @ C	
"			7 DIV 103, 21, 14, 128	0800	0800	Sitrep to 0800 hrs @ considerable enemy mortar fire 2 areas area on left of rd but no damage or casualties @ 49 BN reports ENEMY restless during night and exchanged hand grenades between 2100 and 2400 hrs @ Harassing fire by our arty throughout the night otherwise no change	
4 Jan	045			39, 49, 2/7 CAV	2300	Required urgently by 0730 hrs @ Jan items showing number automatic weapons held by types also number A/TK rifles 3" mortars and 2" mortars held	
5 Jan	046		7 DIV			From 7 DIV 911 @ automatic weapons held TASSO and units LMG 85 OSMG 177 TSMF 9 Victors 4 also A/TK rifles 13 3" mortar 13 2" mortar 8.	

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	A5	Phone	AIR Support Control		0915	TAC/R to be carried out over 30 Bde area. 1100-1200 hrs and 1500-1600 hrs. also. photo recee at unknown time.	
	"	"	9116) 7DIV		1130	Enemy re long distance patrol from 2/7 Cav which was to have been fuded through 30 Bde HQ	bar contacted, patrol report being sent in P.M. DIV advised
	"	I 45	21 Bde	0815	1130	Interp to 0800 hrs @ 2/14 Bn @ Ref BUNA 1 inch PM 4 Jan patrol from 14 Bde stuck at TATAS WO 6m casualties 1 missing believed killed	
	"	Phone	2/7 Cav		1230	A Sqn sending out patrol at 1230 - Route - OLD HUGGINS track approx NW for 1/4 miles - returning from ANW direction straight to A Sqn position. A Sqn + B Sqn from 1230 to 600. Object to receive & estimate strength of Jap position in this area. Return before 1800 hrs	
	"	146	ABOG	-	1400	ABOGS responsibility for GONA area taken over by KOTY at 1200 hrs.	
	"	02119	7 DIV		1530	Interp to 1400 hrs. Patrol activity. Remainder 36 Bn arrived GONA area. All ranks 163 U.S. Regt. arrived DOBDURA at 1200 hrs.	
	"	I 967	7 DIV			TAC/R 0710. - 0805 4/5 2 Japs fixing duck boards 207203. Machine gun possibly under canvas at 197272. Much smoke or haze along track branching from 206283 to 188300. 2 figures dressed as U.S. Gps walking west at 243283.	
	"	Phone	49 Bn		2000	2 Japs seen wearing green clothing presumably taken from our dead.	
	"	Phone	7 Cav		2035	A + B Sgns all quiet @ C Sqn reports enemy grenade & mortar fire in area @ replying with mortars.	
	"	182	7 DIV		1800	Interp to 1800 hrs @ 7 Cav recee patrol on left flank killed one JAP further details not yet available @ otherwise nothing to report @	

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5 Jan	0213	7014		0800	0850
5 Jan		7044		1800	1815
11		7014		1900	

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~~SITREP 40 0800 hrs 0 No change all informed~~

SITREP N° 11 to 1730 hrs 5 JAN 43 0 0900-0930 200
 rds mortar fire on enemy position facing C Sqn
 Shack on NE post of Sqn appears partly demolished
 smoke and dust rising @ 1100 C Sqn reported one casualty
 accidentally wounded @ 1100 grenade thrown into C Sqn
 area no casualties @ 1230 Rec patrol from A Sqn
 moved out @ 1530 mortar officer reported enemy position
 firing B Sqn registered for mortar fire @ 1630
 C Sqn reported one enemy probably killed @ 1730
 B Sqn reported observing enemy using tracks approx
 150 yds East of B Sqn @ 1640 B Sqn patrol
 proceeding N-W located enemy cookhouse and
 line of benches approx 500 yds from A Sqn @
 saw approx 20 JAPS none carrying arms @ Killed one
 Jap @ Patrol returned intact

SITREP to 1800 hrs patrol activity throughout day @
 2/7 Aust CNV patrol EAST of SANJANANDA - SOPUTA
 track reports @ JAP left flank contacted at 193266 @
 5 JAPS killed @ deep swamp to EAST of this posn @
 cautious approach @ report confirms that of 2/7 Aust
 ind Coy patrol @ arty air shoot on TAPAKUNIA @
 number of huts destroyed @ ADV HQ 18 BDE arrived
 SOPUTA area PM today @ HQ 14 Bde assumed
 responsibility GONA area from 1200 hrs @ all inf

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5 Jan	I 83		7 DIV 163 Regt 2.36	2000		ref patrol mentioned in our I 82 enemy post located trenching from approx 178256 to approx 176255 35 JAPS seen this area standing in grass and in trenches with overhead cover raised approx 18 ins above ground level as cover from weather which enables occupants to fire both ways. kitchen area seen where 6 to 7 large dished similar to ours noted cooking on fire. several sentries seen but generally JAP not on alert. one JAP crawling through grass shot but no return fire came from ENEMY posts. patrol leader estimates at least 100 JAPS in area. further recon patrol being despatched 6 Jan to work around rear of ENEMY post to discover extent ENEMY localities all inf.	
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59	R 10A	7 DIV		2100	0700/6	TAC/R by A/c 6 Jan 0730 to 0930 1100 to 1200 1600 to 1700 same frequency and call signs	
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11	O 2123	7 DIV		2030	0700/6	code names allotted HQ 18 and inf Bco. KAPO 2/9 and inf bn 1060 2/10 bn JABE 2/12 bn MAFO	
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11	I 970	7 DIV		2145	0700/6	TAC/R 5 Jan SANANANDA - SOKUTA rd under water for 3 miles south from SANANANDA. A enemy attempting repair rd number of huts observed apparently in line at 190270 also at 195269 foot bridge in bad condition observed across TARAKENA ck. arty shoot damaged huts TARAKENA all inf.	
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6/1		2/7 Cav Regt.				<p>SITREP No 12 40:0730 hrs 6 Jan 43 1730 5/1 C sgn reports 1 enemy probably killed by rifle fire. A sgn reported hearing from direction of enemy's lines on bearing 155° from A sgn H.Q. the sound of a truck labouring heavily. 2030 hrs C sgn subjected to heavy grenade fire from enemy. 2045 hrs 98 rounds MORTAR fire into enemy positions fronting C sgn. 0630 hrs C sgn subjected enemy grenade fire. 0630 C sgn reported hearing sounds of building from enemy suggesting possible fortifications. 0648 11 rds mortar fire on enemy positions facing C sgn.</p>	
"	184		7 DIV			<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs. exchange of grenade fire from our position immediate left of road at 178245.0 sound of motor resembling truck labouring heavily heard on bearing of 155° from our position at 177254 at 2015 hrs. This is the third time over a period of 5 wks that the sound of a motor has been heard from this area.</p>	
"	02127		7 DIV			<p>SITREP to 0300 hrs 6/14 BDE enemy OP on KUROV CK 1500 yds EAST of AMBOGA river mouth raided PM yesterday found 4 strongly held & casualties one JAP killed ours 2 killed 5 wounded & 30 BDE. Enemy post estimated strength 100 located 178256 to 178255 & trenches have overhead cover against weather raised 18 inches above ground level. Several sentries seen but JAP generally alert. Further patrol moving out today to discover full extent enemy post. 163 US REGT & 3 JAPS killed and 1 wounded patrol activity PM 5 JAN all in.</p>	

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6	785		163 U.S. Regt		1053	7DIX CAV recce patrol left this area 1053 hrs, will be in area approx 700 to 1000 yds SW your H.Q. today.	
6	Phone	A9 BW		0830	0830	* what was thought to be motor sound heard to the S-W at intervals during night particularly in early morning.	
	Phone	39 Cn		0930	0930	mortar shoot on 5 (C) area thought to have knocked out 1 M.G. post in Lwd Coy area. Possible 12 Japs killed 5 Japs.	
6	Phone	7 Cav.			1053	recce patrol. left A Sqn area 1050 hrs.	
6	Phone	HQ 49				Patrol left 163 U.S. 1545 proceed to A areas to be back	
6	Phone	163 U.S. Regt			1435	Patrol left 1450 for "D" area. to return by 1550	
6	Phone	VOYA			1315	Patrol left VOYA 1315 for 163 Regt area. Returned 1505 Nil report.	
6	02133	7DIX		1445	1640	<p> Report No 1400 hrs 0163 US Regt 0 PM 5 Jan 0 Patrol of 3 located enemy constructing MG post 0 Casualties approx 2 killed 1 wounded 0 Perimeter extended 0 Raid on Jap pen to immediate north unsuccessful 0 One of 2 men wounded 3 men missing 0 Sniper activity 1 Jap killed 0 Am 6 patrol on L of Cribben rd block and 30 Bde captured BRENGUN who exploded booby trap set by US Aps 0 14 Bde 0 55/53 Bn arrived GONA area 0 Our Aps straggled Jap 0 Pat 134305 ref map BONA area then 0 18 Bde 0 2/9 Bn now located vicinity SOPUTA on EAST bank GIRUA R 0 21 Bde 0 Details HQ 21 bde moved POPONDETTA AM today en route MORESBY </p>	

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6 JAN	Phone	49Bn			1720	nothing to report	
6 Jan	4	39Bn			1740	Sitrep normal	
"	#	2/7 Cav		1730	1850	Sitrep to 1730 6 Jan 43 01000 recce patrol by # C Sqn preparatory to advance 01230 one enemy killed NE of C Sqn 01340 C Sqn reports 2 casualties due to 39 Bn mortar fire 01315 one enemy killed NE of C Sqn 01500 C Sqn advanced 40 yards to NE and consolidated 01500 one enemy possibly killed 01630 one enemy shot NE of C Sqn 01615-45 C Sqn reports exchange of fire with enemy 0 No casualties by C Sqn 01700 B Sqn reports advanced of 15 yds to SE 0 A Sqn patrol recce 0 Ref Jap cookhouse located to NW of A Sqn 5 Jan 0 Located more Jap trenches approx 200 yds on bearing 340 (M) from JAP cookhouse 0 Enemy seen fire exchanged no results observed 0 Patrol returned intact	
"	I 87	7 Div rfd 163 18 + 1400		1820	1850	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 0 pressure on Jap pocket right of rd area 181249 continued 0 2/7 Cav recce patrol located further enemy pans area 176257 0 7 JAPS seen 0 Flight adv by KANO on left of rd 0 4 Japs killed JASO area of today	
"	02139	7 DIV		1830	1940	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 0 1630 US Regt 0 reports about unknown Jap pans throughout day 0 222 all ranks 163 US Regt arrived DOBODUKA today 0 30 Bde 0 Flight advanced grade from west on left of SOPUTA SANANDA track 0 18 Bde 0 2/10 bn now located vicinity SOPUTA br 0 14 Bde 0 36 bn est at 145297	
"	R108	7 DIV		2030	0715/7	TAC/R 7 Div 0 0700 to 0800 0 1730 to 1230 0 1530 to 1630	

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6	02736	7DN		2020	0715/7	Bsgns 2/6 Aust and regt will use code name CRACKER when operating in 7AUST DIV Area	
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6	I975	7DIV		2100	0715/7	TAC/R 1200-1300 1/60 Japs at following 2 at 198273 3 at 202277 4 at 203289 number of troops landing on beach at BAKUMIBARI TAC/R 1600-1700 1/6 0/30 Japs dispersed 210 287 when A/C arrived moving South GONNA A mech 0 Two outigger canoes C46438 BONA 1 0 2 Snipers in trees 218 294 GONNA mech 0 number of natives at DEUNIAO all inf	
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6	02110	7DIV		2130	0715/7	Location statement as at 1800 hrs 7. Tow of all units sub units & det's under comd will be submitted by 1000 hrs 8. Tow 0 all subsequent changes in locations will be advised by IMMEDIATE signal as soon as change occurs 0 map if will be given as where possible within GONNA locality 4 inch 0 otherwise BONA 1 inch 0 all inf	
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7	#12	2/7 Cav		0730	0745	Rept NO14 100730 0 A Lgn reports number of hand grenades thrown into area by the enemy during the night B Lgn reports slight exchange of fire no casualties 0 C Lgn reports exchange of grenades and firing intermittently throughout the night and inf using mortar. MORTAR 6 off reported two bombs burst in vicinity our position 0 a few other mortar bombs also landed into the rear area during the night	
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7 Jan	I 88		7 DIV rptd 143, 14, 18	0845		<p>Setrep to 0800 hrs 0 Exchange of grenades and mortar fire 2/7 low area left of rd 0 Noise of motor gun heard in southern Jap positions 0430 hrs 0 Plane bearing green and red lights and white tail light over Bde area 2155 hrs 0 Curiously harassing fire throughout night 0 0 otherwise no change.</p>	
	Phone	6 apt SCHOFIELD				<p>If possible want enemy dispositions map send in this morning.</p>	
7	I 976	7 DIV		0900		<p>32 DIV to 1700/60 no change dispositions 0 patrols operating south west from SIWORI and WEST from GIRUWA river attempting to locate auxiliary track across the SANANANDA - SOPUTA rd 0 One JAP killed in swamp west of GIRUWA river 0 One JAP killed in jungle to south of "G" and "F" boys 127 Regt held up 500 yds from TARANKENA by two MG's covering tracks all inf.</p>	
7	02146	7 DIV		1445		<p>Detrep to 0800 hrs 0 Quiet night no change 0 1700 hrs 6 JAN enemy convoy 3-4 transports 2 cruisers 4 destroyers sighted 50 miles SOUTH GASMATA with fighter cover 0 Attacked by B17's B24's and P38's 0 believed 3 transports on fire 5 certain enemy fighters shot down many probables 0 our losses one fighter slightly damaged 0 more strikes in progress 0 2100 convoy last sighted 8 miles SOUTH GASMATA 0 163 VS Regt U.S. Regt continued active patrolling during afternoon 6 JAN 0 VS casualties 1 killed 3 wounded 6 missing 0 30 BDE 0 PM 6 JAN maintained pressure on JAP pocket EAST of rd 0 further enemy posn located at 17625% slight advance WEST of rd 0 4 JAPS killed 0 TAC R reports PM 6 JAN 50 JAPS observed moving SOUTH on SOPUTA track half mile from coast 0 JAPS dispersed on sighting planes 0 VS BUKA FORCE 0 details 127 VS Regt held up by MG fire 500 yds EAST of TARAKENA all inf.</p>	

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7		163 US Regt			1140	<p style="text-align: center;">(20)</p> Sitrep as from 1800 hrs new enemy MG positions located 188268 at 200 degrees 85 yds from "C" CO CP at 1520 hrs 3 man patrol made further reconnaissance enemy posn 347 degrees from HUGGINS and reported fire lane running NW SE their posn saw small mound and larger mound in rear of pill box thought to be dumps saw 20 man patrol down fire lane also 5 carriers with armed guard moved to pill boxes observed 8 snipers in trees and heard working parties in woods. patrol returned 1920 hrs. Quiet night less than usual activity this morning. JAPS casualties 0400 to 1600 hrs JAN 6, 14 dead 18 wounded	
7	10	163 US Regt				Sitrep as of 1200 hrs very quiet recon patrols operating on known enemy positions due back in afternoon.	
7	02150	7 DIV		1400		upon relief in fwd area Japs will arrange to provide AA and ground protection for SOPUTA BR. ack.	ack
7	I 15	14 Bde			1435	55/53 BN patrol reports number of natives captured village 189287 exact number not known till patrol returns sitrep all inf ack 02150	
"	I 89		7 DIV				
"	02151		7 DIV			Sitrep to 1400 hrs 163 US Regt 6 Jan new enemy MG posn located 188268 14 Japs killed 18 Japs wounded 7 Jano recce patrolling 14 BDE. 33 Rabaul natives captured vicinity CARARA am to days relief of 2/16 2/27 composite bn by 36 Bn now complete relief of 2/4 Bn by 55/53 Bn in progress all inf 149 m. at 187255 - a procedure to ... NE EAST of SOPUTA RD.	
9		49th		1030			

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7 Jan	Phone	A9B			1715	ENEMY activity around at A/A gun at 154253 otherwise nothing to report.	
"	Phone	39B			1720	Possible 4-5 Japs killed in area today @ saps advanced 4 to 5 yds	
"	I 53	A9B		1740	1803	Sitrep @ enemy mortar noticed in vicinity A/A gun @ patrolling by WATT FORCE between HONNER fwd and PIXLEY FORCED no change in posn	
"	I 979	7 DIV		1605		enemy convoy @ 1330 4/7 8 ships reported entering LAE harbour @ 0530 4/7 one vessel about 12000 tons seen to sink and another was observed at 0630 4/7 burning fiercely. all inf.	
7	I 90		7 DIV			Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 12 JAPS killed JASO area today @ pressure maintained on ENEMY posns on all fronts @ patrol activity continued through day @ all informed	
"	7	7 DIV CAV				Sitrep no 15 to 1730 hrs 7 Jan 43 @ 0700 one U.S. M.M.G recovered in good order now in use C sgn. 0900 recce patrol from C sgn to B sgn reported no signs enemy 8 enemy killed and 2 possibly killed during the day @ 1700 Recce patrol from B sgn 250 yards to WEST report no signs of enemy @ Recce patrol by B sgn 45 yards bearing 100° report signs of enemy cutting grass etc @ Recce patrol by A sgn moved 180 yards bearing 97° observed enemy on sandy ridge also possible MG post and cookhouse and earthworks @ Recce patrol by A sgn moved bearing 53° for 70 yards observed enemy 30 yards ahead digging and preparing earthworks @ Both latter enemy positions could be observed from excellent O.P.s	

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7	1978	7 DIV		1600		TAC/R AM 7 DEC at 202276 raised duckboards approx 15 ft square with track branching off track running S.W. from 212286 two telephone lines on western side one on eastern side, one barge north, one small boat south bank, mouth KUMUSI river, two apparently new huts on north bank mouth KUMUSI river, track runs from beach past huts into jungle. at 084377 BUNA line. 2 huts observed all inf.	
7	13	163 Regt		1800	1930	SITREP as of 1800 hrs @ located 1 Jap MG's OP. and possibly radio az 80 degrees 250x from 184263 @ mortar fire placed on the ground @ HUALINS killed 6 Japs @ NO reports on KANIO @ 2 US killed in action 2 seriously wounded.	
7	1980	7 DIV		2145	0700/8	Tac/R 1600-1800 4/7 @ number huts 207381 @ tent 212294 @ huts 193272 197273 @ large column of smoke & explosions from 186259 Tac/R plane elevator shot up when over M 21 204282 thought to be .30 explosive MG burst @ much activity this area @ M12 (188303) M 21 requested by arty @ all informed	
7	02154	7 DIV		1950	0700/8	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ MUSKETO @ 2 JAP. MG's and possible w/T set located vicinity 186263 engaged by mortar fire @ six japs killed 1st block area today @ and casualties killed 2 wounded 2 @ 14 bele @ RABAU natives captured GARARA village today total 42 @ state no japs this vicinity @ Japs SANANANDA AREA shot of fire some uninf @ 10-20 japs were in SURIRAI village night 6/7 Jan @ engaged by own arty 1715 4/7 @ 30 bele @ patrols active and pressure maintained on enemy positions both sides SOPUTA SANANANDA track @ 8 Japs killed @ 18 bele @ 2/12 out of Bw and det 2/4 fel coy arrived SOPUTA area PM today @ all informed	

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8	I 54	49bn		0640	0715	SITREP @ 2000 hrs three enemy mortar bombs on PAXLEY area @ 2015 hrs arty from enemy mortar posns remainder night quiet @ no change posn	
8	02157	7 DIV		0645	0730	No a/c available for direct air support 8 jw	
8		7 DIV CAV		0730		Sitrep No 16 to 0730 hrs 8 JAN 43 @ 2100 plane heard flying approx NORTH to SOUTH later turning EAST @ 2330 enemy patrol approach A sqn EAST flank one enemy killed @ B sqn reports exchange of grenades with enemy result unknown @ C sqn intermittent firing throughout the night @ A, B, C sqns all report considerable enemy mortar fire during the night	
8	I 92		7 DIV			Sitrep to 0800 hrs 02/7 DIV CAV reports enemy patrol A sqn area repulsed with one enemy killed @ 40/50 enemy grenades in 7 DIV CAV HQ and 30 BDE mortar area @ grenade exchanges in all fwd posns left of rd @ otherwise no change	
		MUSKET Red				Sitrep to 0800 hours 8 JAN 43 sitnor	
"	02159		7 AVST DIV		0910	Sitrep to 0800 hrs 14 BDE fire observed on coast vicinity BARUMBARI 0600-0620 hrs @ 2/14, 2/6, 2/27 bns moving SOPUTA area AM 8 JAN @ 30 BDE enemy fired 40-50 rds @ arty mortar throughout night with little effect @ our arty carried out harassing fire @ 163 US Regt nothing to report @ 7 B sqn 2/6 7th Ind Regt less one tank remaining POP with mechanical trouble arrived MIHONDA area 1645 ref map POP 1 in pm 7 JAN all inf	
8	I 19		14 BDE			Sitrep no 5 to 0800 hrs @ Quiet night @ fire observed vicinity BARUMBARI 0600-0610	

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8 Jan	I 2	1A Bde		1200		SITREP No 6 to 1200/8 patrol activity @ 55/53 Bn captured another RABAUK native @ 36 Bn observing mortar at enemy O.P. 13A 308 fired 3 rounds 3" mortar @ no observed result.

8 Jan	I 981	7 DIV		1450	1513	TAC/R 0740 - 0845 L/8 @ blackhouse at 205 282 on west of track probably MG post. 4 men observed all informed.
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8 Jan	O 2	7 DIV		1500	1525	SITREP to 1400 hrs @ MUSKET @ no report of ops commenced at 1200 hrs @ 14 bde @ ENEMY TOP at 134308 engaged by mortar fire @ one RABAUK native captured @ 30 bde @ offensive patrolling activity @ 21 bde @ 21 bde moving POP for evacuation to MORESBY. 9 Jan all informed
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8 Jan	K 6	39 Bn		1604	1608	00 14. 8 Jan 43 ticks.
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8 Jan		27 CAV		1620	1630	SITREP to 17 to 1730 hrs @ 'A' sqn patrol observed enemy hut and earthworks 140 yds bearing 65° A sqn no enemy seen but many heard @ B sqn patrol observed 3 enemy dugouts fortified with logs and roofed with logs and earth between B sqn and C sqn about 110 yds out from track. All huts occupied @ 9 m big clearing enemy seen moving about. 1245 @ 70 fighting patrol report fighting 5 enemy killed 3.4 possibly 2 more @ Total enemy killed since 0730 hrs number 5 + 4 possibly killed
	I 93		7 div		1820	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ fighting & recce patrols active on left of rd killing 5 Japs probably killing 2 @ pressure continuing on enemy pocket right of rd @ enemy posts fortified with logs located at 174 253 @ otherwise no change.

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8 Jan	155	49BW		1700	2030	SITREP to 2 Japs shot by PIXLEY @ 1600 hrs. WATT reports seeing 1 unarmed JAP between WATT. PIXLEY @ patrol from VOYA nil sightings @ adv party 20 PARRY. OWEN arrives 1000 hrs.	
8	06	7DIV		1900	2030	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ MUSKET @ at 1200 hrs 1 bn supported by arty fire attacked JAP pens both sides of track between rd block + US front point @ attack unsuccessful but 50 yds gained on left of track @ details NOT to hand will fwd on receipt @ 14 lde @ further 9 RABAU natives captured. GARARA @ 30 lde @ 4 JAPS killed during patrol activity WEST of track today @ 18 Bde @ det's 2/6 Coy AAFC. 2/5 fld amb and 10 fld amb arrived SOPUTA area all informed	
9	011	7DIV		0800	0830	step to 0800 hrs @ quiet night no change	
9	Iqa	7DIV		0805		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ quiet night @ no change	
9		2/7 Cav		0730		SITREP. M078 to 0730 hrs @ B'sqn patrol 1530-1745 8 Jan 43 report seeing canvas covered lean-to 20 yds bearing 83° from B'sqn possible snipers hideout @ A'sqn. 0400 9 Jan enemy patrol approached East flank, withdrew without being fired @ quiet night	

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8 1983 7DIV 2055
 TAC/R 1445. 1535 L/S © at 201308. 5 holes apparently reinforced by logs and covered with leaves. 5 enemy 204280. 1 at 212288. 5 at 203276 with packs on backs. One enemy up on track at 211297. 3 Huts with thatched roofs at 198268. NO LIT line observed at West or East tips of GIRUA. All informed.

8 1984 7DIV 2045
 32 DIV. to 1800/18. G Coy 127 regt with F Coy in sweep on its left flank advanced approx 200 yds. towards TARAKENA forced withdrawal of enemy and capturing 5 L.M.G's and one mortar. C Coy occupies SIWORI village in support. A Coy moving on SIWORI. Latest report states TARAKENA captured by U.S. forces approx 1900/18. All informed.

9 I 53 49Bw 0640
 Step up to 0630 hrs. situat.

1 49Bw 0750
 party 2/2 bw arrived HQ.
 Relief of WATTFORA complete.

9 None 49Bw 1030
 Relief of HQ Bw complete with rear party left to pass on information.
 49 ON HQ moved through Bde area to area EAST Side new Bridge Soputa.

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97m	I22	14Bde		0800		SITREP No 7 to 0800 hrs @ quiet night @ noise of stationary engine heard to seaward 0545, 0600 all informed	
9	I985	7DIV		0910		ref enemy convoys @ result airstrikes 7 dec @ 2 lfts sunk (probably 7 ships) LAE harbor 1700L/7 2 burning @ since 1700L/6 10 strikes made on convoys which had strong fighter cover @ enemy a/c losses 30 destroyed 23 probably 16 possible own losses 3 a/c @ result airstrikes 7 dec @ enemy shipping LAE lvs heavily bombed throughout colony several hits observed 1 lft badly damaged and exploded @ total composition probably 1 cruiser 3 destroyers 3 lfts in harbor 1825L @ considerable stores unloaded during night 7/8 Jan @ landing barges & dumps in area started 1810L causing many fires and explosions @ attacks continuing @ enemy fighter cover weakened considerably 30 destroyed 9 more probably own losses 2 a/c @ 1830 @ enemy a/c losses appear greatly exaggerated	
9	I24	14Bde		1200		Sitrep 8 to 1200L/9 @ patrol activity sit nor.	
9	I986	7DIV		1400		Tackr. 0800-1000L/9 @ no unclothed dead Japs on beach east of mouth of BIKUBA R. apparently washed up @ duck boards in front on east side of track at 203277 4 Japs observed made no attempt to disperse @ 3 hits on MANAGROVE IS. nearest to shore @ Dead seen in clearing at 200283 @ trench at 196285 @ mine crosses rd at 210287 @ no change in pattern of ground deposits known by our Japs @ 2 new boats approx 10 ft long from beach end, 1 grey & 1 black, seen mouth of BAKUMBARI black lft marked SF9 @ ford ridge over ch 300 yds. south KUMUSI R @ natives in village 1 mile S of Kumusi River moved to a/c @ patrols seen in area 1430 (BUNIA 4" to 14th) @ A/A 14/9 fired on a/c from 1430 at H8272 all informed	
9	I95		7DIV	1420		relief of 39 bn by 2/9 bn completed 1030 hrs @ 49 bn moving SOPUTA area @ 30 Bde mortars relieved by 18 Bde mortars 1400 hrs @ 30 Bde mortars now under comd respective units @ relief of 39 bn by 2/12 Bn continuing	
9	I96		7DIV	1508		39 bn less fwd Coy relieved by 2/12 bn 1500 hrs @ 30 Bde HQ relieved by 18 Bde 1505 hrs	
9	015		7DIV	1435	1435	SITREP to 1400 hrs @ mustered @ 2 bn moving to front West of rd blocks area @ fwd elements now astride KILLERTON track vicinity 1728 details follow @ 30 Bde @ relief of 49 bn by 2/9 bn complete @ relief of 39 bn and 126 @ S Japs by 2/12 bn in progress all informed	
9	I97		7DIV 18 Bde 14 16705	1545		ref BUNIA 1 and 2 @ 30 Bde relieved 184178 at 1540 hrs.	

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9	I 987	7 DIV		1815		ref photo map 0015 sheet 1 intensive examination air photos suggests track shown running east through sq 33 and then north to coast does NOT exist all informed.	
9	I 988	7 DIV		1855		Tac/R. 1215-1345 H/9 @ NMS TARAKENAO 30th mounds with thatched roofs about 3 inches high similar to US 1-man tents 186264 (where) HANSEN fired a round of smoke @ our Hqs seen 177264 pushing out a patrol (40-50) US personnel crawling in a ntlly direction @ arranged to a permit comm ground to air walky talk per unsuccessful trying again tomorrow @ rd SANANANDA flying up @ no change in T @ SANANANDA rd @ a/c saw nothing out of order all informed	
9	I 26	14 bde		1855		SITREP to 1800 hrs patrol activity otherwise silent	
9	I 98		7 DIV 19, 1866, 1900			location statements as at 1800 hrs @ ref BUNA 1 incl @ HQ 30 bde 184178. 49 bn 188167 @ ref GOM 44 w/ft @ 39 bn area 165225	
9	I 99		7 DIV etc	1912		SITREP as at 1800 hrs @ relief of 30 bde less 29 bn food Coy completed 1505 hrs @ 49 bn + 39 bn carrying out duties at SEPUTH Bn + HANSEN sp. respectively @ otherwise nothing to report.	
9	O 16	7 DIV		1900		SITREP to 1800 hrs @ MUSKET @ 2 bn 183 US Regt reports occupation KILLERTON TR. proceeding satisfactorily enemy active particularly from south from which direction enemy using MG'S @ MOORES post. at 188263 report most of enemy Hqs in south easterly direction @ sounds of digging and chopping heard @ 927 all ranks 163 US Regt arrived DOB today @ 1818 bde @ HQ 18 bde relieved HQ 30 bde 1500 hrs @ relief of 30 bde incl 126 US Hqs complete except for food elements 39 bn by part 2/12 bn @ 183 all ranks 18 bde reports arrived DOB today @ estimated enemy strength SANANANDA area @ 18 bde area south of rd block 400 @ MUSKET area between rd block and food US Hqs on SANANANDA track 100 @ north of rd block area 1500 @ enemy known to be carrying prepared positions with overhead cover and bunkers have been located in all three sectors @ all informed	
9	MR 7	16705 Regt		1205		SITREP to 1300L hrs 9 Tan 43 @ SITNOR @ US casualties 1 killed 1 dead 1 wounded CO MUSKET 1205	

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9	I 121	1866		1915		SITREP N°1 to 1900 hrs @ 77 cav @ patrol located enemy weapon pits 170 yds and 325 deg from 177255 @ 5 pillboxes with top cover 179250 country too close to engage with A/TR gun @ 2/9 bn @ patrols located 6 pillboxes vicinity 185255 @ US tent occupied by JAPS 186256 @ all informed	
9	ME 2	16305 Regt	1650	1650		SITREP passed 1800 hrs @ 8 pm to 0800 hrs @ 9 Jan @ point 2800 ft to N15th preparation of attack on Tap. from 187266 @ COC attack from lines 18852675 - 18852641 266 deg. proceeded by arty barrage starting at 1158 hrs @ COB attack 184264 136 deg after arty barrage at 1224 hrs @ both attacks continued until 1545 hrs @ both attacks repulsed by enemy MG & sniper action @ COC reorganized at the rd. fl. at 1639 hrs and returned to perimeter 1885267 @ CO B was forced to withdraw to new line 30 yds north of MUSKET perimeter by 1800 hrs @ during hrs of darkness situation was normal @ US casualties 7 dead 26 wounded 10 missing in action @ enemy known dead 17. CO MUSKET 1650.	
9	O 20	7 DIV		2255		ANGO - SOPUTA rd is closed to all rec traffic up to and incl 1300 hrs daily until further notice @ essential rec traffic will be permitted after 1300 hrs but only under strict eng supervision @ attention to draw to previously issued instrs regarding maximum loadings speeds & careful driving all informed	
10	O 23	7 DIV		0800		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ 14 Bde @ quiet night @ relief of 30 Bde completed at 2105 hrs @ 9 Jan @ 163 US Regt @ 2 bn cut KILLERTON rd at 177266 and occupying positions to north and south.	
10	I 27	14 Bde		0825		SITREP @ SITNDR	
10		18 Bde		0845		SITREP NO 4 to 0800 hrs @ 2/7 cav @ about 12 rifle grenades landed C's sqn over 2130 - 2200 hrs @ 2/12 Bn @ A Coy moved just approx 20 yds to straighten line @ 2/9 bn no change.	
10	I 99	7 DIV 14 Bde 18 Bde 63 Regt		0900		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ relief of 30 Bde by 2/2 bn completed 2500 hrs @ 9 Dec @ except for ear phones all 30 Bde sps now in new areas @ quiet night nothing further to report	

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10	I991	7DIV		1045 1115	enemy shipping @ 1850 4/9 2 cruisers 3 destroyers 4 fpts 80 miles SSW GASMATA. convoy possibly convoy from LAE returning to RABAULO 2 craft 7 miles NW / dist 13 miles east BUNA moving away 1320 4/10. all informed	
10 Jan	I990	7DIV		1020 1115	32 div to 1700 4/9 @ 1 hr 127 regt from SIWORI village to TARAKENA with E Coy on sand bar ship @ 40 ENEMY killed in TARAKENA today @ dets 126 regt patrolling BIRUWA men @ patrolling remaining tracks from GERUA NWwards toward SANANANDA PT all informed	
10 Jan	I989	7DIV		1000 1115	TAC/R PM 9:00 no sourceable bridge w/ map BUNA 1/4 inch 0751 @ wire possibly telephone wire observed across just ck N of AMBOGA men @ smoke from small fires in general area BAKUMBARI @ SANANANDA Smith rd at 212288. a track branches to EAST into scrub @ wire seen clearly on second bridge from SANANANDA PT 202278 down to a pt 198273 @ ref 1986 two boats seen were SOUTH of BAKUMBARI. NOT NORTH as previously reported all informed	
10	I29	14Bde		1205	SITREP to 1200 hrs 53/53 Rv No1 prsn report natives in area M 6 1000 hrs also 1 figure observed to walk to pt CAPE KILLERTON and then return at 0945 hrs. otherwise SITROR	
10	027	7DIV		1420	SITREP to 1000 hrs @ nothing to report all informed	
10	I100		7DIV	1815	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ nothing to report	
10	031	7DIV		1850	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 16305 Regt @ 05 fpts in rd block area occupied JAP fact. night of rd at 189266 @ one American .50 calibre MG. much ammo many JAP rifles and grenades captured @ as result of C to fwd elements now considerably shortened @ 18 bde @ adjustment dispatches owing greater number in progress @ additional bunkers located on NE flanks this area @ further 58 shifts arrived DOB today	
10	I16	18Bde			SITREP NO 3 - 5-6 MG'S located 1825 2525 fill box 1805 2495 @ tongue of jungle string def. system 1845 2510 - 1835 2530	
10	I991	7DIV		2115	TAC/R 1605 - 1700 4/10 @ dugouts at 200308 reported in previous entry on further close examination appear to be trenches @ 12 trap sent on duckboards at 202277 @ leaflets dropped SANANANDA - SOPUTA Rd @ NMS WAITUTU Pt to TARAKENA	

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11 Jan	I101	7DIV		0910	SITREP to 0800 hrs @ nothing to report.	
11 "	031		7 DIV	0800	SITREP to 0800 hrs @ no change	
11 "	I18		18 Bde	0800	SITREP no change to 0800 hrs @ 2/7 Cav. @ considerable enemy patrol activity 'A' sqn during night @ otherwise quiet	
11 "	I993		7DIV	1030	32 DIV to 1700 L/10 @ TARAKENA force establishing LOC @ city fire on ENEMY party constructing bunker on track 278288 killed personnel and destroyed emplacement @ several enemy driven into water by city fire track destroyed by rifle & LMG fire from SPIT TARAKENA.	
11 "	044		7 DIV	1530	SITREP to 1400 hrs @ 163 US Regt @ 3 bn 163 US Regt. less 'K' Coy now concentrated SOPUTA area @ 'K' Coy moved to road block area @ patrol activity on whole front @ JAP stores found in sand vicinity BANUMI @ camp only reached at low tide @ stores incl quantity medical and life cases genuine also small quantity of medicine, soap and other cases @	
11 "	Phone		39bn	1715	patrol sent as sig protection & to investigate cutting of city L/T wire to GONA returned with nil report.	
11 "	I101	7 DIV & Bde		1815	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ cutting of city L/T wire along GONA track investigated by 39bn patrol @ nothing to report @ otherwise no change.	
11 "	I19		18 Bde		2/9 bn patrol activity @ 2/12 bn @ 1 pl A Coy closed rd area 180249 @ opposition very heavy @ known casualties 6 killed 14 wounded @ known enemy casualties of 2 @ 2/7 Cav no change.	
11 "	044		7 DIV	1840	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 163 US @ patrol activity @ killed further 4 natives captured GARARA village today @ intentions 12 Jan @ to secure SOPUTA SANANANDA rd between 18 Bde & rd block areas @ 163 US Regt supporting 18 Bde attack @ 1/63 bn attacking JAP posts on left of track between rd block and US fuel sp @ if left of track seemed in advance to demonstrate 1 pl demonstrate northwards @ 2/163 bn limited offensive action southwards @ 3/163 bn to cover right flank 2/9 bn @	

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11 Jan	I 33	14 Bde		1800		SITREP to 1800 hrs 36 Bn patrol activity 55/53 Bn No 2 patrol captured 4 natives vicinity GARARA being escorted to ADS for night awaiting move to KAN 3 JAP stores reported found vicinity BANUMI cannot be recovered until low tide all up next
11	I 996	7 DIV		2100		TO
12 Jan	I 102	7 DIV	7 DIV	0815		SITREP to 1800 hrs nothing to report
12	O 59	7 DIV				SITREP to 0800 hrs quiet night no change
12 Jan	I 35	14 Bde				SITREP to 1200 hrs patrol activity only
12 Jan	I 997	7 DIV		0905		32 DIV to 1700 L/H 37 A Coy 127 Regt crossed KONOMBI ck at TARAKENA & established lv head enemy defenders fled B4 L Coy supporting adv enemy 37 mm gun fired 3 rds from 227889 at TARAKENA with smoke which engaged lightly A Coy 126 Regt astud re in 245 263 with elements 211 252
12 Jan	O 64	7 DIV		1445		SITREP to 1400 hrs 18 Bde 2/9 2/12 hrs and tanks crossed S-L on left flank both hrs as anticipated adv progressing slowly right flank 2/9 hrs on objective left flank 50 to 75 yds short of objective which is perimeter with pill box in vicinity 185254 2/12 hrs adv to yds becoming an enemy stronghold WEST of SOPUTA SANANANDA track immediate front of start line adv astud track definitely held up tanks are set on fire cause unknown one bogged and on its side one damaged a runner but capable of fighting only in case of extreme emergency damage believed caused by previously unknown 37 mm A/TR gun gun positions not yet located 163 US reg local activity
12 Jan	23	163 US		1200		SITREP to 1300 hrs 12 Jan 1/163 bn atrov patrol activity in progress A Coy perimeter is triangle 1845 2655, 187266, 1868264 2/163 bn atrov routes taken by patrol fuded to 7 and Div this date on delay
12 Jan	2A	163 US		1835		SITREP to 1800 L/H 1/163 bn A Coy patrol crossed MT road at 1876 1668 into west resistance adv south to engage enemy perimeter adjoining 163 Regt on north unable to take posn without under NMS fire 4/5 US casualties 1 dead 4 wounded enemy casualties 17 dead 4 wounded 2/163 atrov patrol activity to 179 2871 NMS tracks dry not used second patrol went east to 1785 2668 fence south to 1785 2648 to Tap perimeter US casualties 4 wounded by our arty enemy casualties 3 dead

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12 Jan	I 38	148dc		1810		SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 36 bn @ patrol crossed to enemy OP at 133305 ENEMY NOT in occupation patrol proceeding to gain contact @ observation revealed our marker short over last few days effective @ 15553 bn @ patrolling @ all quiet this flank.	
12 "	069	70iv		2145		SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 18 lde @ no gains on left of track SOKOTA-SANANANDA @ strong enemy def posn at 179249 still holding out @ some progress made on right of track where adv element enemy driven in @ our foremost @ now at close range up to 25 yds of pillboxes fought sited in perimeter defence @ from 182253 @ line of pill boxes visible from 200 yds north & 200 yds south on west of rd @ pillboxes described as being similar to those at BUNA very numerous & owing to terrain more difficult to locate and neutralize @ present dispositions @ 2/9 bn along line 183254, 184253, 185253, 184252, 183252 @ enemy MG posts between the line & SANANANDA @ 2/12 bn extends line 2/9 bn from 184252. SANANANDA track 182252 thence SE approx 100 x east of track 181252, 181250, 179248 @ on casualties @ 2/9 bn 5 + 19 2/12 bn A @ 109 incl missing 2/ Aust CAV 1 OR amid Regt 6 @ intentions 12 Jan @ 2/9 bn attach pillboxes within its area @ 2/12 bn local action against located post @ 18 bn 36 bn patrol crossed to enemy OP at 133305 enemy NOT in occupation @ patrol proceeded westwards two miles beyond AMBOGA river in endeavor to gain contact with enemy @ no enemy sighted @ recently dug defensive positions found but did NOT appear to have been occupied within last few days @ barge w/ DEAD Australian soldiers & remains of JAP shoes with quantity of rotten clothing found @ fire observed to NW and believed to be near mouth of KUMOSI river @ patrol proceeding westward as far as DANAWIAU @ 13 Jan @ 163 US regt @ A Coy 1 bn patrolling offensively toward JAP pocket west of MT road found it strongly held & dig heavy fire @ 2 bn patrolling northwards along KILLERTON track to plantation 1728 @ no sign of enemy or evidence of presence during past two weeks @ patrols to south encountered enemy in perimeter defence @ 1 bn reports JAP patrol strength approx 20 passed through their post moving N-E direction this evening @ patrols endeavouring to locate and engaged enemy party, all unjured.	

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13 Jan	083	7 DIV		1430	SITREP to 1400 hrs @ 14 bde 30 bde 163 US Regt situation unchanged @ 18 bde @ some additional enemy MG posts located @ 1st disabled tank now occupied by JAP snipers @ tank being engaged by 2 pl A/TK thru afternoon otherwise no further developments	
13 Jan	I 43	14 Bde		1250	SITREP to 1200/13 55/53 bn patrolling @ 36 bn @ patrol to DANAWATU departed 0800 hrs @ two PIB boys reported to 36 bn 1240 hrs @ they had departed SAGARI CG 738 BUNA 2 in 0800/12 report JAP 57 leaving KUMUSI mouth by launch towards SALAMAUVA @ two vessels having already left @ up number still remain @ NO JAPS sighted south of this all informed	
13 Jan	26	163 US Regt		1815	SITREP to 1800/13 @ 1/163 bn sitnov @ patrolling activity only casualties 6 enemy dead 6 wounded @ US casualties 1 dead @ 2/163 bn sitnov	
13 Jan	I 45	14 Bde		1810	SITREP to 1800/13 @ 36 bn patrol to DANAWATU NOT yet returned @ preliminary report @ patrol reached objective without opposition @ intention then to proceed further NORTH @ many documents recovered @ graves of 20 and number of unburned JAPS seen @ 55/53 bn @ 47 RABAK boys captured vicinity 18 32 75 BUNA 1 inch	
13 Jan	I 29	18 Bde		1808	SITREP 1109 to 1800 hrs @ 2/12 2/9 bns active patrolling dispositions unchanged @ known enemy casualties today 7 @ 2/12 bn 50 since occupation of area @ 2/9 bn 2/12 bn report appearing damaged @ two pill boxes result 3 inch mortar fire @ 21 direct hits by 2 pl on burnt out tank 180 22490 which JAPS used as sniper OP.	
13 Jan	082	7 DIV		2000	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 30 bde no change @ 14 bde @ preliminary report 36 bn patrol @ patrol passed DANAWATUTU and continued further along coast @ 20 JAPS graves number dead JAPS small quantity ams & amm located DANAWATUTU @ no def posns in area @ reports from 2 PIB boys indicates some JAPS who landed in KUMUSI area and moved upstream now moving downstream and being evacuated by launch late at night in direction of SALAMAUVA @ 55/53 bn @ 47 RABAK boys captured @ 18 bde @ disabled tank occupied by JAPS engaged by 2 pl mortar gun 21 hits @ two pill boxes damaged by mortar fire @ active patrolling all sides dispositions unchanged @ intentions 14 Jan @	

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12 Jan	I 40	14 Bde		2100		SITREP to 2000 hrs @ 36 Bn patrol along coast returning 1935 hrs @ area to 110 320 BUNA 1 inch clear of enemy @ many weapon pits found all facing SOUTH @ Q store located 115 817 clothing and equipment in rotting condition @ evidence that JAP was living on native food discovered @ floor of Aust. soldier on beach NO disc but have such bearing WX no NO figures NOT decipherable @ enemy chairs and documents captured @ AMBODA 4 inch maps now thought to show accurately the river mouth @ pre sighted in vicinity KUMUSI mouth 2000 hrs @ patrol will proceed to DANAWATU 12 Jan	
13 Jan	O 23	7 DIV	0800	0800		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ quiet night	
13 Jan	I 41	14 Bde		0900		SITREP to 0800. quiet night all informed	
13 Jan	O 76	7 DIV		1046		fd firing exercise will be conducted by 30 30 Bde in area east of SOPUTA rd from 1530 to 1730 hrs 13 Jan @ direction of fire NE for ANGO SOPUTA rd @ 30 Bde will ensure effective control of blinger area all informed	
12 Jan	I 25	18 Bde		1847		SITREP 107 to 1800 hrs @ 2/9 Bn @ result attack 12 Jan line now runs 18 3254, 18 4253, 18 5253, 18 4252, 18 3252 with Coy 2/10 Bn hrs at 18 6253 @ 2/12 Bn @ continuous attempts to adv left of rd unsuccessful @ strong enemy def posns consisting of all round sec posts connected into continuous system by crawl trenches area 179 249 @ A/Tk gun probably 37 mm @ 1805 2500 enemy centres of resistance @ 18 45 2530 @ 18 10 2505 18 05 2495 @ 18 3253 @ 2/12 Bn line runs 18 2252 18 1252 18 1250 17 95 2480 @ pb 2/10 Bn filling that gap between 2/10 Bn and 2/9 Bn @ miff 2/12 Bn res 18 2249 @ casualties @ 2/9 Bn 5 all 19 @ 2/12 Bn 4 9 109 and missing @ 2/1 and Cav 1 OR @ CRACKER 6 @ known enemy casualties 17 probables 8 @ line pull back well from 200 yds down west side of rd from 18 2232.	

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						to commence preparations for close encirclement of japs in 18 bde area 163 US regt patrol moved down track 75 yds from 181264 where trail forks trail to SOUTH SOUTH not used trail S-W well traversed 75 yds to S-W much noise & chopping heard patrol from 184263 moved southwards for 500 yds patrol from 184264 moving on bearing 230 degrees traversed entire triangle no change no signs of enemy.	
13 Jan	I10A		7 DIV etc	1827		SITREP to 1800 hrs nothing to report	
14 Jan	phone		39 bn	0700		nothing to report	
14 Jan	phone		49 bn	0715		nothing to report	
14 Jan	088	7 DIV		0800		SITREP to 0800 hrs 30 bde 163 US regt situation unchanged 14 bde patrol to DANAWATUTU returned 1800 hrs 13 Jan patrol activity continuing today in area of AMBOGA crossing and river mouth reported that 2 PT boats were engaging GONA wreck with fire at 0745 hrs 15 bde tank engaged by 2 japs now burnt out second det detachment now being similarly engaged	
14 Jan	17	163 US Regt		0735		SITREP to 0800 hrs 14 Jan 1/163 bn 2/163 bn. K'cy. Sitrep	
14 Jan	I31	18 Bde		0800		Quiet night localities unchanged	
14 Jan	Phone	7 DIV		1435		TAC/R reports party 50 Japs seen on JUMBORA track at 137250	(see verbal message)
"	Phone	7 DIV		1415		Japs 18 Bde area reported cracking - prisoners taken - Patrol	all his [unclear]
14 Jan	Phone	39 BN		1435		Patrol from 39 BN to move along HANSEN LT via to GONA track thence N to 14 bde Lwd stores dump standing patrol to be left at stores dump and patrolling to continue between stores dump & JUMBORA DID	
14	Phone	49 bn		1415		1 offr. & 20 new to proceed to JUMBORA on guard duties	

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14 Jan	Phone	49 bn		1450		1450, ^{hrs} patrol departed for JUMBORA DID.	SITREP
"	T 49	14 Bde		1215		SITREP to 1300/1400 report by natives indicated small number of JAPS in vicinity ADS. 158248. Patrol from 14 Bde HQ killed 2 wounded 1 remainder approx 40 to 50 escaped into jungle in S-W direction @ 36 bn. & 45/53 bn patrolling.	
14 Jan	Phone	7 DIV		1415		Orders received from 7 DIV for party of 1 off 20 men to proceed as guard for JUMBORA DID.	49 bn to send patrol immediately
14 Jan	092	7 DIV		1430		SITREP to 1400 hrs @ 18 Bde @ 29 bn closing in on enemy progress made by 2/12 bn to west of ADS indications are that Jap is withdrawing from fwd area @ this confirmed by PW captured 163 US regt area this am @ 18 Bde and 163 US regt closing in to prevent further escapes. @ 14 Bde @ party of approx 50 Japs approached ADS and DID at 158248 BUNIA 1/2 mile approx 10900 hrs @ driven off by small party from HQ 14 Bde DID staff of natives @ 14 Bde untroubled intercept all parties moving west @ 30 Bde @ no change.	49 & 39 bn
14 Jan	Phone	39 bn		1550		patrol from 39 bn to carry out patrolling between JUMBORA and 14 Bde DID left 1550 hrs.	
14 Jan	Phone	49 bn		1830		1 off + 20 as at 1300 arrived JUMBORA + digging defences.	
14 Jan	I 106		7 DIV 14 Bde 18 Bde 102 off	1850		SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 1 off 20 as 49 bn carrying out guard duties and digging perimeter defence JUMBORA DID @ 1 off 12 ORs 39 bn patrolling south & EAST from 14 Bde DID to keep area clear of enemy @ otherwise no change.	

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14 Jan	096	7 DIV		1815		<p>ENEMY has been defeated in 18 lde area and is attempting to escape. Mapping up operations are in progress. Small parties are known to have escaped to NE & westwards. Main line of retreat appears to be northwards. 7 Aust Div will pursue gap with utmost speed and vigor. 18 lde (less 2/7) Aust Cav and 1/8 B sgn 6 Armd Regt will adv along KILLERTON track 182253 - 181312 to area CAPE KILLERTON - village 1830 then operate to S-E along tracks between coast and incl track 187304 - 193200 - 206282. 163 US Regt will destroy all enemy between east west line through present positions 1/163 bn + 2/163 bn northwards to line PLANTATION 1728 - track point 183286 hence line of track eastwards to 206282. Right hand incl MT rd left hand incl KILLERTON track. If desired KILLERTON track may be used for most of 2/163 bn but NOT before 18 lde most completed. 163 US Regt on completion of tasks will be prepared to continue adv along MT road to PANANANDA PT. Party of 700 as at present. HANSEN Adv in support 18 lde. Party of 7 Aust Div (less HANSEN Adv) in support 163 US Regt. 2/16 Aust Cav and 1/8 B sgn 6 Armd Regt will revert to their command. 7 Aust Div at 0700 hrs 15 Jan and give into div reserve. Present 2/7 Aust Cav area. 2/7 Aust Cav and this will mop up enemy in present 18 lde area and be responsible for clearing battle fields. 14 push in lde will prevent enemy retreat to westwards and protect rd at native camp. 30 Aust Inf lde in addition to present tasks will be responsible for supp and ammo dumps at JUMBERA & SOPOTA. All informed.</p>	
14 Jan	099	7 DIV		2015		<p>inform from 32 US DIV begins patrol A Coy 126 will attempt to establish contact with 163 B Regt. Amoyang point of departure D12252 time of departure 0800 L. Route straight N-W towards bend 182640 passward WOOD WORTH please advise all flight flank elements. Ends advise this HQ immediately contact made. all informed.</p>	acked DeWitt
14 Jan	I23	7 DIV		2300		TACR. 15 Jan 0800 - 1200 - 1600.	
14	0101	7 DIV		2350		ref. our 099. 32 US DIV advise patrol cancelled.	
14	I33	18 lde		1930		<p>Subrep to 1830 hrs summary today activity. 2/7 bn continued pressure on enemy resistance area 185244 and by 1800 hrs had reached junction MT rd & JAP track 182254 south to junction with 2/12 bn at 181252. 2/12 bn supported by motor force attacked. Old caches of resistance area 180524950. These were destroyed by 2/12 bn. 2/12 bn then adv north up MT rd as track rd with 'C' sgn</p>	

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2/7 car in rear. O by 1345 hrs 2/12 bn had reached line of timber 180253-182252 then objective as in om 00/103 of 11 Jan 2/9 bn was then ordered to adv west along JAP track to capture track and to effect junction with H sqn 2/7 Cav at 177254. O junction effected 1550 hrs @ 2/9 bn consolidated on line of track from junction 182254 to junction with 2/7 car at 177255. O 2/10 bn moved through car up KILLERTON track effected junction with 2/163 car at 26 grid line & consolidated from 26 grid line to junction with 2/9 bn and car at 177255. O 2/12 bn and car mopped up area between 2/7 car posts & MT rd @ pl @ 2/10 bn attached & captured JAP dep. post over 176255. O certain enemy killed 14 Jan 152. PW. 50. Captured weapons to date 3 in AA gun 13 bins 26 Jap LMG's. 6 grenade dischargers 1 Browning LMG. 80 JAP rifles 30.303 rifles quantity grenades. O Jap engr. equip. under guard area 179248

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step to 1500 hrs @ 18. ldk. O enemy posts south of rd. ldk. completely surrounded and mopping up still in progress @ 2/9 bn cont. pressure on enemy resistance area 181254 & by 0400 hrs. had reached MT rd from junction 177254 & JAP track 182254. O junction to junction with 2/12 bn at 181252. O 2/12 bn supported by mortar fire attacked JAP centres of resistance area 18052495. O these were reduced by 1215 hrs @ 2/12 bn. After adv. north up MT rd with C sqn 2/7 car in rear. O by 1345 hrs 2/12 bn had reached line of timber 180253-182252. O 2/9 bn was then ordered to adv west along JAP track to capture track and to effect junction with A sqn 2/7 Cav at 177254. O junction effected 1550 hrs. O 2/9 bn consolidated on line of track from junction 182254 to junction with 2/7 car at 177255. O 2/10 bn moved through car up KILLERTON track effecting junction with 2/163 bn at 26 grid line & consolidated from 26 grid line and consolidated from 26 grid line to junction with 2/9 bn & car at 177255. O 2/12 bn & car mopped up area between 2/7 car posts & MT rd @ pl. 2/10 bn attached & captured JAP dep. post over 176255. O certain enemy killed 14 Jan 152. PW. 50. Captured weapons to date 3 in AA gun 13 bins 26 Jap LMG's. 6 grenade dischargers 1 Browning LMG. 80 JAP rifles 30.303 rifles quantity grenades. O JAP's engr. equip. under guard area 179248.

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			Contd			<p>18 bde ready for final move 0800 hrs 15 Jan 1945 as per own 096 of 14 Jan 1945 14 bde further party intercepted by patrol on track south of ADS vicinity 130 277. This group killed and escaped active fighting patrol now being maintained along GONA. JUMBORA track further RABOK by captured 30 bde fighting patrols operating towards GONA JUMBORA track seeing small parties believed escaped from 18 bde area 163 US reg 1 PUP captured active patrolling southwards & vice versa towards enemy position ashore SANANANDA track south of rd block by 3/163 US by 4 2/163. In contact with 18 bde on SANANANDA & KILLERTON tracks respectively</p>
14	I106		7DIV etc	1830		<p>SITREP to 1800 hrs 1 of 20 OR 49 bn carrying out guard duties & digging perimeter defence JUMBORA DIO 1 of 12 OR 39 bn patrolling S & E of 14 bde. DIO to keep area clear of enemy otherwise no change</p>
15	I51	14 bde		0920		<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs no change.</p>
15	O104	7DIV		0800		<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs 14 bde all quiet nothing to report 18 bde quiet night nothing to report adv commenced 0800 hrs 30 bde all quiet nothing to report 163 US reg quiet night nothing to report track SOPUTTA-SANANANDA open to keep traffic. as for both used block at 2230 hrs 14 Jan all quiet</p>
15	30	163 US Rpt				<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs 163 US 1/163 bn siting quiet night 1 US wounded 1 JAP dead 2/163 bn siting 3 US wounded several JAPS found dead last 3 days. SOUTH 176 263 by arty & mortar 3/163 bn siting</p>
15	Troq		7DIV 39 bn	1210		<p>49 bn HQ reopened 179160 at 145 hrs ref BUNA 1 inch steel</p>
15	I53	14 bde		1237		<p>SITREP to 1200 hrs 36 bn 7 Japs killed vicinity 158 248 ref BUNA 1 inch patrolling continuing</p>
15	Troq		7DIV 14 bde 18 163 US Rpt			<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs 39 bn patrol nothing to report further party 1 of 25 OR 49 bn proceeding to JUMBORA this can be used as escort for 14 bde carriers</p>

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15 Jan	31	163 Regt		1230		SITREP to 1200 hrs 15 @ combat patrols operating vicinity 185266 @ have captured 2 M.G. posns probably penetrated outer perimeter, that area @ US casualties 4 wounded @ enemy casualties 3 dead incl 1 unamed. Jap at 187261 @ accurate details for ops will follow.	
15 Jan	0107	7014		1430		steps to 1400 hrs @ 18 bde @ lde HQ estab at southern end plantation in area 178284 2/10 bn passed through plantation area north along track. fr approx 1300 x where track cut out @ bn now fwd to acer track junction 183285 @ 178304 @ 2/9 bn & 2/12 bn left one Coy located plantation area @ one Coy 2/12 bn moving to secure track junction 183285 which NOT yet located @ no opposition encountered @ lde @ 36 bn now at 124313 & dispersed along GONA - JUMBORA track @ patrol operation 300 yds south of HQS 132/272 killed party 7 Japs two believed to be ops our casualties nil @ active patrols being maintained @ debris other documents on way this HQ @ still from located Jap dump on beach BANUMI tested & fired from captured 75 mm gun @ 30 bde @ 49 bn moved to 179660 for protection GONA lot cases against parties stray Japs @ patrol activity only @ 2/7 Coy wide out Ogb. no enemy located in clearing but pocket @ 163 US regt @ 1 bn engaging enemy vicinity 185266 @ otherwise no change @ all updated	
15	32	163 Regt		1745		SITREP to 1800 L/15 @ 2 pls 'L' Coy attacking JAP's perimeter at 175266 from south west @ 2 pls 'A' Coy and one pl 'F' Coy attacking same post from N-E @ outer cleared has been penetrated on S-E edge Jap perimeter @ contemplated holding ground by rearing this post at dusk by elements of 3/163 bn @ 3/163 bn will occupy MUSKET perimeter Jap perimeter and MOORE'S outpost at dusk relieving 4/163 bn which will then occupy area from MUSKET to fish @ 2/163 bn now concentrated at 178264 less 'F' Coy located at 178285 @	

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15 Jan	I 110		701W	1650		location statement as at 1500 hrs 15 Jan @ ref BUNIA 1 incl sheet @ 30 Bde HQ 163177 @ 49 bn @ det 1 off 20 as JUMBOKA DID 2 off 25 on escort duties between JUMBOKA and 14 Bde DID's 1 off 20 on organizing def SOPUTA DID @ HQ 49 bn 179160 HQ Coy 188159 @ ref BUNIA 4 incl 39 bn 165225 @ 39 bn patrol of 1 off 20 on returning 39 bn area approx 1700 hrs today.
15	I 111		701W 19 Bde 163 Ref			SITREP to 1800 hrs @ nothing to report
16 Jan	Phone	39 bn		0736		39 bn HQ closed per 165225 at 0735 hrs.
15	I 3A	18 Bde		1930		Step No 11 to 1900 hrs @ during 15 Jan 18 Bde advanced north along KILLERTON track without opposition and its force dispersed as follows @ HQ 18 Bde 187303 @ 2/10 bn less two coys 180308 @ D Coy 2/10 bn as per sheet 174311 @ B Coy 2/10 bn still moving to occupy KILLERTON village @ 2/9 bn bn down track behind 18 Bde HQ @ 2/12 bn less one coy plantation 1778 @ D Coy 2/12 bn rd junc 182286 @ patrol 2/10 bn reached 169310 & saw activity bearing 295 deg in village shots being fired @ week seen SURIRA PT
15	I 5A	14 Bde		1820		SITREP HQ to 1800 hrs @ 36 Bn @ patrol from D Coy patrolling along coast and south along GOVT track to river Xing at ref AMBOGA River mouth 4 m 064307 at midday heard sounds of chopping investigating disclosed between 30 & 40 Japs some dressed in long cloths felling palms for the nuts @ patrol attacked killing 3 wounding 3 on casualties 2 killed @ patrol forced to withdraw @ thought to be escapees working westward @ stronger patrol going out 16 Jan @ additional Japs killed at ref GONAA 134264 making total for day this vicinity 8 killed @ 55/53 bn @ patrolling no contact.

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15 Jan	0110	7014		1900		<p>Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 18 bde @ 2/10 bn less one Coy in small clearing 180308. 600 yds North cross tracks 178203 @ elements 2/10 bn pushing fwd to coast @ 149 18 bde at cross tracks @ Coy 2/10 bn in village 188303 @ 2/9 bn on KILLERTON track immediately south of X tracks @ 2/12 bn less one Coy in plantation 178284 @ Coy 2/12 bn at track junction 183286 @ adv unopposed through out day @ 14 pol @ patrol 1 of 120rs moved to EURORIBADI @ 1300 hrs patrol moved into village and found approx 30 yips eating coconuts + chopping down trees @ patrol attacked @ JAPS who were armed + threatened to outflank patrol who returned @ one casualties 2 killed @ Japs 3 killed 3 wounded @ Japs were poorly dressed & some had no boots @ 163 US Regt @ two MG's props captured 185266 @ enemy casualties 3 dead @ believe outer perimeter penetrated @ 3/163 bn allotted task of clearing this pocket @ pocket already surrounded @ action to continue tonight in hope locating enemy posns from flanks @ preparations complete for attack tomorrow AM on Jap posn astride MT rd immediately north of rd block of open all informed.</p>	
16 Jan	0110 I1121	7014 14 8 bde 163 Regt		0738		<p>39 bn closed 165225 at 0735 hrs @ now moving to new posn plantation area KILLERTON track.</p>	
16	0119	7014		0800		<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs @ 39 bn moving fwd to plantation area for protection of 18 bde Lot CO otherwise no change all informed.</p>	
16	I35	18 Bde		0935		<p>SITREP NO 12 to 0930 hrs @ two Coy 2/10 bn moving on KILLERTON village by coast one (149) to move S-E from track junction 1823/2 one to move S-W from track junction 193309 @ one pl will be left to secure each track head @ 13 Coy 2/10 bn KILLERTON village @ fourth Coy and HQ Coy details moving KILLERTON village @ 2/9 bn holding north to VILLAGE from 183286 @ 2/9 bn unopposed @ 39 bn arrived plantation 178284 @ 2/163 bn passing through plantation.</p>	

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16 Jan	155	14 Bde		1200		SITREP to 1200 hrs @ day for this morning 6 Japs killed 36 bn vicinity ADS @ 55/53 bn paroling		
16 Jan	0122	7014		1140		until further notice all veh. traffic is prohibited between the following two points on SOPUTA - POINT A point A @ sup dump near ANGO rd. junction point B @ sup dump near village approx 3/4 mile EAST of SOPUTA bn		
16 Jan	0121	7 DIV		1110		one @ vacancies exist 2 of 2 2 NCO'S course 4 specialist ops in jungle warfare at Ing. Centre 2A Jan - 14 Feb @ two @ one vacancy grade one or grade two cook suitable qualify as sgt cook or W/O II caterer for AASC school course 26 GEEFONG 30 Jan - 17 Feb @ please advise requirements earliest details follow.		
16	Phone	39bn		0930		39bn arrived plantation area. 178284		
16	050.		39bn 10 bde	1655		39bn will carry out following tasks @ first @ provide 1 Tommy gunner as escort for each jeep conveying supplies to 18 bde @ second @ provide guard for stores dumps and native camp at plantation 178285 @ third @ escort native porters from plantation 178285 to 18 Bde fwd. lps @ fourth @ when required escort native porters from D10 vicinity 178242 to plantation 178285		
16	0124	7 DIV		1400		SITREP to 1400 hrs @ 163 US Bgt @ attack commenced 0900 L @ arty and mortar preparation most effective and smashed resistance @ two lps arty and 15 / 51 mm mortars used @ 1/163 bn @ A Coy held up 146 fire short of objective at 188268 @ C Coy gained objective @ B Coy passed through C Coy and is moving eastwards to rejoin 163 holding up A Coy @ 2/163 bn @ has joined hands with 1/163 bn @ having adv. along KILLERTON track and then S.E against enemy right flank @ 3/163 bn @ enemy pocket 18A266 completely surrounded @ perimeter broken and persons being cleared @ anticipable pocket will		

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		crit'd			will be liquidated today by fire continuing at present latest info 163/US regt patrols operating on west and also east toward MT rd one Coy being pushed N-E on west side of MT rd to locate enemy positions casualties thought to be slight 14 bde party 4 japs killed and later further two japs killed vicinity ADS 132272 our casualties nil one jap killed by sig personnel same area 30 bde 34 bn established plantation area 18 bde 2/10 bn exploring KILLERTON area patrols 2/10 bn operation in all directions from VILLAGE 1830 otherwise disposals unchanged	
16 Jan	34	163 Regt		1245	SITREP to 1300 hrs 16 Jan 2/163 bn advancing down KILLERTON - SANANANDA track made contact with 1/163 bn 1200 hrs vicinity 185270 1/163 bn and 2/163 bn coordinating attack to N-E	
16 Jan	-	163 Regt		1740	SITREP to 1800 L/16 1/163 bn cleared up at 1410 L hrs 2/163 bn perimeter established 197272 at 1640 L hrs strength E, F & G Coy 2/163 bn near C.P. perimeter at 183282 strength G & HQ plus 2 pls 'H' Coy 1/163 bn establishing perimeter at 193272 fwd dump of 1/163 & 3/163 bns 187267	
16	E36	18 bde		1913	SITREP No 13 to 1800 hrs result adv 16 Jan 18 bde disposed as follows 2/10 Bn HQ with under comd one Coy 2/9 bn PT village D' Coy at WYE PT with two pls advancing east C' Coy encountering enemy opposition one pl each side by 185313 one pl attempting to cross stream higher up one pl B' Coy rd junc 193308 A' Coy 193290 with fwd pl 20028 2/12 bn comd assuming responsibility for W 193290 to MT rd with A' Coy 2/10 bn under comd 2/9 bn lead one Coy unchanged enemy casualties 149 killed own killed 2 wounded TOPGRAPHY tracks 183286-189300 and 183286-193290 NOT located by patrols intention 18 bde night 16/17 to continue adv if practical east along road and S-E along track 193290 MT rd 163 Regt result successful attack extends 193272-197272 astride MT rd 2 bn night 18 bn left all unharmed	

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16 Jan 16	I37	18 bde		2100		SITREP NO 1A to 2130 hrs 8 Coy 2/10 bn encountered enemy opposition WYE jet dug in area 201308 owing falling darkness 2 attacking first light 2/12 bn less two coys with unfl. comd one coy 2/10 bn now area 197285 2 patrolling night 16/17 2 remainder 2/12 bn joins first light 17 jan 2 attack exploit possible AM 17 jan all informed	
16 Jan	I39	7 DIV		2215		Tac/R 1420 1600 hrs 2 peroganda leaflets dropped SAMANANDA rd 2 quiet day 2 yaps with frags seen 213290 2 NMS GIRWA 2 own sps 201290 2 possible pillbox seen to type 204 294 2 no fires north grid 280 2 attempts burn kmari unsuccessful 2 20/30 own sps seen 197270 2 apparent footbridge across mouth of ck 238 283 2 own sps sighted SE of creek all informed	
16 Jan	O127	7 DIV		2000		SITREP to 1800 hrs 2 18 bde 2 patrol 2/10 bn contacted enemy at 172312 killed 2 yaps captured 1 LMG and some rifles 2 C Coy 2/10 bn encountered strong enemy post at 186314 2 succeeded in passing pl across stream 2 further details NOT yet available 2 remainder 2/10 bn advancing eastward hell for leather along coast track 2 leading sps already east of casting 20 2 2/12 bn plus one Coy pushing along track from west to MT rd at 206282 2 have reached vicinity Lunai yatch in 2028 2 enemy seen in this area but leading Coy ordered to make fastest progress possible 2 2/10 and 2/12 bns ordered to push on with all speed to MT rd 2 2/10 bn responsible for coastal route 2 2/12 bn for southern route 2 2/9 bn less one Coy available for use as required located VILLAGE 1830 2 immediate intentions 2 to establish 18 bde on MT rd from SAMANANDA to incl track line 206282 2 163 05 regt 2 enemy pocket at 184266 liquidated 2 2/163 bn continued adv against enemy right flank and pressed fwd to form astide MT rd approx 197273 and digging in for night 2 A Coy 1/163 bn adv held up by MG nest 2 attack being pressed fwd 2 rd now clear as far as 188267 2 no details casualties 2 intentions 17 jan 2 continue maximum pressure to N-E with view annihilation yaps between 163 vs regt and 18 bde 2 14 bde 2 party of 4 yaps killed vicinity POS 13/272 and second party 7 being south by patrol 2 PW taken 206282 area appears to have been without prod for some time 2 hospital fires seen reappears near mouth KAMUSI river second vicinity BAKUM BARI all informed	

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16 Jan	I 56	14 Bde		1828		SITREP to 1800 hrs 36 bn since last sitrep 6 JAPS killed making total 12 for the day. One JAP taken prisoner at HQ. 14 bde area volunteered following info Japs east of us had been without rice for 15 days no tobacco oppo going WESTWARD. 55/53 bn following smoke defaced KUMUSI mouth. 1545-1600 hrs BAKUMIBAKI 1700 all informed	
17 Jan	I 48	18 Bde		0835		SITREP NO 15 to 0800. 2/10 bn result successful attack. WPE PT. captured. pushing S-E along coastal track. re cry mopping up KILLERTON AT HQ. 2/10 bn moving to track junc 193308. 2/9 bn mopping KILLERTON village. 2/12 bn adv east towards MT rd with one cry 2/10 bn under cmd. 0730 hrs 2/9 bn reports adv reached centre of clg 3525 (ref photo map. CAPE Killerton) with patrol fwd towards rd. all informed	
17	16	163 Regt		0245		SITREP to 0800 2/17. 0 sitrep all units	
17	I 58	14 Bde		1200		SITREP to 1200 hrs. 55/53 bn patrol activity only. 36 bn 2 Japs killed vicinity DID during morning. patrol to PANAWATUTU 16 Jan returned. 0900 today. 500 yds SOUTH DANAWATUTU at 1600 hrs patrol came under LMG and rifle fire. patrol later observed party JAPS between 200 and 250 moving north WEST along beach track. they were well armed with LMG. cry sub machine guns appeared to be in good condition were carrying packs in addition to sandbags as result of action our casualties 11 personnel killed. one missing two wounded. enemy casualties two killed all informed	
17	I 114	7DN 163, 18 Bde		1820		Sitrep to 1800 hrs. native carrier escort killed 1 Jap vicinity 14 Bde sup dump this afternoon. otherwise nothing to report.	
16 Jan	I 113	"		1830		SITREP to 1800 hrs. Nothing to report.	
17 Jan	0137	7DN		1605		Confirming verbal orders and further to 30 Bde 050. units have been allotted tasks as follows: 398 BN - Coordination of defence of plantation 178285. Provision of escort for sup train from plantation to vicinity 18 Bde. Provision of one SMG guard for gap between DID and plantation. 2/17 Cav. Prevention of escape of enemy westwards. Assist in defence of plantation as far as possible and as required by 39 BN. Establish fighting standing patrols vicinity 182298 and 172274. Patrol KILLERTON track. 2/17 Cav will report direct to 18 Bde plans and activities of patrol.	Passed to 39 BN

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17 Jan	I 42	7 DIV		1555		TAC/R @ Own Ops in trenches edge clearing 198282 @ 2pm moving up along track 193290 198287	
17 Jan	-	163 Regt		1200		Setup to 1300 hrs 17 Jan 430 @ 163 Regt 2 Bn No push north from perimeter 197272 No R @ 193273 @ Also improving L of C @ 163 US Regt 3 Bn C O R carrying supplies to RANKH and patrolling to south and east of 193272 @ C O I patrolling east and NE of FISH and MOORE @ C O 163 US Regt	
17 Jan	O 132	7 DIV		0800		Setup to 0800 hrs @ Quiet night @ Three or four Japs engaged vicinity GONA @ Two barges observed from WYE PT moving towards SANANDA at 2300 hrs @ Barges engaged by arty @ appeared no ground SANANANDA @ 0030 hrs barges seen heading straight out to sea and lost sight of 600 yds from shore @ Unknown enemy casualties 16 Jan 122 killed @ Tracks located by our patrols @ Tracks 183286 - 189300 and 183286 - 193290 and 183286 - 185265 and 178303 - 187303 NOT located by our patrols @ 18 Bde this am opposition encountered WYE PT area but adv progressing @ No further details available @ 2/12 Bn adv continuing	
17 Jan	O 134	7 DIV		1400		Setup to 1400 hrs @ 18 Bde @ fwd elements 2/12 Bn reached MT rd at 208283 @ 2/9 Bn have reached track June 196289 @ 2/10 Bn after successful attack captured WYE PT and still exerting pressure SE of WYE PT @ one Coy mopping up KILLERTON PT @ 14 Bde @ late afternoon 16 Jan received patrol vicinity DANAWATU sighted party 200 Japs moving west well armed @ Patrol engaged own casualties 1 killed 2 wounded 1 missing enemy casualties 2 killed @ patrol also heard sound of motor vessels off coast DANAWATU just at dark @ Further 2 Japs killed vicinity DID approx 137271 this am @ 2/9 Coy now located plantation area with object of preventing enemy escaping westwards @ 163 US Regt @ 1/163 and 2/163 Bns both through enemy perimeter @ 2/163 Bn @ enemy MG resistance 80 yds ahead on left of MT road @ Preparing for attack Avbet covered by 81MM @ 1/163 Bn engaging enemy pocket located to SE of own pos and to south of 2/163 Bn @ 3/162 Bn engaged in L of C and I Coy patrolling vicinity 194268 @ at 1135 L patrol ordered out to SE and east to meet enemy at 194268	
17 Jan	I 40	18 Bde		1805		Setup to 17 to 1800 hrs @ most northerly elements 2/12 Bn 208285 held up by MG pos to front and left flank @ 2/9 Bn moving across country towards area KUNAI PATCH 207289 @ 2/10 Bn @ attempts to advance around left flank unsuccessful against MG's sited in depth SE WYE PT @ fwd elements 263305 @ Own cas 3 killed 16 wounded 1 missing @ known enemy 12 killed 1 PW	
17 Jan	I 43	7 DIV		1820		TAC/R @ NMS GIRUWA @ close inspection areas 218278 and surrounding area and area 227280 thence NE to coast reveals there are only dry areas east of rd and north of 275 east west grid line @ These two plants are suspected enemy defence from as shown on captured map @ Two clear so type lifts at approx 230287 @ at 1600 hrs @ 6 Bn ops seen at 213288 sight own ops at 210287 2000 hrs 207282 @ WYE PT @ Ten own ops NMS track to SE @ leaflets dropped SANANANDA area @ 1520 hrs saw four smoke shells fall in sea 200' off coast NW of GIRUWA @ 10 v/c personnel at map of BUNA chat @ D 0535	

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17 Jan	I 58	14 Bde				<p>Sitrep to 1200 hrs @ 55/53 Bn patrol activity only @ 36 Bn 2 Japs killed vicinity DID during morning @ Patrol to DANAWATUTU 16 Jan returned @ 900 today @ 500 yds south DANAWATUTU at 1600 hrs patrol came under LMG and rifle fire @ Patrol later observed party Japs between 200 and 250 moving north west along beach track they were well armed with LMG and sub machine guns appeared to be in good condition were carrying packs in addition to sandbag as a result of action own cas 1 sgt killed @ 16 one missing two wounded @ Enemy cas two killed</p>	
18 Jan	16	163 US Regt		0745		Sitrep to 0800 hrs 18 Jan 43 @ Sitnor all units	
18 Jan	I 61	14 Bde		0630		Sitrep to 0800 hrs sitnor all informed	
17 Jan	O 139	7 DN		1930		<p>Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 18 Bde @ 2/10 Bn @ CAPE KILLERTON area now secured all opposition overcome @ SE of WYE PT adv delayed by enemy occupying pillboxes some of which overcome situation obscure but offensive actions continues @ 2/12 Bn now firmly established on MT road leading elements having reached vicinity 212 288 @ 2/9 Bn moving northwards up kurai patch parallel to 2/12 Bn towards 208 290 @ attack on SANANANDA today by 2/9 and 2/12 Bns depends on nature of country so be traversed and progress made @ movement to MT road today delayed owing difficult and marshy terrain @ Foot track from HQ 28 dig all cross tracks 178 304 to KILLERTON village completed by 1200 hrs @ Intentions 18 Jan @ to secure SANANANDA if NOT done previously and secure coast line from excl GIRUWA to excl WYE PT @ 163 US Regt @ K Coy 3/163 Bn in contact with 2/12 Bn vicinity track junc 206 282 Advanced to this area by route approx 300 yds west of MT road @ no opposition @ elements 2/103 Bn also contacted 2/12 Bn same place and then returned SW with object of clearing all enemy between 2/12 Bn and point reached by 2/163 Bn yesterday @ 1/163 Bn and 3/163 Bn opposing enemy in their area @ K Coy 3/163 Bn ordered to occupy pos on MT road and immediately south of track junc 206 282 with object of guarding right flank and rear of 18 Bde @ intention 18 Jan @ to destroy all enemy between RD BLOCK and track junc 206 282 thereby opening this sec of MT road for maintenance 18 Bde @ One Bn not to be in pos immediately south of track junc for protection this area and to be available for attack on SANANANDA if required 14 Bde @ Three Japs killed vicinity ADS 132 272</p>	
17 Jan	I 41	18 Bde				Sitrep to 18 to 2030 hrs @ 2/9 Bn in perimeter 207 294 @ 2/12 Bn 2/9 Bn continue adv fight 18 Jan	
18 Jan	-	163 US Regt		0720		Sitrep to 0300 hrs 18 Jan @ SITNOR	

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17 Jan	0142	7DN		2359		until further notice all veh traffic no ANGO - SOPUTA and between AAC unloading at pt at village approx 3/4 mi from SOPUTA br and US army dump approx 1/2 mile from ANGO rd ^{miles} is prohibited prior to 1330 hrs after 1330 hrs essential traffic only load limits 800 lbs trailer 800 lbs O RAE was off to prohibit vehicles at discretion	
17 Jan	I 44	7DIV		2216		Tac/r 1850 hrs 17 Jan 020/130 benches 100 men WYE PT @ NMS 500 yds SE WYE PT @ One tracked veh facing NE road 185267 @ 1855 hrs 70/100 men marching south rd 185267 @ 1500 hrs 7 men 1 MT June 205282 @ 1903 hrs 10/20 men 1 tent 200 yds NE June 205282 @ 30 men camped 350 yds NE of 205282 1910 hrs 100 men road camped 210288 @ small fire 250/300 yds past 210288 @ small fire 250/300 yds past 210288 June off road @ 1915 hrs large number men landed TARA KENA @ several men 3/4 on shore slightly beyond spit.	
17 Jan	39	163 US Regt		1725		Report to 1800 hrs 2/163 Bn has contacted a coy 2/10 at 207285 1/163 Bn 2 conducting attack on Jap resistance on a zenith 155 deg from 191272 CO A in attack at 1735 hrs details later enemy casualties 5 dead 1 wounded @ corrections 1/163 Bn CP at 191272	
18 Jan	0144	7DIV		0800		Report to 0800 hrs @ 18 Bde @ late report 17 Jan 02/12 bn most northerly elements 208285 held up by MG posts so front and left front @ 2/10 bn @ attempt to outflank opposition to south up successful owing MG's sighted in depth SE WYE PT @ few elements at 203305 @ 2/9 bn in Jan 20/7294 for night 17/18 Jan 02/9 and 2/12 bn continued fwd movement first light 18 Jan 02300 hrs 17 Jan lightning revealed barge activity SANANANDA @ 18 Bde made report @ concentrations immediately brought down and confirmed throughout night @ 20 Bde @ escort killed one Jap recently 14 bde @ 1 Jap killed 14 Bde area @ 163 US Regt @ enemy pocket immediately north of block area still holding out @ being attacked this am from NW and north @ 2/163 bn approx 300 yds south track June 206283 @ otherwise quiet night no change	
"	I 45	7DN		1035		TAC/R 0805 - 0910 2/18 @ 6 own spts at 206391 @ approx 100 own spts in line formation from 205295 to 208292 moving NE @ seen 3 mins later had adv 50 yds but gone no ground @ 6w road at 213280 approx 6 considered Japs one with cross under arm @ Pan about 180 yds SW of first bridge @ at 210287 100 own spts truck June @ 205283 about 150 own spts @ few amount movement from HUGGINSR 205283 moving NE @ 6w beach track 200 yds NW from rd June 213295 two Japs walking towards SANANANDA took evasive action @ NMS TARA KENA - GIRUWA part of rowing boats at BAKUMBARI unchanged @ in same village near DANAWATUTU where 100 own spts seen yesterday some six natives seen today with campfires	
"	Phone	SMITH DQMS		1730		Report from DQMS: nothing to report, except that train went through returned safely.	

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18 Jan	I 52	7 DIV		1630		TAC/R 1410 hrs @ NMS at KURENADA of party 100 Japs and 4 barges reported vicinity KUMUSI RIVER.	
"	I 115		7 DIV 16314 181844	0840		Setup to 0800 hrs @ nothing to report	
"	I 116		"	1900		Setup to 1800 hrs @ nothing to report	
"	I 50	7 DIV		1330		TAC/R 1130 hrs @ NMS SANANANDA - GIRUWA @ 10/15 own Aps at 215295 @ 50/60 own Aps in double line at 213293 @ from track junc 205280 to 213293 approx 100 own Aps @ own Aps between 205282 and br 213289 @ located Nura way forced down 17 Jan at 215290	
"	-	163 US Regt		1300		Setup to 1300 L hrs 18 Jan 43 @ Coy A and K abreast moved south from 1163 B w perimeter at 0715 hrs A on right @ Advance continued south to MT track line forward on Coy A right flank and adv parallel to MT road toward FISK with left flank of K Co near MT road @ left flank drawing heavy fire from SE advance continued until K Co left flank was held up by MG fire from overturned truck on MT road at 1045 @ at this time Coy F which had been mopping up MT road from 202282 to SW with 1 platoon each side of rd contacted Co K @ at 1200 hrs K is on west side of track and Coy F is on east side @ MT road at 196270 other plans NOT changed	
"	O 150	7 DIV		1435		Setup to 1400 hrs @ 18 Bde @ at 0845 hrs 2/10 bn had advanced SE along coast track approx 300 to 400 yds to 205304 striking pillboxes and organized resistance in depth along the track @ further opposed progress was made and by 1140 hrs 2/10 bn had reached 206301 @ 2/9 bn advancing N.E from 207294 reached the edge of kura patch at 208295 by 0845 hrs and continued pushing eastwards towards SANANANDA village @ by 1150 hrs bn had captured the village and was astride main MT road at 213296 @ at 1330 hrs SANANANDA PT reported clear of enemy @ two coys 2/9 bn now pushing eastwards toward GIRUWA @ 2/9 bn less two coys holding SANANANDA village area @ odd enemy parties in SANANANDA area and towards GIRUWA being mopped up in route @ 2/12 bn continued push along MT road and then drove back opposition and reached 211288 @ 2/10 and 2/12 bns both encountering pillbox opposition @ 163 US Regt @ enemy pockets at 192268 and 196270 NOT yet overcome @ 14 bde @ party four Japs killed vicinity 132272	

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- 1) Killerton track to be checked over on air photos.
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18 Jan	0153	7 DIV		1555		refers 2/7 Aust. Bn only. O ref own 0137 11 Jan 02/7 Cav is relieved from present role as from 10600 hrs 19 Jan and will move to previous site to clear battlefield south rd block. O 2/7 Cav will be further responsible for custody and escort P's W enemy sick and wounded from Mela PLANTATION 178285 to 7 DIV. O all fit personnel to be escorted today remainder on 19 Jan.	
"	I43	18 Bde		2100		Sitrep to 2000 hrs OC Coy 2/9 Bn attacking south down MT road destroyed enemy MG post and consolidated for night. 02/9 Bn less C Coy 2/12 and 2/10 Bns unchanged. O mopping up continues first light 19 Jan.	
"	I63	14 Bde		2005		Sitrep to 1800 hrs 055/53 Bn patrolling. O 30 Bn patrol to 100320 BONA 1 m. O Body of sq killed this area 16 Jan was recovered. O body had been shipped and there was definite evidence that flesh had been cut from the body and probably eaten. O dead Jap alongside had not been mutilated returning Japal killed m. Jap DINWATI 135205. O well used track discovered heading SE via 103328.	
19 Jan	I117		7 DIV 14, 17, 18			SITREP to 0800 hrs. O no change.	
18 Jan	0156	7 DIV		2100		Sitrep to 1800 hrs. O 18 Bde. O 2/9 Bn. O at 1450 hrs fwd elements reached GIRUWA. O one Coy moved south down MT road to assault 2/12 Bn which is held up by line of pillboxes approx 400 yds in depth at 211288. O attack proceeding from north and south. O 2/10 Bn advanced to 206301 and continuing to exert pressure on enemy right flank. O pillboxes to depth of approx 400 yds remain to be cleared and outflanking attack from east and west through jungle south of line of pillboxes in progress. O Japs seen working on native canoe on beach at 208298. O attacks by 2/10 and 2/12 Bns depend on availability of daylight. O should darkness prevent capture attack will be continued at first light 19 Jan. O 27 P's W captured today. O following information obtained during interrogation of P's W today. O estimated 1000 enemy remain on SAMANANDA area and large percentage sick. O greater proportion of these are understood to be occupying pillbox defensive positions in coastal areas and isolated elements still remain north of Japmer rd block. O despite activity of 163 US Regs enemy pockets so immediate front of rd block NOT yet cleared. O only Jap stragglers being encountered between 18 Bde and enemy pockets engaged by 163 US Regs. O PIN who escaped from rd block area and was captured on GONA JUMBORA tracks. O status reports were issued by Coy comd to assemble at mouth MAMBARE river. O was told distance to be walked was 40 RI (approx 100 miles). O	

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18 Jan	I 54	7 DIV		2030		TAC/R 1715 to 1750 hrs. (C) NMS MANGROVE ISLANDS (C) all three islands appear to be under water (C) only dry area around 2 huts NE end of southern most island (C) From 19830 to 20730 (C) about 200 our troops (C) 0208298 large tree with 3 square trenches and a number of unidentified men lying in them (C) two groups of 30 and one of 100 our troops walking SOUTH from SANANANDA at 214292	
18 Jan	I 44	18 Bde		1905		Sitrep no 19 to 1830 hrs (C) results adv 18 Jan KAPO now disposed as follows (C) 2/10 Bn most fwd elements 206 B01 held up by strong enemy force (C) patrol pl strength still trying to adv round rt flank (C) 2/9 Bn holds from incl SANANANDA VILLAGE to incl GIRUWA (C) one coy attacking south down MTRD struck two MGS 212 289 engaging with mortars (C) 2/12 Bn (C) fwd troops in contact with southern flank of suspected enemy locality 212 289 209 286 and pushing around rt flank	
18 Jan	I 41	163 US Regt		1825		Sitrep to 1800 L (C) 163 Regt attack on Jap resistance still in progress (C) our lines are 1 platoon coy I at 192 265 platoon coy F at 194 266 balance of coy F at 195 269 coy K at 195 269 (C) Coy A at 191 269 coy B at 190 269 5 rifle (C) Platoon of I and platoon of F one our left flank holding very difficult positions (C) pill box at 196 270 was reduced 1500 hrs (C) patrol covered area 163 Regt to 1802 64 to 1782 56 return to 163 Regt via 183 255 no indication of enemy (C) accurate casualty list not available at this time	
19 Jan	O 160	7 DIV		0810		Sitrep to 0800 hrs (C) late reports 18 Jan (C) one (C) 18 Bde (C) Coy 2/9 Bn attacking SE from SANANANDA against enemy opposing 2/12 Bn destroyed enemy MG post before consolidating for night (C) mapping up to continue first light 19 Jan (C) two (C) 103 US Regt (C) Jap snipers active vicinity block (C) 2 enemy MG emplacements knocked out and third bunker surrounded (C) attacks continued until dusk when Japs reached consolidated attack to be resumed at first light 19 Jan (C) three (C) 14 Bde (C) 1 regt BONA one incl (C) patrol returning from 100336 vicinity DANAWATU killed one Jap at DANWATI 135205 and discovered well worn track leading SE from 103328 (C) am 19 Jan (C) quiet night all fronts (C) 18 Bde early reces reveal enemy pan on MTRD SOUTH of SANANANDA still hold in strength (C) attack proceeding (C) 163 US Regt resumed attack at first light	

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"	-	163 Regt	0825
"	I 64	14 Bde	0855
19		39 Bn	1615
19 Jan	I 119	7 DIV	1805
19 Jan	I 118	39 Bn	1720
19	I 67	7 DIV	1700
19	I 65	7 DIV	1400

Sitrep no 21 at 0800 hrs @ two unidentified vessels probably own PT BOATS seen approx 2000 yds off WYE PT 2330 hrs @ party 20 Japs attempted to reach mouth GIRUWA R from direction TARAKENA at 0300 hrs engaged by A Coy 2/9 Bn 5 killed rest went bush @ 4 Japs killed 1 wounded attempting to move north along MT road to beach @ 2/12 2/10 Bns report enemy in strength @ attack proceeding same area as late 18 Jan

Sitrep at 0800 hrs @ Sitnor @ fire fight in progress @ 747 hrs in enemy pocket vicinity 192269

Sitrep at 0800 hrs @ 36 Bn @ 1 Jap killed via PID 19004/18 making fatal for Jap via @ sunset night

SITREP

SITREP at 1800 hrs @ nothing to report

Two parties JAPS seen by 2/9 Bn ration party area 215 290 strength 40 and 20 and moving in N-W direction @ possibly attempting escape to west

TAC/R 1345-1515/19 @ NNIS in pocket SE WYE PT @ NNIS GIRUWA to TARAKENA @ DIHAWATUTU area - well worn track reported by patrol 103328 not observed from air @ one JAP seen at 080325 tried to escape observation @ see small fire same area all upmed

Sitrep at 1400 hrs @ 18 Bde @ party 20 JAPS attempted reach mouth GIRUWA from direction TARAKENA at 0300 hrs engaged & killed remainder went bush @ 4 JAPS killed 1 wounded attempting reach beach along MT rd @ 2/10 & 2/12 hrs report enemy opposing them in strength @ during am 2/12 Bn succeeded in overcoming enemy strong post 208 286 and continued push past towards HE along MT rd @ two Coy first against enemy pocket 211 288 being engaged from HE by Coy 2/9 Bn @ 2/9 Bn ration party encountered two parties JAPS this on at 205 290 moving towards N-W @ first party 40 second party 20 @ all were armed and carrying packs @ essential food on both parties @ no details of casualties @ 163 US regt @ at 1100 hrs enemy resistance in this area reported confined to both sides MT rd from approx 191268 to 194268 @ MA first 189269 blown out by mortar fire occupants fired on whilst endeavouring escape into bush all upmed

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19 Jan	162	7014	1415		TACR 0915-1025 19 Jan @ fired on by M/G with tracer approx 210 297 @ NMS HUGGINS POCKET @ leaflets dropped between TARAENA and GIRUWA @ apparent attempt made to conceal crashed KIRRAWAY @ KUMUSI near leaflets dropped at mouth BOSTONS seen shipping 1000L @ telephone wire seen for 10 to 15 yds south KURENADA 0745 @ AMBOGA 4 miles to 1 inch @ about 3 miles south this open area approx 50 yds square has been cleared and appears hidden drum @ number of land to huts on beach between wire and clearing @ NMS KUMUSI.	
19	16305 Regt		1415		SITREP to 1300 hrs 19 @ japs resistance building @ we have silenced two pillboxes by mortar fire 189269 area attack on resistance still in progress @ 7 jap snipers killed in area 200275	
19	150 18646		2010		sites to 2000 hrs @ west side of rd entirely clear @ small centre of enemy resistance on east side of rd @ party approx 20 enemy moving east from CAPE KILLERTON @ on dropped by HQ 2/10 bn @ one enemy killed remainder dispersed @ all unformed	
19	AA 163 Regt		1700		sites to 1800 hrs @ 81 m mortar concentration on 19 2266 at 1245 hrs @ one pl 'I' Coy attacked after barrage @ only 10 yds gained @ HEVT SLADE and 5 men wounded @ all preparation being prepared for further attack on general JAP line crossing MT rd near 19 2270 @ 11 JAPS killed in old hospital site 200275 by 2/163 bn @ these JAPS were freshly bundled and all carried a supply of rice @ wounded and stragglers sent to drift back along this old JAP LCLC	
19	165 1464		1800		SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 55/53 bn @ N°1 post reported 2 unidentified figures via SURIKAI village 1455 hrs moving westwards along coastal track but later disappearing into jungle @ further on JAP reported by native 500 yds East of 55/53 bn HQ @ patrol was unable to locate @ 36 bn @ six JAPS reported vicinity 123314 @ 1635 hrs @ fighting patrol located three killing two third escaped @ patrol to DANAYAT UTU killed one JAP in that vicinity returned 1750 hrs without further contact all unformed	

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19 JAN	0168	7 DIV		1830	<p>SITREP to 1800 hrs @ 18 bde @ by 1400 hrs 2/9 + 2/12 bns had met on east side of main MT track @ at 1445 hrs west side of MT rd had been cleared and mopping up by both bns on west side was continued in vicinity of 211 288 @ 2/10 bn continued to meet solid resistance on coast and this appears to be main enemy defensive posn @ at 1510 hrs observer from 2/10 bn saw 2 gap flags posted within def line approx 8 ft high @ these were immediately shot down and gaps replaced then with two flags of larger dimensions @ 14 bde @ 12 gaps killed vicinity 132272 @ 6 gaps seen approx 122314 @ patrols out @ 2/7 car regt now located 170 245 @ 163 US regt @ 7 gaps snipers killed vicinity 200 2750 resistance now believed reduced to 4 strongposts at 190270, 194270, 195266, 191265 @ each post being attacked in turn preceded by arty & mortar concentrations @ attack on resistance still in progress @ by 1715 hrs two Coy @ 2/163 bn had adv 250 yds had overcome strongpost at 195266 and were swinging N towards SMT rd @ elements 1/163 bn have entered perimeter JAP from at 194270 @ 11 Japs who appeared sick & wounded were killed when approaching former JAP hospital area @ each JAP had good supply of rice & all unfrozen</p>	
19	0171	7 DIV		0815	<p>SITREP to 0800 hrs @ late reports 19 Jan @ 18 bde @ PW captured by 2/12 bn on edge of JAP perimeter east of MT rd @ west side MT rd cleared of enemy @ small gap pocket remaining east side rd being attacked @ 0800/120 @ enemy posn on coast track still holding out @ attack launched 0700 hrs appears to be progressing satisfactorily @ 163 US Regt @ form 19 Jan @ enemy strongpost at 190270 captured by "C" Coy @ post 194270 was captured by "A" & "K" Coys but not overcome @ pocket 195266 not completely liquidated as found to be larger than anticipated but ground gained being held pending further attacks preceded by arty and mortar concentrations @ wounded PW Sgt captured PM 19 Jan status pocket 194270 originally contained 200 fit 200 unfit gaps 10 each HMGs and LMGs plenty down. A/TK guns A/TK mines on MT rd</p>	

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					and regt. HQ @ 100 Japs. moved to posn NE 18 Jan @ 3 days supp still held @ col. YOKOYAMA reported still in posn night 18-19 Jan @ blakes JAPS SOUTH of rd block did NOT receive orders therefore from original front 18 Bde @ 14 Bde patrol killed two Japs in area 12334 and further JAP killed by patrol returning from DANAWATUTU all informed.	
20 Jan	I 120	70IV etc	0830		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ nothing to report	
"	HRAS 163 Regt		0745		SITREP to 0800 hrs/20 @ SITREP	
"	I 66 14 Bde		0800		SITREP to 0800 hrs @ quiet night situ @ all informed	
19	163 Regt		1225		SITREP to 1300 hrs/19 @ Japs resistance holding @ we have silenced two pillboxes by mortar fire 189269 area attack on resistance still in progress @ 7 JAP snipers killed in area 200275.	
20	1734 70IV		1100		ref map GONIA LOCALITY revised 4" to 1ml @ medical post now est at 1815264 to be known as SANANANDA MEDICAL post @ medical posts at 177283 and 178243 will be known as KILLERTON MEDICAL POST and amb post resectively	Passed to Bus. D 9/16
20	I 67 14 Bde		1215		subep. to 1200 hrs @ 36 bn @ missing member patrol DANAWATUTU 16 Jan returned am today @ report being fwded as soon as possible @ 55/53 bn patrol activity ofly @ all informed	
20	I 70 70IV		1655		Tac/B 1300-1430/20 @ NMS at 210298 at which pt plane fuel on yesterday but stores seen there @ NMS 233286 @ no barges seen vicinity GIRUNWA area @ ref BUNA 1 inch (2nd ed) at 24242624 - 24222622. two planes to hts. observed @ one soldier in area made for cover on approach of plane all informed	
20	46 163 Regt		1245		SITREP to 1200 hrs/20 @ C Coy supported by B Coy still engaged in fire fight within JAP perimeter area 190270. fight supported by 80 mm mortar @ estimate 60 JAPS killed this morning by C Coy. G Coy less pt supported by 1 sect HK76 at 208285 @ 1 pl. H Coy at 206282. F Coy relieved. F Coy 193267 remainder of 2/163 bn at 197272 @ 1 pl G Coy at rd block 199273 @ 1/163 bn at HUGGINS, FISK & MOORE	

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20	017A	7DIV		1400	<p>sitrep to 1400 hrs @ 186dc @ following concentrations arty fire at 0645L 2/10bn launched attacks on main def posn along coastal track and by 0830L the enemy line of resistance had been narrowed down considerably @ 2/10 mm guns damaged by arty fire have been captured @ some japs escaped into swamps @ at least three pillboxes remaining @ preparations now in hand for further offensive @ 2/12bn and one coy 2/9bn have made further progress along MT rd @ .3 huts containing medical stores captured and being guarded @ during night 19/20 few japs attempted to escape from east of GIRUWA but were frustrated by fwd elements 2/9bn located on west side of lagoon @ two possibly four barges landed east of GIRUWA during night @ object of barges unknown @ 163 US Regt @ no change reported all forward</p>	
20	I50	186dc		1825	<p>sitrep to 1800 hrs @ ref photo map 013 @ fwd Aps 2/10bn 3144 @ most northerly Aps 2/9bn track June 3431 @ report @ enemy resistance on beach between 2/10bn 2/9bn and in corner of grass patch 3143 @ unconfirmed report small pillboxes connected by crawl trenches grass patch @ resistance west of rd completely surrounded even Aps @ making up night dispositions @ engaging pillboxes beach west of 2/9bn with 25 pr</p>	
20	0178	7DIV		1900	<p>sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 186dc @ pressure against enemy resistance on coastal track was continued throughout day @ 2/10bn now disposed in area 209 299 and supporting elements 2/9bn at 210 299 @ japs appear to be confined to grass patch area between 2/9bn and 2/10bn @ remaining JAP prepared defences @ one patrol active on all sides @ remaining JAP posn incl some bunkers on MT rd completely surrounded by 2/12bn @ very stubborn resistance being encountered both pockets @ 163 US regt @ no change all forward</p>	
20	I122	7DIV etc		1830	<p>SITREP to 1800 hrs @ nothing to report</p>	
21	I123	7DIV		0830	<p>no change</p>	
21	I70	146dc		0830	<p>sitrep to 0800 hrs @ sitrep</p>	

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21	0184	7DIV		0815		<p>sitep to 0800 hrs @ late report 20 Jan @ 18 bde @ jap wireless set captured by 2/9 bn vicinity SANANANDA PT @ appears to be in working order @ Bukist equivalent X103 set @ owing extremely difficult L of C set will remain present posn until its salvage by sea if possible @ 21 Jan @ approx 0230 hrs one large seen approaching coast east of GIRUWA @ returned shore fire with 2/16 pl @ ally fired two rounds stopping as hostile a/c overcast @ large withdrawn @ large was in vicinity of shore extremely short time @ other units @ no change @ rain approaching 10 miles SOPUTA area night 20/21. all updated</p>	
21	A7	163 Regt		0730		sitep 1 @ 0800 hrs sitrep	
21	0192	7DIV		1735		<p>owing to urgent maintenance requirements all veh traffic is prohibited on ANGO-SOPUTA rd from wed ANGO June to SOPUTA Fri on 22 Jan.</p>	
21	0188	7DIV		1415		<p>sitep to 1400 hrs @ 18 lde @ enemy resistance on MT rd at 211288 liquidated at 1045 L @ 150 enemy killed incl 50 this am @ very stubborn resistance encountered stronger than anticipated @ 2/12 bn moving to take over area GIRUWA-SANANANDA PT immediately relieved by 163 US regt @ attack by 2/10 and 2/9 bns on pocket 209298 still in progress of fwd tps now only 150 yds apart @ at approx 1100 hrs 2/9 bn from GIRUWA commenced moving along beach to contact US tps observed approx 350 yds to east @ at 1329 L report received tps had gained contact @ strength of enemy remaining to be mopped this area NOT yet definitely determined @ 163 US regt report satisfactory progress being made details to follow all updated</p>	
21	I48	163 Regt		1300		<p>SITREP to 1300 hrs/21 @ arty and mortar concentration on enemy posns area 194269 ceased at 1035 hrs. 'A' & 'K' attacked South from 194270 @ arty and mortar successful @ 'A' & 'K' broke resistance and reached rd vicinity 193268. 1 pl K Coy est rd block. 1 pl proceeded NE up MT rd to mop up @ 'H' Coy moved due west to assist 'C' Coy and 'B' well in jap perimeter 191264</p>	
21	I69	M6de		1215		sitep to 1200 hrs. sitrep	

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21	18756	18 bde		1830		sitrep to 1800 hrs @ enemy casualties 211288 today 100 killed 7 prw @ 100 previously killed found in area @ 2/9 bn now area GIRUWA - SANANANDA PT in contact with fwd ops 32 US div at GIRUWA lagoon @ 2/9 bn and 2/10 bn separated by 60 yds @ approx @ enemy resistance centre in small weapon pit and crawl trench forms with LMG and suspected sub-machine guns @ attack now in progress @ all informed	
21	I72	1A bde		1900		sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 36 bn @ 2 PA and 1 jap killed vicinity D1D @ 55/53 bn @ patrol activity only @ all informed	
21	O193	7 DIV		1955		sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 18 bde @ 1415 L 2/9 bn adv NW along beach and joined C Coy 2/10 bn @ 2/10 bn attacked S.E. to complete encirclement @ only small distance now separation both bns on southern side @ remaining enemy defns believed to consist of weapon pits and crawl trenches with LMG and suspected SMG's @ attacks being continued AM 22 Jan @ enemy dead in area 211288 now estimated at 200 instead of 150 of which 100 killed today our casualties are wounded @ patrol one Coy with Coy in res left 1715 L to investigate reports of jap hospital and HQ located 200 to 500 yds south of GIRUWA and destroy if located @ 1A bde @ 2 prw captured two japs killed @ one prw reports they gun still SANANANDA area @ 163 US regt @ following concentrations only and mortar & HMG 1/163 bn attacked enemy positions at 190270, 19270 and adv to MT rd @ enemy resistance broken and mopping up in progress @ no organized resistance remains stragglers only north of MT rd @ intentions 22 Jan @ destroying enemy in strength 192266 193266 193267 @ impossible to list captured weapons capt and dead before tomorrow but incl are 3 fld pieces large amv dump 12 motor trucks and large ant sig eqpt @ over 200 enemy dead counted so far and many more dead not yet counted all informed	
21	I49	7 DIV		1800		sitrep to 1800 hrs @ no change.	

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22	I74	1466		1225	Sitrep to 1200 hrs 1 JAP killed KOTY HQ area 55/53 km 1 wounded Jap discovered in same vicinity as other 2 previously reported killed @ 36 km 4 enemy dead inc DID @ no wounds death due apparently to sickness & starvation	
22	52	163 Regt		1405	Sitrep to 1200 hrs/22 'I' & 'L' coy attack JAP perimeter from 191265 A2 30 deg @ at 1050 hrs after arty & mortar concentrations on area 192266 193266 193267 @ L & 'I' coys reached MT rd at 1152 hrs 1 pl of 'I' moved East to contact 'E' coy 'L' moved back through area to mop up 1 recce sqn moved S/E from R.1. 205281 1145 hrs.	
22	0199	7 Div		1405	all organized resistance 7 AVST DIV area overcome details next sitrep all informed	
22	I76	1466		1845	SITREP to 1800L @ 55/53 km @ 3 Japs killed vicinity 189298 @ others wounded but escaped leaving their arms & amm @ 36 km @ patrolling all informed	
22	-	163 Regt		1745	Sitrep to 1800 hrs/22 @ mop up of area 192261 192266 193267 completed 25 Japs killed results of action by 'I' coy & 'L' coy @ 3 Japs strong points were found & destroyed @ 16mm gun supply dump & one truck found in area our casualties 1 dead 1 wounded rd from FSK to 196270 cleared of mines & repairs started @ patrol S/E from 211288 moved 100 yds in same cch. NMS @ patrol east from 205281 travelled in duct boards 200 yds to several huts not occupied for some time @ on trail south from huts a jap sentry on edge of Kunai patch believed to be a JAP perimeter @ on return route 4 Japs were seen also 1 jap pack dropped on trail 100 yds from MT rd was found & revealed no rats @ result of other action & not previously reported 72 Jap stragglers were killed @ net total 107 Japs dead for day @ Count of Japs killed or found dead result of yesterday's action remains 475 Japs dead.	
22	0205	7 Div		1910	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ 1866 @ following active patrols this am by 2/10 & 2/9 hrs an unsuccessful attack was launched @ Japs were then withdrawn to a safe distance for arty support. @ at 1245 L after concentrated arty fire enemy pocket at 209298 was again attacked & liquidated by 1255L @ this attack cleared all organized pockets of resistance in 1866 area @ only isolated stragglers remain in this area @ but patrols which moved E & SE of MT rd from 214298 did not locate any signs of Japs HQ reported by PW 163 US Regt @ at approx 0600L a party of 33 Japs left perimeter in an endeavour to escape but 38 were killed & 1 PW captured @ at 1045L after a HQ arty mortar bombardment 3/163 km attached enemy from SE of MT rd & by 1300L all	

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organized resistance north of rd block had been overcome & stragglers only remained & mopping up continues. Two patrols from 211288 & 205281 moving east & NE did not locate any signs for south Japs HQ. 14606 patrol activity 10 Japs killed. 20606 & 20606 patrol discovered new track approx 800 yds south of plantation area believed to have been recently used by parties endeavoring to escape westward. Odd parties to be mopped up still remain in areas. General known enemy casualties since 8 Jan 1201 dead number wounded & taken PW. Enemy casualties GONA area definitely known to exceed 898 dead. Our casualties relatively small. Eqp't captured incl rifle 2 MG's MM's HM's MORTARS GRENADES BINN all kinds technical instruments height finding eqpt sig eqpt machinery etc. 2 A/A guns 3rd pieces wireless sets quantity of tools & red stores. In addition many own arms recovered all unjured.

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Start to 1800 hrs. Result attack preceded by arty concentration gap between 2/0 & 2/10 bns closed 1315 hrs. All det Coy's revert to coord. own units. Present disps. 2/12 bn from incl west bank GIRUWA LAGOON to incl SANANANDA PT. 2/9 bn from excl SANANANDA PT to incl 208298. 2/10 bn from excl 208298 to incl CAPE KILLERTON. Enemy cas. 67 enemy locality reduced today. Our 1 & 8 killed. 8 wounded.

22	1125	701V etc	2000		
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START to 1800 hrs. A Japs killed on new track cutting KILLERTON track 500 yds south of 1306 HQ. Further 3 JAPS seen & party approx 8/12 heard approx 1500 hrs also a new track. 18606 HQ. Patrols investigating report JAPS in HANSEN area returned with nothing to report.

22	0108	7DIN2	2345		
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ref map GONA 4 in. All organized enemy resistance this area has been overcome & allotment of tasks for 1800h 22 Jan. 18606 Coast def from excl GIRUWA to excl on north at 162308. 14606 US Regt. will be prepared to move thru 1407 before 24 Jan to take over responsibility coast def from incl creek mouth 162308 to incl ANABOGA river & GONA area. This bn to move & relieve 14606 when ordered. Ldy between 18606 & 16305 regt all incl 16305 Regt. Pt 220290 to rd end. 214292 to edge Kunai at 205293. Hence western edge Kunai patch to track at 201286. Hence east west track to plantation 178285 to creek at 160289. Hence along creek to mouth at 162308. 318206 & 16305 regt will clear battle fds & mop up all enemy within their respective areas. 30606 incl 2/1 West CHU will concentrate vicinity SOPITA by on east bank GIRUWA R. afternoon 23 Jan. Present responsibilities will cease 1200 hrs 23 Jan. 14606 & 106. Unaltered pending further orders all unjured etc.

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23	052	39 hrs		0715	
23	I77		7DN	0940	
23	0210		7DN	0800	
23	0212		7DN	1215	
23	0213		7DN	1210	
23	I79		7DN	1020	
23		1630 US Regt		0800	
23	I77		7DN	0940	
23	I77		14866	1215	
23	053	2/7 Cav 39 hrs		1605	
23	0214		7DN	1245	
23	55		6366	1220	

warning order units will concentrate SOPUTA area DM 23 Jan no move before 1300 hrs
present responsibilities cease 1200 hrs 23 Jan all informed ack.

inform received from 32 US div medical offrs armed with pistol captured GIRUWA states
all med offrs are armed patrol 127 located apparent hospital about 700 yds south
GIRUWA littered with enemy brooms 17 walking personnel captured & approx
50 litter cases estimate 50 more in area all offrs evacuated & no identification so
far reveals no new identifications but known units greatly depleted OKUSUNOSE
unit reduced to 300 last week all informed

step to 0800 hrs 01866 012 Japs observed moving from swamp to sea vicinity of WYEP
members of 2/10 engaged Japs & killed 11 no escaped our. Japs fired a flare
as result 1/10 5 Japs fired from vicinity MANGROVE IS in direction of flare & only
fired concentration on beach & 30 many gone island during night & 0/1 uncovered
area at 1125 0030 0130 0150 hrs engagement reported between sea & to shore
in vicinity KUMUSI small state parties concerned other units no change

ANISO-SOPUTA rd now serviceable for veh traffic load limits jeeps 500 lbs trailers
800 lbs speed limit 15 mph all concerned will instruct drivers that they will
NOT follow in tracks of preceding veh

inform 0208 22 Japs confirming verbal wishes 2/7 AVST Cav cases under
hand 20 Aust 1st Bde for move ack.

BBC news flash
sitrep to 0800/23 situation normal quiet night

inform received from 32 US div medical offrs armed with pistol captured GIRUWA states all med
offrs are armed patrol 127 located apparent

sitrep to 1200 hrs situation all informed

warning order units 30 Aust 1st Bde incl 2/7 Cav will move to DOB 24 Jan no move
before 0730 hrs admin details following all informed ack.

confirming patrol 163 US Regt with search a guard strength 2 NCO's & 9 men to relieve
30 side guard at P.W cage from 1600 L/230 hrs to arrange accommodation & rationing

sitrep to 1700 hrs patrol activity only 6 BSW captured in vicinity 207 281 for vicinity
186 210 east side MT rd

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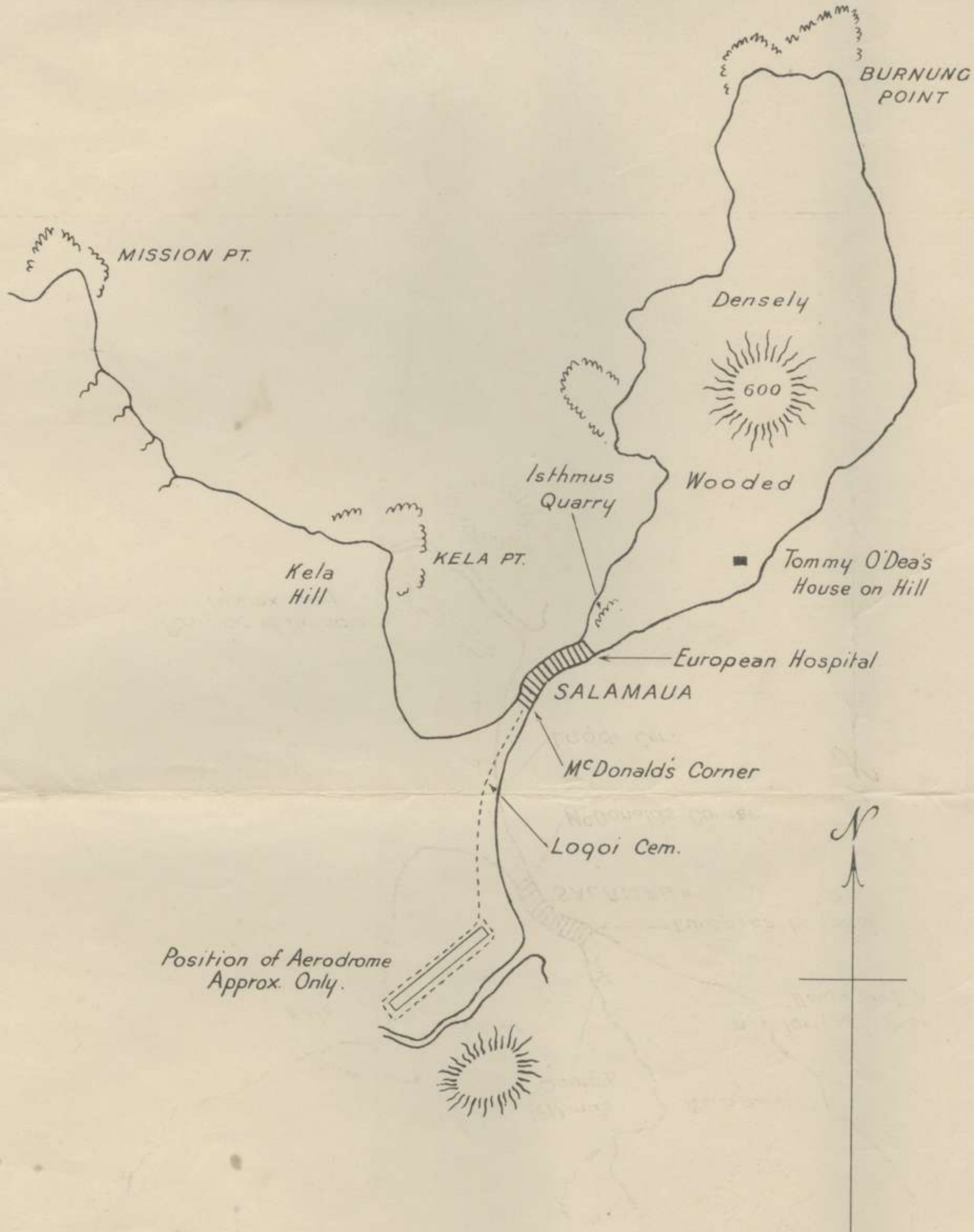
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23	0216	7DIV		1500		sitrep to 1300 L O allotment of assets @ 18 bde @ coast defense from excl GIRUWA to excl. creek mouth 162308 14 bde @ rokemalked @ bdy between 18 bde & 163 US Regt all incl 163 US Regt, rpt 220 290 for rd, bend 214 292 to edge kunai at 205 293 thence western edge kunai patch. Notch at 201 286 thence east west back to PLANTATION 178 285 to creek at 160 284 thence along creek to mouth at 162308 @ HQ 18 bde @ 213296 @ 30 bde with under comd 2/7 cov concentrating SOPUTA PM. 23 Jan @ activity this am confined to fighting patrols @ 163 US regt @ TRW captured @ otherwise no change. All informed
23	1128	7DIV	1700			all units under comd 30 bde now concentrated SOPUTA area.
23	0217	7DIV	1810			sitrep to 1800 hrs @ mopping up continues @ otherwise no change all informed
23	1129	7DIV	1850			sitrep to 1800 hrs @ units under comd 30 bde concentrated SOPUTA area 1500 hrs in preparation for move to DOBODURA 0400 hrs 24 Jan @ otherwise nothing to report.
23	Verbal		1805			30 avst inf bde added by Maj. Gen G. VASEY.
23	1178	14 bde	1815			sitrep to 1800 L 36 @ @ patrols killed 9 Japs since last report @ 5 at DID 3 at. 157294 1 at 279129 @ 155/53 by patrolling all informed
23	163 Regt.		1735			sitrep to 1800 hrs 23 @ patrol activity and mopping up resulted in 6 Japs killed @ 7 Japs captured and sent to 7 DIV HQ.
24	-	721	7DIV	0400		0400 1930 bde. closed down SOPUTA area.
25	Verbal		1700			all units reported in DONDABU CAMP NO 2.
30	OSI	39 49 hrs	1320			30 avst inf bde excl 2/7 cov will move to DONDABU camp NO 1 at 0900 hrs 31 Jan @ details following
30	OSL	39 49 hrs				ref on OSI of 30 @ 1 NCO each for 39 and 49 hrs will report as guide to this HQ. @ 0800 hrs 31 @ lanterns buckets & dishes to be returned to 30 bde. @ store. before 0830 hrs.
30	4106		1100			30 Regt HQ captured DONDABU NO 1 camp.
31	Verbal					

APPENDIX B TO
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SECRET

SALAMAUA
TOWNSHIP & AERODROME
Scale - About 1 inch to 1 mile.



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