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27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

APPENDICES

1 APR - 30 APR 45

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CMD 27 AUST. INF. BN. (A.I.F.)

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIAN GULF
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

CAPE MOLTKE

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIAN GULF
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND
TOROKINA

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1:63,360 TOROKINA 1 INCH SERIES
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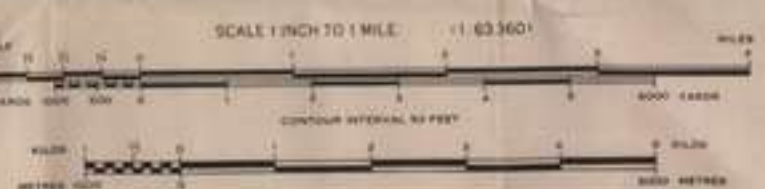


27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
DISPOSITIONS OF BOYS OF PEARL RIDGE
AS AT 30 APR 45

Inf HQ	Inf	87716
"	PL	85704
"	PL	85011
HC Coy		
A Coy	less 7 & 8 pl	
7 Pl		87716
8 Pl		818127
B Coy		868143
C Coy		861189
D Coy		864119
		867127

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
L.C.S. Area
MAP REF 860058

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
CAMP AREA TOROKINA
4 APR - 18 APR 45
BN HQ 84701



CONTROL: Triangulation by 2 Aust. Inf. Coy. (AIF) East New Guinea, 4th of Geographical Coordinates, Naval Astronomical Station at TOROKINA. Lat. 06°12' 18" S. Long. 157°02' 03.3" E.

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MISSIONS: Completed on 15 Apr 45 by 2 Aust. Inf. Coy. (AIF) East New Guinea.

PROJECTION: Lambert Conformal Conic.

ELEVATIONS: Feet. Datum: Mean Sea Level at TOROKINA.

REPRODUCTION: L.H.Q. Cartographic Coy, East New Guinea, May 45.

Motor Road & Bridge	—
Foot Track	—
Reported Track	—
Telegraph Line	—
Aerial	—
Anchorages	—
Astronomical Station	—
Trig. Stations	—
and altitude	—
Spot Height	—
Native Village	—
Reported Native Village	—
Building	—
Mission Station	—



Convergence is given for West & East along alignment is based on True North at Longitude 150° East

C=0°41' 45" C=0°43' 30"

Magnetic Declination from True North for centre of sheet is about 0° 42' E.

Native Garden	—
Dense Jungle Forest	—
Open Forest in	—
Scattered Timber	—
Scrub	—
Savanna	—
Secondary Growth	—
Plantation	—
Mangrove	—
Savanna	—
Savanna	—
River or Stream	—
Road	—
Contour Farm Lines	—
Cliffs	—
Sand	—

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S E C R E T

DATE 14 Apr 45COPY No 2527 AUST INF BN (AIF) O.O. No 1

<u>REF MAPS</u>	KOWARA	1/25000
	IBU	1/25000
	RURAVO	1/25000
	PIPIPAIA	1/25000
	NUMA NUMA	1/25000
	TEIHUP	1/25000

INFORMATION1. Enemy

(a) Scattered enemy outposts north of PEARL RIDGE.

Main outposts	BASE PT 3	Estimated Strength	30/40 Japs
	WEARNES	Estimated Strength	40/50 Japs
	IBU	Estimated Strength	35/40 Japs

(b) Main Concentration in NUMA NUMA area.

Estimated Strength	Central Sector -	Combat 1100)	1 Apr
		Base 380)	45

(c) Patrolling NIL

2. Own Tps

31/51 Bn and Attached Tps are in occupation of NUMA NUMA Trail up to and incl PEARL RIDGE.

Extensive patrolling has been carried out, and many Japs killed.

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is temporarily under comd 11 Aust Inf Bde.

3. Tps under Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

10 Bty	4 Aust Fd Regt
One Pl	101 Sp Coy
One Pl	16 Aust Fd Coy (to be replaced by Pl 23 Fd Coy)
One Coy	8 Aust Fd Amb (to be replaced by 7 Fd Amb)
Det	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
Det	243 Sup Pl
Det	2/108 LAD
Det	14 Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
82 ADU	
One Pl	NGIB

INTENTION

4. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and attached tps will relieve 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

5. Relief will be carried out in accordance with Movement Table attached as Appx "A".

6. Comd of Posts Offrs and NCO's detailed as OC Posts, will assume comd of all tps (incl attached) in the post.

7. Sub Unit Areas As per overlay issued as Appx "P".

ADM

8. LOB

(a) Comd - Maj C.R. SAVELL

Responsibilities

- (i) Discipline and Trg of personnel in Area.
- (ii) Security of Stores etc.
- (iii) Control and supervision of Unit tpt.
- (iv) Receipt from GDD of Personnel marching in from leave or X List. He will forward to Rear HQ a nominal roll of all such personnel immediately following their arrival.
- (v) Improvement of LOB area.
- (vi) Purchasing of Canteen supplies, and forwarding to Road Head.
- (vii) All existing orders appertaining to daily weapon trg, T'sOET, Malarial and medical precautions etc. will apply.

(b) Personnel

				<u>Duties</u>
SX25247	Sgt	DINHAM	H.H.	CQMS & Tech Sgt
SX25252	"	HYNES	T.J.	Caterer & Cook
SX27870	Pte	PFEFFER	H.E.	Tech Storeman
SX39860	"	NUTTER	R.W.	Storeman
NX107010	L/Cpl	BARNETT	A.	Hygiene
A. B. C. D.	Coys		1 NCO 2 Ptes	NCO's in charge
Pnr P1 2 ORs	Sig P1 2 ORs		SB 1 OR	LOB Stores

(c) Tpt

NCO I/c - NX101700 Cpl BLACK W.E. "D" Coy
 Drs - 8 ORs
 All Unit Tpt, less 2 jeeps and trailers, will be located in the area.

(d) Stores

- (i) All stores not required forward will be stored in the area.
- (ii) Bn HQ and Coys will have all such stores packed ready for transport to the area, by 131200L. Each case will be clearly marked with Coy serial No.
- (iii) A return will be submitted at the same time to QM setting out -

No of cases, with dimensions and weight
 (approx)
 An inventory for each case.

9. Rations

Rations at present in areas occupied by 31/51 Bn will be taken over by Q representative of each post.

Unconsumed portion of days ration (in haversack, lunch form), will be carried by personnel on day of movement, in addition to emergency ration.

10. Amn

- (a) On the man As per S O for Battle, Sec VI para 2 (c), except -
50 rounds per rifleman instead of 100 rounds.
No Grenades.
Magazines will be carried empty.
- (b) Unit holdings Unit WE Amn ONLY will be handed over to 31/51 Bn.
- (c) WE All Amn in 31/51 Bn areas, will be taken over by QM.

11. Stores

- (a) LMG, MMG and Mortars 2" & 3" will be conveyed from Roadhead by native portorage. Therefore, all such will be well oiled, and carefully wrapped and tied in old clothing etc., and clearly marked with sub unit name and post number.
- (b) All other stores (i.e. Sigs, RAP, Bn HQ, Armourer, Postal, Pay etc.) will be similarly conveyed.
- (c) All such stores will be done up in boy loads of 35 lb, or combination of parcels to that weight.

12. Dress

- (a) As per S O for Battle Sec X para 7 (b), less one suit green uniform, plus stretcher top and half shelter.
- (b) One suit greens, plus other personal gear not required, will be bagged in a sandbag, suitably labelled, and sent to LOB area through COMS. It is suggested that the BEST suit be stored, against the time when unit is relieved, or personnel are marched out of unit.
- (c) Stretcher frames will be withdrawn by Coys, tied in bundles of 10 and sent to LOB area through QM.

13. Medical

- (a) All ranks will be in possession of Individual First Aid Kit, complete with 24 Atabrin tablets.
- (b) Individual Water sterilizing outfits will be carried.
- (c) The provisions of Sec IX SO for Battle will apply, with the exception of paras 4 & 10. Attention is drawn to the amendment of para 11.
- (d) Daily skin inspections will be carried out as here-to-fore.
- (e) Water - Attention is drawn to SO for Battle Sec IX (Water Discipline).
- (f) Appx A to the above sec of SO for Battle, will be issued in new area.
- (g) Distribution of RAP personnel will be subject of amendment, and will be notified.

14. Sanitation & Hygiene

(a) As per SO for Battle, Sec IX.

15. Accomodation Stores Etc

(a) Accomodation stores will be taken over in situ, by Post Comds. In advance Q representative for each post will precede the move, and move to 31/51 area.

(b) Q representative for each post, will in co-operation with representative 31/51 Bn, prepare handing over certifi ready for signature of post cmd. Three copies of the certificate will be made out. They will be used as follow

(i) One, unsigned, handed to Bn Q Representative (ROM who will forward all certificates to QM at TOROKI as quickly as possible.

(ii) Two retained for signature of outgoing and incomi OC's - who upon signing, will each forward one to respective QM's.

(iii) QM will arrange for such items as are being taken over - to be replaced in present area, and handed over to representative of 31/51 Bn.

INTERCOMN

16. As per 11 Bde Sig plan issued as Appx 'D' (less 11 Set at KEENANS RIDGE) Appts Code will be issued separately. Bn HQ closes present location Map Ref 548933 TOROKINA 1/63360 re-opens at Map Ref 679114 KOWARO SHEET 1/25000 at

AGK

Method of issue - Runner

Time of signature 17 Apr 45

J.S.P. Lt
Adj. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CORRIGENDA

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) OO No 1 14 Apr 45

Ref Para 3 Delete 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt.

Add new para - 3 (A) Tps in Sp
10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt.

Add to para 5 All accomodation stores, less cooking gear, will be handed over on reciprocal basis.

Add new para 7(A) (a) One Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE will replace 2 Pl 16 Aust Fd Coy RAE on 16 Apr 45.

(b) 243 Sup Dep Pl will relieve 222 Sup Depot Pl on 18 Apr 45.
222 Sup Depot Pl will withdraw all stores and eqpt except tarpaulins and requisite depot appliance, which will be transferred on reciprocal basis.

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No</u>					
	O.O.	Appx A	B	C	D (Sig Plan)	Trace P
HQ Coy	1	1	1	1		1
2 Pl	2	2	2			
3 Pl	3	3	3			
4 Pl	4	4	4			
5 Pl	5	5	5			
A Coy	6	6	6	2	1	2
B "	7	7	7	3	2	3
C "	8	8	8	4	3	4
D "	9	9	9	5	4	5
10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	10					
Pl 701 Sp Coy	11					
Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb	12					
203 Sup Dep Pl	13					
CO	14	10	10	6		
2 I/c	15	11	11	7		
I.O.	16	12	12	8	5	
Sig O	17	13	13	9		
QM	18	14	14	10	6	6
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	19		15			
31/51 Aust Inf Bn	20		16			
23 Aust Inf Bde	21	15	17	11		
File	(22	16	18	12	7	7
	(23	17	19	13	8	8
War Diary	(24	18	20	14	9	9
	(25	19	21	15	10	10

APPX "A"

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) - MOVEMENT TABLE

SECRET
Date 14 Apr 45

Serial No.	Date	Sub-unit and Pers.	Allotment Veh	Stores	Allotment Veh	Boy Loads	Assembly Areas	Time in Assembly Area	Time leave Assembly Area	Remarks
15 Apr 45		Q Party								
		WO in charge RQMS								
		Post 7 CQMS B Coy								
		" 6 " D "								
		" 5 " C "								
		" 4 " A "		NIL			Bn HQ Parade Gd	0640	0645	
		(Plus Sgt POMEROY for Bn HQ)								
		Post 3) CQMS &								
		" 2) 2 NCOs								
		" 1) HQ Coy								
		Keenans Pl Sgt 8 Pl								
		Choco " " 7 Pl								
		Road Head (WO II TUFFIN (Sgt BOYD)								
		Sig Party								
		Post 4 L/Sgt MARSHALL								
		(BnHQ) Pte BERRY								
		" DOHERTY								
		Roadhead Cpl SIMON								
		Pte KENNEWELL								
		" GRANT								
		Post 4(A Coy) Pte HALL G.								
		" 5(C ") " RUSSELL								
		" 6(D ") " LEONARD								
		" 7(B ") " GALLMAN								
			23	2x3T						
								0640	0645	Guide to meet truck at Bn HQ. Veh to be loaded Hq Coy area and return Bn HQ.

er- al o	Date	Sub-Unit	or	Pers	Allot- ment Veh	Stores	Allot- ment Veh	Boy Loads	Assem- bly Area	Time in As- sembly Area	Time leave Assem- bly Area	Remarks	
	16 Apr	Adv Party											
	45	CO	Adj	IO		3)		Bn Hq Stores		28			
			1	Clerk		1)	2						
			3	Batmen		3)		3 MMG & Ass. stores 542 lbs		16			
			2	Pl (less KEENANS Ridge Sub Sec)		23)			Hq Coy Area	0600	0645	1 Sub Sec D Coy Pl Hq and 1 Sec B Coy	
			3	Pl (Less KEENANS Ridge Det)	1	40)		7 Mortars & Associate Stores		37		4 Dets B Coy 1 Det D Coy. 1 Det D Coy 1 Det A Coy	
			4	Pl 1 NCO & 1 Pte		2)	3						
			5	Pl 1 NCO Post 3		1)							
			6	Pl Pte THOMAS Post 1		1)			2				
				" HEAVER		1)							
				OC A Coy									
				Batman	1	4)							
				1 NCO per Pl)							
				OC B Coy)							
				Batman)							
				1 NCO per Pl	1	4)	2						
				OC C Coy)							
				Batman)							
				1 NCO per Pl	1	4)							
				OC D Coy)							
				Batman)			Hq Coy Area				
				1 NCO per Pl	1	4)							
				Bde Sig Sec Det		2)		No 11 Set Batter- ies. Charger etc.		16		Batmen will act as guide for main body and will meet tps at BARGES. 18 Apr NCOs will guide Pls into Pl position on arrival at Coy areas	
	17 Apr	KEENANS RIDGE											
	45	Relief Party											
				No 5 Pl A Coy	1	24		Pl Stores		8		A Coy in own Area	
				Sig HALL E.G.									
				" CARROLL W.J.		2							
				No 2 Sub Sec 2 Pl & Pte PASCO (Ord)		8	3	MMG & Ass. Stores 200 lbs	1	6	0600	0645	Remainder
				No 1 Det 3 Pl		5		1 Mortar & Ass. Stores		5			Bn Hq
				SB Pte MATTHEWS		1							
				Cook Pte MURRAY L.		1		Medical Kit 20 lbs		1			

Serial	Date	Sub-Unit & Pers	Allot- ment Veh	Stores	Allot- ment Veh	Boy Load	Assemb- ly Areas	Time in As- sembly Area	Time leave Assem- bly Area	Remarks		
4	17 Apr	CHOCO Relief Party										
45		No 7 Pl A Coy Sigs Bott I.F. Small J. SB Pte PURGES G.H. Cook Pte McLEAN N.P.	1	26 2 1 1	2		Pl Stores Medical Kit 20 lbs	10 1	A Coy own Area Remainder Bn Hq	0630 0700	Stores carried in pers Veh	
5	17 Apr	HUNTS HILL Party										
45		No 12 Pl B Coy 1 SB Pte BROWN C.W.	1	28 1	2		Pl Stores Med Kit 20 lbs	6 1	B Coy area	0630 0715	Stores carried in pers veh	
6	18 Apr	Main Body										
45		Post 7 Balance leas Rear Party B Coy Post 6 Party D Coy Post 5 " C Coy Post 4 Bn HQ Party A Coy Post 3 Party) Post 2)HQ Coy Post 1)	2 3 2 1	60 94 41 42 37	4 6 3 3 3		Coy Stores) Coy Stores) Coy Stores Med Stores & Bn) Hq Stores) Pl & CHQ Stores)	1 1 1 1	34 36 37 20 19	Coy Areas Bn Hq IN Bn Hq Area	0600 0645 0600 0700 0600 0715 0630 0730 0700 0745	Also Hq Coy Stores
			2	68	5		Coy stores 450 lbs	15		0700 0800	Stores carried in C Coy Stores. veh move with Hq Coy	
7	19 Apr	Rear Party										
45		A Coy 1 NCO & 6 Ptes " " " " " " " " Hq " Br. Hq 1 RP Pte PERRY	1	7 7 47 7 7 1				1	Bn Hq	0630 0645	Offr in charge Lt FWG RYAN	

GUIDES RP's will meet vehicles on road opposite D Coy area and guide them to respective Coy areas.
NCOs from Coys (shown in Serial 2 will meet tps at BARGES on 18 Apr and guide them to
respective posts.

METHOD OF MOVEMENT Tpt to Roadhead, thence march route.

SECRET

Appx "B"
to 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
OO No 1

Date 14 Apr 45

Copy No _____

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) & ATTACHED TPS

DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL

POS	COLO	27 AUST INF BN (AIF)		TOTAL	ATT TPS	TOTAL	POST TOTAL
L.C.B.	Ma, G.R.SAVELL	Sgt DINHAM	QMS & Tech Storeman	1			
		Sgt HYNES	Cook	1			
		Pte PLEFFER	Tech Storeman	1			
		" NUTTER	Storeman	1			
		L/Cpl BARNETT	Hygiene	1			
		Pte JARRETT	Pnr Pl	2			
		" THOMAS					
		Cpl BLACK & 8 Drs	- Tpt Pl	9			
		Pte BONNING	Sig Pl	2			
		" MURPHY					
		" SANFORD					
		A.B.C.D. Coys each	1 NCO 2 Ptes	12			
				1	31		1 31
Road-head	Operational OC 10 Bty 4 Fd Regt	Rear Bn HQ	A/Adjnt Cpl Clerk	1	1	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	7 117
	Maintenance - Etc		Clerks (2) Sigs (8)		10	16 Aust Fd Coy RAE	1 36
	Capt E.K. MALES	Q Pl	Postal & Pay Sgts		2	Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb	3 64
			Batman		1	243 Sup Pl	1 10
			RPs		4	Pl 101 Sp Coy	2
			QM Batman			72 ADU	1 4
			QMS Butcher			23 Bde Ann Examiner	1
			Caterer Hygiene & Water			14 Indep Bde Gp Pro	4
			Sgt & Water				
			Cpl Tailors Gen Duties				
			Cpl Shoemaker Ration				
			Tech Storeman Storeman				
			Clerk Cooks (2)				
			Equipment Repairer				
			Driver Storeman 1		17		
		SB			1		
		Pnr Pl	1 Storeman		1		
		4 (TK A) Pl			20		
				2	57		
						13 238	15 295

ST	COMD	27 AUST INF BN (AIF)	TOTAL	ATT TPS	TOTAL	POST TOTAL		
ST 1	Lt W.E. WIGLEY	TO	1	16 Aust Fd Coy RAE Dr	1			
		Drivers (5)	5	Sappers	2			
		Hygiene & Water		LAD Mech MV	1			
		Duties Pte JOHNSON		8 Aust Fd Amb	5			
		" HARRISON	2	101 Sp Coy Dr	1			
		Cook (for Posts 1 & 2)	1	Sup Pl "	1			
		<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>11</u>	1 19		
POST 2	Lt W.E. WIGLEY	No 1 Sec Pnr Pl		16 Aust Fd Coy RAE				
		Incl 1 Carpenter	1	1 Sec	8			
		SB	1					
		<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>8</u>	16		
POST 3	WO II GARDNER	HQ.HQ Coy CSM CQMS		LAD Armourers	2			
		OR Cpl Store-						
		man Cook	5					
		Pnr Pl (less one sec)	1	19				
		Hygiene Duty		1				
		SB		1				
		Bn Armourer Sgt & Asst		2				
		<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>		<u>2</u>	1 30		
POST 4 "GEORGE HILL"	CO	Adv Bn HQ CO Adjnt RSM	2	4 Aust Fd Regt (10 Bty)				
		& Batmen		BC & Batman	1	1		
		OR Sgt Clerk		Sigs		2		
		Mess Ord		23 Aust Fd Coy RAE	1	1		
		Hygiene Sgt		OC & Batman				
		Int Sec	1	8 Aust Fd Amb	1	4		
		Sigs		23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		2		
		Cooks						
		RP's Sgt & 2		3				
				<u>3</u>	<u>30</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>10</u> 6 40
		POST 4 "LITTLE GEORGE HILL"	Capt A.F.P. LUKYN (Def Offr for Post 4)	A Coy (less 7 & 8 Pls	2	39		
One Det Mortars				5				
Sigs				2				
SBs				2				
Cooks				2				
		<u>2</u>	<u>50</u>			2 50		

POST	COMD	27 AUST INF BN (AIF)	TOTAL	ATT TPS	TOTAL	POST TGN
POST 5	Capt T.W. McGEE	C Coy Sigs Int Sec One Det Mortars SB's Hygiene & Water Duties Cooks	4 92 2 1 5 3 1 3			4 107
POST 5½	Lt BICKWORTH 101 Sp Coy			Pl 101 Sp Coy One Sec 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE	2 38 7	2 45
POST 6	Capt T.S. MILNE	D Coy Sigs One Sub Sec MMG (incl 1 Orderly) One Det Mortars SB's RAP (incl RMO) Int Sec Cooks (incl Pte FITTS)	4 94 2 6 6 3 4 1 1 4	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt 8 Aust Fd Amb	3 10 1 4	9 134
POST 7	Capt I.B. DOWN	B Coy Sigs 2 Pl HQ, R/Taker & No 2 Sec 3 Pl (less 4 dets) SB's Int Sec Cooks	4 94 2 18 24 4 1 4	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	1 5	6 146
CHOCO	Lt M.G. CARMICHAEL	No 7 Pl A Coy Sigs SB Cook	1 26 2 1 1			1 30

ST	COMD	27 AUST INF BN (AIF)	TOTAL	ATT TPS	TOTAL	POST TOTAL
ENAN's	Lt C.M. CLIFTON	No 8 Pl A Coy	1	24		
DGE		One Sub sec MMG (incl Orderly)		8		
		One Det Mortars		5		
		Sigs		2		
		SB		1		
		Int Sec		1		
		Cook		1		
			<u>1</u>	<u>42</u>		
						1 42

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CROSSING

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

NOTE:- Figures are approximate only.

DISTRIBUTION - "SIGNAL PL" "S.Bs."

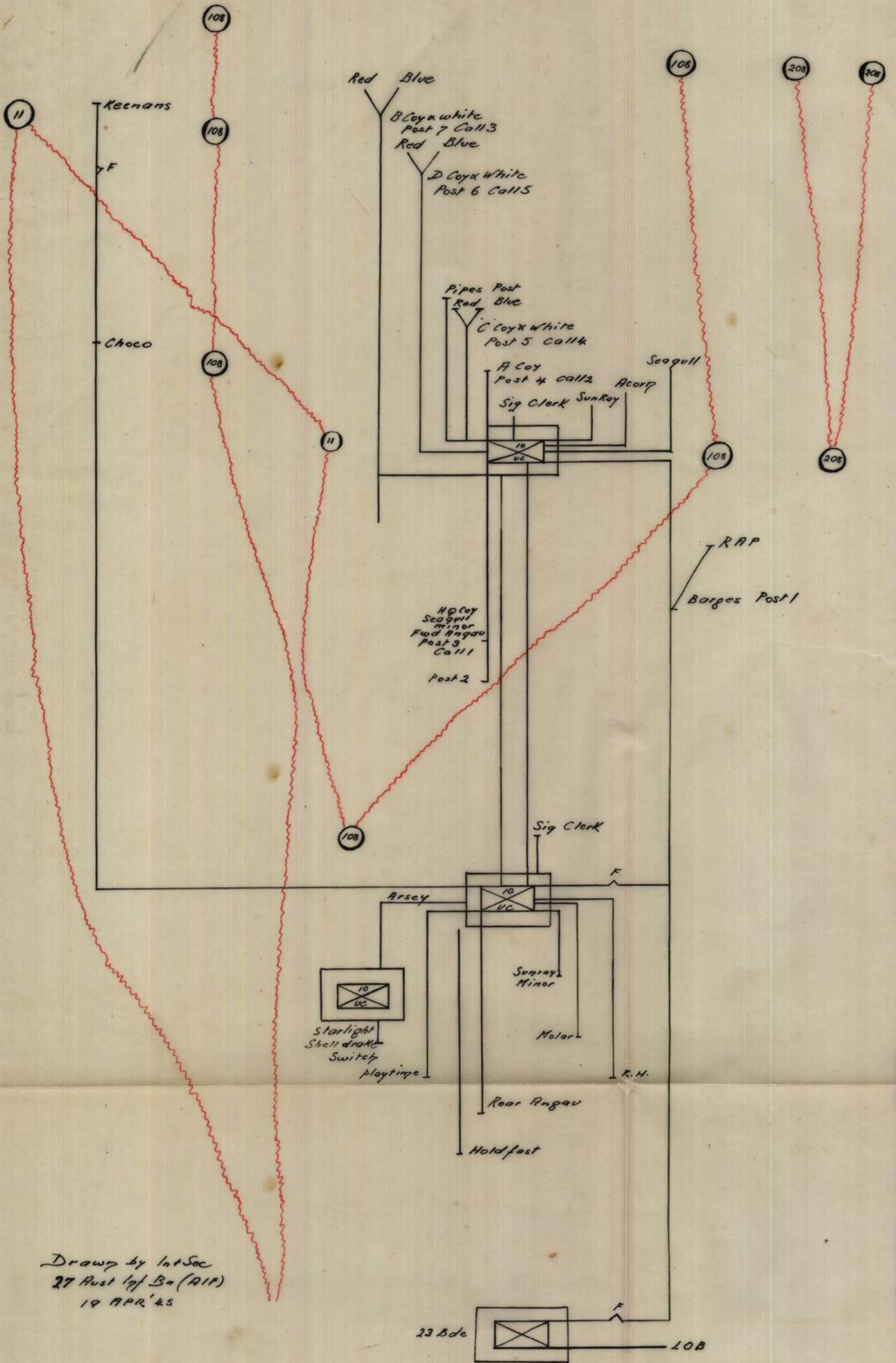
	Signal Pl	SB's
Road Head	Cpl SIMON A.N. Pte HORAN B.V.) " KENNEWELL J.G.) Operators " FORD J.) Switch & " CARTER R.) Fuller- phone " SIMS C.E.) Linesmen " O'BRIEN P.J.) " O'DONNELL W.A. Sig Clerk	Pte WARD C.
Post 1	-	Pte SELBY R.L.
Post 2	-	-
Post 3	-	Pte PUNTER T.
Post 4 Bn HQ	Sgt ROWETT H.J.C. L/Sgt MARSHALL C.F. L/Cpl GARDNER A.R. " KEDWELL J. Pte BERRY M.K.) Operators " DOHERTY K.M.) Switch & " BRADLEY R.E.) Fuller- " GRIFFIN R.K.) phone " HILL C. Mechanic " HOWARD J.D.) " GOSDEN F.V.) Linesmen " GRIFFITHS G.M. Sig Clerk " LOW G.M. " GRANT E.J.	
Post 4 A Coy	Pte BURFORD L.A. " DRENNAN J.E.	Pte GAY D.E. " McINNES K.
Post 7 B Coy	Pte GALLMAN H.R. " WELLMAN H.E.	Pte BROWN C.W. " BEAGLEHOLE E.I. " VENN B. L/Cpl GABB W.R.
Post 5 C Coy	Pte NICKS F.R. " RUSSELL P.E.	Pte ROBERTS R.C. " WORDLEY D.G. " WHITTERON R.S.
Post 6 D Coy	Pte MATTHEWS L.E. " LEONARD A.J.A.	Pte THOMAS E.P. " RYAN G.J. " THOMSON W.S. <u>R.A.P.</u> RMO Sgt HAWTHORNE G.M. " SKEWES G.S. Cpl BETTERMAN R.J. Pte BRIDGMAN K.
KEENAN'S	Pte HALL E.C.) Fullerphone " CARROLL W.J.) & 208W/T	Pte MATTHEWS
CHOCO	Pte BOTT I.F.) Fullerphone " SMALL J.) & 208 W/T	Pte BURGESS G.H.
LOB	Pte BONNING R.G. " MURPHY D.J.	Pte SANFORD F.J.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment for both Sig Pl and SB's will be allotted by Sig Sgt and RAP Sgt.

SIGNAL DIAGRAM

APPX 10



Drawn by IntSec
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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OVERLAY

Showing Location and Dispositions of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 NUMU NUMU TRAIL (Peard Ridge Area)

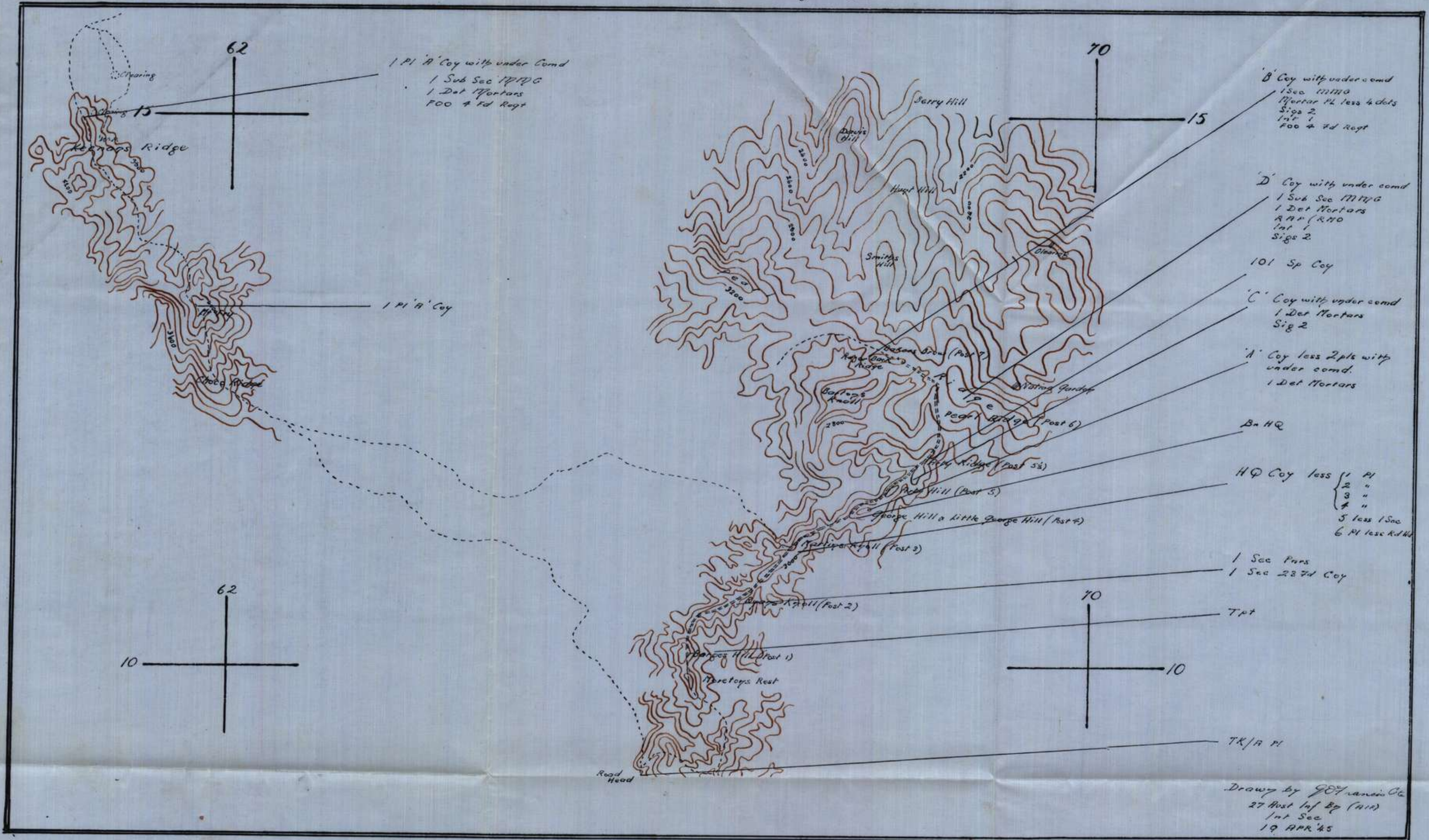
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App C

Ref Map KOWARA
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1. SCOPE

This instr applies whilst the unit is on ops on the CENTRAL SECTOR. It will be read in conjunction with 00 No 1 and SO for Battle.

2. WATER POINT

Situated at post 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and consists of pump and 2 x 400 gal tanks. This water is NOT to be taken by passing tps. Water is delivered by water trailer to all posts except Post 7 which has a pump installed. Coys will make provision for storage of reserve water. Supplies of 44 gal drums will be issued as available.

3. SANITATION & HYGIENE

Latrines - will be deep trench type, and will be screened.
Urinals - funnels - will be installed - scale 1 per 20 men.

4. RETURNS

- (a) Reserve Rations - report will be rendered by coys by 1200 hrs on Saturdays showing stocks held and condition of same.
- (b) Amn - Return will be rendered to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs daily showing holdings and expenditure.
- (c) Strength Return - 1800 hrs daily
- (d) MPT - see para 5 Medical
- (e) Kit Inspections - Fortnightly as previously

5. MEDICAL

I. RMO will render weekly report on physical and medical standard of coys, and efficiency of SBs.

II. Malaria Precautions

- (a) Immediately at conclusion of daily Atebrin parades, sub-unit comds will complete C2136 showing MPT and details e.g.:-

From Post No 1
To A Coy

Q1 @ MPT except 1 NCO 6 OR on patrol.

- (b) Signal will immediately be phoned to Coy HQ, who in turn will consolidate and phone infm to Bn HQ in form of message - e.g.

From A Coy
To Bn HQ

A1 @ MPT except 3 NCO 24 OR on patrol.

- (c) Confirmation by written message will be forwarded to Bn HQ by first available means.
- (d) Atebrin rolls will be kept by Sub-unit comds.
- (e) Detachments on patrol will maintain Atebrin Rolls, which will be submitted to Sub-unit cmd immediately on return, for checking.

Infm will then be phoned to Coy HQ as per example:-

From Post No 1
To A Coy

Q2 @ MPT by patrol 20 to 25 Apr incl

Action as per (b) and (e) will then be taken by Coy HQ.

III. SO for Battle appx "A" attached.

6. DRESS

- (a) Shirts will NOT be removed except for carrying out ablutions or showers.
- (b) Hats, Khaki fur will be worn at all times, in the correct manner.
Puggarees and colour patches will be removed.
Hatbands will be issued.
If hatbands are NOT available, puggarees will be worn without colour patches, until such time as hatbands become available.
- (c) Berets will be worn on patrols only, and NOT at any other time, and will be withdrawn on completion of patrol.

7. DISCIPLINE

A high standard of discipline will be maintained at all times. Tps will salute Offrs at all times except when in active ops.

8. PAYBOOKS & AAB 83

- (a) Paybooks will be withdrawn from pers by 1700 hrs on day of completion of relief, and will be held in Coy Orderly Rooms.
- (b) AAB 83 will be withdrawn at same time, and will be forwarded to Bn HQ in Coy lots.
- (c) OC Coys will ensure that Paybooks are handed to casualties being evacuated. Rear Bn HQ will issue AAB 83, and check such casualties for Paybooks.
- (d) In event of casualties NOT being able to collect paybooks, OC Coy will forward same to Bn HQ as soon as possible.
- (e) Asst Adjt will check Casualties passing through Roadhead to ensure that they are in possession of AAB83 & paybook.

9. PAY

- (a) Will be fortnightly as previously.
- (b) Requisitions for cash will be forwarded to Pay Sgt. at Roadhead 2 days prior to pay day.
- (c) P & O Cpls will prepare acquittance rolls.
- (d) 1 Officer detailed by Bn HQ as Paying Officer will collect cash from Roadhead on pay day.
- (e) Pay will be acquitted as soon as possible,

10. POSTAL

- (a) Postal Sgt located at Roadhead.
- (b) Outwards mail will be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1000 hrs daily.
- (c) Inwards mail will be distributed from Bn HQ as and when available.

11. NATIVES

- (a) Native compounds are strictly out of bounds.
- (b) NO trading will be done, and natives will NOT be rewarded for any services rendered.
- (c) Tps will NOT converse with natives except in the course of duty.
- (d) These orders will be strictly enforced.

12. TPT

- (a) Speed limit will be 10 MPH at all times.
- (b) High standard of maintenance will be observed - this is vitally necessary in this area.

- (c) Vehs
4 Jeeps and 2 Watercarts will be grounded at LOB Area. Opportunity will be taken to send these to LAD or Wkshops for overhaul.
4 Jeeps and 1 watercart available for service in LOB area. Vehs returned from LAD or Wkshops after overhaul will replace vehs in service, which in turn will be evacuated for overhaul.
- (d) Pers
1 dr located at Roadhead, plus Pte HARRIS R.J. (responsible for lighting plant)
OO Tpt, batman, storeman and 2 drs at Post No 1
8 drs (incl Cpl) and clerk at LOB area.

13. BAND INSTRUMENTS

SBs will take pipes and will ensure maintenance of same. SB in LOB area will be responsible for maintenance of drums.

14. ROAD MAINTENANCE

Coys will be allotted section of road to maintain. Maintenance daily or as necessary. Pioneer or Engr assistance may be obtained on application to Bn HQ.
Drs will avoid unnecessary wear on roads.

15. BOUNDS

Bn HQ area is out of bounds to all ranks except when on duty.

16. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- (a) Equipment will be replaced on demand. US webbing equipment will be evacuated through COMS to Roadhead for repairs.
(b) Clothing will be replaced on demand once per fortnight on kit inspection as previously. Clothing which has become US on patrols will be replaced immediately on demand.

17. WEAPONS

High standard of maintenance will be observed at all times. Losses will be reported to Bn HQ immediately by phone, to be followed by confirmation in writing.

18. DUTY OFFERS

Detailed daily by coys and Bn HQ.
Will be on duty in orderly rooms overnight.

19. CANTEEN

Coys requisition for supplies on Bn Canteen at Roadhead, by 1830 hrs on day allotted for ordering (to be notified later) Supplies will be forwarded to posts in 35 lb boy loads.

20. ROUTINE

- | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------|
| (a) | Breakfast | 0800 hrs |
| (b) | Lunch | 1230 " |
| (c) | Tea | 1730 " |
| (d) | Atebrin Pde | 1800 " |

No lights or fires will be lit between stand to at 1845 hrs and 0545 hrs except those lights which are authorised in coy orderly rooms and rec rooms which will be strictly blacked out.

A. J. Roberts
Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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W.D.	14 - 15

TIMINGS FOR PREVENTIVE ACTION

(Variations in times following moves from one area to another will be notified as necessary)

The necessary information to complete this appx will be issued by the Adjt immediately upon arrival in a prescribed area.

1. Hours of daylight 0615 hrs to 1915 hrs
2. Hours of darkness 1915 hrs to 0615 hrs
3. Daily anti-malarial precautions muster parade 1800 hrs.
4. Daily dose of atebirin 1 tablets
5. Time for re-application of mosquito repellent lotion
3 hourly from == hrs.
6. Shirt sleeves may be) rolled up during daylight
~~will not be)~~
hours in CENTRAL SECTOR area
7. Clothing may be removed in POST area for the
purpose of washing, bathing or swimming (where permitted) between
0830 hrs and 1700 hrs daily.
8. All tents and buildings will be sprayed with mosquito spray
daily at == hrs.

SECRET

Date 14 APR 1945

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27 AUST INF BN (AIF) OPERATION INST NO 1

Issued in conjunction with OO No 1 14 Apr 45

1. ROLE

- (a) Pending receipt of orders, the role of the Bn will be in static posn, confined to fighting and recce patrols.
- (b) No advance of present def lines will be made without approval 11 Aust Inf Bde in the first instance, and 23 Aust Inf Bde when it takes over from 11 Bde.

2. PATROL POLICY

- (a) Both recce and fighting patrols will normally be accompanied by native guides.
- (b) Recce patrols will confine themselves to the gaining of infm, but will at all times be equipped to defend itself or make a clean getaway.
- (c) Fighting patrols. Strength of fighting patrols will be as ordered. They will act vigorously, with the object of gaining infm - and inflicting the greatest possible number of casualties on the enemy, with absolute minimum to own tps. A fighting patrol in danger of becoming involved with a much superior force, will withdraw to its base.

3. DEF POSNS

- (a) Present def posns will be improved both tactically and from a sanitation point of view.
- (b) Weapon pits will be sited on a much wider perimeter. Alternative posns will be prepared.
- (c) Existing wire will be removed.
- (d) Fields of fire will be cut to 40 yds of edge of perimeter.
- (e) Booby traps will be laid just before dusk and removed after stand down on the following day. They will be sighted in order to give due warning of any approach by enemy, and NOT with a view to causing enemy casualties. To this end, instantaneous fuzes will NOT be used.
- (f) Sleeping quarters will be improved, and no overhead cover, except canvas, will be used.
- (g) Latrines and urinals, where necessary, will be redug and screened.
- (h) All tins, rubbish etc will be buried.
- (j) The areas will be drained sufficiently to carry off any water and prevent erosion.
- (k) The area around all adm posts will be laid out for def, weapon pits etc dug. Pers in such posts will be detailed to weapon pits, and will man them in case of alarm or attack.
- (l) Stand To - Stand Down . a.m. 0545-0645 hrs
1845-1945 hrs

4. SECURITY

- (a) Ration and other parties moving out to Keenan's Ridge, Choco- Hunts Hill will always be adequately escorted.
- (b) Security of all posts both day and night, will be the responsibility of the Post Comd. In fwd areas (posts 4 5 6 & 7) at least 2 men per sec will be on the alert in the hours of darkness.
- (c) Standing patrols, where used, will be posted at "Stand Down" in the morning, and withdrawn at "Stand To" in the evening.
- (d) There will be no movement outside of the perimeter in the hours of darkness.
- (e) At no time will pers out of their perimeter, be without arms.
- (f) No fires or lights will be used in the hours of darkness, unless entirely screened from the outside of the perimeter, and no reflection shall occur overhead. All billets will be designed so that a complete blackout can be effected.
- (g) All incoming mail will have envelopes removed and destroyed before being issued.

(h) No member of a patrol shall carry any private or other papers or articles, which would, if captured, establish identity of the unit.

(j) All unnecessary noise in hours of darkness will be eliminated.

5. TREATMENT OF NATIVES

- (a) Patrols will usually be accompanied by natives.
- (b) It will be the responsibility of patrol leaders to bring back any native attached to him, dead or alive.
- (c) Natives will NOT be given any rewards of any description, even cigarettes.
- (d) Native compounds are out of bounds, and conversation with natives, except in the course of duty will not take place.

6. MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS & AMN

- (a) The highest standard of maintenance will be maintained at all times. A daily check and examination of all weapons will be carried out by sub unit comds. Magazines will be cleaned and oiled daily.
- (b) All amn in site will be examined weekly, checked, and a return forwarded to Bn HQ, as per Adm Instn No 1. Grenades will be cleaned and greased frequently.
- (c) Amn stocks will be turned over as stocks are replenished.

7. TRAINING

- (a) No opportunity will be lost in the furtherance of training.
- (b) Daily practice in handling of rifles, LMG, OSMG etc will be carried out.
- (c) TOET in all subjects will be carried out continuously. All pers will be tested by the last day of each month.
- (d) A 25 yd range has been constructed in each coy area. The fullest use of these will be made. Coys will arrange to relieve pers at adm posts, in order that trg as above, may be carried out by all pers. Coys will be advised of allocation of trg amn.
- (e) Each coy will organise trg to include map reading, compass work, patrol reports etc. For NCO's - Fire Orders, fire control and discipline. Proposals will be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 21 Apr 45. Trg of orderlies and coy int pers is important.
- (f) It is proposed to organise Bn schools in Signals, Intelligence, Booby traps, Pita and Flamethrower (when available) and as opportunity offers, an NCO's cadre at LOB.
- (g) Such pers whose duties do NOT entail engaging in patrols, will at least twice per week, march the length of the jeep track from Post 1 to Post 7.

8. HYGIENE

- (a) Under all conditions, all ranks will shave daily. Every opportunity will be taken to bath daily, and wash clothes frequently.

9. SANITATION

- (a) All existing orders relative to sanitation, whilst in the field, will be rigidly adhered to.

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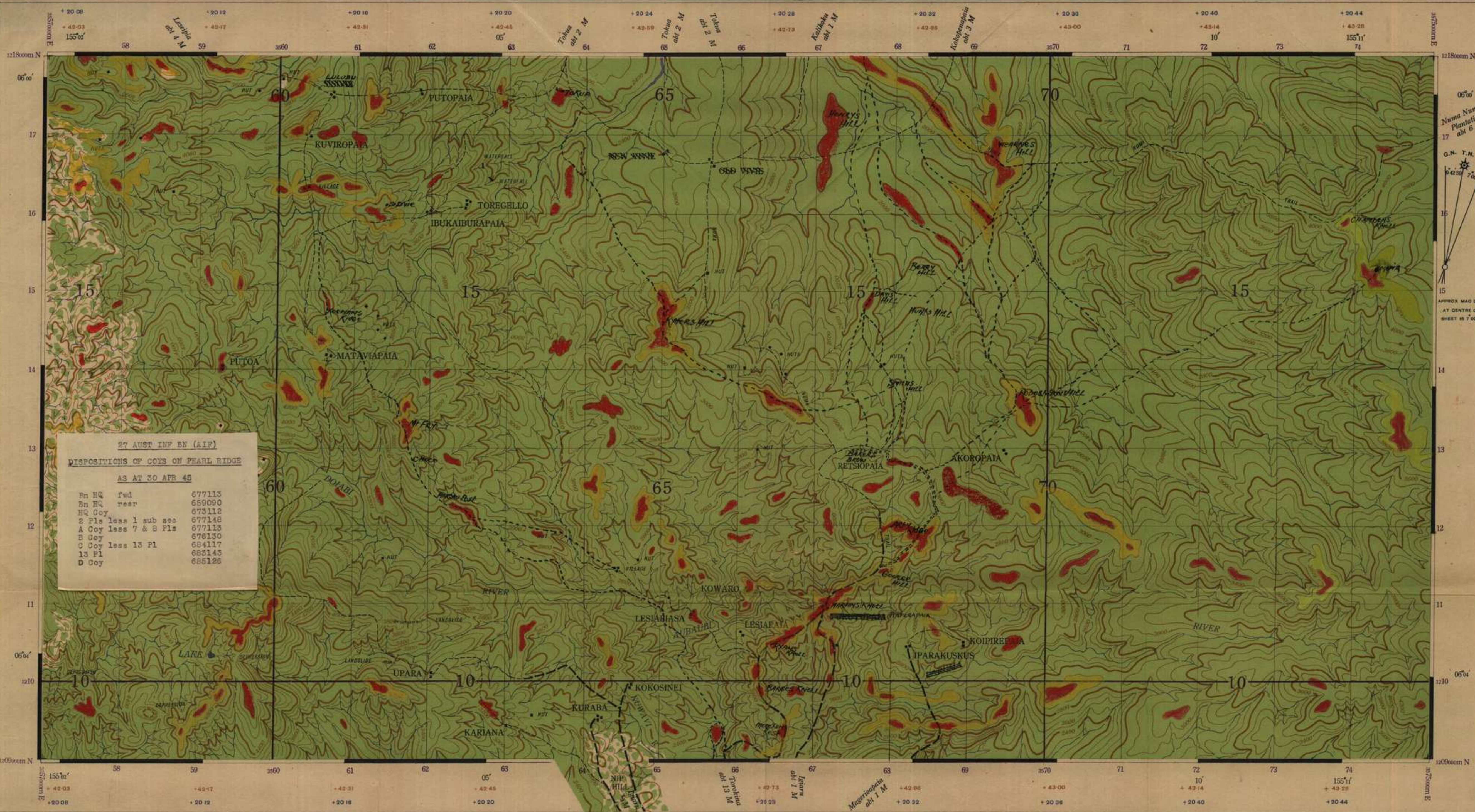
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND KOWARO

WARNING
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THE GRID ON CORRESPONDING 1-INCH MAP

REFER TO THIS MAP AS:
NO 4830 KOWARO 1:25000 SERIES



27 AUST INF BN (AIP)
DISPOSITIONS OF COYS ON PEARL RIDGE
AS AT 30 APR 45

En HQ	Inf	577113
En HQ	rear	659090
HQ Coy		673112
2 Pls less 1 sub sec		677148
A Coy less 7 & 8 Pls		677113
B Coy		676130
C Coy		684117
13 Pl		683143
D Coy		685126



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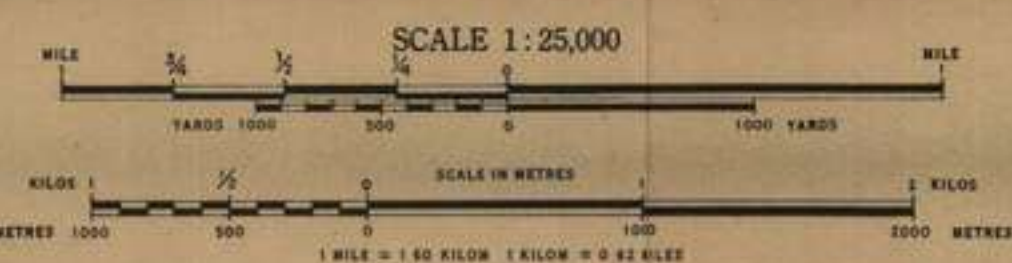
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WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS
(INTERVALS APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET)

NOTE: This map was produced from aerial photographs. Due to lack of accurate ground control distances and heights on this map may be at variance with actual ground distances.

The figures within the borders of this map are for artillery purposes. The brown figures denote convergence and the blue figures denote corrections in minutes and seconds of mean time, based on standard Meridian 150° E.

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Coral Reef	
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Trig. Stations	First Order Δ 905'
	Second Δ 852'
and altitude	Third ○ 525'
	Fourth ○ 202'
Astronomical Station	● ● ● ●
Native Village	○
Unidentified Native Village	○
Building	■
River or perennial Stream	—
Non perennial Stream	- - -
Fathom Line	—

Swamp	
Spring Well, Waterhole	
Mangroves	
Dense Jungle Forest	
Open Forest	
Scattered Timber	
Plantation	
Secondary Growth	
Contours-Form Lines	
Depression Contour	
Cliffs & Steep Slopes	

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET	
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Nearest similar reference distance	100 Kilometres

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Copy No 527 AUST INF BN (AIF)PATROL ORDER No 1

Ref Maps	KOWARA	1/25000
	IBU	1/25000
	RUVARO	1/25000

INFORMATION1. (a) Enemy

Enemy activity on BERRY'S HILL is NOT known at present. Patrols from 31/51 Bn have reconnoitred the area and reports state that the feature is occupied by 15/20 Japs.

Enemy estimated at 4/6 have been seen on the southern slopes, arty engaged this target 18 Apr 45: results NIL.

(b) Own

Patrol No 2 from C Coy is operating in vicinity of WEARNES HILL, route via ROBINSONS HILL, time out 200730L. Approx time of return 221600L.

Patrol No 3 from D Coy is operating in TOKUA area (map ref 635183 NOT TOKUA as shown on map). Time out 200730L. Time in 221600L approx. Route via DAVIS HILL.

Patrol No 4 is operating in SISIVIE area.

(c) Natives

Native guides of our own patrols.

INTENTION

2. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will patrol area BERRYS HILL and will ascertain strength and disposition of the enemy force.

METHOD

3. Composition of patrol

OC

Lt G.E. CRAIGIE
10 OR's
1 Int Sec
1 Med Ord
1 Police Boy
1 Native Guide
F.O.O.

TASKS

4. (a) Recce enemy positions on BERRYS HILL.
(b) Ascertain approx strength of enemy force.
(c) Establish extent of enemy activity.
(d) Submit patrol report on return.
(e) Locate OP from which Arty or Mortar fire might be directed.

The patrol will avoid becoming involved, but will lose no opportunity of killing Japs.

ROUTE

(a) OUT via re-entrant east of SMITHS, HUNTS and BERRYS HILL.

(b) IN via DAVIS HILL - B Coy.

(NOTE : Native guide will probably select his own route when near BARRYS HILL)

ITINERARY

Duration of patrol 2 days.

S.F.

200700L (Apr)

ARMS

As per SO for Battle except substitute one Sten for one rifle.

AMN

Rifle - Bandolier
LMG - 10 Mags
SMG - 10 "
Grenades - 2 per man

DRESS

Pack roll as per 6 Div Trg Instr (Standing Orders)
One pouch per man.
Green berets
(Atebrin)

INTERCOMN

Runner

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Patrol Comd
OC B Coy
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23 APR 45

RECCO PATROL REPORT

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BY Lt G.E. CRAIGIE

23 APR 45

REF MAP HOWARO 1/25000
PATROL BY 12 Pl B Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
PATROL STRENGTH 1 Offr 10 ORs plus att pers
1 Int Sec 1 SB FOO & 4 ORs
1 Police Boy 1 Scout
ROUTE OUT B Coy DAVIS HILL to 678153
ROUTE IN Reverse Route Out
TIME OUT 190800L
TIME IN 221430L

OBJECT OF PATROL (a) Recce Enemy posn on BERRY'S HILL
(b) Ascertain approx strength Enemy forces
(c) Establish extent of Enemy
(d) Locate OP from which Arty or Mortar fire
might be directed.

BRIEFED BY IO

CASUALTIES OWN NIL
CASUALTIES ENEMY 1 killed & wounded

RECCO MADE (a) PART I
3 patrols from 678153
1 to 684150 as per overlay "A"
2. to 683145 " " "B"
3. to 684147 " "
(b) Estimated Enemy strength 30/30
(c) Enemy in occupation from 683144 to 687150
along track.
(d) OP located 678153

FOOT AND DOCUMENTS CAPTURED
1 Jap Grenade

DEDUCTIONS

BERRY'S posn WEST side comprises 2 features.
Main Jap L of C runs down spur 684148 to 687151.
Much evidence in re-entrant approx area 681149 of foot (TARO)
gathering, probably only substitute for fresh food.

PART II

TOPOGRAPHY

Terrain rugged throughout. Steep descents and ascents from
Patrol base at 687153 to top of BERRY'S.

TRACKS

Well defined to Patrol Base, Sig cable B Coy to DAVIS HILL.
Three tracks only up BERRY'S from WEST side (Appx A), fairly
well defined, gradient 1/2. All tracks difficult in wet
weather.

VEGETATION

Rain forest with medium undergrowth, patches of bamboo, banana
throughout.
Arty area targets on BERRY'S almost devoid of vegetation.

OP'S

Good Arty or Mortar OP from WEST side at 678153. FOO with
patrol directed shoots from this posn on two occasions.
Target BERRY'S HILL

ENEMY

Five huts observed on reverse slope of spur from approx 685149 to 687150, possibly sleeping quarters only.
At approx 684148 movement seen from Patrol Base, between 0700 - 0800 hrs, and 1700 - 1800 hrs daily.
One Jap seen at approx 684147. Police Boy and scout observed Jap posn (not seen by patrol)
At approx 683144 sentry observed on ridge.
Jap posn seen approx 683145.

CONTACT

Contact 211000L 681149 - Six enemy washing roots in creek. Police boy shot one, Scout probably wounded four with grenade. One observed escaping, verified following day; dead Jap partially buried and covered with leaves. Poor physical condition, dress-Kahki overalls. Scout and Police boy claim wounded were carried away.

NATIVES

None encountered during patrol.

VILLAGES

Nil

HUTS

DAVIS HILL outpost - shelters built by Aust troops.

GARDENS

Nil

DROPPING GROUNDS

Nil

BIV AREAS

DAVIS HILL One platoon area

OTHER PATROLS

Nil

RELIABILITY OF MAPS

Very difficult to identify features on the ground with features on map. Memory sketch of BERRYS HILL (Appx B)

GENERAL

Police boy and scout absolutely essential for success on patrol tasks. A good knowledge of pidgin English by patrol leaders would benefit results of patrols greatly.

BINOCULARS

Binoculars are most important as they are required for general observation and other work.

LIST OF APPENDICES

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| Appx | A | Routes taken |
| " | B | Form line sketch of area showing known enemy posns |

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LT. G. K. CRAIGIE

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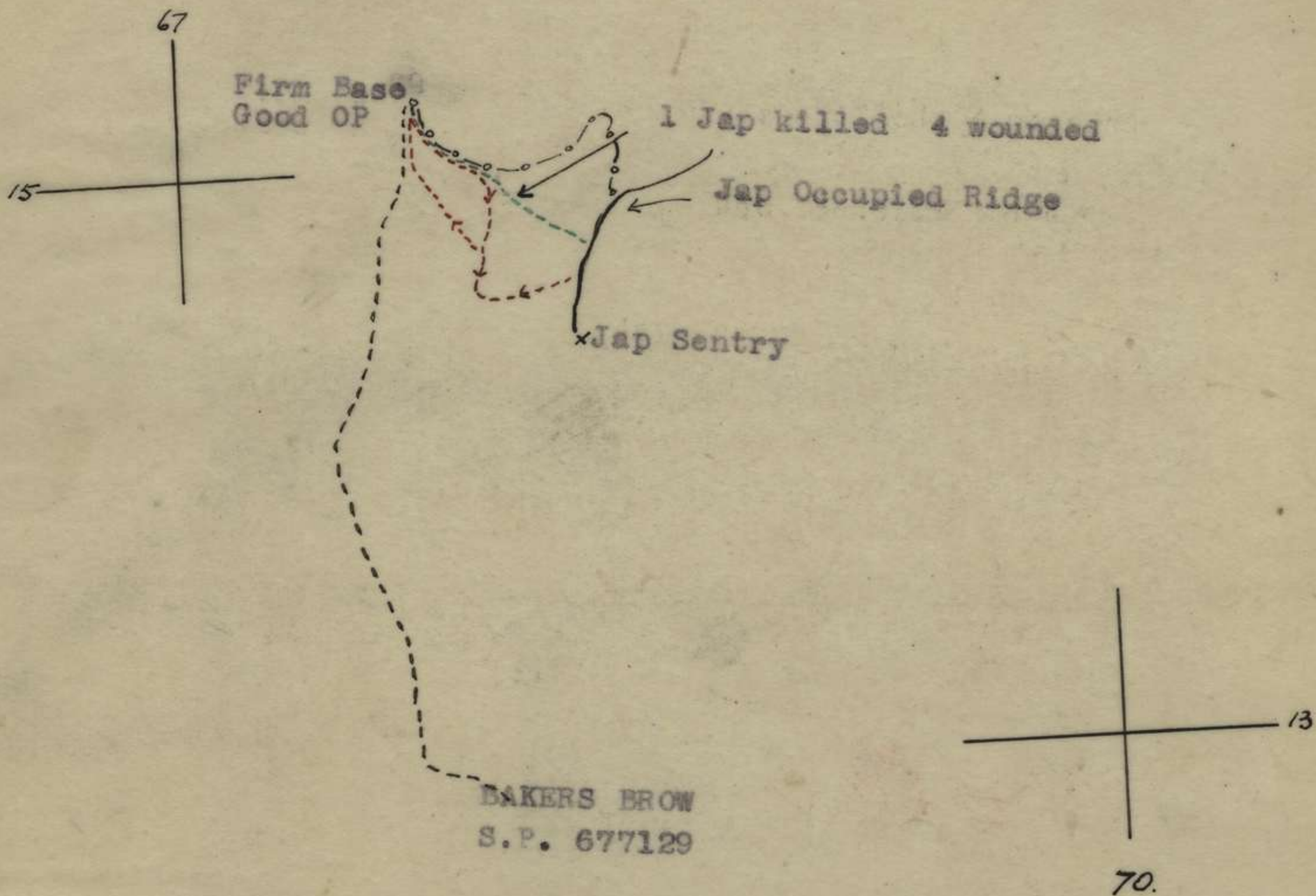
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20 - 22 Apr

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Appx "A"



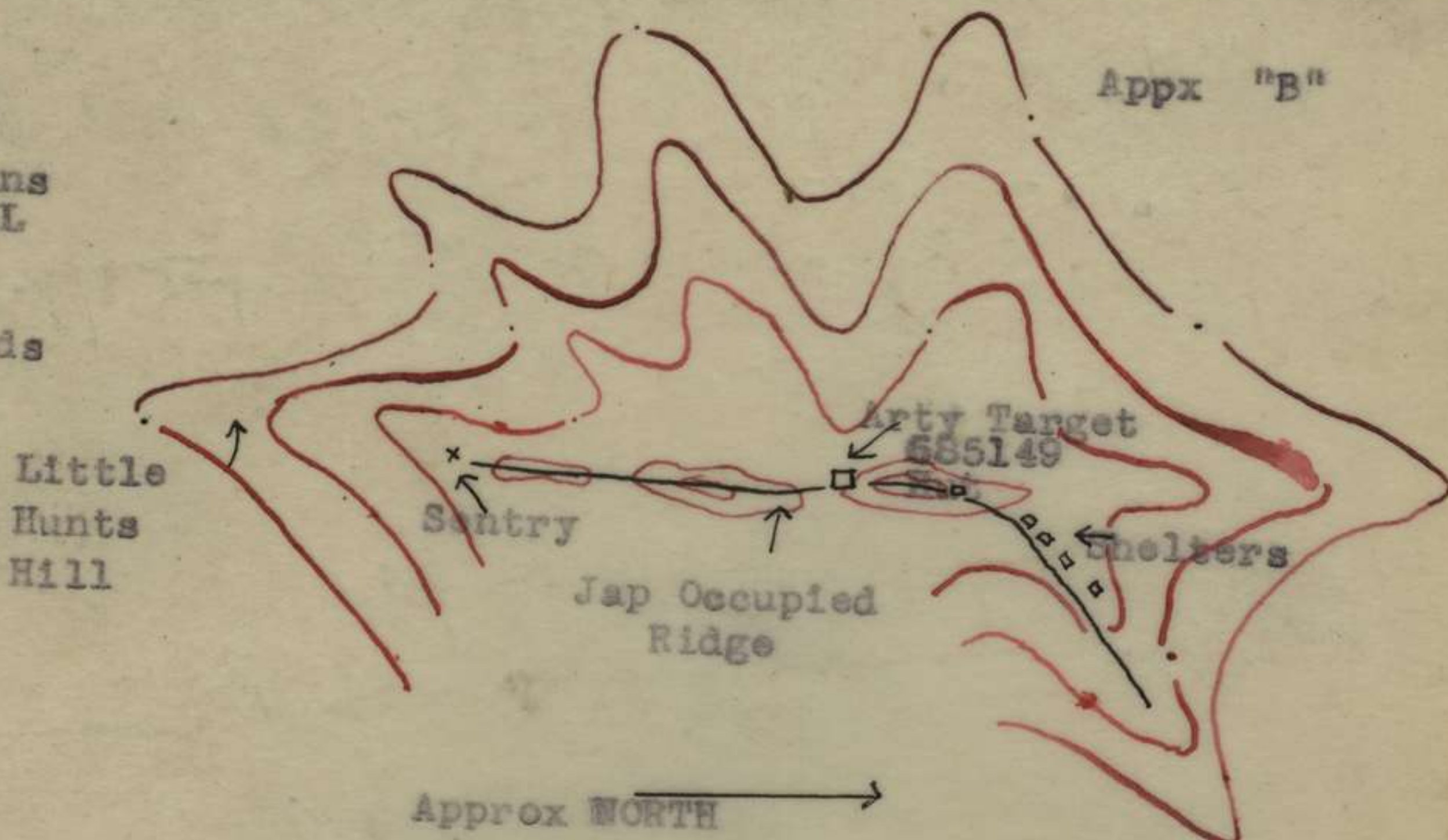
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EYE SKETCH

Appx "B"

Showing JAP Posns
BERRYS HILL

Approx Scale
1" = 350 yds



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Int Sec
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
23 Apr 45

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Copy No 627 AUST INF BN (AIF)PATROL ORDER No 2

Ref Maps KOWARA 1/25000
IBU 1/25000

INFORMATION1. (a) Enemy

Enemy activity in WEARNE'S HILL area is NOT known. Patrols from 31/51 Bn state that area is occupied by approx 20/30 Japs. WO II WATERSON (ANGAU) confirms this information.

(b) Own

Patrol No 1 (B Coy) operating in BERRY'S HILL Area
Route in via DAVIS HILL 21 Apr 45.
Patrol No 3 (D Coy) operating in TOKUA (635183) area
Route via RYDERS RIDGE.
Patrol No 4 (A Coy) operating in SISIVIE Area.

INTENTION

2. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will reconnoitre area WEARNE'S HILL (695165) with a view to eliminating the Jap garrison at a later date

METHOD3. Composition of Patrol

OC	Lt D.J. HARTE (B Coy)
10	ORs
1	Int Sec
1	Med Ord
2	Sigs
1	Native Scout
1	Police Boy

4. Duration of Patrol 3 - 4 days.

TASKS

5. (a) Reconnoitre WEARNE'S HILL and surrounding area and locate Jap positions.
(b) Establish extent of enemy activity.
(c) Select possible OP from which Arty and Mortar fire could be brought down on WEARNES.

ROUTE

6. (a) OUT Through D Coy - ROBINSONS HILL - WEARNES.
(b) IN Same as route out with any deviation deemed necessary

7. S.T. 200700L (Apr)

AIMArms

8. As per SO for Battle except substitute one Sten for One Rifle.

Arm
9. Rifle - Bandolier
LMG - 10 Mags
SMG - 10 Mags
Grenades - 2 per man

Dress Pack Green berets
10. One pouch per man

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23 Apr 45

REF MAP KOWARO 1/25000
PATROL BY 15 Pl C Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
PATROL STRENGTH 1 Offr 14 ORS plus att pers
1 Int Sec Pers (Pte Shaw E.V.)
1 Police Boy 1 Scout
ROUTE OUT Through D Coy - ROBERTSON'S HILL - WEARN'S HILL
ROUTE IN Reverse of Route Out
TIME OUT 200705L
TIME IN 221405L

OBJECT OF PATROL To recon area WEARN'S HILL with the view of eliminating the JAP garrison at a later date.

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CASUALTIES OWN NIL
CASUALTIES ENEMY 1 killed

PART I

TASKS

- (1) Recon WEARN'S HILL and surrounding area and locate JAP positions.
 - (a) 1 LMG and 4 ENEMY at approx 694161
 - (b) 2 - 3 JAPS heard at approx 694160
 - (c) From native scout reports no enemy exist on feature 695166. This feature runs approx NORTH and SOUTH and is known as WEARN'S HILL. From native reports and recon it would appear that the main strength is concentrated on the general area of 694161 - 691159. The native guides refer to the feature 694161 as WEARN'S HILL.
- (2) Establish extent of enemy activity
 - (a) Patrolling ridge and general area of 694161
- (3) Select possible OP from which Arty and Mortar fire could be brought down on WEARN'S HILL
 - (a) Map ref 693153 can sight JAP posn at approx 693159.
 - (b) At approx 693142 at clearing with hut - can sight occupied feature 693159.

EQPT AND DOCUMENTS CAPTURED - NIL

PART II

TOPOGRAPHY

- (a) TRACKS

Main track to patrol base at 693149 well defined, and in fair condition, but muddy owing to recent rain. Majority of track from D Coy is steep both up and down except track between 693145 to 694149 which is comparatively good going.
- (b) WATER POINTS

3 water courses crossed - good drinking water, only approx 6" deep with rocky bottom running rapidly. Good water pt at patrol base at approx 693149.
- (c) WEATHER

Generally fine during morning - rain during afternoon cold at night.

- (d) VEGETATION Rain Forest throughout with occasional bamboo clumps .
- (e) OPs
 - Approx 693153 } Good arty and mtr OPs. Jap posns at
 - 693142 } 693159 can be seen clearly.
- (f) ENEMY
 - (1) STRENGTH Approx 7 at 694161 - native report approx 20 on feature 693160.
 - (2) WEAPONS 1 LMG at 694161. No other weapons were seen or heard.
 - (3) CONDITION OF ENEMY Native reports that JAP in very poor condition. JAP killed was of small build.
 - (4) DRESS Enemy was wearing a type of brown fatigue uniform
- (g) VILLAGES AND HUTS No villages passed though one hut at 693142. Fair condition and suitable for sleeping. Lean to shelter at 693149.
- (h) DROPPING SUPPLY POINTS NIL
- (i) SUITABLE BIV AREAS No suitable biv sites for more than a section strength. Those posns at approx 693142 and 693149.
- (j) SUITABLE AMBUSH POSN Ambushes could be set practically anywhere along track.

GENERAL NARRATIVE

Patrol left C Coy area at 200705L arriving at patrol base at approx 693149 at 201445L where the native scout advised a bivouac for the night. At 210705L a patrol of 1 Offr and 5 ORs and 2 natives left patrol base to proceed to WEARNS HILL approx 694161 arriving at that point at approx 210900L. After contact with the enemy, the patrol withdrew and returned to patrol base arriving at 211145L.

At 221315L patrol left for OP at 693153 approx 300 yds along crest from base.

At 211445L whole patrol left for hut at 693142 to bivouac for night.

At 220800L patrol left hut and returned to C Coy area along same route arriving at 221415L.

OWN ACTION

- (a) Location Map ref approx 694161
- (b) Strength 1 Offr 5 ORs 2 natives

NARRATIVE OF ACTION

On arriving on ridge at 694161 native scout halted the patrol as he ^{had} heard JAPS. 3 men covered a track leading up left of ridge, whilst the 2 natives and 3 others climbed to the top of the ridge where the enemy were heard. Patrol took up posn on ridge to observe the JAP activity till approx 211045L when 3 enemy were sighted. Native Police Boy shot one JAP through the hip and killed him with a grenade. Holding the same posn, the patrol waited for further movement. The Police Boy threw another grenade and was answered by two long bursts from an LMG. The patrol withdrew and returned to patrol base.

GENERAL REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS

- (a) Bayonets carried caused rubbing of skin and unnecessary noise.
- (b) 208 wireless set too heavy for only 2 Sigs
- (c) Pouches - Two pouches preferable to one - reason being to balance weight of pack and automatic weapon mags.

- (e) O.S.B.O. MGS It is considered that 7 mags of 28 sufficient in preference to carrying 10 mags of 30 for ~~weight~~ weight and space reasons on this type of patrol.
- (f) Arty fire was called for, for observation reasons, but could not be seen; the round burst and ^{no} sound was not clear owing to rain. ~~The~~ The round exploded ^{ed} north and on opposite side of feature.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A Overlay of Routes etc taken.

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for LT. D.J. HARTÉ
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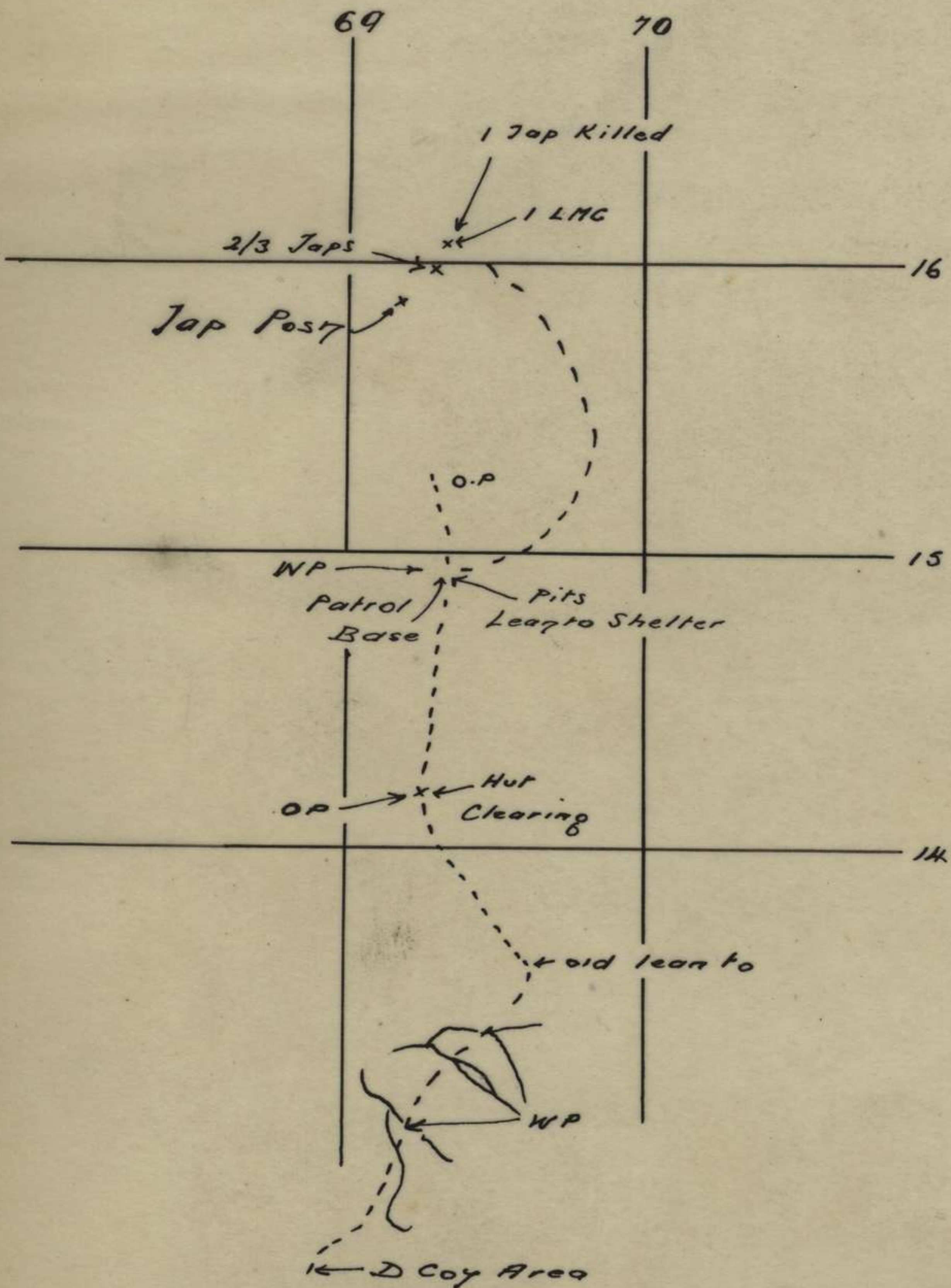
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INFORMATION

- 1 (a) Enemy TOKUA area (TOKUA at 635183. NOT TOKUA as shown on map)
 Infm of the strength of the enemy is in consistent.
 PW captured approx 6 Apr 45 stated that TOKUA contained 50 tps incl 6 LMG's, their role being to hold TOKUA to the last man.
 Patrol of 31/51 Bn reconnoitred area 10 - 13 Apr 45. One Jap was killed. Enemy strength estimated at 20 - 30.
 WO II WATERSON (ANGAU) deems 31/51 Bn infm more correct.
 Suspected L of C is from TOKUA as shown on map (634208) to TOKUA (635183)
- (b) Own Patrol No 1 (B Coy) operating in area BERRY'S HILL
 Route in via DAVIS HILL 21 Apr 45.
 Patrol No 2 (C Coy) operating in WEARNE'S HILL area.
 Route via ROBINSON'S HILL. Return 22 Apr 45.
 Patrol No 4 (A Coy) operating from KEENANS to SISIVIE area, sqs 6016,6117.
- (c) Natives 30 Armed pro-allied kanakas in IBU area.
 These may NOT be encountered.

INTENTION

2. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will reconnoitre TOKUA (635183) and surrounding areas with a view to eliminating the Japs at a later date.

METHOD

3. Composition of troops -
- | | | |
|----|-------------------------|----------------|
| OC | Lt F.G. EDWARDS (D Coy) | 2 Sigs |
| 10 | OR's | 1 Native Guide |
| 1 | I Sec | 1 Police Boy |
| 1 | Med Ord | |
| 1 | FOO | |

TASKS

4. (a) Reconnoitre TOKUA (635183) and surrounding area, and locate enemy posns.
 (b) Establish extent of enemy activity.
 (c) Select suitable ambush position on L of C.
 (d) Select suitable OP or OPs from which Arty or Mortar fire can be directed.

The patrol will avoid becoming involved, but will lose no opportunity of killing Japs.

ROUTE

5. (a) OUT B Coy - PEARL RIDGE Sq 6613 - RYDER HILL 650145
 Suitable firm base WAKUNI RIVER 639172.
 (b) IN Same as out with any deviation deemed necessary.
6. S.T. 200700L (Apr)

ADM

7. As per Standing Orders for Battle except substitute one Sten for one rifle.

Arm

8. Rifle - Bandolier
 LMG - 10 Mags
 SMG - 10 "
 Grenades - 2 per man

DRESS

9. Pack
One pouch per man
Green berets

MEDICAL

10. 1 SB carrying Atebrin, Vitamin C & D tabs.

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PATROL COND Lt F.S. EDWARDS
 PATROL BY 18 Pl D Coy Strength 1 Offr 18 ORs, 1 RAP, 1 I Sec
 Arty:- FOO 4 ORs

ROUTE OUT Track from map ref 633188 via HYDER'S HILL to map ref
 640188 where fire base was formed. For details of
 further movement see Overlay Trace.

ROUTE IN Reverse of Route Out.

TIME OUT 200745L

TIME IN 231210L

OBJECT OF PATROL

- (1) Recce TOKUA (635188) and surrounding area and locate enemy posns.
- (2) Establish extent of enemy activity.
- (3) Select suitable ambush posn on L of C.
- (4) Select suitable OP or CPs from which ARTY or MORTAR fire can be directed.

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 CASUALTIES

Lt G.S. Whitrow

Own - NIL

Enemy - NIL

PART I

- (1) Recce proved TOKUA to be at Map ref 635175.
 Enemy posns located at 635175 consisting of:-
 - (a) Strongly built bunker, 3 to 10 ft high. Heavy logs used.
 - (b) Smaller dugin posns. 1 on either side of bunker.
- (2) Enemy activity very limited.
- (3) Ambush posn approx 100 yds from bunker, at water point also further down along L of C.
- (4) OP selected at 635189.

Equipment and Documents captured - NIL

DEDUCTIONS

- (1) Native Guides were instructed to lead patrol to TOKUA area, and the route followed leads me to believe TOKUA to be situated at 635175 and not 635188 as previously stated.
 Patrol started climbing feature on which enemy posns located immediately after crossing WAKUNAI River. This was crossed at approx 635188.
- (2) L of C from TOKUA to IBU little used as were other tracks located in area. From this and native information, I consider enemy activity very slight.

PART II1. GEOGRAPHICALTRACKS

Generally in good condition, well defined. Most main tracks lead along spurs and ridges making going as easy as possible, although very steep grades slow up movement of patrol.

WATER POINTS

Water bearing bamboo can be located on points of HYDER'S HILL, but track does not cross any watercourses between BAKERS BRIDGE and map ref 640185. Plentiful supply at this point. Numerous small creeks etc round TOKUA area in addition to WAKUNAI River.

WATERCOURSES

Creek at map ref 640165 small, easily fordable. WAKUNAI River fast flowing, crossed at approx 636168, easily fordable, varying in depth from 2 - 3 feet, approx width at this point 10 yds.

WEATHER

	20 Apr 45	Morning	Fine	Afternoon	Heavy Rain
21	"	"	"	"	Fine
22	"	"	"	"	"
23	"	"	"	"	Rain early

All nights fine with clear moonlight.

VEGETATION

TOKUA area. Feature covered with large timber and bamboo, very little short undergrowth.

OP

Excellent position located at map ref 639169 giving observation along entire feature.

enemy held

BIVOUAC AREAS

Suitable positions on RYDER'S HILL only water supply from bamboos. Suitable posns can be found in close proximity to water-courses although many not tactically sound.

DROPPING GROUNDS

NIL

AMBUSH POSNS

Along L of C WAKUNAI to ISU most suitable being at water pt approx 100 yds from main posns. A difficult approach owing to lack of undergrowth (637175).

VILLAGES & HUTS

Only old disused ones encountered.

2. ENEMY

- (a) Strength. Estimated to be from 20 - 30 commanded by an Officer, thought to be a Capt by native scouts.
- (b) Weapons. 1 Rifle seen - long type.
- (c) Condition Enemy seen from 15 yds appeared to be in good condition.
- (d) Dress Kahki work dress consisting of shorts, jacket in good condition, seemed fairly new - no boots or socks, head dress - cap peaked variety like train conductors with red band.
- (e) Food It appears he is living mainly on bamboo shoots roots etc., L of C being little used seems to indicate little fresh food coming in.

3. GENERAL NARRATIVE

Patrol left D Coy area 200745L proceeded via BAKERS BROW, RYDERS HILL to map ref 640165 when firm base was established. Not sound tactically but quite safe.

210815L patrol of 1 Offr 7 ORs 2 natives and 1 police boy proceeded to TOKUA area. Advance along well defined track was slow but secure reached WAKUNAI River at 0950L. Rested for approx 20 minutes and commenced climb to JAF posns. Reached water point on L of C at approx 1130L where JAF voices were heard. Native scouts reported 2 enemy getting water; refrained from firing as information had not been obtained concerning posns. 2 native scouts, self and 2 ORs moved fwd to recce area. 1 further JAF seen getting water; was able to approach within 20 - 30 yds of bunker posn in spite of very little undergrowth. Spent approx 2 hr in vicinity and returned to H.V. thence to firm base arrived 1530L 220815L 2 native scouts 1 police boy 1 Offr 8 ORs 3 Arty pers moved to recce likely OP posn. Was located at map ref 639169 in old native garden. Spent 1 1/2 hrs in an effort to establish communication without success. Returned firm base 1130 hrs. Left

3. GENERAL NARRATIVE (Continued)

firm base 1345L on return journey.
Pivouaced on RYDER'S HILL at approx 653144.
230830L returned to camp.
Arrived 231210L.

4. GENERAL REMARKS & OBSERVATIONS

Equipment carried proved satisfactory
Not necessary for riflemen to carry pouch.
Field op ration quite satisfactory.

5. CONCLUSION

I did not engage any enemy targets because I deemed
the securing of information more important. I suggest that a
strong fighting patrol be despatched to this area at an early date.

6. APPENDIX "A" Route Taken.

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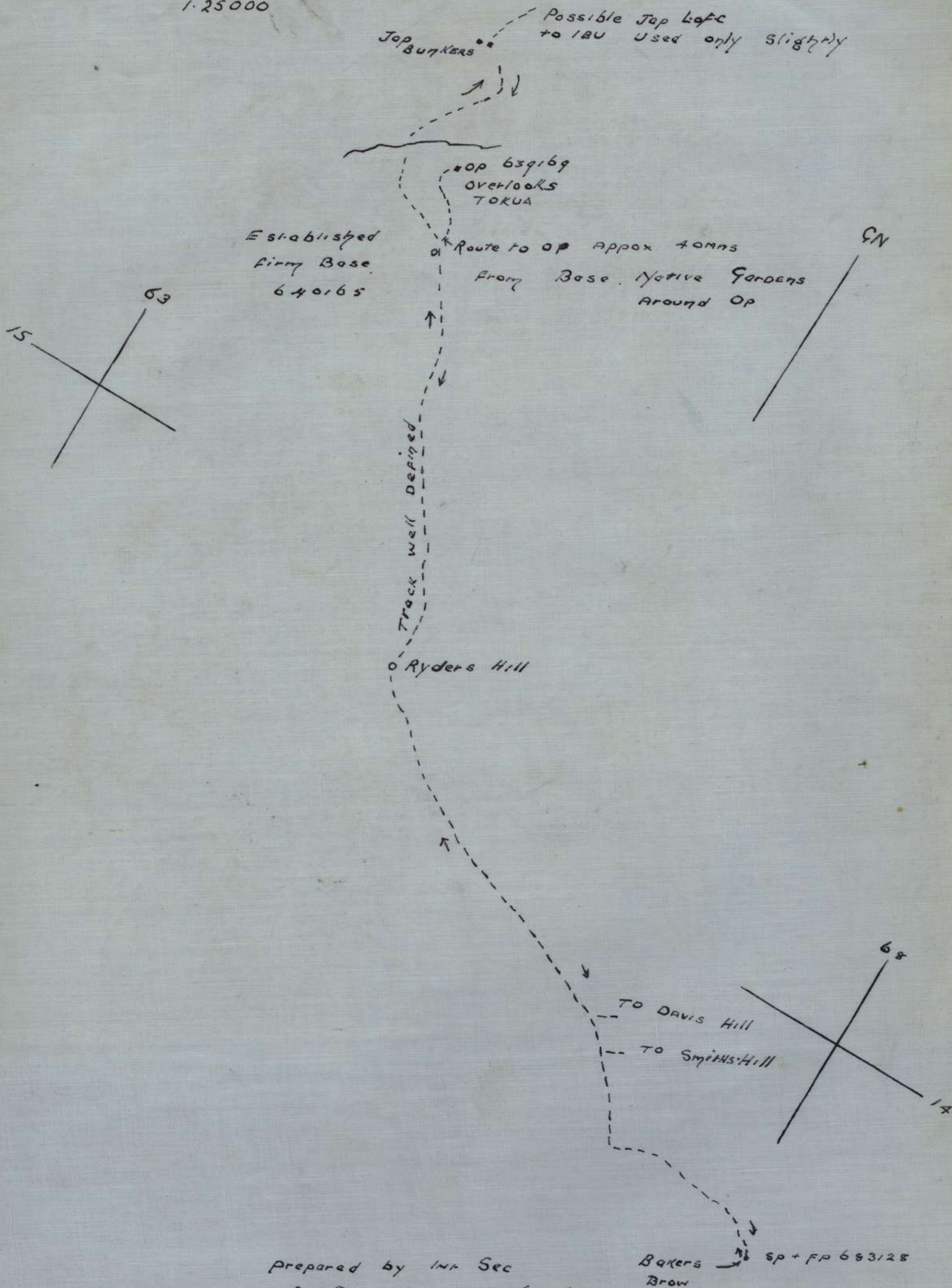
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INFORMATION1. Enemy

In the past few weeks reports giving location of SISIVIE and the disposition of the Japs have been conflicting but discussion with Lt MARTIN (NGIB) 19 Apr 45, revealed the following infm which is deemed fairly reliable.

Position of SISIVIE is at 614163 (approx) (NOT as shown on map). The Jap, est to be 25/30 strong, occupies this position which is on a ridge. It is quite possible that these troops have been reinforced in the last two or three weeks. A PW captured 5 Apr 45 stated that approx 100 Japs were in the area but this infm is considered to be largely exaggerated. Lt MARTIN maintain that only 25/30 exist there unless they have been reinforced in recent weeks.

2. Own troops

Patrol No 1 (B Coy) is operating in BERRY'S HILL area.
 Patrol No 2 (C Coy) is operating in WEARNE'S HILL area.
 Patrol No 3 (D Coy) is operating in area TOKUA
 (TOKUA is at 635183 NOT as shown in map)
 Object of patrol 3 is to ascertain strength and disposition of enemy at TOKUA 635183. Contact with No 4 patrol is unlikely.

3. Natives 30 Pro Allied Kanakas armed with Jap weapons, are in general area IBU. These natives if contacted, are reliable, and could be very useful.

INTENTION

4. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) patrol from KEENANS will patrol SISIVIE 614163 and ascertain strength and disposition of the enemy force.

METHOD

5. (a) Native guide and police boy will arrive KEENAN'S 20 Apr 45. Natives will be briefed by ANGAU at Adv Bn HQ and will know their task. Native guide is a SISIVIE boy. Guide will probably select his own route in and out.
 (b) Duration - 3/4 days.
 (c) Composition of patrol
 OC Lt C.M. CLIFTON
 10 OR's
 1 Int Sec
 1 Medical Ord
 1 Police Boy
 1 Guide
 FOO
 2 Sigs

TASKS

6. (a) Recce enemy positions at SISIVIE 614163 (approx posn)
 (b) Ascertain approx strength and dispositions of enemy force.
 (c) Establish extent of enemy activity.
 (d) Locate suitable OP from which arty fire can be brought down on SISIVIE 614163 (An OP does exist at 614159)
 (e) Locate suitable ambush position north of SISIVIE on L of C.

ROUTE

7. (a) OUT KEENANS - Ck crossing 605157 - thence by guide.
 (b) IN Same as route out except where any deviation deemed necessary.

8. ST 210700L (Apr)

ADM

9. ARMS As per SO's for Battle except substitute one Sten for rifle.

10. Arm Rifle - Bandolier
Bren - 10 Mags
OSMG - 10 Mags
Grenades - 2 per man.

11. Dress Pack
One pouch per man
Green berets

12. Medical 1 SB. Salt Tablets, vitamin C & D tabs will be taken daily.

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PATROL COMD Lt C.R. CLIFTON
 PATROL BY S Pl A Coy Strength 1 Offr 16 ORs
 ROUTE OUT KENNANE 605146 creek crossing 605157 thence by guide
 to SISIVIE

ROUTE IN Reverse of Route Out

TIME OUT 210700L

TIME IN 231600L

OBJECT OF PATROL

- (a) Recce enemy posns at SISIVIE 614163 (Approx posn)
- (b) Ascertain approx strg & disposns of enemy force
- (c) Locate suitable OP from which arty fire can be brought down on SISIVIE
- (d) Locate ambush posns

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CASUALTIES

OWN

NIL

ENEMY

1 wounded

PART I

- (a) Enemy found to be well dug in on spur at approx 616164.
- (b) Strength of enemy at 616164 estimated at 20. 3 huts can be seen from OP at 617161. One of these huts may possibly be a ^{ONE} man or two man shelter. The sitings of his weapon pits could not be seen.
- (c) A suitable arty OP exists at 617161 - about 200 yds from the enemy posns.
- (d) No ambush posns could be found. Except for an old government track, no possible L of C could be located. Guides say that the Jap does not use L of C for bringing up supplies - he grows his own food.

PART II

1. ACTION OBS

Moved within 200 yds of enemy posn and observed. Two enemy were sighted and fired on with LMG wounding one. The other jumped into what appeared to be a dugout.

2. ENEMY ACTION

NIL

3. LIST OF APPENDICES

(a) Route Taken

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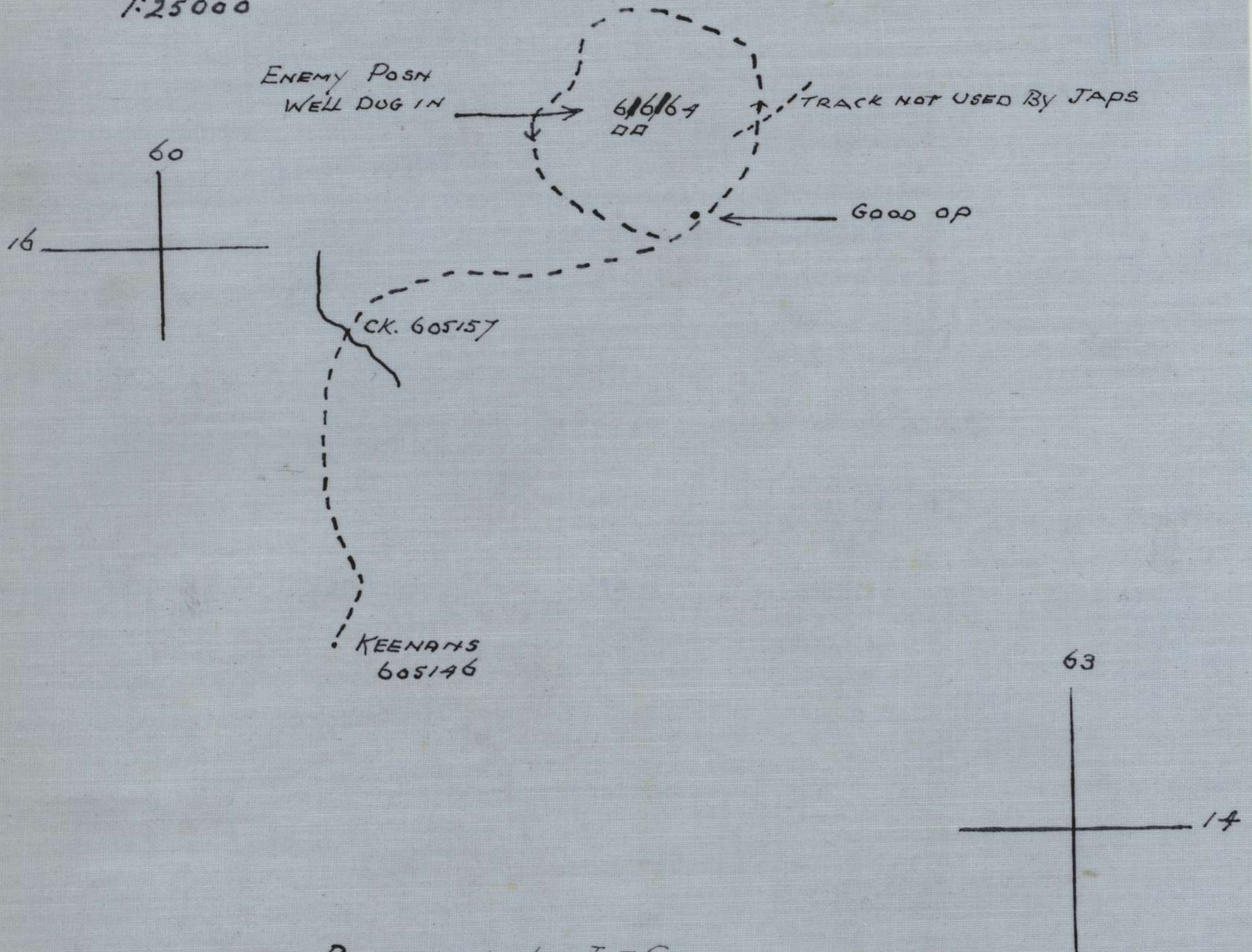
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INFORMATION

1. Enemy

The enemy occupies the feature BERRY'S HILL with a strength estimated at 25/30.

On 211600L patrol No 4 contacted 6 Japs vicinity 681150. These were apparently out collecting food from a kai patch. One enemy was killed, four wounded.

On 221100L recon patrol contacted five Japs 300 - 400 yds north of HUNTS HILL, presumably on forward slopes of BERRYS. Rifle fire was exchanged.

2. Own

Patrol No 6 from D Coy will be operating from 231400L to 241200L on ridge forward of HUNTS HILL to BERRYS. Patrol will operate during night.

Patrol No 3 from D Coy still operating in TOKUA area. Approx time of return 241600L.

3. Natives

Native guides of our own patrol.

INTENTION

4. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will patrol Western Slopes of BERRYS HILL and will destroy enemy parties contacted.

METHOD

5. Composition of patrol

- OC Sgt Fuss
- 9 ORs
- 1 SB
- 1 Police Boy

6. Duration 231400L to approx 241200L.

7. Tasks

- (a) Destroy enemy located BERRYS HILL.
- (b) Ascertain approx strength of enemy force.

The patrol is a fighting one and will lose no opportunity of killing Japs.

8. Route

- (a) Out - via DAVIS HILL
- (b) In - Reverse of Route Out.

9. S.T. 231400L

10. Arty Sp NIL

ADM

11. Arms Eqpt

- 1 Bren
- 3 Owens
- 1 Sten
- 5 Rifles
- 3 Grenades per man.

Patrol to be as lightly equipped as possible. Task will entail movement by night.

12. Amn 50 rds per rifle
8 Mags per Sten and Owen.

13. Dress Haversack and Berets

14. Medical

1 SB

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PATROL COMD	Sgt FUSS H.R.	Strength	1 Sgt	10 ORs
PATROL by	16 Pl D Coy	Via DAVIS HILL to vic BERRYS HILL		
ROUTE OUT	Reverse of Route Out			
ROUTE IN	231415L	TIME IN	241200L	
TIME OUT	To destroy enemy contacted on BERRYS HILL			
OBJECT OF PATROL	I.O.			
BRIEFED BY	Own	NIL	Enemy	1 killed
Casualties				

PART I

Enemy contacted at 684147
Two enemy seen - 1 killed

EQUIPMENT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II1. TOPOGRAPHICALTRACKS

(a) Track leading from DAVIS HILL to creek at approx 680150 well defined and easy to follow.

Small waterfall is located 15 yds north of creek crossing at 680150.

After crossing creek a cliff is encountered. This is easily scaled. At top of cliff a track junction exists.

One track branching off to the right and one to the left. Patrol followed track to the right which led up to BERRYS HILL map ref approx 684147.

VEGETATION

Rain forest from DAVIS HILL to creek crossing 680150. From then on undergrowth thins out until arty target areas are reached on BERRYS.

WATER

Plentiful supply of water at creek crossing 680150.

BIVOUAC AREAS

DAVIS HILL suitable for one or two pls.

2. ACTION(a) OWN

Patrol approached to within 50 yds of enemy on BERRYS HILL 684147. Two enemy were sighted walking along track on top of ridge. Enemy were engaged with LMG and rifle, killing one. Patrol then retired.

(b) ENEMY

Fired at us from direction of LITTLE HUNTS HILL with 2 rifles.

3. ENEMY STRENGTH

No estimation - only two Japs were seen and two rifles heard.

4. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Enemy occupies the ridge on BERRYS approx map ref 684147.

His weapons were NOT covering the track the patrol took.

Sketch of BERRYS HILL which was given to the patrol relatively accurate.

5. APPENDIX "A" Route Taken

H.R. FUSS Sgt
Patrol Comd

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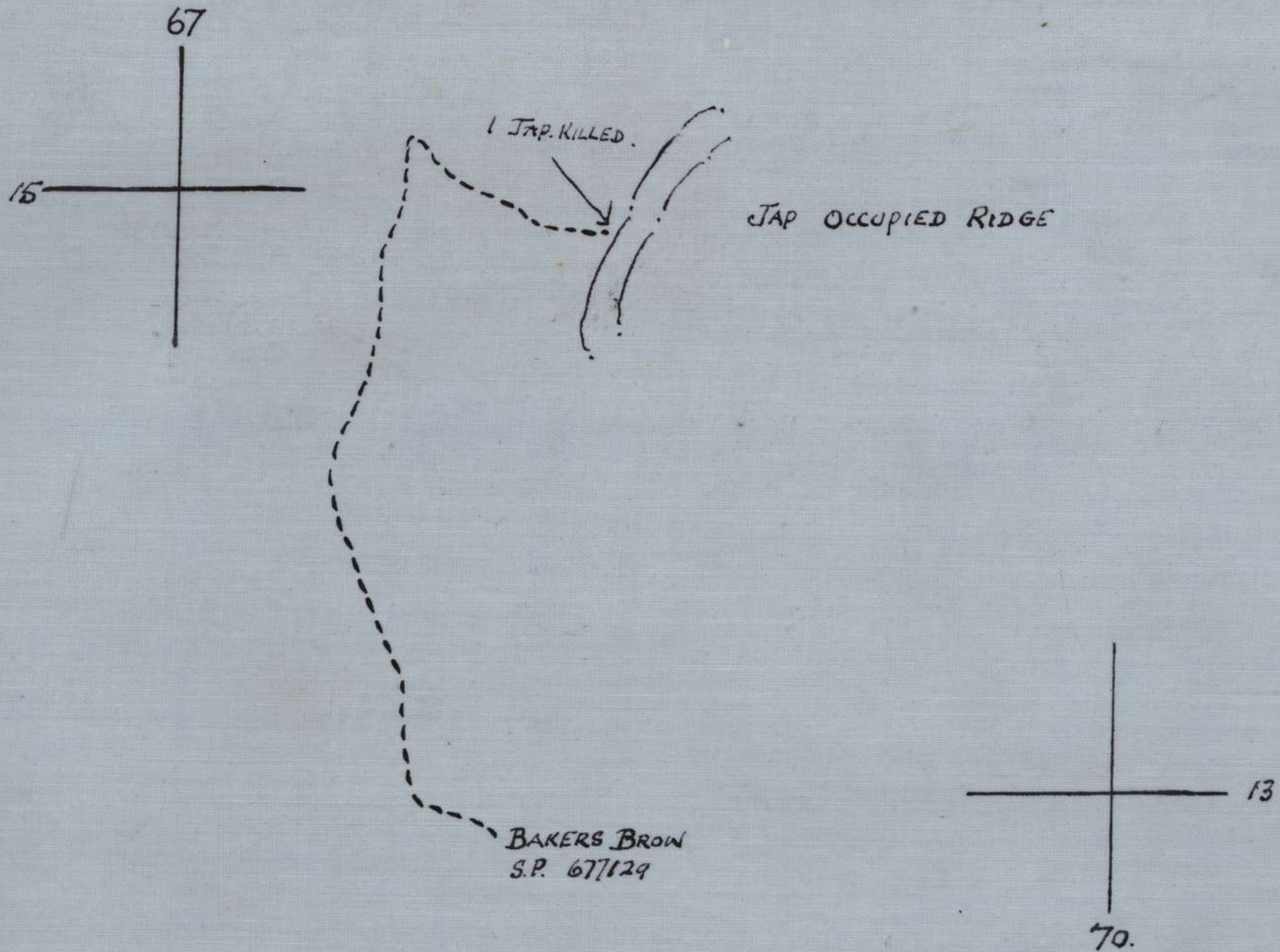
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INFORMATION

1. Enemy
The enemy occupies the feature BERRY'S HILL with a strength estimated at 25/30.
On 231600L patrol 4 contacted 6 Japs 681150. These were apparently collecting food from a kai patch. One enemy was killed and 5 wounded.
On 231600L recon patrol contacted five Japs 300 - 400 yds north of HUNT'S HILL on forward slopes of BERRY'S. Rifle fire was exchanged.
2. Gen Patrol No 5 will be operating in area on Western slopes of BERRY'S approx map ref 682150 from 231400L to 241200L. Route out via DAVIS HILL.

Patrol No 3 is still operating in TORUA area. Time of return approx 231600L.

3. Natives
Native guides with Patrols.

INTENTION

4. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will patrol forward of HUNT'S HILL and will destroy enemy contacted.

METHOD

5. Composition of Patrol
CO Lt J. Tierman
9 ORs
1 S.B.
1 Police Coy
6. Duration 231400L to 241200L.
7. TASKS
(a) Patrol forward of HUNT'S HILL to BERRY'S.
(b) Destroy any enemy contacted.
8. Route
(a) Out - 5 Coy - HUNT'S HILL
(b) In - Reverse of Route out.
9. S.T. 231400L
10. Arty Sp NIL
11. Arms Eqpt
1 Bren
3 Owens
1 Sten
5 Rifles
Grenades
12. Ann 50 rds per rifle
8 Mags per OSM and Sten
3 Grenades per man
13. Dress Haversacks and Berets
14. Medical 1 S.B.

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PATROL COMD Lt J.A. Viernan
PATROL By 18 Pl D Coy Strength 1 Offr 10 ORs
1 Police Boy

ROUTE OUT B Coy HUNTS HILL BERRYS HILL
ROUTE IN Reverse of Route Out
TIME OUT 231415L TIME IN 241000L

OBJECT OF PATROL
(a) To patrol forward of HUNTS HILL
(b) To destroy any Enemy contacted.

BRIBED BY Lt C.S. Whitrow
CASUALTIES Own NIL Enemy 3 killed 1 wounded

PART I

- (a) Patrol moved to 685149 via HUNTS HILL
- (b) At 231715L one Jap seen (sentry) at 685149. At 240645L contacted approx 10 japs at 685149. Attacked with element of surprise, killed 3 probably wounded several.

EQUIPMENT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

DEDUCTIONS

Jap in this position relaxed security at first light.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

TRACKS

After leaving HUNTS HILL position made own track. Main track at 685149 is native pad on top of ridge, no signs of recent movement by enemy.

VEGETATION Rain Forest

SUITABLE AMBUSH POSNS

Patrol moved off main track, so no positions were selected.

OPs NIL

HUTS NIL

SHELTERS Two at 685149

2. ACTION

GENERAL NARRATIVE

(a) OWN

Patrol moved as per route attached to 75 yds E of 685149. Patrol Comd and Police Boy recced posn 685149, sighted one Jap one shelter. Police Boy recced rear of posn 685149 and reported no enemy and no huts.

At 240645L patrol of 1 Offr 1 Police Boy 4 ORs; weapons 1 bren, 4 OSMGs, 1 rifle, moved into Jap posn 10 yds from occupied shelter. 1 bren 2 OSMGs and 4 grenades 36 were used in this action, the remainder of patrol giving flank and rear protection. After several rounds of extensive fire, the patrol withdrew. 3 Japs were killed. 10 Japs were sighted.

(b) ENEMY

For the first few minutes of the action, the enemy were confused, moving to cover without arms. It was during this period that the casualties were inflicted. Later we

(b) ENEMY
were engaged from front and rear with rifles and one grenade. During this period, the patrol withdrew.

(c) ENEMY POSNS
Contacted only one one-man pit, well sighted with shelter 2 yds away. 5 yds in rear was large shelter and possible dugout.
Enemy organised quickly and became aggressive.

DEDUCTIONS

OWN TROOPS

- (1) It is possible to penetrate enemy posns at first light.
- (2) With the element of surprise, it is possible to inflict casualties.

3. GENERAL REMARKS & OBSERVATIONS

(a) Physical Fitness of Own Tps FAIR to GOOD

(b) Movement When off the track and in close contact with the enemy, the patrol must move very carefully. Suggest a trial with boots removed, and two pair of socks worn.

4. APPENDIX "A" Route Taken

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Patrol Comd

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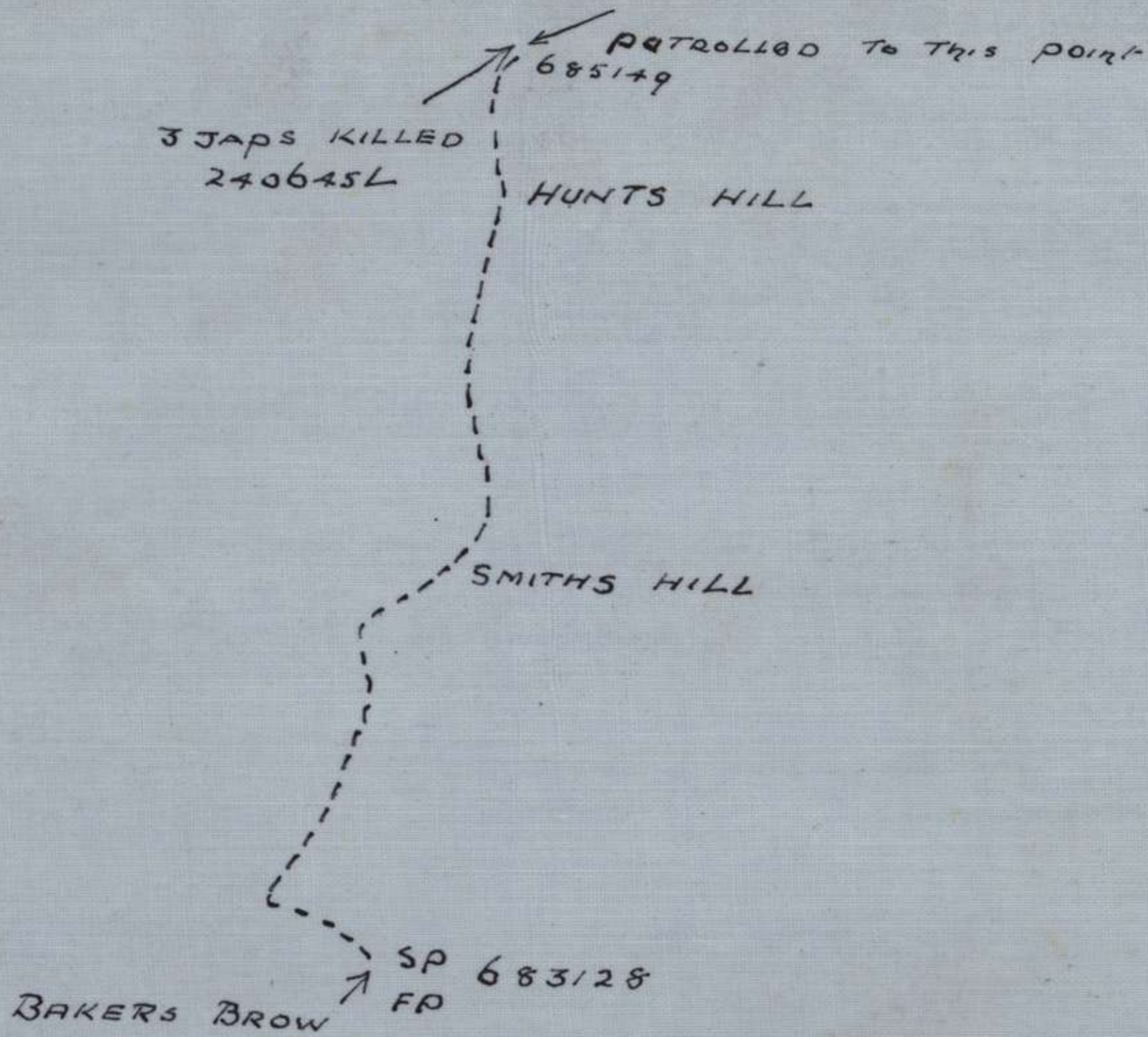
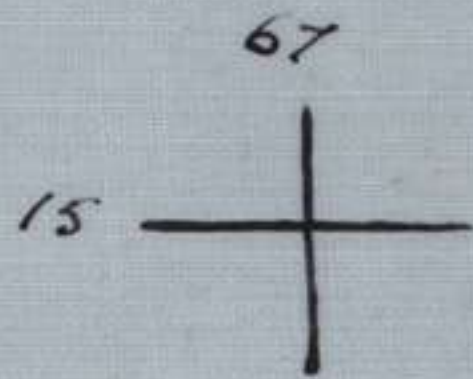
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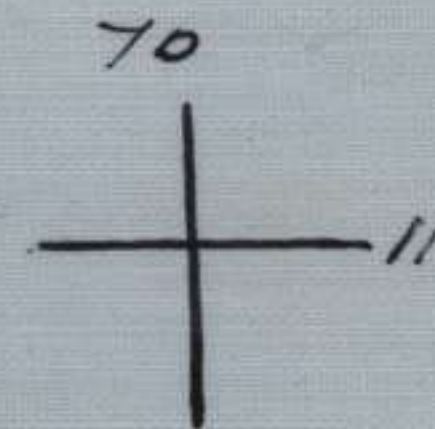
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Showing Route Taken by PATROL 6
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To Sgt TAYLOR C.A. "G" Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy The enemy occupies the feature BERRY'S HILL with an estimate strength of 25/30. His defence appears to be sited along the track from 683146 to 687150. A sentry has been seen twice at 683144. A sketch showing the feature is attached to this OI (Appx A).

Own ops Patrol No 10 (Lt G. SHANKS) will be operating NORTH OF HUNTS HILL towards BERRYS HILL from 241700L to 250900L. A manned OP exists on DAVIS HILL.

Natives The only natives in the area will be your own guide.

2. ROLE

- (a) You will harass the enemy on the western slopes of BERRY'S with the intent to inflict casualties.
- (b) Check the eye sketch attached to this OI.

3. DURATION

You will move out at approximately 241700L and return at approx 250900L.

4. ROUTE

Move through B Coy and thence to DAVIS HILL. Native guide will show you the route from there to BERRYS. Your route will probably be determined by your native guide.

5. ARM

Arms, dress, eqpt as per Standing orders for patrols
Medical as per Standing Orders for patrols
Rations, at your discretion.

6. INTERCOM

Runner to DAVIS, thence by L/T.

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PATROL COMD Sgt TAYLOR G.
PATROL BY 14 Pl C Coy

Strength 1 Sgt 9 ORs
1 Scout

ROUTE OUT Through B Coy to DAVIS HILL then to Ck crossing 680150
to West Slope BERRYS HILL (see Appx 'B')

ROUTE IN Reverse of Route Out

TIME OUT 241715L

TIME IN 251400L

OBJECT OF PATROL

To harass the enemy on Western approach to their posns
on BERRYS HILL at dawn 25 Apr.

BRIEFED BY I.O.

CASUALTIES

Own NIL Enemy NIL

PART I

After crossing creek at approx 680150 native guide took
patrol up track to left instead of to the right as was intended in the
task laid down.

The additional length of this track and its steepness
prevented patrol from reaching enemy posns until 0740 hrs. Guide
made recon, advised me to place 2 MG, 1 GPMG and 3 rifles in a posn to
fire on enemy on main ridge. As these men were taking up that posn
to fire on enemy fired 5 rifle shots from our right flank forcing
patrol to withdraw behind cover. Guide made another recon and at
0900 hrs advised patrol to return to camp. This action was taken.
Enemy made no interception during our withdrawal.

EQUIPMENT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

TRACKS

Track from creek crossing at 680150 (approx) to enemy
posn at 685152 (approx) is a well defined track apparently used
often by the enemy. It is particularly steep in parts, espec-
ially about mid way between creek and enemy posn. At the top
it flattens out, and the last 200 yds before reaching enemy
posn is flat easy going. The foliage along the whole track is
not thick and visibility is quite good - 20 to 40 yds most of
the way.

CREEK

The creek at 680150 is easily crossed. A rocky cliff
about 15 ft high is on the Eastern side of the creek. The area
here is particularly suitable for the enemy to lay an ambush.

RELIABILITY OF MAP

As far as I can ascertain, the map is not very accurate,
but it can be followed.

2. INFORMATION OF ENEMY

Patrol did not get an opportunity to make observations of
enemy such as strength, weapons, dispositions etc.

3. ACTION OF OWN TROOPS

When taking up fire posns enemy surprised patrol with
rifle fire from short range on right flank. Patrol withdrew;
guide after making recon advised me to get out which I did.

4. GENERAL REMARKS

I am convinced that the enemy who fired upon us from posn
(see sketch attached) are well dug in, and are not mobile in
any way, because when they forced us to withdraw from our fire
posn down to cover behind a mound, they took no further action
except to fire a few indiscriminate shots without being able to

GENERAL REMARKS (Continued)

to see targets. Had they been mobile, they could have brought an LMG around to our flanks or rear, and caused casualties among us, or they could have thrown grenades, but nothing like that was done.

He could have sent an interception party to the track or the creek and thus catch us on our way back, but apparently he is content to stay in his fox holes.

- 5. APPENDIX "A" Route Taken
- " " "B" Eye Sketch of enemy posns.

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Patrol Comd

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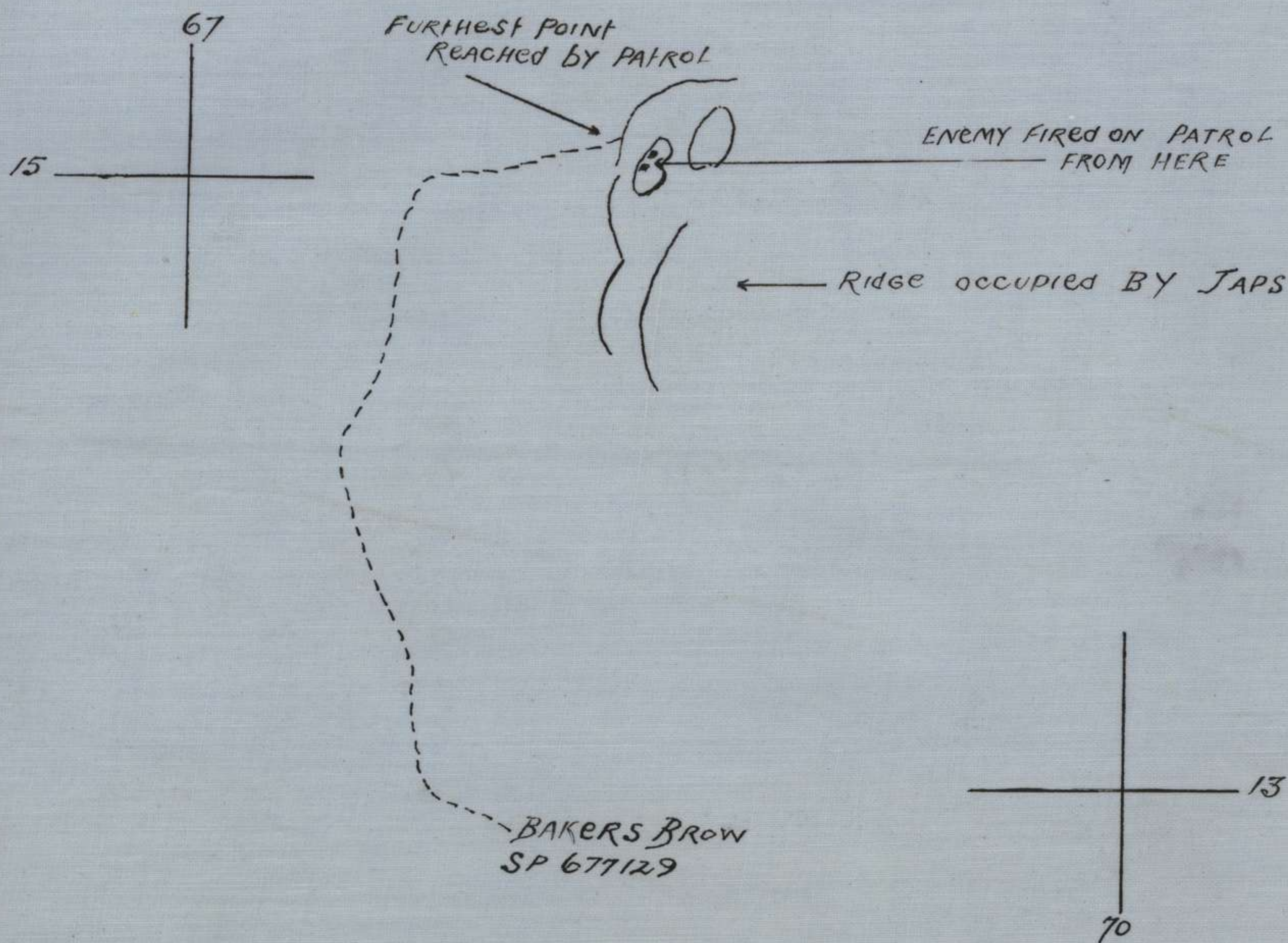
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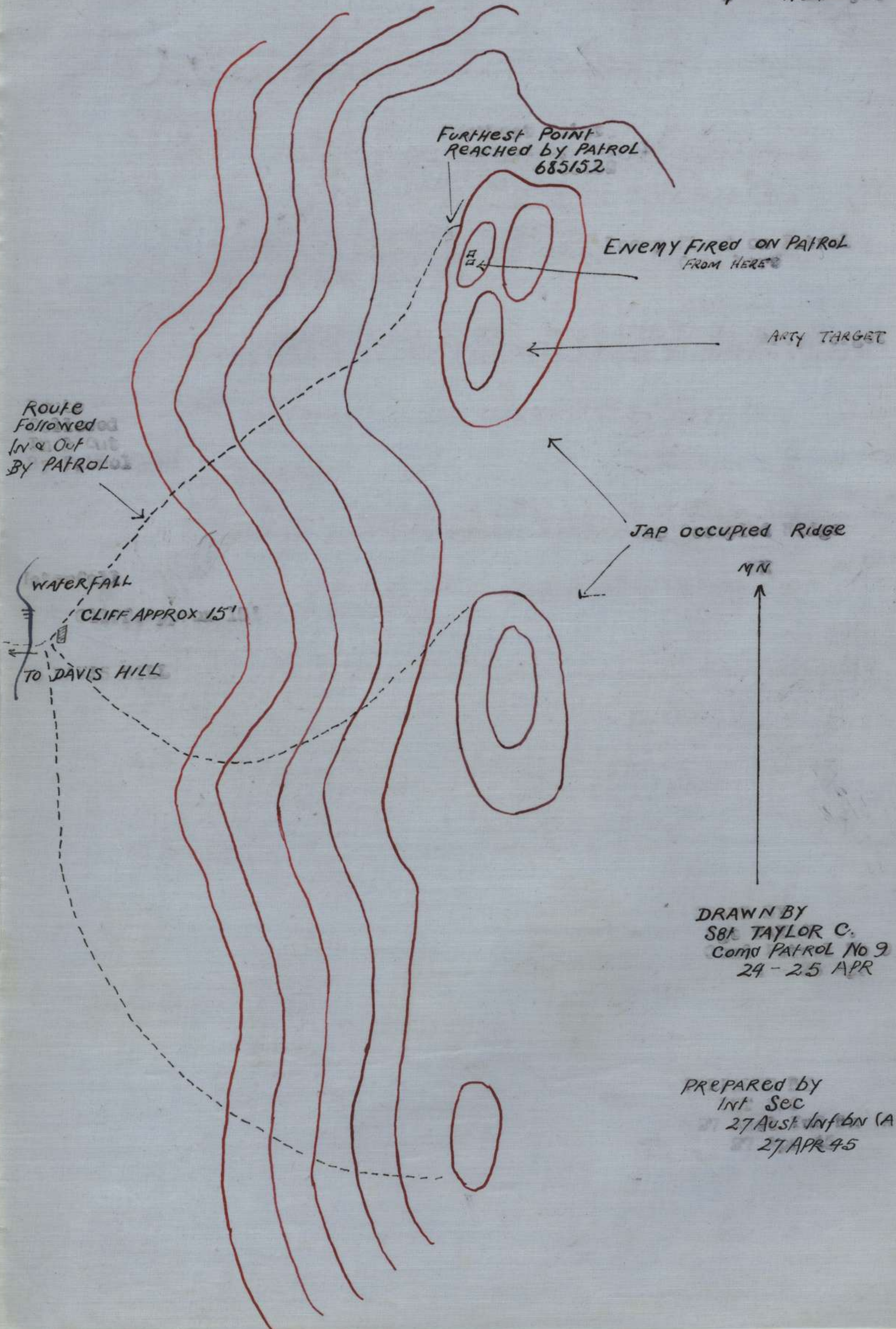
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EYE SKETCH

APPX 'B'

SHOWING JAP POSNS BERRYS HILL

APPROX SCALE
1" : 110 YDS



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To Lt G. SHANKS "C" Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy

The enemy occupies the feature BERRY'S HILL with an estimated strength of 25/30 tps. His defence appears to be sited along the track from 683146 to 687150. A sentry has been seen twice at 685144. An eye sketch showing the feature and known enemy position will be attached to this CI.

Own tps

Patrol No 8 (Sgt TAYLOR G.A.) will be operating from DAVIS HILL to BERRY'S HILL from 241700L to 250900L approx.

Natives

Only native in area will be with Patrol No 9.

2. ROLE

You will

- (a) Harass the enemy on BERRY'S north of HUNTS HILL with the intent to inflict casualties.

3. DURATION

You will move out at approximately 241700L and return at approx 250900L.

4. ROUTE

Move through B Coy to HUNTS HILL and thence along track to BERRY'S. Your route in will probably be the reverse of the route out.

5. ARM

Arms, dress, eqpt as per Standing Orders for patrols
 Medical as per Standing Orders for patrols.
 Rations - at your discretion.

6. INTERCOMM

Runner to HUNTS thence by L/T.

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PATROL REPORT No 10

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PATROL COMD	Lt G.V. SHANKS		
PATROL BY	14 Pl C Coy	strength	10 offr 12 ORs
ROUTE OUT	B Coy - HUNTS HILL to BERRY'S HILL		
ROUTE IN	Reverse of route out.		
TIME OUT	241600L	TIME IN	250900L
OBJECT OF PATROL	To harass enemy on BERRY'S HILL north of HUNTS HILL.		
BRIEFED BY	IO		
CASUALTIES	<u>Own</u>	1 offr (Lt G.V. SHANKS)	
		1 OR	missing believed killed.
		1 OR	wounded
	<u>Enemy</u>	Nil	

PART I

Patrol contacted enemy estimated strength 6 with 2 LMGs and rifles approx 350 to 400 yds forward of HUNTS HILL. Enemy surprised patrol, when it was approx 4 yds from guns. Patrol then broke contact and withdrew, leaving Comd and Bren gunner in close proximity to enemy positions.

Reduction

The Jap is well dug in and camouflaged, and covers the track leading up to his positions.

PART II

1. Topographical

Tracks From Little Hunt's Hill to Berry's Hill, track well defined, but hard to traverse without making noise owing to bamboos and undergrowth across track. One track branches off to right on downward slope, assumed leading to water point.

Vegetation Mostly rain forest with thick undergrowth including bamboos, which make it impossible to move silently, slightly cleared in places by shell fire.

Ops Possible position for OP on knoll forward of Little Hunt's Hill overlooking Berry's Hill on southern side.

2. Action even

(a) Narrative On arrival at Little Hunt's Hill patrol Comd decided to stay at that position for night 24/25 Apr 45. At 0500 next morning patrol Comd and 5 men (weapons 1 LMG 2 OSMG and 3 rifles) moved out leaving the rest as holding force and base. After about 20 mins it was decided it was too dark so waited approx 10 mins and then moved on. The patrol passed through an old Jap position and investigated, but no Japs were there. The patrol moved forward and when on the track leading to Berry's, was fired on by LMG's and rifles. Three men including patrol Comd and Bren gunner were put out of action, leaving scout forward under LMG fire and 2 riflemen at the rear. We could not fire without endangering scout so ordered him to get out which he did by rolling down side of hill. I opened fire on enemy and ordered other riflemen to get the wounded man, who had rolled on edge. I waited until wounded man was get out and

and then rushed across and grabbed Bren gun and withdrew. The enemy were still traversing track with LMG.

(b) Enemy strength and weapons.

Enemy strength encountered estimated as 6. (2 LMGs & Rifles)

(c) Enemy positions Positions were just above track covering approach to Berry's Hill - well dug in and camouflaged. Only enemy seen was one moving across behind LMG position.

3. Enemy Action

Enemy held fire until forward scout had passed under position and opened fire down track and traversing track with LMGs. It is assumed that sentry was at old Jap position on forward slope and warned enemy of approach of patrol.

Deductions

Believed possible to have surprised enemy on Berry's Hill approach, if sentry on track could have been by passed.

4. Appendix "A" Route Taken.

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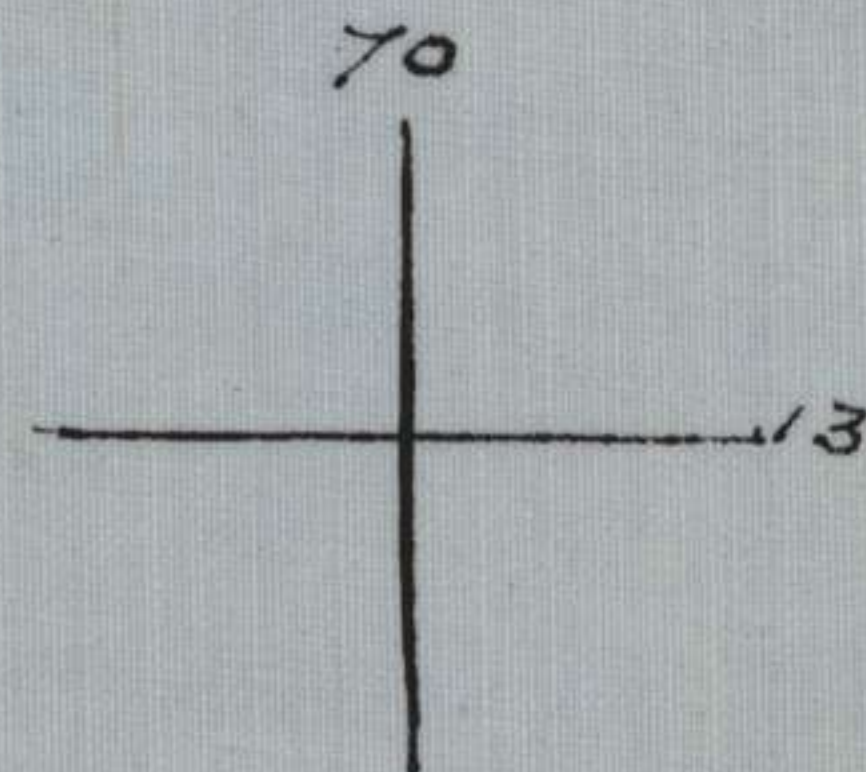
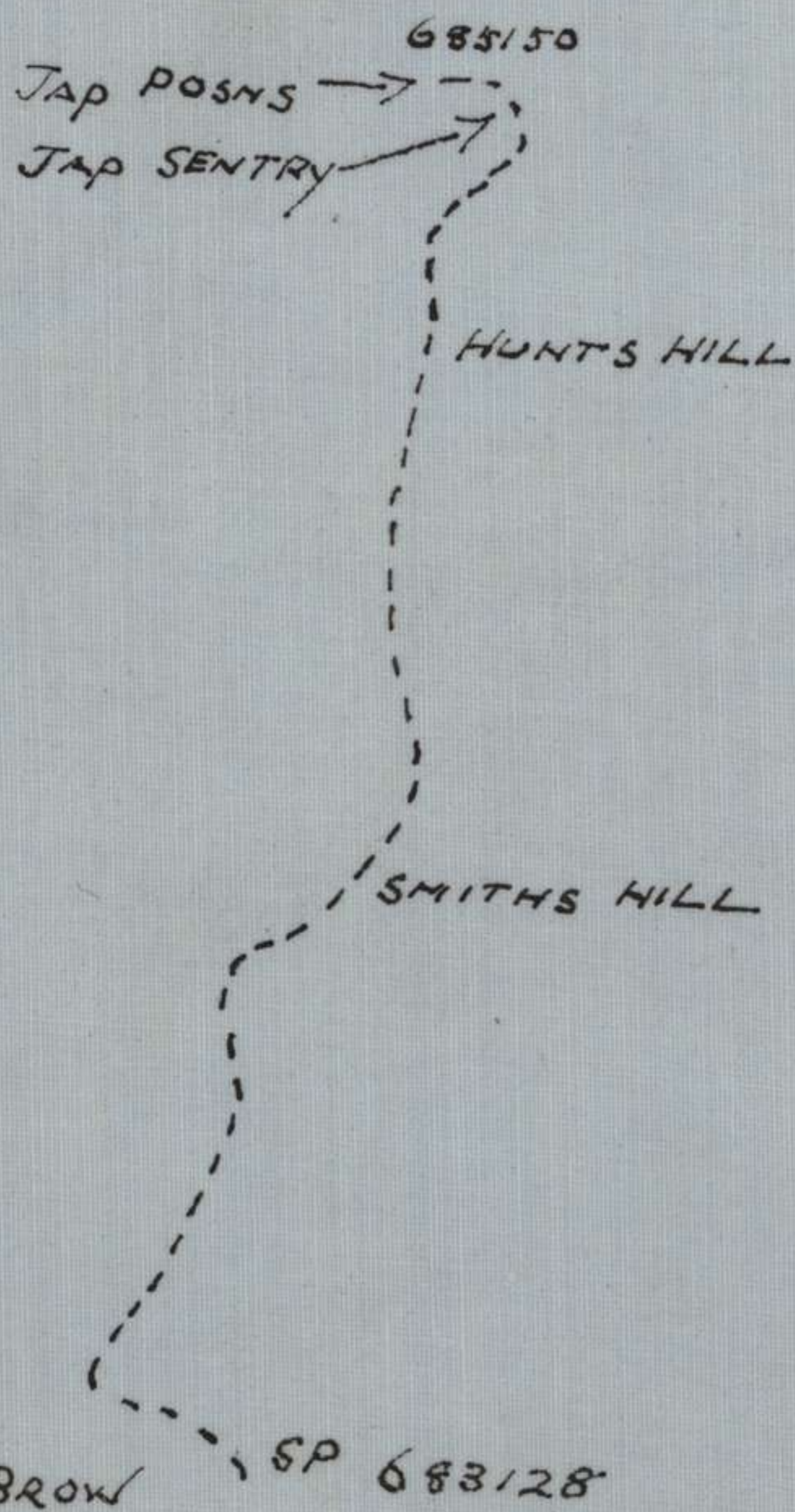
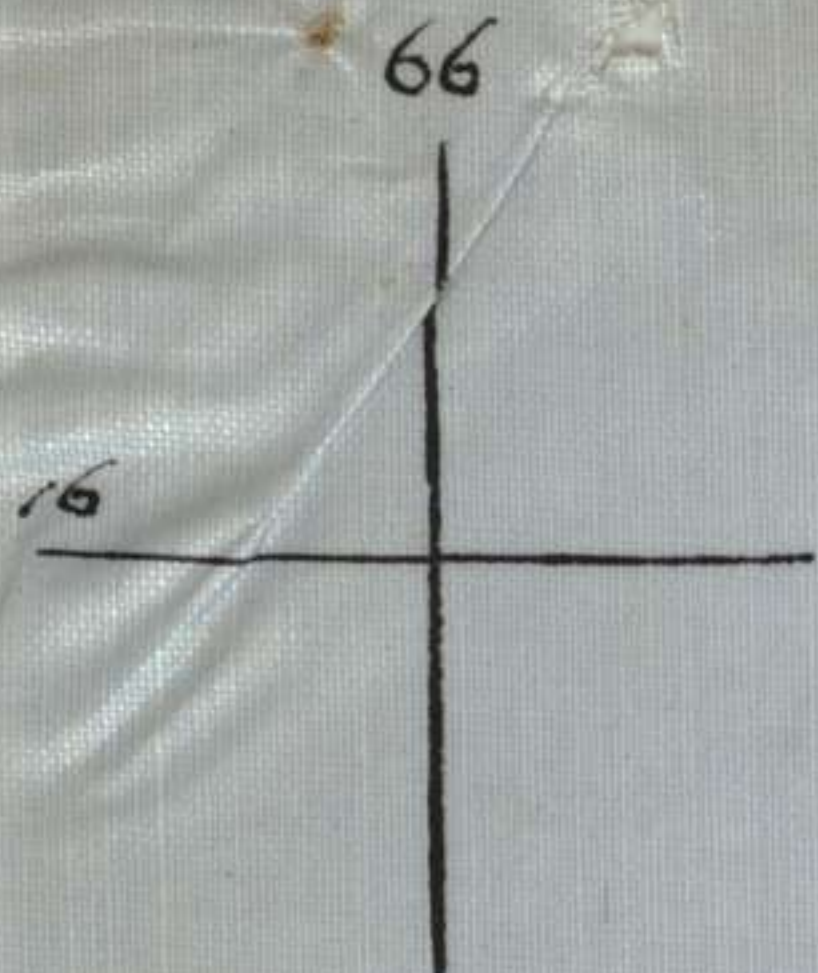
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Ref Map KOWARA IBU BURAVO

To Lt M. Carmichael A Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy

IBU is occupied by an enemy garrison of approx 130 troops.

The following heavy weapons are reported to be in the area:-

- 8 HMGs
- 3 In Guns calibre 70 MM
- 1 Mountain Gun reported by natives
- 2 Mortars

It is considered that the main concentration of the enemy is located in the general area 634243, north of IBU and covering his main S of C to BURITSIOTORARA.

His positions are well sited and well dug in and command practically all approaches from the South.

Own Troops

Lt F. Edwards will be operating in TOKUA area 636175. His time out will be 260700 and time of return 301800 approx. Route via HEDERS RIDGE.

15/20 pro-allied Kanakas, well armed, harass the enemy North of IBU on his S of C. These natives may be of some help to you if your patrol contacts them.

Arty/R will be carried out at 260900 in an endeavour to reach IBU by arty fire. You will be advised if this is possible and will move immediately afterwards.

If it is possible to reach IBU by arty fire, an FOC will accompany you and 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will be on call.

2. ROLE

You will

- (a) Establish posn of IBU in relation to map. It is thought to be at 634208.
- (b) Recce the area and submit sketch showing dispositions and armament of the enemy force.
- (c) Patrol the area and take any steps necessary to inflict casualties on the enemy.
- (d) Select suitable OP from which arty or mortar fire could be directed on IBU.

The patrol will avoid becoming involved, but will lose no opportunity of killing Japs.

3. DURATION

You will remain out at least four days, but not more than five days. In the event of casualties you will contact KERNANS by 208 W/T.

4. ROUTE

Once leaving KERNANS the native guide will lead you to IBU. Try to follow route on map and mark up as you go along. Your route in will be similarly carried out.

Appx "I"

5. ADM

Arms, Amn, Dress - normal. It is suggested that extra
OSMCs might be taken with advantage.

Medical. Take one OS who is to carry salt and vitamin
tablets.

Rations - At your discretion.

6. INTERCOM

208 W/T under your command to be in relay with HERRIASS. If
FOO accompanies you, he will take two of his signallers.

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PATROL COMD	Lt N.G. CARRICHAN		
PATROL BY	7 Pl A Coy		
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Offr 24 ORs 4 Native Guides		
ROUTE OUT	CHOCO - KEBERANS - IBU		
ROUTE IN	Reverse of Route Out		
TIME OUT	250630L	TIME IN	281830L
OBJECT OF PATROL	<p>(a) Establish posn of IBU in relation to map.</p> <p>(b) Recce the IBU area and submit sketch showing dispositions and armament of the enemy force.</p> <p>(c) Patrol the area and take any steps necessary to inflict casualties on the enemy.</p> <p>(d) Select suitable OPs from which arty or mtr fire could be directed on IBU.</p>		
BRIEFED BY	I.C.		
CASUALTIES	Own	NIL	Enemy 5 killed

NOTE . ALL Map refs taken from 1" to 1 Mile.

PART I

- (a) Position of IBU is at 632241. This is IBU as the natives place it. IBU Piper Strip is located as shown on map (636229) but is overgrown with secondary undergrowth. The area is NOT inhabited.
- (b) Sketch showing the enemy occupied area at IBU is attached as Appx 'A'.
- (c) From firm base at 622235 patrol of 1 Offr 7 ORs moved SE to 632241 where 5 Japs were encountered on top of feature. Patrol opened fire killing 5 enemy; the remaining Japs immediately retaliated with an estimated 1 BMG 1 BMG and grenades.
- (d) Suitable OP exists at 622235. Although enemy posns cannot be seen owing to heavy foliage and vegetation, the general area of their dispositions can be seen. Est range from OP to 632241 is approx 1500 yds.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II1. TOPOGRAPHICALTRACKS

Track from CHOCO to KEBERANS good but heavy going. From KEBERANS to IULUBU 607176 track is well defined easy going except where re-entrants are crossed. From IULUBU to 632241 track is well defined but would be difficult to locate without the aid of native guides.

RIVERS AND CREEKS

WAKUNAI RIVER crossed at 620203 was easily forded. Depth 2 feet, width 25 yds and is swift flowing. Other creeks crossed were easily fordable, depth of each being no more than 1 foot.

VEGETATION

Light rain forest throughout except where light kunai patches occur (see OPs).

WATER POINTS

Water points exist at fairly regular intervals along route. No shortage of drinking water.

SUITABLE BIVOAC AREAS

Pl or Coy bivouac areas exist on all ridges en route to ISU.

Most favourable bivouac areas exist at:-

- LULUBU 607176
- 620217
- 622235 (used as base by patrol)

SUPPLY DROPPING POINTS

Most suitable areas exist at 607176 and 620217. Areas would have to be cleared to a minor extent.

- S.D.P. 607176 is approx 50 yds by 30 yds
- S.D.P. 620217 is approx 25 Yds by 25 Yds
- Good approaches for aircraft to both areas.

SUITABLE AMBUSH POSITIONS

There were none located owing to the unexpected contact with the enemy.

OPs

OPs exist at 622235. From here a view of the enemy occupied area at ISU 632241 can be seen, but owing to heavy undergrowth and vegetation his weapons pits and other defences cannot be seen.

The following bearings were taken from this OP:-

- CASUARINA ISLAND 838333 58° N
- Mt BALBI (highest peak) 266° N
- ISU (Jap posns) 50° N

OP exists at LULUBU 607176. From here arty fire could be seen falling on BERRY'S HILL bearing 100° N. No other points could be located because of low lying mist and cloud.

OP exists at 620217. The following bearings were taken from this point:-

- Mt BACANA 141° N
- CHAMBERS HILL 110° N

ISU could NOT be seen from here.

VILLAGES

Old native village which natives call LULUBU (NOT shown on map) exists at 607176.

This village consisting of 5 old huts is NOT occupied.

Native village occupied by five natives exists at 620216. Name of village NOT known.

A total of four huts were counted.

NATIVES

An occasional native was met along the track to ISU apparently on "walkabout".

These were considered friendly but gave no info re enemy except one who stayed with patrol until it returned.

Only other natives contacted were those at village 620216.

FOODS

Paw-paws are found at LULUBU 607176.

Paw-paws and taro roots at 620216.

RELIABILITY OF MAPS

Considered fairly reliable. 1" to 1 mile sheets preferable for resection.

2. ACTION ORN

(a) Narrative

At 261000L a patrol str 1 Offr 6 ORs and 4 native guides moved out from firm base 622235 with the intention of reconnoitering the enemy posns around ISU.

At 261230L patrol reached creek at 622242 where 1 Offr 2 ORs and native guides moved to within 20 yds of top of feature, leaving remainder of patrol at creek. Natives then went forward to recce and after a short period called for the remainder. Party then

2. ACTION OWN (Continued)

went forward to recce area but on reaching the top saw five or six enemy laying in open hut.

Patrol then got into positions and opened fire. Five enemy were killed, and the patrol withdrew. Ten seconds after patrol had fired, the Japs retaliated with one HMG and one LMG and a grenade was also thrown.

Patrol Comd then collected the remainder of the patrol and withdrew from the area.

(b) ENEMY STRENGTH & WEAPONS

Owing to the unexpected turn of events, the enemy position was not fully reconnoitred, so an estimation of the total enemy strength cannot be given.

Approx 20 enemy are estimated to be in the area where the patrol made contact, but this area can be presumed only a small portion of his main defences.

Weapons heard firing were:- one HMG, one LMG and one grenade.

It is assumed that the Japs remain in very close proximity to their weapons, because of their immediate retaliation to our fire. He had no sentries posted.

(c) ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

His general perimeter is located on a flat topped feature at 632241. The IEU Piper Strip cannot be seen from this position. No dug in positions were seen in or around his defensive area.

The Jap sleeping quarters are located above the ground and consist of roughly built huts with wooden beds in each.

An eye sketch showing the route into the Jap positions, the approx posns of the guns heard firing, and the huts seen is attached as an appx.

(d) CONDITION OF ENEMY

The Japs seen were of good physique, one being estimated at 6 feet. They appeared to be well nourished, and showed no signs of malnutrition.

3. ENEMY ACTION

NIL AS IN NARRATIVE ABOVE

4. TIMINGS TAKEN BY PATROL

DAY	FROM	TO	MARCHING TIME	REMARKS
DAY 1	CHOCO	620216	9 Hrs	Remained here for night.
DAY 2	620216	622235	3 Hrs	Made firm base here
	622235	632241	2 1/2 Hrs	Made contact with enemy.
DAY 3	632241	622235	2 Hrs	Firm Base.
	622235	CHOCO	8 Hrs	

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- A Eye Sketch of IEU area.
- B Route Taken

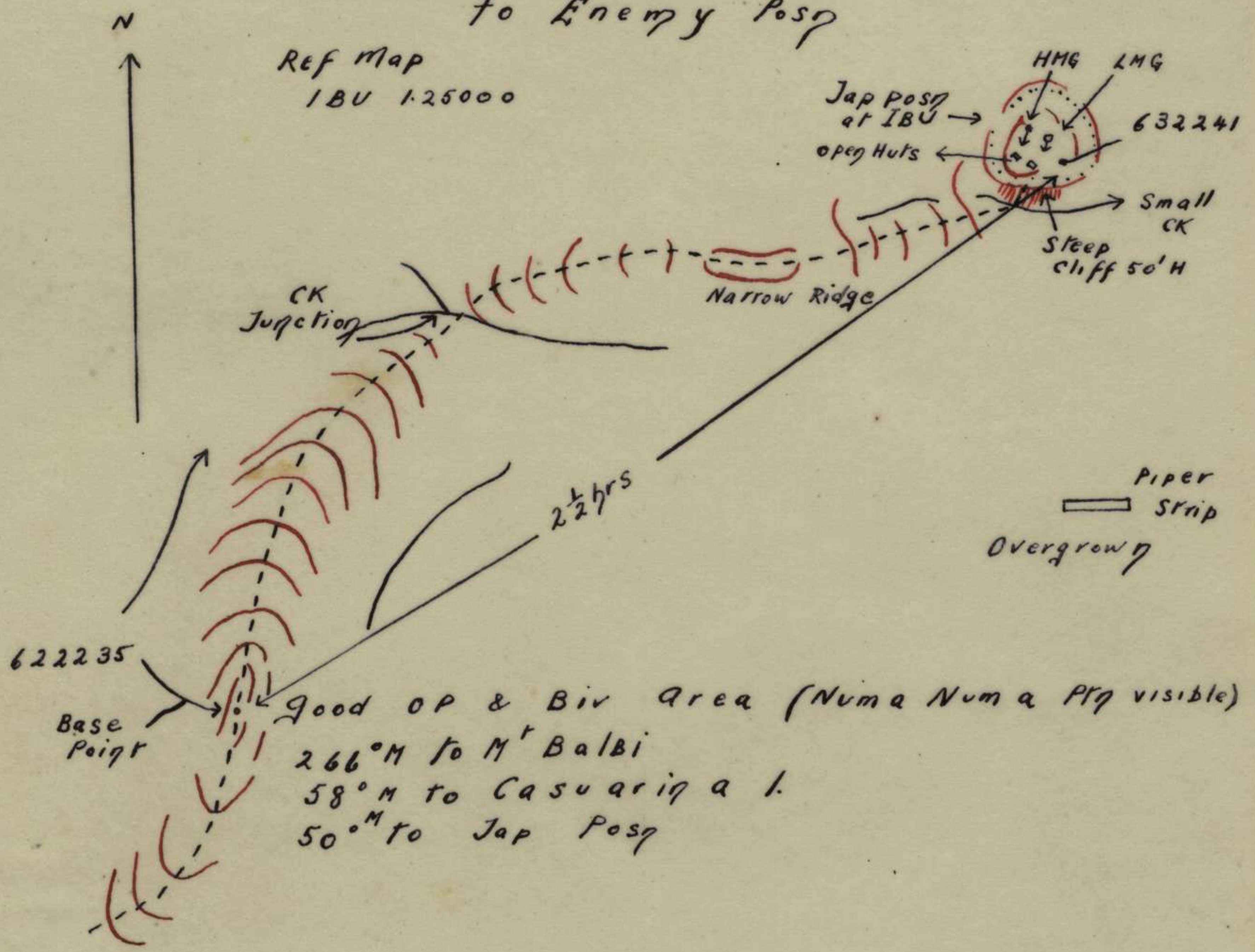
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Eye Sketch of Jap Posq at IBU

Showing Route Taken from Base Point
to Enemy Posq



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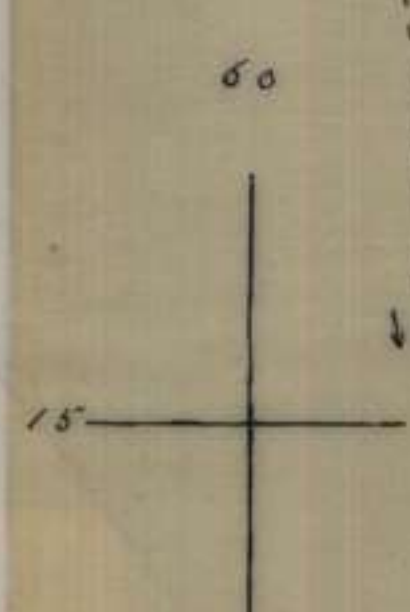
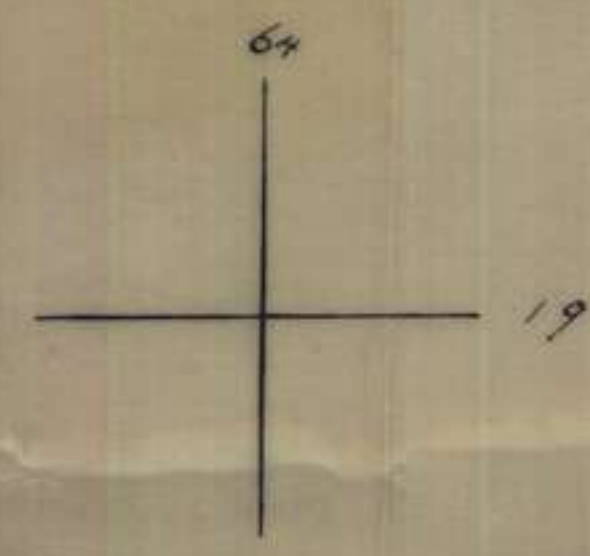
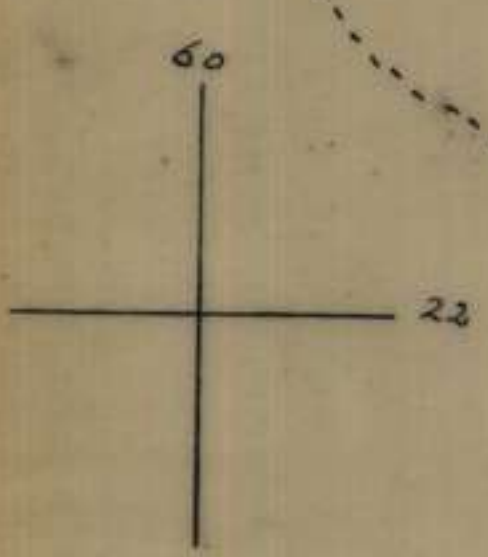
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To Lieut P.O. Edwards D Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy TOKUA Area

Information is gained by yourself when operating in TOKUA Area 20 - 22 Apr 45 (Patrol Report No 3)

Own Troops

Lt M. Carmichael with a fighting patrol of 16 OVs and attached pers will be operating in the IBU area from 261000L to approximately 301000L. His route will be by native guide so I doubt whether you will contact him. His guide will be told that you are operating in the TOKUA Area.

During your period out, there will be fighting patrols operating in the BERRY HILL Area.

AM FOO will accompany you and 10 Bty 4 Aust Pd Coy will be on call.

Natives

15/20 well armed pro-allied Kanakas harrass the enemy in IBU Area but I doubt whether you will contact them.

2. ROLE

You will

(a) Move to TOKUA and destroy as many of the enemy as possible.

3. DURATION

You will remain out at least four days but NOT more than five. In the event of casualties, you will contact this HQs by means of 208 W/T.

4. ROUTE

Move out via RYDERS RIDGE and then select your own route with the aid of the native guide and police boy, who will accompany you.

5. ADM

Arms, amm, dress as per S.O. for patrols.
Rations. At your discretion. ANGAU will provide for natives.

5. MEDICAL

As per S.O. for patrols.

7. GUIDES

Native Guides as per S.O. for patrols.

8. INTERCOMM

An FCO and 4 signalmen with 2 208 W/T sets will accompany you.

Keep in touch with this Bde regularly. Suggest about 0700 hrs and 1700 hrs daily. At conclusion of action signal as soon as is practicable and give details.

ACK

LT Col
Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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27 AUGUST 1945 (AIF)

PATROL REPORT No 8

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Ref Map KOWARO 1.25000

PATROL COMD Lt F.C. EDWARDS
PATROL BY 18 Pl B Coy strength 1 Offr 18 ORs 1 I Sec
1 R/P
Arty 1 Offr 4 ORs, 2 Sigs
1 Observer
1 Native Scout, 1 Police Boy

ROUTE OUT From Map Ref 638128 via RUMER'S HILL to Map Ref
638166 to firm Base, then to TOKUA at map Ref 638175.
ROUTE IN Reverse to route out.
TIME OUT 260800L
TIME IN 291100L

OBJECT OF PATROL Task - To proceed to TOKUA Area and destroy as
many enemy as possible.

BRIEFED BY Lt C.L. WHITROW
CASUALTIES Own - Nil Enemy - 1 killed

PART I

Patrol, proceeded to TOKUA 638175 and destroyed one Enemy.
TOKUA was heavily and accurately engaged with ARTY fire, but investigation
of area was NOT carried out so assessment of damage cannot be given.

EQUIPMENT CAPTURED 1 Bayonet.
DOCUMENTS Nil

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Tracks Clearly defined, slippery and difficult when wet.
Grades very steep in places varying from undulating
to 1 in 2.
- (b) Water Course etc. Crossed stream at 643165. Fast flowing,
shallow 10 - 15 ft wide.
Crossed River WAKUNAI at 638170. 8 to 10 yds
wide, fast flowing fordable, 2 - 3 ft deep.
Further smaller streams crossed in approaches
to TOKUA.
- (c) Vegetation Along route short undergrowth, tall timber,
in many places Bamboos.
TOKUA covered with tall timber and bamboos very
little undergrowth. Wait-a-while vines are
troublesome in places
- (d) Waterpoints Map ref 638185, 650144. Bamboos in odd places.
- (e) biv Areas Can be located at any of the water points, al-
though some areas would not house more than Pl
strength.
- (f) Dropping grounds NIL. Garden used as GP at 638167, may be
made suitable but would involve lot of work.
- (g) Ambush Positions Tracks could be ambushed almost any
where. Most suitable is water point 100 yds
from JAP position at map ref 637177.
- (h) GP Map ref 638167. TOKUA can be seen from here. This
was used as an GP by the JOC to shell TOKUA
- (i) villages NIL. Huts NIL. Gardens 638167
- (j) Natives Single native armed with grenade encountered at
firm base 638166. Well known to native scout.
- (k) Reliability of maps Features, rivers etc. accurate. ~~place~~
Place names inaccurate.

2. ACTION
OWN

- (a) General narrative
- Day 1 Proceeded to map ref 668166 where firm base was established.
- Day 2 Patrol strength 1 Cpl 12 ORs 2 Native guides 1 Police boy proceeded to TOKUA Area. Left firm Base at 0830. Advance slow and careful were within 100 yds of Jap positions at 1100 hrs. 1 Jap was discovered and had to be eliminated to avoid detection. The shots spoilt surprise so patrol withdrew to firm base, arrived at approx 1230 hrs. 1430 hrs ARTY FOO and party with escort patrol left for OP. Arrived 1500 hrs. Engaged TOKUA with fire which according to native reports was accurate. Returned to firm base at 1800 hrs.
- Day 3 ARTY FOO with security patrol again proceeded to OP to further engage target. Remainder of patrol under command Cpl with police boy commenced return journey, with instructions to establish firm base at map ref 656145. After engaging target, party moved to map Ref 656145, where biv had been prepared.
- Day 4 Left map ref 656145 at 0815. Arrived B Coy Approx 1100 hrs.
- (b) Enemy strength
Little opportunity to ascertain same. No reason to alter first report (patrol report No 3)
Weapons: Same as previous report.
- (c) Enemy killed was in very poor condition. No foot wear, torn shorts and shirt (khaki) band of khaki round head like turban. When killed was engaged in collecting bamboo for food. It is apparent that their food situation is critical. Was armed with Bayonet only, this was captured and given to native guide.
- (d) Enemy positions - As per previous report. Nothing additional.

Enemy action Nil

3. GENERAL REMARKS

- (a) Was disappointed at having to destroy Jap when as close to objective, thus giving away surprise. Position considered too strong to go in without it.
- (b) Communications seem difficult, although ~~xxx~~ unit set worked satisfactorily. Arty had difficulty with their set.

4. TIMINGS OUT

	from	SP	to	668133	1/2 hr
				668135	2 hrs
				668144	1 hr
				638166	1 1/2 hrs
<u>IN</u>	from	637175	"	638166	45 mins
				656166	2 hrs
				660144	2 1/2 hrs

5. APPX A Route Taken.

F.G. EDWARDS Lt
Patrol Commander

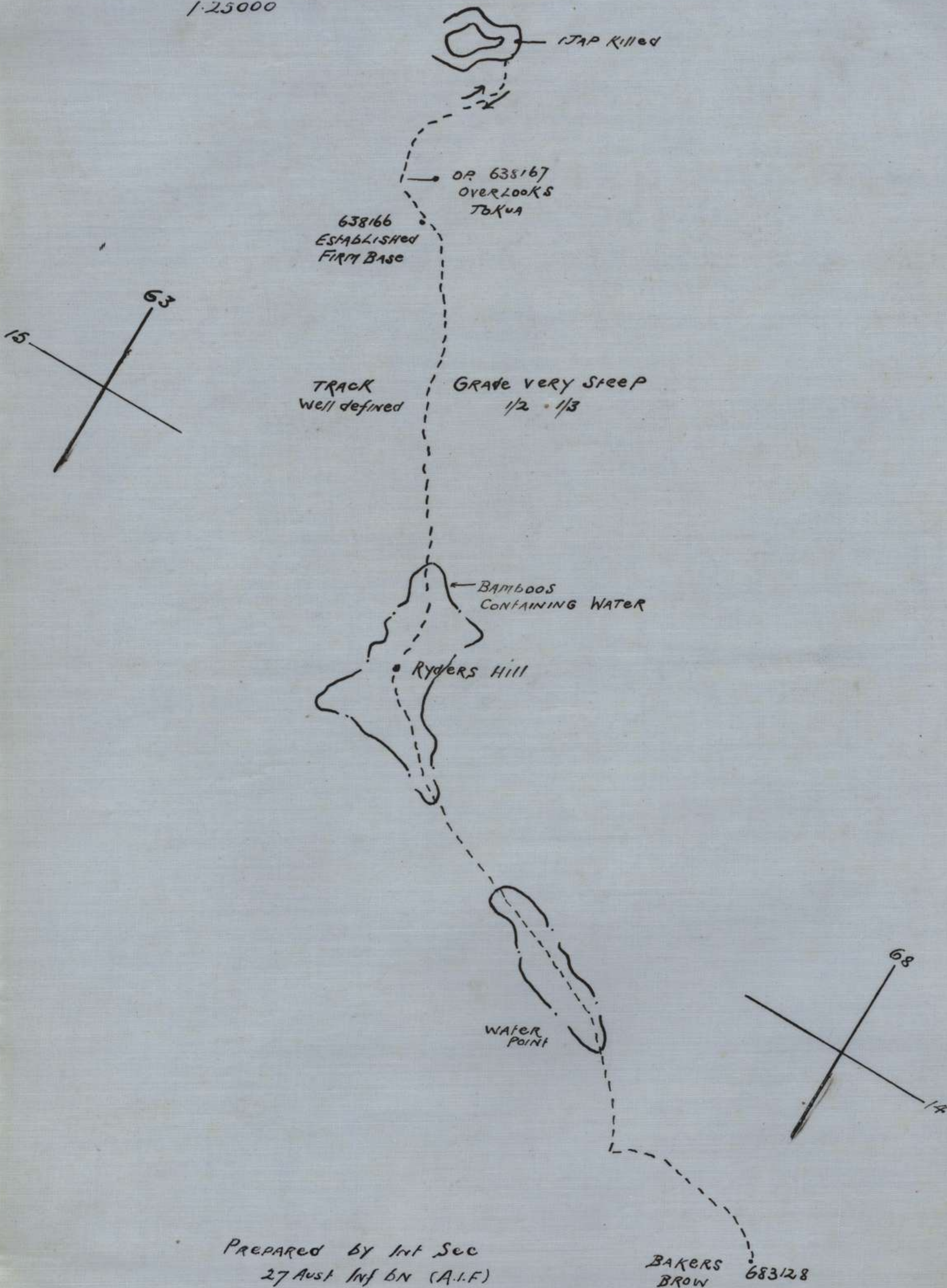
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OVERLAY

Showing Route Taken by PATROL 8
26-29 APR 45

Ref Map KOWARO
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Prepared by Int Sec
27 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F)
30 APR 45

BAKERS BROW 683128

Appx. K.

Ref Map KOWARO 1/25000

No 11

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To Lt D.J. Welfendon B Coy

1. INFORMATIONEnemy

BERRY'S HILL is occupied by an enemy force estimated at 25 to 30.

Own Troops

Lt F. Edwards will be operating in the TOKUA area 636175 from 260700L to 301600L approx.

Lt M. Carmichael will be operating in the IBU area from 260700L to 300700L.

These two patrols should NOT effect you.

Natives

The only natives in the area will be your own guide.

2. ROLE

You will

(a) Establish an ambush position astride the water point at approx 680149.

(b) Establish an ambush position on the Jap L of C between BERRY'S HILL and BASE PT 3.

3. STRENGTH

Yourself, 30 ORs, 1 S.B. one native guide & one police boy.

4. DURATION

260845L to 271700L

5. ROUTE

B Coy to DAVIS HILL thence by guide.

6. ROUTE IN

Suggest reverse of Route Out.

7. S.T.

260845L

8. ARTY

Arty will continue with its harassing fire on BERRY'S HILL. If there are any over shoots falling on or around your position, inform this HQs immediately.

9. ADM

Arms, dress, amm - as laid down in S.O. for patrols.

Medical 1 S.B.

Rations At your own discretion.

10. INTERCOMN

208 W/T.



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To Lt J.A. TIERNAN D Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy

BERRY'S HILL is occupied by an enemy force estimated at 25 to 30.

His defences appear to exist along the main track from 683146 to 687153.

Two LMG's and five rifles are known to exist approx 300 yds forward of LITTLE HUNTS.

These weapons cover the track leading up to his position.

A sentry has been seen 200 yds SOUTH of this enemy position.

An eye sketch, which is only very approx, will be attached to this instruction.

Own troops

Operating in the BERRY'S HILL area will be two other patrols with similar tasks.

Number 14, Lt D. WOLFENDON, will be operating on the northern slopes of the BERRY'S feature.

Number 15, Lt G. CRAIGIE, will be operating on the western central slopes of the BERRY'S feature.

NGIB patrol OC Lt REED will be operating on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL but his movements will NOT effect you.

Natives

The only natives in the area will be the guides with the patrols.

2. ROLE

You will

- (a) Recce the enemy positions on BERRY'S HILL.
- (b) Locate his dispositions, and estimate fire power of weapons and strength.
- (c) Make a log of all timings and distances with a view to using it for future operations in the area.
- (d) Check eye sketch and make amendments where necessary.

3. STRENGTH Yourself, Lt SMART 10 Pd Bty, 6 ORs, 1 SB, A native Guide will accompany you.

4. DURATION 0730 - 1930 hrs

5. ROUTE OUT You will move out via B Coy to HUNT'S HILL. From thence onwards the guide will show you the way.

6. ROUTE IN At your own discretion but make sure that you do NOT cross the path of the other two patrols.

7. ST 0730 hrs 30 Apr 45.

8. ARTY No Arty fire will be brought down on BERRY'S during the patrolling period.

9. ADM Arms, dress, Amn - as laid down in SO's for patrols.
 Medical 1 SB
 Rations At your own discretion.

10. INTERCOMM Runner
 L/T to HUNTS by 10 Pd Bty (FOO)

Alan J. Pope

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To Lt D.J. WOLFENDON B Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy BERRY'S HILL is occupied by an enemy force estimated at 25 to 30. His defences appear to exist along the main track from 683146 to 687153. Two LMG's and five rifles are known to exist approx 300 yds forward of LITTLE HUNTS. These weapons cover the track leading up to his position. A sentry has been seen 200 yds SOUTH of this enemy position. An eye sketch, which is only very approx, will be attached to this instruction.

Own Troops There will be two other recon patrols operating in the BERRY HILL area with tasks similar to your own. Patrol 13, OC Lt TIERNAN will be operating on and around the main track forward of HUNTS HILL towards BERRYS. It is unlikely that you will meet this patrol. Patrol 15, OC Lt G. CRAIGIE, will be operating on the Western slopes of BERRY'S on tracks No's 1 & 2. NGIB patrol OC Lt RABD, will be operating on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL but his movement will not affect you.

Natives The only natives in the area will be the guides of the patrols.

2. ROLE

You will

- (a) Recon the enemy positions on BERRY'S HILL.
- (b) Locate his dispositions, and estimate fire power of weapons and strength.
- (c) Make a log of all timings and distances with a view to using it for future operations in the area.
- (d) Check eye sketch and make amendments where necessary.

3. STRENGTH Yourself, 6 ORs 1 SB and one native guide.

4. DURATION 200730L to 201930L

5. ROUTE OUT You will move out via DAVIS HILL. From there move down to creek at approx 680149. Then move via creek to North side of BERRY'S HILL.

6. ROUTE IN At your own discretion, but suggest the same as route out.

7. ST 0730 hrs 30 Apr 45.

8. ARTY No Arty fire will be laid down whilst you are out.

9. AIM Arms, dress, AMM - as laid down in SO's for patrols.
Medical 1 SB
Rations At your own discretion.

10. INTERCOMM Runner

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To Lt G. CRAIGIE B Coy

1. INFORMATION

Enemy

BERRY'S HILL is occupied by an enemy force estimated at 25 to 30.

His defences appear to exist along the main track from 683146 to 687153.

Two LMG's and five rifles are known to exist approx 300 yds forward of LITTLE HUNTS.

These weapons cover the track leading up to his position.

A sentry has been seen 200 yds SOUTH of this enemy position.

An eye sketch, which is only very approx, will be attached to this instruction.

Own troops Operating in the BERRY'S HILL area will be two other patrols with similar tasks.

No 14 Lt WOLFENDON will be operating on the northern slopes of the BERRY feature.

No 13 Lt J. TIERNAN will be operating on and around the main track forward of HUNTS HILL towards BERRYS.

NGIB patrol OC Lt REED will be operating on the NUMA NUMA TRAIL but his movements will NOT effect you.

Natives The only natives in the area will be the guides of the patrols.

2. ROLE

You will

- (a) Recce the enemy positions on BERRY'S HILL.
- (b) Locate his dispositions, and estimate fire power of weapons and strength.
- (c) Make a log of all timings and distances with a view to using it for future operations in the area.
- (d) Check eye sketch and make amendments where necessary.

3. STRENGTH Yourself, 6 ORs, 1 SB and a native guide.

4. DURATION 300730L to 301930L

5. ROUTE OUT Move out via B Coy to DAVIS HILL and then down to water point at approx 680144.

6. ROUTE IN Suggest reverse of route out.

7. ST 0730 hrs 30 Apr 45.

8. ARTY No Arty fire will be brought down on BERRY'S during the patrolling period.

9. ADM Arms, dress, Amn - as laid down in SO's for Patrols.
 Medical One SB
 Ration at your own discretion.

10. INTERCOMM Runner

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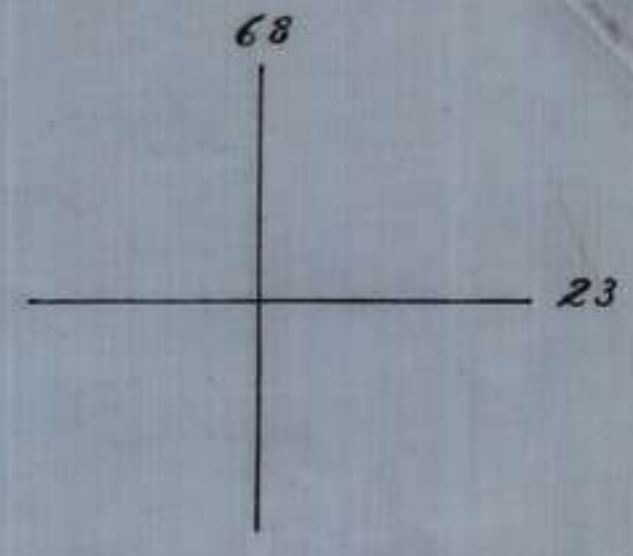
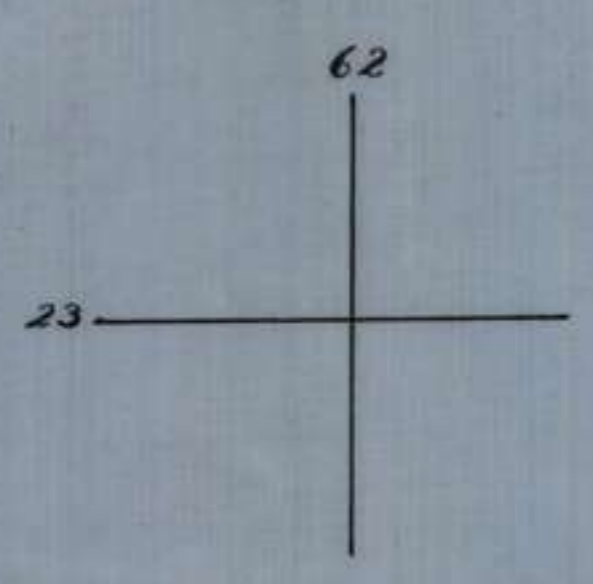
SUMMARY of OPERATIONS

for APR '45

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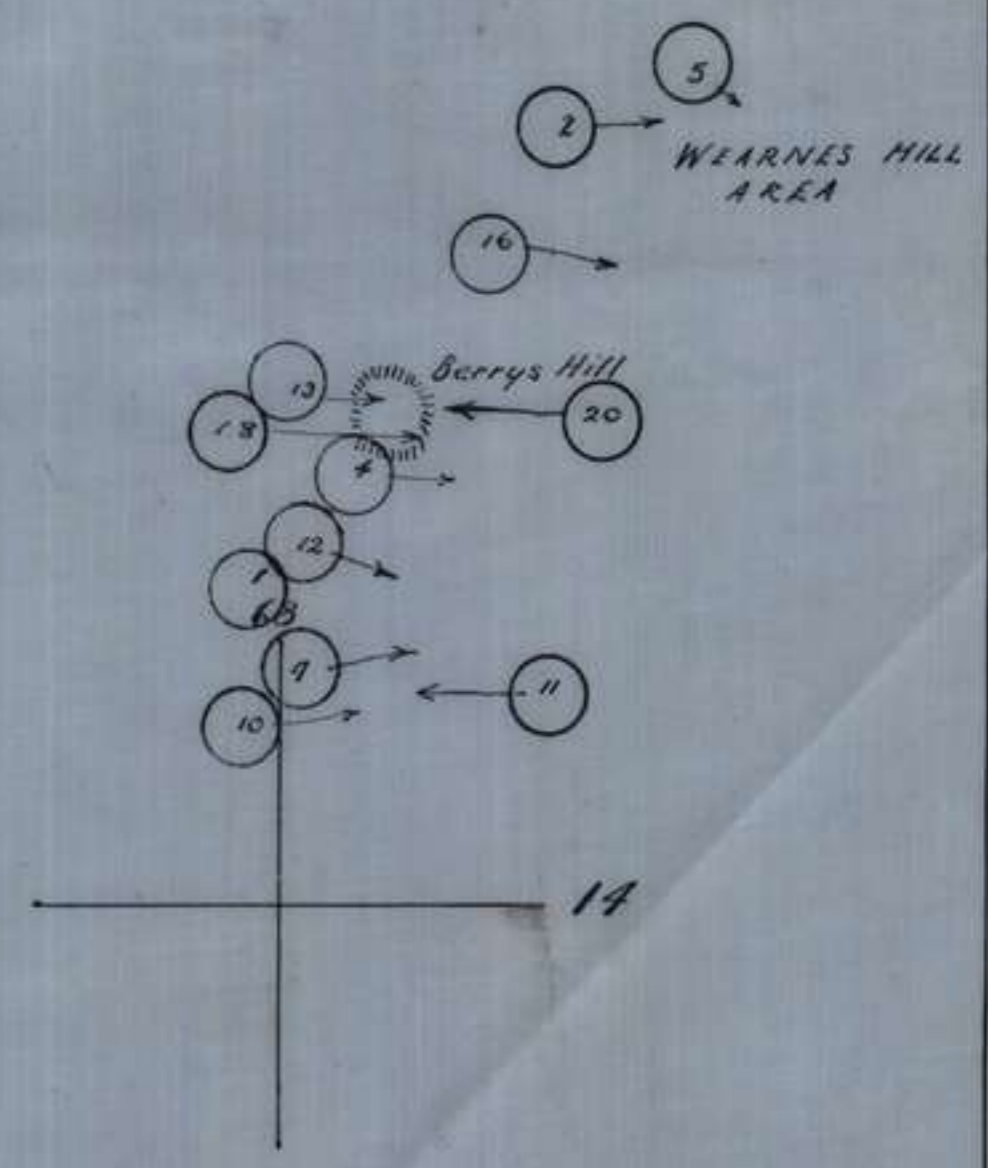
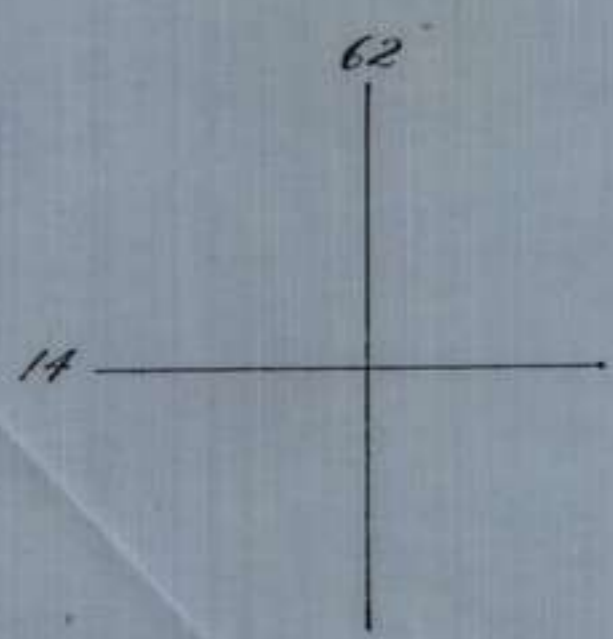
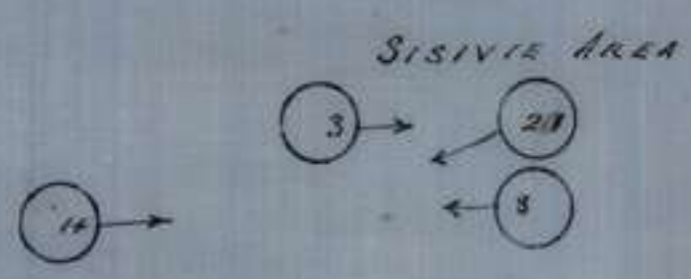
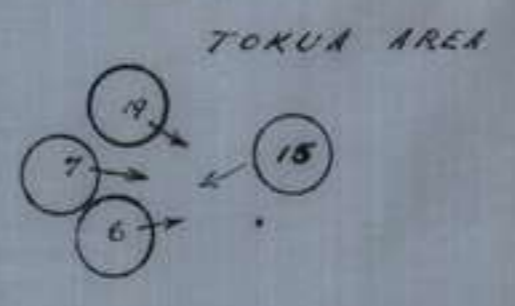
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		LEGEND	
1.	21 Apr 45	Patrol 1.	6 Japs contacted 1 killed 4 wounded
2.	21 Apr 45	Patrol 2.	7 Japs contacted 1 killed
3.	22 Apr 45	Patrol 4	2 Japs observed
4.	22 Apr 45	Patrol 1.	Estimated 25-30 Japs in area
5.	22 Apr 45	Patrol 2.	LMG located at this point, natives estimated 25/30 Japs in area
6.	23 Apr 45	Patrol 3	Estimated 20-30 Japs in area
7.	23 Apr 45	Patrol 3	1 Jap Offr & 3 ORs seen at strong bunker posn
8.	23 Apr 45	Patrol 4	Enemy posn encountered - 1 Jap wounded
9.	24 Apr 45	Patrol 6	10 Japs contacted - 3 killed 1 wounded.
10.	24 Apr 45	Patrol 5	2 Japs observed - 1 killed
11.	25 Apr 45	Patrol 10	Patrol fired on by enemy using 2 LMGs and rifles. Patrol broke contact, leaving 1 Offr 1 OR in vicinity enemy posn, now posted killed in action.
12.	25 Apr 45	Patrol 9	Patrol contacted 2 Japs - NIL casualties
13.	26 Apr 45	OP	20-30 unequipped Japs observed moving on BERRYS HILL from direction BASE PT 3.
14.	26 Apr 45	Patrol 12	1 Jap killed
15.	27 Apr 45	Patrol 8	1 Jap killed
16.	27 Apr 45	Patrol 11	Jap L of C between BERRYS HILL and BASE PT 3 not used for one week
17.	27 Apr 45	Patrol 7	5 Japs killed
18.	28 Apr 45	OP	2 Japs observed from DAVIS HILL, engaged with LMG results unobserved.
19.	29 Apr 45	Patrol 8	Patrol called for arty fire, target area well covered.
20.	30 Apr 45		Patrols 13, 14 and 15 made thorough recon of Jap posns BERRYS HILL with a view to future ops. Enemy contacted - 1 Jap wounded.
21.	30 Apr 45	OP	2 Japs observed.

NOTE

- 20 - 30 Apr 45 Arty and mtr harassing fire engaged targets on BERRYS HILL.
- 23 Apr 45 NGIB posn at map ref 716178 attacked by enemy throughout night, withdrew at first light leaving 8 killed 6 wounded.



Prepared by 1st Sec
27 Aust Inf Bg (M1)
4 May '45

APPX. 1.

Army Form 3008
(Adapted) (1 of 1)
Revised Jan., 1943

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

14/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/4/1945 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 120 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 30 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				2 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'fts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL	Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required					
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
NR	1		2	Majors										
		1	9	Captains	A&G	1								
		7	27	Lieutenants										
			1	Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
NR	1	8	40			1								
				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.										41
				E. [1]										
				E. [2]										

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].

* 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
5X2930	Lt-col	A. POPE		30 Mar 45	Ex leave
5X26416	Capt	T.S. MILNE	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	31 Mar 45	Ceased to be
5X27694	"	I.B. DOWN		1 Apr 45	detached as
5X26608	Lt	C.F. MYERS		1 Apr 45	observers
5X25124	"	M.G. CARRICHAEL		2 Apr 45	
5X15023	Lt(T/Capt)	E.K. HALES		2 Apr 45	
5X26286	Capt	N.H. MOORLEY		30 Mar 45	Ex leave
5X25127	Lt	C.L. WHITROW		30 Mar 45	Ex leave

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To	Date	Cause
5X107713	Maj	S.W. PICKETT	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	3 Apr 45	Detached as
5X101150	"	G.R. SAVILL	"	1 Apr 45	as Observers
5X115714	Capt	T.W. HOGES	"	3 Apr 45	
5X25125	Lt	J.F.W. ATTCHISON	"	31 Mar 45	
5X25134	"	F.G. EDWARDS	"	31 Mar 45	
5X25137	Capt	H.F.M. PALMER	"	31 Mar 45	
5X25131	Lt	L.C. MILLS	2/1 AGH	5 Apr 45	Admitted for medical reasons

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 7 Aust Inf Bn (UNIT) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 7/4/1945

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

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

14/45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/4/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	322930	COPE	A.	CO	Yes		
Maj	107715	PICKETT	S.W.	2 I/c	No		5/4/45
"	101560	SAVILL	C.R.	CO HQ Coy	No		1/4/45
Capt	111714	MOORE	T.W.	2 I/c	C Coy	No	5/4/45
"	3226416	MILNE	T.S.	CO D Coy		Yes	
"	322931	LURIN	A.F.P.	-		Yes	
"	3225155	BAULDERSTONE	A.J.	2 I/c	D Coy	No Att LHM Tsc Sch	12/2/45
"	3225157	PALMER	H.F.M.	-		No	31/3/45
"	3225150	SUTHERLAND	H.D.	CO C Coy	No	Att RAAP Sch of Army Co-op	9/3/45
"	3227694	DOWN	I.B.	CO B Coy	Yes		
"	3225286	MOSELEY	N.H.	2 I/c	B Coy	Yes	
Lt	3225183	CORREY	C.A.	CO A Coy	No	On leave	15/3/45
Lt(T/Capt)	3225153	MACKAY	H.	Adjnt	No	Rear party	
Lt	3229604	PIPER	F.B.	2 I/c	A Coy	Yes	
"	3225185	MITCHELL	J.F.W.	-		No	31/3/45
"	3228808	MYERS	C.F.	CO 3 Pl	Yes		
"	3225184	CARRICHAEL	H.G.	CO 7 Pl	"		
"	3225181	WOLFEY	W.E.	TO	No	Rear party	
"	3225187	WHITROW	C.L.	-	Yes		
"	3225181	HILLS	L.C.	CO 15 Pl	No	2/1 AGH (Medical)	5/4/45
"	1028603	TIMMAN	J.A.	-	No	Rear party	
"	3225282	HANTS	D.J.	-	Yes		
"	3225154	EDWARDS	F.G.	CO 18 Pl	No		31/3/45
"	10161940	ELLIS	W.W.	CO 5 Pl	"	Rear party	
"	3225183	ROBINSON	L.W.	CO 9 Pl	"	On leave	2/3/45
"	3229603	BUTLER	R.	-	"	Medical	21/2/45
"	111728	SPICER	G.V.	CO 2 Pl	"	Medical	15/3/45
Lt(T/Capt)	115025	HALES	R.K.	CH	Yes		
Lt	3229948	HEAN	F.W.C.	CO 15 Pl	"		
"	1115887	WOLFENDEN	D.J.	CO 10 Pl	"		
"	10787	SHARPS	C.R.	CO 4 Pl	"		
"	1028689	CALLANDER	J.W.	IO	No	On leave	
"	1028370	CRAIGIE	C.R.	CO 12 Pl	Yes		
"	1029785	JEVSON	H.H.	-	No	On leave	20/12/44
"	104871	MOULCHRIST	E.J.	CO 1 Pl	"	On leave	25/2/45
"	1028650	FERGUSON	I.B.	CO 14 Pl	"	Att LHM Sch of Mil Int	27/2/45
"	1017083	DOORER	L.F.	CO 11 Pl	"	On leave	2/12/44
"	10132957	SMITH	H.L.	-	No	100 CCS	5/1/45
"	102895	CLIFTON	C.H.	CO 6 Pl	Yes		
"	3225711	BRAYSON	C.A.	Asst Adjnt	No	On leave	Mar 45

ATTACHED

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	1095572	HOWDEN W.B.	AA Ch D	7/3/45	Chaplain - relief for Padre RAWLINS on leave
* Detached to units of 3 Aust Div and HQ 11 Bde for period of 3 weeks					

7 Apr 45

Date of Despatch

Alan Pope

Lt-col

Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 / 1945 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 120 / 3 OFFRS 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 32 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.				
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	1		31	Sergeants	2	1	1	5	9
	9		58	Corporals	1	1	1	4	7
53	42		616	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1			14	15
				Civilians counting as O.R.				1	AACC
53	*	53	716	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AACC	AACC	AACC	AACC	AACC
					32	*	1	1	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(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.

Detail	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years							
	A Class	A Class							
A	595	153							748
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	2/108 LAD			1	Q'd Ech & Rec		
1	AAAS			93	Leave		
				4	17 Aust Fd Amb		
				3	3 Aust FPC		
				11	Observers		
				1	LHQ School of Mech		
				2	3 Aust AAD		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 7 / 4 / 194 5

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 4 / 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, R.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 Bedle				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers	6	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddistree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Sievedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	23	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Big. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg duties	4	4	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								LMG & R'men	397	348	53
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								MMG Nos	22	22	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Mortar Nos	73	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman	-	1	-	Battery Surveyors				Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		Pro Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks	12	10	NR	RP's	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	NR	Clerks, Technical				SBs	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Tk A Gun No	19	18	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Water duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				P1 Sgts	25	24	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				OSM4 COMS	5	10	9 NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W/EX			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				RSM1 RQMS	1	2	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Drs MT	12	12	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics		3		769 716 53			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				Att by WE			
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				See back			
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1			32	32	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		CARRIED FORWARD	57	56		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	748	53

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

[Signature]
Lt-col
Signature of Commander
Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

ATTACHED BY WE

BY UNIT (AIA)

		WE				POSTED STRENGTH				REINFTS REQUIRED			
AAMC	Chiropodist				1				1				
	Hyg Inspector				1				1				
	Med Orderlies				2				2				
AAOC	Shoemaker				1				1				
AA	Postal Services - Postal Clerk				1				1				
AAPC	Pay Clerks				2				2				
AACC	Caterer				1				1				
	Cooks				23				23				
TOTAL		32				32							

NCO's BY TRADES

	W.E.				POSTED STRENGTH				REINFTS REQUIRED			
	WOI	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	WOI	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	WOI	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt
TG 2												
Int duties				1				1				2
Signallers												3
TG 3												
Clerks				2				2				5
Tailors				1				1				1
Storemen Tech				1				1				
NON SPECIALISTS												
IMG Nos & Riflemen												36
MMG Nos												2
Mortar Nos												5
Pioneers												4
Provosts				1				1				
SB's				1				1				1
Tk A Gun Nos												4
RSM	1				1							
QOMS		1				1						
CSM's		5				4						NR
COMS			5				5					
Pl Sgts				25				24				NR
Drs MT							1					NR
SUPERNUMERARIES												
Int Sec												1
Canteen												1
Bffrs Mess												1
	1	6	5	32	67	1	5	5	31	58		NR

ATTACHED BY WE

AAMC	Chiropodist												
	Hyg Insp				1				1				
	Med Ord				1				1				
AAOC	Shoemaker				1				1				
AAPS	Postal Ord				1				1				
AAPC	Pay Clerks				1				1				
AACC	Caterer	1						1					
	Cooks				5				3				NR
		1	7	5	41	75	1	6	5	38	66		NR

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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Apr 45

1. ORGANISATION OF SECTION - OSMG - Carry ten mags per gun.
Shovels) - parcelled in man loads
Picks)
Grenades - More carried on patrols
Bren - 10 loaded mags carried on men. Remainder to be taken also.

2. FIGHTING PATROLS Communications - 108 Mk III and 208 sets satisfactory.
Number of OSMG's to be increased on fighting patrols.
Patrol Pack Sketch of Inverted W pack. For use on short patrols.
For long patrols pack to be used.
1 basic pouch attached to belt on right hip.
Gas capes carried.
US Capes to be withdrawn by Coys here. Good capes issued for patrols.
Ground sheet carried.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tent not taken.
Blanket not carried.
Cardigan carried.
Berets held by Coys and issued to patrols.

Action of patrols

- (a) Maintained between posts.
(b) Patrols briefed before leaving.
(c) Clearly define object.
(d) Patrol must carry out object of patrol.
(e) Patrol leader must keep running account of happenings throughout day.
(f) Two types of pro formas for patrols.
(i) for information on contact
(ii) Patrol report - carried by Coy HQ & Pl comd
Patrol leader gives part I of report immediately he returns to whoever briefed patrol - given verbally.
Then he makes out part II as quickly as possible.
Track going maps to be made.
(g) Scouts - searching ground immediately in front. must not be hurried.
(h) Weapons - full issue to be carried on patrols.
(i) Firm base - must be est in case of large patrols.
(j) 2nd in command of patrol must be nominated
(k) Badges of rank - not worn whilst on patrol
Sleeves rolled down when leaving perimeter.
(l) Pers Camouflage - most essential
(m) Security - No pers papers to be carried
(n) Sanitation & Hygiene - strict supervision at all times.
Trench latrines.
Bury tins
Shave daily under all circumstances.
(o) Bn HQ must be notified of all patrols going out.
Patrol leaders must know of any other patrols which are out.

3. TACTICS GENERALLY

- (a) Before tps committed, comds must have ALL available infm.
- (b) Orders must be clear and understood by ALL.
- (c) Provide for mopping up.
- (d) Always maintain a reserve.
- (e) Consolidation - do not occupy old JAP positions. Consolidate further forward.
Quick digging in immediately.

4. PENETRATION Units doing outflanking, must do so widely and deeply.

5. AMBUSHES Setting in early morning and late afternoon
Use same periods for approach to enemy posns.

6. SP FIRE Must call for whatever comds think they require.
Smoke must be used when necessary.
Use best shots as snipers.

7. AM N Conserve when on patrols etc, especially with automatic weapons.
Sec comds practice fire control whilst in this area.

8. ATEBRIN Rolls carried on all ops.
Waterproof covers for atebtrin.

9. SECURITY Escorts for ration parties etc.
L of C never secure.
In rear areas - laid out on defensive lines. Each man must have definite task.
Security in perimeters as laid down.
Must be adequate during daylight.
Destruction of envelopes etc.
Arms carried by all pers moving out of perimeter.
Patrols between posts by day.
No movement after dark.
Digging and clearing fields of fire, all priority tasks.
Booby traps as a warning rather than producing casualties.
4 sec grenades as booby traps.
Alternative posns for all pers - especially LMGs.
Plans made of ALL Booby traps.
Talking or noise in perimeter must be kept to minimum
Stand to etc, applies in ALL areas.
Bn HQ to lay down times of stand to etc.
Fires to be lit only during daylight.

10. PERIMETERS Need not be too tight.

11. WEAPONS Daily inspection and return to Coy HQ.
Maintenance important.
Mags unloaded daily and cleaned.
Grenades must be kept clean.

12. HEALTH OF TPS Must be kept fit.

Q MATTERS

1. CQMS Must have welfare of Coy at heart. Maintenance of ALL Coy stores.
Liaison with HQ.

2. RESERVE RATIONS Only a reserve.
Indent on HQ when used.

3. TENTS 6 men per 12 x 14

4. HATS Puggarees not to be worn.
Bands used in place of puggarees.
Old hats used - good hats left at LOB area.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Certain returns are required by Bn HQ.
Laid down in Standing Orders.
Study log for use on OPs.
Shelling reports
Unexploded bomb report.
Hostile A/C report
Daily state and ration strength.
Amn expenditure 1400 hrs daily.
MPT

2. DISCIPLINE Must maintain high standard.
Shirts will not be removed at any time, including
working parties.

3. MAINTENANCE OF MORALE Will be responsibility of Coys.
Bn HQ will supply amenities wherever
possible.

4. CANTEEN Card system - cards kept at canteen.
Individual orders and marked from card.
Amount paid in to be 50/- per man.
Cards for pers forward of roadhead.

J. J. Ripen Lt
Adj. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

SUBJECT:- EXAMINING BOARD - PROFICIENCY PAY

WD APPX. 3.

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
A100/17
9 Apr 45

CO
2 I/c
A/Adjt
All Coys
W.D.

1. Reference this HQ's A100/7 of 29 Nov 44.

2. The following will constitute an Examining Board for the purpose of testing pers who have returned from leave, in order to establish eligibility for proficiency pay.

Lt C.M. CLIFTON	(President)
Sgt RYAN	H.
" FUSS	H.R.
" BROCKS	C.A.
" TOSI	E.M.

3. For the purpose of testing pers of 1,2,3,4 pls in their respective specialist weapons, the following NCOs will be attached to the board during the examination of HQ Coy.

Sgt GARDNER	K.L.	(4 Pl)
" WEHNER	J.E.	(3 Pl)
" RANDALL	W.J.	(2 Pl)
L/Sgt MARSHALL	C.F.	(1 Pl)

4. Rifle coy pers will be tested in the following:-

(a) Musketry

Grouping - 8 inch group on a 4' x 4' target - range 100 yds.

(b) T's GNT

- (i) Rifle, tests 1 to 8
- (ii) LMG " 1 to 5
- (iii) 2" Mortar, tests 1 to 3
- (iv) Grenade, tests 1-3-4
- (v) Map reading, 10 questions - 8 to be answered correctly.
- (vi) OSMG - load, unload, mag filling, immediate action.
General knowledge - 4 questions, 3 to be answered correctly.
- (vii) Anti gas - General knowledge - 4 questions, 3 to be answered correctly.

5. HQ Coy pers will be tested in:-

- (a) Rifle (all)
- (b) Grenade "
- (c) Map reading "
- (d) Anti gas "
- (e) OSMG (where applicable)
- (f) LMG " "
- (g) HMG " "
- (h) Mortar 3" " "
- (i) Tk A Gun " "

6. Testing will commence 12 Apr 45 and the president of the board will contact coys and do tests under mutual arrangements. This is necessitated by guard duties and working parties and coys will render all assistance possible to enable tests to be completed at the earliest.


Lt
Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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APPX. 4.

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Nos 12

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

by

Lt-col A. POPE E.D.
Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
11 Apr 45

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1225/126

JAPANESE & NATIVE GARDENS

1. Recent information obtained from Japanese documents indicated that the area NORTH of TAI TAI is a highly dysenteric area. The Japanese were particularly instructed to take special sterilisation precautions with water. Obviously sick wastage from dysentery must have been high.
2. It is a Japanese custom to fertilise gardens with their own faeces, so that all occupied garden areas are potential sources of hookworm, cholera and other dysentery organisms. Hookworm, cholera and dysentery can cause chronic ill health and even death.
3. In order to prevent such disease the following precautions must be carried out:-
 - (i) Never walk bare footed in native or Japanese gardens. Hookworm will enter through the feet and a rash and itch of the feet is likely to follow any entrance of the worm.
 - (ii) Green leafy vegetables should not be eaten raw. If cooking is thought to be undesirable, dipping in boiling water for 2 minutes will suffice. Soaking in super-chlorinated water, not detasted, for half an hour or a magnate colored solution of condy's crystals for a similar period would be satisfactory.
 - (iii) Water melons should be washed to remove all soil and treated as for green vegetables in para 3 (ii)
4. If these precautions are carried out the risk of contracting the diseases enumerated should be minimised.

353 P. be Lt
Adj 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

MINUTES OF PUBLICATION

A Field General Court Martial convened by Maj C.R. SAVELL Adm Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) was held in the field on 27 Mar 45 for the trial of TX16086 Pte MANSFIELD W.H.

The accused was charged with

1. WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER
in that he
in the field at approximately 2030 hrs on 14 Mar 45 did say to SX27594 WO 2 NANCARROW K.C. of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) "I don't care whether you are a warrant officer or what you are that doesn't worry me" or words to that effect. AA 8(2)
2. WOAS STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER
in that he
in the field at approximately 2030 hrs on 14 Mar 45 did strike with his fist the right hand of SX27594 WO 2 NANCARROW K.C. of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) who was at that time discussing with him a matter of messing. AA 8(2)

3. WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY BN ROUTINE ORDERS

in that he
in the field at approximately 2030 hrs 14 Mar 45 wore his
shirt with sleeves rolled up contrary to Bn routine order
No 151/44 AA 11

FINDING:- GUILTY TO ALL CHARGES

SENTENCE:- The Court on 27 Mar 45 sentenced the accused to undergo
detention for a period of 90 days.

The accused was 12 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed by Maj C.R. SAVELL Adm
Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on 28 Mar 45 and promulgated to the accused
in the field on 28 Mar 45.

A Field General Court Martial convened by Maj C.R. SAVELL Adm Comd
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) was held in the field on 27 Mar 45 for the
trial of NXL92285 Pte McMILLAN L.C.A.L.

The accused was charged with

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE

in that he
in the field absented himself without leave from 0630 hrs 25
Mar 44 until 2145 hrs 28 Aug 44, a period of 157 days. AA 15(1)

FINDING:- GUILTY

SENTENCE:- The Court on 27 Mar 45 sentenced the accused to
undergo detention for a period of 120 days.

The accused was 108 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed by Maj C.R. SAVELL
Adm Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on 28 Mar 45 and promulgated to the
accused in the field on 28 Mar 45.

A District Court Martial convened by Col L.E. VAIL was held at HQ,
NSW L of C Area on 14 Mar 45 for the trial of S20317 Pte ZUCHELT T.H.

The accused was charged with: Desertion (AWL from 2359 hrs 22 Dec 43
to 2350 hrs 6 Feb 45)

The Court found the accused GUILTY of the charge.

The Court sentenced the accused on 14 Mar 45, to detention for
18 months.

The accused was awaiting trial in close arrest for 35 days, and in
open arrest for -- days.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Mar 45 by
Col L.E. VAIL.

The date for review of sentence was fixed for 14 May 45.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at RANDWICK
on 21 Mar 45.

A District Court Martial convened by Maj-Gen H.F. STANDCKE Comd
Q'land L of C Area was held at BRISBANE on 6 Mar 45 for the trial
of N284038 Pte CHEDZEY T.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS Absenting himself without leave in that he in the field
absented himself without leave from 0740 hrs 9 Mar 45 until
1145 hrs 24 Jul 44 (138 days) AA 15(1)

2. WOAS When in lawful custody escaping in that he in the field
on 14 Aug 44 when in lawful custody escaped. AA 22

3. WOAS Deserting His Majesty's service with intent permanently
to absent himself from his military duty in that he in the
field absented himself from 2359 hrs 14 Aug 44 until he was
arrested at 1600 hrs 13 Feb 45 at Crauder Bay dressed in
civilian clothes (183 days) AA 12(1)(a)

FINDING:- GUILTY

SENTENCE:- 18 months imprisonment with hard labour on 6 Mar 45.

The accused was 41 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 8 Mar 45 by Comd Q'land L of C Area who commuted the sentence to one of detention for 18 months and promulgated to the accused on 10 Mar 45.

PUNISHMENTS

VX140849 Pte HOBSON M.L. A Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - 7 days CB

SX39312 Cpl SEABROOK H. A Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - Reprimanded.

QX60570 Cpl McINTOSH J.L. A Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice.
AA 40. Award - Reprimanded.

SX39756 L/Cpl HENDY R. A Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - Reprimanded.

SX31558 L/Cpl LITCHFIELD C.M. D Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice.
AA 40. Award - Severe Reprimand

NX200544 Pte DAWSON F.W. A Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - 7 days CB

S21017 Pte PELVIN H.J. A Coy WOAS Absenting himself without leave.
(12 days) AA 15(1). Award - Fined \$5 &
forfeiture of 7 days pay.

TX16086 Pte MANSFIELD W.H. C Coy WOAS Neglecting to obey Bn Guard
Orders. AA 11. Award - 14 days Fd punish-
ment & forfeiture of pay for 14 days.

VX86107 Pte WHITTEN L.G. C Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - 7 days CB

NX169996 Pte CARNELL W.G. C Coy WOAS Neglect to the prejudice. AA 40
Award - 7 days CB.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANK

NX200273	A/Cpl, MORRISON	F.G.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	12.1.45
NX177753	Pte SIMPSON	C.R.	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	9.2.45
NX174432	Pte MEAD	C.H.	" " "	13.2.45
NX177121	L/Cpl SIMPSON	D.M.	Promoted A/Cpl	7.2.45
SX39760	L/Sgt BLIESCHKE	H.K.	" A/Sgt	7.2.45
SX39780	A/Sgt OLDS	R.A.R.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	29.11.45
SX39745	Cpl BUSS	H.A.	Promoted A/Sgt	22.1.45
SX28350	Cpl SCURRELL	C.H.	" "	7.2.45
SX24002	Cpl NASH	K.A.C.	Appointed L/Sgt	21.2.45
SX39611	L/Cpl WHITE	L.A.	Promoted A/Cpl	16.2.45

APPX. 5.

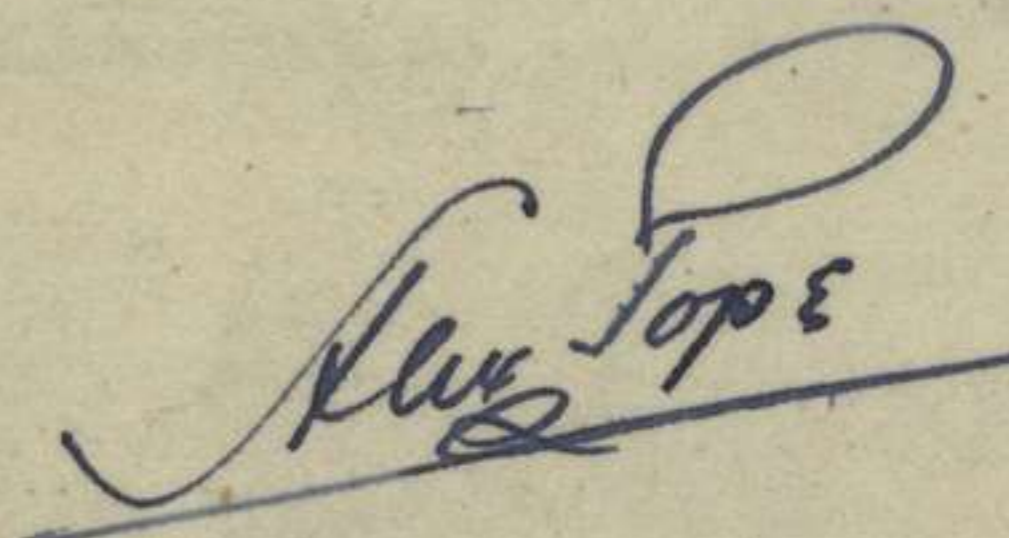
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SUBJECT 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Location Statement No 4

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Location Statement No 4.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) as at 2359 hrs 19 Apr 45.
3. Acknowledge.



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Int/20 of 20 Apr 45.27 AUST INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT
No 4 AS AT 2359 HRS 19 APR 45

Ref Map KOWARO 1:25000

SER- IAL	ARM OR SER- VICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No.	UNIT	MAP REF	LOCATION	REMARKS
1.	Infantry	41670	Bn HQ - Fwd	677113	GEORGE HILL	Plus Det 23 Bde Sig Sec
2.	"		Bn HQ - Rear	659090	ROAD HEAD	
3.			HQ Coy HQ	673112	MARTINS KNOLL	
4.			2 Pl (1 Sec)	683147	HUNTS HILL	
5.			3 Pl (1 det)	683147	HUNTS HILL	
6.			4 Pl	659090	ROAD HEAD	
7.			5 Pl	673112	MARTINS KNOLL	Less 1 Sec RYANS KNOLL 666105
8.			6 Pl (Tpt)	663100	BARGES HILL	
9.			6 Pl	659090	ROAD HEAD	
10.			A Coy HQ	677113	GEORGE HILL	
11.			7 Pl	618127	CHOCO RIDGE	
12.			8 Pl	605146	KEENANS RIDGE	1 det 3 Pl (Mortars) 1 Sub Sec 2 Pl (MMG's) ARTY OPO
13.			9 Pl	682116	LITTLE GEORGE HILL	1 det 3 Pl (Mortars)
14.			B Coy HQ	677113 676130	BAKERS BROW	Plus 1 Sec 2 Pl (MMGs)
15.			10 Pl	678128 678130	"	" 1 det 3 Pl (Mortars)
16.			11 Pl	678129 677129	"	" 1 det 3 Pl (Mortars)
17.			12 Pl	678128 676130	"	" 2 det 3 Pl (Mortars) ARTY OPO
18.			C Coy HQ	684117	ARTY HILL	
19.			13 Pl	685121	ARTY RIDGE	
20.			14 Pl	686124	" "	
21.			15 Pl	684118	ARTY HILL	Plus 1 det 3 Pl (MORTARS)
22.			D Coy HQ	685126	RAZORBACK	Plus ARTY OPO " 1 Det 3 Pl (Mortars)
23.			16 Pl	683128	"	" 1 Sub sec 2 Pl (MMGs)
24.			17 Pl	685126	"	
25.			18 Pl	686129	"	
26.			NGIB	672111	MARTINS KNOLL	
27.		45203	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy 3 Pl	685121	ARTY RIDGE	
28.	ARTY		10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	658090	ROAD HEAD	Less FOO dets B & D Coy
29.	ENGRS		16 Aust Fd Coy 2 Pl (1 det) (1 det)	666105 684118	RYANS KNOLL ARTY RIDGE	
30.	MEDICAL	45969	1 Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb 1 Det	659090 663100	ROAD HEAD BARGES HILL	Less 2 dets

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1/25000.INFORMATION1. Enemy

The enemy occupies the feature BERRY'S HILL with a strength estimated at 25/30.

On 211600L patrol No 4 contacted 6 JAPS vicinity 681150. These were apparently out collecting food from a kai patch. One enemy was killed, four wounded.

On 221100 L recce patrol contacted 5 JAPS 300-400 yds NORTH of HUNT'S HILL, presumably on forward slopes of BERRY'S. Rifle fire was exchanged.

2. Own tps

HUNT'S HILL is held by 1 (one) Sec of MMGs with 3 riflemen, with LMG attached.

INTENTION

3. C Coy will relieve outpost on HUNT'S HILL with one Pl.

METHOD

4. One Pl C Coy will prepare to move immediately and relief will be complete by 251200L.

5. Perimeter is to be extended tactically and recce patrols will recce area fwd of HUNT'S HILL.

ADM6. Amn

(a) On the man 100 rds per rifle
10 mags per Bren
10 mags per OSMG

(b) MMG Sec will leave 1000 rds per Bren
750 9mm.
120 Grenades.

(c) Reserve amn 5000 BDR
8000 CTN
10000 9mm.
300 4 sec Grenades
24 7 sec Grenades
50 2" Mortar HE
9 2" Mortar Smoke
15 65 GREN.

to be supplied by C Coy from holdings. To be replenished by RSM.

7. Accommodation

(a) Shelter halves will be taken
(b) Cooking gear will be taken.

8. Carrying party

ANGAU will provide carriers to carry stores to HUNT'S HILL, and to carry out MMG stores.

9. MMG Sec will be sited in B Coy area on withdrawal.

10. Rations

Unexpired portion of days ration plus 2 days hard ration will be carried.

INTERCOMM L/T and runner.

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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
25 Apr 45

HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME - 25/26 APR 45

TIME	UNIT	ROUNDS	RATE	TARGET	REMARKS
1700	10 Bty	80	Gunfire	R101 R4 E77	
1930	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
2100	10 Bty	24	Gunfire	R101	
2230	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
0100	10 Bty	24	Gunfire	R101	
0300	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
0600	10 Bty	80	Gunfire	R101 R4 E77	
	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
0900	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
1130	10 Bty	80	Gunfire	R101 R4 E77	
1400	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	
1600	10 Bty	24	Gunfire	R101	

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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
26 Apr 45

HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME - 26/27 APR 45

TIME	UNIT	ROUNDS	RATE	TARGET	REMARKS
1700	10 Bty	80	Gunfire	R101 E77	
1800	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	One Mortar per Target
2000	3 Pl	10 RPG	"	T1234	"
2200	10 Bty	24	Gunfire	R101	
2400	10 Bty	24	"	R101	
0200	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	"
0400	10 Bty	24	Gunfire	R101	
0600	10 Bty 3 Pl	80 10 RPG	Gunfire Normal	R101 E77 T1234	"
0900	10 Bty	80	Gunfire	R101 E77	1000 hrs Regn on fwd Slopes BERRYS
1100	3 Pl	10 RPG	Normal	T1234	One Mortar per Target

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27 Apr 45

HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME 27/28 APR 45

TIME	UNIT	TARGET	ROUNDS	RATE	REMARKS
1430	3 Pl	T1234			Registration
1530 - 1700	10 Bty	R101 R77	24		
1700 - 1830	10 Bty	R77	40		
1930	10 Bty	R60	20	Normal	
2130	3 Pl	T1234	4 RPG		4 mortars only 1 per Target
2330	3 Pl	T1234	4 RPG		"
0130	10 Bty	R4	24	Gunfire	"
0330	3 Pl	T1234	4 RPG		"
0545 - 0645	10 Bty	R101 R4	40	3 rounds Gunfire	
0545 - 0645	3 Pl	T1234	10 RPG		"
0700	10 Bty	R77	12	3 rounds Gunfire	
0800	10 Bty	R60	12	3 rounds Gunfire	

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HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME - 26 APR 45

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1030	10 Bty	As Called	60	Gunfire	
1150	3 Pl	3, 4	4 RPG	Normal	
1230	10 Bty	R101 R4	48	Gunfire	
1345	3 Pl	3, 4	4 RPG	Normal	
1515	10 Bty	R30	15	Gunfire	
1630	3 Pl	1, 2	4 RPG	Normal	
1730	10 Bty	R77	12	Gunfire	
1745	10 Bty	R30	15	Gunfire	
1845	3 Pl	1, 2, 3, 4	4 RPG	Normal	
2015	10 Bty	R101	24	Gunfire	
2130	3 Pl	1, 2, 3, 4	4 RPG	Normal	

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SUBJECT HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME 20/29 APR 45

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
20 Apr 45

TIME	UNIT	TARGET	ROUNDS	RATE	REMARKS
2300	10 Bty	E 77	6	Gunfire	
0030	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4	3 RPG	Normal	
0200	10 Bty	R 4	16	Gunfire	
0400	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4	3 RPG	Normal	
0500	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4	3 RPG	Normal	
0600	10 Bty	F 60 E 77	27	Gunfire	
0600	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4,	4 RPG	Normal	
0730	10 Bty	F 60	15	Gunfire	
0845	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4	3 RPG	Normal	
1000	10 Bty	R 101 F60	16	Gunfire	
1130	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4,	3 RPG	Normal	
1300	10 Bty	F 60	15	Gunfire	
1500	3 Pl	T 1,2,3,4	3 RPG	Normal	
1600	10 Bty	F 60 R4	31	Gunfire	

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SUBJECT HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME 29/30 Apr 45

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
29 Apr 45

TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RATE	REMARKS
1700 hrs	3 Pl	1.2.3.4	3 RPG	
1730 "	10 Bty	E77	12	
1845 "	3 Pl	1.2.3.4	3 RPG	
2030 "	10 Bty	F60	12	
2200 "	3 Pl	1.2.3.4	3 RPG	
2330 "	10 Bty	R 4	12	
0130 "	3 Pl	1.2.3.4	3 RPG	
0330 "	10 Bty	R 101	12	
0645 "	3 Pl	1.2.3.4	3 RPG	
0645 "	10 Bty	E77 R4	28	
0730 "	10 Bty	F60	20	
0845 "	10 Bty	R4	24	

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