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27 Infantry Battalion

July 1945

WAR DIARY

UNIT 27. Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 July 45 TO 31 July 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, Etc
BONIS PENINSULA	1 July 45	0830	'D' Coy patrol moved out to recce general area 303718. During the movement out, the patrol struck a possible enemy ambush posn. One Jap fired on the leading scout wounding him; movement was then heard on either flank of the patrol, so the Comd gave the order to withdraw. Owing to one wounded pers (Pte Rogers W.J.) the patrol returned to Coy arriving at 1600 hrs.	Security patrols were maintained by Coys throughout the day.
		0830	'C' Coy patrol (O.C. Lt D.J. Harte) moved out to make recce of the SIAR PTN area. At 1500 hrs the patrol returned stating that while moving along a track on the western edge of the plantation, it was fired on by two LMGs and many rifles.	

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PENINSULA			The conduct of the war in this Sector is a matter of some concern. No importance to the sector is attached apparently by 2 Corps, which nonchalantly detailed 27 Bn to take over the whole sector, then relented and allowed the Brig to use 8 Bn (less one Coy) and still the front is far too wide.	
			We've been promised tanks but they are yet to be sighted. One Bty 4 Fd Regt only in sp, and so far, we have no Engrs. The water situation is also difficult.	

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BONIS	1 July 45		The Jap has, to a large extent, been unmolested by 11 Bde on the right flank, and consequently has rather assumed the initiative, by nuisance tactics - i.e. ambushes with pers and improvised mines. The Bn is occupying 4000 yds off front, twice the normal frontage for a Bn in open warfare. And this country is densely vegetated. The L of C to C Coy is over 3000 yds long, 2500 yds of which cannot be covered, and consequently enables the Jap to ambush it just when he likes. There is allegedly one Coy (B) in reserve, yet this is going flat out on escort duties to sup lines, subject to ambushes, and have had 1 Offr 1 OR killed and 1 OR wounded. The whole of our frontage has been patrolled out - there does not	
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BONIS	1 July 45		appear to be a strong Jap position anywhere, but	
PENINSULA			small nomadic parties right across the front. No	
			forward movement of the unit is envisaged until we	
			have tk support. There is no Bde reserve - 7 Bn	
			being in PEARL RIDGE area and Corps refuse to release	
			or relieve it.	
			Casualties to date are:-	
			Enemy 18 Killed 5 Wounded	
			Own (Enemy Action) 2 Killed 3 Wounded	
			" (Accidental) 3 Killed 8 Wounded	
		1500	Three enemy were observed moving around outside	During the morning the
			Tac HQ. A patrol led by Capt T.W. McGee moved out in	C.O. accompanied by the Adjt
			a wide outflanking sweep and contacted the enemy.	visited C Coy at RURI BAY.

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BONIS PENINSULA	1 July 45	1500	A short fire fight followed resulting with one enemy killed and one wounded. The dead Jap had been carrying a 75 MM shell improvised as a land mine. This is the third road mining party that has been contacted in the last three days.	ROUTINE ORDERS APPX 1
	2 July 45	0630	An estimated 4 Japs with LMGs and rifles fired on 12 Pl perimeter. An exchange of fire followed during which L/Cpl Ashton G.T. was wounded slightly in the leg. He was later evacuated to the ADS at RATSUA.	Coy patrols continued throughout the day but all reported nil sightings.
		1030	A 'B' Coy security patrol comprising 1 Offr 8 ORs while returning on the RURI BAY RD from C Coy was fired on by an est 3 Japs with a LMG and rifles.	

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BONIS	2 July 45	1030	Lt M.G. Carmichael, the patrol Comd was killed. A	
PENINSULA			patrol investigated the area but reported nil	
			sightings.	
		1045-1255	Our 3 inch and hy mtrs harassed the general	
			area NW of D Coy perimeter.	
		1300-1900	A relatively quiet afternoon. The only	
			sightings of the enemy was a patrol of 2 Japs 50 yds	
			west of Tac HQ during 'stand-to'. Later in the	
			evening, it was reported that enemy were heard moving	
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BONIS	3 July 45	0720	'D' Coy listening post forward of the perimeter	During the last few days
PENINSULA			sighted one Jap 'proowler'. He was engaged by fire and	a PITA school has been in
			killed. A rifle and documents were captured.	progress in the 'B' Ech
				area. It is intended that each
		1145	Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC (23 Bde Comd) visited	coy will have at least two
			the CO and will remain the night.	trained PITA men per platoon.
				At present one gun is on issue
		1500	A 'B' Coy security patrol escorting a jeep to	to each Coy.
			13 Pl (RURI BAY) was fired on by an estimated 3 Japs	
			with a possible LMG. Pte Cornelius of 'B' Coy was	
			killed. The driver of the jeep narrowly missed injury	
			when a bullet grazed his back.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	4 July 45	0820	12 Corsairs of the RNZAF bombed and strafed enemy posns in the SIAR PTN area.	
		0850	'C' Coy patrol (Lt L.C. Mills) moved out to recce the general area SIAR PTN with the object of ascertaining the damage caused by the morning's bombing. The patrol returned at 1430 and stated that, owing to enemy activity in the area, full investigation of bomb damage could not be carried out. One Jap sentry was contacted and killed.	While throwing garbage over the cliff in 13 Pl area a grenade set as a booby trap, and left there by the 26 Bn exploded and wounded Cpl Schraeder. He was evacuated to ADS.
		1410	An estimated 2 Japs incl a LMG fired on a wood-chopping party working inside our 'B' Ech perimeter. Two 17 Fd Amb pers were killed and one was wounded.	During the day, Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC accompanied by the C.O. visited our RURI BAY posts.

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BONIS PENINSULA	4 July 45	1410	Although listening posts were in close proximity of where the Jap fired from, the attack came as a complete surprise.	
	5 July 45	1015	While proceeding from Tac HQ to 'B' Echelon, a jeep train was brought to a standstill when the leading jeep set off a mine buried under the corduroy. The jeep was wrecked but the driver escaped injury. One of the escort sustained a slight cut across the eye. At the time, the cause of the explosion was not known as no wires or leads could be found which might have been used for detonating the mine. A patrol investigating the area later uncovered another bomb which gave the solution to many of the	

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BONIS	5 July 45	1030	A 101 Hy Mtr patrol while moving to RURI BAY Rd via the old PIB track contacted an estimated 5 Japs. The enemy was engaged with fire resulting with two killed. Own casualties nil. This was possibly the same party that had laid the two mines previously reported.	
PENINSULA		1200	An 'A' Coy patrol (OC Lt D.B. Dunstan) to 313718 for the purpose of conducting mtr registration on enemy posns there, contacted and killed one Jap. The area was later engaged by mtr fire.	
		1415	The BM 23 Aust Inf Bde (Maj A.R. Dixon) SC (Capt G. McConachie) accompanied by Capt L. Powell (BASCO) visited the C.O.	(BASCO)

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BONIS PENINSULA	5 July 45	1445	A security patrol of 'C' Coy while moving to 13 Pl observed two Japs in the act of setting a 75 MM mine under the road. The enemy was engaged but escaped owing to a LMG stoppage. The 75 MM shell was captured intact.	
	6 July 45		A quiet day for the Bn. Coys continued with their security patrols and the laying of ambushes in their respective areas but all reported nil sightings. Two Japs were seen outside Tac HQ perimeter late in the afternoon and five minutes later heavy LMG fire was heard 200 yds west of Tac HQ. The reason for the firing can not be appreciated as the gun seemed to fire in a westerly direction.	Details of proposed Pl trg with tanks to hand from 23 Inf Bde. Idea is that rifle coy pls will spend 1 day each at Soraken. Trg will consist of lectures and movement with tanks along a track.

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BONIS PENINSULA	6 July 45		Prior to the complete change - over of D and B Coys, 12 Pl relieved 16 Pl. Relief of D Coy by B Coy to be complete 7 July 45.	
	7 July 45	0830	A security patrol moving down the MIDDLE TRACK to 'B' Echelon located a Jap mine buried under the road. The mine consisted of an aerial bomb with nose-cap propellers complete buried in the earth and a corduroy log placed on the head of the missile. Pressure on the log would detonate the mine.	During the morning 8 Pl and 14 Pl moved out en route to SORAKEN for the purpose of tank training.
			Patrol further investigated the area and found three more bombs. These were set as anti-personnel mines.	Patrolling during the day to the change-over of B & D Coys and the movement of two platoons to SORAKEN.
				To counter the recent Jap ambushes and road mining tactics, Coys are now placing standing patrols at vantage points along the main jeep roads.

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BONIS PENINSULA	7 July 45	1200	'B' Coy completed the relief of 'D' Coy. D Coys new location is now on the RURI BAY RD midway between 'B' Echelon and 'C' Coy. During the relief an estimated 2 Japs fired on B Coy's perimeter with rifles. Our troops retaliated with LMG fire resulting with one Jap wounded.	These patrols remain in posn from dusk until late morning.
			Amendment to Location Statement No 6 compiled today	APPX 2 FIELD RETURNS APPX 3.
	8 July 45	0830	Recce patrol str 1 Sgt 10 ORs moved out from 'B' Coy to recce general area west. Patrol returned at 1600 hrs with the infm that a well worn track was located running north	During the 'stand-to' period of 'B' Coy a Jap set off a booby trap. A patrol later investigated the area and a 75 MM shell improvised as a land mine.

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BONIS PENINSULA	8 July 45	0830	<p>and south approx 800 yds west of B Coy posn. While this area was being investigated, two Japs in full marching order were observed on the track moving north. In view of recent reports from 8 Bn that a number of Jap posns had been found vacated, it is highly possible that the enemy is withdrawing his forward tps to another defence line in the rear.</p> <p>The patrol then made a further recce of the area west of this newly found track, but the only sighting was one Jap moving north.</p>	<p>At 0830 hrs construction of a new jeep road from A Coy to C Coy was commenced. Approximately 60 native labourers are being employed for the task.</p> <p>Object of this road is to relieve D Coy of the responsibility of securing the main track from B' Ech to RURI BAY. On completion of the road, D Coy will move to the MIDDLE TRACK and by forming pl perimeters along the track will secure it against Jap ambush and mine laying parties.</p>
		1100	<p>12 and 18 Pls moved to SORAKEN for purpose of tank training.</p>	

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BONIS PENINSULA	9 July 45	0730	A 'B' Coy patrol which had moved forward of the perimeter during 'stand-to' was fired on when returning. The enemy weapon was reported by the patrol to have been an Australian Owen Gun. There were nil casualties on either side.	Work on the new road from A Coy to C Coy continued throughout the morning. From all accounts the road surface is a solid one and will not require corduroying.
		1200	7 and 10 pls moved out to SORAKEN for purpose tank co-op training.	Other than the early morning incident of 'B' Coy, nothing of importance happened during the day. All coys reported "no change".
		1400	Lt Col L.J. Loughran (C.O. 8 Aust Inf Bn AIF) and several offrs from 23 Bde visited the C.O.	

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BONIS	10 July 45	1000	C.O. moved out to HQ 23 Bde where he will	Our three inch mtrs
PENINSULA			remain the night.	registered DF targets in the
				'C' Coy area during the
		1130	9 Pl, while escorting a native road construction	afternoon.
			party on the nearly completed jeep road to 'C' Coy,	
			sprung a Jap ambush when approx 400 yds from their	
			objective. An estimated 12 Japs incl one kanaka	
			were in the party. Of these 12 Japs, three were	
			killed and others possibly wounded. One of our men	
			Pte Jolly W. was wounded in the leg.	
		1800	One Jap, later identified as a 2/Lt walked	
			into 13 Pl's perimeter at RURI BAY and gave himself	
			up as a PW. This is the first PW captured by the Bn.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	11 July 45	0645	An estimated 3 Japs harassed 16 Pl's perimeter with LMG and rifle fire. Nil casualties were sustained by either side.	
		0715	A 'B' Coy patrol while investigating movement around the perimeter was fired on by an estimated 3 or 4 Japs with rifles. Pte O'Reilly W.A. was killed in the action. A further investigation of the area revealed a 75 MM shell with electric detonators and leads tied to a tree on the edge of the perimeter.	
		0930	14 Pl accompanied by the PW captured last night, moved out to SORAKEN for tank co-op trg. The PW is to be escorted from SORAKEN to 23 Bde by the I.O. for Interrogation.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	11 July 45	1115	Lt Col Court (DAQMS) 2 Aust Corps)	The jeep road from 'A' Coy
			Maj C. Jones (2 I/c 7 Aust Inf Bn AIF) visited the unit HQ. Maj Jones will remain the night, and move to 8 Bn in the morning.	to 'C' Coy is now complete. The first jeep convoy moved through at 1100 hrs. En route to C Coy, the
		1800	C.O. returned after visiting HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.	escorting platoon contacted 3 Japs who fled on being seen. They left behind one
		2300	Information from 23 Bde gave the following	Australian rifle which had been captured the day previously.
			statements made by the PW during interrogation:-	
			He was a Platoon Comd of the 38 A.A. Bn, two Coys of which had been given the role of moving from NUMA NUMA to BONIS PENINSULA where they were to reinforce the Naval troops in that area. The PW had deserted the force when it was approximately	

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BONIS PENINSULA	11 July 45	2300	1000 yds east of the RURI BAY RD and at that time, it was the intention of the Jap Comd to move his force by night through our lines. Whether this force has passed over the RURI BAY RD is not known. On receipt of this information, arty and mtrs fire was brought down in the C and D Coy areas.	
	12 July 45	0800	Acting upon the information received from 23 Bde regarding the enemy force moving west towards RURI BAY RD, C and D Coys each sent a recce patrol out to investigate the area east of these two Coy posns. At 1600 hrs the two patrols reported in. No signs of enemy movement had been seen.	

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BONIS	12 July 45	1200	A Jap ambush party fired on a jeep convoy moving along the MIDDLE TRACK. The driver of one of the vehicles was wounded in the leg. Investigation of the area by a patrol brought nil results.	
PENINSULA		1315	While the jeep convoy was moving from A Coy to C Coy on the newly made track, a mine exploded 20 yds ahead of the leading vehicle. It was not known how the mine exploded as no leads could be found and no vehicles or pers had passed over the spot where the mine had been buried. The convoy continued without further mishap.	Routine Orders compiled today APPX 4

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BONIS PENINSULA	13 July 45	0715	An improvised Jap mine tied to a tree outside the 'B' Coy perimeter exploded wounding one of our personnel. Investigation of the area revealed that possibly 2 or 3 Japs had sneaked in during the night, laid the booby trap and exploded it when they saw movement inside 'B' Coy perimeter.	
		0800	Two fighting patrols, one from each of 'C' and 'D' Coys, moved out to the area east of the RURI BAY RD with the object of ascertaining whether the Jap force previously reported was still in the area. At 1530 and 1600 hrs respectively the two patrols returned, each with the report that no signs of the enemy had been seen.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	13 July 45	0800	During the day an 8 Bn patrol reced the area but with nil results. A further report from a PIB patrol operating in the area stated that a track running east and west had been located, and followed to a point on the RURI BAY RD 300 yds north of D Coy. C Coy then despatched a patrol to confirm this. The patrol returned with the opinion that the Jap force moving west had crossed the RURI BAY RD and were now safe in the Jap lines.	
		0930	A jeep convoy moving to Tac HQ from B echelon was ambushed. A mine which had been buried under the corduroy was detonated but not before the convoy had been warned. While seeking cover the second scout was	

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BONIS PENINSULA	13 July 45	0930	hit by a piece of shrapnel. The convoy proceeded without further incident.	During the day, a security patrol from the 101 Hy Mtrs Coy. located two Jap bodies in the scrub west of their posn. The finding of these two bodies now brings the total number of enemy killed on 1 July to 5. One was reported previously.
		1100	CO accompanied by Maj C. Jones (2 I/c 7 Aust Inf Bn AIF) visited the 8 Bn. CO conferred with Lt Col L.J. Loughran regarding the anticipated move of this Bn to the RATSUA area. Maj Jones will remain with the 8 Bn as an observer for a few days.	
		1130	A jeep convoy while moving from A Coy to C Coy via the new road was ambushed by an estimated 12 Japs including 2 LMGs. The Japs had placed a mine on the footpad running parallel with road. This was detonated when our troops were passing over it. Two	

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BONIS PENINSULA	13 July 45	1130	<p>pers were wounded. Immediately following the detonation the Japs opened fire and two more of our personnel were wounded. An outflanking movement by the reserve section was ordered and during the manouvre, Sgt Blieske H.K. was killed. Enemy casualties were not known. The convoy returned with the casualties to A Coy and at 1400 hrs moved off again to C Coy arriving without incident at 1800 hrs.</p>	<p>action, and 3 wounded in action by other means.</p>
	14 July 45	0800	<p>A 'D' Coy recce patrol comd by Lt F.G. Edwards, moved out to investigate a PIB report which stated that a freshly cut track, presumably used by the Jap force moving west had been located crossing the RURI BAY RD 300 yds north of D Coy.</p>	

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BONIS PENINSULA	14 July 45	0800	At 1700 hrs the patrol returned stating that the track had been located and followed to a point 600 yds north of A Coy, where it crossed the kunai. Evidence of the Jap movement was shown by newly made foot prints and discarded pack-boards.	
		0830	A 'C' Coy patrol operating 200 yds west of 13 Pl posn at RURI BAY was successful in that 3 Japs were ambushed. One Jap was killed, one probably killed, and one other wounded. A LMG was captured. This party of Japs was possibly en route to the RURI BAY RD in an attempt to ambush our jeep convoy.	
		1100	7 Pl relieved 16 Pl on the MIDDLE TRACK. 16 Pl moved out to SORAKEN for the purpose of tank co-op training.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	15 July 45	0815	A security patrol moving from A Coy to Tac HQ sprung a Jap ambush. A mine exploded but not before the patrol had been given warning by the forward scout. The area was searched but the only evidence left by the Jap was a length of sig wire which had been used for the detonating of the mine. Nil casualties were suffered by either side.	
		0745	CO moved out to 23 Bde HQ.	A plan for the concentration of the 2 Bns in the Ratsua area was discussed and adopted. Move to be completed by Friday 18 July.
		1600	CO arrived back from 23 Bde after conferring with the Bde Comd (Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC).	
		0900	A patrol escorting jeeps from 'B' Echelon to Tac HQ ran foul of two mines buried underneath the corduroy. The forward scout Pte Faehrmann J. was killed and Pte Andrews E. was wounded.	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) O.O. No 9 APPX

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BONIS PENINSULA	15 July 45	0900	The Jap ambush party then moved back towards 8 Pl perimeter, threw a grenade and fired a LMG. No casualties resulted from this latter action.	
		1100	13 Pl moved to SORAKEN for purpose of tank co-op training.	
	16 July 45	0900	The movement of the Bn to the RATSUA Sector commenced with C and D Coys vacating their areas. 'C' Coy is to occupy an area on the TASUI TRACK approx 500 yds north-west of the present 'B' Echelon area. 'D' Coy less 16 Pl is to occupy an area adjacent and south west of the present 'B' Echelon area. 16 Pl will eventually hold the main RURI BAY RD and MIDDLE TRACK junction (312690). 'B' Echelon, on completion of the Coy movements to their respective areas, will move to RATSUA.	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) O.O. No 9 APPX

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BONIS PENINSULA	16 July 45	1030	<p>Bn recce party comprising the C.O. 2 I/c of each coy, with the exception of 'B' Coy moved out to make a recce of the new Bn area. Sites were selected for Tac HQ and Coys and at 1400 hrs C and D coys moved into them. Consolidation of these two coys was completed at 1830 hrs.</p> <p>The position of Tac HQ will be situated half way between the eastern edge of BUOI PTN and the TASUI TRACK JUNC at 297697. 'A' Coy less one pl will be situated on the TASUI TRACK JUNC; the remaining pl will dispose itself in rear of 'C' Coy 8 Bn's present position.</p> <p>The location of 'C' Coy is only temporary. On or about 21st July, 'C' Coy 8 Bn is to capture COMMO RIDGE and our 'C' Coy is to relieve it of its responsibilities.</p>	

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BONIS PENINSULA	16 July 45	1030	Movement of the 8 Bn is to commence 18 July 45.	During the night 15/16 Jul
			8 Bn is to be responsible for the left flank. The ultimate disposition of the two units is shown in APPX 5.	several Japs carried out nuisance tactics around 'B' Coy perimeter. Several booby traps were sprung and grenades were thrown by our troops.
	17 July 45	1000	A jeep proceeding to B Coy from Tac HQ detonated a mine. The driver of the jeep received slight lacerations to the right ankle. The jeep, although damaged, returned to 'B' Echelon under its own power.	Nil cas were suffered by either side. A 75 MM mine with 150 yds lead was found outside the perimeter.
		1000	Adv party (OC Capt T. McGee) for Bn HQ moved out to 'B' Echelon, where it will remain the night before proceeding to the new location.	An escort party to a jeep train located two 20 LB aerial bombs buried in the road 300 yds north of 'B' Echelon. The convoy continued without further incident.
		1300	'A' Coy vacated their area at 315714. Temporary HQ will be with Tac HQ with 7, 8 and 9 Pls disposed	C and D Coys continued with consolidation throughout the morning.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc
BONIS PENINSULA	17 July 45	1300	in sections along the MIDDLE TRACK to 12 Pl area. The role of this coy is to give protection to Tac HQ and B Coy during their movement to rear 18 July 45.	
	18 July 45	1030	B Coy moved out of its area and proceeded to SORAKEN where it will remain one week for the purpose of resting and training.	
			Capt H.F. Palmer marched out to NT Force to assume duties of G.S.O. III (SD).	
		1100	Capt M.D. Sutherland is now posted O.C. B Coy. (Temporarily). Tac HQ closed present location, re-opened at 295697.	
			C.O. Adj, I.O. and Bn HQ staff moved out to the new Bn HQ area.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	18 July 45	1115	A Coy, by platoon, moved out and proceeded to its new location 298698. Consolidation by this coy was completed at 1800 hrs.	
		1500	16 Pl which was in position on the MIDDLE TRACK between Tac HQ and 'B' Echelon, moved out to its new location 313690 (junc of TASUI AND RURI BAY RD).	
		1700	Movement of Tac HQ, A, B, C and D Coys is now complete. 'B' Echelon and 4 Pl are yet to move to their new locations (RATSUA).	
	19 July 45	0820	A navigation party moving out with the intention of selecting a more suitable route for the new road from Tac HQ to the 8 Bn's L of C was ambushed by a small party of Japs 100 yds west of Tac HQ perimeter.	Consolidation by coys continued throughout the day.

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BONIS PENINSULA	19 July 45	0820	A 75 MM mine was electrically detonated and three of our personnel were wounded.	During the day A, C and D Coys maintained ambush posns NE of the TASUI TRACK.
		0900	'B' Echelon commenced moving to RATSUA where it will set up HQ. 4 Pl, which is to provide security for the HQ moved also. At 1600 hrs, 'B' Echelon reported in position at 300680 (RATSUA). With the exception of a few unit stores, the movement of the Bn to its new area is now complete.	At 1615 hrs, the coys reported 'nil sightings'. These ambushes are to be maintained 24 hrs a day as from 1800 hrs tonight.
		1400 -	Our 3" mtrs registered COMMO RIDGE. COMMO	
		1500	RIDGE is occupied by the enemy, strength estimated at 20 tps, and is situated approx 750 yds north of Tac HQ.	
	20 July 45	1000 -	12 Fd Bty registered DF tasks for D Coy	Ambush patrols by A, C and D Coys reported nil sightings.
		1200		

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BONIS PENINSULA	20 July 45	1400	Bde Comd (Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC) -visited the C.O.	
		1500 -	In preparation for the attack on COMMO RIDGE by 'C' Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on 22 July, 3" mtrs of that unit registered enemy posns on the enemy held feature. The registration was controlled from this HQ.	
	21 July 45	0745	C.O. moved out to 23 Aust Inf Bde for purpose of attending Bde Comd's Conference.	Our ambush patrols again operated in the area NE of TASUI TRACK. The only sighting was made by 'D' Coy, when two Japs were seen 350 yds north of the Coy perimeter.

The conduct of the operations in Northern Bougainville is far from satisfactory. The Bn has been here for over 4 weeks and has not made any forward movement, due to policy laid down by 2 Corps. In that time, our casualties have been:-

By enemy action - patrols and ambushes	7 killed	17 wounded
By own mortar fire, accidental	3 killed	2 wounded
By own booby traps, accidental		12 wounded
Accidental wounds		5 wounded

Our L of C from 'B' Ech at 307693 to forward coys at RURI BAY 315714 and 306712 had been a difficult thing to handle, as the Jap had virtually been conceded the initiative, knew the country intimately, and had freedom of movement, onto our long exposed L of C. He has used in the main only small parties of 3 to 5. In two instances, on the newly cut track from 'A' Coy to RURI BAY did he use parties of 10 - 12.

The Bde Comd, submitted to 2 Aust Corps on 9 July a plan for a drive up Middle Track with 27 Bn, sp by arty, tanks, air etc. His appreciation was that the harassing tactics of the Jap would immediately cease, and that in all probability, with initial success in the drive, the Jap would withdraw to the line TARBUT - PORTON. His objective was PORTON - CHABAI. With the est of a beachhead on PORTON - CHABAI, a drive across the narrow neck of the peninsula would have been simple, and the holding of that line, easier than the previous line. This plot met with general approval and all agreed with the assumptions made.

The plan did not meet with the approval of 2 Aust Corps. It ruled out any question of making any advance on broad lines, and laid down a policy for a contraction of dispositions, and for penetrating and harassing patrols. In effect, the 2 Bns would concentrate in the RATSUA area - covering a front of 4000 yards, and leaving 4000 yards to RURI BAY open. By patrolling, the force is to contain the Jap forces. The Brig read into this; sufficient latitude to enable him to make a series of advances along Tasui Track, by use of fighting patrols of not more than one pl strength, sp by tanks, plus patrols to NE sp by tanks. This could quite possibly have had the same effect as the earlier plan, and left us with hope for some real action and gains.

In consequence, re-disposition of the force was made. It provided for the security of the RATSUA Area, and the implementation of the patrolling policy. It envisaged the prior capture of COMMO RIDGE by 8 Bn, after which 27 Bn would take over the ridge as a F.D.L. Bn HQ in each case, were sited forward for easier control. One Coy of each Bn was to spend a period of rest on SORAKEN Peninsula, in rotation.

The new dispositions were adopted by Wednesday 18 July. The taking of COMMO RIDGE was planned for Sunday 22 July. Thereafter, 27 Bn was to occupy COMMO RIDGE with one Company.

On Friday 20 July in the afternoon, BGS 2 Corps arrived at Bde HQ and interviewed the Brig. Apparently the GOC was in the main, in accord with the appreciation, but not with the plan. The upshot of it is, that dispositions, as indicated by GOC personally, will be adopted by the Bns. This involved the re-disposition of a company in each case, to a rear area, and each Bn HQ back at RATSUA. Patrol bases to be formed to N and NE, in the country we have recently vacated, and penetrating patrols into enemy territory. No consideration apparently has been given to the lengthened L of C, to overcome which, the initial re-dispositions were made, nor to the gaps between company areas, nor effect of morale of units which have been promised a fight for so long and are still to be confined to patrolling for nothing more than harassing. The most astounding feature however, is that Bde and Bn comds are denied the right of disposing of their own comds, in order to carry out the task allotted them.

It is impossible to understand why this policy of conducting this op is adopted. With the force we have, which incl one bty 25 pounders, tp 3.7, 2 pls 4.2 mortars, 2 pls 3" mortars, a tp of tanks, we outnumber the Jap, who has little if any sp arms, and the taking of the Peninsula would be an accomplished fact in a matter of 2 weeks. We are likely to be here for months.

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BONIS PENINSULA	22 July 45	1200	<p>B.C. 12 Fd Bty (AIF) (Maj H.J. Berry) visited the C.O. Purpose of visit was to outline the fire plan for the 8 Bn's attack on COMMO RIDGE 23 July 45. Plan incorporates the use of arty, hy mtrs, 3" mtrs and aerial bombing. One squadron of RNZAF planes will bomb and strafe COMMO RIDGE. Time over target approx 0800 hrs. At conclusion of strike arty and mtrs will place hy concentrations on the target and 'C' Coy 8 Bn will then follow in supported by tanks and flame throwers.</p>	<p>Ambush patrols were maintained over night and during the day but all reported nil sightings.</p>
		1300	<p>Capt T. McGee accompanied by representatives of 1, 2 and 5 pls reced the new site at RATSUA for Tac HQ. Capt A.F. Lukyn (OC 'C' Coy) also carried out a recce for his coys new site.</p>	

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BONIS PENINSULA	22 July 45	1300	'C' Coy will be located on the GYMPIE TRACK approx 300 yds north of Tac HQ.	
			Bn Movement and proposed dispositions 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
			O.O. No 10 APPX	7
			Location Statement No 7 compiled today	APPX 6
	23 July 45	0800	12 RNZAF planes bombed and strafed COMMO RIDGE. Strike was followed by concentrations of arty and mtr fire. At the conclusion of this a fighting patrol of the 8 Bn moved in and a short engagement with the enemy resulted. COMMO RIDGE was captured at 0855 hrs. The enemy position was not held in str as was originally	

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BONIS PENINSULA	23 July 45	0800	<p>reported by patrols - the defences consisted of foxholes and slit trenches, and no evidence of sleeping quarters, bunkered posns and kitchens existed, so it can be presumed that these defences were held in daylight only, the occupants withdrawing to more fixed defences in the rear during the night. Many lessons were brought out in this small operation - firstly, sound patrolling and accurate information of the enemy posns, strcs etc; secondly the necessity for complete mopping up (one Jap was found hidden inside the fighting patrols perimeter, one hour after consolidation) and thirdly good reconnaissance for ground suitable for tanks.</p>	
		0825	7 Pl moved fwd and occupied the area vacated by	'C' Coy 8 Bn.

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BONIS PENINSULA	23 July 45	0900	Tac HQ adv party under Comd Lt W.M. Ellis moved out to the new site at RATSUA.	
		1015	C.O. accompanied by Lt Col L.J. Loughran (C.O. 8 Aust Inf Bn AIF), BM 23 Bde (Maj A.R. Dixon) and several other officers moved out to inspect operations on COMMO RIDGE.	Standing patrols on the Middle Track and on RURI BAY RD remained in posn during the night but reported nil sightings.
				Our RAP is now located with D Coy.
	24 July 45	0900	Recce patrol str 1 NCO 7 ORs moved out from D Coy to recce the general area of the old vacated Tac HQ site at 302709. At 1500 hrs the patrol returned stating that enemy foraging parties had been in the area, also that the Middle Track had been used recently by a small party of Japs.	APPX. 8
		0900	This HQ closed present location, re-opened RATSUA.	

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BONIS	24 July 45	0900	Remainder Tac HQ moved out en route to RATSUA.	
PENINSULA		1030	Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC (23 Bde Comd) visited the C.O.	
		1035	7 Pl reported enemy arty shells passing overhead in the direction of BUOI PTN. Confirmation of this came from 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) after that HQ had been shelled by enemy guns. All rounds with the exception of one were duds and the fire was very inaccurate.	PATROL 2 APPX 9.
	25 July 45	0830	A 'D' Coy recce patrol (No ⁴ / _B) whilst en-route to the SE corner of Kunai 'C' contacted an est 5/6 Japs on the RURI BAY RD 300 yds north of 18 Pl perimeter. In the engagement one Jap was killed and one was wounded.	APPX-10

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BONIS PENINSULA	25 July 45	1320	<p>Patrol No 3 with a str of 2 pls and sp by 2 Matilda tanks of 16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt under Comd Capt A.J. Baulderstone moved out to the Base 2 (313718) and Base 3 (302718) areas with the object of eliminating the Jap garrison at Base 2 and harassing the enemy in the Base 3 area. Duration of the patrol is 3 days.</p> <p>At 1500 hrs. while proceeding along the Middle Track, the patrol was ambushed by a small Jap party using a 75 MM mine and small arms. The enemy were dispersed with nil casualties to our own troops.</p> <p>During the movement along the this track 5 self-detonated 75 MM mines were located and deloused by the RAE pers who accompanied the tanks for that purpose.</p>	APPX. II.

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BONIS PENINSULA	25 July 45	0830	<p>The enemy then retired into the old vacated site of 'B' Coy. 2²" mtr fire was then directed at the position and the area was accurately covered. The patrol then probed forward but found no signs of the enemy who had apparently fled into the jungle.</p> <p>The patrol, now under Comd Lt F.G. Edwards proceeded on its mission without further incident, except when one Jap was seen on the patrol's return journey. The Jap was fired on but eluded our patrol by darting into thick undergrowth. Patrol Comd reported that the old vacated site of 'D' Coy on the RURI BAY RD at 322703 had been foraged by Jap parties, the Japs were apparently making a vain search for food.</p>	<p>PATROL 5 APPX. 12</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, Etc.
BONIS PENINSULA	25 July 45	1320	Patrol formed its firm base for the night at the old Tac HQ site (312709). The enemy were active around the area during the night and several grenades were thrown by our troops. A patrol investigating the area in the morning found blood stains on the ground. (Patrol No 8 operating in the same area on 26 July found one freshly dug grave so it can be presumed that one Jap was killed as the result of this action).	
	26 July 45	0840	Patrol No 7 under Comd Lt C.M. Clifton moved out to recon the area NE of COMMO RIDGE. After proceeding 250 yds along the main track leading to COMMO RIDGE, the patrol was ambushed by an unknown number of Japs. A 75 MM mine was electrically exploded	APPX. 13.

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BONIS	26 July 45	0840	wounding the two forward scouts. The Japs then opened	
PENINSULA			fire with rifles, and Lt Clifton received a wound in	
			the chest killing him instantly.	
			Remainder of the patrol withdrew to A Coy	
			perimeter with the casualties from where they were	
			immediately carried by stretcher parties to the ADS.	
			Lt Clifton was buried in the D Coy area.	
			The patrol under Comd Sgt Kelly N. continued	
			the recce. At 1700 hrs the patrol returned and stated	
			that no enemy had been seen and that no Jap tracks	
			existed in the area traversed.	
		0845	Patrol No 8 under Comd Sgt Gilligan D.M.R.	APPX. 14
			(D Coy) moved out to recce the general area west of	
			the old Tac HQ site at 312709. The only report that	

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BONIS PENINSULA	26 July 45	0845	this patrol could make was that a fresh grave was located two hundred yards west of 312709. This was the grave referred to on 25 July 45.	Ambush parties were maintained throughout the night and during the day on Middle Track and Ruri Bay Road.
		1130	A 'D' Coy ambush patrol on the RURI BAY RD 300 yds north of 18 pl perimeter ambushed and killed one Jap. An Aust OSMG and 2 mags were captured also documents and a badge of rank.	To supplement the daily rations, arrangements have been made with the 23 Aust Ed Coy for the lend of boat. It is intended that coys in turn provide a party of pers to secure fish for the Coy.
		1700	Report from Patrol No 3. Firm base est at 315714 from where a recce patrol of arty and inf pers moved out to recce the Base 2 area. During the reconnaissance the patrol engaged an unknown number of enemy in the Base 2 position. Two were killed and one was wounded. Patrol reported, that owing to heavy rains,	

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BONIS PENINSULA	26 July 45	1700	routes leading to Base 2 were not suitable for tank movement.	
			Projected ops include an attack on the enemy posns at 270830L by a strong fighting patrol, but without the sp of tanks.	
	27 July 45	0830	Patrols Nos 9 and 10, each strength of 10 men moved out. Patrol 9 is to recce the general area west of Base 2 and patrol 10 is to do likewise east of Base 2. Object is to ascertain whether the enemy is or has been in these areas. At 1700 hrs the above two patrols returned. Areas recced were completely covered but no enemy or signs of enemy were observed.	PATROL 9 APPX 15 PATROL 10 " 16

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BONIS	27 July 45	1430	Patrol No 3 which has been operating in the	Although the patrol was
PENINSULA			Base 2 area for the last two days returned.	successful, many valuable
			The original role of this patrol was the	lessons were brought out.
			elimination of the Jap garrison at Base 2, but owing	
			to recent heavy rains tank support was denied to the	
			attacking force, consequently the task was not completed.	
			The enemy harassed the patrol from start to finish	
			with ambushes and patrols.	
			At 0800 hrs this morning, OC patrol despatched	
			a fighting patrol less tk sp to recce and if possible	
			attack the Base 2 posn. A FOO accompanied the patrol	
			with the intention of bringing arty fire down on the	
			posn. Owing to strong bodies of Japs harassing the	
			patrol, it had to withdraw, but not before arty fire	

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BONIS PENINSULA	27 July 45	1430	had registered the target. Patrol No 3 then withdrew back to D Coy.	
	28 July 45	1000	Patrol No 11 under Comd Lt D.B. Dunstan moved out to recon the Base 3 area for enemy locations movements etc. At 1620 hrs the patrol returned and stated that no enemy were encountered nor were any tracks or signs of enemy were observed. <i>APPX 17</i>	NCO promotions:- W.O. 11 Pritchard Sgt Tosi E. " Gardner K. " Dew M. were interviewed with a view to the submission of A 22 for appointment to First Commission in the Field.
		0830	Patrol No 12 under Comd Sgt Gilligan R. moved out to harass the enemy in the Base 2 area. Before returning this patrol will detach one section to remain in an ambush posn in the old A Coy posn at 315714. At 1600 hrs the patrol less one section returned. Comd stated that the area at Base 2 was	W.O. 11 Gardner E.M. and Sgt Underwood S. have each been nominated to be presented to Pre-Selection Board for O.C.T.U. Being over 31 years, this is the only way they can be commissioned.

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BONIS	28 July 45	0830	fully recced, but no enemy were observed. This	
PENINSULA			report is in direct contrast to the report given by	
			patrol 3, so it is apparent that during the operations	
			of that patrol, the enemy purposely re-inforced Base 2	
			and then withdrew them when our force withdrew. <i>APPX. 18</i>	
		0830	'A' Coy despatched an ambush patrol of 10 men	
			to the general area of the old B Coy posn at 316712.	
			This patrol will remain in ambush overnight.	
		1000	Lt Col H.L. Dunkley (C.O. 7 Aust Inf Bn AIF)	
			Lt Col T. Miels (C.O. 2/4 Armd Regt) accompanied by	
			Maj A.R. Dixon (BM 23 Bde) and Maj Maxwell (L.O. 2	
			Aust Corps) visited the C.O. Maj Maxwell will	
			remain with the unit for two days.	

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BONIS PENINSULA	29 July 45	0800	Patrol 13 strength 1 Sgt 10 ORs moved out to the old 'B' Coy area at 306712 where it will remain in ambush until 301000L.	Standing patrols maintained on the Middle Track and Ruri Bay Rd report NMS during the day.
		0915	After a ten day rest and trg period at SORAKEN, B Coy returned and relieved D Coy.	
			Disposition of B Coy is now as follows:-	
			Coy HQ 11 and 12 pls 308692	
			10 pl 312691	
		1030	Bde Comd (Brig A.W. Potts DSO MC) visited the area.	
		1300	D Coy moved to SORAKEN for purpose of a weeks rest and trg period.	

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BONIS	30 July 45	0630	Two Japs were observed outside 'A' Coy perimeter.	
PENINSULA			They were engaged by fire but results were unobserved.	
			Movement was heard around 'A' Coy perimeter all through	
			the night and several grenades were thrown.	
		0830	Patrol 15 (Comd Sgt Underwood S.) moved out	APPX. 19
			to the Base 2 area (313718). Patrol will remain out	
			for two days in an endeavour to pinpoint the enemy	
			posns in this area. Patrol reports of the Japs in	
			this area over the last week have been conflicting	
			and it is still doubtful whether the enemy holds this	
			area in any strength. At 1400 hrs the above patrol	
			returned stating that an est 20 Japs were observed in	
			the old A Coy area at 315714, and that they were	
			either digging in or foraging the area.	

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BONIS	30 July 45	0830	When attempting to set up comms in the rear of this posn, four Japs incl one officer walked into the perimeter. Three of these were killed and one was wounded with nil casualties to our own troops.	
PENINSULA			The patrol Comd again attempted to set up comms but found that the set had developed a fault. Having no comms and wishing to pass back the information so that arty could be brought on the enemy posn, the patrol returned. Patrol will move 0830 hrs 31 July and will be accompanied by an FOO 12 Fd Bty for purpose of registration of the enemy posn located at 315714.	
		1000	C Coy relieved A Coy. A Coy moved back to the Ratsua area.	

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BONIS	30 July 45	1000	Dispositions of 'C' Coy is as follows:-	
PENINSULA			Coy HQ, 13 and 14 pls 298699	
			15 Pl 296702	
	31 July 45	0825	Patrol 14 under Comd Lt I.E Ferguson moved	Standing patrols on the
			out to the Base 3 area. Patrol will est a firm base in	Ruri Bay Rd and on Middle
			the area 306712 (old B Coy posn) from where it will	Track reported nil enemy
			carry out initial reces of the area to the north and	movement in the area.
			NW. Object of the patrol is to est beyond doubt	An 8 Bn jeep convoy moving
			whether there are enemy posns in the Base 3 area and	along the jeep road towards
			north. Duration is two days or until the object of	our C Coy was ambushed by
			the patrol has been gained. <i>APPX. 20.</i>	Japs using 2 75 MM shells
				improvised as land mines.
				Nil cas were sustained by
				our troops.
				This is the first occurence
				of a Jap ambush on a jeep
				road for several weeks.

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BONIS	31 July 45	0900	Patrol 16 under Comd Sgt Underwood S.	
PENINSULA			accompanied by an FOO 12 Fd Bty moved out to the Base 2 area. This patrol was previously numbered 15, referred to in War Diary 30 July 45.	
		1000	Lt Col Court D.A.Q.M.G. visited the unit.	

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1 Jul 45

30. PISTOLS - SECURING OF

2 CORPS Action will be taken to ensure that Pistols are
RO secured by means of lanyards either issued pattern or
Q153/45 improvised.

31. LEAVE AND TRANSIT DEPOTS

Amend-
ment to
GRO
596/43
Dated
15 Jun 45.

1. A member proceeding on leave (except when released on local leave or to a leave destination in the vicinity of his unit location) will carry messing gear, water bottle and blankets and such articles of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment on issue to him (except arms, ammunition, helmet (steel) and respirator) as are required to meet his needs under the climatic or other conditions likely to be encountered.

2. A member proceeding on leave will not carry arms, helmet (steel) or respirator, except in the following circumstances -

- (i) if the member will not return to the unit after leave (e.g. personnel of units being disbanded are in some cases granted leave and are required to report to another unit on completion of leave);
- (ii) if the member is granted leave during movement of his unit;
- (iii) if the member is granted leave on completion of which he will report to another unit on transfer or for attachment;
- (iv) if the member is granted leave from a school or course which he has been attending and will not return to the school or course on completion of the leave;
- (v) if adequate arrangements for safeguarding the member's arms, helmet (steel) and respirator cannot be made in accordance with sub-para (c) of this paragraph;
- (vi) if, for any other reason, the member's CO or the officer commanding the unit responsible for his administration considers it essential.

3. A member proceeding on leave will not carry ammunition except when required to carry out a specific military duty for which ammunition is allotted. Such ammunition will be withdrawn from the member immediately the specific duty is completed.

4. (i) A member proceeding on leave with his arms, helmet (steel) or respirator, in accordance with this order, will deposit them for safe custody at the Aust Army cloakroom attached to the last LTD or staging camp through which he passes before proceeding on leave.
- (ii) Deposits will be accepted by Aust Army cloakrooms for the duration of the member's leave only, and will be collected by him before commencing the journey to the next place of reporting.
- (iii) Aust Army cloakrooms, under the control of Aust Kit Stores, are located at or adjacent to central railway stations in all capital cities in Australia (except Hobart) and proper facilities for the security of arms and equipment are provided therein. Similar facilities will shortly be available at certain LTDs and RR & GDDs.
- (iv) Arms and equipment will not be taken to the home of a member when their deposit at an Aust Army cloak-room is practicable.
- (v) Arms and equipment will not be deposited by a member in a cloakroom other than an Aust Army cloakroom, nor will they be left unattended in a hotel, restaurant, cafe or similar place.

W.D. Crowley
 Capt
 Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

SX28025	L/Cpl	BUBNER	E.H.	}	Promoted A/Cpl	15 May 45
NX107997	Pte	MARCHANT	J.L.			
SX28814	L/Cpl	WILLIAMSON	R.B.			
QX47798	L/Cpl	COOPER	M.C.C.	}	Promoted A/Cpl	18 May 45
QX59313	"	FOGG	W.H.			
SX39955	"	SEMMENS	A.G.			
NX111623	"	BROWN	C.R.			
NX109783	"	BOOTH	B.J.			
NX177753	"	SIMPSON	C.R.			
SX39723	Pte (G 2 Cook)	GUTTRIDGE	R.F. (AACC)			
SX23962	A/Sgt	WEBBER	J.E.		Rank of Sgt confirmed	13 Mar 45
SX39606	"	EAGLE	J.C.C.		" " "	"
SX21402	"	RANDALL	W.J.		" " "	"
SX39760	"	BLIESCHKE	H.K.		" " "	1 May 45
SX28530	"	SCURMELL	C.H. (AACC)		" " "	24 May 45
SX27343	A/Cpl	HAYES	C.A.		Rank of Cpl confirmed	1 May 45
NX172267	"	SEARLE	D.R.		" " "	24 May 45
SX28661	"	GRAY	S.G.		" " "	"
NX193687	"	HICKS	C.F.		" " "	"
S19839	A/Cpl	SCHRADER	F.J. (AACC)		" " "	"

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AMENDMENT No 1 TO 27 AUST INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT No 6

AS AT 2359 HRS 6 JUL 45

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Appendix "A" to
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Int/27 of
7 Jul 45

Ref Maps CHABAI 1/25000
SORAKEN 1/25000
TOROKINA 1/63360

The Amended Location Statement reads as follows

SERIAL	ARM OR SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
1.	Infantry	46170	Bn HQ (Fwd)	CHABAI	312709	Plus det 25 Bde Sig Sec " Comd & Sig det 12Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
2.			Bn L.O.B. Area	TOROKINA	579953	
3.			Bn HQ rear echelon	CHABAI	307693	Plus det 17 Fd Amb (SB party)
4.			HQ Coy HQ	"	312709	
5.			2 Pl	"	312709	Less 1 section at 331717
6.			3 Pl	"	312709	Less 1 det at 315714 " 1 det at 314692 " 1 det at 326712 " 1 det at 307712
7.			4 Pl	"	307693	
8.			5 Pl	"	312709	
9.			6 Pl	"	307693	
10.			A Coy	"	315714	
11.			B Coy	"	307712	Movement to this area will be complete 0900 hrs 7 Jul 45
12.			C Coy	"	326712	
13.			13 Pl	"	331717	
14.			D Coy	"	314692 321703	Movement to these areas will be complete 0900 hrs 7 Jul 45
15.			16 Pl	"	309705	
16.		45203	1 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy	"	311708	
17.			2 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy	"	310707	
18.		48050	A Coy Papuan Inf Bn less 3 Pl	SORAKEN	228653	Remaining "I" Beach for rest period approx 2 weeks. Then move to Unit Sector.

APPX. 3.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

27 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/7/1945 527 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. II 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.

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			1	W.Os. Class I.								
6	NR	2	4	W.Os. Class II.								
5			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.				1	1			
				Staff Sergeants								
				Sergeants								
32		2	34	Corporals	2			1	4	7		1 AACC NR
67		2	65	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1	2	1		5	9		
658	76	74	584	Civilians counting as O.R.	1				13	14		
769	76 *	78	693 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAMC	AAPC	AAOC	AA R&S	AA CC	31 *		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	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	A Class	577	147							724
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.
3	2/108 LAD			1	Old Ech & Rec		
1	FAA Det LHQ			82	Leave		
	Pool AAAS			2	3 Aust FPC		
1	HQ 2 Aust Corps			2	2 Aust Corps		
					Trg Centre		
				3	NG Trg School		
				2	NG School of Sigs		
				7	17 Fd Amb		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to Unit is Particularly Requested. 7/7/1945

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 / 7 / 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, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Elggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	28		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsman (Architectural)				By. 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	324	76
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								MMG Nos	22	22	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Mortar Nos	73	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman		1		Butchers	1	1		Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	11		Pro Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RP's	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Tk A Gun No	11	11	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	NR	Coch Trimmers				Water duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Pl Sgts	25	27	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				CSM/4 COMS	5	10	9
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM 1 RQMSI	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Drs MT	12	12	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED TO W.A.K.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1		Storemen	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics			3	SB's	21	21	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				769 693 76			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Att by WE			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		(see back)	32	31	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	16		CARRIED FORWARD	65	61		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	*724	76

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch 7 Jul 45

Signature of Commander
Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

ATTACHED BY WE

Unit

27 AUGUST 1945 (A.I.R.)

WE POSTED STRENGTH REINFTS REQUIRED

AAMC	Chiroprapist	1	1
	Hyg Inspector	1	1
	Med Orderlies	2	2
AAOC	Shoemaker	1	1
AA	Postal Service Postal Clerk	1	1
AAPC	Pay Clerks	2	2
AACC	Caterer	1	1
	Cooks	23	22
Total		32	31

WGO's BY TRADES

	WE				POSTED STRENGTH				REINFTS REQUIRED						
	WO1	WO2	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WO1	WO2	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WO1	WO2	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl
TG 2															
Int duties				1	2					1				1	
Signallers					4									4	
TG 3															
Clerks				2	6					2				5	
Tailors				1	1					1				1	
Storemen Tech				1						1					
NON SPECIALISTS															
LMG Nos & Riflemen					36									37	
MMG Nos					2									2	
Mortar Nos					5									5	
Pioneers					4									4	
Provosts				1						1					
SBs				1	2					1				1	
Tr A Gun Nos					4									4	
CSMS		1							1						
CSMS		5							3						
CSMS			5						5						
Pl Sgts				25					26						
Drs MT					1				1						
SUPERNUMERARIES															
Offrs Mess														1	
		1	6	5	32	67	1	4	5	34	65				NR
ATT BY WE															
AAMC	Chiroprapist				1									1	
	Hyg Inspector				1									1	
	Med Orderly				1									1	
AAOC	Shoemaker				1									1	
AAPC	Pay Clerks				1									2	
AA	Postal Service				1									1	
AACC	Caterer		1						1						
	Cooks				5	5								4	5
		1	7	5	41	75	1	5	5	41	74				NR

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APPX 4.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

by

Lt-col A. POPE ED

COMD 27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
12 Jul 45

32. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

2 Aust
Corps
RO A156/
45

1. Records show that over the last three weeks the number of malaria cases in the BOUGAINVILLE area is increasing.
2. This increase is directly related to failure of discipline and laxity in precautionary measures.
3. All units will immediately survey the implementation of the malaria code and correct any faults appearing.

33. MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF

Appx A
to GRO
155/45

NOTE:- This is merely a summary of GRO 155/45. All members are responsible for acquainting themselves with the full provisions of that GRO.

1. (a) Subject to certain conditions and exceptions set out in GRO 155/45, a member is entitled to receive medical treatment and to be supplied with medical requisites necessary to render and maintain him fit for military service and to restore him to normal health. A copy of GRO 155/45 is available for inspection in the unit orderly room.
- (b) Members on occupational LWOP are entitled to medical treatment in accordance with the provisions of LHQ Memo 168085 of 4th December 1944.

Medical treatment

2. Except as provided in para 3 below or in GRO 155/45 or in LHQ Memo 168085 of 4 Dec 44 (dealing with medical treatment of members on occupational LWOP), a member requiring medical treatment at army expense will obtain it from an army medical unit, and will not obtain or attempt to obtain medical treatment at army expense from an area medical officer, or a civilian doctor or a public, intermediate or private hospital.

Application for medical treatment

3. (a) A member requiring medical treatment at army expense will apply for it to:-

- (i) the unit by which he is being administered; or
- (ii) if that is not practicable, to the nearest army medical unit; or
- (iii) if that is not practicable, to the nearest RAN or RAAF medical unit; or
- (iv) if that is not practicable, to the nearest area medical officer; or
- (v) if that is not practicable, to a repatriation hospital; or
- (vi) if that is not practicable, to a public hospital; or
- (vii) if that is not practicable, to a civilian doctor.

(b) A claim for expense incurred in obtaining medical treatment from a civilian doctor will be rejected unless it is established to the satisfaction of the DDMS or ADMS of the relevant command or I of C area that it was impracticable for the member to obtain such treatment from any of the abovementioned service units, from an area medical officer, or from a repatriation or public hospital.

Admission to hospital:-

4. A member requiring to be admitted to hospital will be admitted:-

- (a) to an army hospital,
- (b) if that is not practicable, to a RAN or RAAF hospital; or
- (c) if that is not practicable, to a repatriation hospital; or
- (d) if that is not practicable, to a public hospital.

5. Under special circumstances, a member may be admitted to a private or intermediate hospital.

6. Medical treatment and hospitalization obtained in accordance with para 3(a) or in the proper hospital is free. All other treatment is not free and must be paid for by the member.

Medical certificates:-

7. A member unable, because of sickness or injury, to return from leave on the due date will send a medical certificate to the unit which released him on leave. The certificate should reach the latter unit before the expiry of the leave.

8. The certificate, signed and dated by the doctor, must include:-

- (a) the diagnosis of the member's condition;
- (b) the treatment given and/or prescribed;
- (c) the time during which it is estimated by the doctor that the member will be unable to travel.

9. A member unable to travel on the estimated date will forward a further medical certificate on or prior to that date to the unit which released him on leave.

10. Failure to forward the certificates, in accordance with paras 7 and 9, may result in the member being posted AWL and payment of allotment and dependent's allowance being suspended.

11. A member on leave who obtains treatment from a civilian doctor who is not an area medical officer will send to his unit on the conclusion of the treatment a medical certificate containing the following particulars:-

- (a) the diagnosis of the member's condition;
- (b) the treatment given to and/or prescribed for the member.

Medicines and dressings:-

12. Medicines and dressings prescribed by a service medical officer, an area medical officer and a civilian doctor may be obtained free from -

- (a) an army dispensary; or
- (b) a civilian chemist, if the medical officer or doctor endorses an authority on the prescription for purchase from a civilian chemist. Otherwise, the member will have to pay for them.

Spectacles:-

13. Spectacles prescribed by an army medical officer or optometrist are supplied free.

14. Spectacles, whether supplied by the Army or not, worn by a member may be repaired without charge by an army optical unit.

Artificial limbs and surgical aids:-

15. Artificial limbs and surgical aids are supplied free, if prescribed by a medical officer.

16. Repairs of and adjustment to surgical aids and artificial limbs used by a member will be made without charge by the Army if authorized by a medical officer.

Dental treatment:-

17. Subject to certain exceptions and conditions in certain cases, a member is entitled to dental treatment necessary to render or maintain him fit for military service.

18. Dental treatment cannot be obtained free from civilian dentists, except on the authority of a CO.

19. Under certain conditions, a member may be reimbursed for dental expenses incurred on leave, but only in accordance with the following scale:-

<u>Nature of treatment</u>	<u>Maximum fee</u>
Extractions (limited to 2 teeth on each period of leave) (including the use of local anaesthetic)	5/- each tooth
Temporary sedative fillings (limited to 2 fillings on each period of leave)	5/- each filling
Simple repairs to dentures (fracture of denture or replacement of tooth)	10/- maximum charge

Ownership of spectacles, etc:-

20. Artificial limbs, surgical aids, spectacles and dentures, supplied by the Army, belong to it until the member is discharged or finalized, when they become the property of the member.

Forfeiture of pay:-

21. If a member is absent from duty owing to illness, injury or wounds due to an action or conduct constituting an offence of

which he is convicted, his CO may authorize the forfeiture of pay for the period of his absence. (WFR 27).

22. If the CO authorizes such forfeiture, the cost for medical and hospital attention will also be debited to the pay account of the member at the following rates:-

Officers in hospital	14/- per day
Soldiers in hospital	12/- per day
Members in convalescent depots and convalescent homes	6/- per day
Members not in hospitals, convalescent depots or convalescent homes	2/9 per day.

W. D. O'Keefe
Capt
Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES

GCM - FAILURE TO SUPERVISE MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

NX52067 Lt G.A. CDRBY 48 Aust Inf Bn was on 27 Jun 45 charged with neglecting personally to supervise the taking of atabrin and the carrying out of other malarial precautions by personnel under his command. He was convicted and ordered to suffer a reprimand.

S E C R E T

Copy No 19
17 Jul 45

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) 00 No 9

REF MAPS CHABAI 1-25000
SORAKEN 1-25000

INFM

1. Enemy

(a) Enemy forces immediately opposing the RATSUA SECTOR comprise 3 Bn and 4 Bn of 87 Gd Force. Their str and location are summarized as follows:-

3 Bn	str	115 (unconfirmed)	TARBUT-CHINDAWON-SIAR area
4 Bn	str	400	PORTON-CHABAI areas

(b) The main enemy defences appear to be disposed along the general line PORTON - TARBUT RD with special significance to the PORTON - CHABAI area.

Outposts up to one Coy in str are maintained south of this general line, their role being to delay our movement north and to harass our L of C.

(c) The following gives known enemy outposts and their approx str:-

SIAR	328724	str	40
KUNAI "C"	326723	Str	10
AREA	313719	str	15
	300716	str	30 (unconfirmed)
COMMO RIDGE	294708	str	20
AREA	284706	str	30

2. Own

(a) 23 Bde Gp (less 7 Bn) as previously comprised, plus 16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt and B Tp 141 HAA Bty, is to reduce its security commitments on the BONIS Peninsula, to contain the enemy by harassing tactics, and maintain contact in the event of his withdrawal, with the object of controlling the peninsula.

(b) Two Bns will be used, to est a firm base in the RATSUA Area, with 8 Bn on the left. Each Bn will leave one Coy out of battle for resting. All att tps previously under comd or in sp both Bns revert to comd 23 Bde.

3. Additional Tps

At the completion of phase 1 (see para 7) B Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt are placed in sp 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

4. Topography

(a) Jeep track from 279726 to 313690 will be known as TASUI Track.

(b) Jeep track from 305693 to 298677 will be known as GYMPIE track.

(c) Jeep track from 287697 to 293678 will be known as GROVE track.

INTENTION

5. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move to area astride TOSUI track as per sketch map attached.

METHOD

6. The move will be completed in two phases.

7. Phase 1

(a) Role 8 Bn

(i) To move to posns astride GROVE track and North of track, and prevent enemy infiltration from North and West.

(ii) To eliminate pockets of enemy on COMMO RIDGE 293707 and area 287706.

(b) Role 27 Bn

To prevent enemy infiltration to RATSUA from NE.

8. Inter-Bn Bdy - from 299677 North to 291698 thence NE to 300702.

9. Dispositions

(a) Right D Coy less 1 Pl at 308692
16 Pl D Coy 313690

Role to prevent enemy infiltration to RATSUA from RURI Bay - MIDDLE tracks.

(b) Central C Coy 302695

(c) Left and forward A Coy less 7 Pl 300696
7 Pl A Coy 296701

(d) Resting Coy B Coy at SORAKEN

10. Sp Weapons

(a) MMG Pl at Bn HQ

(b) Mortar Pl at Bn HQ

(c) Pnr Pl at Bn HQ

(d) Tk A Pl remain with "B" Ech

11. Movement Bn will move in 3 Gps

(a) 16 Jul 45 C and D Coys vacate posns on RURI BAY rd and concentrate new locations

(b) 18 Jul 45 Bn HQ and A Coy plus B Coy vacate present positions and move to new location

(c) 19 Jul 45 B Ech move to new location

(d) Move to be completed by 201700L.

(e) All mines, booby traps and wire in present location will be lifted or destroyed.

12. Phase 2

(a) Upon completion of Phase 1, roles will be -

(i) 8 Bn - to prevent enemy infiltration through to RATSUA from NW.

By employment of fighting patrols, to ambush and harass enemy posns South of PORTON, and to ensure the security of 27 Bn L of C along Grove track.

(ii) 27 Bn - To prevent enemy infiltration through to RATSUA from North and NE. To provide strong fighting patrols to harass and ambush known enemy posns in area located by Bn and to follow up with supporting Tanks, Air and Artillery concentrations against enemy posns along TASTAN track with a view to the occupation and alternate development into Coy localities.

13. Dispositions

C Coy will relieve 8 Bn of responsibilities on COMMO RIDGE.

14. Inter-Bn Bdy

From 299677 North to 286710

15. Sp Weapons

As for Phase 1.

ADM

16. L of C As far as practicable L of C will be GROVE track which will be developed with branches to right flank.

17. Water Engrs will est new water points on RATSUA River and to recoe for WPs in unit area. Until est strict water conservation will be necessary.

18. Accomodation and other stores

Coys will reduce to bare minimum.

19. Medical

No change from present locations.

20. REP AND REC

(a) 2 108 LAD will be est at 205695.

(b) Hy Sec 109 Bde Wksp will be est 293678.

21. Engr Stores

S 18's to Bde for approval. 23 Bd Coy will deliver to RATSUA Jetty.

22. Rest Camp

Approx every 7 days 1 Coy plus elements of Bn HQ and HQ Coy will move to SORAKEN for rest and Trng. Full details will be issued later.

INTER COMM

23. L/T to Coys direct
208 W/T to each Coy - Synchronisation daily before 0800 hrs
Bn HQ located 295697
B Ech located 300680

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Adjnt 27 Aust. Inf Bn (AIF)

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BUOI PTN RATSUA AREA

REF MAP CHABAI (3188) 1:25000



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27 AUST INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT No 7

Appendix "A" to
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Int/28 of
22 Jul 45

AS AT 2359 HRS 21 JUL 45

Ref Maps CHABAI 1/25000
SCRAKEN 1/25000
TOROKINA 1/63360

SERIAL	ARM or SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
1.	Infantry	46170	Bn HQ (Fwd)	CHABAI	295697	Plus det 23 Bde Sig Sec " Comd & Sig det 12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
2.			Bn L.O.B. Area	TOROKINA	579953	
3.			Bn HQ rear echelon	CHABAI	300680	Plus det 17 Fd Amb (SB party)
4.			HQ Coy HQ	"	295697	
5.			2 Pl	"	295697	
6.			3 Pl	"	295697	
7.			4 Pl	"	300680	
8.			5 Pl	"	295697	
9.			6 Pl	"	300680	
10.			A Coy	"	298699	
11.			B Coy	SCRAKEN	228653	Remaining I BEACH for rest period approx 1 week.
12.			C Coy	CHABAI	303694	
13.			D Coy	"	308692	
14.			16 Pl	"	312691	

27 AUST INF BN (AIF) CO NO 10

REF MAPS CHABAI 1-25000
SORAKEN 1-25000

1. This order cancels 27 Aust Inf Bn CO No 9.

INEM2. Enemy

- (a) Enemy disposns and strcs remain unchanged.
- (b) For disposns immediately fwd of our present FDLs see map attached.

3. Own Tps

- (a) No change from daily sitreps and Int summaries.
- (b) 8 Bn will be responsible for the security of the left sector and patrolling fwd.
- (c) Inter bkg bdy - as per sketch "P" attached.
- (d) A Coy PIB will maintain security patrols in PORA PORA area; control all approaches from RURI BAY to RATSUA from the east by constant patrolling and harass enemy posns and Ls of C between Base 1 and Base 2.
- (e) ROBINSON'S party continues to operate in the BANIU-TINPUTS area.

4. Topography

For amended and additional track infm see sketch P att.

INTENTION

5. (a) 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be redispensed as per sketch P att and be responsible for security of the area as shown on sketch "P".
- (b) Role
- (i) To prevent or eliminate enemy parties infiltrating through into the Bn area of responsibility.
 - (ii) By aggressive patrolling to the NE locate and destroy enemy patrol bases.
 - (iii) Pay particular attention to lines of approach from MIDDLE TRACK, and est fwd bases in their vicinity for ambushes and harassing patrols.
 - (iv) Penetrate and est ambush posns on the enemy L of C between BASE 2 and BASE 3.

METHOD6. Dispositions

Right - D Coy less 1 Pl with under cmd 1 sec MMG and 2 dets mortars at 308693.
1 Pl D Coy at track junc 512689.
Left - A Coy less 1 Pl with under cmd 1 sec MMG and 2 dets mortars at 300696
1 Pl A Coy at 297701.
Reserve Coy C Coy at 305682.

7. Sp Weapons in reserve

3 Pl HQ plus 4 dets mortars at Bn HQ
Tk A Pl at Bn HQ
Pnr Pl at Bn HQ

8. Movement

- (a) 23 Jul - C Coy will vacate present posn and concentrate new location.
- (b) 24 Jul - Bn HQ gp will vacate present posn and concentrate new location. MMG sec and mortar dets will move to under cmd A and D Coys.

- (c) Move to be completed by 241700L
- (d) Co-ordination of defence of Bn HQ will be carried out by Capt T.W. McGEE.
- (e) Move will be covered by outposts provided by A and D Coys to N and NE.
- (f) All mines, booby traps and wire at present in areas to be vacated will be lifted or destroyed.

9. Patrol Policy

- (a) Bn HQ will lay down from time to time the broader policy for patrolling. Coys will still be responsible for own security patrols etc. This HQ will be infm by coys of any patrols it intends sending out.
- (b) Security of areas will be maintained by -
 - (i) Adopting automatic offensive action against all enemy ambushes
 - (ii) Patrolling of L of C for location of mines and enemy parties.
 - A Coy - Along TASUI Track from 306693 to 297701.
 - D Coy - (a) Along MIDDLE Track from 307693 to 309700.
 - (b) Along TASUI Track from 307693 to 312689 and thence along RURI BAY Rd to 315698.
 - (c) Along GYMPIE track from 308687 to track junc 306693.
 - C Coy - Along GYMPIE track from 300678 to 308687.
- (c) Patrols ordered by Bn HQ will normally be of a pl str, frequently sp by tks, and with arty CPO. Sec of flame-throwers may be allotted.

10. Tks
Will be under Bde control, requested by Bn HQ and allotted to patrols as available.

ADM

11. Water point will be est on RATSUA river. Parties, properly escorted, must wash down stream at least 50 yds from WP.

12. Accommodation Stores

- (a) Fwd coys will keep stores reduced to minimum requirements.
- (b) Res coy will build up area on comfortable lines.

13. Medical

RAP with D Coy
ADS at RATSUA

14. Rep & Rec

2/108 LAD and Hy Sec 109 Bde Wkshp will be est at RATSUA.

INTERCOMN

- 15. (a) Bn HQ at 300678
B ech at 300689
L/T and 208 WF to each coy.
Synchronisation daily by 0800 hrs.

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Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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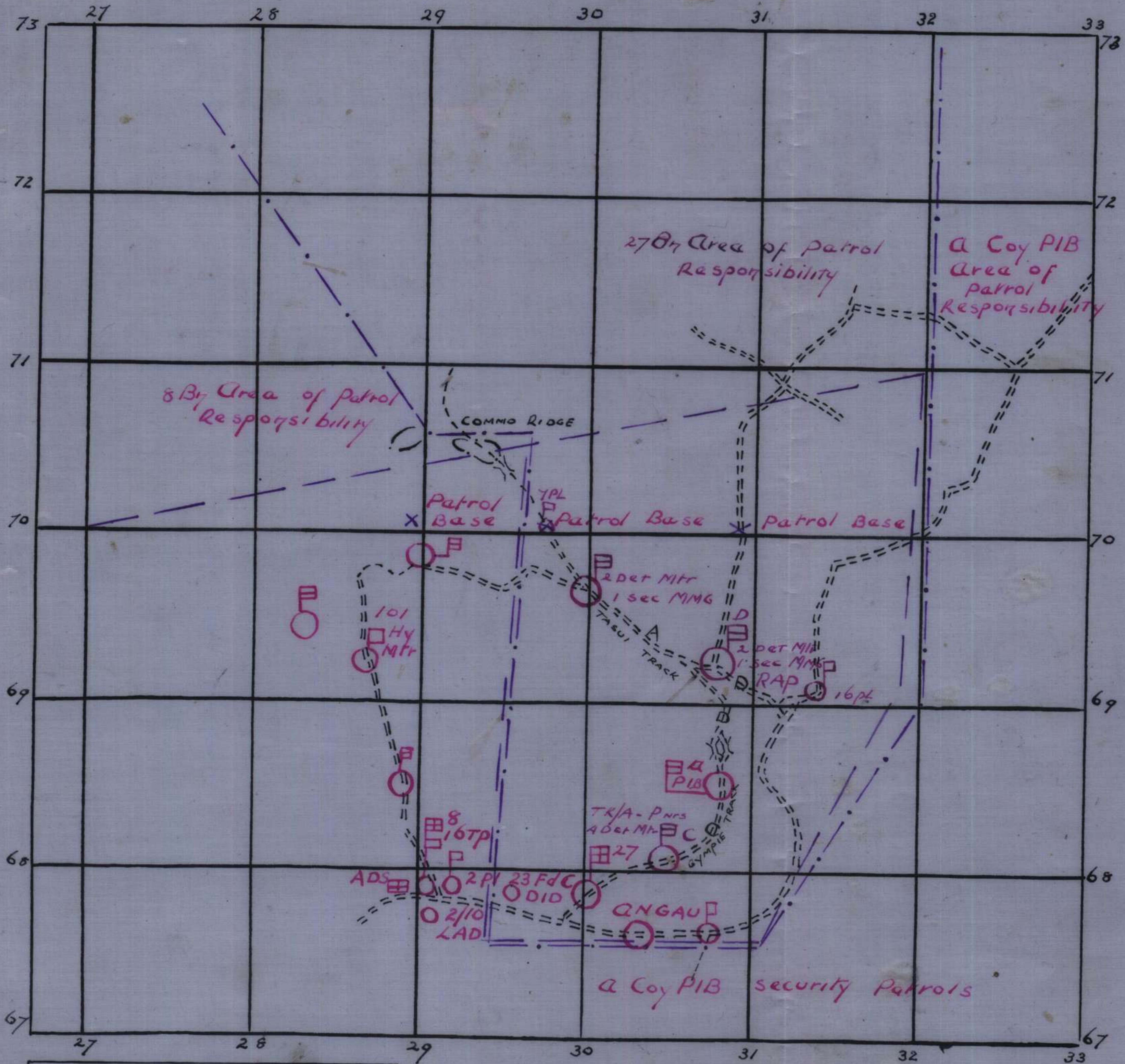
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RURI BAY — RATSUA AREA

Map Ref

Showing Dispositions, Boundaries & patrol Responsibilities

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27 AUST INF BN (AIF) OP INSTN NO 2

To be read in conjunction with OC No 10 of 23 Jul 45

Ref Map

CHABAI 1-25000
SORAKEN 1-25000

INFM

1. Enemy
As per sit reps
2. Own Tps
Dispositions remain unchanged.
3. Coy Area Place Names
In future coy areas will be known by the following names --
Present A Coy area at 500696 -- HIASUI
" D " " " 500693 -- RURI
" C " " " 305682 -- GIMPIE
Rest Camp - - - SORAKEN

INTENTION

4. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will relieve fwd coys on 29-30 Jul 45.

METHOD

5. New Dispositions
 - (a) Right - D Coy will be relieved by B Coy and will move to SORAKEN.
 - (b) Left - A Coy will be relieved by C Coy and will move to GIMPIE.
6. Sp Weapons
 - (a) Sigs, I pers and SBs will move with coys.
 - (b) MMG Secs with fwd coys will remain present locations.
 - (c) Mortar Pl.
 - (i) Pl HQ and 4 dets at Bn HQ remain present location.
 - (ii) 2 dets less weapons under comd D Coy will move with D Coy to SORAKEN.
 - (iii) 2 dets under comd A Coy remain present location.
 - (iv) 2 dets with B Coy will move with coy to RURI.
 - (d) Tk A Pl and Pnr Pl remain present location.
7. Movement
 - 28 Jul 45 (a) D Coy Adv Party (2 I/c COMS 1 cook plus 1 NCO per pl) move to SORAKEN. To be at jetty by 1100 hrs.
 - (b) B Coy Adv Party (Coy Comd C rep 5 pl sgts 1 cook and 1 OR per sec) depart SORAKEN morning barge and move to RURI.
 - 29 Jul 45 (a) B Coy plus Bn HQ and HQ Coy pers less Pnr Pl depart SORAKEN 0915 hrs. Two barges report H beach 0900 hrs. Thence move to RURI. Three jeeps and trailers for packs etc will report jetty 1000 hrs.
 - (d) Upon assumption of responsibilities by B Coy, D Coy will move to RATSUA. Coy to be at jetty by 1515 hrs. Three jeeps and trailers will backload packs etc.

30 Jul 45 (a) G Coy moves to TASUI. Four jeeps and trailers report G Coy 0800 hrs.
(b) Upon assumption of responsibilities by G Coy, A Coy will move to GYMPIE.

AIM

8. Acqn Stores

- (a) B and D Coys refer 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Adm Instr No 3 of 26 Jul 45.
- (b) A and C Coys - G stores, cooking gear, tents shelter half, stretcher tops, tents and other erections will NOT be removed from present posns. Coys will liaise for smaller details.

9. Medical

RAP remains RURI

INTERCOMN

10. Bn HQ and B Ech remain present location.

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Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

23 July 45

BONIS PATROL INSTN No 1

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To ~~Sgt~~ ^{L/Cpl. LITCHFIELD} GILLIGAN ~~R.~~ D Coy

1. Since the redistribution of the Bn on 18 Jul, the enemy has shown little, if any curiosity as to our present disposition. He has shown no inclination to come in from the N and NE, as might have been anticipated. His tactics in the past, have been merely to harass our L of C, and it is assumed that the parties used for this purpose, have been sent out from bases which he occupies. These suspected bases are grouped as under.

Base 1	SIAR PTN	Str 40/50	
Base 2	313708	Str 10/15	
Base 3	302708	Str 30/40	(Unconfirmed)

He cannot be ignorant of the concentration of the Bde Force in the RATSUA area. In view of his lack of curiosity it is thought possible that he has abandoned certain patrol bases, and is concentrating his own force on the west side of the peninsula to withstand what he fears is to be a drive on that flank. It is necessary that this suspicion be confirmed or otherwise.

2. Base 1 will be the responsibility of PIB. They may be operating at the same time as you in that area.
A fighting patrol sp by tks is moving out to area 313708 on 250800L, and will base itself in the general area of old Tac HQ 302709.
A recce patrol will be operating in the garden area 316707. You should not encounter this patrol.
3. You will Comd a recce patrol strength of which will be 6 ORs. You will move at 250800L and will remain out one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Recce the route to old Tac HQ site at 302709 and ascertain whether the enemy is on the route or is in occupation of that area.
 - (b) Report on any indications of enemy movement or activity.
 - (c) Take offensive action against any enemy parties contacted.
5. Your route will be on the axis of the MIDDLE TRACK. Your route in will be at your own discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal.

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Comd 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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27 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

25 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 1

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	L/Cpl LITCHFIELD		
PATROL BY	16 Pl D Coy		
PATROL STRENGTH	1 NCO 4 GIs.		
ROUTE OUT	Along jeep track to old Tac HQ 312709		
ROUTE IN	Reverse of Route Out.		
TIME OUT	240905L	TIME IN	241220L
OBJECT OF PATROL	Recce for enemy movement between D Coy and old Tac HQ		
BRIEFED BY	O.S. D Coy		
CASUALTIES	Own	NIL	Enemy NIL

PART I

Enemy have foraged in the old Tac HQ area, but no enemy were seen. Signs are 24/36 hrs old.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Only track observed was one followed which is a good jeep track.

(b) VEGETATION

Heavy timber and undergrowth.

(c) SUITABLE BIV POSNS

Coy posns could be taken up along track practically all the way.

(d) SUPPLY DROPPING GROUNDS

Could be made at 312709 with further clearing.

(e) SUITABLE AMBUSH POSNS

Could be set at various intervals along track.

2. ACTION OWN

Patrol left 302692 for old Tac HQ via jeep track; patrol moved just off track on right hand side. Nothing was observed until old Tac HQ was reached, where Jap foot prints were observed approx 3 days old, possibly four enemy, had been moving around area, but no enemy movement seen at anytime to and from old Tac HQ posn.

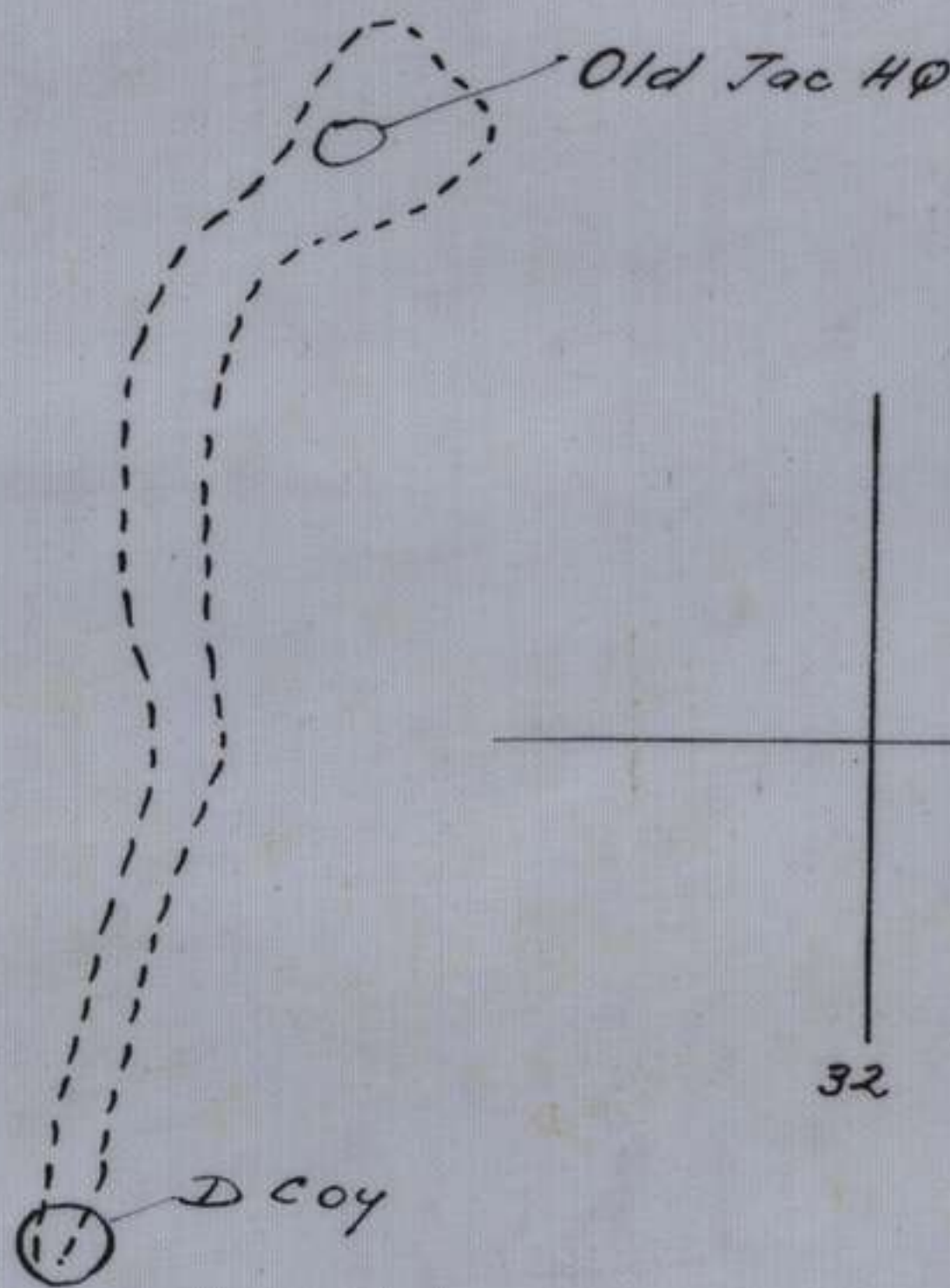
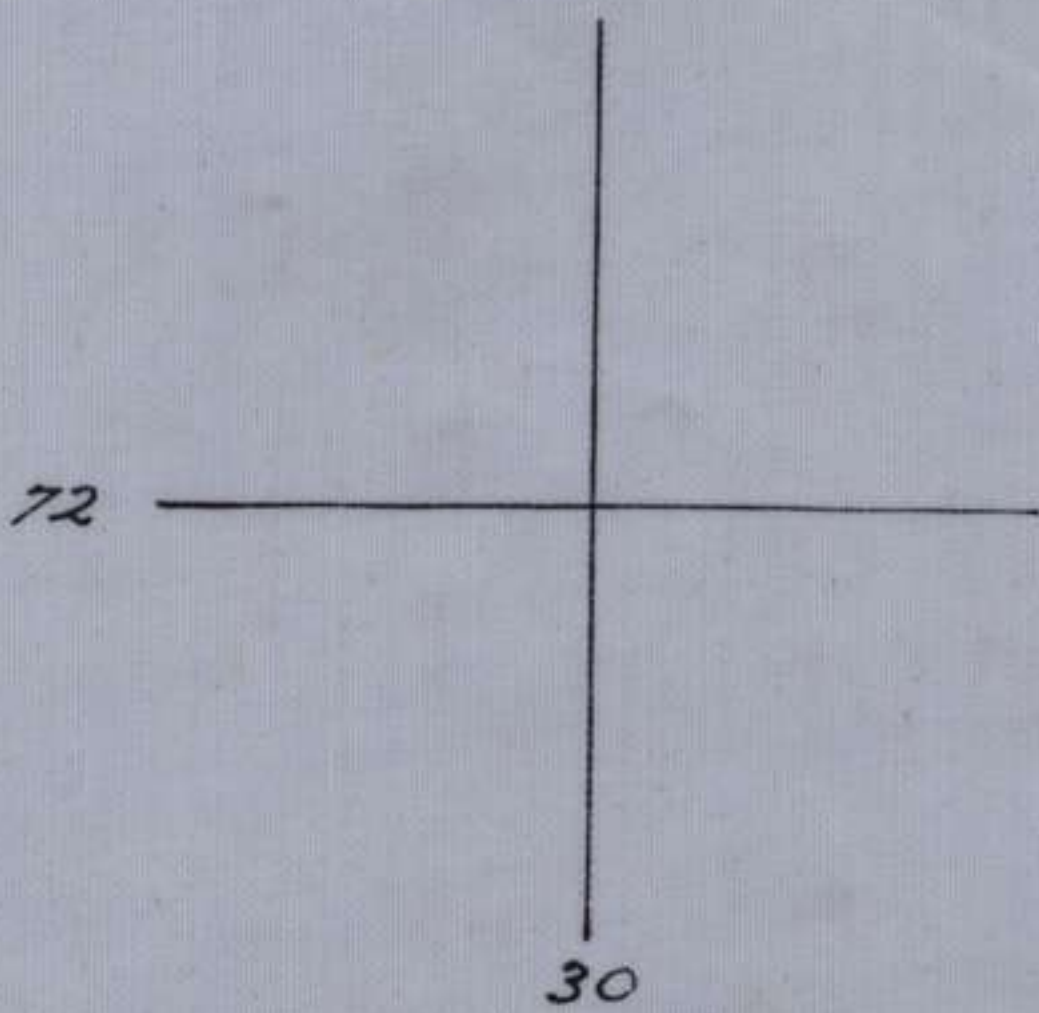
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Patrol Comd

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Showing Route Taken by

Patrol 1. 240905L-241220L

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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 2

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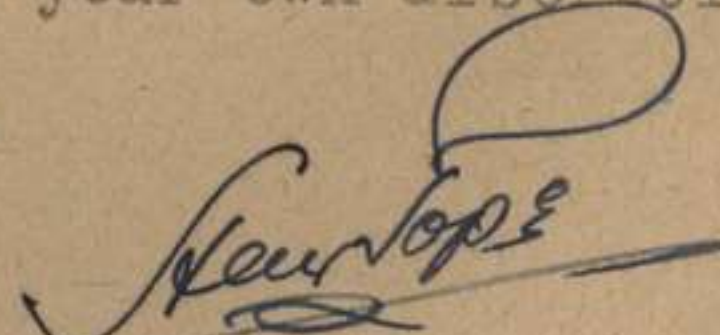
To Sgt FUSS H. D Coy

1. Since the redistribution of the Bn on 18 Jul, the enemy has shown little, if any curiosity as to our present disposition. He has shown no inclination to come in from the N and NE, as might have been anticipated. His tactics in the past, have been merely to harass our L of C, and it is assumed that the parties used for this purpose, have been sent out from bases which he occupies. These suspected bases are grouped as under.

Base 1	SIAR PTN	Str 40/50	
Base 2	313708	Str 10/15	
Base 3	302708	Str 30/40	(Unconfirmed)

He cannot be ignorant of the concentration of the Bde Force in the RATSUA area. In view of his lack of curiosity it is thought possible that he has abandoned certain patrol bases, and is concentrating his own force on the west side of the peninsula to withstand what he fears is to be a drive on that flank. It is necessary that this suspicion be confirmed or otherwise.

2. Base 1 will be the responsibility of PIB. They may be operating at the same time as you in that area.
3. You will Comd a recce patrol str of which will be 6 ORs. Patrol will move out 250800L and will remain out for one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Move to the garden at 316707 and ascertain whether the enemy is or has been in this area, or on the routes you cover.
 - (b) You will harass any enemy parties encountered and inflict casualties.
5. Your route will be along the RURI BAY RD to 322703 then NW along track to garden area.
Your route in will be at your own discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal.


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27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

24 Jul 45

EONIS PATROL INSTN No 4

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Cpl. PENALUNA D Coy

1. Since the redispotion of the Bn on 18 Jul, the enemy has shown little, if any curiosity as to our present disposition. He has shown no inclination to come in from the N and NE, as might have been anticipated. His tactics in the past, have been merely to harass our L of C, and it is assumed that the parties used for this purpose, have been sent out from based which he occupies. These suspected bases are grouped as under.

Base 1	(SIAR PTN)	Str	40/50
Base 2	313718	Str	10/15
Base 3	302718	Str	30/40 (Unconfirmed)

He cannot be ignorant of the concentration of the Ede Force in the RATSUA Sector. In view of his lack of curiosity it is thought possible that he has abandoned certain patrol bases, and is concentrating his own force on the west side of the peninsula to withstand what he fears is to be a drive on that flank. It is necessary that this suspicion be confirmed or otherwise.

2. Base 1 (SIAR PTN) is the responsibility of PIB.
A fighting patrol sp by tks is moving out to the area 313718 on 250800L and will base itself in the area of old Tac HQ 302709.
3. You will Comd a recce patrol the strength of which will be 8 ORs. You will move at 250800L and remain out for one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Move to 321716 and ascertain whether the enemy is in this area or on the route you cover.
 - (b) Investigate the garden area at 316707 and report whether any indication of enemy movement or activity exist.
 - (c) Take offensive action to inflict casualties on any enemy parties encountered.
5. Your route will be via the RURI BAY RD to 322703 then NW to 318707 then north along track to 321716.
Your route in will be the garden area 316707 then by compass to RURI RD 304698.
6. Adm arrangements normal

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27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

26 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 4

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Cpl PENALUNA
PATROL BY	18 Pl D Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 NCO 10 ORs
ROUTE OUT	313690 to 322703 to 318705 to 320716
ROUTE IN	320716 to garden in area 316707 south to 315698 then along main road to pl posn.
TIME OUT	250830L
OBJECT OF PATROL	TIME IN 251605L (a) To ascertain extent of enemy movement in area. (b) Harass and take offensive action against any enemy encountered.
BRIEFED BY	1 OC D Coy
CASUALTIES	Own NIL Enemy 1 killed 1 wounded

PART I

10/12 enemy were contacted 300 yds north of 18 Pl. Enemy were moving south. Patrol fired killing one and wounding one. Enemy fled northwards.

At 322703 (old D Coy posn) enemy had been foraging in an apparent search for food. Est time of activity 24 hrs.

Track to 317707 used very recently. Traffic both ways. Track from 318707 to 321715 NOT used by enemy. Garden area 317707 used recently. On return one Jap sighted at 314694.

DEDUCTIONS

Foraging at 322703 and traffic on track west considered to be done by the enemy contacted at 313693.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II1. TOPOGRAPHICAL(a) TRACKS

Track from 322703 to 308706 has been used recently by traffic moving both ways. Track is well defined and an old sig cable follows through. Track from 308706 to 320715 is well defined but has not been used for some considerable time.

(b) VEGETATION

In the main, banana palm interspersed with occasional heavy timber.

(c) AMBUSH POSNS

Good ambush posns exist in the garden area 316707 also along the track from 322703 to 308706.

(d) GARDENS

Gardens with paw paws and sweet potatoes exist at 316707.

2. ACTION OWN

Patrol moved from 313690 on west side of track (in scrub) for 200 yds to 314693 where forward scout signalled back 2 Japs sighted. Patrol stopped and I moved on to investigate. Before I reached the two forward scouts, they both opened fire; information from scouts was that there were 5 Japs seen and possibly others following. Japs ran off road to east side into vacated posns in pits. Patrol remained and

2. ACTION OWN (Cont)

and observed west side of track. After 10 mins approx I moved with 4 men back to Pl area reported the action. Pl Cond withdrew remainder of patrol. 2" mortar fire brought on to area then moved up and cleared the area. Apparently enemy had withdrawn as there were none sighted.

Patrol proceeded to 322703 where signs of enemy were located. An old Aust perimeter with old pits were dug up and tins of food opened. From 322703 to 315705 track used extensively by small enemy parties including what appeared by tracks to have been a push bike. From 315705 to 320716 no signs. From garden area 316707 to 316698 no signs. On coming out on to main track moved on left side towards pl area, and at 314694 forward scout again fired on one Jap, running away through the scrub. Results unobserved. A recce of the area disclosed 5 opened tins of M & V together with freshly cut twigs for chop sticks. Patrol then returned to Pl area.

3. Enemy Strength

1st Contact:-	5 seen possibly others.	Weapons
	1 LMG and rifles.	
2nd Contact:-	1 man with rifle.	

Condition of Enemy Fit

4. ENEMY ACTION

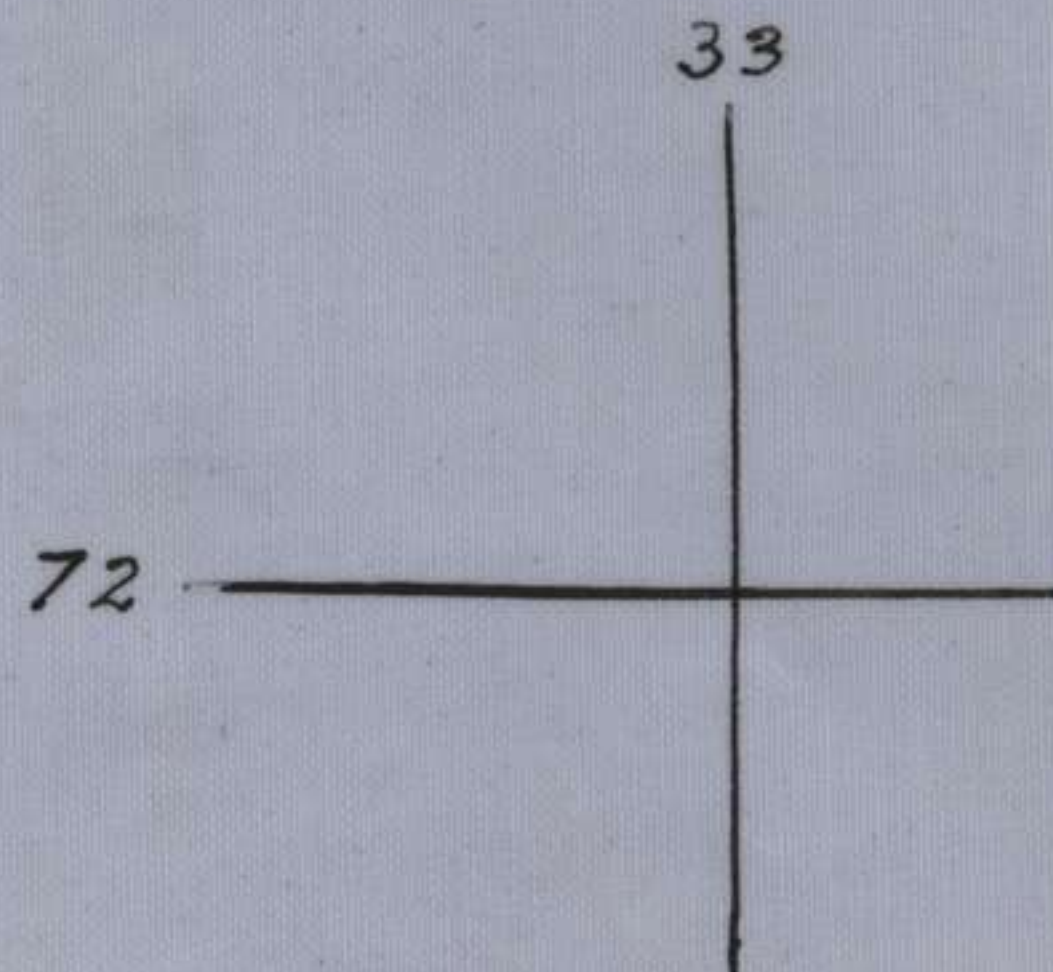
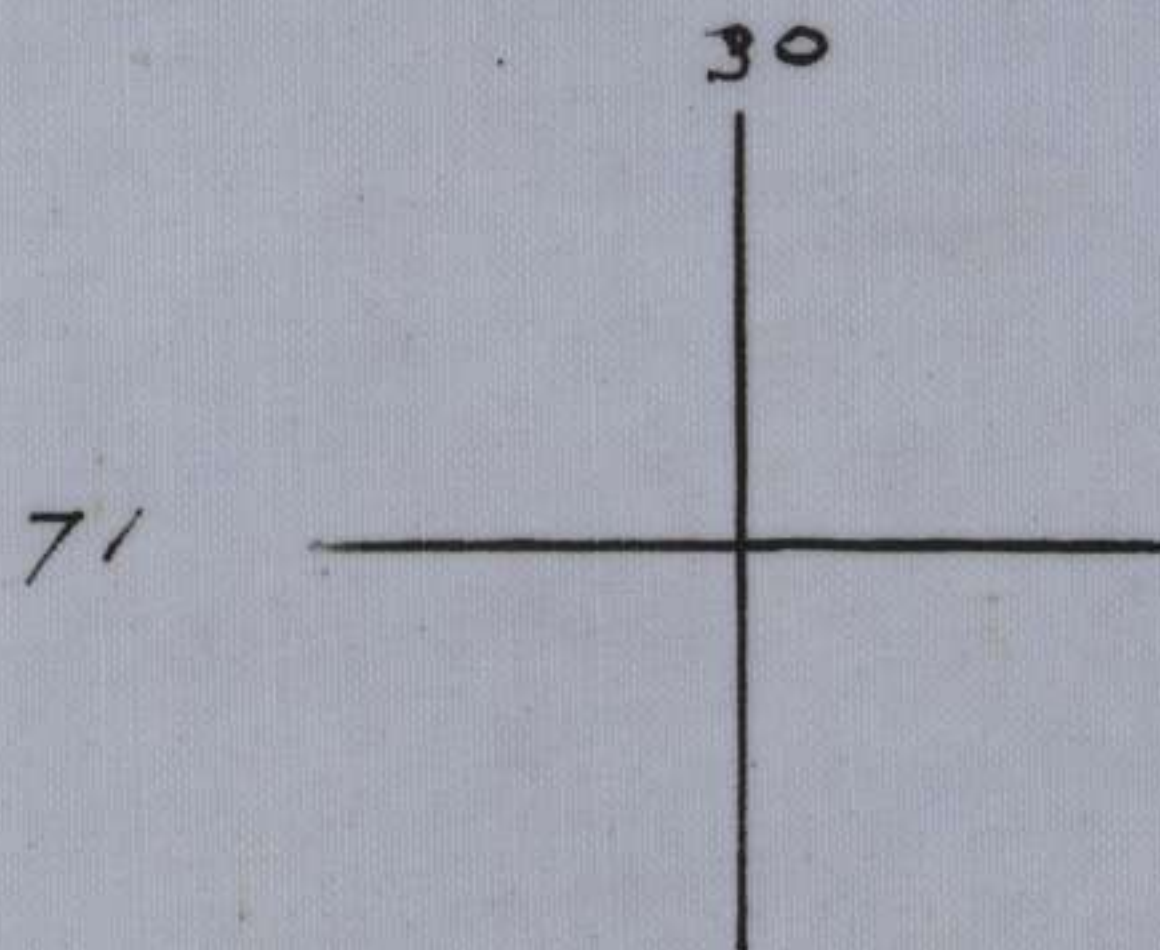
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RENALUNA A. Cpl
Patrol Cond

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Showing Route Taken by
Patrol A
250830L 251605L

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Gardens recently used
track from Gardens to
old camp site used
very recently
Enemy foraging old
camp site
24hrs prev.

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1 Jap sighted here on return
10/12 En sighted moving South
1 En Killed 1 Wounded
(En Fled Northwards)
16 pl

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)BONIS PATROL INSTN No 3

Ref Map CHARAI 1/25000

To Capt A.J. BAULDERSTONE A Coy

1. Since the redistribution of the Bn on 18 Jul, the enemy has shown little, if any curiosity as to our present disposition. He has shown no inclination to come in from the N and NE, as might have been anticipated. His tactics in the past, have been merely to harass our L of C, and it is assumed that the parties used for this purpose, have been sent out from bases which he occupies. These suspected bases are grouped as under.

Base 1	SIAR PTN	Str	40/50	
Base 2	313708	Str	10/15	
Base 3	302708	Str	30/40	(Unconfirmed)

He cannot be ignorant of the concentration of the Bde Force in the RATSUA area. In view of his lack of curiosity, it is thought possible that he has abandoned certain patrol bases, and is concentrating his own force on the west side of the peninsula to withstand what he fears is to be a drive on that flank. It is necessary that this suspicion be confirmed or otherwise.

2. Base 1 will be the responsibility of PIB. They may be operating at the same time as you in that area.
3. You will take comd of and co-ordinate the action of two fighting patrols, sp by arty, tks, and flame throwers.
Fighting patrols will be 16 Pl D Coy (Lt Callander)
9 Pl A Coy (Lt Robinson)
You will operate over 2 or 3 days leaving approx 250800L.
4. Your tasks are:-
(a) You will ascertain whether there is a Jap garrison still in occupation at Base 2. If so, with one fighting patrol, you will eliminate the garrison.
(b) Upon completion task (a) you will proceed to area of Base 3, and locate and eliminate enemy garrison in that area by use of the second fighting patrol.
(c) During your movement, you will recce the old areas previously occupied by the Bn, and report any signs of enemy movement or occupation.
(d) You will harass any enemy parties encountered.
5. You will be allotted
One sec tks
One bulldozer
Sec Flame throwers
Arty OPO
These parties will RV in D Coy on 24 July
6. 12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (AIF) will be on call for any target you wish to engage. Plenty of amn is available.
7. Axis of move will be MIDDLE TRACK.
8. Arrangements will be made for carrying of additional water either on tks or bulldozer, in addition to barbed wire. After use, wire will either be recovered or destroyed.
9. Four SCR 536B sets will be allotted for intercomn with tks.
Arty OPO will have 208 W/T on frequency of 2500 kc.

9. Alternative means will be by 19 set on tks direct to
Bty HQ.

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MONIS PATROL REPORT No 2

Ref Map CHADAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Sgt FUSS H.		
PATROL BY	16 Pl D Coy		
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Sgt 8 ORs		
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Ascertain whether the enemy is or has been in the garden area 316707 or on the route covered.		
	(b) Harass and destroy any enemy parties contacted.		
TIME OUT	250830L	TIME IN	231600L
ROUTE OUT	RURI RD to 322703 to 316707.		
ROUTE IN	Reverse of Route Out.		
CASUALTIES	Own NIL	Enemy	NIL

PART I

Enemy are not in occupation of area 316707 or its near environs. No enemy were contacted on the route traversed.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Well defined footpad with sig wire runs west from 322703 and continues in a westerly direction from 316705.

An old footpad, not recently used was noticed branching north at 316706. This was investigated for 200 yds.

There were no signs of movement on tracks traversed.

(b) VEGETATION

In the main, banana palm interspersed with occasional large trees.

(c) AMBUSH POSNS

Suitable posns exist on RURI RD and in the garden area at 316707.

(d) SUPPLY DROPPING POINTS

Garden at 316707 is an excellent area for this purpose.

2. ACTION OWN

Moved to 322703 using RURI RD as an axis of advance, then moved west along well defined track to the garden area 316707.

Patrol reced area thoroughly and only signs of enemy activity was found in the garden where natives or Japs had cut down several paw paw trees. Patrol then returned via the same route. Nil enemy were seen during the recce.

3. ENEMY ACTION NIL

4. OLD CAMPS

An old camp exists at 322703. This was D Coys previous site. Area had not beentouched by the enemy. The Old PlB camp at 317707 has been foraged by the enemy.

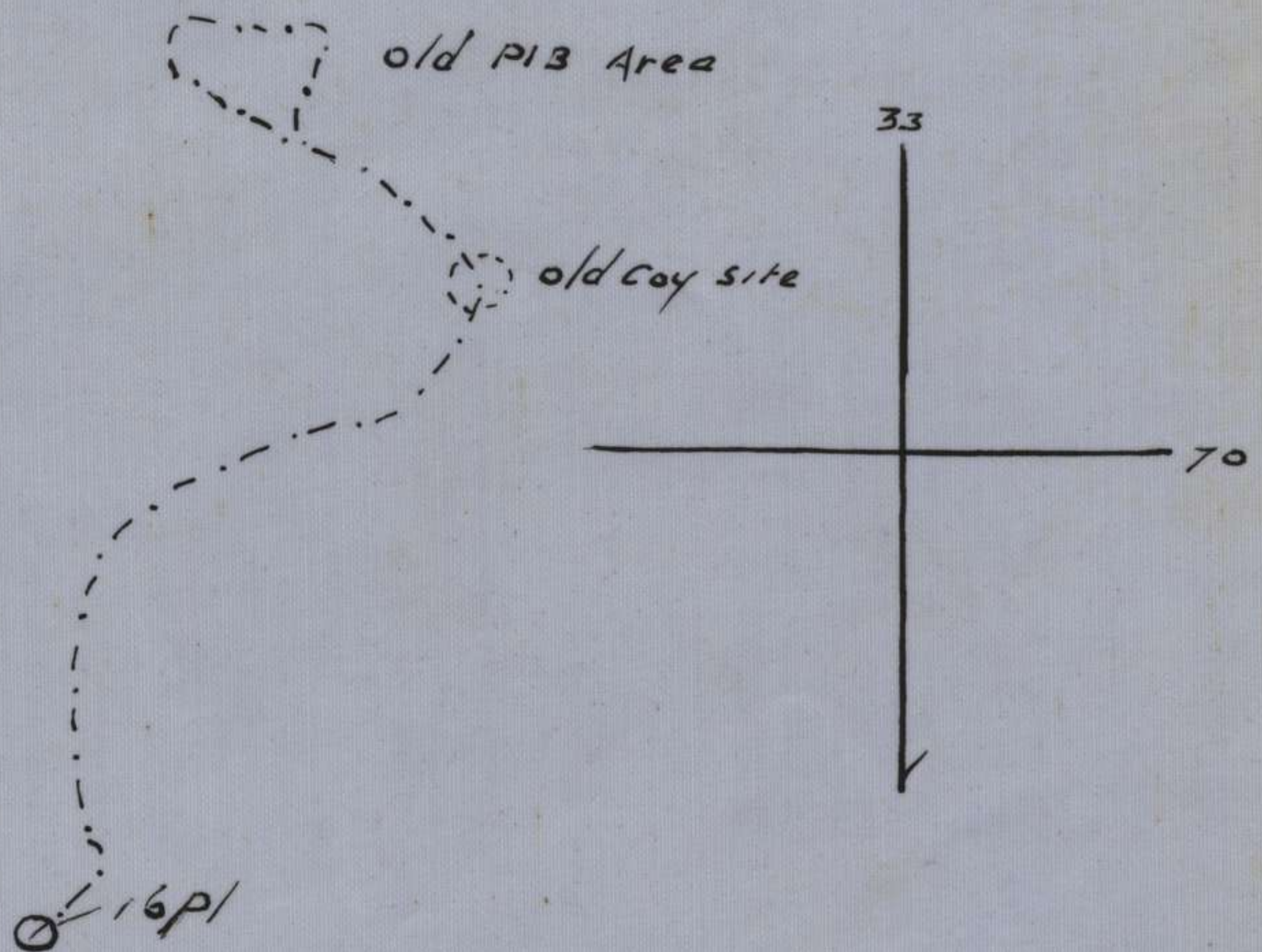
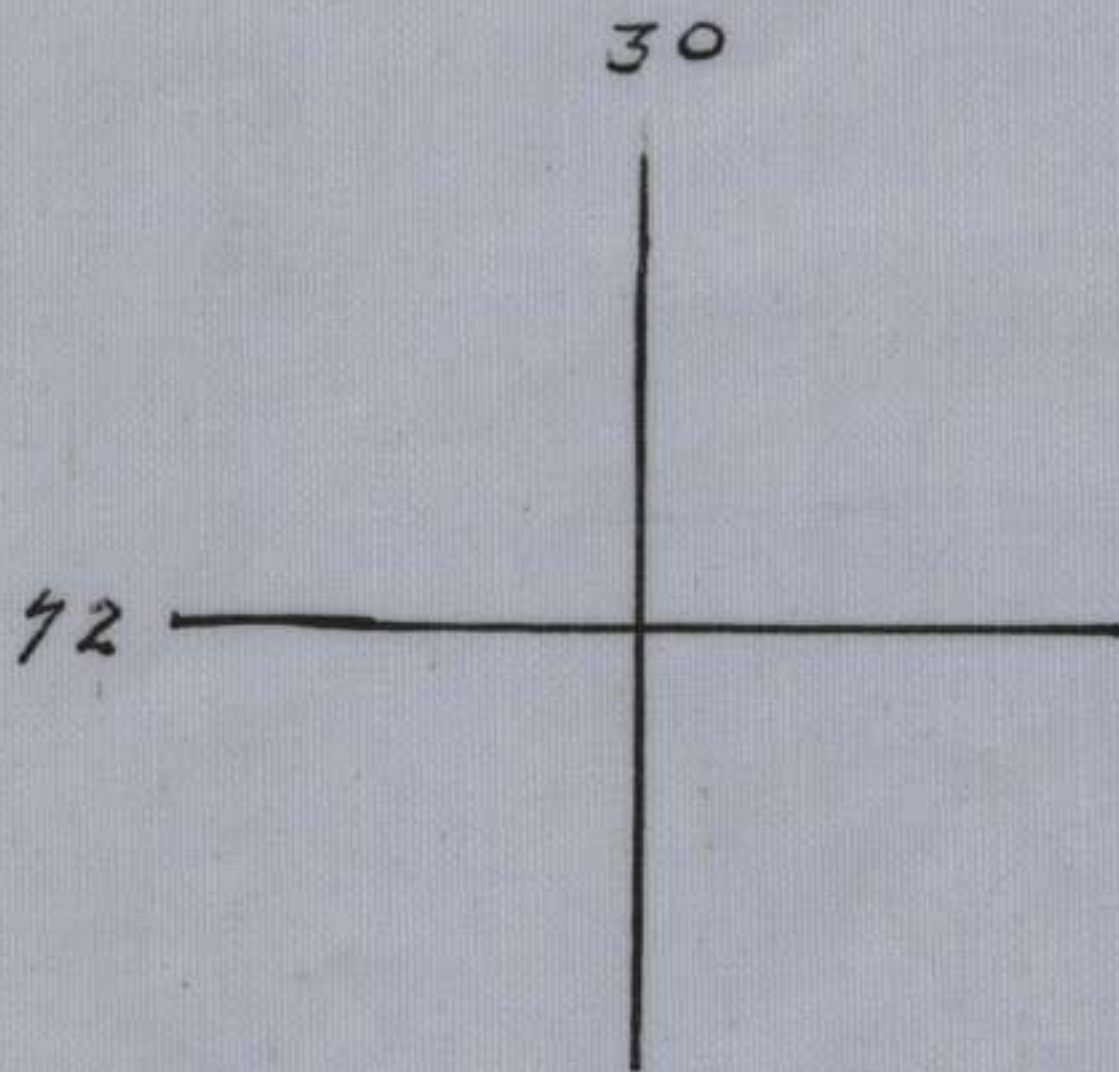
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SHOW 178, taken by patrol N2

250830L - 261600L

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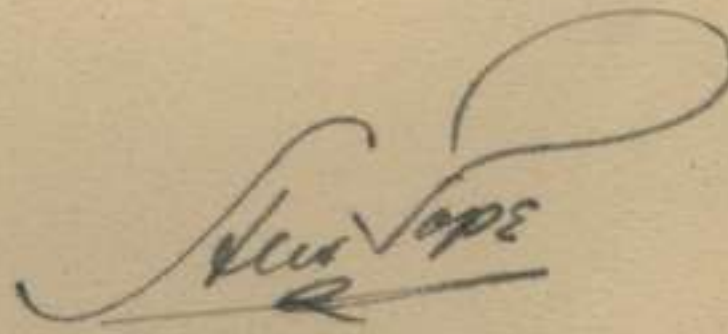
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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 5

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Lt D.B. DUNSTAN A Coy

1. The capture of COMMO RIDGE by B Bn revealed that the enemy did not hold this feature with any great strength as was originally thought.
His defences were comprised of foxholes and slit trenches with no indications of living quarters so it can be presumed that these defences were held in daylight only and the occupants moved back to prepared positions.
Where these defences are is not known but it is likely that they exist to the north and possibly to the east and west of COMMO RIDGE.
It is probable that since our withdrawal from the Hunsai 'C' area, the enemy has reinforced the Ratsua Sector in anticipation for a drive by our forces on that flank.
2. COMMO RIDGE and the area to west and NW is B Bn responsibility. They will have patrols operating in this area but you should not contact them.
Only other patrols in your area will be one with tank sp operating against Base 2 (313708) and an B Bn patrol operating against known enemy positions at 292718.
3. You will command a recon patrol str of which will be 12 ORs. You will move at 250800L and remain out for one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Ascertain whether an enemy def locality exists in the general area 298710.
 - (b) Confirm or state otherwise whether the tracks as shown on the map exist.
 - (c) Harass and inflict casualties on enemy parties encountered.
5. Your route to 298710 will be by compass bearing from 298699. Route in is at your own discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal



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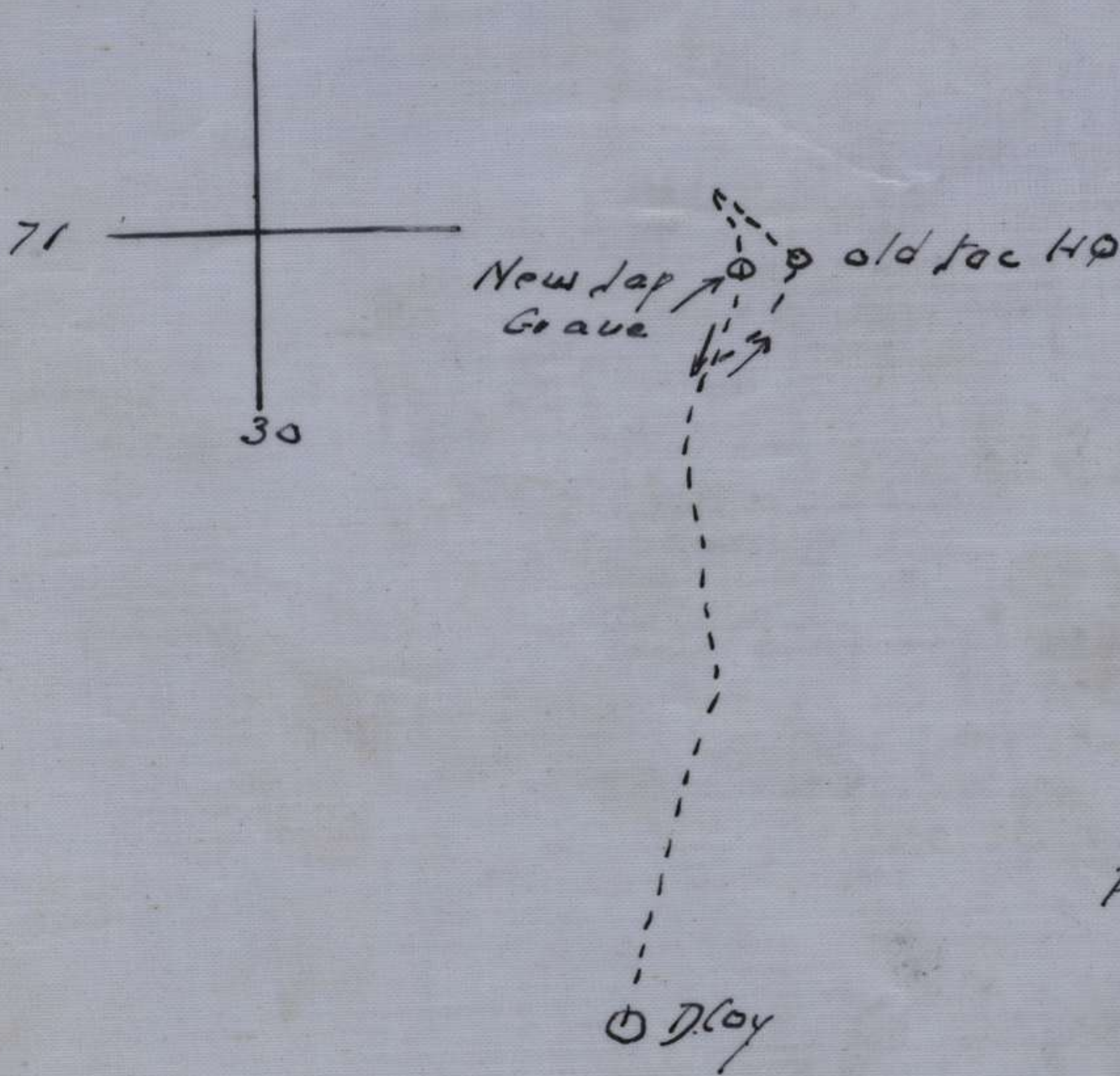
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260800L. 261300L

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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 7

Ref Map OHARAI 1/25000

To Lt G.M. CLIFFON A Coy

1. The capture of COMMO RIDGE by 8 Bn revealed that the enemy did not hold this feature with any great strength as was originally thought.
His defences were comprised of foxholes and slit trenches with no indication of living quarters, so it can be presumed that these defences were held in daylight only and the occupants moved back to prepared posns.
Where these defences are is not known but it is likely that they exist to the north and possibly to the east and west of COMMO RIDGE. It is probable that since our withdrawal from the KUNAI 'C' area the enemy has reinforced the RATSUA Sector in anticipation for a drive by our forces on that flank.
2. COMMO RIDGE and the area to West and NW is 8 Bn responsibility. They will have patrols operating in this area but you should not contact them.
Only other patrols in your area will be one with tk sp operating against Base 2 (313708).
3. You will Comd a peace patrol str of which will be 10 ORs. You will move at 260800L and remain out for one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Proceed to 295714 (SE area KUNAI 'D').
 - (b) Ascertain whether any enemy posns exist in this area, also along the route you cover.
 - (c) Report on any enemy movement or activity.
 - (d) Take offensive action against any enemy parties contacted.
5. Your route will be by compass bearing from your present location. The route in is at your discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal

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BONIS PATROL REPORT No 9

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Lt F.G. EDWARDS
PATROL BY	18 Pl D Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Offr 10 ORs
ROUTE OUT	Via Ruri Bay Rd to 322703 thence to 321715 to 313718 to 321715
ROUTE IN	321715 to 312709 to 317707 thence to Ruri Bay Rd by compass bearing.
TIME OUT	270815L
TIME IN	271655L
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Move to 321715 (b) Recce area on edge of kunai G from 321715 to 313719 paying attention to area 313718. (c) Take offensive action when and where necessary
BRIEFED BY	I.O.
CASUALTIES	Own NIL Enemy NIL

PART I

- (a) Move to 321715
- (b) Area on edge of kunai NIL sightings. Tracks in area have NOT been used recently. Area 313718 - 313719 tracks showed signs of movement only a few hours old. Did not meet any Jap resistance. Old posns located on Eastern end of area at 313718. These have not been occupied for sometime.
- (c) NIL enemy sightings.

DEDUCTIONS

Am of the opinion enemy have no defensive posns between 321715 and 313719 along southern edge of kunai.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) TRACKS
In the main, clearly defined and well used. In area 321715 tracks are completely overgrown and have not been used for a long period of time.
- (b) VEGETATION
Area 321715 undergrowth and secondary growth, thick and difficult to move through. Patrol had to cut way through. Other areas mainly banana palms, wait-a-while vines and big timber.
- (c) WATER POINTS
Bomb craters in vicinity of 313718 full of water have been used by enemy, as fresh tracks were seen on edge of water. Large water hole approx 150 yds long by 50 yds wide located at approx 313700. Bomb crater further south at approx 313696 also full of water.
- (d) BIVOUAC AREAS Practically anywhere.
- (e) SUPPLY DROPPING POINTS Kunai areas
- (f) AMBUSH POSNS Tracks in vicinity of PIB camp

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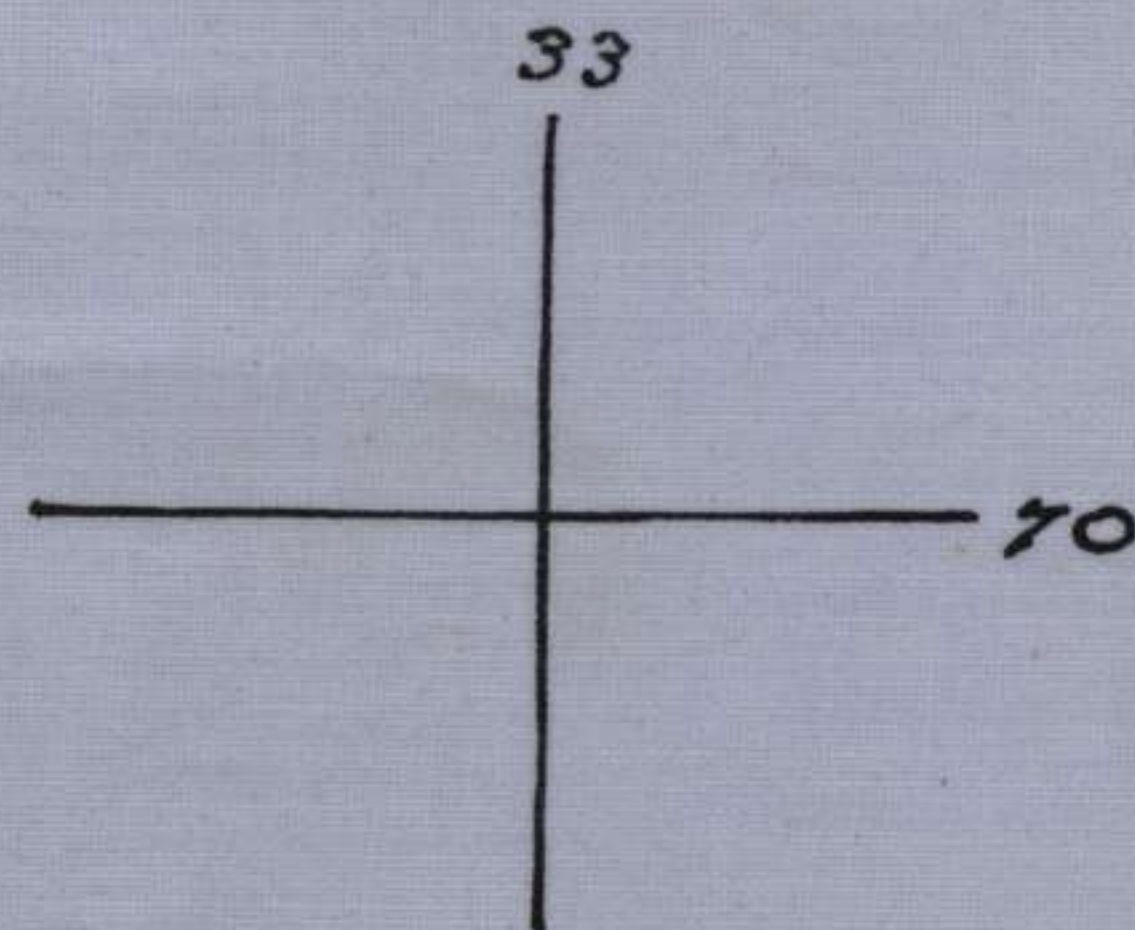
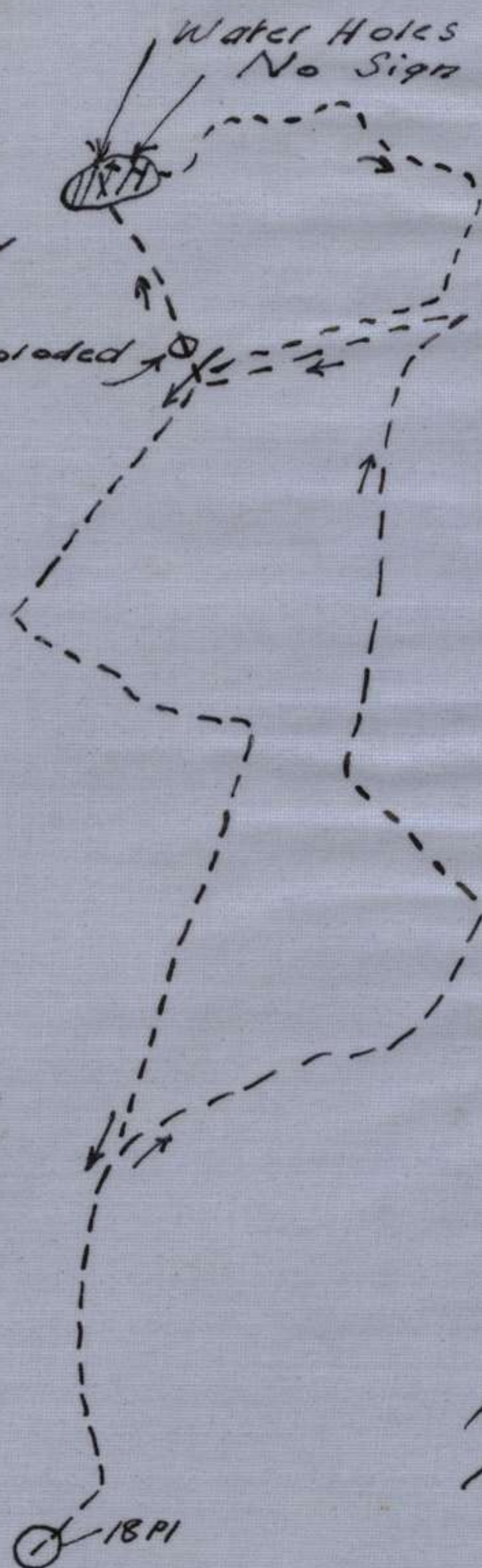
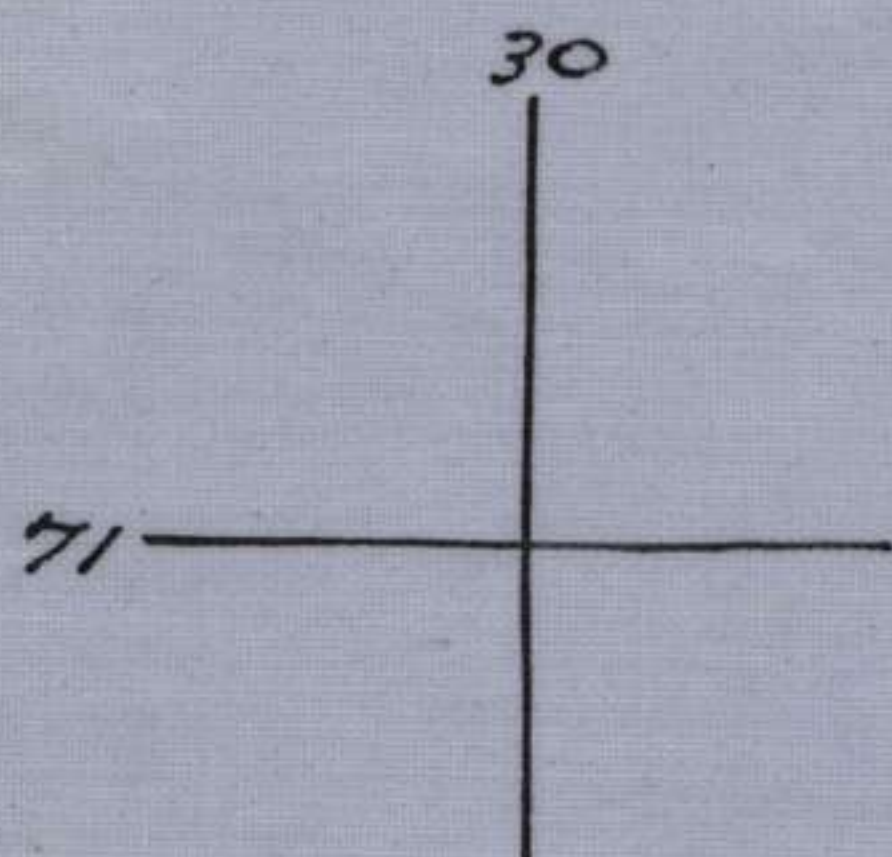
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270815L -
271655L

Water Holes used by Japs
No Sign of Enemy Defensive
Posts

Large
Bombed
Area

Mine Exploded



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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 8

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Sgt GILLIGAN R. D Coy

1. The capture of COMMO RIDGE by 8 Bn revealed that the enemy did not hold this feature with any great strength as was originally thought.
His defences were comprised of foxholes and slit trenches with no indication of living quarters, so it can be presumed that these defences were held in daylight only and the occupants moved back to prepared posns.
Where these defences are is not known but it is likely that they exist to the north and possibly to the east and west of COMMO RIDGE. It is probable that since our withdrawal from the KUNAI 'C' area, the enemy has reinforced the RATSUA Sector in anticipation for a drive by our forces on that flank.
2. COMMO RIDGE and the area to West and NW is 8 Bn responsibility. They will have patrols operating in this area but you should not contact them.
Our Own patrols in the area are:-
 - (a) Fighting patrol with tk sp operating against enemy positions at 313708 and 302708. This patrol moved out 251300L. Duration 2/3 days.
 - (b) Recce patrol from A Coy operating in the general area 295714.
3. You will Comd a recce patrol strength of which will be 7 ORs. You will move at 260800L and remain out one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Traverse the route as in para 5. and report on any enemy activity or movements in the area covered.
 - (b) Take offensive action against any enemy parties contacted.
 - (c) Check the MIDDLE TRACK for mines etc.
5. Your route will be the MIDDLE TRACK to old TAG HQ 302709. From there move on a bearing to 302710 then SE to MIDDLE TRACK at approx 308697.
6. Adm arrangements normal.

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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 9

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Lt F.G. EDWARDS D Coy

1. Since the redistribution of the Bn in the RATSUA Sector, the enemy with the exception of the last 48 hrs, has shown very little curiosity as to our present disposition.
The area RURI RD west to MIDDLE TRACK has shown signs of enemy activity over the last 48 hrs. A patrol to the garden area 317707 contacted 10 Japs moving south at 313692. These were dispersed. The track from 322704 to 317707 has shown signs of recent use, possibly by the same party that was contacted at 322704.
A patrol sp by tks contacted an ambush party at 311708. Enemy used mines and SAA.
On both occasions of contact the enemy has shown little, if any aggressiveness.
2. Base 1 (SIAR PTN) will be the responsibility of the PIB. A fighting patrol sp by tanks is operating in the Base 2 (313718) and Base 3 (302718) areas. Part of its role is to eliminate the Jap garrison at 313718. This will be done on 26 July. On completion of task, patrol will possibly remain the night and move to 302718 the following morning leaving only a standing patrol.
It is highly probable that after Base 2 has been eliminated, the Jap will either counter-attack or re-occupy the area after our troops withdraw.
Further to the above patrol, a patrol will be operating south and on the edge of Kunai 'C' from 305715 to 313719 thence to 304714 and will return via MIDDLE TRACK.
3. You will Comd a recce patrol str of which will be one section at W.E. You will move at 270800L and remain out one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Move to 321715 (South edge of Kunai 'C')
 - (b) Recce the area on edge of kunai from 321715 to 313719 paying special attention to the area 313718, and ascertain whether the enemy is in this area or on the route you cover.
 - (c) Take offensive action against any enemy parties encountered.
5. Your route will be via RURI BAY RD to 322703 thence to 321715. Your route in will be from 303708 to old Tac HQ 322709 thence to old PIB camp 317707 thence to RURI RD.
6. Adm arrangements normal.

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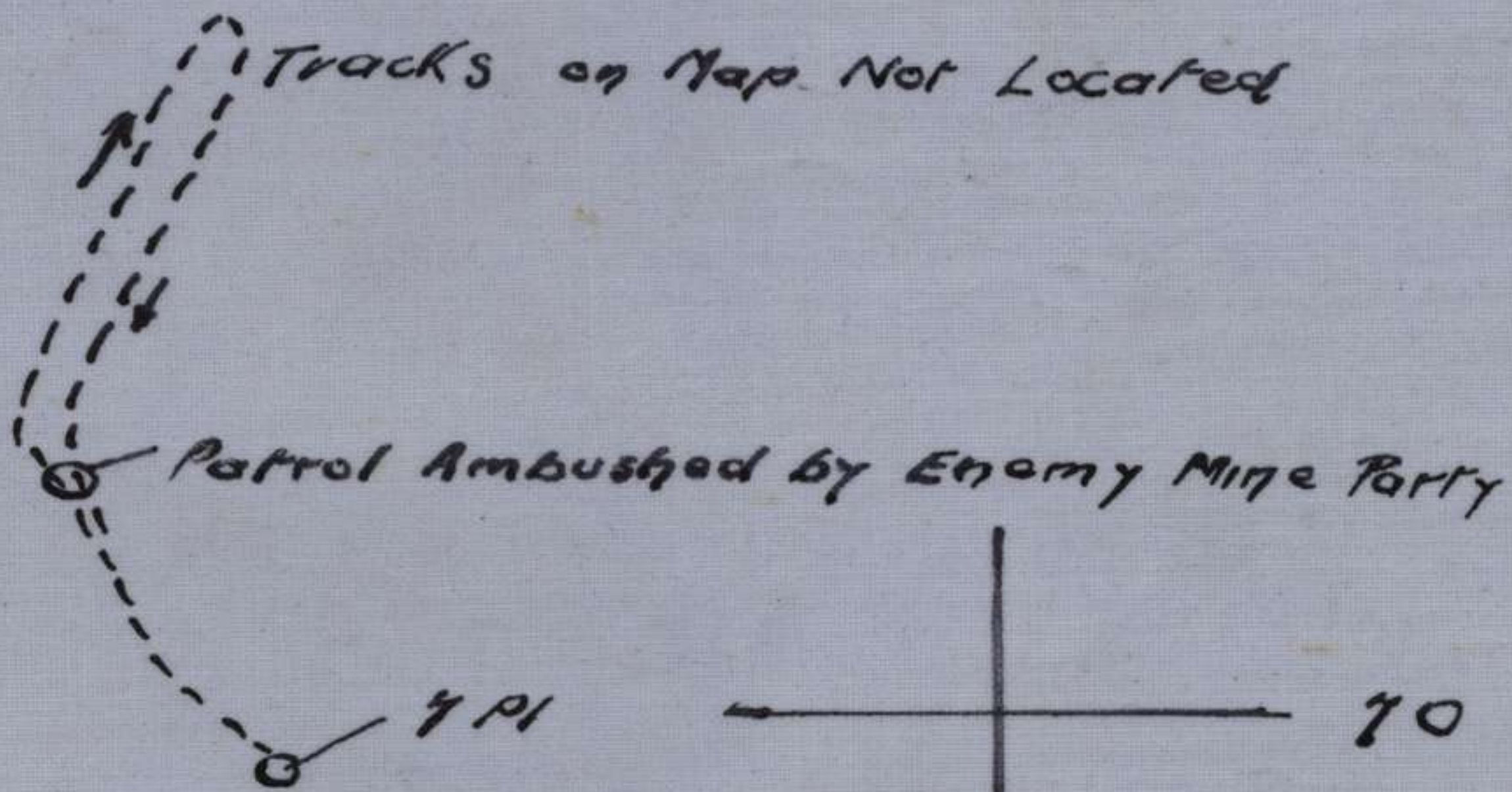
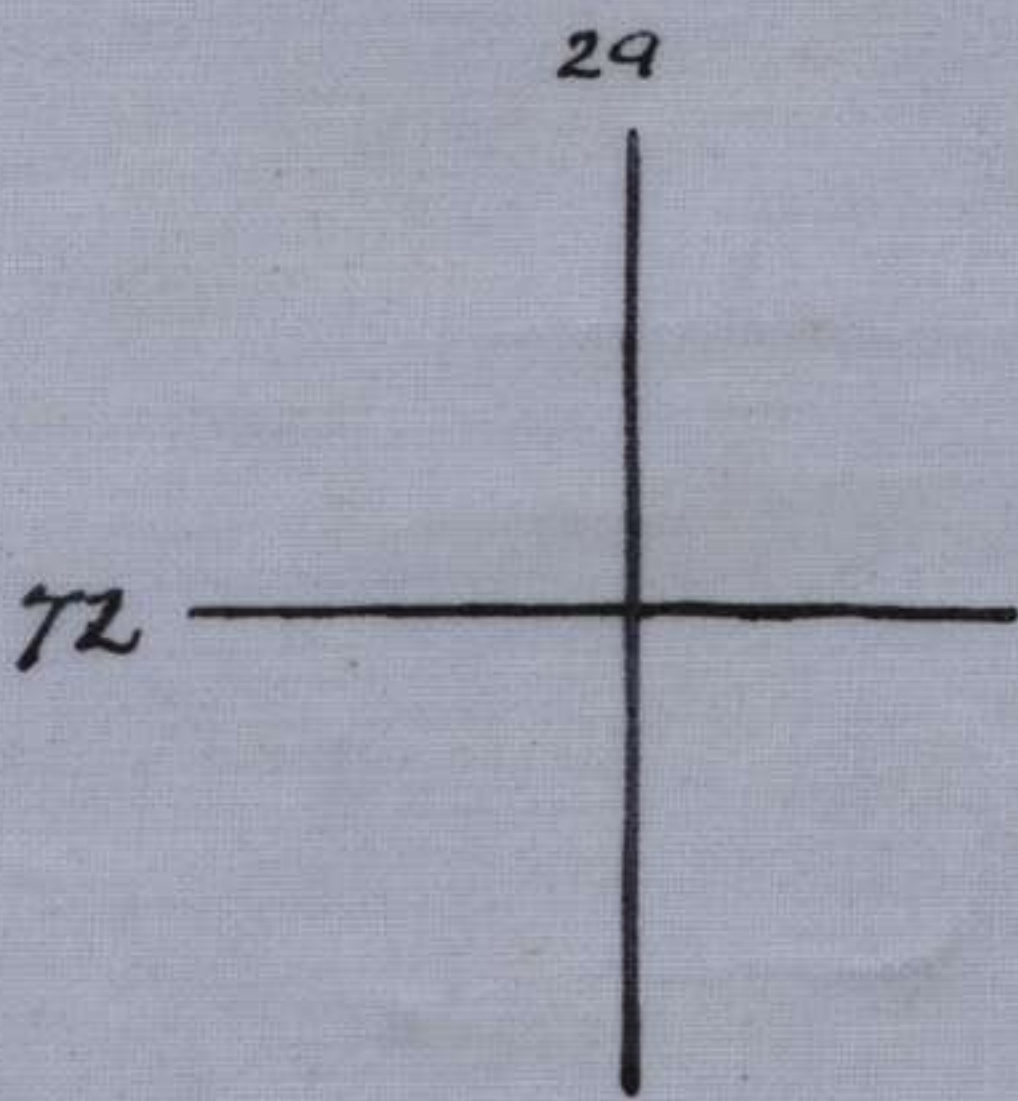
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Showing Route Taken by
Patrol No 7

261030L - 261700L

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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 10

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Sgt *Nicholson* A Coy

1. Since the redistribution of the Bn in the RATSUA Sector the enemy with the exception of the last 48 hrs has shown very little curiosity as to our present disposition.

The area RURI RD west to MIDDLE TRACK has shown signs of enemy activity over the last 48 hrs. A patrol to the garden area 317707 contacted 10 Japs moving south at 313692. These were dispersed. The track from 322704 to 317707 has shown signs of recent use, possibly by the same party that was contacted at 322704.

A patrol sp by tanks contacted an ambush party at 311708. Enemy used mines and SAA.

On both occasions of contact the enemy has shown little if any aggressiveness.

2. Base 1 (SIAR PTN) is the responsibility of the PIB. COMMO RIDGE and the area to the west is the responsibility of the 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

A fighting patrol sp by tanks is operating against Base 2 (313719), and Base 3 (302718) areas. On 26 Jul this patrol will eliminate the Jap garrison at 313718. Its base is at the old Tac HQ site 312709 and will possibly be operating against Base 3 on 27 July. You may contact them in this area.

Another patrol will be operating from 321715 along the edge of Kunai 'C' to 313718. You will probably contact this patrol in the area of Base 2.

3. You will Comd a recce patrol str of which will be one section ab W.E. You will move out at 270800L and remain out for one day.

4. Your tasks are:-

- (a) Move to 305715 then NE along edge of kunai 'C' to 313718.
- (b) Ascertain whether the enemy is in this area or on the route you cover.
- (c) Take offensive action against any enemy parties encountered.

5. Your route will be by compass to 305715 thence NE along edge of kunai 'C' to 313719 thence to old Tac HQ 312709. Route in from 312709 is at your own discretion. Suggest compass bearing back to your HQ.

6. Adm arrangements normal.

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- (g) OP's NIL
- (h) GARDENS Vicinity old PIB camp.
- (i) MAP Accurate with regards to compass bearings used.

2. ACTION OWN

(a) NARRATIVE

Left 313690 at 0810 hrs via route as indicated. Reached 321715 at 1130 hrs without seeing sign of enemy. Rain of previous afternoon could have obliterated any tracks made up to 26 Jul. No fresh signs on Ruri Bay Rd or other tracks. Covered area extensively without locating signs of enemy. Moved back to track between old A and old C posns and examined same. No signs. Moved north west along this track in scrub and located Jap pressure mine. This was trodden on by member of patrol but failed to explode. Had obviously been in posn several days and rain had affected it. It was deloused and left in bush. Proceeded to area 313718 located large bombed out area. Length approx 350 yds, width approx 100 yds, then north for several 100 yds. Moved round southern edge of kumai to 312715 without sighting enemy. Tracks well defined but not used extensively since last rain. Old enemy posns located on eastern end of bombed out area. Covered area fairly extensively and returned to approx 316714. Track here has not been used. Moved by compass bearing to 318709. Examined track to PIB area. Has not been used since rain of previous day. Then moved on compass bearing to camp. Arrived 1255 hrs.

DEDUCTIONS

Am of the opinion that area between 321715 to 315718 and 313719 is clear of enemy defensive posns.

F.C. EDWARDS Lt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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BONIS PATROL REPORT No 8

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Sgt GILLIGAN R.			
PATROL BY	17 Pl D Coy			
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Sgt 7 ORs			
ROUTE OUT	Middle Track to Old Tac HQ 312709. Moved on bearing to approx 300710 then SE to Middle Track.			
ROUTE IN	Middle Track			
TIME OUT	260800L	TIME IN	261300L	
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Report on enemy activity or movement in area covered. (b) Take offensive action against any enemy parties contacted. (c) Check the Middle Track for mines.			
BRIEFED BY	I.O:			
CASUALTIES	Own	NIL	Enemy	NIL

PART I

- (a) No enemy activity with the exception of several fresh foot prints in the vicinity of one new grave at 310708. These lead NW but disappeared after 200 yds.
- (b) Middle Track thoroughly searched for mines and found nil.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Middle Track - good condition except where land mines have been detonated. NIL st tracks were found in area covered.

(b) SUITABLE BIVOUAC AREAS

Suitable at any point along track to 302709.

(c) SUITABLE AMBUSH POSNS

Ambush posns exist on Middle Track.

2. REMARKS

Enemy grave at approx 310708. Dig within the last 18 hours. This is possibly the result of the action which took place between a Jap party and fighting patrol 3 on night 25/26 Jul.

R. GILLIGAN Sgt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

26 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 7

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Sgt KELLY H.F.
PATROL BY	7 Pl A Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	2 NCOs 9 ORs
ROUTE OUT	From 298699 to COMMO RIDGE 294705 then on bearing of 35° N to 296712.
ROUTE IN	Reverse of Route Out
TIME OUT	261030L
TIME IN	261700L
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Recce approx area 296714 for enemy posns and tracks and harass enemy if possible.
BRIEFED BY	OC A Coy
CASUALTIES	Own 1 offr killed 2 ORs wounded Enemy NIL

PART I

Enemy ambushed party contacted 150 yds south of COMMO RIDGE. One 75 MM mine exploded wounding 2 fwd scouts. Japs str NOT known fired with rifles and killed patrol comd. No enemy or tracks in area 296712. Area 296714 not reced.

PART II1. TOPOGRAPHICAL(a) TRACKS

No tracks located in area.
Tracks shown on map at area 296712 not located.

(b) VEGETATION

Very thick with occasional thinning out.

(c) Ground undulating with rises of 40 ft.

(d) ENEMY POSNS

No enemy posns were located but one old shelter located at 296710. Probably used by 2 Japs overnight.

2. ACTION OWN(a) NARRATIVE

Lt Clifton left with patrol of 1 NCO and 9 ORs at approx 260830L, moved along track to COMMO RIDGE to contact 8 Bn. Patrol was in usual formation with 2 scouts fwd, Lt Clifton being 3rd man, approx 400 yds from 7 Pl area, a Jap mine was detonated and one shot fired by enemy. Own patrol did not fire, although it was discovered later that Lt Clifton's rifle had been fired.

The mine wounded 2 ORs, the rifle shot killed Lt Clifton. Patrol covered wounded and Lt Clifton while 2 men scouted area. They found wire leading into scrub but did not follow it in, but later was investigated by 8 Bn patrol which was moving down from COMMO RIDGE. They found approx 100 yds of wire. A runner was dispatched back to 7 Pl area. I organised a carrying party and moved out to patrol. We quickly carried wounded and Lt Clifton back to 7 Pl area and to Coy. I contacted Coy by phone and reported incident. Pte Drew who was on the patrol sal

(a) NARRATIVE (Cont)

the rifle shot came from left of track and the wire was found on right of track. Pl A Coy instructed me to take patrol on. I reorganised and continued patrol. On reaching 8 Bn area COMMO RIDGE the OC held me there as he had sent a patrol out in area we were to traverse.

I waited until 8 Bn patrol returned then proceeded with patrol.

I moved out from COMMO RIDGE on a bearing of 33° N and proceeded for approx 600 yds. Owing to time factor patrol then returned. Nil enemy or signs of enemy activity were seen nor were any tracks observed in the area.

H. KELLY Sgt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

26 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 5

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Lt D. DUNSTAN	A Coy
PATROL BY	8 Pl A Coy	
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Offr 10 ORs	
ROUTE OUT	298699 - 300710 - 299713.	
ROUTE IN	299713 - 300697 - 298699.	
TIME OUT	250800L	TIME IN 251600L.
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) To proceed to 300790 and recce area.	
	(b) To harass enemy tps in area.	
CASUALTIES	Own NIL	Enemy NIL

PART I

No enemy and no enemy tracks located with exception of one footmark 200 yds north of A Coy posn. Footmark est to be 12/24 hrs old.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED One purse containing Jap money (coins)

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

With exception of one enemy footmark at 297702 no signs of enemy movement in area were seen.

The tracks shown on map in area 296710 - 303710 were not found and it is considered that they do not exist. There were no signs that they ever existed.

Ground is firm and would hold tanks but undergrowth is very thick and would block tracks.

Spur shown on map is quite distinct but is approx 200 yds west of posn shown.

A shelled area was located at approx 299713. This was inspected and no signs of enemy movement located.

(b) WATER

There were no possible water points in area.

2. ACTION ONE

On reaching 300709 patrol reced general area. Patrol proceeded to 299713 and located shelled area. Searched for tracks and entered outskirts of shelled area. No sign of enemy.

Reced general area for 1 hour, and returned to base at 1330 hrs.

3. ENEMY ACTION

NIL

4. ENEMY EQPT

A purse containing Jap money (coins) was found approx 50 yds south of shelled area. This was only sign of enemy in area. It is estimated that it had been there at least one week.

5. GENERAL

If this area is used by Japs they are moving in small parties of 2 or 3 and are not following tracks.

Ambushes in area have very small chance of achieving anything.

Max safe speed in this area is 500 yds per hour.

D. DUNSTAN Lt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

27 Jul 45

PONIS PATROL INSTN No 11

Ref Map CHADAI 1/25000

To Lt D. DUNSTAN A Coy

1. Enemy activity over the last 48 hrs has shown a marked increase.
Patrols operating on Middle Track and on Ruri Bay Rd have made contacts with small enemy parties.
150 yds south of COMMO RIDGE, the enemy ambushed one of our patrols. We suffered casualties.
In the Base 2 area, patrol 3 has made contact with the enemy but complete results are not yet known. For further infm of this patrol refer to our sitrep 107.
2. A patrol str 1 NCO 10 ORs will be operating in the Base 2 area for the day 28 Jul 45. You should not contact this party.
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is responsible for COMMO RIDGE and the area NW. They will be warned of your patrol.
3. You will Comd a recce-fighting patrol of 10 ORs. You will remain out for one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Recce the Base 3 area (298715) for enemy movements, posns, tracks and L of C's.
 - (b) Take offensive actions against any enemy parties contacted.
5. Your route will be by compass from your present posn to the general area 298715. Route in is at your discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal.

Steve Topps

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BONIS PATROL REPORT No 3

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COND	Capt A.J. BAULDERSTONE	A Coy
PATROL BY	9 Pl A Coy	15 Pl B Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	2 Pls incl 3 offrs	
	Sec Tanks	15 Tp 2/4 Armed Regt
	Arty FOG and sigs	
	1 sec 23 Pd Coy	
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) You will ascertain whether there is a Jap garrison still in occupation at Base 2. If so, with one fighting patrol, you will eliminate the garrison.	
	(b) Upon completion task (a) you will proceed to area of Base 3, and locate and eliminate enemy garrison in that area by use of the second fighting patrol.	
	(c) During your movement, you will recon the old areas previously occupied by the En, and report any signs of enemy movement or occupation.	
	(d) You will harass any enemy parties encountered.	
TIME OUT	261345L	
TIME IN	271430L	
ROUTE OUT	Middle Track to 315714 to Base 2.	
ROUTE IN	Reverse of Route Out.	
CASUALTIES	Own	NIL
	Enemy	4 killed 2 wounded

PART I

- (a) Enemy are in occupation of Base 2 but strength is NOT known.
- (b) Owing to time factor, patrol did not proceed to Base 3.
- (c) Route to Base 2 clear of enemy posns. Ambush parties were contacted at 311708 on route out and at 310708 on route in. Nil cas were sustained by either side in these actions.
- (d) Night 25/26 Jul enemy active around perimeter 302709. One Jap body located in moralag. Night 26/27 enemy again active. One enemy killed one wounded.
- (e) Enemy str 18 contacted 315716 on 261200L. 2 killed. Enemy str 20 contacted 315717 at 270830L enemy casualties 2 wounded.

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Middle Track to 315715 suitable for movement of armoured vehicles. From 315715 only a foot pad to Base 2 exists. This track had been used recently by the enemy.

(b) VEGETATION

In the main, banana palms interspersed by hy timber. This hy timber in many cases is an obstacle to tanks.

Area 313718 has been completely bared

- (b) VEGETATION (Cont)
of all living growth by arty fire. Area is approx 250 yds wide by 300 yds deep
- (c) WATER
All water points exist in area. Patrol relied on water from water trailer which was hauled by bull dozer.
- (d) SUPPLY DROPPING POINTS
Garden at 312709 would make an excellent dropping site, also cleared area at 315718.
- (e) PATROL BASES
These could be established in the general area 315714. From here patrols could effectively operate against Base 2.
- (f) AMBUSH POSNS
Most likely posns for ambushes are at 315714 and 312709.

2. ACTION OWN

DAY 1

Patrol left D Coy area at 1345 hrs. 16 Pl leading and covering tanks in advance. At 309700 during changeover of 9 Pl to leading Pl, tank exploded 75 MM mine. No damage. Advance continued, at 1500 hrs 3 Japs sighted and fired upon by leading section. Japs fled before tank could engage.

At 1510 hrs 2 further mines found, new type, engr officer has sketch. Tanks tried to explode by fire but could not. Map ref of unexploded mines is 309701. A new crater caused by mine at 309701 has fresh blood in area. Apparently Japs were laying mine which exploded immediately.

Two further mines detected 50 yds further on and engr destroyed same by explosives. At 1700L Japs sighted at 311708. Fwd sec opened up and called tank forward, tank sprayed area with 88 and 2 pdr fire. Investigation revealed no enemy casualties.

Patrol bivouaced for night at 312709. Japs were active during night 25/26 Jul and in moonlight were engaged by automatic fire and grenades. One Jap body located by patrol at first light.

DAY 2

Continued advance at 260715L. No contact to patrol base at 315714. At 261000L 2 secs 9 Pl with tank & arty party went forward to recon the route and register target at Base 2. Patrol surprised enemy at 315716 approx str 12. Engaged and killed 2. Enemy fled after returning fire and retrieved weapons. Patrol continued but due to wireless failure, could not register target; patrol returned at 1545L. At 1700L approx 12 Japs opened up on patrol base with HMG and LMG and rifle fire. Tank was ordered forward and engaged area with 2 pdr and 88 fire, enemy withdrew. Patrol ordered out could not contact. During night movement was heard around perimeter.

DAY 3

Following upon report of recon patrol 26 Jul, that tks could not be used, 9 Pl as a fighting patrol was ordered to advance to Base 2 and inflict as many casualties as possible. Arty harassed area prior to patrol moving into Base 2 area.

At 0900 hrs patrol contacted enemy est str 20 at fringe of open area in vicinity of Base 2. Fire fight followed and 2 Japs were wounded. Own cas nil. Patrol returned at 1030L and full patrol commenced return.

At 1055 hrs Jap ambush encountered at 310708

DAY 3 (Cont)

pull type mine exploded off track. Fwd pl engaged and patrolled vicinity sp by tanks. Advanced to 308397 where large crater found in centre of track, apparently an aerial bomb of approx 100 lbs, then bulldozer cleared track for tanks. Arrived at 3 Coy area at 1500 hrs.

3. ENEMY ACTION as narrated above.

He was active and showed aggressiveness and opened fire on our perimeter at close range on two occasions.

Base 2 has been reinforced by troops apparently from other side of Kangal 'G'.

All Aust posns had been thoroughly foraged and recent footprints were evident throughout these posns. Fresh partly eaten paw prints at 315714.

4. GENERAL

During movement co-operation and intercomm between tps and tanks was quite satisfactory.

Communication to Tac HQ and arty was unsatisfactory. 208 sets could not get range due to atmospheric and info could not be passed back quickly.

Previous patrols to Base 2 had always managed to contact posn without ambush and had never been fired upon by more than approx 15 Japs. No HMG was in area until this patrol.

Tank route to Base 2 from 315714 could be established after long recon and preparation. I consider this would take 2 days and strong protection would be necessary.

I consider that due to paucity of str of pls, a Coy is necessary to carry out long patrols with tanks, as one pl is required for tank protection at all times, and it leaves only 15 - 20 men to carry out fighting patrols if tanks cannot be used due to terrain. Engrs and a bulldozer are essential where tanks are to be used.

A.J. BAULDERSTONE Capt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

27 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL INSTN No 12

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To ^{Sgt. GILLIGAN.}
~~Cpl~~ BLACK D Coy

1. Enemy activity over the last 48 hrs has shown a marked increase.
Patrols operating on Middle Track and on Ruri Bay Rd have made contacts with small enemy parties.
150 yds South of CONMO RIDGE, the enemy ambushed one of our patrols. We suffered casualties.
In the Base 2 area, patrol 3 has made contact with the enemy but complete results are not yet known. For further infm of this patrol refer to our sitrep 107.
2. Patrol 11 Str 1 Offr 10 ORs will be operating in the Base 3 area (298715). You should not contact this patrol.
Patrol 3 which operated in the Base 2 area (313718) 26 and 27 Jul has returned and state the enemy is in occupation of Base 2 and that several casualties were sustained by him when our forces was in the area. He showed aggressiveness and a willingness to come out and harass the patrol while it was in its base perimeter 315714.
Refer to our sitrep 107 for further details.
3. You will Comd a patrol strength of which will be 10 ORs. You will remain out one day.
4. Your tasks are:-
 - (a) Establish an ambush posn at 315714 (old A Coy area) and from there send out small parties to reconaitre the Base 2 area.
 - (b) Report on the enemy posn at Base 2 with regards to movement in that area.
 - (c) Destroy any enemy parties contacted.
5. Your route will be the Middle Track to old A Coy posn at 315714.
Route in will be Old Tac HQ 312709 then east along the old PIB track to 322703, then south along Ruri Bay Rd.
6. Adm arrangements normal.

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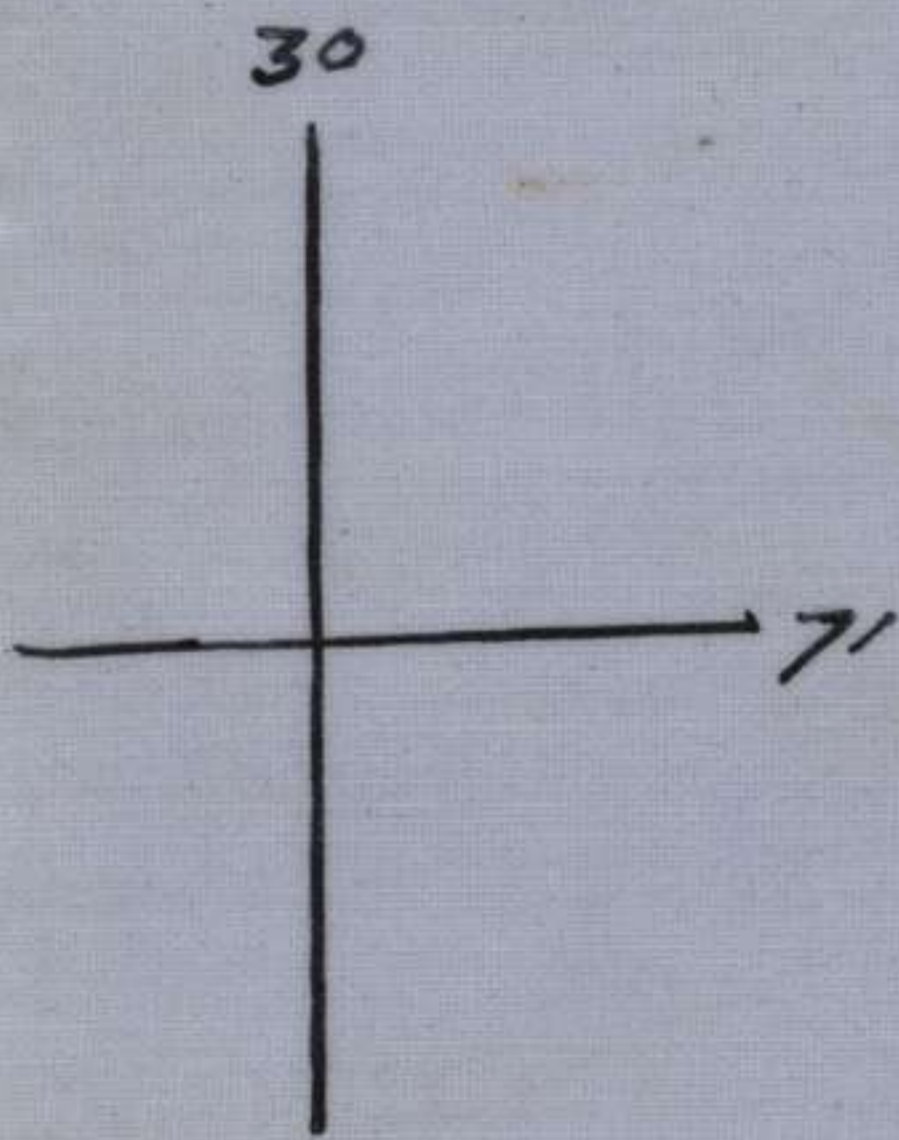
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Base 2 Reinforced From other side of
Koyai

20 Taps Encountered (2 wounded)

12 Taps Encountered (2 killed)

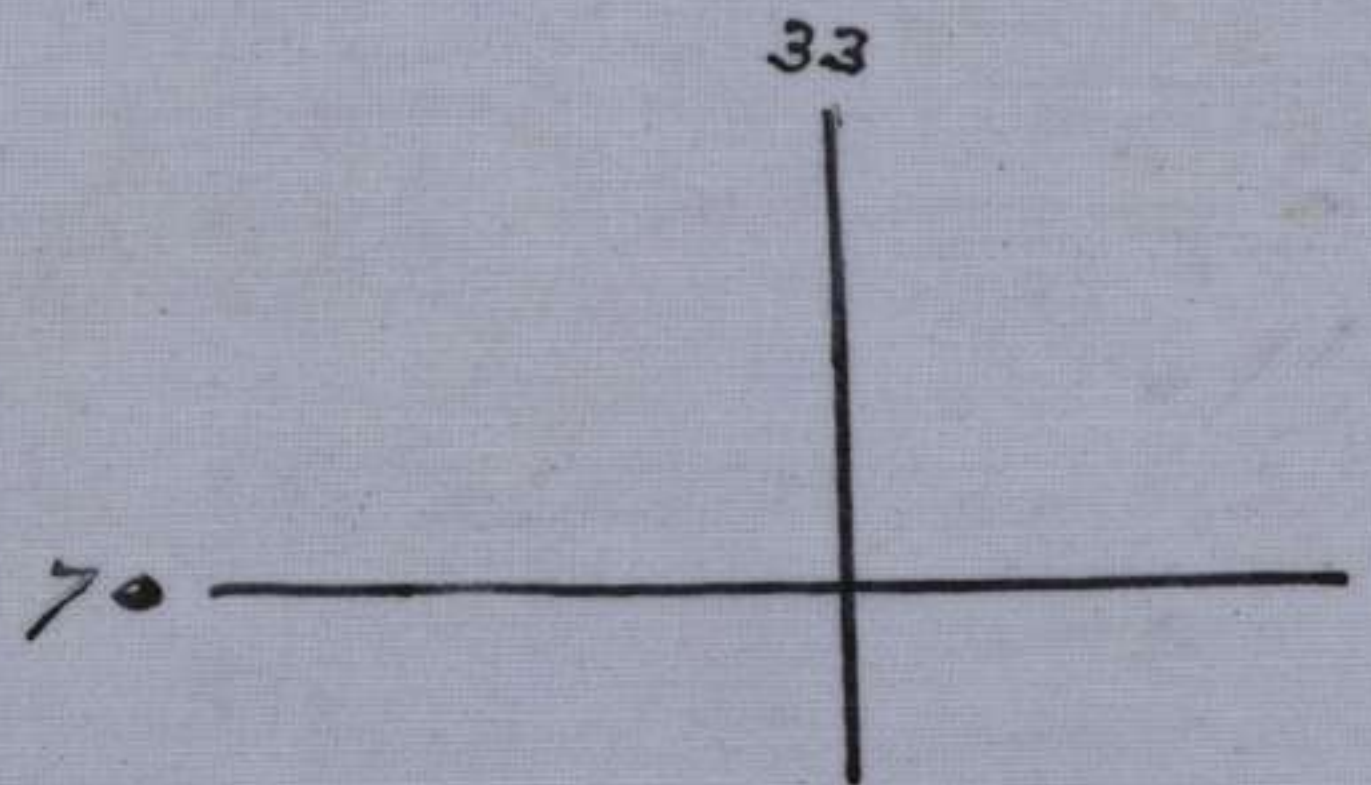
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5 miles found along Teep Track

1 Tap Killed night 25/26

1 Tap Killed 1 wounded 26/27

Tap Ambush parties contacted here



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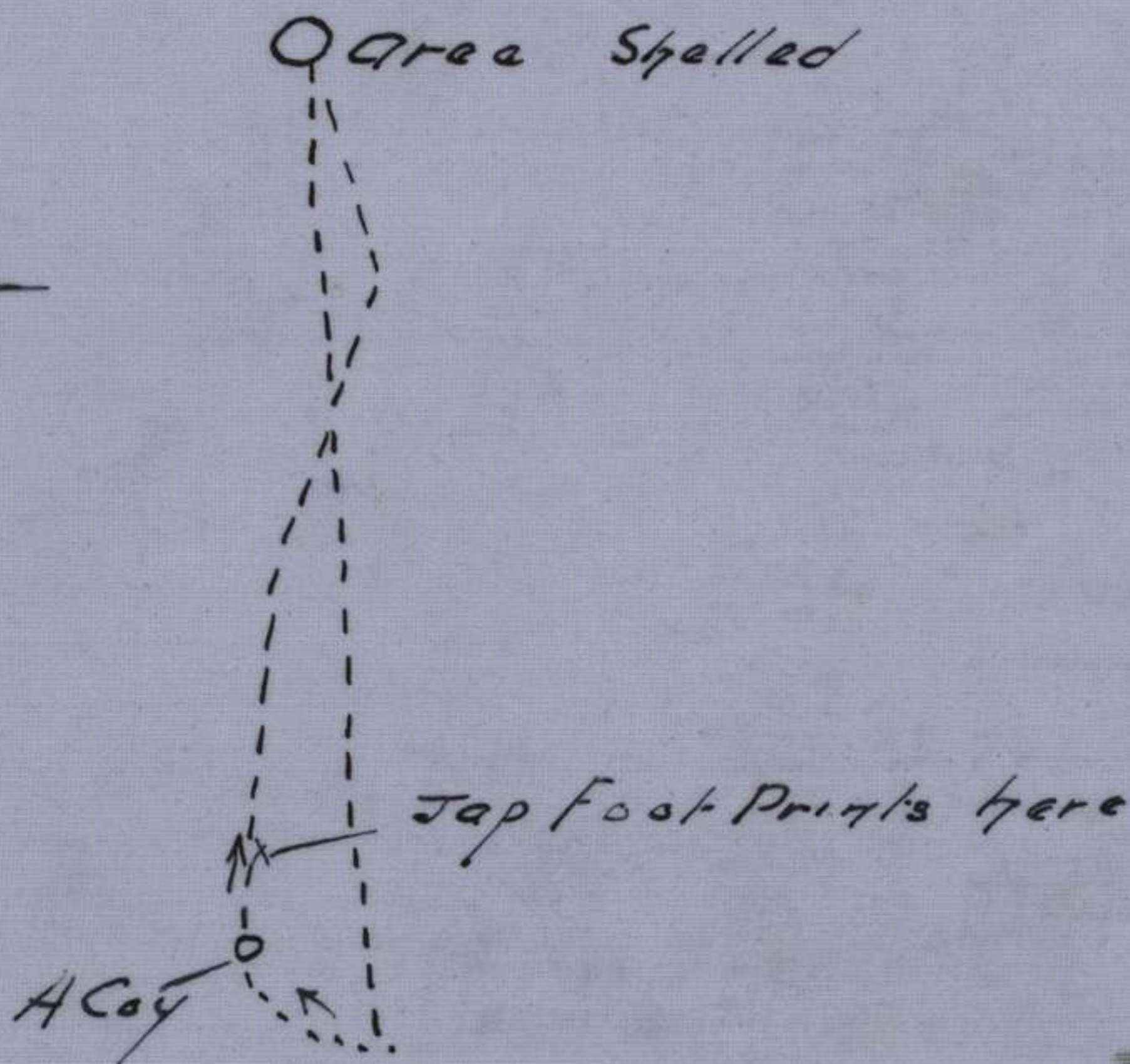
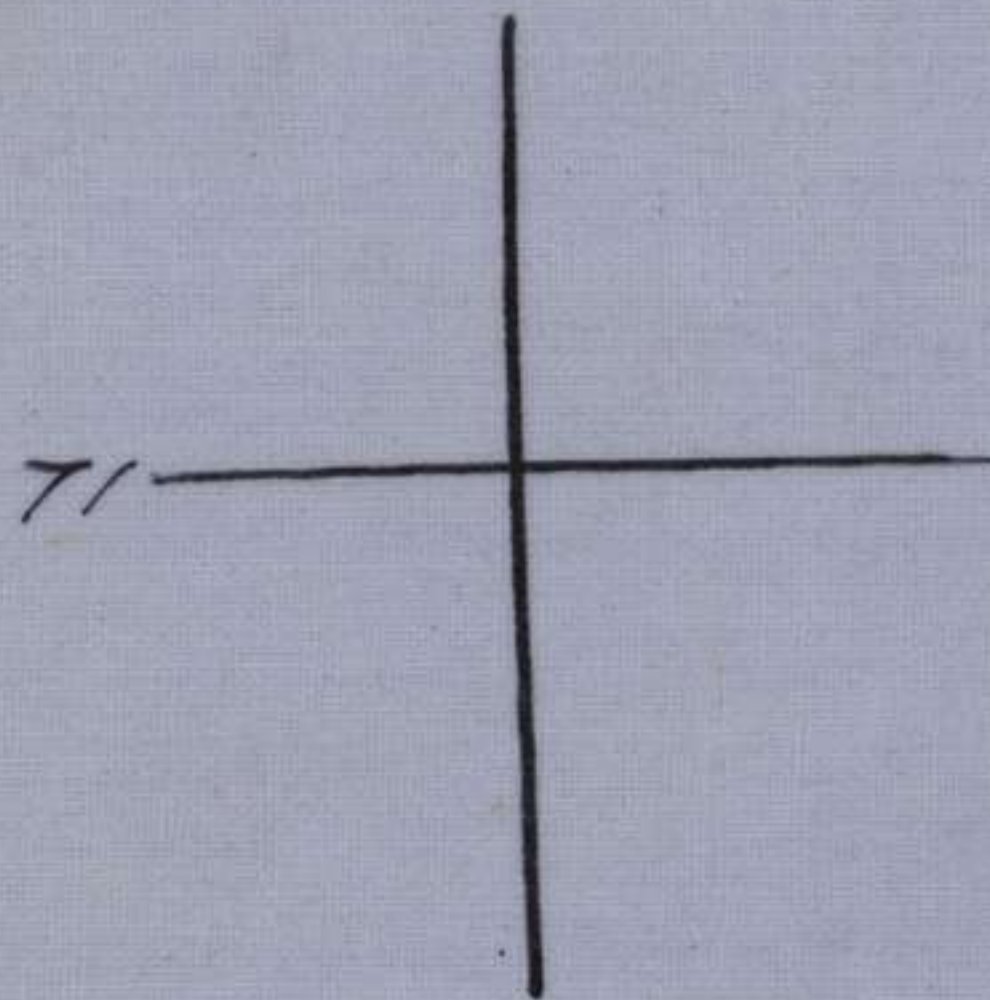
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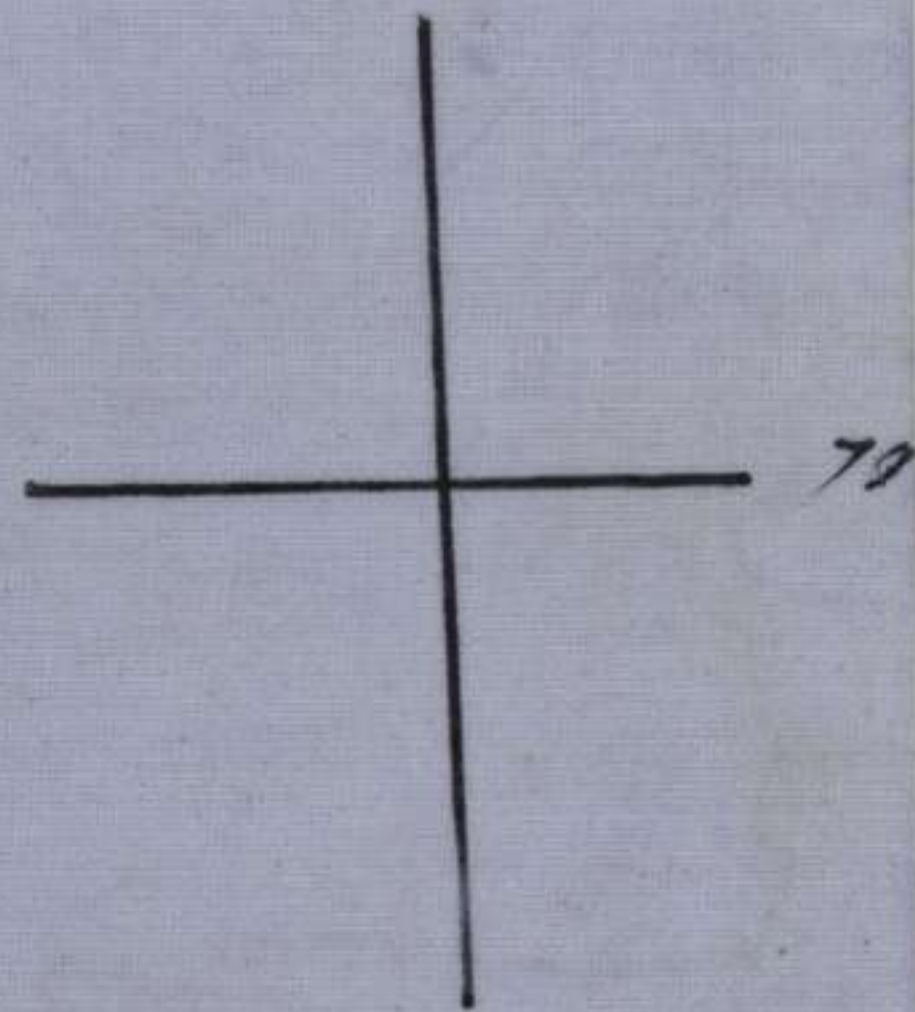
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BONIS PATROL REPORT No 12

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL CMD	Sgt GILLIGAN R.
PATROL BY	17 Pl D Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Sgt 16 ORs
ROUTE OUT	From D Coy to 18 Pl then from 316699 to 316719 then to 315714.
ROUTE IN	315714 to 316694 thence to D Coy.
TIME OUT	280630L
TIME IN	231600L
OBJECT OF PATROL	Locate and harass enemy at 315714.
BRIEFED BY	O.C. B Coy
CASUALTIES	Own NIL Enemy NIL

PART I

No signs of enemy activity since last rain in area 315714. Own ambush set at 313712 from approx 1600L till 290930L, - NMS

EQPT & DOCUMENTS CAPTURED NIL

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) TRACKS
Track 317713 had been used by the enemy but not recently.
- (b) RIVERS CREEKS WATERFALLS NIL
- (c) VEGETATION
Thick timber and undergrowth.
- (d) SUITABLE BIVOUAC AREAS
Anywhere along track 317713.
- (e) SUPPLY DROPPING GROUNDS
Could be made with a lot of clearing. Cleared area at 312709.
- (f) SUITABLE AMBUSH POSNS Anywhere along tracks.

DEDUCTIONS

Apparently enemy patrols approx strength 3 to 4, patrol tracks to ambush any movement by own forces.

R. GILLIGAN Sgt
Patrol Comd

87 AUST INF BN (ALF)

28 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 10

Ref Map CHAGAI 1/25000

PATROL COND	Sgt RICHOLSON V.S.
PATROL BY	8 Pl A Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Sgt 10 GAs
TIME OUT	270750L
TIME IN	271840L
ROUTE OUT	From 298699 on bearing to 305715 to 312718.
ROUTE IN	312718 to 312709 to 298699.
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Move to 305715 then SE along edge of kunai 'C' to 313718. (b) Ascertain whether the enemy is in this area or on the route you cover. (c) Take offensive action against any enemy parties encountered.
CASUALTIES	Our Nil Enemy Nil

PART I

- (a) No enemy poses exist on the route traversed.
- (b) No enemy were contacted.
- (c) Fresh footprints moving in a westerly direction were observed at 306715. Est str of Jap party 3.
Fresh foot prints moving in a northerly direction were observed 400 yds east of A Coy pose. Est str of party 10/12.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Overgrown road crossed at 307712. A foot pad follows southern edge of kunai from 305715 to 313718.

(b) VEGETATION

Mainly banana palm with large trees, undergrowth was light.

(c) WATER

No water points were observed.

(d) ENEMY POSSES

No enemy poses observed.

2. ACTION OR

NARRATIVE

Patrol left A Coy at 0750 hrs and marched on bearing 23° E to track at 307712, track was reced but no signs of recent use observed. Patrol then crossed track and continued on bearing 23° E to 100 yds south of kunai where footprints of 2 - 3 Japs were observed. 20 yds north of this pad, another pad was crossed and 2 definite heel marks of Australian pattern boots were observed. Although this pad was reced no further signs of movement were observed. Patrol then continued to track south of kunai where four D 3 cables were observed, these cables were cut in several places. Patrol continued to kunai at 305715. At 305715 patrol moved along to 312718 where tank and small arms fire were heard on bearing approx 270° and approx 1000 yds from where attack was to have taken place. I then considering the best course open was to contact patrol B and ask for information. The patrol

NARRATIVE (Cont)

then moved to 312700 but could not contact patrol 8. A recce was then made of old Tac HQ and patrol moved on bearing of 220° to 400 yds East of A Coy where fresh footprints of a party of 10 - 12 Japs were seen. Japs had been moving north 200 yds East of A Coy imprint of heel and instep of bare foot was observed, also smell of dead body.

Although area was recce no body could be found. Patrol then moved into A Coy perimeter.

V.S. NICHOLSON
Patrol Comd

Sgt

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

29 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 11

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Lt D. DUNSTAN
PATROL BY	8 Pl A Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Offr 10 ORs
ROUTE OUT	298699 - 297714
ROUTE IN	297714 - 295700 - 298699
TIME OUT	230810L
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Recce Base 3 area at approx 299714 for enemy. (b) Harass enemy in this area.
GASUALTIES	Own NIL Enemy NIL

PART I

No enemy sighted. No signs of enemy movement in area, except one fresh footmark at 298703. Tracks as shown on map not located, and it is considered that they do not exist.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

No tracks were located. Patrol searched for track junc at 301714 but it was not found. It is doubtful whether these tracks exist as shown on map.

(b) WATER

No possible water points were seen.

(c) TERRAIN

As previously reported spur shown on map exists but is 200 yds West of posn shown.

Undergrowth on spur is thick but vegetation on lower ground is particularly thick and difficult to move through.

Tanks could probably move through high ground but would not get through low ground.

(d) AMBUSH POSNS

Ambushes in this area have very small chance of success owing to the lack of well defined tracks.

2. ACTION OWN

Patrol moved from A Coy north 1600 yds to 297714 and remained in this posn for 15 mins listening for enemy movement. Then proceeded east 400 yds - north 200 yds - west 400 yds - south 200 yds. Patrol stopped every 10 mins to listen for enemy movement. Patrol probed for approx 2 1/2 hrs.

3. ENEMY

No signs of enemy or enemy movement in area could be found except for one Jap footmark at 298703 approx 500 yds north of A Coy posn. There has been no movement of large bodies of tps through this area recently.

4. GENERAL

It is doubted that enemy are in this area, but with the very thick undergrowth, it would be possible to pass within 20 yds of posn and not see it.

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Patrol Comd

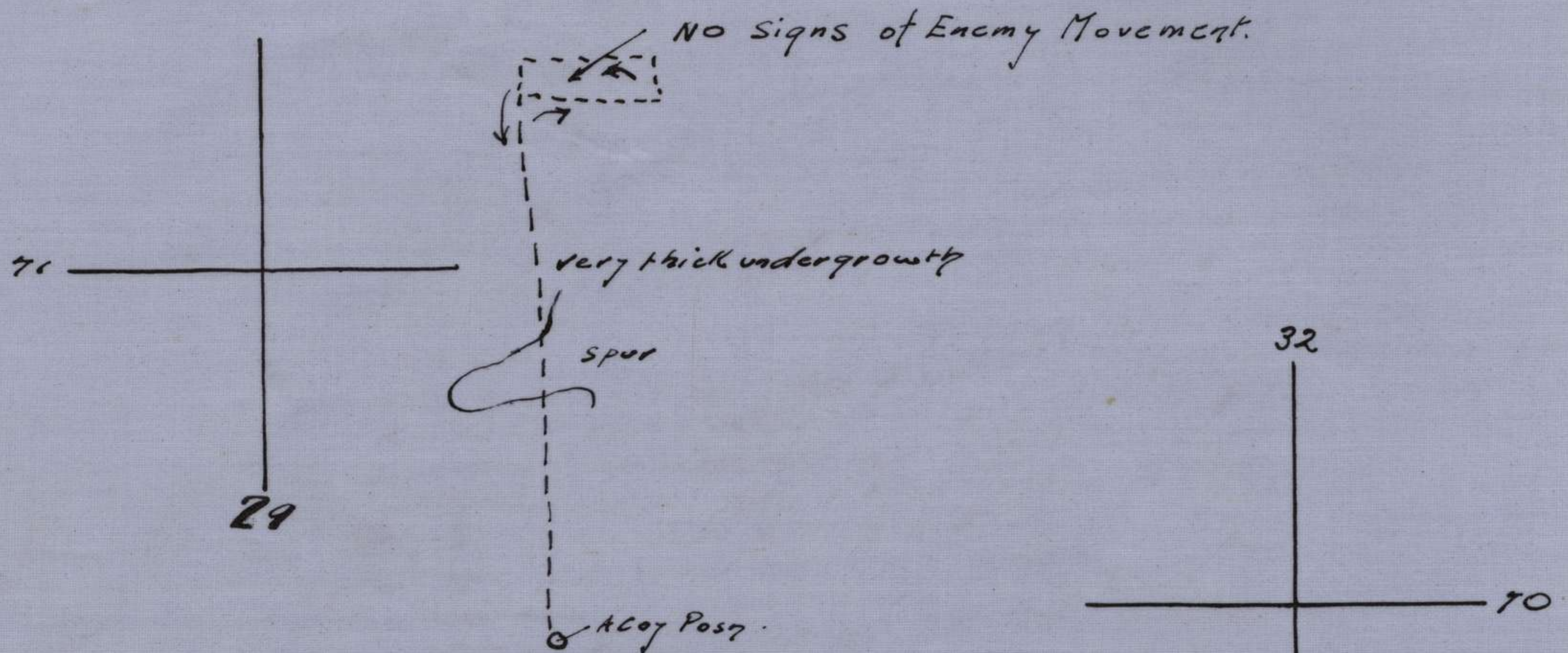
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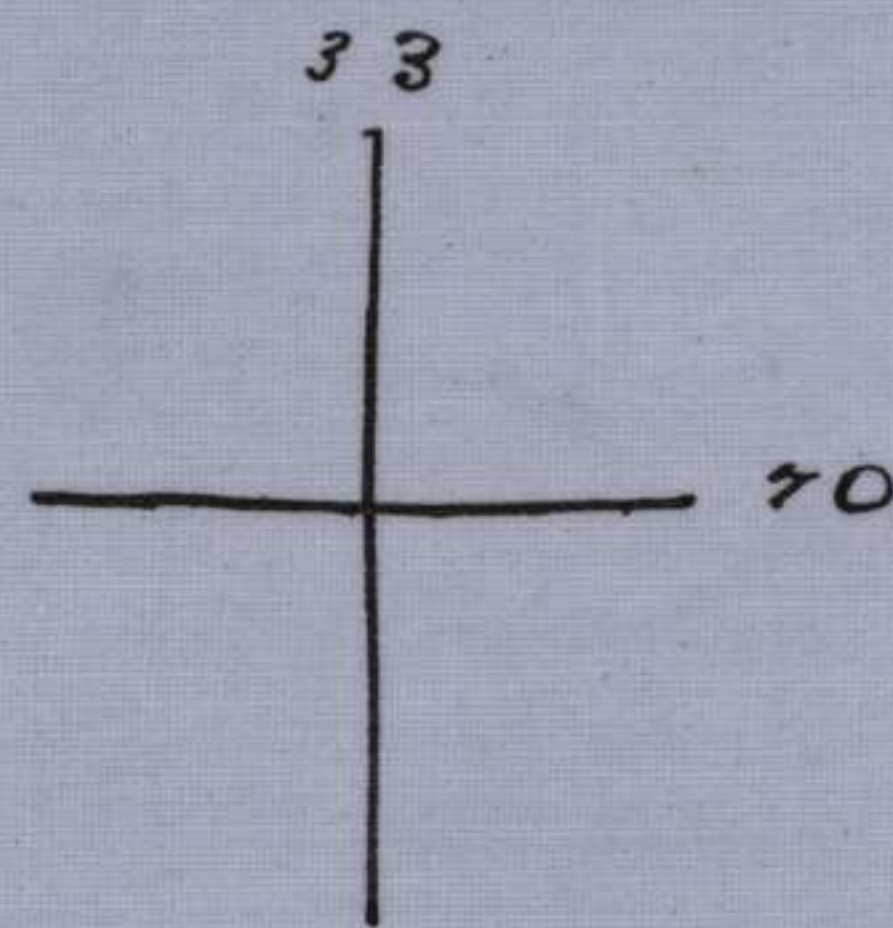
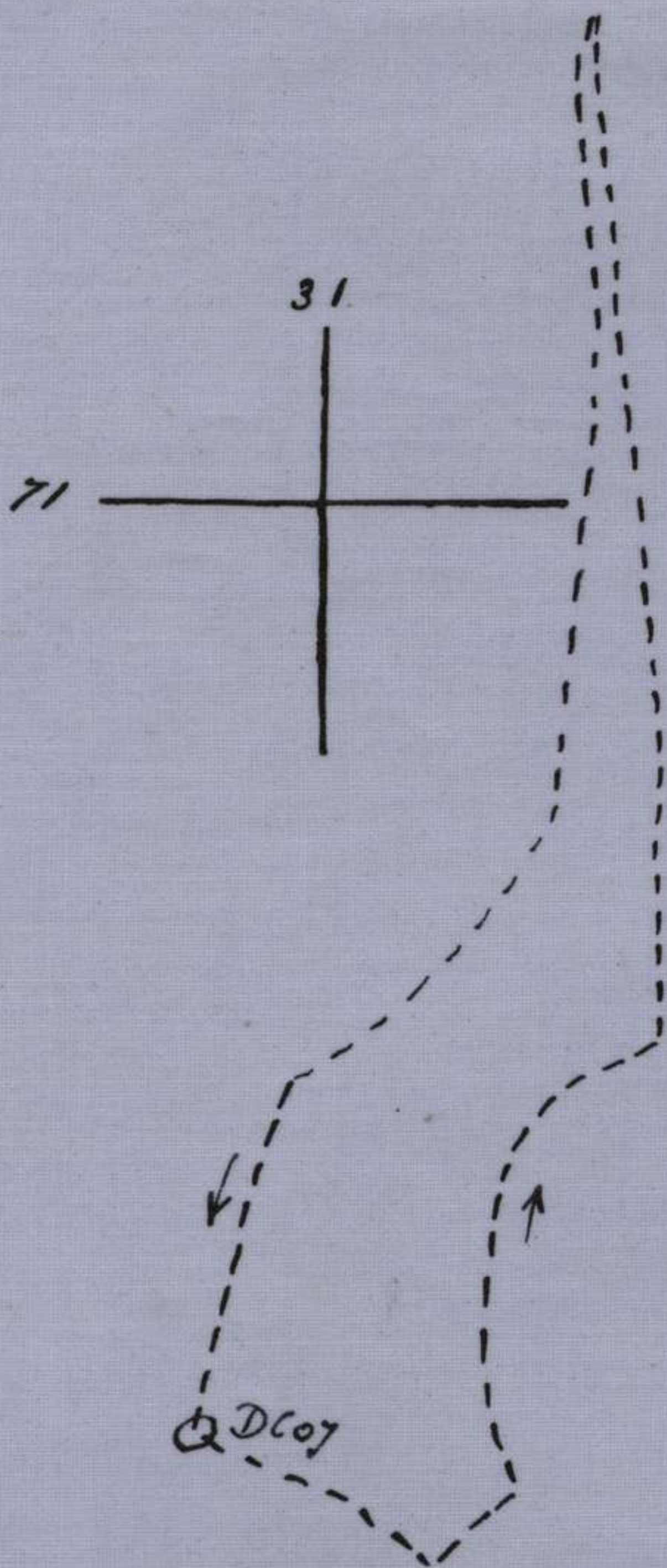
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BONIS PATROL INSTN No 15 + 17.

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

To Sgt UNDERWOOD B Coy

1. A strong fighting patrol of two pls sp by tanks operated in the Base 2 area (313708) from 251300L until 271400L. It was apparent that the enemy knew of our intentions as he constantly harassed the patrol during its operations. The str of the enemy at Base 2 suggested that it had been reinforced in the last 24 hrs. Strong parties of Japs were encountered and one HMG and LMGs were used. In direct contrast to this, a patrol which reced the area on 28th Jul, saw no signs of the enemy. It is quite possible that a few enemy remain in the Base 2 area and when threatened by a large force, are reinforced from tps north of the kunai.
2. Patrol 14 (Lt Ferguson) will be operating the Base 3 area from 300830L to 311700L. They will form a firm base at 306712. PIB is responsible for the Base 1 area (SIAR PTN). You should not contact any patrols during your ops in the Base 2 area.
3. Your platoon will constitute a fighting patrol and move out 300830L to general area 315714. You will remain out at least two days, and be prepared to remain longer until task is completed. Extra water bottles must be borrowed through the company.
4. You will
 - (a) Establish without doubt, whether there are any enemy posns in Base 2 area (313708),
 - (b) You will ensure that the routes you cover to any located enemy posns can be followed and the posn located by any subsequent patrols despatched to the area.
 - (c) You will engage and harass any other enemy patrols.
 - (d) Report on possibility of use of ground for tanks in future ops.
 - (e) In the event of contacting strong enemy posns you will gather all infm as to str, disposns, and defences of the enemy.
5. Your route will be via Middle track to Old Tac HQ 312700 thence to 315714. Route in is at your own discretion.
6. Adm arrangements normal
7. For comms you will have for your use RT 208. You will report progress three times daily - morning, noon and night, and give any infm obtained.

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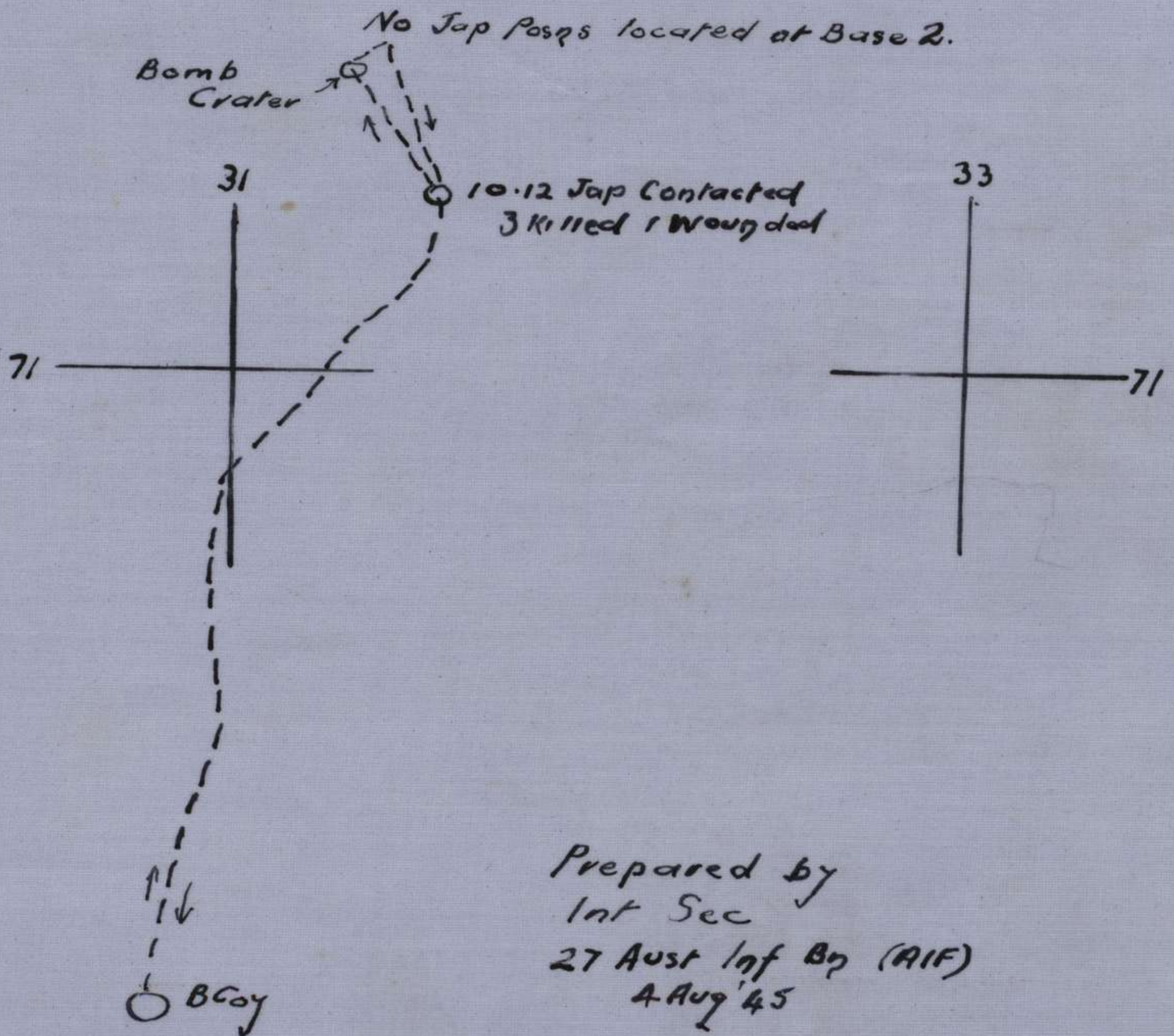
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Patrol 15 300830L-011435L



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29 Jul 45

BONIS PATROL INSTN No 14

Ref Map CHABAT 1/25000

To Lt I.E. FERGUSON C Coy

1. Base 3 (centre 298715) in an area, in which it is suspected that Jap posns exist. Continual efforts have been made of the last 5 weeks to locate one or more of these posns, but no success has been attained. This, mainly due to the presence of small enemy patrols interspersed between our patrols and his posns.
In the last week, 2 or 3 patrols have been in the area, but have made no contact. It is possible therefore that his posns are further away, in between Kumai C and D and to the north.
2. Patrol No 15 (Sgt Underwood) will be operating in the Base 2 area at 313718 from 300800L to 311700L.
It is unlikely that you will cross the trail of any patrol from 8 Bn.
3. Your platoon will constitute a fighting patrol and will move out 310800L to the general area Base 3. You will remain out at least two days, ~~and be prepared to remain out at least two days,~~ and be prepared to remain longer until the task is completed. Extra water bottles must be borrowed through the company.
4. You will
 - (a) Establish without doubt whether there are enemy posns in the area 304715 west 296713 north 295718 east to 303720 south to 304715.
 - (b) In the event of locating a strong posn, you will engage it with arty and endeavour to eliminate it.
 - (c) You will ensure that the route you cover to any such posn can be followed, and the posn located by subsequent patrols despatched to the area.
 - (d) You will engage and harass any other enemy parties.
 - (e) Report on possibility of use of ground for tanks in future ops.
 - (f) In the event of contacting strong enemy posns, you will gather all infm as to str of enemy, disposns and defences.
5. I am allotting you one OPO (Capt Peel), and 12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will be on call.
6. Your route will indirectly take you to old D Coy area (306712). Fwd of this, I suggest the est of a patrol base for initial recce, moving such base in the event of having to penetrate deeper.
7. For comms, you will be able to use W/T 208 attached to OPO. You will report progress 3 times daily - morning, noon and night and give any infm obtained.

K. L. O'Connell
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BOXIS PATROL REPORT No 15 & 17

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Sgt UNDERWOOD S.W.
PATROL BY	12 Fl B Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Sgt 19 ORs
ROUTE OUT	From B Coy (308692) on bearing of 70° M to 315715 thence on bearing of 340° M to 313718 to 314719 and thence to 315715.
ROUTE IN	From 315715 on 190° M to 308692.
TIME OUT	300830L
TIME IN	011435L
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Establish whether there are any enemy posns in Base 2 area (313718). (b) Ensure that routes covered to any located ^{enemy} posns can be followed and the posn located by any subsequent patrols dispatched to the area. (c) Engage and harass any enemy patrols contacted. (d) Report on possibility of use of ground for tanks in future ops. (e) In the event of contacting strong enemy posns gather all info as to str, dispo and defences of enemy.
BRIEFED BY	I.O.
CASUALTIES	Own NIL Enemy 3 killed 1 wounded

PART I

- (a) No enemy posns were observed in Base 2 area.
- (b) Enemy patrol (est strength 10/15) contacted at 315718 on day 1. Own casualties NIL enemy 3 killed and 1 wounded.
- (c) Ground favourable for tanks but by rains would hamper their movements when off the main track.
- (d) No enemy posns contacted apart from (b).

DEDUCTIONS

I am of the opinion, that posn at 315715 was used for staging only, and that enemy have no defensive posns in area 313718.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) TRACKS
Very few. Pads seen in area 313719 show no signs of recent use.
- (b) VEGETATION
In the main whole area bananas interspersed with some big timber. Exception is area North of track to old C Coy from 315715 which is heavily undergrowthed with big timber.
- (c) WATER POINTS
Bomb crater approx 313718 filled with water. No enemy tracks.
- (d) BIVOUAC AREAS
Can be created anywhere in area covered.

- (e) SUPPLY DROPPING POINTS None located.
- (f) AMBUSH POSNS
Along any known roads in area, also
tracks to old PIB area (317707).
- (g) OP's NIL
- (h) GARDENS Very old one at approx 315707.
- (i) RELIABILITY OF MAP
Accurate according to compass bearings.

2. ACTION OWN

(a) NARRATIVE

DAY 1 Left area 308692 at 0830 hrs via route as indicated. Reached 316715 with no trace of enemy. Contacted enemy at 316716 inflicting casualties as above. Withdrew to camp as had no communication owing to radio breakdown.

DAY 2 Left area 308692 at 0915 hrs via same route, but struck right to cut A - C Coy track approx 100 yds from A Coy. Moved in on A Coy posn with no opposition. No sign of bodies from Day 1. Established perimeter for night at approx 316716.

DAY 3 Patrol (1 NCO and 8 ORs) moved out at 0815 hrs on bearing 340° M. Purpose to cover area Base 2. Cut track at approx 313718. Traversed edge of kunai for approx 150 yds and then back to 316716. Track showed no sign of recent use and no enemy posns sighted. Moved to camp at 1130 hrs arriving approx 1435 Hrs.

DEDUCTIONS

I am of the opinion, area covered is clear of enemy posns.

S.W. UNDERWOOD Sgt
Patrol Comd

27 AUST INF BN (AIF)

2 Aug 45

BONIS PATROL REPORT No 14

Ref Map CHABAI 1/25000

PATROL COMD	Lt I.E. FERGUSON
PATROL BY	14 Pl C Coy
PATROL STRENGTH	1 Offr 28 ORs and 1 O.P.O. 3 ORs.
OBJECT OF PATROL	(a) Establish without doubt whether there are enemy posns in the area 304715 west 296713 north 295718 east to 303720 south to 304715. (b) In the event of locating a strong posn, you will engage it with arty and endeavour to eliminate it. (c) You will ensure that the route you cover to any such posn can be followed and the posn located by subsequent patrols despatched to the area. (d) You will engage and harass any other enemy parties. (e) In the event of contacting strong enemy posns, you will gather all infm as to str of enemy, disposns and defences. (f) Report on possibility of use of ground for tanks in future ops.
TIME OUT	310300L
TIME IN	011700L
ROUTE OUT	298699 - 306712. Initial firm base 301714 (Sub recce Patrol 1 moved from here) then to firm base 299716.
ROUTE IN	299716 - 304712 - 298699
CASUALTIES	Own 1 killed Enemy 5 killed

PART I

- (a) No enemy posns in area though roving patrols operate throughout.
- (b) No strong posns to engage by arty.
- (c) Route can be followed by compass bearings and firm base located by digging.
- (d) Engaged and harassed small enemy party at firm base.
- (e) Ground could be used for future ops with tanks to firm base but would be unsuitable after heavy rains. Area north firm base could be negotiated by tanks with considerable difficulty, owing to heavy timber.
- (f) No enemy posns contacted.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS

Corduroy track contacted 306712 (Old D Coy area). Footpad running east and west from old Aust posn 300715 on bearing 130°. This track swings direct east past firm base. Track running from Old Aust posn 300715 on bearing 60° to another Old Aust Posn 304716.

Well defined track at 300719 running at 249° with enemy sig cable running along it.

Track at 301718 not located.

Numerous foot pads not too well defined were observed throughout patrol.

(b) WATER No water points seen.

(c) VEGETATION

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Rain forest with undergrowth dominating throughout area interspersed with bananas. Wait-a-while dominate also.

(d) BIVOUAC AREAS

If water supplied, bivouac areas throughout.

(e) AMBUSH POSNS

Suitable posns throughout.

(f) OP's

NIL

(g) GARDENS

NIL

(h) RELIABILITY OF MAP

Appears fairly accurate.

2. ACTION OWN

NARRATIVE

(a) Sub Recce Patrol No 1:- Moved out from initial firm base 301714 at bearing of 324° for 300 yds hence on 212° for 400 yds, 74° for 350 yds. Area covered on either side of bearings 50 to 100 yds. Contacted Old Aust posn at 300 715.

(b) Sub Recce Patrol No 2 :- Moved from firm base 299716 on bearing 64° for 400 yds. Contacted Kunai 'C' and Old Aust posn at 304717. Moved around Kunai to area 303719 hence on bearing 214° to firm base. Area combed 50 to 100 yds of bearings.

(c) Sub Recce Patrol No 3 :- On a bearing of 12° for 400 yds contacted Jap track with double sig cable. Cut cable and booby trapped track. Then followed track approx bearing 249° for 200 yds. Chopping heard approx 200 yds north of 299719. Then on a zigzag course to general area 298718 then firing was heard from direction of firm base and then from area 297718 moved back on zigzag course to firm base. It was confirmed that first firing was own troops firing on a party of 5 Japs. Casualties Own NIL Enemy 5 killed.

(d) Two small patrols went out one on bearing 80° for 250 yds and the other on bearing 94° for 250 yds. Nil sightings.

GENERAL

Throughout sub recce patrol No 3 that it appeared that enemy movement was general throughout and after action at firm base, movement was heard west and north.

Patrol moved out from firm base on bearing 123° crossing track throughout and followed track for 100 yds when mine exploded which appeared to be old contact mine, as no wires were observed. Casualties Own 1 killed Enemy NKS.

3. ENEMY ACTION

It appeared that enemy patrols roved area as movement was heard north of firm base between 011000 and 011200 hrs.

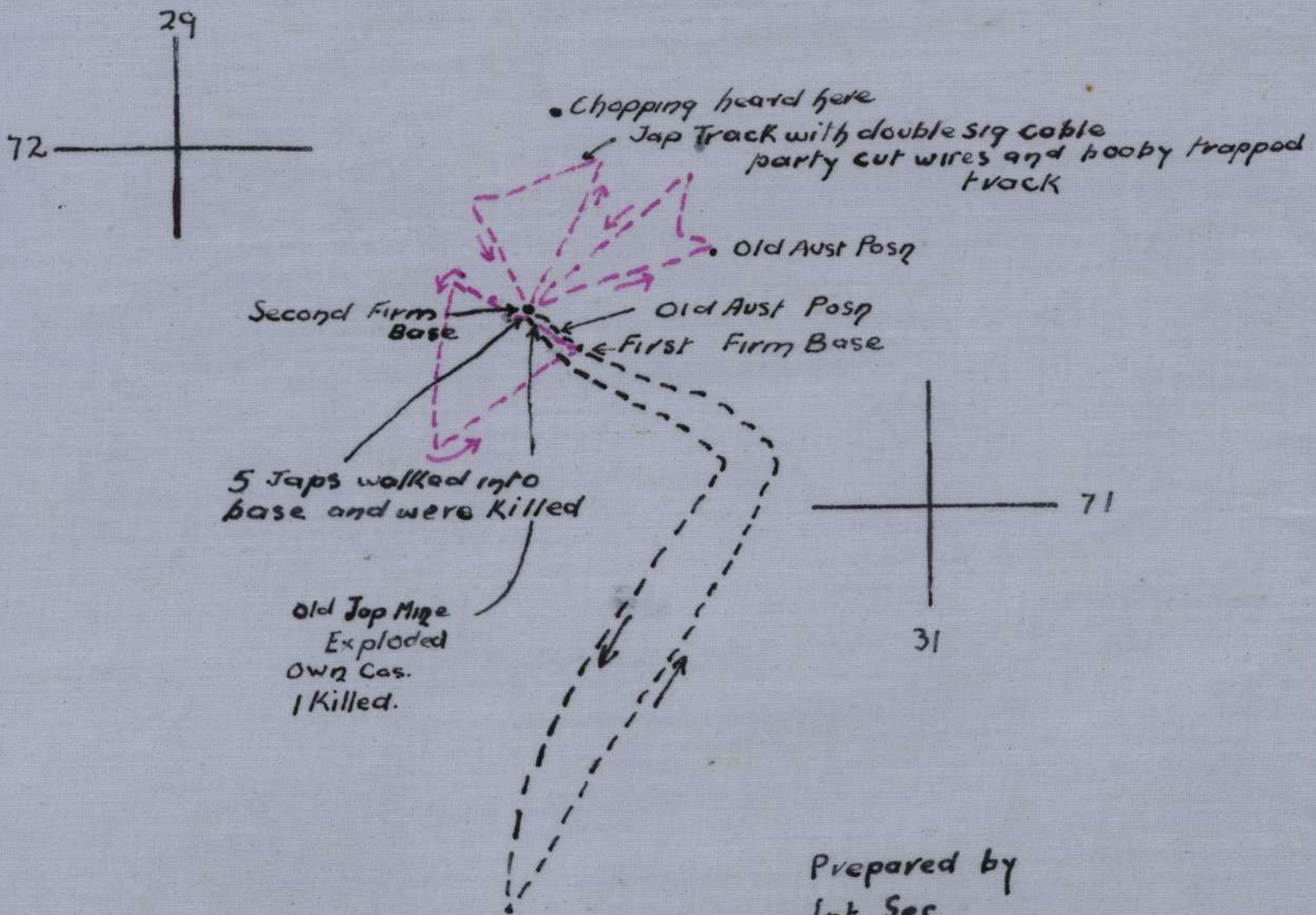
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OVERLAY

Showing Route Taken by

Patrol 14
310800L-011700L

Ref Map
Chabai 1:25000



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