

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/65**

**27 Infantry Battalion**

**March 1945**



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

Unit 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 45

To 31 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN Is	1 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	2 Mar 45	0830	Lt L.W. Robinson and 25 ORs moved out by air to	
			proceed on 24 days ARL.	
		1000	Capt A.F.P. Lukyn marched in ex 28 A.I.T.B. and was	
			posted acting OC A Coy.	
	3 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	4 Mar 45		Rest day for all personnel other than those required	
			for duty. In the absence of Chaplain Rawlins, the Church	
			Services were conducted by Chaplain Harte of the RNZAF.	
			The Services were <del>20</del> 0800 Bn Church Parade in Bn Chapel.	
			1000 Church Parade at HQ Coy.	

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GREEN Is	5 Mar 45	1200	Capt N. Mackay (2i/c D Coy) and Lt J.A. Tiernan ( OC 17 Pl )  marched in ex leave. Capt H.F.M. Palmer marched in ex  F.A.A.R.T.S. where he has been attached as instructor. He  was posted 2 i/c A Coy.	
	6 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	7 Mar 45	0130	On receipt of message from AIR FORCE re unidentified ship  or barge located by Radar, additional sentries were posted on  foreshore, but nothing eventuated.	
		0930	Lt W.E. Wigley evacuated to 17 Fd Amb.	
		1230	Chaplain W.B. Howden marched in and will be attached  as relieving Chaplain during absence of Chaplain H. Rawlins.	



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GREEN Is	8 Mar 45	1000	Capt J.A. Shaw Catering Adviser to 2 Aust Corp visited the Bn and discussed general catering problems etc with QM and WO Caterer. He inspected all kitchens and intimated the standard of cleanliness and construction of kitchens was very high.	
	9 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	10 Mar 45	0530	Capt I.B. Down (OC B Coy) Capt T.S. Milne (OC D Coy) Lt C.F. Myers (OC Mtr Pl) Lt M.G. Carmichael (OC 7 Pl) Lt L.C. Mills (OC 13 Pl) 6 NCOs and 5 ORs left by boat to proceed to Torokina. Under instructions from 2 Aust Corp, they will be attached to Bns in action, and act as observers. The Offrs and NCOs will understudy the postings they hold in their own unit and perform all duties except take over	



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GREEN Is	10 Mar 45		command of a sub unit.	
		0900	Coys Comds Conference. Subjects discussed included QMs report on Stores, trg and general adm matters.	
	11 Mar 45		Rest day for all personnel other than those required for duty. Church Services conducted were as follows.	
			0700 RC Mass conducted by Chaplain Labell in Bn Chapel.	
			0815 Bn Church Service conducted by Chaplain Howden in Bn Chapel.	
			1000 Church Service at HQ Coy conducted by Chaplain Howden.	
			1815 Evensong Service in Bn Chapel conducted by Chaplain Howden.	

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GREEN Is	12 Mar 45		Capt M.D. Sutherland moved out by air to proceed to RAAF School of Army Co-op. Canberra. Duration of course 21 Mar - 22 Apr.	With the object of selecting an Aust team to play the New Zealanders at cricket, a practice match was played on N.A.B. oval. All Aust sub units on the island were represented, and it is expected a strong team will be available.
	13 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	14 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	15 Mar 45	0930	Lt G.V. Spicer evacuated to 17 Fd Amb.	
		1530	Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd) was called to Bde and	
			was advised by Bde Comd (Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC) that a	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN Is	15 Mar 45	1530	report received from Lt W. Seale (Angau) indicated the presence of a small Jap party on Babase Is., in the Feni Is Group. The Bde Comd intimated he was desirous of sending a patrol to investigate and had applied to 2 Aust Corp for permission to do so. He instructed Maj Pickett to have a patrol, strength 1 Ofpr 15 ORs standing by prepared to embark at 160800 for Ambitle Is (the island adjoining Babase) to contact Lt Seale. The distance between Ambitle Is and Babase Is., is approx 200 yds which it is anticipated would be crossed on bamboo rafts.	
		1900	Maj S.W. Pickett briefed Lt D.J. Harte (C Coy) the patrol leader.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN Is	16 Mar 45	0200	Advice was received from 23 Aust Inf Bde that 2 Aust Corp had deferred permission for the patrol to investigate probable presence of Japs on Babase Is., pending receipt of further infm.	
	17 Mar 45	0930	B Coy relieved by D Coy of guard duties at Airstrip.	
	18 Mar 45		Rest day for all personnel other than those required for duty. Church Services conducted were as follows :-	
			0700 RC Mass conducted by Chaplain Labell in Bn Chapel.	
			0815 Bn Church Service conducted by Chaplain Howden in Bn Chapel.	
			1000 Church Service at HQ Coy conducted by Chaplain Howden	

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GREEN Is	20 Mar 45		Routine Day	
	21 Mar 45	1130	(Further to War Diary 16 Mar) - On advice from 23 Aust Inf Bde that 2 Aust Corp had given permission for a patrol to proceed to Babase Is to investigate the presence of Japs there, Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd) briefed Lt D.J. Harte (C Coy) the patrol leader. The patrol strength is one platoon plus one Int section pers., six Sig pers and 12 police boys from ANGAU. As only one crash boat is available for transport to the island, the patrol will have to be split in three parties.	
		1330	Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd) was called to 23 Aust Inf Bde and was informed by the Bde Comd Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC that the 27 Aust Inf Bn was to move to Torokina as	

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GREEN Is	21 Mar 45	1530	Lt D.J. Harte and 14 ORs embarked crash boat for	
			Ambitle Is. Object to eliminate Jap forces reported on	
			Babase Is. Lt Harte's party will bivouac on Ambitle Is	
			until the arrival of the rest of his force and will then	
			cross the 200 yds to Babase on bamboo rafts. As radio	
			silence is to be maintained until contact with the Japs there	
			will be no infm regarding the patrol for at least two days.	
	22 Mar 45	0630	A further party of 10 ORs embarked crash boat for	
			Ambitle Is.	
		0645	Adv party comprising Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd)	
			Lt F.W.G. Ryan (Asst Adjt), RQMS, Int Sgt and one batman	
			emplaned for Torokina.	

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TOROKINA	22 Mar 45	0915	<p>Maj S.W. Pickett and Lt Ryan interviewed Maj Taylor</p> <p>GSO II Ops at 2 Aust Corp and were advised of the future role of the Bn. 23 Aust Inf Bde less 3 Coys of 8 Aust Inf Bn is to concentrate in the Torokina perimeter as soon as possible and after a period of training, the Bde is to take over one of the fronts. The three Coys of the 8 Aust Inf Bn will garrison Green, Treasury and Emirau Islands previously garrisoned by the 27 Bn, 7 Bn and 8 Bn respectively.</p> <p>Maj S.W. Pickett was also advised that 11 Aust Inf Bde would foster the Bn's move into the Torokina perimeter and assist us as much as possible.</p>	
	"	1045	<p>Maj S.W. Pickett and Lt F. Ryan visited 11 Aust Inf Bde where Adm matters were discussed with the Staff Captain. The area allotted to the Bn was inspected and it was found that</p>	



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TOROKINA	22 Mar 45	1045	the few existing buildings were in such a state of disrepair that they could not be used.  It was decided that the 20 personnel staying at NGDD ex leave would be moved into the Bn area the following day. In the meantime tents, cooking gear, stretchers, and accomodation stores would have to be borrowed from Ordnance and LOB HQs of the 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.  The Adv Party stayed at NGDD for the night.	
TOROKINA	23 Mar 45	0815	A party comprising Maj S.W. Pickett, Lt F.W.G. Ryan and 25 ORs moved out from GDD to the new camp site ref map Cape Moltke 1" 530939.  Tents, cooking gear and accomodation stores were procured and the day was employed in establishing a camp.	



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TOROKINA	23 Mar 45		Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd) was billeted at	
			11 Aust Inf Bde HQs pending the establishment of quarters.	
		1600	A party of 30 personnel from B Coy deplaned ex	
			Green Is and moved into camp. Owing to transport	
			difficulties, 23 Aust Inf Bde at Green Is is endeavouring	
			to move to Torokina as many personnel as possible per air	
			daily. This might mean small parties of three and four	
			arriving during the day.	
GREEN Is	23 Mar 45	1400	Remainder of Babase Is patrol embarked crash boat	
			for Ambitle Is.	
		1415	A party of 30 ORs B Coy emplaned for Torokina.	

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GREEN Is	23 Mar 45	1500	Advice was received from 23 Aust Inf Bde that the Adv Party had set up headquarters at Ref Map Cape Moltke 1" map ref 530939.	
	24 Mar 45	1030	Lt J.F. Aitchison and 30 ORs moved out by air to Torokina.	
		1730	A message was received from 23 Aust Inf Bde advising that Radar had been jammed off the air. Precautions were taken by the bn in the event of an enemy landing by placing extra sentries on the beaches.	
TOROKINA	24 Mar 45		Personnel in camp continued on camp construction and cleaning up area.	



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TOROKINA	24 Mar 45	1600	Lt J.F. Aitchison and 30 ORs marched into camp having moved from Green Is by air.	
		1600	A party of 23 ORs rejoined unit from NGDD ex leave.	
GREEN Is	25 Mar 45		Rest day for all personnel other than those required for duty.	
		0745	Party comprising Lt D.J. Wolfenden, Lt G.A. Craigie and 35 ORs embarked 300 ton ship "Evelyn" for Torokina.	
TOROKINA	25 Mar 45		Camp construction and clearing of area were continued during the day.	
		1700	2 ORs marched into camp having moved from Green Is by air.	



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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	26 Mar 45		Camp construction and clearing of area were continued during the day.	
			Advice from received from 2 Aust Corps that this Bn was to mount a picquet each night from 1830 to 0630 at the Pacific Exchange. The picquet strength is 1 NCO & 60Rs .	
		1600	Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd) moved into the camp area having been billeted at 11 Aust Inf Bde HQs.	
		0730	Lt D.J. Wolfenden, Lt G.A. Craigie and 35 ORs B Coy marched into camp having moved from Green Is per "Evelyn".	
			300 tons of stores were carried and unloading commenced at 0730 and continued throughout the day.	
		1700	11 ORs marched into camp having moved from Green Is per air.	

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TOROKINA	27 Mar 45		Further stores were unloaded from the "Evelyn" during the morning. The stores were mainly for RQ and B Coy and as B Coy has now established their coy area, their stores were taken direct to their store tent. Owing to lack of accomodation the other stores were dumped on dunnage and covered by tent flys.	
		1400	Lt Col D.L.B. Goslett MC GSO 1 Ops 2 Aust Corps visited the camp.	
			Advice was received from 2 Aust Corps h that this Bn would relieve 55/53 Aust Inf Bn of the responsibility of the outposts on the Laruma River at	
			No 1 Post ref map Cape Moltke 1" map ref 497951	
			No 2 Post ref map Torokina 1" map ref 548998	
			No 3 Post ref map " 1" " " 571006	

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TOROKINA	27 Mar 45		The object of the patrol is to prevent the possibility of Jap suicidal patrols infiltrating the perimeter. Duration of patrol will be not less than 7 days.	
GREEN Is	27 Mar 45	1000	A Field General Court Martial was held in YMCA. Major Grimshaw President Capt Mackay and Capt Reid were members Lt Shanks Defending Officer Lt Clifton Prosecuting Officer Pte Mansfield was sentenced to 3 months detention " McMillan " " " 4 " "	
	27 Mar 45	1700	Lt D.J. Harte and party of 10 ORs returned from Ambitle Is patrol. No contact was made or signs of enemy were seen. According to native reports it was approx	

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GREEN Is	27 Mar 45	1700	three weeks since the Japs had been there. They brought with them a radio and pers were approx 4 in number.	
	28 Mar 45		Routine Day	
		1800	Party of 11 ORs returned from Ambitle Is.	
TOROKINA	28 Mar 45		Further camp construction and stores checking was carried out during the day.	
		1300	Maj S.W. Pickett (Adm Comd), Lt G.A. Craigie, Int Sgt and three Section Comds inspected two outposts on Laruma River.	
			Owing to the height of the river the party was unable to cross it, and inspect Post No 2.	
			At request of 55/53 Aust Inf Bn, this Bn will	
			relieve the outposts on 29 Mar in lieu of 30 Mar.	

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TOROKINA	28 Mar 45	1630	8 ORs marched into camp from Green Is having moved by air.	
GREEN Is	29 Mar 45	1000	WO 1 Gardiner and 54 ORs moved out by air to Torokina.	This move appears to be another instance of shortsightedness, and forethought, coupled with lack of shipping.
TOROKINA	29 Mar 45		Further camp construction and stores checking was carried out during the day.	
		1000	Further to War Diary 27 and 28 Mar, 2 sections from B Coy relieved 55/53 Aust Inf Bn at Posts 2 and 3. The strength of the sections is 1 NCO and 8 ORs.	The camp area allotted was worth nothing - no sanitary arrangements existed. Movement of the Bn is being carried out by means of anything available. Although a period for trg is envisaged, 11 Bde desire relief on the Numa Numa track at the earliest.  The "Evelyn" has limitations - 300 ton-the Americans at Green
		1300	A third section from B Coy, strength 1 NCO & 8 ORs relieved 55/53 Aust Inf Bn at Post No 1 on the Laruma River.	
			Advice was received from 2 Aust Corps that this Bn would supply picquets until further notice at the Jan Radio	
			Installations, picquet strength 1 NCO and 12 ORs and at	



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TOROKINA	29 Mar 45		Halsey Field, picquet strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs. The tour of duty 1800 - 0630.	would <sup>NOT</sup> lift a water cart on board - so we are obliged to borrow the necessary eqpt to cart water.
		1745	A further party of 1 WO1 and 54 ORs arrived from Green Is having moved by air.	Stores & tps are arriving piece meal - even a single man being put on a plane and delivered to Torokina.
GREEN Is	29 Mar 45	1800	Party of 11 ORs returned from Ambitle Is.	It is wondered why the unit was not given <del>no</del> more warning -
TOROKINA	30 Mar 45		Good Friday - Rest day for all personnel other than those required for duty.	sufficient to pack for the field-move from Green ready to move straight into the hills. The LOB pers being left to convey the remainder of stores etc to
			Capt E.K. Hales QM visited area and supervised layout of HQ Coy. Capt Hales is at present staying at NGDD pending his detachment to 11 Aust Inf Bde as an observer.	Torokina and establish base. Alternately - an advance party to Torokina with necessary accomodation stores to set up kitchens, latrines ablutions etc.
		1600	Lt C.L. Whitrow and 5 ORs rejoined unit from NGDD ex leave.	

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TOROKINA	30 Mar 45	1700	32 ORs marched in from Green Is having moved by air.	
		1730	Lt Col A. Pope ED returned to the unit ex leave and resumed command.	
		1900	Capt I.B. Down (OC B Coy) 3 NCOs and 1 OR rejoined unit, having been detached for three weeks as observers with 11 Aust Inf Bde. During the three weeks, the observers saw action on both the northern and centre sector fronts, and accompanied many patrols	
	31 Mar 45		Further camp construction and stores checking was carried out during the day.	
		0900	D Coy after clearing and preparing area moved in.	
		1200	HQ Coy moved into and established HQ in their new area.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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(Revised Jan., 1943)

9 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

W.E. 11 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 39 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
NR	1	1 9	1 2 9 27 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
NR	1	10	40			1										
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
				A.												
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX2034	Capt	EUKYN A.F.P.	EX 28 AITB	2 Mar 45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX25123	Lt	ROBINSON L.W.		2 Mar 45	leave
SX32806	Capt	RAWLINS H.E.A.		26 Feb 45	"

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 3 / 3 / 1945

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).



Unit

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/3/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

**PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.**

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Signature of Commander

Maj

Adm Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



At 0600 Hrs. Saturday, 27 / 1945 27 Aug 1945 (Unit)

W.E.TT 720/7 OFFRS 53 O.R's 769 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.					
			1	W.Os. Class I.										
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		1	1							
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
				Staff Sergeants										
NR	3		29	Sergeants	2	1	1	3	7	2	AAGO	NR		
NR	7		60	Corporals	1	11	6	8						
56	45		113	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1			15	16	2	AAGO	NR		
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
56	*	56	713	* Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAGO	AAGO	AAPC	POSTAL	AACC	53	*	2	2	*

\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

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**Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.**

[illegible]

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. .... / ..... / 194.....

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsman (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsman (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsman (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsman (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				Crane Dr	-	1	-	Gen duties	3	3	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hyg duties	4	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								IMG Nos &			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Riflemen	397	341	56
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								IMG Nos	22	22	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)				Helmsmen	-	1	-	Mortar Nos	73	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman	-	1	-	Butchers	1	1		Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	10	NR	Pro Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RP's	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	NR	Coach Trimmers				SS's	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Tr A Gun No	19	19	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				USMC 4 COMS	10	9	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY WE			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsman, Signals				BSM 1 RQMS	1	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Pl Sgts	25	22	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		Drs LT	12	12	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					765	715	56
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Att by WE			
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		(see back)	32	32	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	19		CARRIED FORWARD	57	51		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	745	56

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
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3 Mar 45  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



ATTACHED BY WE

Unit

WE POSTED STRENGTH

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

AAAC Chiroprapist  
Hyg Inspector  
Med Orderlies

AAOC Shoemaker  
AA Postal Services - Postal Clerk  
AAPC Pay Clerks  
AACC Caterer  
Cooks

Total

NGO's BY TRADES

W.E.

POSTED STRENGTH

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

WOY WOII S/Sgt Sgt Cpl WOY WOII S/Sgt Sgt Cpl WOY WOII S/Sgt Sgt Cpl

TO 2

Int Duties  
Signallers

TO 3

Clerks  
Tailors  
Storemen Tech

NON SPECIALISTS

LMG Nos & Riflemen

MMG Nos

Mortar Nos

Pioneers

Provosts

SB's

Tk A Gun Nos

REM

ROMS

CSM's

COMS

Pl Sgts

Drs MT

SUPERNUMERARIES

Int Sec

Canteen

Offrs Mess

ATTACHED BY WE

AAAC Chiroprapist  
Hyg Insp  
Med Ord

AAOC Shoemaker  
AAPS Postal Ord  
AAPC Pay Clerks  
AACC Caterer  
Cooks

1

7

5

41

75

1

6

5

36

68

NR

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Date of Despatch

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SUBJECT

CRICKET MATCH AUSTRALIAN XI v NEW ZEALAND XI

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
16 Mar 45

1. A cricket match will be played on Sunday 18 Mar 45 and 25 Mar 45 at NAB Oval. Hours of Play 0830 - 1130 hrs and 1300 - 1600 hrs.

2. AUSTRALIAN TEAM

QUAIL (capt)	Provost
RIX	23 Bde
MACKAY	D Coy
SCHWILKE	A "
DONDEY	B "
COWPER	HQ "
WALLIKER	C "
SIMPSON	C "
SANDERCOCK	Bn HQ
BROWN	D Coy
GREEN	17 Fd Amb
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MARTIN	17 Fd Amb
McHARDY	B Coy

( 12th men)

3. TRANSPORT

B, C, D Coys and Bn HQ report to Bn HQ 0800 hrs  
All other Units and sub units own arrangement.

4. UMPIRES

Maj C.R. SAVELL  
Sgt LEES

5. SCORER

Pte I.H. WALLACE 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Coys and subunits will be responsible for notification of players, umpires and scorer.

U.S.O. Lt  
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

Coy & Bn HQ Sports Offrs	6
2 I/c	1
Adjt	1
U.S.O.	1
23 Bde Amenities Offr	1
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	1
40 Tpt Pl	1
14 Aust Ind Prov Pl	1
File	2



S E C R E T

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
21 Mar 45  
G4/4/1342

Copy No.....2.....

23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 23

INFM

1. ALGAU reports from reliable natives indicate that the JAPS are operating a wireless set on BABASE ISLAND, one of the FENI GP.
2. It appears as though a small det of JAPS remain with the set (probable numbers 4 to 5) on an O P on BABASE. Re-supplies carried out by barge (max enemy troops per trip 10) from NEW IRELAND at irregular intervals to vicinity WARATIMUN.
3. JAPS wireless traffic in clear was intercepted 20 Mar by fighter control GREEN and bearings taken showed the JAP remitting sta to be on a line to FENI.

INTENTION

4. 23 Aust Inf Bde will locate enemy O P on BABASE and destroy.

METHOD

5. Tps - NOT more than one pl 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) with three ~~comp~~pers of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec plus ALGAU guides and police boys.
6. Duration of patrol NOT to exceed 6 days.
7. Action will commence immediately.
8. 23 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for the means of transportation to and from BABASE.
9. Immediately task is completed patrol will return to GREEN.

ADM

10. 14 days rations will be taken.
11. Medical to be determined by 27 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)

INTERCOMN

12. 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will be responsible for comms by No 11 sets from GREEN to AMBITLE.



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13. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be responsible for comms by 208 sets and other means from AMBITLE to BABASE.

14. Task Pl HQs will be on AMBITLE.

15. Wireless silence will be maintained until contact and 208s in comm.

16. ACK.

Signed at 1340 hrs 21 Mar 45.

Issued by LO.

*[Signature]*  
Maj  
DM 23 Aust Inf Bde

D13 TRI-BUTION

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
ANGAU  
Cond  
DM  
SC  
IO  
War Diary  
File

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SECRET

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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
File No Int/19

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT No 3

AS AT 2359 HRS 19 MAR 45

REF MAP GREEN ISLAND 4 INCHES to 1 MILE

SERIAL	ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
1.	Inf	46170	HQ 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	GREEN Is 4 inches to 1 mile	2844126	
2.	"		HQ Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	2974182	1 Offr 22 ORs detached for guard duty 2764152
3.	"		A Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	2534128	
4.	"		B Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	2774127	
5.	"		C Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	2794126	
6.	"		D Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	2854126	2 Offrs 45 ORs detached for guard duty airstrip 2744255
7.	Dental	45697	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	"	2974182	

*[Signature]* Maj  
Adm Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
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AS AT 2359 HRS 19 MAR 45

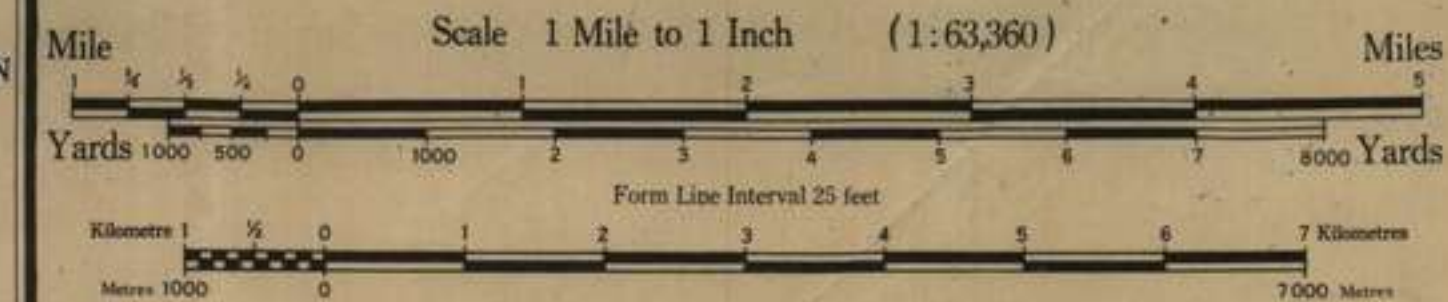
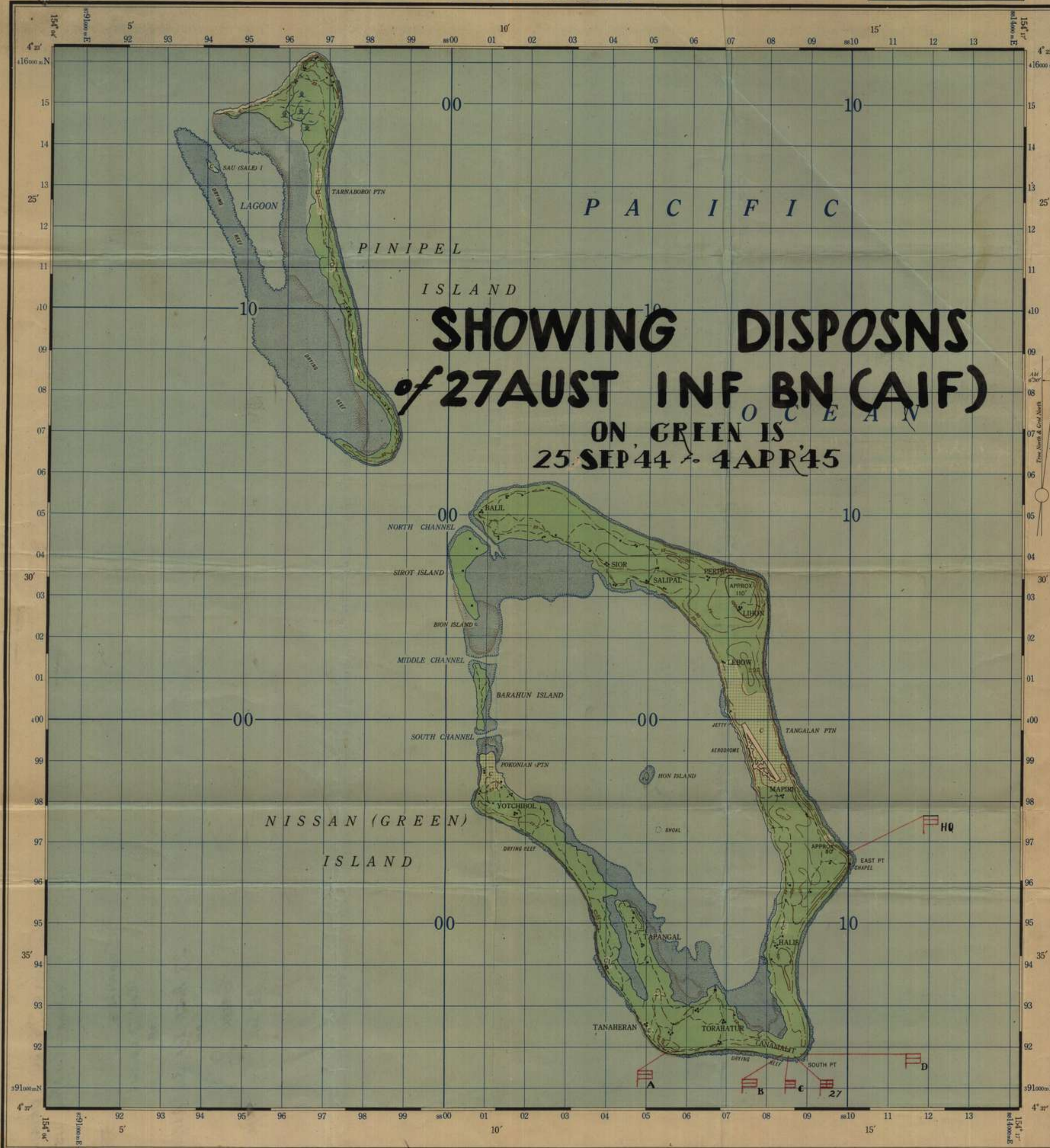
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*Stewart* Maj  
Adm Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



APP A



CONTROL: From Provisional Map N° 60 GREEN ISLANDS 1:63,360 by 955th Engr Topo Co.

COMPILATION: 1 Aust Mob Litho Sec (AIF), Aust Svy Corps from Provisional Map N° 60 GREEN ISLANDS 1:63,360 and FMAC Photo Maps 1:10,000 Nos 470 471 472 473 474 480 481 482 483 484 485 486 487 490 491 492 493 494

REPRODUCTION: 1 Aust Mob Litho Sec (AIF), Aust Svy Corps. Sep 44.

PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic.



Bridge (wood, except where shown otherwise)	
Motor Road	
Jeep Track	
Embankment-Cutting	
Foot Track	
Reported Track	
Telegraph Line	
Aerodrome	
Sea Plane Base	
Cemetery	
Mission Station	
Spot Height	

Trig. Stations and altitude	First Order		905'
	Second		652'
	Third		529'
	Fourth		202'
Astronomical Station			
Native Garden			
Native Village			
Unidentified Native Village			
Buildings			
River or perennial Stream			
Non-perennial Stream			
Fathom Line			
Reef			

Swamp (subject to inundation)	
Spring, Well, Waterhole	
Mangroves	
Jungle or Dense Forest	
Open Forest to Scattered Timber	
Plantation (rubber, coconuts)	
Scrub (Dense to Light)	
Contours-Form Lines (numbers read facing uphill)	
Cliffs	

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET  
Pay no attention to the smaller co-ordinate figures at the corners and in margins. They are for finding full co-ordinates.

PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES AND TO THOSE PRINTED ON THE FACE OF THE MAP

POINT BION ISLAND	
East	North
Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the figure printed opposite this line on east or west margin as on the line itself on the face of the map. Estimate tenths eastwards.	Take north edge of square in which point lies and read the figure printed opposite this line on east or west margin as on the line itself on the face of the map. Estimate tenths northwards.
East 007	North 023
REFERENCE 007023	
Unit	Metre
Square	1000
Reference to nearest	100
Nearest similar reference distant	100 kilometres

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