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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 107
(Information up to 151800L Mar)

Ref Maps : MOSIGETTA - NAIRONA - DARARA - RUMIKI
HIRU HIRU - MONCITU 1:25000
LOTUPENA PT - PURUTA RIVER track map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - ONA

(a) MOSIGETTA - NAIRONA - NIHERO area

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol to 933488 failed to contact the enemy but saw signs of movement west and NE of that point. A second patrol contacted the enemy in dug in positions on high ground at 915504; the patrol was relieved and our artillery engaged the position.

2/8 Aust Cdo Bn. A recce patrol to square 9650 reported much enemy activity and building and gardening in progress. Enemy sentries guard tracks in this area. A recce from 997524 reported finding a small deserted enemy HQ area at 988516. A hasty search produced documents, badges of rank and identity discs.

(b) TOAIRORU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. A coy attacked, cleared and occupied the enemy position at 880475. At 1650 hours the enemy counter attacked but no further details are available.

At 1450 hours another enemy party attacked our position at 892462 with LMGs and rifles but were repulsed without loss to our troops. A patrol north from the DARARA ford located 14 recently occupied leantos at 873498 and estimated that approx 80 enemy had staged through this area during the past week.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. Coastal patrols moved SE to 871408 but report no contact with enemy.

(c) REINI River area

14 Pl 15 Aust Inf Bn. The three day patrol inland along the REINI River returned and reported no contact with the enemy.

(d) MARIROPA River area.

D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol reported sighting signs of enemy party, estimated to be 10 strong, moving north along the track at 876720. Police boys followed the track north without contact.

(e) HANERO area

8 Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report.

(f) Location amendments

25 Aust Inf Bn	- A Coy	880475
61 Aust Inf Bn	- A Coy	917523
	B coy	915507
	13 Pl	878582
47 Aust Inf Bn	8 Pl	557963

2. AIR - OWN

(a) Strikes

12 Corsairs set out to attack a concentration of 30 huts at MUGUAI but were unable to locate target owing to bad light. Instead a concentration of huts was attacked at MUKIA resulting in at least 10 huts destroyed and 4 badly damaged. 3 large explosions followed by black smoke and 2 fires was observed. Because inaccurate heavy rain was encountered.

Tac R aircraft indicated 2 hut concentrations at PLANO MISSION to 16 Corsairs. The target area was well covered and observed results were - 10 huts destroyed and 2 possible ammunition dumps hit.

Patrol aircraft cratered the East West Rd at ANU and strafed an 8 wheeled petrol tanker at NAKARU. No hits were observed.

(b) Tac R

Tac R was flown over a wide area including HARI HARI, TAITAI, KAPANA, MUKIA and KEREHOPA areas with no outstanding observations

PART II

Attached as appendix "A" is chart showing Monthly precipitation at TOROKINA for year 1944.

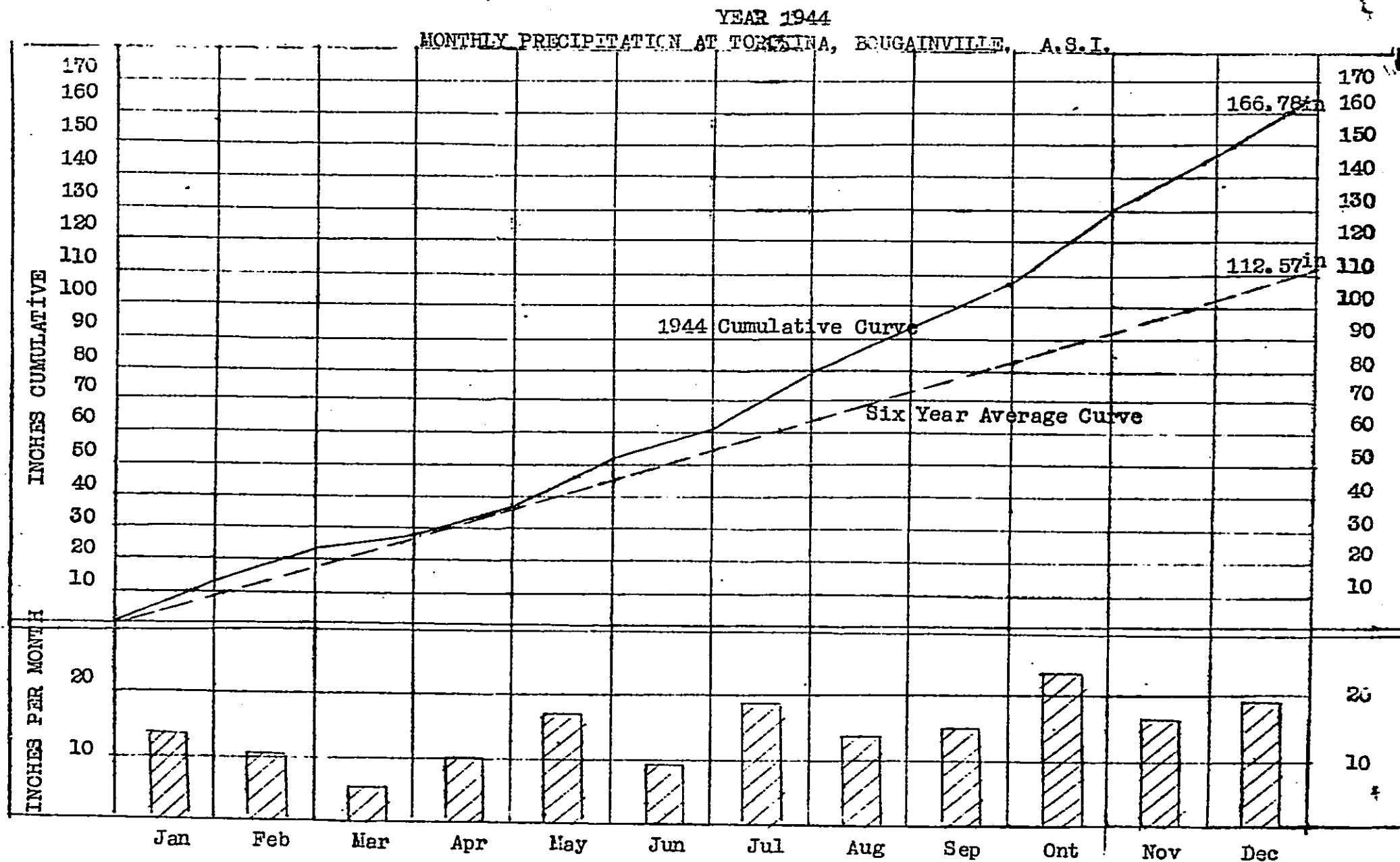
PART III

NIL

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Distribution

List "B" less
serials 132,133,138,139,140
plus
serial 8
LOB groups - 7 Aust Inf Bde (4)
2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn
46 Aust Comd AL Sec
C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn
2 Aust Corps (2)
Area Comd TORO
Barge Control, Barge Landing Pt No 1
17 Air OP Flt, VERNON STRIP



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3 AUSTRALIAN DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 108
(Information up to 161800L)

Ref Maps : KOSIGETTA - NAIRONA - DARARA - RUMILI
HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1 : 25000
LOTUFANA PT - PURIATA RIVER Track Map - LT TAROMA
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - O.M.

(a) KOSIGETTA - MAHAPERA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol investigating the enemy position on the high ground at 915504, 3000 yds SSE MAHAPERA ford, which had halted the advance yesterday found it vacated but on advancing a further 40 yds south came under heavy enemy fire from position on higher ground. Our artillery engaged the position and the patrol again closed on the area but were forced to withdraw due to heavy enemy fire.

Natives attached to a D Coy 61 Bn patrol report that approx 30 enemy from the KUMAI area are collecting at KUMAI and that the village of MORINU 2 is clear of enemy who are now located in adjacent gardens.

2/8 Aust Cav Sqn. At 160800L a patrol departed to investigate the report of a large enemy force at KOONBAROOMA 017528 (LT TAROMA 1 inch to 1 mile)

(b) TOMINORU area

A Coy I.G.B. Coastal patrols moved SE from PURIATA river mouth reached the lagoon at 868410, 2500 yds SE PURIATA river mouth, which they were unable to cross. A raft was constructed and the patrol will attempt to cross 17 Mar.

25 Aust Inf Bn. Commencing at 151650L the enemy launched 3 unsuccessful counter attacks on A Coy position at 880475.

(c) REINI RIVER area

14 & 15 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report

(d) LARIROFA RIVER area.

D Coy 38/39 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report

(e) LUIOK area

C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol is following enemy party moving north of LAGAMA RIVER but to date has made no contact.

(f) Amendments to locations

9 Aust Inf Bn

25 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy	TOKO
B Coy	TOKO
5 pl	875481
A Coy	885473
C Coy less	887455
15 pl	887457
D Coy less	874485
16 pl	872485
18 pl	880475

2. ..IR - OWN

Strikes.

13 Corsairs bombed enemy hut concentration at NAKURU on the main BUIN - MOSIGETTA road; 8 huts were destroyed. Aircraft then strafed the area igniting one eight wheeled petrol lorry...

A further 18 Corsairs hit hut concentrations and possible dump areas at MUGU.I. 21 huts were claimed to have been destroyed and 8 badly damaged. Mosgre light inaccurate AA was encountered.

A mission of 4 Corsairs strafed the enemy bivouac area at MONOITU marked with white flags by native agents.

A Boomerang strafed two trucks at AKU destroying one and damaging the other.

Tac R

Tac R was flown over a wide area including HIRU HIRU KARA KARA and KINDO but no outstanding observations were reported.

PART II

Enemy OOB

From an OO issued on 26 Feb by Western Grn Comd, the following may be deduced :

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 13 Inf Regt Gp Hq | - | located at H.T.I |
| 2 Bn 13 Inf Regt | - | apparently primarily concerned with the M.K.A.P.E.R. H.T.I track |
| 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty | - | Responsible for the old Govt Road. According to PW 021 HQ is located near MORINU on the north side of the road |
| 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty | - | An intelligence report with diagram locates 3 Bn HQ south of the main road near the PURLA RIVER and an ADS about 2 miles to the north. |

A paybook captured in TOKINOTU area identifies a leading private of 6 Div Constr Unit. Very little is known beyond the existence of such a unit, but elements in this area indicate that some engineering assistance has been forthcoming for 13 Inf Regt in its task of preparing defences forward of the HONGOR.I. In this connection, PW 021 states that to his knowledge, the whole remaining strength of 13 Inf Regt halted its retreat west of the HONGOR.I.

Attached as appendix 'A' is a list of Japanese Conventional signs (Topographical).

PART III
TOPOGRAPHICAL

The coast and immediate hinterland from PURLA RIVER MOUTH to 886380

With the exception of one stretch between 854422 and 858417 the beach could be made capable of carrying MT traffic with a little clearing. Between the stretch 854422 and 858417 the beach strip is narrow and high seas wash over the sand into lagoon.

The immediate hinterland between the PURLA and 877397 is deep swamp for at least 700 yds in from beach

In the area between 877397 and 886380 the hinterland is firm ground suitable for a bivouac area. A track 3 feet wide runs NE from 884587 but has only been reconnoitred for 400 yds.

Bridges

The bridge across the PURLA RIVER at 838479 will be known as KOKINNA Bridge.

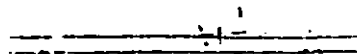
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JAPANESE CONVENTIONAL SIGNS (TOPOGRAPHICAL)

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traffic of all arms.



Second class road, not suitable ord-
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jeepable.



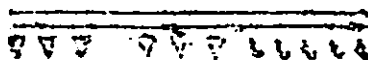
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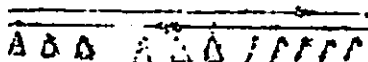
Possible or unconfirmed track.



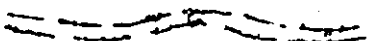
Cutting (three variations)



Embankment (three variations)



Unconfirmed river course



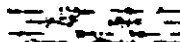
Jungle



Coconuts



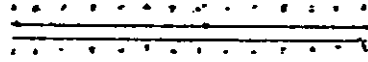
Swamp



Contours of 100 metre VI (VI is NOT
marked unless it varies from 100 m).



Absence of cutting, embankment or
banks (applies to roads and streams)



MESSAGE FORM

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3 MUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No109

(Information up to 171800L Mar)

Ref Maps : MOSIGETTA - NAIRONA - DARARA - RUMIKI
HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MOTUEENA PT - PURIATA RIVER track map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAMUEENA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. With air and artillery support two platoons B Coy advanced and found the enemy position at 915504 unoccupied. A further platoon of A Coy moved through the position and contacted approx 30 enemy in prepared positions a further 300 yds to the south and the platoon withdrew.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. At dawn 17 Mar a patrol of A Tp attacked a concentration of huts at approx 972497 800 yds west S.M.NAI. The enemy were caught unprepared and 14 of them were killed, a further 3 probably killed, 5 swords and a large quantity of documents captured. At 171000L a recce party revisited the area and sighted a further 10 enemy. A fighting patrol was immediately despatched to the area and at 171410L killed a further 4 enemy.

(a) TOKIROFU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. At 171115L the enemy again attacked A Coy position at 884472 from three sides. The action was still in progress at 171140L when communications were cut. A late report states that A Coy linked with D Coy and now both are at 880475. An enemy party estimated strength 15/20 are reported to be in prepared positions 400 yds east of A and D Coys. C Coy occupied the track junction at 897457 killing 2 enemy and wounding a further 2.

(c) REINI RIVER area

15 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report

(d) MARIROPA RIVER area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. An enemy party ambushed our carrier line at approx 878757 inflicting casualties and capturing rations.

(e) NIION area

15 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report.

(f) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	906461
	A Coy	807460
	B Coy	816453

25 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy
C Coy
D Coy
B Coy less

880475
897457
880475
915509
915504
915504

61 Aust Inf Bn

11 Pl
12 Pl

2. AIR - OWN

Sytikes

Eight Corsairs in direct support of our forward troops attacked an enemy position at 915504. The target was indicated by smoke from mortars and five direct hits were scored on the target. 27 Corsairs comprised a strike on MUGLAI and destroyed 41 huts, two trucks, six ammunition and supply dumps in that vicinity.

PART II

Suggested Reinforcement of PURULTA RIVER area

A Japanese corporal captured near MONKORU (together with documents) has stated (apparently in English) that reinforcements are moving from BULIN to PURULTA sector. He says that a large force has been resting on both sides of the main road east of the OKLAI RIVER for four days.

If this information is correct, it supports the contention of PW 021 that the enemy intention is to defend the TAI TAI - MONKOTU area with all available resources.

The large force referred to above arouses speculation as to identity. If its destination actually is forward of the MONKORU, it may be 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt, returning to reinforce the parent unit.

Camouflage

The R reports indicate that enemy appears to be becoming more conscious of camouflage. In past months the 'rich gold' colour caused by the use of young coconut palm fronds has given away his hut locations; but recently he is using fresh green banana type leaves, branches and luxuriant jungle plants to cover the roofs of his huts and avoid detection.

PART III

NIL

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Distribution:

List B less

Serials 132, 133, 138, 139, 140
plus
Serial 8
LOB Groups - 7 Aust Inf Bde (4)
2/8 Aust Cdo Bn
46 Aust Comd AL Sec
C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn
2 Aust Corps (2)
Area Comd TOKO
Barge Control; Barge Landing It No 1
17 Air OP Flt, VERNON STRIP

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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 110
(Information up to 181800L)

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HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MOTUPENA PT - PURIATA RIVER Track Map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. 16 pl returned to D Coy at 935505 and 8 pl moved to 911500 in an outflanking move designed to cut the track in rear of the enemy position at 915501 tomorrow.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A recce patrol moving in the area 9550 sighted a lone enemy soldier which they killed in a struggle endeavouring to take him PW. Investigation of the area between the forks of the HONGORAI and BORNARA RIVERS revealed many tracks but the patrol did not consider that they had recently been used. The long range patrols to MOONBAROOLA and squares 9848 9948 are not due to return before 20 Mar.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol moving forward of D Coy at 880475 found a deserted 70 mm bn gun site and some shells in good condition. C Coy reported that a further 2 enemy, including a 2nd Lt, were killed in the engagement on 17 Mar.

9 Aust Inf Bn. A coy arrived at 874484 staging through en route in relief of 61 Aust Inf Bn.

A Coy NGIB. The patrol which had moved SE along the beach from the PURIATA RIVER mouth, crossed the river at 890372, and killed 6 of 8 enemy troops who were sheltering in hut.

2 Fd Regt. Between 171812L and 180645L our guns fired on an enemy position at 886479.

(c) REINI RIVER area

15 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report

(d) MARIROFA RIVER area

D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. No contact with the enemy. Forward base will be established at TABARATA gardens 941768 19 Mar.

(e) KUPON area

15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols in the area AGABAI - NIGITAN report no movement seen.

(f) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	874484
61 Aust Inf Bn	8 pl	911500
	16 pl	935505
2 Aust Fd Regt	10 Bty	905564

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

Sqn Hq

998524

A Tp

990576

B Tp less

996525

one sec

006524

2. AIR - Own

Strikes.

Adverse weather conditions interfered with operations.

Nine Corsairs bombed enemy hut area at MUGUAI resulting in destruction of huts and a fire from which smoke rose to 1000 ft.

Tac R.

Cwing to adverse weather conditions no Tac R was flown.

PART II

Raiding Parties

FW 022 substantially confirms the information already to hand concerning the general details of raiding parties. He added that probably each member of the party would be given a sword to enable a real "Banzai" charge to be made if a suitable opportunity presents itself.

6 Division was regarded as among the Japanese best. It has a fighting record second to none, and is not likely to go down tamely. Deprived by present circumstances of an opportunity to satisfy its tradition of attack on the grand scale, it is more than probable that it will take offensive action in the only way left. It is considered therefore, that the present batch of raiding parties may be the fore-runner of a series, and that attempts may be expected at any point calculated to cause disruption to the conduct of our campaign.

13 Inf Regt

A captured document from TOMINOTU area records the strength of "1 Coy" as 50. It is considered that this probably refers to 1 Coy 6 Tpt Regt. If so, it would represent a logical balance of force by transferring it from 2 Bn (with which it retreated from MOSIGETTA) to comd of 3 Bn on the main road.

Reinforcement of HONGORAI line

Following on the statement of FW 021 that the 6 Div would use its reserves before giving up the MONOTU area, FW 022 claims to have sighted a 6 Div OO warning 6 Fd Arty Regt, 6 Div Engr Regt, 6 Div Tpt Regt, 6 Div Ordnance Unit and 23 Inf Regt to be prepared to move to reinforce the HONGORAI line on or after 20 Mar.

FW 022 also believes that 6 Div Hq will most likely come forward and that 17 Army will be prepared to move in support if required retaining 1 Bn 13 Inf and 6 Div Cav Regt at their present locations meantime. He is certain that 45 Inf Regt is not yet involved.

The revision of enemy strength by areas involved in the movement of the above units will amount roughly to an overall addition to the MONOTU defence area of 1000, including 2 and 3 Bns 23 Inf Regt, hitherto held east of the HAKI River and assuming that Div Hq itself does not move forward of HAKI River. Overall increase in strength (additional to the estimated 2900 accounted for by Western MONOI and RUJAI Garrisons, would be about 500.

PART III TOPOGRAFICAL

The village of TABARATA is reported to extend from 936757 to 917757.

Distribution

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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 111
(Information up to 191800L Mar)

Ref Maps : MOSIGETTA - NAIRONA - DARARA - RUMIKI
HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MOTUPENA PT - FURLATA RIVER track map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. At 0715L 8 Pl moved east from 911500 to approx 914497. A patrol moved forward a further 100 yds and encountered an estimated 10 enemy, attacked and killed 3. This enemy party is assumed to have been a patrol from the enemy position at 915502.

A patrol from D coy 935505 along the HUIO RIVER from 940500 to 928488 found no signs of the enemy.

The native patrol from D coy to HORINU 2 returned and reported that there were large numbers of enemy in area squares 9450 9550 9549 and 9449.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A patrol crossed the HONGORAI RIVER and moving south reached 989487 from where a recce party crossed the main BUIN road, reported it well worn, and moved to 984484 on 18 Mar. It had previously been reported a hut at this locality was occupied by an officer and 12 OR but on investigation signs of swift evacuation were apparent. On 19 Mar the patrol ambushed and killed 3 enemy on the main BUIN road.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. At 190830L A and D coys supported by artillery, mortar and LMG fire drove the enemy from a large position at 884468 killing 6 enemy. The enemy withdrew along the road. D coy plus 8 Pl A Coy formed a perimeter at 886467 whilst the remainder of A Coy pursued the enemy. B Coy less one pl moved up along the SW side of the road and joined A Coy at 887466. A Coy less one pl then formed a perimeter at 884464 and B Coy less one pl returned to B Coy firm base at 892462 via the NE side of the road contacted the enemy in an extensive pillbox position at 889465.

After 2 1/2 hours fire fighting B Coy less one pl supported by section of LMG charged with the bayonet. Severe hand to hand fighting ensued until the enemy withdrew to prepared positions at 889467 leaving 29 dead. Enemy fire was too heavy to permit further investigation. At 1800 hrs artillery fire was brought down on position but it was too late to follow up with a further attack. B coy less one pl returned to 892462. From the intensity of the enemy fire it is apparent that the enemy has ample supplies of ammunition.

(c) TOKO area

9 Aust Inf Bn. C and D coys moved from MAAREGU to TOKO area. A coy security patrols reported tracks leading north from an old enemy bivouac area at 870500 had recently been used by the enemy.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. Patrols SE along the beach to 884388 reported no movement seen.

(d) LARIROPA RIVER area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report

(e) KUPON area

15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols in the area LOSINA - AGABAI - NIGITAN - MONOKOLIO area made no contact with the enemy.

(f) Location amendments

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	A tp	990516
9 Aust Inf Bn	B Coy	839479
	C Coy	816453
	D Coy less	807460
25 Aust Inf Bn	16 pl	777499
	A Coy less	888464
	8 pl	886467
61 Aust Inf Bn	D Coy	886467
	A Coy	911500

2. IP - OWN

Strikes

Adverse weather conditions interrupted bombing program for today, however 12 Corsairs bombed the hut area at NABAU which was reported to be a staging camp for the enemy en route from BUIN to LONOTU area. The target was well covered but the results were unobserved.

A further enemy staging camp at RUSEI was attacked by 8 Corsairs but again the results were unobserved. Patrol aircraft attacked and fired a truck and dray at SILIBAI River.

PART II

1. Enemy Intentions

PW 022 confirms the statements of PW 021 to the effect that the enemy intention is to make MONOTU area the main battlefield for SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE. This intention, he thinks, will entail the use of all 17 Army BUIN reserves, including the Naval S. Sea Garrison.

In the light of past history, it will be interesting to see what degree of cohesion can be achieved in the event of a joint force operating under 17 Army command. At least the Navy in this instance has not the facilities to stage a repetition of the SALAMUA last-minute evacuation and to that extent will be prevented from leaving the Army in the lurch.

2. Supplies to BOUGAINVILLE from "outside".

PW 021 said he thought there was a possibility that aircraft could travel between BOUGAINVILLE and RABUL at night.

PW 022 states that his Coy Comd told him 6 Div Intrep for Feb mentioned the non-arrival of three aircraft expected from RABUL.

A few days ago he learnt from the same source that three aircraft had in fact arrived on night 7/8 Mar. Two were naval float planes and landed at MHELI. The third, an Army plane, landed at LARA airfield.

According to PW's information, their cargo was principally medical supplies.

3. LARABU'S SWORD

The possibility that Capt MAMURA (CG 2 Bn, C Force) was killed in the raid on 17 Mar by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn is suggested by a statement by natives that one of the five swords captured belonged to MAMURA.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

A "fair weather" jeep road TOKO - LCHINNA bridge 838478 was opened 180800L. LCHINNA Bridge opened for traffic 181200L.

The coastal road between MALAREGU lagoon and the lagoon at 783488 is open to 3 ton traffic, class B1 as from 18 Mar.

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Distribution

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Serial 8

LOB Groups - 7 Aust Inf Bde

2/3 Aust Cdo Sqn

46 Aust Comd AL Sec

C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn

2 Aust Corps

Area Comd TOKO

Barge Control, Barge Landing Pt No. 1

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3 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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(Information up to 201800L Mar)

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HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
HOTUPENI PT - PURLITA RIVER track map
1 inch to 1 mile.

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAFKA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol from 917525 to HORINU 2 reported that it was clear of the enemy but tracks in the area were used early this morning. Whilst searching an enemy bivouac area 200 yds SE HUIO RIVER at 940500 a patrol was fired on; one enemy was killed in an exchange of fire.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A recce patrol was fired on by an estimated 20 enemy with IMG and rifles from 972479, a position which was attacked on 17 Mar. Natives report that there were a further 50 enemy in 7 huts further NW along road. Considerable enemy activity has been observed in the SINMAI area but specific positions have not as yet been fixed by traverse.

220 native refugees with police escort arrived at 61 Aust Inf Bn from 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.

9 Aust Inf Bn. A Coy is en route via DARARA BARNES CROSSING to relieve D Coy 61 Aust Inf Bn at 935505.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. At 191955L the enemy attacked A Coy 888464 with grenades but were repulsed and retired leaving 1 killed. Examination of this body showed that he was carrying 490 rounds of loose .256 ammunition. Following artillery support 9, 16 and 17 Pls moved forward at 201400L to search the enemy positions 888464 and 889465 but immediately came under heavy IMG and rifle fire from new enemy positions at 889464. In this engagement a further enemy was killed.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. 5 Pl moved to 835467. A patrol SE along the beach to 884398 did not make contact.

2 Aust Fd Regt. During afternoon 20 Mar our artillery engaged the enemy position at 889464.

(c) REINI RIVER area

15 Aust Inf Bn - nothing to report.

(d) MIRONA RIVER area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn - nothing to report.

(e) KUPON area

15 Aust Inf Bn - nothing to report.

Location Amendments

2 Aust Fd Regt	4 Bty	800467
	6 Bty	on route TOROKINA
10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt		905564
9 Aust Inf Bn	4 Pl	844467
	5 Pl	849498
	A Coy	on route 935505
	B Coy	874462
	D Coy	839479
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	5 Pl	835467 (approx)

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes

Hut concentrations in the PIANO MISSION area were bombed and strafed by 18 Corsairs with a Tac R loadin; damage was unobserved.

An MT park and hut concentrations at MUGUAI were attacked by 9 Corsairs. Bombing was described as accurate and 11 huts, 2 of which appeared to have been workshops, were destroyed, 4 trucks were damaged, a direct hit was scored on a fuel dump and 3 probably unserviceable trucks were destroyed by strafing.

14 Corsairs bombed a large hut concentration on the EAST WEST road approximately one mile west of NAKARU.

A Corsair patrol strafed and hit two apparently servicable barges in a small inlet north of ARAWA BAY.

Tac R

Tac R was flown over MAMAGATA, HIRU HIAH and NITARA. An oil slick was observed south of MAMAGATA but no footprints or skid marks were observed

PART II

At 1300 hrs on 19 Mar, 2/8 Aust Udc Sqn intercepted an enemy DR in the vicinity of 9848 (RUMIKI 1:25000). Among his papers was a sealed dispatch which proved to be a copy of AKIRA (6 Div) 00 No 11. Its contents divulged that 6 Div Comd group would leave MAIKA on the evening of 16 Mar for RUSEI. On 23 Mar it would proceed to OSO (OSO is shown on Appx 'A' to 3 Aust Div Interrogation Report No 17: it is located approx 008457 MONOITU 1:25000).

CO of the Div Sig Unit with the main body of his unit, was to leave MAIKA for OSO on 18 Mar. There he was to instal a communication net by 1200 hrs on 22 Mar, as illustrated by a diagram incorporated in the order. This showed WT HQ beside Div HQ at OSO, with 1LT to 4 Med Arty, 6 Ed Arty and 13 Inf Regts. In line with the new communication setup, WT to 13 Inf Regt was to terminate after 23 Mar.

As a result of information from PW 022, it was calculated that enemy strength forward of HARI RIVER would be increased by approximately 1000. Now, with 6 Div HQ forward of MONOITU and of 4 Med Arty HQ, it is apparent that enemy strength likely to be met on the HONGORAI line will be higher still. It also becomes evident that 17 Army reserves are already being called upon to guard vulnerable areas along the coast hitherto looked after by 6 Div.

PART III
TOPOGRAPHICAL

Amended reference TABARATA GARDENS 951774.

The junction of the track with main road at 985468 is confirmed as shown on 1:25000 map.

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5. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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Ref Maps : MCSIGETTA - HIRCHIL - BURIR - RUM LAI
HIRU HIRU - HIRCHITU 1/25000
MCTUPPEN PT - FURILTA RIVER Track Map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - GUN

(a) MCSIGETTA - LAMPEN - HIRERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. D Coy 935505 was relieved by A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn at 1025L and D Coy moved back towards LAMPEN Bridge via BURIR.

A patrol from A Coy 917523 moved to 934519 then on to the CPRI RIVER but did not contact the enemy. A second patrol moved on from C Coy at 899564 to the CPRI RIVER but again no enemy were encountered.

2/6 Aust Cdo Sqn. A 2/6 Cdo Sqn traverse patrol moved along the HIRERO L of C linked with C Coy 61 Aust Inf Bn at the CPRI RIVER. A Troop encountered 10 enemy who were washing on the south bank of the HUNGORAI RIVER 973487 engaged then killing 4 wounding 2 and the remainder fled. The 5 Coy patrol to south of the HUNGORAI RIVER returned. Preliminary interrogation reveals constant enemy traffic along the main BUIW road, on 17 Mar patrol ambushed and killed 5 enemy, and a hut at 969487 is now occupied by 20 Japanese.

9 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols searched the area bounded by the line 870490 east to 890490 then south to the FURILTA RIVER did not encounter any enemy.

(b) TCKINOTU area.

25 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol from C Coy at 897457 on along the BUIW road contacted an estimated 12/20 enemy in a position parallel to and on the east side of the road at 898454. A heavy exchange of fire took place but further details are not to hand.

An A Coy patrol from 887465 to B Coy at 892462 on the south side of the road made no contact with the enemy.

A Coy 56 Inf Bn. Investigation of the area at 866412 revealed signs of fresh footprints of at least 12 enemy. The patrol considered that the footprints were a half hour old.

2 Aust Fd Regt. In cooperation with MUSTER aircraft the guns engaged the enemy position at 889464. During night 20/21 Mar points along the BUIW and HIRCHIL tracks were engaged.

(c) RUMI RIVER area.

15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol was withdrawn 21 Mar.

(d) HIRIRCPA RIVER area

56/59 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report.

(e) KUPON area.

15 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol was withdrawn 21 Mar.

(f) Location amendments

9 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	935505
25 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy less 6 pl	887465
		884467
	D Coy	883469
61 Aust Inf Bn	D Coy en route	888479

2. AIR - CMB

Strikes

The series of strikes against hut concentrations at KUMRU were continued and a further 5 huts were destroyed.

A total of 22 Corsairs in two attacks bombed LUGUMI and the sawmill area destroying 4 large and 19 medium sized huts two of which contained 44 gallon drums. Many large flashes were seen by our pilots and smoke rose to 1000 ft.

A mission of 6 Corsairs with Tac R lead in struck UH.N.M.I road junction where it had been reported there were 3 tanks and 3 field guns. The Tac R aircraft located one tank about 2000 yds N. of the road junction at 997361. The bombs dropped missed the target but strafing burnt the tank.

PART II

Enemy COB

Appendix "A" to 3 Aust Div Interrogation Report No 18 given an indication of the dispersal of enemy dispositions into small detachments. For example, 2 Bn 23 Inf Regt (3 Coy's own bn) is located North of AKU, with 5, 6 and 8 Coys. The total number of men actually at AKU is 60/70; yet PW gives the str of 2 Bn as 270/310. The discrepancy is accounted for by the numerous small parties engaged in implementing "self-sufficiency" at scattered points.

This is not so important from the COB point of view whilst the unit concerned is in a rear area; however, the enemy is apt to follow a similar policy in the front line, attaching and detaching small groups from one unit to another. Thus, in assessing strengths from captured documents, it is difficult to be certain that figures concerning a given unit represent its whole strength, and not only a portion of it.

For example, the Unit Diary of 3 Bty 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt records strength on 13 Feb last as 43 men; yet an organisation chart of the same bty dated 20 Feb totals to 51.

23 Inf Regt

The enemy courier intercepted two days ago was carrying an organisation chart for 3 Coy 23 Inf Regt. It was undated, but presumably represents the latest figures available. On the face of it, this document appears to show the total str of 3 Coy as 39. If this is so, the strength of 1 Bn 23 Inf Regt may be lower than COB estimates. PW 021 who came from 1 Bn, gave 3 Coy str as 45, with the other coys slightly lower.

PW 022 gave the strength of the whole Regt as 950. PW 021 made no attempt at an overall estimate, but his figure would obviously be lower. It is six months since any previous information has been available regarding 23 Inf Regt. By applying an estimated attrition rate month by month, the COB figure of approximately 1000 was reached by end of Feb. The position is now under review.

PART III

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3 MUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 114
(Information to 221200L)

Ref Maps : LOSIGETTA - NAIROMA - DARARA - RULILI
HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MBUTUPEKA PT - HURLITA RIVER Track Map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) LOSIGETTA - MBUTUPEKA - NAIROMA areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. An A Coy patrol was despatched to MORINU 2 to set a two day ambush. At the river crossing at 941503 the patrol heard several shots during the arty registration on the enemy position and saw 2/3 enemy at 919501.

9 Aust Inf Bn. B Coy arrived at 915508 to relieve B Coy 61 Bn.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A patrol to the scene of the action on 21 Mar, 973487, reported no movement in the area. At 221130L the MOOLBAR-COMA patrol returned and reported no signs of enemy patrolling for the past three months along the route covered. An enemy garrison at MOOLBAR-COMA is 25 strong and the one at MGLINGO 17 strong.

(b) MONOITU

25 Aust Inf Bn. with air, arty and mortar support A Coy with 9 pl in reserve attacked and cleared the enemy position, 889464, at 1200 hrs. At the completion of the engagement 10/12 enemy including 3 wounded were seen to escape and a count of enemy dead totalled 18. A JUMI MG, 2000 rounds of ammunition, 1 type 97 MG, rifles, swords and documents were captured.

A Coy is now in position at 889465.

At 1300L^{hrs} C Coy less 14 pl moved forward to attack the enemy position at 898464, killed one enemy then returned to 897457 having encountered an extensive strongly held position at 898457.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. An ambush on the track NW and SE from 883478 during the night made no contact with the enemy.

A patrol which moved 200 yds north of B Coy 25 Bn 892462 found a bivouac area of 8 huts near which fires were still burning.

2 Aust Fd Regt. Accurate support was given to 25 Aust Inf Bn during the attack on the enemy position at 889464. Track junctions and gardens were registered by arty R.

(c) NAIROMA RIVER area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Return to report.

(d) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn

	4 pl	807460
B Coy		915508
C Coy		839479
D Coy		874484

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25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy KGIB
11 Aust Fd Bn

A Coy
D Coy

5 Pl

889465
816453
885467
816453(LDS)

2. AIR - OMA

STRIKES

12 Corsairs with Wirraway lead on attacked the reported tank park west of UNAMAI but the results were unobserved.

At AID request 7 Corsairs bombed an enemy camp site in the KOVIDAU area; a good coverage of the target area was obtained.

In support of 25 Aust Inf Bn 6 Corsairs bombed and strafed the enemy position in the vicinity of TOMICTU.

A force of 6 Mitchells and 9 Venturas led in by 2 Corsairs bombed the hut concentration at LUGUAI. The medium bombers strafed the road west of UNAMAI on the return trip.

Tac R

No outstanding sightings.

PART II

Enemy Arty Units

In assessing the degree of enemy resistance to be expected (which, under existing circumstances, is principally a question of infantry strength) it should be borne in mind that the enemy arty units, although retaining their arty designation, are in reality probably his best 1st line infantry.

Only sufficient personnel to man remaining pieces have been retained in an arty role; the balance have been trained and equipped as infantry men. Their quality may be judged by the stubborn resistance encountered in the drive from KANRUA along the KOSIGILLA road. 1 Bn 3 Fd Arty was responsible.

It is, therefore, safe to assume that the 4 Led Arty Regt will provide some of the hardest fighting before the enemy is cleared from the KANCTU area.

Enemy Mines

Investigation of an enemy hut at 883469 found 4 boxes each containing 10 mines and a further box of 5 were found. Three mines were found buried in the wheel track 15 ft from north end of KERO creek bridge. A jeep had run over one mine which did not explode.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(C) - Roads

KANARCU - TCMO road

A dirt/jeepable road exists from 722549 to 766512; the lagoon at 782493 presents a permanent obstacle. Other variable obstacles are the sand bars at 742580, 724590, 766512 and boggy

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patches between 762493 and 794473. The bridges at 724590 and 766512 will be completed 25 Mar.

BULN Road

This road from 875483 to 887465 is deteriorating with the rain and jeeps are frequently bogging.

(b) Bridges

The bridges across the HERO Creek at 880.75 and the creek at 884466 have been renewed.

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HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MOTUP ENA PT - PURIATA RIVER Track Map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - KILERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols visited the river crossings at 898515, 935519 and the OPAI RIVER at 917537 but saw no signs of the enemy. The two day patrol which moved to 950508 957497 950508 to HORINU 2 found no traces of enemy activity along their route.

9 Aust Inf Bn. A Coy patrol to the HUIO RIVER crossing at 939500 encountered a strong enemy pillbox position at 942499 estimated to be manned by 25/30 enemy. An outflanking move was attempted but heavy fire from possibly a HMG, 2 LMG, grenades dischargers and rifles was too intense.

A patrol has been despatched to investigate a native report of fresh enemy footprints in the garden area at 617475.

2/8 Aust Cds Sqn. A recon patrol visited the area square 8745 and reported no further enemy activity.

A patrol along the OLD GOVT road in squares 9348 and 9947 killed one enemy.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol from 897457 to 869465 found 2 enemy dead killed by our artillery. The enemy defensive position at 890465 was found to have been extended and our patrols believe this to be a HQ area.

A further recon patrol found the enemy preparing new defensive positions at 894466 and witnessed much movement and the dragging of logs

A Coy NG Inf Bn. A 4 Pl patrol SE along the beach found a dug in position at 882393 which had been vacated that morning. The enemy had one LMG and had moved on to the huts on the south side of the river at 890371.

Following a native report of the presence of enemy in the garden immediately east of DARARA our troops were sent to investigate and captured 2 enemy.

(c) Amendments to locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	B Coy last two pls	913507
	10 and 11 Pls	914504
24 Aust Inf Bn	B Coy on route TUKO	
	D Coy on route MOTUPENA P T	
61 Aust Inf Bn	B Coy	838473
2 Aust Pz Regt	E Tp	849491
11 Aust Pz Coy	HQ	767312 (1 inch series)

AIR - OWN

(a) Strikes

With TAG R lead in 11 Corsairs attacked the enemy concentration and huts at RUSEI. Accurate bombing resulted and 16 huts were destroyed.

The coastal track between the PURIATA and HONGORAI RIVERS was strafed by 4 Corsairs.

Strikes were continued on the MUGUAI areas 20 huts were destroyed, and the area is now described as "devastated".

At the request of 7 Bde 2 Corsairs strafed the coast track from 860417 to 875400.

PART II

Raiding Parties

Further information from PW 022 reveals that all members speak English. The leader of one party, 2nd Lt SANNOMIYA, with whom PW is personally acquainted, is stated to speak perfect English.

2 Bn 13 Inf Regt

A captured document shows that on 3 Feb 45, 3 Bn was a properly organized installation group, including MG, Mortar, Gun and Sigs Sections. Also under comd were 2 Bty 6 Fd Arty and 1 Coy 6 Tpt. The latter has already been identified in PURIATA RIVER area recently with 3 Bn. A further document now to hand indicates that 2 Bty 6 Fd Arty suffered four casualties at TOKINOTU area on 17 Mar.

Enemy Personalities - 13 Inf Regt

The following changes in appointment are noted from a captured document:

NORITA Totsuro 2nd Lt MO 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt
(or KIWADA) promoted to 1st Lt MO - 1 Mar 45

MATSU MOTO Masatashi Capt, OC 2 Coy 13 Inf Regt
(or MATSUSHITA) att HQ 1 Bn - 5 Mar 45

YAMAGUCHI Hikoku Capt, OC Sig Coy 13 Inf Regt
OC 4 Coy 13 Inf Regt - 5 Mar 45

MAKAYAMA Toshio 1st Lt, Pl Comd 9 Coy 13 Inf Regt
att 1 Coy 13 Inf Regt - 5 Mar 45

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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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HIRU HIRU - MONOITU 1/25000
MOTUPENA PT - PURIATA RIVER Track Map
1 inch to 1 mile

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

9 Aust Inf Bn. An A Coy patrol moved south to the HUIO RIVER at 930488 but did not contact any enemy.

A patrol moving south from B Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy in a position at 914497. Artillery engaged the position with as yet unknown results.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. Native scouts operating NE of TAITAI killed 3 enemy linesmen and captured documents at 038438 east of KAPARA.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols have reported that the road is now clear of the enemy as east as C Coy at 897457.

Mortars engaged the enemy position at 984466.

One enemy dead was located at 891462.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. The patrol despatched to HATAI has not yet returned.

2 Aust Fd Regt. The guns engaged enemy positions at 894465 914497 942499 and areas 926484 923479.

(c) MOKOKOLIO area

A native report graded B2 states that 3 days ago the informant saw 3 enemy and heard sounds of more near MOKOKOLIO. Next day tracks showed that an enemy party left the area heading in the direction of SOVELE.

Later in the day the same native saw enemy footprints loading upstream beyond KUPON.

(d) MARIROPA RIVER

Nothing to report

(e) Amendments to Locations

7 Aust Inf Bde	9 Aust Inf Bn	C Coy	874484
		D Coy less 16 pl	919521
		16 pl	915513

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15 Aust Inf Bde	24 Aust Inf Bn	B Coy	HQ	797479
			10 Pl	793476
			11 Pl	795479
			12 Pl	791479

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes.

bombed a
Twelve Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft/reported concentration of enemy in an extensive hutted area at RUSEI. Accurate bombing destroyed seven huts and damaged four others. Nineteen huts were destroyed and one damaged in a further strike by 12 Corsairs on NUGULI area, where two adjacent hutted areas were located. Two enemy guns were located by Tac R aircraft in the TARLENA area. These were later attacked by 8 Corsairs. The position was well covered and damage reported.

Patrols

During the day patrols were carried out. Nil sightings being reported.

Tac R

Reports not yet to hand.

PART II

Tk A Weapons South BOUGAINVILLE

Attached as Appendix A is the estimated enemy Tk A fire power by areas in South BOUGAINVILLE.

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Appendix "A" to
3 Aust Div Summary of
Operations and Intelligence
Report No 118.

POTENTIAL ENEMY TANK ATTACK WEAPONS
- SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE

SECTOR	TYPE	No ea Type	Total by Sectors	Total all Types	LOCATION (at last report)
<u>FIELD ARTY</u>					
OAMAI R	37 mm Tk A	1			AITARA
		1			MAMAGATA
to		4			DIO DIO
		3			RUSEI
		<u>7 2</u>			Forward of HONGORAI R
			11		
PURLATA R	70 mm	? 6			
	75 mm	? 7			TAITAI
	105 mm	2			MONOITU
	155 mm	<u>6</u>			and forward
			<u>21</u>	32	
<u>DUAL PURPOSE</u>					
BUIN	75 mm AA/Tk A	11			KARA
		18			KAHILI
		<u>2</u>			TONOLEI
			31		
to	25/40 mm AA/Tk A	28			KAHILI
		<u>3</u>			TONOLEI
			31		
OAMAI R	13 mm AA/Tk A	10			KARA
		<u>40</u>			KAHILI
			50		
	u/i AA	3			EAST PT
		<u>2</u>			MOILA PT
			5		
	Probable additional 90/75 mm Fd pieces	? 10			? MUGUAI
				<u>127</u>	
				<u>159</u>	

- Note 1. The most dangerous weapon in this list is the 75 mm AA/Tk A (first encountered at BUNA Airstrip). It is mobile, but takes some hours to set up for accurate fire.
2. 13 mm is easily transportable.
3. 25/40 mm AA and 155 mm Fd pieces may be considered non-mobile under present circumstances.

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3 AUSTRALIAN DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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(Information up to 251800L)

Ref Maps : 1/25000 and 1/63360 series

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPERA - NIHERO areas

9 Aust Inf Bn. Nothing to report.

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol which moved from 915505 to 928503 and on to 919465 saw only one enemy on this, the HATAI-TOKINOTU track. A recon patrol investigating the log crossing at 930488 over the HUIO RIVER east of HORINU 2 came under heavy fire from approximately 6 enemy.

2/8 Aust Cav Bn. The intended attack by A Tp with arty support on the enemy concentration at 961495 was postponed due to a breakdown in communications.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. At 242055L the enemy exploded a booby trap in the C Coy area and enemy arty fired 40 rounds of estimated 75 mm calibre on the KERO creek crossing area during the night. The scheduled air and ground attack on the enemy position at 894465 was postponed owing to weather conditions. At 893465 a recon patrol encountered the enemy in unknown strength. Other patrols to 1000 yds NE of C Coy at 897457 and SE along the road to C Coy found no enemy.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. A patrol moving SE along the beach found fresh footprints on the east side of the PURIATA RIVER mouth. Continuing SE the patrol encountered an estimated 12 enemy dug in at 854424, attacked and killed 3 enemy.

A second patrol moved SSW along the track from HIRU HIRU but made no contact with the enemy but returning killed one enemy at 884465.

2 Aust Fd Regt. HF concentrations were laid on suspected enemy concentration areas in the square 9146 on night 24/25 Mar. To cover the return of A Coy 25 Bn following the postponement of the air strike, the guns engaged the enemy position at 894465.

(c) HANAMO area

57/50 Aust Inf Bn. The patrol en route to POPOTANA moved along the REINI RIVER to 799967 but saw no signs of village or tracks.

(d) Location Amendments

2 Aust Fd Regt	4 Bty	849481
9 Aust Inf Bn	D Coy less 16 Pl	917523
	16 Pl	915513
61 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	873487

AIR - OWN

Owing to bad weather there were no strikes, patrols or Tac R flown on 25 Mar.

PART II

6 Fd Arty Regt

Some three weeks ago there were indications of the movement of 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty forward to TAITAI area. From PW 023 and 024, members of 9 Bty 3 Bn, it is now evident that this movement concerned 9 Bty only. Hq 3 Bn, with 7 and 8 Btys and 10 personnel of 9 Bty remain at LUGUAI - or did up until a few days ago. It is quite likely that they will be involved in the general move forward of 6 Div. PW knew that the bn had received orders to "prepare for combat" but nothing beyond this. The fact that the PW in question were members of a party furnished by 9 Bty to reconnoitre our dispositions between MOSIGETTA and DARARA might well presage the impending move of 3 Bn into the front line.

It is known that 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty had formed an extra battery over establishment, known as 13 Bty. It appears that the same practice has been followed by 3 Bn, which has 14 Bty, according to PW. He states that these were formed from the Wagon Lines personnel. 14 Bty is placed by PW at OSO.

In the opinion of the more intelligent of the two PW, all guns of the bn are concentrated in the hands of 8 Bty : 7 and 9 Btys are straight out rifle coys.

RAIDING PARTIES

PW had little to add regarding TOROKINA raiding parties. One had heard that one party was seen, carrying swords, rifles, one IMG and one grenade discharger.

Unfortunately, PW were not "in the picture", and can supply no specific object for the recon party of which they were members. However, it is significant that the area involved indicates enemy interest behind our known "front line", giving rise to the suspicion that the object may have been to establish the whereabouts of suitable targets for other "Suicide Tais".

Apart from the known characteristics and traditions of General KANDA of 6 Div, there is a great deal of evidence that more and more attention is being paid to capitalizing the Japanese willingness for individual sacrifice.

As the overall situation grows desperate for Japan, efforts have increased to organise "Suicide-crash Sengs" in the air and "Suicide-Boat Units" for attacks against shipping. But the most varied manifestations are found on land. For example the latest tank-attack development, the "Lunge-mine" (ref 3 Aust Div Weekly Int Summary No 6) involves in its successful application the disintegration of the operator.

Emphasis on the "Suicide Assault TAI" is increasing as a matter of higher policy. It is stated that one inducement offered is the promotion of all members to 2nd Lt - posthumously!

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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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(Information up to 261800L)

Ref Maps : 1/25000 and 1/63360 series

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO

61 Aust Inf Bn. A D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn patrol along the FURIATA RIVER to HUIO RIVER has not yet returned but a preliminary report subject to confirmation states that a large body of enemy moved west along a well worn track 500 yards south of the HUIO RIVER at 903435 on morning 26 Mar.

Meanwhile, an A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn patrol moving towards the river area at 916485 counted 38 fully equipped enemy moving NW along the well worn track crossing the river at 920493. The patrol estimated that the party would number not less than 50.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. The Arty R on the enemy position at 961495 was postponed due to bad weather but the guns engaged the position with unknown results. The ground attack was postponed pending further investigations.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. Constant patrols along the main BULN road between D Coy at 863469 and C Coy at 897457 made no contact with the enemy.

A recce patrol to the area of the track junction at 894469 saw no enemy.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. Patrols report that one enemy 2nd Lt was killed and probably 4 others wounded by booby traps set at 867476 on 25 Mar.

2 Aust Fd Regt. The artillery engaged a hut area at 950494 and the enemy position at 894466.

Following a native report that there were 5 enemy 300 yds north of 5 Bty at 834464 a patrol moved to investigate but did not contact any enemy.

(c) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	C Coy	less	898515
			14 Fl 855503
A Coy NGIB			5 Fl 809457
18 Aust Malarial Control Unit			780753

2. AIR - OWN

Series

Eight Corsairs attacked the truck loading ramps and suspected store dumps in the NAKARU area with unobserved results. A further 13 Corsairs attacked the hut concentrations in the same area destroying 8 huts. Three six wheel heavy duty trucks loaded with stores were sighted approximately one mile west of NAKARA. This target was later engaged by three Corsairs and all three were fired and considered destroyed.

a strike of nine Corsairs on hut concentrations at MUGUAI was interfered with by strong cross winds.

PART II

Enemy position at 887465

The enemy position at 887465 attacked by B Coy 25 Aust Inf Bn on 19 Mar and taken by A Coy on 22 Mar was most extensive and strongly prepared.

It consisted of log pillboxes and numerous pits in the form of a crescent along the forward bank of the creek from the BUN road for 250 yards east to a depth of 150 yards.

Even after the close support bombing, artillery and mortar fire, all of which was accurate, the fire met by attacking troops was very heavy. Trees had been felled by bombing and artillery which made a fast approach difficult and at the same time provided effective concealment for the bunkers.

A sniper concealed in the fallen foliage accounted for two of our casualties some time after the position had been overrun.

The dead from the attack on 19 Mar had not been buried but piled in heaps of five with banana leaves spread over them. The enemy in most cases were in good condition, the clothing was obviously new and of good quality.

Total enemy casualties in taking the position were 47 enemy killed and 3 wounded.

(7 Aust Inf Bde Intrep of 23 Mar)

Reinforcement of HONGORAI Line

There is ample evidence that 6 Jap Div is busily implementing its policy of reinforcing the MOKOTU Sector with all available resources.

By now, Adv HQ 6 Div is probably functioning at its new location in OSO area. PW statements indicate that 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty is preparing to move. Although still at RUSEI on 17 Mar, captured documents from 23 Inf Regt refer to its "assembly for revenge" and the appointment of a new colour bearer for "the advance to the line". It would seem that 23 Inf Regt will assemble its strength complete at OSO as soon as practicable. This involves the implied bread-up or revision of MOKOI Grn, since 1 Bn 23 Inf Regt formed part of it until recently.

1 and 2 Coys of 23 Inf Regt will remain at AITARA and MANAGATA respectively for the time being - whether under comd of the parent unit or not is not clear.

Enemy Tank Attack Measures

An urgent communication issued by 23 Inf Regt makes it clear that the enemy anticipates our use of tanks. This orders the immediate preparation of MOKOTOV cocktails. Other preparations to counter the use of tanks are no doubt in hand.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Track

A well defined track runs NW from 892475 to 885461.

At a point 200 yards north of 892462 a patrol found a well defined track 3 feet wide running NE. The track showed signs of very recent use and it is considered that that part of the track observed could be made jeepable.

Bridges

The first of two bridges at DARLISONS Crossing at 849499 has been completed and the second is under construction.

Rivers

The river from 028525 to the junction with the BORNARA RIVER at 990511 will henceforth be called the DARK RIVER.

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2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

46 Aust Comd AL Soc

C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn

2 Aust Corps 2

Area Comd TOKO

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5 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 118
(Information up to 271800L)

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO Areas

9 Aust Inf Bn. 9 Aust Inf Bn has assumed the responsibility of the MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA area.

A Coy has occupied a position at 938503 whilst B Coy moved south to 915497.

Moving south to set an ambush at 903485, a patrol found a strong position at 895494 which had been occupied by a large enemy party during the night 26/27 Mar. The position consisted of 45 foxholes which, the patrol estimated, could have accommodated 50 to 70 enemy. Indications were that the enemy had moved west apparently crossing the PURIATA RIVER at this point.

61 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols operating along the track, from 860490 to the PURIATA RIVER at 894482 and in the squares 8649 8749 made no contact with the enemy.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqdn. Between 262013L and 262045L 15 hostile rounds, estimated to have been 75 mm calibre, fell in the area at approximately 993513.

A three day recce patrol departed from B Tp to investigate the areas in squares 9451 9450 9550.

A recce of the enemy hut concentration at 961495 found the enemy on the alert. Our shelling on 26 Mar fell on the west end of the position only.

(b) TOKINOTU Area.

25 Aust Inf Bn. Between 270445L and 270505L the enemy artillery fired over 200 rounds from 2 guns, estimated to be of 75 mm calibre, into the area 871488 and lifting to DARARA at 856503. The D Coy ambush on a track along the south bank of the PURIATA RIVER at 889477 killed 3 enemy and wounded 1.

A patrol along the route 889465 885466 to 896456 reported no movement seen.

En route to the track junction at 889465 a patrol ambushed 3 enemy killing 1 and wounding 1, but did not reach the track junction. Security patrols heard sounds of chopping at 896454.

(c) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	938503
	B Coy	915497
	14 Pl	915513
	18 Pl	917523
61 Aust Inf Bn	Bn HQ	806482

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes

A strike of 9 Corsairs continued the attacks on the hut concentrations at NAKARU destroying 5; loaded 6 wheel trucks were strafed and left smoking and pilots reported that the trucks fired on 25 Mar were totally destroyed.

With Tac R lead in 8 Corsairs bombed a group of 5 huts at TAITAI with unobserved results.

A strike of 16 Corsairs continued the attacks on HUGUAI destroying 18 huts and damaging 3.

PART II

Enemy OOB

It is likely that the regrouping of 6 Div will take some time yet to complete. However, there is little value in endeavouring to keep track of fluctuating strengths in each area as units move up. Therefore, with the exception of 13 Inf Regt, the following figures refer to the final dispositions for the defence of the HONGORAI Line. Attrition to end of Mar has been deducted.

13 Inf Regt Gp - Forward of HONGORAI RIVER

Forward of HONGORAI RIVER

On deducting attrition for Mar and battle casualties to 26 Mar the strength of 13 Inf Regt Gp is reduced to 570. Based on past experience, a further reduction for seriously wounded at the rate of 30% of killed should be made to reach approximate fighting strength. The figure of 470 arrived at by this means does NOT include any allowance for 'ineffectives' due to sickness.

Forward of HONGORAI RIVER (13 Inf Regt Gp) 470

'HONGORAI Line' (6 Div Adv Hq, 23 Inf,
6 Fd Arty, 4 med Arty
6 Fd Tpt, 6 Engr Regts & Misc) 2485
2955

HARI - OALAI RIVERS

(6 Div Rear Hq, 30th
Squad Gp & Div Tpt) 870

Enemy Casualties

Casualties inflicted by 7 Aust Inf Bde from 18 Jan 45 to
23 Mar 45 - Killed 344 Wounded 48
Found dead 21 PW 7

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3 AUSL DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

61 Aust Inf Bn. A C Coy patrol contacted an enemy party of unknown strength approx 250 yds north of 10 Bty 2 Fd Regt at 904564. The patrol engaged the enemy who withdrew south of the river leaving 9 packs which, on investigation, were found to contain explosives and rations. A further 3 enemy at 909568 fled on the approach of our troops leaving IMG magazines and rifles.

A late recce patrol returning to base was fired on by the enemy at 903566, the fire was returned and the enemy dispersed with 4 wounded casualties.

Further patrols in the areas squares 8855 8856 8955 8956 made no contact with the enemy.

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol from A Coy at 938503 moved SSW to 933485 but was unable to locate the track shown on the map at that point, however some enemy movement was heard 150 yds north of 936487.

Approximately 100 yds south of B Coy at 915497 a patrol contacted 8 enemy, killed 2 and wounded 1.

Moving SW from C Coy at 901515 a patrol engaged 3 enemy at 889494 and killed 1. Other patrols along the 50 grid line report many tracks running north and south between DARARA and the FURLATA RIVER.

An Ausl party located an abandoned enemy bivouac area at 896488, which, they estimated, had accommodated 40 to 50 enemy within the last 48 hours. (This report is subject to confirmation). The ambush on the track at approx 898483 did not contact any enemy.

2/8 Cdo Sqn. A native recce in the area squares 9850 0152 between the BORNARA and HONGORAI RIVERS found recent, booted, footprints.

(b) TOKO area

2 Fd Regt. At 0630 hrs 6 enemy were found moving north of 5 Bty position at 834464, engaged and 2 enemy were killed including 1 Sgt-Major. The remainder withdrew north along the river. At 0740 and 0812 hrs grenades were thrown into the Bty position but no damage resulted.

Single enemy crossing the river near the Bty position at 1120 and 1150 hrs were both killed.

Harassing fire was placed on the area 951497 during night 27/28 and targets at 922443 and 933441 were engaged with Arty R.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. Native scouts report sighting the footprints of 5 enemy crossing the road from east to west at 839482 at approx 1600 hrs.

(c) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. Movement of small enemy parties was heard along the BUIN road from 883473 to H Coy 875481 and the east bank of the FURLATA RIVER opposite Bn H at 875483 between 272310L and 280010L.

A recon patrol reported hearing movement and voices to the east of the track junction at 895468 and that the track NW from the junction had been used in the morning.

A further patrol via 896453 to the main road at 899453 saw no signs of the enemy.

(1) Amendments to Locations

B 5th & 1st Aust Armd Regt
24 Aust Inf Bn

Adv HQ	801465
Adv HQ	832467
A Coy en route	TOKO
B Coy	793477
C Coy	832468
D Coy	808459
5 Pl	883567

61 Aust Inf Bn

2. AIR-OWN

Strikes

Continuing the attacks on the huts at NAKARU 13 Corsairs bombed the area destroying 7 huts.

In support of AIB, 8 Corsairs bombed 2 enemy garrisons at ISINI.

TAC R

TAC R was flown over Mt TAROKA, RUMIKI, MONOITU, NAKARU and HIRU HIRU AREAS.

PART II

KANDA gets ready

It is known that Lt-Gen KANDA, commd 3 Jap Div, expected a considerable pause after MOSIGETTA before we would show any interest beyond FURLATA RIVER. In this he may have been misled by the pattern of preceding operations on BOUGAILVILLE.

The conclusion, plus apprehension regarding a possible landing in force nearer BUIN, resulted in a dispersed set up, with 'Garrisons' strung along the main road.

However, as soon as he considered we had shown our hand, KANDA reacted in accordance with his record, and is now busily preparing his counter. Although by nature of the circumstances this will have to be basically defensive, it will be far from passive. Offensive action, though limited, may be expected at every opportunity.

It is too early for much evidence of the exact nature of his plans; but several known items may be taken as pointers.

In 13 Inf Regt Order covering the move of its 1 Bn to OSO, instructions are given regarding arrangements with MONOI Garrison concerning "personnel who are to remain behind". From this it would appear that MONOI Garrison continues to exist - at least for the time being. Furthermore, 1 and 2 Coys are not involved in the move. It is quite possible, therefore, that they may remain under command of MONOI Garrison.

An admittedly speculative but logical setup could be as follows :-

- (a) MONOI Garrison with 4 Med Arty as its nucleus, responsible for main BUIN road and south to include the coast. Its role to be a holding one.
- (b) Balance of 6 Div striking force, assembled on the northern flank, with aggressive intent.

It is evident that the enemy is well aware of the equalising effect of conducting his campaign as far as possible in country where supply difficulties will limit our superiority of arms. His broad plan, on 17 Army level, according to PW 021, was to use a flank threat from the north as relief for his holding force (3 Div) if pressure became too heavy on the main road. The same basic idea could explain the grouping of 6 Div as it appears at present. It was noticeable that a similar disposition of force was adopted by 13 Inf Regt in its initial preparation of the defence of PURIATA RIVER line.

Candidates for Posthumous Commissions (Ref Summary 117)

The anticipated commando tactics have begun in PURIATA sector. Enemy killed in the vicinity of one of our artillery positions immediately west of the lower PURIATA RIVER were members of 4 Med Arty. It is not considered that 4 Med Arty has moved - rather, that these were a 'suicide Tai' bent on securing a place in the YASUKUNI shrine at the expense of our guns.

Another party encountered in MOSIGETTA area were also on a similar mission. The area contained guns and their haversacks contained explosives. Their identity is not yet known.

With two more large parties reported between PURIATA RIVER and MOSIGETTA apparently moving west, the shape of things to come becomes interesting.

Native Interrogation

There are concentrations of troops and stores at 931439 and 953433.

The BUIN road from the HONGORAI crossing to 948427 is defended with pillboxes on both sides of the road.

On the beach 200 yds NW of AITARA clearing, is a large pillbox housing a field gun (believed to be 105 mm) at approximately 898359. The pillbox is built of logs and is camouflaged with young coconuts. The gun in its present position can only fire seawards. It has a crew of 1 officer and 10 OR.

On the track between AITARA and the ford at 914360 there are 4 huts (including 1 hospital) housing 3 officers and 40 OR.

NOTE: This information is three weeks old.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

RIVERS

The river from 934498 to the junction with the HUIO RIVER at 930400 will be known as the PORNUNGU RIVER.

The river flowing from 013487 to 987465 has been named the TAROMAI RIVER.

The creek at 892461 will henceforth be known as DANE CREEK (pronounced as DAN WEE).

The WOPUGU RIVER flows from 927502 to join HUIO RIVER at 918490.

VILLAGE LOCATIONS

TONUI 99476
FANKEI sq 0345

KOFINGKO 025467
K-PARA 058433

NATIVE INTERROGATION

1. Location of HIRU HIRU approximately squares 9143 and 9243.

This is an enemy bivouac area consisting of gardens with a concentration of 20 30 huts at 920440. A track connects the huts to the BUIN road at approximately 920443.

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3. AUSTRALIAN DIV. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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(Information up to 291800L)

Ref Maps : 1/25000 Series

PART I

1. LEAD - CWN

(a) OSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO

9 Aust Inf Bn. A late report states that a patrol on 28 Mar found a large enemy bivouac area at 892503 which had been occupied within the last 3 days. In all 90 pits were counted which could have accommodated 120 enemy. The same patrol reports that a party of 20 enemy had crossed the L of C at 871514 moving north within the preceding 24 hours.

91 Aust Inf Bn. Two further enemy dead have been found in the BOAU area as a result of the action on 28 Mar.

2/3 Aust Cdo S. The SINAKAI patrol reports that there is an enemy standing patrol on the cross roads at 974496 with upwards from 15 to 20 enemy in huts at 973495.

A patrol was despatched to set an ambush on the HOKGORAI crossing at 006514 and recce south of the river.

Other patrols report that the area bounded by 940520 along the SINAKAI RIVER to 010540 to 010530 to 990510 to 948510 is free of enemy activity. 20 to 25 enemy are reported to be at HORINU at 943505. It is now estimated that the enemy position at 961495 astride the SINAKAI HORINU is held by 100 enemy.

(b) TOKO Area

9 Aust Inf Bn. At 0500 hours an enemy party, estimated to be 50 strong, attacked B echelon with fixed bayonets and supported by one HMG and 2 LMG, from the north and south.

Communications were cut at 0600 hours and the fighting continued until 0730 hours when the enemy broke contact and withdrew SE leaving 14 dead.

A native supply train with escort en route to DARARA entered an unknown number of enemy 300 yds north of the ANGAU camp. 10 and 11 Pls of 61 Bn at 838478 were sent to assist and in the ensuing clashes 5 enemy were killed. By 1100 hours the situation was described as stable but further approach towards DARARA was still denied.

As the beleagued B echelon was urgently in need of ammunition, DAA was dropped by storepedo from a JIRARA.

10 and 11 Pls continued to push towards DARARA and reached at 1505 hours without further contact with enemy. Two enemy who had suicided with grenades were found on the approach to DARARA.

24 Aust Inf Bn. At 291710L unidentified movement was observed at 831468. Investigations revealed footprints, not considered of Australian origin, of a party of 8 persons moving in a SW direction. A fighting patrol has been despatched to follow the trail of the footprints.

(c) FOKINOTU Area.

25 Aust Inf Bn. Between 282015L and 282315L a large enemy party, estimated to have been 100 strong, attacked HQ 25 Bn at 875483. The attack was repulsed but again at 290410L fighting was resumed. Line communication was cut at 282045L.

A patrol moving 30 yds south of the road contacted A Coy 61 Bn at 291100L.

Known casualties to date are 20 enemy killed, including a C and a Lt, and 2 PW, one of which was wounded in the legs.

61 Aust Inf Bn. A Coy at 873487 was attacked by an enemy party of unknown strength throughout night. Patrols at first light located the enemy 300 yards forward of the Coy perimeter. During these clashes 2 enemy were killed. Later in the day a supply train moved from MCHINWA bridge to A Coy at 873487 without encountering any enemy.

Two Pls were despatched to clear the enemy position forward of the Coy perimeter and the track to HQ 25 Bn.

A patrol moving from A Coy to 875485 to observe Coy at the night heard chopping along the east bank of the ITCIA.

It is estimated that there are 70 enemy with a H.G and 7 L.G between A Coy 61 Bn and HQ 25 Bn.

2 Field Regt. Harassing fire was laid on 894466 between 281830L and 290830L. The target areas at 897453 and 894466 were engaged during 29 Mar.

(d) Assignments to Locations

10 Bty 4 Armd Fd Regt
24 Aust Inf Bn

6 TD
Recon HQ
A Coy

MARKTOMA
E 1 100 TOMO
833468

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes

A mission of 9 Corsairs continued the series of raids on NAKARU destroying 6 huts. The pilots reported a new road construction round the three burnt out trucks on the road west of NAKARU.

A total of 28 Corsairs in two missions struck the ITCIA hut concentrations destroying a total of 46 huts; two large flashes were observed during the bombing. 0 observed to have contained 50 x 44 gallon drums which were burnt out and scattered over the area. Both of these missions experienced inaccurate heavy fire from ENEMY POS.

PART II

Attached as Appendix is the suggested regrouping of 13 Inf Regt west of the HONGORAI RIVER as at 28 Mar.

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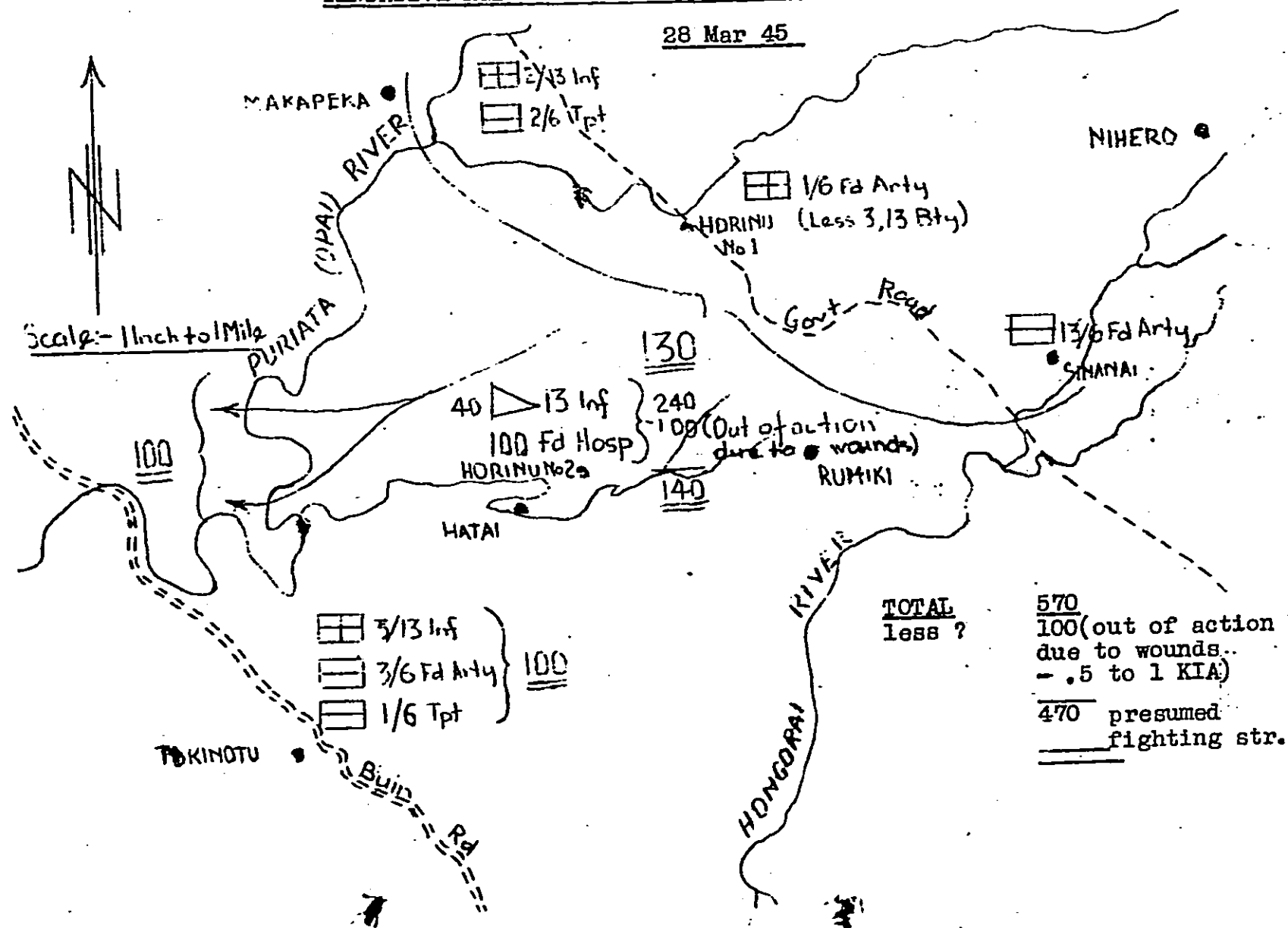
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TENTATIVE REDISPOSITIONS OF 13 INF REGT GP

28 Mar 45



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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 122
(Information up to 301800L)

Ref Maps : 1/25000 Series

PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations over 29/30 Mar.

Following the increase in enemy activities around the general TOKO TOKINOTU area over 28 and 29 Mar, all units reported passing a quiet night 29/30 Mar.

Commencing earlier in the morning of 30 Mar, the enemy renewed their determined attacks in particular on the Coys of 25 Aust Inf Bn east of the PURIATA RIVER.

Total enemy casualties counted to date over the period 28, 29 and 30 Mar total 59 killed. It is known that more have been killed but no thorough check has been possible to date.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPKA - NIHERO

9 Aust Inf Bn. During the night 29/30 Mar grenades were thrown into A Coy old position at 934504 but did not cause damage or casualties. Later the lines between A Coy 938503 and B Coy 915547 were cut. A line party to repair the line in the morning engaged two enemy, at approx 919513, who fled.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. B Tp ambush and recon patrol returned and reported investigating a good track from 003511 to a junction at 005496 to 998491 to the HONGORAI at 987494 but did not contact any enemy.

At 1300 hours portion of the 5 day patrol returned from TOLDA 984489 and reported that the enemy positions there are now unoccupied. There are no enemy at TONNUI 995476 north to the HONGORAI RIVER.

The recon patrol to investigate the enemy position at 961495 returned and reported that the enemy were quiet and alert.

(b) TOKO

9 Aust Inf Bn. Communications have been restored between Bn Hq and B echelon at DARARA.

A further 2 enemy were found dead at DARARA bringing the total for the action on 29 Mar to 17.

61 Aust Inf Bn. 17 Fl D Coy patrol from 840479 arrived at DARARA at 1415 hours. Whilst en route the patrol contacted 4 enemy, killed 3 and wounded 1. The patrol returned 840479 at 1710 hours.

2 Aust Fd Regt. A suspected enemy gun position at 909431 and targets at 913433 921440 926419 919449 were engaged with Arty R. Defensive fire support was given to 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. Fuller details are now available of the attacks on the Coys of this Bn during 28/29 Mar.

291410L the enemy, in unknown strength attacked 4 and 5 Pls on SLATER'S KNOLL 976481 continuously until 1715 hours when the enemy broke contact. A count of enemy dead amounted to 6.

17 pl B Coy moved back up the main BUN road from 883469 to join with Bn HQ at 290830L.

At 290700L the enemy attacked C Coy, located at 897457, from the south. The attack was again repeated at 1430 hours. Only one enemy dead has been counted to date.

A patrol from A Coy 889465 forward to C Coy at 897457 killed one enemy and wounded one. At 291800L A Coy reported sounds of enemy movement around the Coy perimeter, however, the remainder of the night was quiet.

At 300800L line communication to C Coy was cut. Four hours later the line to A and C Coys was also severed and at 1545 hours the attack on A Coy began. Artillery was called on brought down defensive fire near A Coy. At 1630 hours a patrol was despatched with line from D Coy to contact A Coy but were unable to do so as the Coy was encircled.

Meanwhile at 1435 hours B Coy was heavily mortared then a large enemy force charged the position with the bayonet. No further details are known to date.

Later reports HQ 25 Bn tend to suggest that there were considerably more enemy killed in the attack on that HQ on 28/29 Mar. One enemy party shot up whilst crossing the river is estimated to have numbered 15/20 but the area is not thoroughly searched as yet to permit a count.

61 Aust Inf Bn. At 301100L patrols from A Coy 873487 and B Coy 838480 moved forward and reported the road clear from MCKINNA BRIDGE to A Coy. By 1400 hours the road between A Coy and HQ 25 Bn was open for traffic, both sides of the road being clear of the enemy.

(d) Location amendments.

25 Aust Inf Bn

17 pl

875483

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes

At the request of 3 Aust Div 4 Corsairs and later 12 Corsairs with Tac-R lead in bombed the enemy 6 Div HQ at OSO. Results were unobserved.

A strike of 4 Corsairs strafed 3 lean tos and hut concentrations 75 yards NE OSO and the jungle for 100 yards SW of the target. The aircraft returning from this strike carried out 18 strafing runs on the east - west road at KORIU.

16 Corsairs continued the strikes on MUGUAI destroying 15 huts and damaging 8 buildings. Wreckage and smoke was observed for some time after the attack. A recce after the attack revealed intense activity in the general area.

Corsairs on anti submarine patrol over south BOUGAINVILLE strafed 2 cars and one truck on the coastal road between MAIKI and MOISUAU. The cars were left burning and the truck unserviceable.

One patrol aircraft was holed by meagre AA fire from LANGU HILL.

PART II

KANDA STRIKE

According to a Bde spot interrogation of PW 025, 15 Inf Regt HQ with its three bns are directly engaged in the fighting around DARARA. He gives the strength (before the attack) of 1 Bn party as 99, 2 Bn 50, 3 Bn 90/95. A force from Independent Engineer Regt, 170 strong, was also seen by PW in the immediate area. Another force of 170 from 6 Fd Arty Regt travelled with PW's party as far as RUNAI, then went ahead, ostensibly into battle. PW has not sighted them since. It was "common talk" that the whole of 23 Inf Regt was to attack on 29 Mar and "generally understood" that all 6 Div troops would be committed.

The latter statements should be accepted with reserve until more is known of their basis. Certainly the present attacks are in considerable force, but it is difficult to believe that Gen KANDA will commit his entire resources so far forward of MONOITU.

Forward troops report the enemy in exceptionally good condition, with plenty of ammunition and new equipment. Their fitness is borne out by the fact that apparently not one of PW's party fell out on the 5 day approach march from MUGUAI.

"The Last Great Care and Love".

Though beset with difficulties and faced with a desperate military situation, the Japanese 18 Army Command at WEWAK has not forgotten the spiritual welfare of his troops. He personally signed the following order:

"In handling sick and wounded in the coming battles, all Div COs and Force COs will carry out appropriate medical adm with love as the underlying factor in pursuance of the following spiritual concepts:

1. In order to maintain fighting strength over a considerable time, patients who will recover after being sent to the rear will be evacuated as before.
2. All patients who will have no chance of recovery - The high ranking officers will take appropriate measures with the intention of giving their subordinates the last great care and love; they will not send them to the rear, but will leave them in positions where they may be able to dispose of even one enemy, and thus fulfil their honour as soldiers."

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5 AUSTRALIAN DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 123
(Information up to 311800L)

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations over 30/31 March

The enemy is still maintaining his pressure on the units of 25 Aust Inf Bn east of the PURIATA RIVER, however infantry, co-operating with a tp of tanks, moved forward from Hq 25 Aust Inf Bn to clear road to the forward coys

This was the first occasion that Australian tanks were used in operations on BOUGAINVILLE.

No reports are to hand from B, C and D coys 25 Aust Inf Bn but it known that they were in contact with the enemy late this afternoon

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO AREAS

9 Aust Inf Bn. Forty eight hour ambushes set at 931489, 897505 890501 and a patrol from 915497 south along the west bank of the HUIO RIVER to a junction at 913491 to set an ambush on the main enemy track south of the river, are all still out.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. Between 302015L and 302115L 75 rounds, estimated to be of 155 mm calibre, fell into the area approx 9749. At 0500 hours the following morning enemy artillery again engaged firing on the areas 9750 9751 9950 and 9951. No damage or casualties resulted.

The remainder of the 5 day patrol along the Old Govt road south of the HONGORAI returned. It reported that on 301200L a party of 20 enemy moved NW along the road towards the HONGORAI. The following day at 1600 hours a further party of 20 enemy armed, but carrying no loads, travelled SE along the road. The party was passed by a further 3 enemy travelling NW but due to the presence of the first party the patrol was unable to take a PW.

Due to much enemy activity the patrol was unable to approach the OSO HUKAHA areas.

2 Aust Fd Regt. The enemy position at 961495 was engaged with unobserved results, and harassing fire was laid on to the HATAI ar

(b) TOKO AREA

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol from 9 Bn to DARARA reported the L of C clear of the enemy but that many enemy footprints were visible.

61 Aust Inf Bn. On 310830L a patrol from B coy to A coy at 873487 reported the road clear of the enemy.

A line laying party from B coy reached DARARA without contacting the enemy.

Patrols along the north bank of the PURIATA RIVER in the vicinity of CALVINS CROSSING made no contact with the enemy but observed number of new foxholes in the general area to the north.

24 Aust Inf Bn. 302230L an enemy party, estimated to have been 10 strong and armed with HMG and LMG, exchanged fire with A Coy at 053400. Daylight investigation revealed bloodstains, HMG tool it and 3 strips of ammunition.

2 Aust Fd Regt. Harassing fire was put down on the targets in the HATAI area and along the EUNN road in support of 25 bn operations.

(c) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bn. 310600L one troop of tanks having moved forward to 25 bn Hq continued on to clear the road to the forward companies.

Whilst crossing the PURIATA RIVER at GALVINS CROSSING a water jeep was fired on by an unknown number of enemy with an LMG, from the north bank. Under the cover of mortar fire the jeep was extricated.

Between 301300L and 301905L A Coy at 009400 was heavily attacked and during the night the enemy was active around SLATERS KNOLL escarpment.

No reports are to hand concerning B, C and D companies.

61 Aust Inf Bn. Opposing forces exchanged fire around the A Coy perimeter at 873487 on 301900L and again at 302100L. One enemy was killed, an LMG and grenades were captured.

311000L 18 pl swam the PURIATA RIVER at 057457 then proceeded east to contact C Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn located at 057457.

(d) Amendments to locations

B Sqn 8/4 Aust Fd Regt	Two tps	873487
10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	C ty	on route TOROKINA
61 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	843181
	B Coy less	840479
	10 pl	858480
15 Aust Inf Bn Flamethrower Pl		838480
56/59 Aust Inf Bn	C Coy	on route MOTUPENA POINT

2. AIR - OWN

Strikes

Two missions each of 14 Corsairs attacked the MUGUAI MALABETA road junction area.

The first of these strikes attacked a suspected MT park at MALABETA whilst the second bombed the road junction. Damage was assessed at 55 huts destroyed and 6 damaged, 6 trucks and 3 cars also destroyed. Many tyres and 44 gallon drums were scattered about the area. Another target in the area was attacked resulting in 9 huts destroyed and 4 damaged.

Possible living quarters at the foot MT BOEDER were bombed and 5 huts were destroyed.

At MAIKA aircraft strafed a barge and canoe leaving both water-logged. East of MAIKA a further 12 huts were destroyed; the aircraft participating in this attack experienced heavy AA fire from EBERLY'S LEASE.

Four Corsairs strafed the EAST - WEST road from KORIU east to the road junction then strafed the roads running off to the NE and SW from the junction.

Tac R

Tac R was flown over the general OSO area to show the results of yesterday's strike. Blue smoke was still rising from the area 6 hours afterwards and generally the area of OSO was flattened.

At 11:00 AM numerous footprints and wheeled vehicle marks or tracks were seen along the beach. The pilot stated that it appeared certain that barges were loading or unloading there at night. The track leading in off the beach showed evidence of much activity.

PART II

Reorganization of 13 Inf Regt

PW 025 states that at the end of December last the fourth company of each battalion was used to reinforce the other 3 companies. Therefore, 4 Coy, 8 Coy, 12 Coy no longer exist.

2 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt

Whether the enemy will be able to transfer the 2000 odd troops from the SHORTLANDS GROUP (in the event that he decides to abandon these key outposts in favour of reinforcing the mainland) has been an interesting subject for speculation. If PW 025 is correct, it appears that the enemy is capable of moving these forces if required. PW states that 2 Bn 6 Fd Arty was transferred from TAURO to EREVENA in the latter part of last year. Move was effected by LEO belonging to "17 Army Freight Depot" (presumably 26. rd. 1st Depot). COB estimate of strength for 2 Bn is 300/400.

Information about the enemy

There have been several reminders lately that enemy intelligence is on the job. The most recent is a map belonging to 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt (captured by 25 Aust Inf Bn R. on 30 Mar). Although the Japanese COB has fallen down in places in his strength estimates, and there does not appear to be any attempt at identification of units, on the other hand our dispositions, Ls of O, patrol activities and supporting weapons are placed with a high degree of accuracy. The only real error in this record is the placing of a sheet of a possible of 2000 1st Bn.

From our point of view, the map showed details of the staging points, FUPs and direction of attacks by 1 Bn - verifying statements of PW 025. Apart from what is now history, the map showed staging points for a force following a route south from RONAI to a point about 2 miles north of KORO. This was an alternative approach on part of 1 Bn which was later cancelled or else there is, in fact, an unidentified force whose destination was to be KORO. PW could throw no light on the question.

ENEMY POSITIONS

18 Mar: Native information graded B3 from natives interrogated by 2/8 Aust Coy Sqn. TOLDA (173287) Garrison 100 with 35 occupiers. Strong defensive positions river flat and 40 feet high covering KORO. BARBED WIRE along river and track. Images.

29 Mar: Further recon enemy position 961495 reveals that it is sited on a HORN SOUTH road. Attributed to KORO track. Strengthened with 100 men noise and accommodation.

29 Mar: 29 Mar: KORO 1st Bn 13 Inf Regt. 20/25 in 4 hours. 1st Bn 13 Inf Regt. 20/25 in 4 hours. 1st Bn 13 Inf Regt. 20/25 in 4 hours.

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APPENDIX E

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TO

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For Action

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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HEAR 3 ARCT DIV

SIGS 3 ARCT DIV

AASO 3 ARCT DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 8380 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report ending 83 to 011000Z.
(.) no change all info

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ADV 3 AUST DIV

For Action

TO

2 AUST CORPS

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

REAR 3 AUST DIV SIGS 3 AUST DIV AASC 3 AUST DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 5300 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 84 to 021800L (.) changes of coord (.) 020001L A tp 3 aust svy bty passed from coord 3 aust div to 11 aust inf bde (.) 0 tp 3 aust svy bty 803464 (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) 0 bty 803464 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 5300 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 85 to 031800L (.) 2 fd regt (.) RHQ and 4 bty en route MAKATOKA (.) A coy 1 HQ inf bn (.) coy HQ en route TOKO all info

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REAR 3 AUL T DIV SIGS 3 AUL T DIV AMG 3 AUL T DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 5342 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 85 to 041800L (.) 15 bn

(.) C coy less one pl (.) ADX R (.) one pl TAGEMAI RIVER (.)

D coy returned to TOROSIMA (.) 85 bn (.) A coy less 8 pl 872457 (.)

8 pl 882478 (.) D coy less 17 pl 888409 (.) 17 pl 888505 (.) 61 bn

(.) A coy less 7 pl 904564 (.) 7 pl 841332 (.) C coy less 13 pl

895553 (.) D coy less 10 pl 909567 (.) 16 pl 895553 (.) A coy 1 HQ

inf bn (.) coy/809487 (.) 4 and 5 pls 850500 (.) 2 fd regt (.)

adv HQ 011457 (.) adv HQ 7 bde MAYARAKA en route TORO all info

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0 5350 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 87 to 031800L (.) 53
bn (.) A coy less 3 pl 872457 (.) B pl 870477 (.) B coy 837479 (.)
C coy 850476 (.) 61 bn (.) bn HQ 800504 (.) A coy less two pls
804564 (.) 7 pl 863332 (.) B pl 870503 (.) B coy less 10 pl 909567
(.) 15 pl 904564 (.) C coy less 14 pl 917524 (.) 14 pl 800521 (.)
D coy less 16 pl 909591 (.) 10 pl 885553 (.) 2 fd regt (.) 4 bty
TOROKIMA (.) 8 bty MAKATONA (.) met sec 3 Aust avy bty 800407 (.)
det 42 lds craft coy 728083 all info

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30 5300 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 83 to 961800 (.)

83 bn (.) 7 coy 665402 (.) 61 bn (.) 7 pl 803502 2 pl

803577 10 pl 803553 6 coy less 14 and 15 pls 917523 14 and

15 pls 919521 12 coy 909531 (.) 2 fd regt (.) 3 ech and 213

100 775645 (.) 11 fd amb (.) 203 738503 1 coy 816463

3 coy 812 877584 (.) 204 sup dep pl (.) one sec 810578 one

sec 858503 (.) 55 tpt pl 765633 all info

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GO 5367 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 89 to 071800L (.) A coy
1 NG inf bn (.) 4 and 5 pls 858445 (.) 5 bty 801466 (.) changes
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GO 5375 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 90 to 091800L (.) 25
bn (.) 8 pl 375481 (.) det 18 sup dep pl 825453 (.) 241 LAD
285658 all infm

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CO 5300 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 91 as at 091000L

(.) adv HQ 2/5 cdc son 625528 B pl 5 14 cdy 705528 1 pl 11 14 cdy

775008 D cdy 08/59 bn 085724 all info

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CO 5350 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 93 to 101000L (.) 15 14 (.)

bn H. 676493 (.) 5 cdy 08/59 bn 056726 all info

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GO 5397 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 93 to 111800L (.)
25 bn (.) A coy 874480 (.) B coy 890463 (.) C coy 890460 (.) D coy less
17 pl 874485 (.) 17 pl 872485 (.) 61 bn (.) B coy less two pls 917523 (.)
11 pl 919521 (.) 12 pl 909567 (.) C Coy less one pl 909567 (.) 14 pl
919521 all infm

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REAR 3 AUST DIV SIGS 3 AUST DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5414 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 94 to 121800L (.) 2/8 edo sup (.)
A ty less see 017523 (.) 10 bay 4 fd regt (.) D ty B2XU (.) H: 18 fd coy
024485 (.) 24 bn (.) A coy less 2 pl 748928 2 pl 834930 (.) 28 bn (.)
B coy 899462 C coy less 14 and 16 pls 803458 14 pl 891468 15 pl 887488
D coy less 16 pl 874485 16 pl 878485 (.) 61 bn (.) 12 pl 919521 C coy
909567 (.) 204 254 sup dep pl 889454 all infm

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ADV 3 AUST DIV

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TO

3 AUST COMPS

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NEAR 3 AUST DIV BIGG 3 AUST DIV A450 3 AU 2 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5436 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 95 to 131800L (.)

2/3 eds sqn (.) sqn HQ plus 2 to 017000 A to 097000 (.) 3 day 3 ft
 reg 004004 (.) 24 hr (.) 1 coy less 6 pl 700000 6 pl 041000 (1 inch
 series) (.) 25 hr (.) 17 pl 070000 (.) 61 hr (.) 2 coy less 1 6 pl
 000000 16 pl 010000 all info

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03 3459 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 95 to 141800L (.) 24 bn
(.) H- A coy 788928 (.) 25 bn (.) A coy 828228 878475 11 pl 875403
(.) 51 bn (.) bn H2 909531 2 pl 917533 B coy 915508 C coy less two
pls 899584 15 pl 895553 15 pl 903563 D coy less pl 935505 18 pl
915513 (.) 3 bay dep pl 590965 all info

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GR

REAR 3 DIV

GIGS 3 DIV

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

CG 5445 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 67 to 181800L (.)

25 km (.) 4 ccy 880473 (.) 61 km (.) 4 ccy 817523 15 pl

878523 15 ccy 818507 (.) 47 km (.) 8 pl 807545 all info

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For Action

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

CO 5430

CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 93 43 at 161000L (.)

9 bn (.) A and B coys 1040 area (.) 20 bn (.) 8 pl 075481 A coy

666473 C coy loca pl 837455 15 pl 837457 D coy loca two pls 874485

16 pl 875485 18 pl 880475 all info

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CC 5485 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 99 to 171800L (.)
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11 and 12 pl 915500 all LINE

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CC 5475 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 100 to 101800L (.) 9 bn (.)
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2 pl 911800 (.) 10 pl 936505 (.)
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~~00 5481 CONFIDENTIAL~~ (.) location report 101 to 191800h. (.) 9 bn (.)
B coy 830479 C coy 816483 D coy less pl 837400 10 pl 777499 (.) 25 bn (.)
A coy less pl 830406 B pl 806467 D coy 806467 (.) 61 bn (.) A coy
931500 (.) 2/3 odo sqn (.) A to 930616 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~00 5482 CONFIDENTIAL~~ (.) location report 103 to 201800L (.)
2 SA regt (.) 4 bty 800467 6 bty en route TONGKIRA (.) 10 bty
4 SA regt 806544 (.) 9 bn (.) A coy enroute 835500 B coy 874484
D coy 833479 6 pl MANABRE 8 pl 849498 (.) A coy HQIB (.)
8 pl approx 806467 all info

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9 bn (.) B coy less two pls 918507 to and 11 pl 914504 (.) 24 bn (.)

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16 pl 915513 (.) 15 bco (.) 24 bn (.) B coy (.) Hq 787479 (.)

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(.) 3 pl 609457 (.) 15 say 722753 all info

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GO 8584 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 109 to 871800L (.) 9 bn (.)

A coy 838503 B coy 815497 14 pl 815513 14 pl 817523 (.) 61 bn (.)

bn HQ 808482 all info

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GO 8583 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 110 to 871800L (.) B coy

2/4 and regt (.) adv HQ 801438 (.) 14 bn (.) adv bn HQ 832467 A coy

on route TOKO B coy 795477 C coy 832468 D coy 808459 (.) 61 bn (.)

5 pl 821567 all info

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10 bty 4 fa rect (.) 8 tp 242100A (.) 24 bn (.) rear 111 en route T-10
A ccy 833468 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5851 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 115 to 311900L

(.) B sqn 2/4 armd regt (.) two tps 873487 (.) 29 day 4 rd regt

(.) C tp en route TONGKINA (.) 51 bn (.) bn Hq 843483 B coy less

pl 840479 10 pl 838490 (.) 15 bde flamethrower pl 838480 (.)

32/59 bn (.) 9 coy en route MOTUPENA POINT all info

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REPORT ON TRAINING

APPENDIX F

MARCH 1945

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15 MARCH INF BDE

1. Inspections this week were devoted entirely to coy and pl exercises in the field, and it is considered that trg of bde has reached a high standard.

2. Exercises attended

- (a) D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn

Demonstration of preparation for launching of attack, then conduct once commenced - see appx "A".

- (b) C Coy 24 Bn

Inf and tk in adv along jungle track with attacks on located and unlocated enemy positions - see appx "B".

- (c) A Coy 55/59 Bn - 6 Mar

- (i) This was the same exercise as that conducted by C Coy last week vide appx "A" to last week's report.
 - (ii) Lessons learned in exp of tk in previous exercise were apparently absorbed and more effective use resulted. Prior to the river crossing, tk were kept back in a covered position and only brought up to a firing position 5 mins before coy attack jumped off, enabling surprise to be attained with a good cone of sp fire.
 - (iii) Later, a well-sited 24 A gun was not given the chance of shooting up the tk as here the inf could as a result of wide patrolling was able to determine the extent and nature of enemy opposition, and launch a coy attack which overran the gun.
 - (iv) In one instance the passing back of inf was far too noisy and enemy would have little difficulty in following the mov of our patrols.
 - (v) Orders issued were clear and in correct sequence; sec leaders appeared to know exactly what they were to do.
 - (vi) At one stage, coy comd asked for and received sp of one tk for leading pl, the others remaining back with the rear pls. This is contrary to principle of leading tk advancing at least in pairs to provide mutual sp.

- (d) C Coy 55/59 Bn

Demonstration of mov and co-op between inf and tk during adv and attack along jungle track. See appx "C".

- (e) A Coy 57/62 Bn

Coy fd firing - see appx "D".

- (f) 16 pl, 24 Bn, - 15 Bde Flamethrower pl

Attack on prepared position - see appx "E".

29 AUGUST INF BDE

3. Ttg this week was somewhat restricted due to :

- (a) Continuation of camp constr by 47 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) Mov of rifle coys 15 Bn from the hills down onto the flat near the sports ground.
- (c) Heavy commitment with working parties for Div and Corps, and for constr of Bde sports ground.

4. Notification of amendments to Bde syllabus of the above was not received at this HQ and on two occasions our time was wasted because the Bde staff did not know that the unit syllabi had been varied. The visit to the unit in each case served no useful trg purpose. This has been discussed with HQ and should not occur again.

5. Exercises

A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn

F1 in the encounter attack -- see appx "F"

6. REC Cadre 15 Aust Inf Bn

Ttg in progress was virtual instr in which RECs showed knowledge. The instr was clear and conduct of squads of a high standard.

7. REC Ttg 15 Aust Inf Bn

Appeared to be of a good standard, drill was correct and squads were keen.

MISCELLANEOUS

8. Flamethrower Ttg

(a) The fortnights school concluded with the demonstration described in appx "F". 15 Bde now have a well trained pl consisting of three coes of two flamethrowers each capable of working in conjunction with Inf. The pl, when provided with one truck 3 ton and one jeep and trailer, is then operationally self contained.

(b) The trg of a pl for 29 Bde is being discussed with Lt col HAMILTON on 12 March. This will now be possible as a further six M41 flamethrowers have been issued to the Div. Before commencing this course however, it is intended to conduct a three day M41 course for LAD reps.

(c) As a matter of interest 11 Bde are now going ahead to form and train a pl of the same organisation as ours. Their personnel who attended our school should provide a useful nucleus. They consider that flamethrowers would have saved many cas in the costly attack in CHINA RIVER area.

9. LOB Coes

(a) The trg of 2/8 Aust Cdo Gen LOB Co was not satisfactory in as much as they were not employing every available man, their duty posts being far too many for the tasks involved.

(b) The senior offr Lt BAIRD was brought in and again given clear instrs. Maj WINTER of 7 Bde LOB Co has now been made responsible for close supervision of Cdo trg in accordance with the policy laid down by this HQ.

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(c) 29 Bde have assisted with the loan of three Brens for Gdos.

OVERVIEW

10. A conference of Bde Comds and GII was held on 8 March and list of events drawn up. A further conference of GII and Bde was then held for the purpose of allocating the tasks of drawing up conditions, timings etc., and area required for each event. A further conference of GII, DAAO, Bde, and HQ Coy Comds will be held on 12 March to discuss and finalise the above details.
11. 11 Bde have been asked to provide certain judges for purely Inf events and Corps HQ for tech events.
12. Boxing is being handled by A Branch and Asanities, and will be tied up with all other activities of day.
13. A detailed plan will be produced for GOC's approval this week.

G3 Maj

March

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REPORT ON TRAINING

UNIT

1. 10 pl 24 Aust Inf Bn.
15 Bde Flamethrower pl.

LOCATION

2. AMPHITHEATRE 649947.

TIME

3. 100330L

OBJECT

4. To teach by demonstration, the emp of portable flamethrowers in sp of Inf in attack on pillboxes, the destruction of which by normal Inf weapons would most likely cost excessive cas.

LESSONS

5. (a) Close co-ord necessary between flamethrower secs and fwd Inf.
(b) Flamethrower should not be used :
(1) Unsupported by Inf.
(ii) When location or type of opposition can be reduced by other available weapons without excessive cas.
(c) Capabilities and limitations of flamethrowers.
(d) Battle procedure in recon approach assault reorganisation and refueling.

TAC PICTURE

6. Bde flamethrower pl was under comd 24 Aust Inf Bn. 10 Pl as fwd pl of Bn advancing along a jungle track encountered IKG and rifle fire from an unknown number of pillboxes. Patrols ascertained that there were four well constructed and mutually supporting bunkers astride their line of adv. Inf were unable to outflank and a request for flamethrower sp was despatched to Bn HQ through coy. Bn comd decided that this opposition must be overcome quickly and immediately placed the entire flamethrower pl in sp of the fwd tps.

PROCEDURE

7. Before commencing the actual demonstration, GII outlined briefly the history of flamethrowers in S&PA, limitations and capabilities and organisation of a flamethrower pl, the first of its type to be formed and trained in AMF.
8. Demonstration opened with Inf carrying out their fixing role whilst waiting for flamethrower to come up. Flamethrower pl moved up, the two pl comds deciding on the plan of attack. This was to employ the entire flamethrower pl the assault to be made on both flanks using one sec on each, the third sec to adv with Inf and assist in mopping up. Two riflemen moved with each assaulting flamethrower sec to provide close protection the remainder of Inf pl concentrating their fire on pillboxes to enable flamethrowers to approach to within fire distance unimpeded.

9. To assist spectators to follow mov of Inf and flamethrower, sec pl and coy coais were marked with distinguishing flags.
10. The attack opened with Inf firing all available weapons at all pillboxes whilst the flamethrower coas moved to each flank to firing posns some 30-40 yds from pillboxes. At H hr, Inf fire cut out and all four flamethrowers opened up on the pillboxes. The Inf then advanced down the track and by the time the flamethrower fuel had been expended, they were close onto the posn to mop up, assisted by the third flamethrower sec.

CONDUCT

11. Demonstration was well conducted and brought out very clearly the desired lesson. All spectators seemed impressed with the result, some thought that we had placed some inflammable agent in the pillboxes to assist the burning. This was not so, the pillboxes had been constructed some two days previous and were still wet from the previous night's rain.
12. Three flamethrowers scored direct hits with their first bursts, the fourth not quite making the range. However the heat generated around the pillbox would have rendered any posn there quite ineffective.

COMMENTS

13. Corps Comd said it was a good show.

14. Bde Comd

- (a) The weapon would greatly assist in later ops in our area when we run up against prepared posns.
- (b) The pl would be made available to each Bn for trg.

// March

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MAR 17

REPORT ON TRG

G30 I

1. Trg for this week has been restricted owing to security measures in the TOROKINA area.

29 AUST INF BDE

2. This bde has been affected most and their trg for this week had to be reviewed to allow for the following commitments:-
 - (a) Local security and long distance patrols.
 - (b) Standing patrols along FDL and on certain road junctions during hours of darkness.
 - (c) Protective gds over certain base installations.
 - (d) Tps detached either under command or in sp of other fms.
 - (e) Maint of rds to FDL.
 - (f) Working parties.

After tps had been allotted these tasks as at Friday 16 Mar a total of 12 officers and 164 OR only were available for trg. These were engaged on:

- (a) Individual trg
- (b) Revision
- (c) Range and Jungle Courses.
- (d) Specialist trg of pls of B Coy.

15 AUST INF BDE

3. Local operational commitments have affected 24 Aust Inf Bn and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

The remaining bn 57/60 carried out the syllabus as submitted.

Inspections this week were devoted to bn, coy and pl exercises.

4. Exercises attended

- (a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn exercise see Appx "A".
- (b) Pl patrol exercise A Coy 57/60 Bn see Appx "B".
- (c) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn (LOB) see Appx "C".
- (d) Coy Pl Firing exercise with sp area incl tanks conducted by 57/60 Bn C Coy.

This exercise was a repetition of the exercise of A Coy 57/60 Bn of last week. See Appx D of last week's trg report.

It was considered that progress in the exercise by A Coy was rather slow, opposition was dealt with correctly but some momentum was lost.

In this exercise by C Coy tanks were handled more boldly.

Light opposition was dealt with by tanks and movement continued.

If further opposition was met the normal firing recess and attack was ~~set with~~. In some cases it was possible to commence forward move after tanks had dealt with single pill boxes.

Generally the exercise was good and mutual cooperation between tanks and infantry was further improved.

MISCELLANEOUS

5. Flamethrower School

Demonstrations to units of 29 Aust Inf Bde were conducted following a conference with Lt Col MARSTON and Bn Comd's. Arrangements were finalized to commence a course on the flame throwers for 29 Aust Inf Bde. This will open on Monday Mar 19.

Capt FLETCHER has established his HQ adjacent to 29 Bde HQ where it is intended to conduct this course.

Additional equipment has been secured including four flamethrower units. It is now possible to completely equip ~~the~~ flame thrower pls.

A two day course for AMIE personnel was completed this week and a satisfactory standard was attained.

Experiments are progressing with electrical equipment with a view to connecting the present electrical system to operate off Australian batteries.

2/8 AUST CDO SCH

Trg for this week has been patrols, P & RT, Unarmed Combat, range practises and IZB trg.

There is evidence of some slackness in this unit's LOB. With a view to correcting this the syllabus for next week will include a number of periods of smartening up work. Maj WERNER (CO 7 Bde LOB) has been requested to closely supervise trg and check on routine, dress and discipline.

3 AUST DIV PROVOST COY

The Provost Course being conducted by this unit has completed its fourth week.

Syllabus this week included, provost duties, Manual of Military Law, first aid, map reading and PT. Examinations will commence next week and Capt COBIE CC 3 Div Provost Coy states that 80% of pupils are capable of performing provost duties now.

B SCH 2/4 AUST ARMED RSCT

The final week of trg with 15 Aust Inf Bde now completed. CC Sqn states that many valuable lessons have been learnt whilst doing this trg. The "Walkie Talkie" set has been found indispensable for communications and it is considered much superior to the phones on tanks. Location of targets has improved and quite often tank comd has located them before infantry.

Whilst the coop work with infantry has progressed the Sqn had the advantage of working from a forward base located on EAST WEST trail. Maintenance and administration was carried out in the field using the HQ at TOROKINA as a virtual LOB area. A full report on the operations with 15 Bde is in the course of preparation and will be available early next week.

*W. G. Stewart Maj
L.O.R.*

CONFIDENTIAL *Per Diary*

Subject : REPORT ON TRAINING WEEK ENDING 25 MAR

GSO I

1. Trg for the week has again been restricted owing to security measures in the TOROKINA area and preparation for move to op area by units 15 Aust Inf Bde and B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt.

29 AUST INF BDE

2. This Bde has been affected most; a summary of the average daily distribution of personnel to duties for the period 19 Mar - 25 Mar is given hereunder:

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
(a) Op Commitments	15 Aust Inf Bn	4	101
	42 Aust Inf Bn	5	152
	47 Aust Inf Bn	3	85
(b) Internal Security	15 Aust Inf Bn	-	45
	42 Aust Inf Bn	-	63
	47 Aust Inf Bn	-	26
(c) Working Parties	15 Aust Inf Bn	2	45
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	75
	47 Aust Inf Bn	1	61
(d) Leave	15 Aust Inf Bn	1	39
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	18
	47 Aust Inf Bn	3	22
(e) Undergoing Fd Punishment	15 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
	42 Aust Inf Bn	-	3
	47 Aust Inf Bn	-	9
(f) Hospital and Lt Duties	15 Aust Inf Bn	-	12
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	18
	47 Aust Inf Bn	2	20
(g) Sports	15 Aust Inf Bn	-	-
	42 Aust Inf Bn	-	-
	47 Aust Inf Bn	2	38
(h) Rest Day	15 Aust Inf Bn	3	12
	42 Aust Inf Bn	2	34
	47 Aust Inf Bn	2	83
(i) Essential Duties (Includes Bn HQ) (Sig Pl (Tpt Personnel (Cooks etc.)	15 Aust Inf Bn	5	183
	42 Aust Inf Bn	14	186
	47 Aust Inf Bn	14	216
(j) Absent Other Causes	15 Aust Inf Bn	2	33
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	54
	47 Aust Inf Bn	1	32
(k) Schools Outside Bde	15 Aust Inf Bn	1	8
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	8
	47 Aust Inf Bn	1	7
(l) Bde Trg Cadre	15 Aust Inf Bn	1	14
	42 Aust Inf Bn	1	8
	47 Aust Inf Bn	3	63
(m) Available for Trg	15 Aust Inf Bn	8	96
	42 Aust Inf Bn	8	78
	47 Aust Inf Bn	4	63

3. The number available for trg and the personnel themselves varied daily therefore it was NOT possible to maintain a fixed syllabus, but individual and smattering up training was conducted.
4. During the period under review emphasis was placed on range practices and weapon training in an endeavour to bring all personnel in the Bde up to the standard of a first class shot. Considerable time was devoted to snap shooting on jungle ranges.
5. The Bde's Cadre is progressing satisfactorily and has been virtually uninterrupted by other commitments of the Bde.
6. The opportunity afforded by security patrolling has been used to check the standard of patrolling within the Bde. Each patrol sent out is briefed extensively, track maps are prepared, patrol procedure is strictly adhered to and interrogation of patrols on return is thoroughly carried out.
7. At present Bde Staff is reassessing and closely co-ordinating all security patrols, and it is anticipated that in the coming week 4 or 5 full Coys will be available for trg daily, which will enable the Bde to complete its sec trg.

15 AUGUST INF BDE

8. 24 Aug Inf Bn did not complete the Coy exercises scheduled for this week. The two Coys being employed on op patrolling in the PAKED POKATANA area were relieved by 57/60 Bn commencing on 19 Mar. The complete Bn was concentrated in the camp area by evening 20 Mar and the remainder of the week was taken up with packing and preparations for mov to the fwd areas.
9. Personnel not engaged in these duties carried on with individual training, further demonstrations being conducted with PISA.
10. 57/60 Aug Inf Bn In accordance with 8 Aust Corps order the 12 exercises planned for this week was cancelled and a series of Coy patrolling exercises substituted.
11. This trg was further restricted by the relief of two Coys 24 Bn of operational patrolling in the PAKED POKATANA area. This patrolling is however also providing excellent opportunities for practice in H and sig problems.
12. The newly appointed CO Lt col WEBSTER was desirous of getting the "feel" of the Bn and the remaining two Coys were subjected to a number of snap moves which thoroughly tested Coy adn. Several fd firing exercises were also conducted.
13. HQ Coy carried out specialist trg in the fd and during exercises co-operated with rifle Coys.
14. 58/59 Aug Inf Bn On 19 Mar complete Bn less D Coy moved to a bivouac area at 650378 (TAKKITA 1 in) for purpose of conducting amphibious trg. During this mov opportunity was taken to test staff tables previously prepared.
15. A series of four exercises were conducted between 20 and 23 Mar. the Bn returning to camp on 24 Mar, a summary of exercises conducted with lessons learnt is att as appx "A".
16. Valuable lessons were learnt and drills for loading and ldg thoroughly worked out. It is considered that 58/59 Aust Inf Bn are capable of conducting a shore to shore op at short notice.

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Flamethrower School The first week of the flamethrower school for personnel 29 Bde has been completed. The students attending this course are not quite up to the standard of previous schools.

18. During the week the following subjects were covered:

- (a) elementary handling
- (b) maint
- (c) demonstration of firing
- (d) Gren hand 77MP trg.
- (e) one period on the M2A2 Flamethrower


All students have now fired the MIAI Flamethrower.

19. The course has been temporarily postponed owing to GSOIII(CW) being fully employed in organization and now fwd to op area of 15 Bde Flamethrower pl.

20. B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Trg has been restricted to individual trg and internal economy as the Sqn has been fully employed during the week preparing for mov into ops. GOC 3 Aust Div inspected the Sqn on morning 23 Mar 45.

21. 3 Aust Div Pro Coy The Pro Course was continued, this week being devoted to recapitulation of the previous 4 weeks work, terminating in an examination. The results were satisfactory 27 out of 29 students passing.

22. 109 Aust CCS Arrangements were made for the attachment of 2 NCO instrs from 29 Bde to conduct a cadre course for dvrs 109 CCS in rifle and LMG. Duration of the course 14 days from 23 Mar 45. The syllabus covers arms drill, squad drill, elementary handling of LMG and a range practice towards the end of the course.


GSOII(L) 3 Aust Div (AIF) Capt

Appx "A" to
Trg Report for week
ending 26 Apr 45

68/50 Amot Inf In Amphibious
Trg Exercises

Exercise 3

20 Apr 45

Object

To instruct a Coy Gp plus att personnel the elementary principles involved in shore to shore coastal ops.

Lessons

- (a) The preparation of loading and landing tables
- (b) Layout of stores at embarkation pt - provision of loading parties - method of embarkation - staff required - nominal rolls and loading lists for each craft.
- (c) Calling in of craft - correct method of embarkation.
- (d) Procedure at sea.
- (e) Preparations for ldg - order of ldg.
- (f) Action of first ldg - unloading of stores.
- (g) Method to be adopted to form initial beachhead for reorganization.

Narrative

This exercise was non tactical and was designed to teach drills only. The set of the beachhead to be done as a simple drill.

Coy Comd received orders to carry out a ldg with a coy gp at 0600hrs and set a beachhead to protect the ldg beach for further ldg of the bn. P 1 stores plus four days rations were taken.

Exercise was carried out by three separate forces:

- (a) B Coy
Two dots 4 P1
Three dots 3 P1
One sec 2 P1
HQ
Portion 6 P1
- (b) C Coy
Three dots 3 P1
One sec 2 P1
3 P1
Portion 6 P1
- (c) No 1 P1
Two dots 4 P1
Two dots 3 P1
Band
Portion 6 P1
HQ Coy HQ

21 Mar 46

Object

To exercise a force of Bn, two rifle coys and bn op cars in a shore to shore op.

Lesson

As for exercise 1

Narrative

53/50 Aust Inf Bn has been protecting the coastal flank of 15 Aust Inf Bde which is advancing south along inland EAST-WEST track against Jap force. EAST-WEST track is main L of C for both our own and enemy forces.

There is no coastal road and our L of C is being badly cut up by traffic and consequently great difficulty is being experienced in maintaining 15 Bde loss and bn along it.

There is a track which can be made jeepable running from coast at 710860 inland to EAST-WEST track (INTENTIVE FOR EXERCISE ONLY).

53/50 Aust Inf Bn has been ordered to make a landing vicinity 710860, secure a beach-head and adv inland securing the track for eng improvement, it being Bde Comd's intention to shorten his L of C by improving this track.

3 AIC (15) and 2 AIC (20) have been allotted for this task. This is insufficient to lift more than portion of bn, so bn comd decides on his force (see below) with which he intends to secure beachhead initial landing and to ferry fwd the remainder of his force as early as possible to enlarge beachhead and commence inland adv.

NOTE: For purposes of this exercise only initial landing will be made with P.I stores plus extra am and 3 days res rations. Exercise will conclude as soon as initial beachhead has been secured. Remainder of bn will NOT be ferried fwd.

Exercise was carried out by two separate forces :-

(a) Skeleton Bn
Skeleton 1 Pl
A Coy
B Coy
One sec 2 Pl
Four dets 3 Pl
Two secs 5 Pl
4 jeeps and trailers

(b) Skeleton Bn
Skeleton 1 Pl
C Coy
One sec Bn 3 Pl
Four dets 3 Pl
Two dets 4 Pl
Two secs 5 Pl
6 jeeps
6 trailers
2 x 3 pr Tk A guns.

Exercise 3

22 Mar 45

Object

Exercise was carried out on 22 Mar 45 on road D 60A.

As for exercise 3

Exercise 1

Exercise 1

Exercise 1
Asst Inf Bn has been protecting the coastal flank of 15th Inf Bde which is advancing south along inland EAST-WEST track against the force. EAST-WEST track is main L of C for both our own and enemy forces.

There is no coastal road and our L of C is being badly cut up by traffic and consequently great difficulty is being experienced in maintaining 15 Bde less one bn along it.

There is a track which can be made capable running from coast to inland by 15th Inf Bn (15th Inf Bn for exercise only).

50/50 Asst Inf Bn has been ordered to make a landing vicinity 71860, secure a beachhead and adv inland securing the track for our improvement, it being Bde Comd's intention to shorten his L of C by improving this track.

Exercise was carried out by:

1st

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

No 1 Pl

2 jeeps and trailers.

Exercise 4

25 Mar 45

Object

To exercise bn in a shore to shore op involving mov of M1 F2 and B Ech stores and 7 days res rations.

Location

As for exercise 1

Narrative

As for exercise 3

Exercise was carried out by whole bn less D Coy.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

APPENDIX G

Call

Sec. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

MARCH 1945

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

ADV 3 AUST DIV

030750L

For Action

7 AUST INF BDE

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 5323 SECRET (.) our op instr number 20 (.) it is directed

that (.) first (.) one bn is to be employed on the northern

axis (.) only one coy of this bn may be required for adv to

KONGERAI river but the balance of the bn should be in a posn

where it can readily sp the fwd coy if necessary (.) second (.)

one fd bty will be in sp of the adv on the northern axis (.)

third (.) plan for mov on southern axis as outlined by you is

approved except that fd regt less one bty is to be available

to sp this axis

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except }

Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time

System

Op

THI or TOR

Time Cleared

Signed

Signed

[Signature]
Capt

Important

SECRET

APPENDIX H.1

Subject : 3 AUST DIV DISTRIBUTION LISTS
Amendment No 1

Rear HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

5 Mar 45

G 12/147

1. Herewith amendment No 1 to 3 Aust Div Distribution List issued 26 January 1945.

(a) Delete Serials :

2, 23, 52, 60, 61, 63, 64, 98, 104.

(b) Insert Serials :

17 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn
18 Det 11 Aust Fd Coy
19 224 Aust Sup Depot Pl

(c) Amend Serials to Read :

1	7 Aust Inf Bde	2	24	58
12	56 Aust Tpt Pl			
22	15 Aust Inf Bde	1	6	21
Totals	(Page 3)	29	35	155

C. Grey, Capt
Lt col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Wm. Barry

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APPENDIX I^I

Subject :

MISSION STATE

GROUP 12, 3 Aust Div (AIF)

27 Mar 45

3 12/108

1. Forewith 2 Aust Corps 2/5/45 of 1 March 1945 for information and action.

Wm. Barry

LT-301

22. 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution:

List "D"

RESTRICTED

Subject: MESSAGE WRITING

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)


G/861 /SD

4. Mar 45

Distribution List E

(Branches, etc., Formations down to units and Corps Troops)

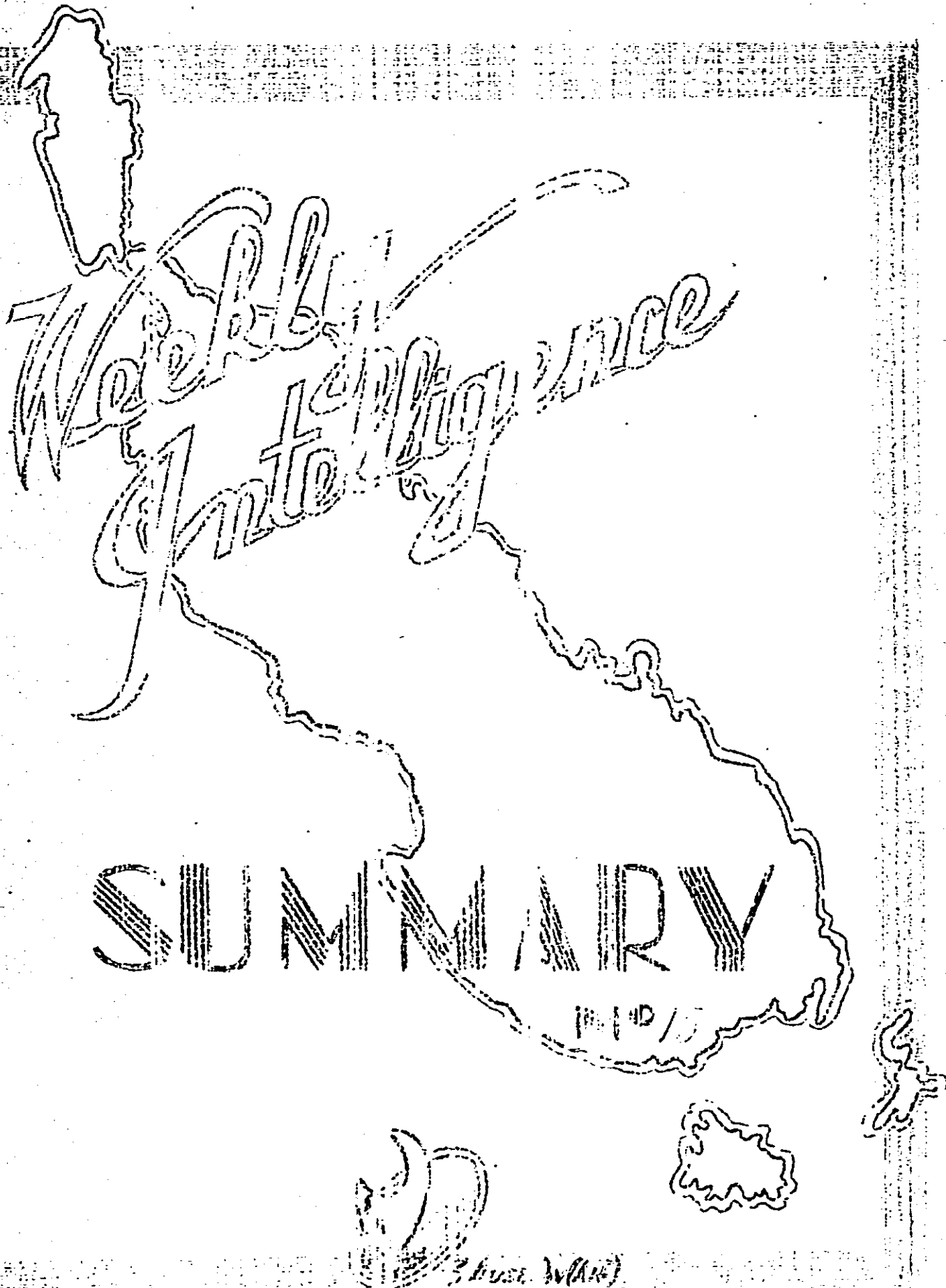
1. Field Service Pocket Book Part I Pamphlet 4 (1944) Section 4 will be adopted forthwith by all formations and units of 2 Aust Corps. This does not involve any major changes.
2. The originator's prefixes to be used as distinguishing letters in originator's number will be as set out in Field Service Pocket Book Part I Pamphlet 3 (1943) Amendment No 2 including the Australian Addendum.
3. The only variation which will be made from the methods outlined in the above quoted pamphlets is that originator's numbers will NOT revert to 1st daily at the time codesigns are changed. The provisions of Field Service Regulations Volume II Appendix IV Section V paragraph 9 will continue to apply - i.e.
"The distinguishing letters will be followed by a number which will be the serial number of outgoing messages from the office or appointment held by the originator."
4. All officers should be in possession of the two pamphlets of the Field Service Pocket Book quoted. Indents should be submitted by formations and units to the appropriate stationery depot and distribution will be made as supplies become available.


GS 2 Aust Corps

APPENDIX J

SECRET

Copy No 47



10/10/55

- A. Information: State of Illinois: ... relation to ... to be ...
- B. Items ... single ... in the margin ... not be ...
- C. Except as ... above, ... in this summary ... of all units ... (AIR) ...
- D. A receipt for this summary is ... required. Receipts are ... and bring under notice ...

SECRET (S)

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 15

Compiled from information received to
072400L Mar 41.

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SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Document captured and patrol activity indicate that 13 Inf Regt has completed its withdrawal from the BOUGAIVILLE area and that the enemy intends to resist strongly our advance towards PITAL - MONOTU area.

Three enemy type 2594 tanks have appeared in northern BOUGAIVILLE. It has been known that a tank unit was located in that area. No tank personnel have been identified in SOUTH BOUGAIVILLE and although two or possibly more tanks were reported in BURN area last year confirmation so far is lacking.

PART I

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

LAND

MARICCA RIVER area

On 4 Mar natives reported a party of 5 enemy armed with 2 LMGs, a grenade discharger, 5 rifles and a box of hand grenades along the headwaters of the MARICCA River approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the mouth of the river.

Further reconnaissance revealed that by 7 Mar the number had risen to 20 but no further details of arms and equipment are yet available.

MARICCA - MARICA - MAKUKA area

Patrolling throughout this area has continued to find abandoned enemy gardens, bivouacs and defensive areas but has made no contact with the enemy.

POKO - D. AREA - TOKINOTU area

Our troops have crossed the FURILTA river and have cleared the enemy from several positions east of the D. AREA ford. Reconnaissance patrols have pushed on and have reached TOKINOTU and the HIRU HIRU area. Coastal patrols have advanced to the lagoon approximately 3000 yards S. of the FURILTA river mouth without encountering opposition. On four occasions the enemy has unsuccessfully employed his arty to harass the area around the D. AREA ford.

On 1 Feb a patrol moving east along the east bank of the FURILTA river was fired on by the enemy with an LMG approximately 2,500 yards NW of TOKINOTU. Our patrol attacked and the enemy evacuated the position.

The following day a patrol in the area west of the D. AREA ford encountered enemy in unknown numbers approximately 500 yards downstream from the ford. A second patrol contacted enemy in several large huts 500 yards S. of the same point. At the ensuing clashes one enemy was killed. A third patrol crossed the FURILTA 2000 yards south of BARUA village on the same day, and probed generally SE to PO. NOTU finding six deserted huts in that village. Proceeding east to the HIRU HIRU area, the patrol crossed the main road twice and again made no contact with the enemy.

During the night 3-4 Mar enemy arty fired 30 rounds of harassing fire into an area 1000 yards west of the D. AREA ford.

On 4 Mar one company advanced from BARUA village and secured a position just south of the river ford, whilst another crossed the FURILTA further south and moving east encountered the enemy in unknown strength 1200 yards S. of the D. AREA ford. A patrol outflanked the position and reported the enemy well dug in, however on 6 Mar found this position vacated.

On afternoon 5 Mar another force with artillery, MG and mortar support drove an unknown number of enemy from dug in position 1000 yards south of the BAKARA ford. Two 203 mm wireless sets, two enemy sets, equipment and documents were found. At daylight on 7 Mar the enemy, in unknown strength, engaged our force in this position with two automatic weapons and rifles from a position 200 yards to the south. A fighting patrol moved forward to engage this position but found that the enemy had retired.

On night 4-5 Mar enemy artillery fired 10 rounds into the area 300 yards west of the BAKARA ford causing no damage or casualties.

Again on 6 Mar the enemy fired a further 22 rounds in the area 1000 yards south of BAKARA ford; immediate locs however failed to locate the gun.

Patrols sent then on 12 Mar from BAKARA to the UGILALA river report no contact but found that the track along the north bank of the river had been recently used by the enemy.

A reconnoitering patrol to the HIRU HIRU area on 7 Mar was unable to reach that village as much evidence of enemy movement was visible and in the later stages of the reconnoitering was followed by a party of enemy with dogs.

Patrols along the beach to a point 3000 yards easterly from the mouth of the UGILALA have made no contact with the enemy.

BAKARA area

Having secured the area between MUGITTA and BAKARA ford our forces have advanced 2500 yards SE and east along the south bank of the UGILALA river towards HIRU and with aggressive patrolling have dispersed enemy parties which attempted to contest their advance.

Long range patrols 400 yards east of BAKARA have contacted the enemy in that position.

A reconnoitering patrol moving east from the UGILALA river reported the enemy position 1000 yards SE of BAKARA still occupied on 1 Mar. A fighting patrol moving to this position on 2 Mar heard the sound of an engine beyond the ford SE of their position, located seven new but unoccupied huts and reported the east-west track along the south bank of the UGILALA river from 200 to 1000 yards SE of BAKARA to have been widened since our patrols had been there. Preceded by a bombing and strafing attack our troops attacked at 1000 hrs on 3 Mar and cleared the enemy position. The enemy withdrew after suffering four killed to another position a further 250 yards to the south. Moving south a patrol located this enemy position which consisted of 11 unoccupied weapon pits which our

troops occupied. That night one enemy was killed by a booby trap forward of this perimeter. Patrols probing south from this first base on morning 7 Mar contacted an estimated 20 enemy 2300 yards NNE MALAPKA.

A long range patrol in the area 4400 yards east of MALAPKA reported having located 20/40 enemy but no further detail are available.

NORTH-MARK BOUTANVILLE

As the accompaniment of aggressive patrolling with successful clashes against small enemy parties, our forces have made considerable gains during the week.

The coastal advance has been carried almost to the COMPTON river, over-running what appeared to be the original Japanese F2 area. Patrols have actually crossed the COMPTON, but our main forces at last report were engaged with a well dug in enemy position (estimated strength 25) just south of the river.

Equipment captured included three 37 mm Tk A guns.

Inland, after repelling determined counter attacks, our troops have pushed forward to a point approximately 800 yards NNE of MALAPKA. Active patrolling continues.

Enemy artillery has maintained daily harassing fire on our positions. The proportion of blinds has been about one round in ten. Maximum effort was made on night 5/6 Mar, when 3 guns fired a total of 157 rounds. Our artillery retaliated on each occasion, as well as providing supporting fire on enemy positions.

A patrol to MALAPKA ISLAND reported that an additional two enemy officers and 23 GR arrived from TALOF ISLAND on night 1/2 Mar, with one badly damaged gun, two HMG and two LMG. These arrivals brought the total enemy on MALAPKA to 30. A new gun was expected to arrive night 6/7 Mar.

On 5 Mar two platoons of our forces landed on MALAPKA without opposition although later our ALFAS came under small arms fire. Contact was made and two enemy killed as a result.

The following day 16 rifles, personal equipment and one 37 mm gun in rusty condition were captured.

Evidence of enemy interest in the MARKA MARKA HILLS - MALAPKA area is furnished by reports that the Japanese are assembling in MARKA MARKA and that the enemy intends moving troops to MALAPKA from BUKA.

MARKA MARKA

Long range patrolling over an extensive area, and harassing of enemy positions by MG, mortar and artillery fire has been maintained.

As a result of patrol clashes, eight enemy were killed during the week.

A recent statement that ISU is occupied in strength has been verified. Natives also report an enemy party with ten LAG moving up the WAKUNAI river towards VIVIE.

On 4 Mar a medical officer surrendered at PEARL RING. Although deserters have been comparatively frequent (for the Japanese) on BOUGAINVILLE, the desertion of an officer is most unusual and bears out an impression that more will surrender in this area if given the opportunity.

AIR

Daily strikes against enemy hut and personnel concentrations in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE increased in scale over the period. Some missions the Corsairs were led into their targets by F4U Corsairs whilst on others the Corsair pilots located and bombed without assistance.

Between 4 and 7 Mar USO, HONDAI, HATAI, AITARA and MAMAGARA were all attacked. In some instances results were unobserved but damage at USO is believed to have been extensive. From ground observations, when AITARA was bombed on 6 Mar for the second occasion on 6 Mar several large columns of black and white smoke were noted.

It has been reported that some 100 Japs were wiped out when Corsairs bombed KINLO on 28 Feb. On 1 and 2 Mar medium bombers along with Corsairs were responsible for the destruction of huts, laydown areas and a gun at MONOTU. Gardens in selected areas south of the HONGORAI river were cratered and yields were accordingly reduced.

Smoke was used by our troops to indicate to the Corsair strike enemy hold positions on the MIRAKARA river on 5 Mar. Reports to hand indicate that this strike was highly successful.

In the north of the island at KURI BAY enemy tanks were engaged by Corsairs and Howitzers on 3 Mar. One tank was destroyed whilst the remaining two were rendered unusable.

PART II

1. ENEMY STRENGTH

Revised estimates of strengths by areas after deducting casualties and attrition to 28 Feb 45 as follows:

BUA	100	Comms : 30
		Base : 170
		(Excl civilian labourers)
NORTH BOUGAINVILLE	1,200 ^x	Combat : 590
(Excl. LAF LALAN)		Base : 510
		(Excl civilian labourers)

x This total includes 1 Bn 81st Inf Regt, the location of which is doubtful. It has possibly moved to NOLA NOL.

NUMA 1st Bn 6th Fd Arty	1530	Combat : 1150 Base : 400
NUMA	1570	Combat : 1210 Base : 350
BUN	4900	Combat : 800 Base : 4100
NUMA - CHAI RIVER	2920	Combat : 2480 Base : 440
SHORTLAND ISLAND	1570	Combat : 870 Base : 700
NUMA 1st Bn	120	Combat : 280 Base : 40
BILLAM 1st Bn	120	Base : 320
NUMA 1st Bn	70	Combat : 40 Base : 30
	<hr/> 14,600	Combat : 4570 Base : 5630
	<hr/> 8,750	

(2nd Corps Weekly Intelligence Summary No 15)

NUMA - CHAI RIVER

The withdrawal of 13 Inf 1st Bn across the NUMA-CHAI RIVER which was to begin on 25 Feb has apparently been accomplished in reasonably orderly fashion.

The indicated enemy intention is to hold south of the NUMA-CHAI RIVER with a force consisting principally of 2 Bn (probably including a detachment from 1 Bn 6th Fd Arty) in the vicinity of the NUMA-CHAI ford, covering the old government road and HILL track; another force, probably with 3 Bn as main component, to be located on the main road forward of NUMA-CHAI.

A bivouac site was being prepared for 1 Bn 6th Fd Arty at NUMA-CHAI and it may be placed there, probably with other elements of 13 Inf Cp.

Documents of recent date indicate that the strength of 13 Inf Regt Cp was higher in the middle of Feb than previously thought. It is now considered to be approximately 850. Of this number probably not more than 50% would be fully effective.

NUMA - CHAI RIVER

For the defence of the important garden areas around NUMA-CHAI and the HILL the enemy has made dispositions as follows :

1 Bn 23 Inf Regt with Hq at RUHAI and a company on each of the four approaches to LOKHITU, viz - 1 coy between RUHAI and HIGGAI river; 2 coy, ALIHA; 3 coy LAMHAI and 4 coy LAMHAI. Hq 23 Inf Regt is at RUHAI with 6 Mgr Regt. 1 and 2 Bns are further back in the vicinity of LAMHAI river.

Additional strength along the North-South road through LOKHITU is provided by 3 Bn 6 Inf Army (probable but not fully confirmed) 10 cm How Unit and 4 Med Arty. At least 6 150 mm guns are emplaced along this road. Strength of 23 Inf Regt Cp is estimated as follows:

23 Inf Regt	1020
3 Bn 6 Inf Army	300
4 Med Arty	3/500
10 cm How Unit	60
6 Mgr Regt	180
Disc	2000

1060/2260

A captured map with annotations which appear recent indicates that 3 Bn 6 Inf Regt is located at LOKHITU with a coy forward on the main road near HIGGAI river, and another guarding the coast at LAMHAI. Elements of 8 Cav Regt are also included at the position.

6. SUBJECT

JAPANESE TANKS AT RUHAI (NORTH BOUGH-BEVILLE)

On 5 Mar a patrol aircraft sighted three enemy tanks approximately 800 yards W of RUHAI. During a strike, in which one was destroyed and two probably damaged, photographs were taken. These photographs show the tanks to be probable M2594 medium, with possible modifications.

The tanks presumably belong to 81 Inf Regt Tank Coy believed formed from 3 Bn 6 Inf Army South Sea Grn Unit located at RUHAI in 1944. The composition of the company is not known.

Ed have preferred differing reports on numbers and types of tanks in the HIGGAI area. In Mar 41 one Ed said that he had seen five or six light tanks and another in the same month reported having seen three medium tanks in revetments along the road at LAMHAI. A medical officer deserter in the HIGGAI area on 4 Mar 45, stated that he had heard of three light tanks at LOKHITU.

The organization of a Tank Coy may vary from 9 to 12 tanks, the higher establishment consisting of 2 light and 10 mediums. However reports received of tanks in the HIGGAI area suggest a maximum of six tanks, some of which may be unserviceable.

Characteristics of the M2594 Medium Tank are:-

Length	16 tons
Height	30 ft 0 inches
Width	3 ft 4 inches
Weight	3 ft 6 inches
Engine	1 GM
	3 H.M.
	Max 1' 1" (1.67 inch)

This tank has a speed of 23 mph, will climb a 46° slope, cross a trench 10 ft 6 inches wide, ford a stream 3 feet deep and surmount an obstacle 3 feet high.

THE MUGGER TANK offers terrain suitable for the employment of tanks.

(First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 15)

7. BOOBY TRAPS

Four type 93 Japanese land mines prepared as booby traps were found on the coastal track North of GILMAN. This is the first known instance of Japanese use of this equipment as a booby trap during Australian operations on MUGGERVILLE.

A 75 mm gun found at 579569 on 26 Feb was booby trapped. The booby traps were found standing upright on the gun covered with a thin layer of soil and consisted of 7 x 75 mm fused shells with safety wires and segments removed. Approximately 10 lbs pressure would fire the detonator. The trap was set so that on removing the soil covering from the gun, the fuzes would be trodden on or tapped with digging tools.

Japanese use of Ignited Petrol for Beach Defence

The enemy has been experimenting recently with the use of burning petrol as a form of beach defence against approaching hostile landing craft.

Some of the ways in which the method could be applied in this theatre are as follows :-

1. Embedding drums about 5 yards apart on the beach and igniting them by remote control or by trip wire system as landing troops reach the shore.
2. Floating drums out to meet landing craft and exploding by I.C. fire.
3. Sinking drums in the water, puncturing them and igniting the petrol as it reaches the surface.
4. Pouring petrol from the shore onto the water and then igniting.

Method No 4 appears the most effective. In a test the Japanese laid a 2½ in pipe into the water from an elevated emplacement on shore. 2½ drums of 87 octane petrol were fed into the pipe and after a lapse of nine minutes, the water was covered in petrol to a width of 60 feet for 100 yards along the beach. Calcium phosphide pellets were then fired into it and caused an instantaneous explosion, after which a flame 60 feet high 45 feet wide and 240 feet long burned for a period of three minutes.

(Adapted from First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 145)

9. GABRIEL REPORT ON THE DEATHS OF THE 13 INF REGT IN THE PHILIPPINES IN 1944

Captured Japanese medical statistics of 13 Inf Regt (excluding attached troops but including part of 1 Bn) dated Apr-Nov 44 show that the deaths during that period were 1044 representing an estimated one half of the original strength of 13 Inf Regt in Apr 44.

The monthly attrition rate of 13 Inf Regt Group for the seven months Apr-Oct approximated 5%, rising sharply in Aug when deaths were 271 or approximately 11% of total strength and thereafter showing a gradual decrease till Oct when the attrition rate was 6%. The reason for this decrease is no doubt the alleviation of the starvation diet in Aug-Oct 44 when the self sufficiency programme began to pay satisfactory dividends.

Health classification tables for 13 Inf Regt Group cover in Oct and Nov 44 supply definite percentages of effectives. The total strength was approximately 1900 in Oct and 1460 in Nov - the reduction being due to attrition, casualties and presumably the withdrawal of certain units.

The tables covered 99% of the total strength and in Nov 44 the health classification was:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Class A - Strong and in good health fit for field duty.	321	22
Class B - Weaker than A, but fit for field duty.	470	32
Class C - Weaker than B and not fit for field duty.	360	24
Class D - Wounded, sick and too weak for field duty.	253	18
	<u>1404</u>	

Thus those capable of field duties number 791 (56%) and those unfit for field duty 613 (44%). Of the latter number, a census taken on 15 Nov 44 over a number of units showed an average of 35% sick in unit line.

(2 Aust Corps Weekly Intelligence Summary No 15).

SELF SUFFICIENCY AT RABAU

On 10 Feb 45, a COMINT correspondent broadcast an account of Japanese activities at RABAU. The text of this broadcast is published herewith because, despite its high propaganda content, it presents a picture of what the enemy is at least attempting to achieve.

While the battle is raging in increasing tempo in the PHILIPPINES, our troops in RABAU are still holding their island fortress intact, preparing themselves for the day when the tide of war will turn in our favour. Although far removed from main Japanese supply bases, these hardy defenders of RABAU are making the most of their talents, giving full play to their ingenuity to manufacture cooking utensils, clothes and other daily needs,

even mines, at their remote outpost. A number of military weapons which have been forged at this front line base have proved their true mettle against the enemy. Nowhere has the saying "Necessity is the mother of invention" been exploited to the last letter as it has been done here in R-BAUL. For instance, between intervals spent in warding off enemy aerial or land assaults, our boys are busily engaged in manufacturing sulphuric acid necessary for servicing of batteries of motor cars, overhauling automobiles into charcoal burning vehicles and forging picks and spades out of empty oil drums.

In the field of medicine they are doing something remarkable which would astonish the best of chemists in JAPAN. Various curatives are being produced from tropical plants, especially a potent potion for malaria cases. How our garrison here has created a systematic self-sufficiency in foodstuffs has been told before. But the heroic story behind that accomplishment is worth retelling a 100 times. I give it to you again. When the Japanese took over R-BAUL it was nothing but wild jungle aside from the clearing which formed the enemy military base. Since then our boys have done wonders to nature by production of a model farm, or shall we rightfully say, a plantation, because of its magnitude in the midst of a jungleground. Thanks to the characteristic tropical climate potato patches, tapioca stretches and truck gardens always appear alive with ripened crop. It staggers the imagination to think these troops who came with the prime object of fighting have cleared the tangle of jungle and plowed a veritable plantation almost equal in acreage to TOKYO metropolis with their home-made shovels and plows for equipment and their brawny hands as the sole source of energy.

One's astonishment is increased with the thought that this large scale agricultural project has been achieved between harrowing enemy raids which come without regard to night or day. If that were not enough they had to fight against head....., prolific diseases and hordes of insects. One of the happiest accomplishments here was the successful harvest of dryland rice, which is now the staple food of our garrison forces. At first various Japanese seeds seemed to be unsuitable for the tropics, but a little research and experimentation has broken down the climatic barrier. Strolling along the spacious plantation I found other vegetables besides those previously mentioned, including egg plants, cucumbers and stringbeans. Aside from these I found native plants which have been proved non-injurious also included in the army diet. Of course all the men must have their due share of drinks, sweets and smokes, and believe it or not, there is planned self sufficiency in those things there too. In abundance an excellent frontline brew is concocted from coconuts, tapioca and potatoes. Cigarettes and cut tobacco ration varies with the season but production is sufficient to meet daily requirements of our boys. In speaking of R-BAUL as a fortress, it is best to describe it as an underground citadel. Soldiers' quarters and supply depots are all beneath the ground as part of an air raid shelter. Total length of the under-ground tunnels which has been dug is longer than 400 kilometres."

(NOTE: This is equal to 257 miles, or 70 miles additional to the length reported by the Japanese two months ago).

"Its length can simply be spoken of in a breath, but practically speaking it is almost equal to the distance from TOKYO to NAGAYA. One's head simply falls with reverent respect for the diligence of our forces when it is considered that this engineering feat was achieved solely with their hands and the sweat of their brows. The combined force and pluck required for this tremendous task speaks well for the training of our Japanese forces to hold on to

RABAU despite General MacARTHUR's air armadas and numerically superior land forces. The labyrinths of RABAU's huge tunnels, weaving in and out of the tricky geographical features of this island, make them vastly superior to the caves of CORREGIDOR whose pride is only in their depth of 100 metres.

But in the final analysis it is the men that count, not the technical aspects of such fortresses, as the fall of CORREGIDOR and continued resistance put up at RABAU shows. Aside from various official quarters the underground bastion has a newspaper plant which is issuing a daily for the benefit of news thirsty soldiers. Next to letters from home most pleasure is probably derived from RABAU Daily which brings to our doughty garrison here the latest happenings in JAPAN and the battle fronts of the world. The saga of RABAU is a story of men who do not flinch against greater odds, men who find their real strength in bucking against numerically superior weapons and troops, men who do not cry out for help in the face of difficulty but manage to make the most out of their circumstances. RABAU is a true revelation of the Japanese spirit in all its glory."

(2 Aust Corps Weekly Intelligence Summary No 15)

PART V

SECURITY

UNIT CENSORSHIP

It appears that doubt exists in the minds of some franking officers as to the extent of criticism or complaint a soldier is permitted in his correspondence.

The prohibition on "criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our own forces or those of our allies" was made for security reasons. It is intended to prevent criticism or statements which may result in rumours or propaganda detrimental to the allied cause e.g. derogatory references to our allies, charges of sexual immorality against Women's Services etc. It is not intended to, and does not in fact, permit the excision of complaints, grievances or abuse by a soldier, which are not in the above category. However annoying it may be to the officers criticised that no action should be taken against the writers, it would be far more detrimental to the army if disciplinary action were taken. Inevitably the result would be to cause troops to distrust censorship and to withhold that co-operation with security and censorship which is essential for their success.

Unless matter is clearly a breach of security, it is considered that franking officers should not themselves apply the provisions of para 4 (a) of GPO 571 of 15 Oct 44 but should rather forward the communication to a Detachment of 1 Aust Ed Censorship Coy as authorised by para 12(a) of the GPO.

The occasions on which a franking officer should refer back to the writer a letter containing undesirable matter must be left to his own discretion. All that he can do on such occasions is to offer advice and guidance. If the advice is not taken the letter must go. An officer can excise matter or refuse to frank a letter only if the letter contains prohibited matter.

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Ref Maps :- BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND 1 in to 1 mile
BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND 1 : 25000

8 Mar 45

INFM

1. Enemy

Estimated enemy strengths and dispositions in the area PURIATA RIVER - HARI RIVER as at 071800L are shown on Trace Y att.

2. Likely Enemy Action

- (a) The main enemy def posn in the area covered by our next phase of ops is considered to be between HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS vide Trace Y att. His probable main def line is along gen line of HARI RIVER. The large garden areas at TAITAI, MONCITU and HARI are essential for the subsistence of his force and it is thought that he will strongly resist any attempt on our part to gain control of these areas.
- (b) West of HONGORAI RIVER it is expected that he will oppose our adv by a series of determined delaying actions along the two main approach routes from MAKAPEKA and DARARA :-
 - (i) Rd MOSIGETTA - MARIGA - HIRU HIRU - RUSEI.
 - (ii) Old Government Rd MOSIGETTA - PIKEI - HORINU - RUMIKI - TAITAI.
- (c) The enemy force at SINANAI affords flank protection for the remainder of his position and may attack or harass the northern flank of any adv by our forces east of RUMIKI.
- (d) Enemy forces at RUSEI and SHISHIGATERO are available to reinf his main def line at short notice using main rd SHISHIGATERO - RUNAI.
- (e) Additional enemy capabilities are the reinf of area HONGORAI RIVER - HARI RIVER from KIETA, BUIN and SHORTLAND ISLANDS.
- (f) 23 Inf Regt is disposed with primary role of opposing a landing between HONGORAI and MIRO RIVERS. However his dispositions are such that the regt is equally prepared to resist a land attack from the west.
- (g) Arcs of fire of enemy emplaced med arty located in the area HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS are indicated on Trace Y att. Arcs of mob fd arty have not been shown.

3. Own Tps

- (a) Dispositions of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp as at 071800L are shown on Trace Z att.
- (b) Dispositions of remaining units 3 Aust Div are given in 3 Aust Div Location Statement No 4 as amended by 3 Aust Div Summaries of Ops and Int Reports.

4. Topographical

See 2 Aust Corps Infm Resume SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE of Jan 45.

5. Air

(a) Tac R

(i) 5 Tac R Sqn RAAF based on PIVA strip TOROKINA is available for conducting Tac Rs, Contact Rs and Arty Rs.

(ii) One Auster a/c of 17 Air OP Flt RAAF based on VERNON strip MAWARAKA is available for limited range Tac Rs, Contact Rs, Air OP, Liaison and DRLS missions.

(b) Close Sp

RNZAF a/c are available for close sp.

(c) Sup Dropping

One C47 a/c (pay load 5000 lbs) is available for sup dropping.

INTENTION

6. 3 Aust Div will clear enemy from, and est control over, area between PURIATA RIVER and line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.

METHOD

7. 7 Aust Inf Bde

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bde will secure line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA in two stages as under :

(i) Stage I - clear enemy to HONGORAI RIVER.

(ii) Stage II - clear enemy to line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.

(b) The equivalent of one Bn will be kept in res and will not be employed without ref to this HQ.

(c) In the lt of infm received subsequently to the issue of 3 Aust Div Op Instr 20 of 27 Feb, a further op instr will be issued separately.

(d) Composition of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp is given in Appx 'A' att. It may be anticipated that, 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will be withdrawn to the coastal area for a period of rest and re-equipping, but not before completion of Stage I of this phase of ops.

8. 15 Aust Inf Bde

Present role remain unchanged. 15 Aust Inf Bde will be prepared to relieve 7 Aust Inf Bde as fwd bde and continue ops towards BULN. Time of relief probably not before the completion of present phase of ops.

9. 29 Aust Inf Bde

Present role remains unchanged. 29 Aust Inf Bde will sup such op and adm units as may be required for maint installations on the L of C and maint of the L of C south to the line MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA excl.

(3)

10. Eng

- (a) B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt may be made available to 7 Aust Inf Bde for ops.
- (b) Eng will NOT be used until terrain and degree of enemy opposition warrants their commitments.
- (c) 7 Aust Inf Bde will submit plans for the employment of tks, when, in the opinion of Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde, suitable tasks are available.
- (d) CC B Sqn will report to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde on 10 Mar for recon of fwd areas to determine suitability of terrain for employment of tks.

11. Arty

(a) Svy

RAE 3 Aust Div will be responsible for provision of svy data as required.

(b) Amn Expenditure

Difficulty of sup makes it desirable to avoid large expenditure of amn unless in the opinion of Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde the tasks are of sufficient importance to warrant it.

12. Engg

- (a) RAE 3 Aust Div will be responsible for following tasks:-

- (i) Maint of coastal L of C from excl TOROKINA RIVER to MAMAREGU.
- (ii) Constr of rough coastal jeep track MAMAREGU to TOKO.
- (iii) Maint of L of C MAWARAKA to MOSIGETTA.
- (iv) Constr of all weather jeep track TOKO - river xing 838479 - thence east along south bank PURLATA RIVER to link with main rd.
- (v) Constr of additional jeep tracks in 7 Aust Inf Bde area.

- (b) RAE 3 Aust Div will be prepared :-

- (i) To assist 4 Aust Base Sub Area in maint of rd over TOROKINA RIVER with pers only.
- (ii) To sp ops 7 Aust Inf Bde.

- (c) Two secs 8 Aust Fd Coy come under comd 7 Aust Inf Bde as from 081800L.

(a)

13. Air

(a) Tac R

- (i) Requests from 7 Aust Inf Bde direct to 84 AC Wing (RAAF) rptd to Adv 3 Aust Div.
- (ii) Requests from 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes to Adv 3 Aust Div.

(b) Close Sp

- (i) Requests from 7 Aust Inf Bde direct to 2 Aust Corps rptd to Adv 3 Aust Div.
- (ii) Requests from 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes to Adv 3 Aust Div.

ADM

14. See 3 Aust Div Aust Instr No 7 of 6 Mar 45.

INTERCOMN

15. (a) Hq 3 Aust Div less rear details opens TOKO when Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde vacates area.

(b) Rear Details remain TOROKINA area.

16. Line

Sigs 3 Aust Div will

- (a) Provide line to units and dets along coastal L of C south to exel TOKO.
- (b) Assume responsibility for line to units and dets in TOKO when Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde vacates area.
- (c) Provide additional pers to assist bdes where necessary.

17. W/T

Sigs 3 Aust Div will

- (a) Provide W/T dets at Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde and 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.
- (b) Distribute frequencies, call signs etc through service channels.

18. DRIS

Sigs 3 Aust Div will

- (a) Provide DRIS to 7 Aust Inf Bde, units and dets along coastal L of C south to exel TOKO.
- (b) Assume responsibility for DRIS to units and dets remaining in TOKO after Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde vacates area.

19. Find Sig Centres

Sigs 3 Aust Div will est sig centres at :-

- (a) MUMARAKA - to serve all units and dets in that area.

(5)

- (b) TOKO - to serve all units and dets in that area upon receipt of warning order for mov of HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

20. Pigeons

Lofts will be est as directed by 3 Aust Div.

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J. G. Hare
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue - LO and DRLS

Time of Signature *C/C 8/10 hrs*

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Appx A</u>	<u>Trace Y</u>	<u>Trace Z</u>
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15 Aust Inf Bde	2	2	2	2
29 Aust Inf Bde	3	3	3	3
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	4	4	4	4
RAA 3 Aust Div	5	5	5	5
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Appx A to 3 Aust Div
OO No 10 of 5 Mar 45.

PRESENT COMPOSITION OF 7 AUST INF BDE GP

Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde
2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn
2 Aust Fd Regt
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less one pl)
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
224 Aust Sup Dep Pl
11 Aust Fd Amb
213 Aust LAD
241 Aust LAD
Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det ANGAU

Rear HQ 7 Bde

DISPOSNS of 7 AUST INF BDE CP

as at 1800 hrs 7 Mar 45

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D Tp 10 Bty
10 Bty 4 Fd Regt
(less D Tp)

8 Pl 61 Bz
9 Pl 61 Bz
Rear HQ 2/8 Cdo Sqr

7 Pl 61 Bz

61
B Coy 61 Bz (less 10 Pl)
A Coy 61 Bz (less 7, 8, 9 Pls)
A Tp 2/8 Cdo Sqr

10 Pl 61 Bz

Adv HQ 2/8 Cdo Sqr

D Coy 61 Bz
B Tp 2/8 Cdo Sqr
C Coy 61 Bz (less 14, 15 Pls)
14, 15 Pls, 61 Bz

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D Coy 25 Bz
A Coy 25 Bz (less 8 Pl)

8 Pl 25 Bz

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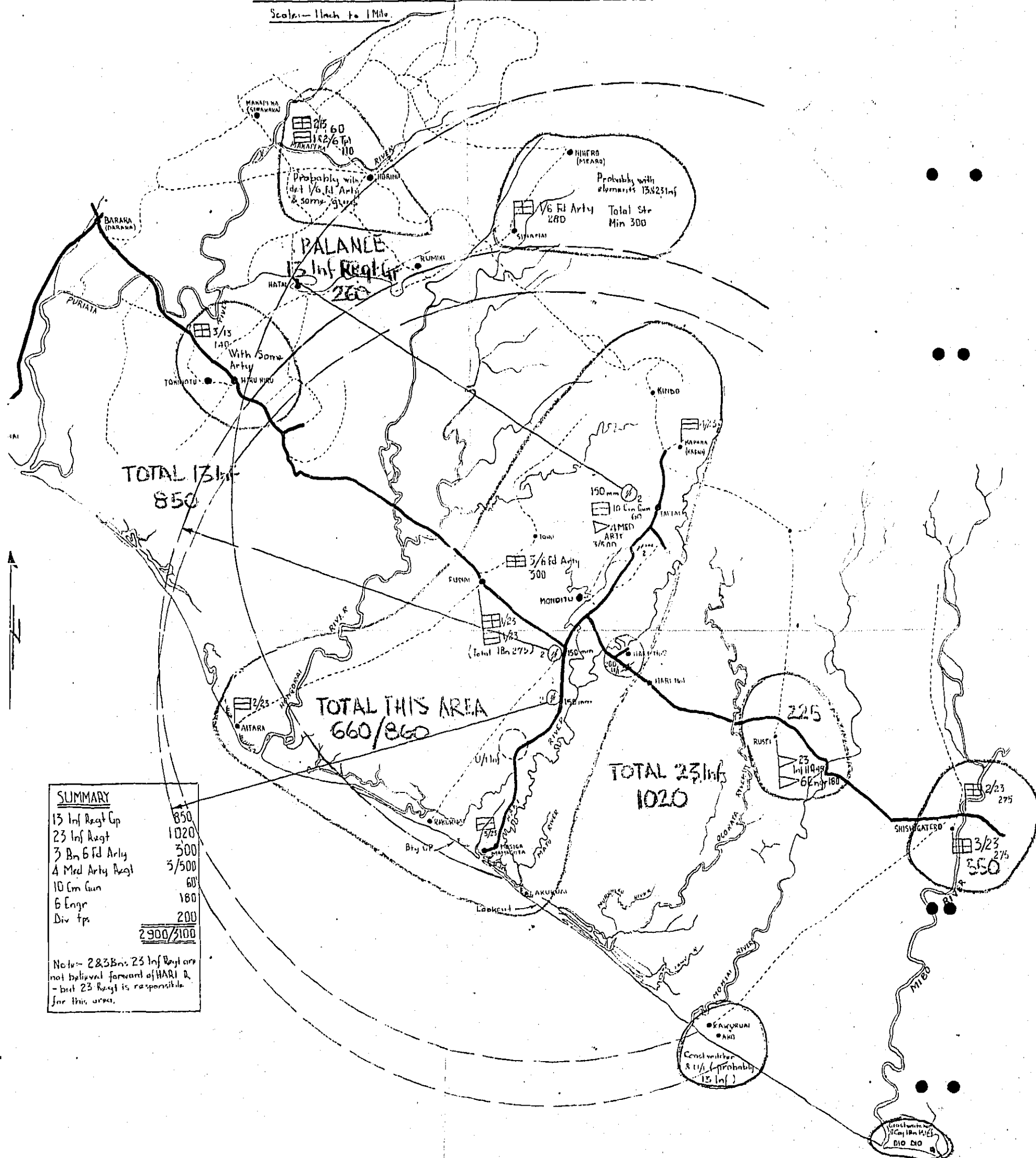
B Coy 25 Bz
C Coy 25 Bz

5 Bty
6 Bty
A Coy NCIBz (less Pls)
HQ 2 Fd Regt
Adv HQ 7 Bde

4.5 Pls NCIBz

Scales: 1 inch to 1 Mile

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APPENDIX L

3 AUST DIV OP INSTR No 21

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8 Mar 45.

Ref Map : NOTUPENA POINT - PURIATA RIVER
1 in to 1 mile

To : Brig H. H. HAMMER
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1. On 4 Mar 45 natives reported a party of five enemy armed with rifles, two LMGs one grenade discharger and one box of grenades at ref 922779.
2. Subsequent native recce on 7 Mar reported that the size of the enemy det had increased to twenty personnel. No further details of additional weapons were obtained.
3. The only suitable route to the enemy posn appears to be the track MODIONU - MOKISA. Native estimate of time required to reach the enemy posn from MODIONU is from eight to ten hrs.
4. 15 Aust Inf Bde will :-
 - (a) Recce to confirm location and strength of enemy det.
 - (b) If such det exists, take necessary action to destroy it.
5. It is considered that one pl is an adequate striking force for the task. However, in order to facilitate the carrying of stores and establishment of a base camp, and to give more personnel an opportunity for trg under battle conditions, permission is granted for the use of one coy in this op.
6. The coy will move at earliest to MODIONU. On arrival the Coy Comd will report to this headquarters to contact an ANCAU representative and native guides with knowledge of the enemy location, who will accompany the force.
7. The coy will return to MODIONU within seven days of departure from that area. It will not remain out for a longer period without approval from this headquarters.
8. The coy will be administratively self-contained for a period of seven days.
9. Evacuation of casualties will be to the ADS at TAGESSI

12/3.

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10. Throughout the period of this op, the coy will maintain contact with this headquarters, which will keep 15 Aust Inf Bde informed of progress made. Reports will be sent back at 0700 hrs and 1800 hrs daily or at such additional times as occasion warrants.

ACK.

W. J. ...
Maj-Gen
Comd 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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Subject : ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE TO 3 AUST DIV

APPENDIX M
Rear HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

9 Mar 45

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List "A" less

Serials 126, 135 & 140

plus

Adv 3 Aust Div

2 Aust Corps

46 Aust AL Sec

1. All correspondence for 3 Aust Div not specifically addressed to Rear 3 Aust Div will now be delivered to Adv 3 Aust Div.

2. It is requested that correspondence dealing with the following matters be addressed to Rear 3 Aust Div :-

(a) General Staff

- (i) Training
- (ii) Tactical Reconnaissance Reports
- (iii) Sitreps - for information only;
for action to Adv 3 Aust Div
- (iv) User trials of new equipment
- (v) Controlled stores and new equipments
- (vi) Defence of TOROKINA perimeter.
- (vii) Distribution of Maps

(b) A Branch

All matters

(c) A Branch Services

- (i) Medical
- all matters not pertaining to current operations
- (ii) Legal
- (iii) Provost - all matters not pertaining to current operations
- (iv) Pay
- (v) Education
- (vi) Amenities
- (vii) Chaplains

(d) Q Branch

- (i) Maintenance of units within TOROKINA perimeter
- (ii) Movements to and from BOUGAINVILLE

(e) Q Branch Services

- (i) AASC - all matters not pertaining to current operations
- (ii) Ordnance
- (iii) ~~AASC~~
- (iv) Postal
- (v) Canteens
- (vi) Catering

Eric Warner May
for Lt-col
G3 3 Aust Div (AIF)

SECRET

Subject: 3 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AND
ORDER OF BATTLE No 4
Amendment No 1 as at 082400L

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div

11 Mar 45

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1. Herewith Amendment No 1 to 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 4.

(a) Delete Serials :

2, 5, 82, 104, 105.

(b) Insert Serials

Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
7a			8 Tp	TOROKINA	Sq 7095	
13a			1 Pl less two secs	MOSIGETTA	825609	Two Secs under comd 7 Bde. See serial 81a
13b			2 Pl	"	807613	
13c			3 Pl	"	846595	
15a			2 pl	"	750608	
1616a			2&3 pls	HIRU HIRU	814453	
17a			2 pl	MOSIGETTA	755635	
18a			Bn Pl	MP & PR	739842	
18b			Mech Bgpt & Det Stores	MOSIGETTA	764625	
75a	Cav	1425	2/3 Aust Cdo Sqn less two tps	RUMIKI	923535	Adv HQ and B Tp 002525 A Tp 936559. See Serial 4 Under comd 7 Bde
81a			Two secs 1 Pl	"	733618	ADS
145a			B Coy	MP & PR	775795	

(c) Amend the following serials to read

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4	Cav	61423	TS 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	RUMIKI	923539	Under Comd 7 Bde. See Serial 75a
7			6 Tp	TOROKINA	675942	
9		49584	TS 2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	811457	Under Comd 7 Bde. See Serial 76
10		45986	TS 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	866586	Under Comd 2 Fd Regt See serial 80
11		45990	TS 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) less A & C Tps	"	771639	A Tp under comd 11 Bde C Tp 803464
13		45947	TS 5 Aust Fd Coy less	"	764625	See serial 81
14		46092	TS 11 Aust Fd Coy less	MP & PR	782579	See serial 134
15			1 & 3 Pls	"	778750	
16		45993	TS 15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	575934	See serial 118
17		45137	TS 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	MP & PR	774751	
18		45994	TS 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	549936	
19		47748	7 Aust BD Pl	"	665875	
20		48276	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	MOSIGETTA	735883	
30	Int	45138	3 Aust Div Language Det (five units)	MP & PR	778752	GHQ Tps - under comd for local adm only
32	ST	46010	TS HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	TOROKINA	577553	
37		92610	TS 56 Aust Tpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	764618	See serial 144
39		48832	TS 3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	577603	See serial 124
41		48845	TS 18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less det	MP & PR	771804	Det 825453. See serial 142
45	Med	45381	TS 109 Aust CCS (AIF) less 1t sec	TOROKINA	553930	Lt Sec 756598
47		48392	18 Aust Malarial Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	757598	
51			B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	630942	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn
57	Ord	49041	TS 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	773596	See serial 146
61	AEME	49058	TS 104 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	772611	See serial 147
75	HQ units	45101	TS HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	763616	Adv HQ 816454
76	Arty	45984	TS 2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF) less	HIRU HIRU	811457	See serial 9
			4 bty	TOROKINA	546936	

Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	Unit	Map ref	Location	Remarks
78			5 Bty	BARARA	801466	
79			6 bty	"	803464	
80		45986	TS 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF) less D tp	MOSIGETTA	866586	D tp 855589. Under comd 2 Aust Fd Regt See serial 10
81	Engrs	45947	TS 5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	"	763618	Under comd 3 Aust Div. See serials 13 and 81a
83	Sigs	45997	TS Det Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	816454	See serial 22
84		49113	TS 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	" "	816454	
85		49086	TS 2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	" "	811457	See serial 26
86	Inf	46104	TS 9 Aust Inf Bn less	MOSIGETTA	745580	
87			A Coy	"	747580	
88			B Coy	"	743579	
89			C Coy	"	748583	
90			D Coy	"	749584	
91		46105	TS 25 Aust Inf Bn less	BARARA	854505	
92			A Coy less pl	"	872487	6 pl 875181
93			B Coy	"	837479	
94			C Coy	"	838478	
95			D Coy	"	868489	
96		46106	TS 61 Aust Inf Bn less	MOSIGETTA	899564	
97			A Coy less two pls	"	833568	8 pl 879583
98			B Coy less pl	NAIRONA	909567	9 pl 882577
99			C Coy less two pls	RUMIKI	917523	10 pl 895553
100			D Coy	"	909531	14 & 15 pls 919521
101		49466	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less 6 pl)	HIRU HIRU	809457	4 & 5 pls 828443
102		61005	TS 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	" "	816454	Sec serial 20
103	Med	46122	11 Aust Fd Amb less	MOSIGETTA	758603	MDS
104			A Coy	HIRU HIRU	816453	ADS
105			B Coy	MOSIGETTA	877584	ADS
106	ARME	46103	241 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	808458	Att 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	Unit	Map ref	Location	Remarks
115	Postal	46129	TS Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	762611	
124	ST	48032	TS 3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	577603	Under comd 3 Aust Div See serial 39
131	Postal	46021	TS Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	630935	
137			C Coy less pl	MP & PR	770635	14 pl 774804
140			8 pl	"	740928	
144	ST	92610	TS 56 Aust Tpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	764618	Under comd 3 Aust Div See serial 37
145	Med	46121	TS 7 Aust Fd Amb less	TOROKINA	598964	
146	Ord	49041	TS 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	773596	Under comd 3 Aust Div See serial 57
147	AEME	49050	TS 104 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	775592	Under comd 3 Aust Div See serial 61

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3 AUSSE DIV 00 No 11

Ref Map: TOROKINA 1 in to 1 mile

12 Mar 45

INFO

1. Enemy

- (a) Info was received from a Jap PW captured in our fwd area on 11 Mar, to the effect that seven enemy parties each one off and 11 ORs departed NAIKA ten days ago. These parties are specially trained and equipped, their tasks being to penetrate TOROKINA perimeter and create as much havoc as possible.
- (b) Subsequent interrogation revealed that first party was to RV TOROKINA river fork 567968 and rd junc 625944 between 10 and 15 Mar. Their line of approach would probably be via TABARATA - NAKHIO and possibly NUKA NUKA trail.
- (c) Info of mov of small enemy parties during the last few days indicates that the PW's statements could be truthful.

2. Likely Enemy Action

It may be assumed that at least some members of each party are capable of speaking good English, possibly with an American accent. Their probable mode of op would be to gain a hide out area or areas outside the perimeter and to send one or two men from each party into the perimeter at night to select suitable objectives and recon routes thereto. Subsequently, as a result of the info thus obtained, to attack these objectives. It is assumed that the enemy's ops would be confined to the hrs of darkness.

3. Own Ops

- (a) Gds have already been provided by 29 Aust Inf Bde as under for the following VPs :-

(i)	FIVA Aerodrome area	One Inf Pl
(ii)	Tk Farm	One Inf Pl
(iii)	AAD 577913	One Inf Pl
(iv)	BIPOD 5439907	One Inf Sec
(v)	LSD 590939	One Inf Sec

- (b) 4 Aust Base Sub Area and COMAIRMORSOLS respectively are allotting posts and duties for above gds.

- (c) 11 Aust Inf Bde is patrolling fwd of its perimeter area during hrs of daylight and maintaining standing patrols during hrs of darkness as follows :-

- (i) On entrances through perimeter
- (ii) Covering following main intersections of perimeter entrance rds:-

PERIMETER Rd - NUKA TRAIL	593971
PERIMETER - ANGAU rds	575935
PERIMETER Rd - track	557933
TOROKINA - LARUEA Rds	553959

4. Out of Bounds Areas

Following areas are out of bounds between 1800 hrs and 0600 hrs daily to all ranks other than unit personnel and gds :-

- (a) FIVA Strip
- (b) AOD 593912
- (c) BOD 590939
- (d) AAD 577913
- (e) BIPOD 589907
- (f) Sig Transmission Centre 574937

INTENTION

5. All units 3 Aust Div in TOROKINA area will prevent enemy infiltrating into perimeter and sabotaging installations.

METHOD

6. Perimeter defs

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde will :-

- (i) During hrs of daylight, patrol fwd of area of responsibility
- (ii) During hrs of darkness, maintain standing patrols on entrances through perimeter and at junc AMERICAL - GRIER rds 527912 to cover intersection perimeter entrance rd with TOROKINA rd system.
- (iii) Be prepared to implement perimeter def role vide 3 Aust Div 00 5 of 1 Jan 45 on short notice.

(b) 29 Aust Inf Bde will :-

- (i) During hrs of daylight, patrol fwd of area of responsibility.
- (ii) During hrs of darkness, maintain standing patrols on entrances through perimeter and at following rd juncs to cover intersections perimeter entrance rds with TOROKINA rd system :-

DIVISION - AMERICAL rd	650941
DAKOTA LOOP - DIVISION rd	635952
CRAIG - FIVA rds	300957
BOMBER LOOP - FIVA rd	597661

- (iii) Prevent enemy attempts to RV at TOROKINA RIVER ford 637958 and rd junc 526944 vide para 1(b) above.
- (iv) Be prepared to implement perimeter def role vide 3 Aust Div 00 5 of 1 Jan 45 on short notice.

7. Def of Unit Areas

- (a) All units will be prepared to implement their local def roles vide 3 Aust Div 00 5 of 1 Jan 45 on short notice.
- (b) Personal weapons will be carried at all times.
- (c) Passwords for use within unit areas will be issued separately. Fms and units other than 3 Aust Div are making own arrangements.

8. Mov within Perimeter

Allied personnel of Oriental appearance will NOT move from unit areas without protective gds.

9. Duration of Precautions

Above precautions will remain in force until otherwise ordered.

INTERCOM

10. Immediate notification of enemy sighted in TOROKINA area will be made by unit concerned by fastest means available direct to Corps HQ rptd this HQ, and own fm.

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John ... Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue SDR to 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes
Reminder DRLS

Time of Signature 12.23.45 hrs

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AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	10
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129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	13
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APPENDIX P

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject : DEFENCE OF REAR HQ 3 AUST DIV

Rear HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

16 Mar 45.

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GENERAL

1. In view of the present enemy threat in the area it is necessary to modify the existing plan of defence for the HQ. Enemy parties composed of 12 men armed with rifles, automatic weapons and explosives are known to be approaching the perimeter with definite assigned objects in view. These may include attack on this HQ. The attack if launched is likely to be a carefully planned short sharp engagement.
2. In order to combat this threat the following plans will be implemented.

(a) Plan One

In the event of adequate warning being received, all personnel (including 202 LAD and Transport) will concentrate in a tight perimeter in the general Command area bounded by Main Road along to Officers' Mess GOC area, through Command area to Main Road.

Depending on time and space factor as much portable material including transport and LAD trailer will be brought within the perimeter.

Detailed plan for implementation will be submitted by Maj DUNN OC D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt by 1200 hours 17 March.

(b) Plan Two

Surprise attack by night. All personnel not on guard or patrol will occupy slit trenches. These trenches will be dug round all sleeping quarters and Battle Room and will be completed by 1900 hours 16 March 1945.

(c) Plan Three

Surprise attack by day. Enemy will be engaged from nearest suitable fire positions.

PATROLS

3. (a) A dusk patrol of 1 NCO and 6 men leaving Camp Office at 1745L hours and returning at 1900L hours each evening will thoroughly search all undergrowth in and around the camp area to a depth of 200 yards.
- (b) Roving patrols as at present organised will patrol the area from 1800L hours to 0630L hours.

WARNING

4. Warning of attack will either be :
 - (a) Opening of fire, or
 - (b) Sounding of master gong at Battle Room.
5. Control of Fire

Unless directly attacked or in such circumstances as to be positive of identification, fire will only be opened on command of an officer.

Appendix 9

6. Identifications

Passwords and countersigns will be promulgated by Camp Comd each day.

7. Arms

Arms will be either worn by all personnel or kept in a position of readiness at all times.

8. All Clear

This order will be issued by Officers only.

9. Degree of Readiness

All personnel must not only be completely familiar with the above plans but be ready to implement them at all times.

10. Duty Officer

The Duty Officer on notification of impending attack will:

- (a) Sound the general alarm
- (b) Notify Signals Office for promulgation to adjoining units, all latest information regarding enemy.
- (c) Remain within telephone communication during period of alarm.

11. Duty Clerks

Duty Clerk (GS) and Duty Clerk (AQ) will sleep in Battle Room and on alarm will be used for any duty as Duty Officer thinks fit.

S. R. Stephens Capt.
for Lt-col.
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF).

Distribution

Camp Comd	3
Duty Officers Log	
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APPENDIX Q

3 MUST DIV OP INSTR No 22

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Ref Maps : 1/25000 series
1 in to 1 mile series

18 Mar 45

To : 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
B Gen 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
RtE 3 Aust Div (AIF)

ITEM

1. Enemy strengths and dispositions

- (a) Estimated enemy strengths and dispositions of main units in the area PUKLAT - HARI RIVERS as at 161800L are shown on map "A" att.
- (b) All available info indicates that the enemy will stage his main battle in the area between HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS and will fight a series of delaying actions west of HONGORAI RIVER in order to gain time for regrouping of forces and completion of def works.
- (c) PW, Tac R and native reports all confirm the constr of def posns along HONGORAI RIVER guarding the main approaches to TAI TAI area.
- (d) The arty pieces disposed along rd TAI TAI - MONGATA and fwd along rd to RUNAI are known to have specific tasks in sp of these defs.

2. Enemy capabilities

- (a) RUDEI GRA UNIT disposed east of HARI RIVER is considered to have two roles :-
 - (i) To repel any attempt by our forces to bypass MONOI GRA UNIT disposed west of HARI RIVER and cut the L of C by an amphibious op.
 - (ii) To reinforce MONOI GRA UNIT if our forces attempt to cross HONGORAI RIVER in strength.
- (b) A PW captured at TONDUI on 11 Mar stated that, should our attack on HONGORAI RIVER assume grave proportions, 17 Army would despatch a force via the foothills to attack our forces from the rear. Such an op could be carried out by 45 Inf Regt from KIETA. PW and native agents have reported enemy conc in the foothills NE from MONOITU area at the villages of KOOLBAROONA, MAGISAGO and TURUGUM and patrolling west of these villages.
- (c) The enemy force between HONGORAI and OMAI RIVERS could be reinforced as follows :-

Area	Tps available in area		Estimated combat tps available for rft	Marching time to HONGORAI	Remarks
	Combat	Base			
ALTA	1200	350	400/500	10 days	45 Inf Regt is widely dispersed and in action against native guerillas hence capacity for rft is low
BUM	800	4100	1500	2 days	Increase in combat tps is due to probable conversion of base tps to combat tps
SHORT- LAND ISLANDS	1290	1090	800	7 days	Large shortage severely limits any large rft from this area
Total estimated			rfts available	= 2700/2800	

- (d) The enemy can, therefore, increase his original force of 2900 with an additional 2700/2800 within a period of say 14 days giving a total of 5600/5700 tps available to prevent our seizing MONOITU area.

3. Likely enemy action

- Continue to resist our adv to HONGORAI RIVER by tps from 13 Inf Regt.
- Unless contained, attack and harass the northern flank of our forces moving past RUMAI by using tps disposed east of SINAI.
- Stage an attack fwd of HONGORAI RIVER with elements of MONOI GRN UNIT and arty sp; then when pressed, fall back to his prepared def posns along HONGORAI RIVER.
- Attempt an outflanking mov to cut our L of C with elements of 45 Inf Regt from ALTA or possibly with the forces believed to be in the foothills at KOOMBARONA, MAGLIGO and TURUGU.
- Reinf MONOI GRN UNIT with RUSEI GRN, relieving the latter of their role of repelling any amphibious op directed to cut his L of C, by garrisoning that area with additional tps from BUM or the SHORTLAND ISLANDS.
- Employ raiding tps to create diversions, sabotage installations in the endeavour to cause us to dissipate our forces in small detachments for protection of vulnerable points and the destruction of such raiding tps.

SUMMARIZED DIVISIONAL APPRECIATION

- In view of paras 2 and 3 above it is unwise, with the exception of patrols, to adv further east than HONGORAI RIVER, until our fwd tps have been substantially reinforced. It is considered that, before HONGORAI RIVER is crossed in strength, our force in the fwd area should be of sufficient strength to include :-

(a) A striking force of one bde gp, incl tks and hy arty, free of all other commitments except that of attack.

(b) A res force of one bde gp with the task of :-

(i) Relieving the striking force when occasion demands, thus maintaining the momentum of the attack.

(ii) During the period before the relief of the initial striking force assuming responsibility for maint and protection of the L of C in the fwd area.

5. The mov of additional forces to the fwd area must be regulated to conform to the maint situation which is dependent on rate of progress of rd and track construction. Rd and track construction is, therefore, of urgent priority.

TASKS

6. 7 Aust Inf Bde will continue with the task allotted vide 3 Aust Div OO No 10, but, until substantial rfts arrive, will not, with the exception of patrols, adv east of HONGORAI RIVER. Prior approval must be obtained from this Hq before any adv in strength is made across HONGORAI RIVER.

7. In conjunction with RAE 3 Aust Div, 7 Aust Inf Bde will constr the following with all possible speed :-

(a) A 3 ton durable rd from TOKO to rd and track junc 892453.

(b) Corduroyed jeep track from rd and track junc 392453 as far fwd towards RUMIKI and HONGORAI CROSSING 946416 as the tac situation will permit.

8. To assist in the above 7 Aust Inf Bde may draw upon the resources of the first inf bn 15 Aust Inf Bde to arrive in TOKO area.

9. 7 Aust Inf Bde will patrol vigorously to ascertain enemy strengths and dispositions along and beyond the line of HONGORAI RIVER.

10. 15 Aust Inf Bde and B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt will prepare for move to TOKO area. It will be anticipated that the move may extend over a period of four to six weeks and that probable priority for move is as shown below. Date of commencement of move is dependent on the availability of shipping and is not yet firm. Detailed instrs will be issued at a later date:-

- (a) "A" Bn 15 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) "U" Aust Hy Bty (move approved by Hq 2 Aust Corps)
- (c) B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
- (d) Elements Hq 3 Aust Div
- (e) Elements Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde
- (f) "B" Bn 15 Aust Inf Bde
- (g) Remainder Hq 3 Aust Div
- (h) Remainder Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde
- (i) "C" Bn 15 Aust Inf Bde

11. 29 Aust Inf Bde will prepare to accept additional responsibility for def of TOROKINA perimeter as units of 15 Aust Inf Bde move south, and full responsibility for protection of coastal L of C as far south as MAWARAKA incl. It is not intended that large forces be employed for the latter role. Separate instrs will be issued at a later date.

12. RAE 3 Aust Div will, consistent with requirements elsewhere, assist 7 Aust Inf Bde to the maximum in their tasks vide 7 (a) and (b) above. It is not intended that additional engs be placed under comd 7 Aust Inf Bde but that they remain in sp.

ACK 18/3

J. S. Marshall
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue LO and DRLS

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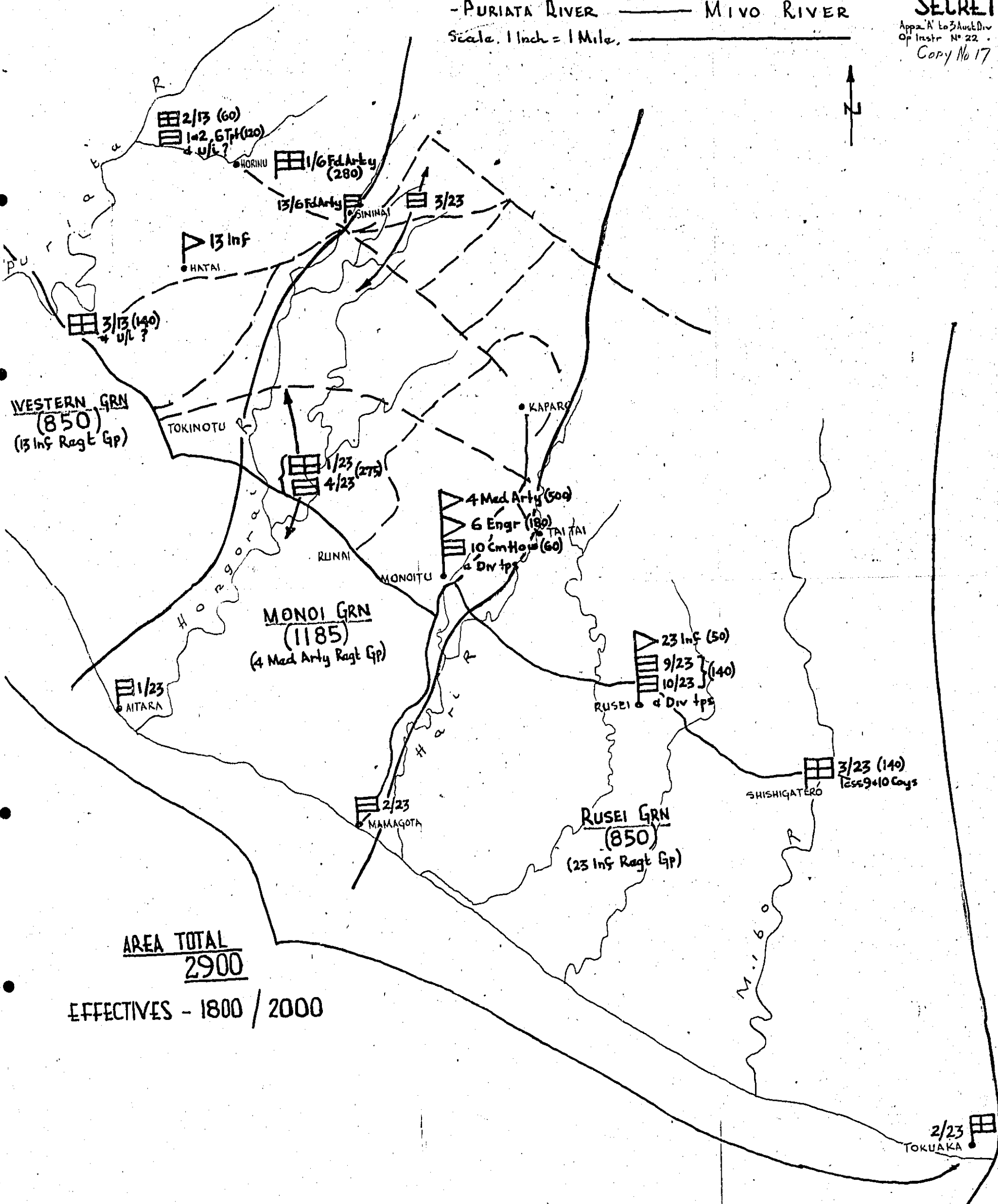
ENEMY DISPOSITIONS by SECTORS

- PURIATA RIVER — MIVO RIVER

Scale: 1 Inch = 1 Mile.

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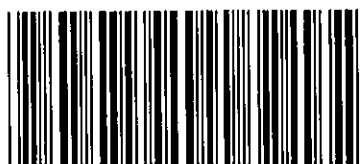
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14 Mar 45

INTRODUCTION

1. As from 1600 hrs 18 Mar Brig H I HAMMER, DCO was appointed Comd TORCHING Defs. Brig HAMMER is responsible for co-ordination of security measures within the perimeter.
2. To achieve this co-ordination, minor edits and additions are necessary to 3 Aust Div CO No 11 of 13 Mar 45. All addressees will ensure that this instr is implemented by 1400 hrs 19 Mar 45.
3. The basis for the def within the perimeter is that every fm and unit is responsible for its own protection.

INFM

4. Latest infm of progress of enemy raiding parties is contained in 3 Aust Div "Daily Summary of Ops and Int Reports".

COMD

5. Comds, COs and QCs of fms, units and sub-units will comd their own unit and entertainment areas.

SECURITY

6. 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes will be liable to carry out tasks as laid down in para 6 of Aust Div CO No 11.
7. 29 Aust Inf Bde will advise whether additional gds are considered necessary for VPs vide para 3a 3 Aust Div CO No 11.
8. All coms will immediately check the security and local protection of their own areas and sig this HQ by 2000 hrs 19 Mar that adequate measures have been taken.
9. By night, a minimum of 15 per cent of personnel will be on internal security duties. Double sentries will be mounted NOT in obvious places.
10. By day normal gds will be mounted.
11. A def offr will be appointed in every unit to co-ordinate defs in that area. Addressees will advise names of def offr for each unit under comd by 2000 hrs 19 Mar.
12. In addition to the def offr a gdr or picquet offr will be detailed daily for the purpose of supervision of unit security gds throughout the night. Both will wear white distinguishing armbands.
13. Carrying of Arms.

Except under the following circumstances arms will NOT be carried by personnel moving outside their own camp bays by day or night -

- (a) Parties detailed as authorized gds or patrols
- (b) Parties proceeding on duty and ordered to carry arms by unit comd consequent on the nature of the duty.
- (c) Members of the Pre Corp
- (d) Escorts to members of the Women's Services and ATIS personnel.

14. All ranks will be paraded and informed of the security instrs.
15. Alarm Sig
Will be uniform within the perimeter - a series of three SHORT blasts on the whistle.
16. Stand down sig will be a series of LONG blasts on the whistle.
17. In the event of the alarm being sounded this HQ will be notified immediately by telephone.
18. Warning Sig
In the case of a definite threat, the gen warning will be issued from this HQ and all tps will stand to until the sig to stand down is issued from this H.
19. Passwords
Will now be uniform throughout the perimeter and will be promulgated weekly to all concerned.

ENTERTAINMENTS

20. Personnel attending pictures or other entertainments outside their own unit lines will be restricted to not more than 75 per cent of unit str on any one night, and such personnel will NOT carry arms.
21. Addressees will prepare plans for the security of all places of entertainment and make arrangements within own comd for the sup of the necessary security gds. This should be on the lines of standing posts and moving patrols.
22. To enable control of and orderly dispersal from places of entertainment in the case of a definite threat to security, addressees will sig, place, time and details of entertainment to this HQ by 1350 hr daily.
23. At the order of Comd BROKEN. Defs any entertainment may be cancelled at a moment's notice.

GENERAL

24. Jeeps or any veh will not pick up casual personnel at night.
25. Any suspicious event and action taken will be reported immediately. Result of investigation will also be reported.

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53 Aust Fd Fk Coy	5	4 Aust Div Sal Unit	18
Rear Sigs 5 Aust Div	6	Adv 3 Aust Div	19
D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	7	Adv 5 Aust Div	20
AISC 3 Aust Div	8	Adv 5 Aust Div	21
109 Aust CCS	9	Sigs 3 Aust Div	22
115 Aust Bde Wrd Fd Fk	10	Comd BROKEN Def	23
129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk	11	Comd	24
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APPENDIX S

3 AUST DIV OP INSTR No 24

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21 Mar 45

Ref Maps : 1/25000 and 1 inch series

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Infm gained from a PW concerning enemy's intention to raid TOROKINA perimeter with six, possibly seven specially trained and equipped parties has already been promulgated. The threat of these raiding tails has not decreased.
- (b) One party of approx thirty has been traced from PURIATA RIVER north to SOVELE generally west to area NIGITAN - MOSINA thence north to MARIROPA RIVER where elements ambushed a carrier line to D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn on 17 Mar 45 and captured the bulk of their rations. It is known that this party is armed with rifles, HMG and grenade dischargers, and it can be assumed that all members know the terrain and approaches to TOROKINA.
- (c) A single enemy soldier was sighted in the headwaters of the TOROKINA RIVER on 14 Mar.

2. Likely Enemy Action

- (a) Stage a series of surprise raids within the perimeter to sabotage installations and cause havoc.
- (b) Attack our L of C south of TOROKINA by ambushing convoys and raiding installations. In view of the enemy's knowledge of the hill country these attacks could be most effective. It is considered that the likelihood of such raids increases daily as the raiding tails supplies of food decrease.
- (c) The enemy is unable to launch a large scale counter offensive in BOUGAINVILLE but by the continued threat of these raiding tails he may endeavour to cause us to dissipate our forces in attempts to counter such action.

3. Own Tps

Responsibilities for preventing enemy infiltrating into perimeter and sabotaging installations vide 3 Aust Div CO 11 of 12 Mar remain unchanged.

4. Topographical

Infm recently received indicates that the bypassing of HANEMO presents no problem whereas POPOTANA is a defile for approaches leading west to TOROKINA and is difficult to bypass.

PROTECTION OF L of C

- 5. 29 Aust Inf Bde will assume responsibility for protection of L of C TOROKINA to MAWARAKA as follows :-
 - (a) One pl based on ADELE RIVER to protect and provide labour for DID, and provide working parties as required by this HQ.
 - (b) Coy less two pls based on JABA RIVER to be prepared to despatch patrols inland and provide working parties as required by this HQ.
 - (c) One pl based on TAGESSI to protect ADS TAGESSI and assist in protection Adv HQ 3 Aust Div.

- 6. To facilitate control and until Adv HQ 3 Aust Div vacates present area, the above coy will remain under comd 3 Aust Div.
- 7. Upon mov of installations vide para 5 above, further instrs will be issued regarding emp these forces.
- 8. Patrols C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn at KUPON and on MOM HILL track will be withdrawn forthwith.
- 9. 3 Aust Div Op Instr 21 is cancelled and D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn may be withdrawn from present area to TOROKINA under arrangements 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- 10. 15 Aust Inf Bde remains responsible for destruction of enemy parties attempting to reach TOROKINA perimeter via HANEMO approach.

ADM

- 11. Tpt demands
 - (a) For mov vide para 6 above to this HQ.
 - (b) For mov vide para 9 above to AASC 3 Aust Div.

INTERCOMN

- 12. Whilst Adv HQ 3 Aust Div remains in present area, line from Adv Div to Coy HQ JABA RIVER.
- 13. When Adv HQ 3 Aust Div vacates area, W/T from Coy HQ JABA RIVER direct to 29 Aust Inf Bde.

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GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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H. 3 AUST DIV STAFF INSTR No 1

2/ Mar 45

1. Object

- (a) To standardize the preparation and setting out of letters, memos, circulars and inter-branch minutes with HQ 3 Aust Div.
- (b) To facilitate ref to matters contained therein.

2. Letters and Memos

Letters and memos will be set out as shown in example att as Appx A.

3. Circulars

Set out will be as for 2 above with exception that distribution is shown at end of text.

4. Inter-branch Minutes

These are only for use within the Hq and serve as a means of recording inter-branch action and decisions made. Set out is shown in example att as Appx B.

5. Headings and Paras

(a) Main headings

Use of these enables a number of paras to be used under the one heading, and facilitates the setting out of details e.g. METHOD, ADM and INTERCOM headings of an O.O. Main headings are typed in blocks, whereas para and sub para headings are typed in small case.

(b) Paras

Every para, sub para or sub sub para must bear respectively a number, a letter or a small Roman numeral. Paras need not always have a heading.

6. Record of Telephone Conversation

The use of a Record of Telephone Conversation pro forma facilitates such recording and enables a complete record to be kept of all action taken and decisions made over the phone. Pro forma to be used is shown in Appx B att.

7. Message Writing

Attention is directed to FSPB Part 1 Pam 4, Amdt 2 to Pam 3, and GRO 75/45.

8. Reports of Liaison Visits

On return from visit, LO or any other offr visiting other areas, will make a verbal report to head of branch concerned as to accomplishment of his mission. Any other matters requiring immediate action will be reported to branch concerned. LO etc will then prepare a report vide pro forma att as Appx C with sufficient copies for distribution to all branches concerned. Action addressees will receive two copies one of which will be returned to GS Branch with action taken noted thereon.

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RESPONSIBILITY

3. Divisional Headquarters

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4. Units

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APPENDIX U

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION
NO 6

Censorship - Scope of Subjects which may be included
in Personal Mail

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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1. The following principles are set out as a guide to matters which may or may not be included in private mail :-

- (a) The writer may state that he is in the SOLOMONS IS, but may NOT name the particular Island.
- (b) Mention may be made that he is living close to the beach, or well into the jungle, and may describe his immediate surroundings i.e. swamps, beaches, tangled under-growth etc. He may NOT disclose the name of any mountain, river, village or any other point. Volcanoes may be mentioned, but not named.
- (c) The writer may say that he personally has been in action, and may describe an action in which he has taken part only from a purely personal point of view. The writer may NOT disclose the name of any member of his Unit or any other Unit who has been rendered a casualty until one month has elapsed after the casualty was suffered.
- (d) Experience of enemy shelling may be described, but no mention of any damage or casualties caused. He may mention shelling by our own Arty, but again may make no mention of the type or amount.
- (e) Enemy gardens, bivouac areas, etc may be described.
- (f) The writer may say that he has taken part in a patrol, but may not indicate the object of the patrol. He may describe his own living conditions during the patrol.
- (g) No criticism may be written of condition and quality of warlike stores or munitions.
- (h) The writer must NOT make any forecast of any future operation, or any reference to any ruses and new weapons employed by our forces. No mention may be made to the presence of tanks and flame-throwers until their employment has been announced in an official communique.
- (j) No mention may be made of Unit Strengths, or of the provision of reinforcements of any unit.
- (k) ALWAYS KEEP LETTERS ON A PERSONAL BASIS ! !

AS soon as the writer of a letter starts giving general descriptions of incidents he begins to endanger security.

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APPENDIX V

3 AUST DIV OO No 12

SECRET
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Ref Maps : 1/25000 series
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INFM

1. Enemy

No additional infm.

2. Own tps

See Sitreps and Daily Summary of Ops and Int Reports issued to date.

INTENTION

3. 3 Aust Div will effect regrouping of forces in area PURIATA RIVER - HONGORAI RIVER.

METHOD

4. Summary of mov

(a) Mov will be effected by either of the following means:-

(i) MT from TOROKINA to MAWARAKA, ALC20 to MOTUPENA PT, thence march route to TOKO.

(ii) MT from TOROKINA to MAWARAKA thence LCT, or ALC20 if surf permits, to TOKO.

(iii) LCT from TOROKINA to TOKO.

(b) Due to limited availability, mov by LCT will be restricted to tks, guns and eqpt, stores and res not suitable for mov by rd.

(c) An ALC20 ferry service from MAWARAKA to MOTUPENA PT will be arranged by 3 Aust Div.

5. Date of mov

Will be dependent on availability of ldg craft and progress of rd constr. Units will be warned separately for mov when they become third priority vide appx A att and again NOT less than 24 hrs before mov.

6. Priority of mov

7. Location on arrival

8. Cmd on arrival

} See Mov Table att as appx A

9. Separate instrs have already been issued for mov of 24 Aust Inf Bn and Pnr Pl 15 Aust Inf Bn.

10. Recce parties

(a) May proceed to TOKO area as required and will be accommodated by Area Cmd TOKO.

(b) Because of restrictions in the use of tpt recce of area in jeeps will NOT be permitted.

- (c) Recce will be restricted to area south of DARARA.
- (d) Parties will NOT enter areas of fwd bns without approval from HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.
- (e) Mov to TOKO area will be arranged by this HQ on request.

ADM

12. Stores and Eqpt

- (a) Due to tpt difficulties units will move with essential items WET, fd cooking gear and minimum essential Scale A engr accn stores.
- (b) Tentage will be kept to a minimum. Tents half shelter will be carried and where NOT available tent flies.
- (c) Drums 44 gal and 4 gal will be available from Sal Dump TOKO.

13. Rations Sups Amn

All units will move with unexpended portion of days rations, 3 days res SWPA rations, POL, expense stores and first line amn (except where directed otherwise).

14. Staging Area

- (a) A Staging Area will be est on North side MOTUPENA PT under arrangements 3 Aust Div.
- (b) 15 Aust Inf Bde will provide following staff :-

Offr	1
W or NCO	1
Clerk	1
Med Orderly	1
Gen Dutymen	2
Cooks	2

- (c) RAE 3 Aust Div will make available limited Scale A accn.
- (d) Cooking gear will be made available under arrangements ADOS 3 Aust Div.

15. Tpt

- (a) Units at TOROKINA will requisition direct on AASC 3 Aust Div for all tpt requirements.
- (b) One sec 3 ton trucks 56 Aust Tpt Pl will be based on Staging Area for onward mov stores etc to TOKO under arrangements 3 Aust Div.

INTERCOMN

- 16. Will be provided in following phases :-

(a) Phase 1.

Est fwd sig centre at TOKO to service principle circuits NOT less than 2 days prior to opening of H, 3 Aust Div in tust area.

(b) Phase 2

Open Hq 3 Aust Div at TOKO.

(c) Phase 3

Close down MAWARAKA Sig Centre when MOSIGETTA L of C no longer required.

17. Sig 3 Aust Div will provide line to staging area MOTUPENA PT.

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Method of Issue DRLS

Time of Signature 22.00/154 hrs

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7 Aust Inf Bde	1	1
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29 Aust Inf Bde	3	3
B Sqn 4/4 Aust Armd Regt	4	4
Ran 3 Aust Div	5	5
Ran 3 Aust Div	6	6
Sigs 3 Aust Div	7	7
ASCS 3 Aust Div	8	8
Area Comd TOKO	9	9
Rear 3 Aust Div	10	10
2 Aust Corps	11 - 12	11 - 12
Comd	13	13
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Med	16	16
Ord	17	17
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Annex A to 3 Aust Div
CO No 12 of 22 Mar 69

MOV TABLE
FOR REGROUPING OF FORCES 3 AUST DIV

Serial	Unit	Present Location	Location on arrival	Under comd on arrival
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Flamethrower Pl 15 Aust Inf Bde	TOROKINA	TOKO	7 Aust Inf Bde
2	Two tps B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt	TOROKINA	833472	3 Aust Div
3	One Sec 1 Pl 15 Aust Inf Coy	JABA RIVER	TOKO	3 Aust Div
4	Elements Sigs 3 Aust Div	TAGESSI	TOKO	
5	10 Aust Fd Bty	BOKU	880470	7 Aust Inf Bde
6	ADS 11 Aust Fd Amb	MOSIGETTA	TOKO	7 Aust Inf Bde
7	C Coy 01 Aust Inf Bn	MOSIGETTA	870480	7 Aust Inf Bde
8	Rear Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde	MAWARAKA	885475	
9	Hq and 3 Pl 5 Aust Fd Coy	MAWARAKA	838481	3 Aust Div
10	Bal 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	TOKO	Area Comd TOKO
11	Two 3 ton secs, One sec Jeeps 53 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	TOKO	Area Comd TOKO
12	U Aust Hy Bty	TOROKINA	847427	7 Aust Inf Bde
13	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt less two Tps	TOROKINA	833472	3 Aust Div
14	Elements Sigs 3 Aust Div	TAGESSI	TOKO	
15	Elements Hq 3 Aust Div and ancilliary Hq	TAGESSI	TOKO	
16	Elements Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde	TOROKINA	845480	
17	Moan Eqpt Pl 53 Aust Fd PK Coy	MAWARAKA	TOKO	3 Aust Div
18	Bal 53 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	TOKO	3 Aust Div
19	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	835477	15 Aust Inf Bde
20	Elements Sigs 3 Aust Div	TAGESSI	TOKO	
21	Bal Hq 3 Aust Div and ancilliary Hq	TAGESSI	TOKO	

Serial (a)	Unit (b)	Present Location (c)	Location on arrival (d)	Under comd on arrival (e)
22	Bal Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde	TOROKINA	845480	
25	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	855477	15 Aust Inf Bde
24	113 Aust Bde Wksp and Ord Fd Pk	TOROKINA	TOKO	3 Aust Div
25	23 Aust Fd Coy	MUPESI	TOKO	3 Aust Div
26	11 Aust Fd Coy	JABA RIVER	TOKO	3 Aust Div
27	Bal 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy less Stores det	TOROKINA	TOKO	3 Aust Div

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APPENDIX W

3 AUST DIV OP INSTR No 25

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15 Mar 45

Ref Maps : 1/25000 and 1 in series

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

COMMUNICATION OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

1. Warning of air raids is notified by 112 Mobile Fighter Control Unit on info supplied by the various radar stas in the area. Warnings are classified as YELLOW, WHITE, GREEN and RED.
 - (a) Air Raid Warning YELLOW is a preliminary warning only. It means that unidentified aircraft have been detected within approx 22 mins flying time but attack is NOT imminent.
 - (b) Air Raid Warning WHITE cancels Air Raid Warning YELLOW.
 - (c) Air Raid Warning RED means that unidentified aircraft have been detected within 12 mins flying time and attack is imminent.
 - (d) Air Raid Warning GREEN means that either the aircraft have been identified as friendly or further attack is not likely.

PROMULGATION OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

2. (a) Air Raid Warnings YELLOW or WHITE will not be relayed to 3 Aust Div.
- (b) Air Raid Warnings RED and GREEN will be relayed by PACIFIC Exchange to 3 Aust Div. On receipt thereof responsibility for immediate promulgation to fms and units under comd 3 Aust Div will be as follows:-

(i) Until est of Sig Centre TOKO

TOROKINA area	Rear Sigs 3 Aust Div
Area incl TAGESSI RIVER - incl ANGAU REFUGEE COMPOUND 780677	Adv Sigs 3 Aust Div, on
Area incl ADELE RIVER - incl TOKO	Sig Centre MAWARAKA on advice from Adv Sigs 3 Aust Div

(ii) On est of Sig Centre TOKO

TOROKINA area	As in para 2 (b)(i) above
Area incl TAGESSI RIVER - incl ANGAU REFUGEE COMPOUND 780677	Adv Sigs 3 Aust Div
Area incl ADELE RIVER - incl MAWARAKA	Sig Centre MAWARAKA until its closure then Sig Centre TOKO
Area incl MOTUPENA PT - incl TOKO	Sig Centre TOKO

(iii) On est of HQ 3 Aust Div at TOKO

TOROKINA area

as in para 2 (b)(1) above

Area incl TAGESSI RIVER
w incl TOKO

Adv Sigs 3 Aust Div

ACTION ON RECEIPT OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

The following action will be taken upon receipt of air raid warnings :-

(a) Air Raid Warning RED

(i) TOROKINA area

Sound alarm - succession of short blasts on whistle or rising and falling note on siren.

(ii) Other Areas

Sound alarm - succession of short blasts on whistle or rapid beating on gong.

(iii) During hours of daylight - all areas

Personnel will continue their normal work but sentries will be posted to give warning of any local attack. In the event of such attack materialising, the sentry will notify an officer who will be responsible for issuing orders to disperse and take cover. Personnel will NOT disperse until so ordered.

(iv) During hours of darkness

All unnecessary lights will be extinguished. Essential lights will be screened so that light will not be visible outside building or tent.

(v) Exchange switchboards and essential comms will be manned continuously. A Duty Officer will be available at the telephone at all fmn and unit HQ for the duration of a RED warning.

(b) Air Raid Warning GREEN

Sound 'All Clear' - two long blasts on whistle repeated at 20 sec intervals or where sirens are in use, a continuous blast of 1 min duration. Normal activities will then be resumed.

PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE

- Passive Air Defence is a unit responsibility, normal procedure for which is laid down in Protection against Gas and Air Raid Pam No 3, 'Passive Air Defence'. The present remote possibility of air attack is NOT sufficient to justify expenditure of labour on PAD measures, but fms and units will prepare a skeleton plan to be put into effect should enemy air attacks become likely.

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RAE 3 Aust Div	6
Sigs 3 Aust Div	7
3 Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	8
6 Coy 12 Aust Inf Bn	9
7 Aust FS Sec	10
ASG 3 Aust Div	11
109 Aust CCS	12
18 Aust Malarial Control Unit	13
63 Aust Dental Unit	14
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	15
113 " " " " "	16
129 " " " " "	17
104 Aust Bde Wksp	18
113 " " " "	19
129 " " " "	20
3 Aust Div Pro Coy	21
3 Aust Div Reception Camp	22
3 Aust Div Sal Unit	23
Area Comd TOKO	24
Rear 3 Aust Div	25
2 Aust Corps	26 - 27
Comd	28
GS	29
AQ	30
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Subject : 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5
as at 2359 hrs 23 March 1945

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 inch series:

TOROKINA
MOTUPENA PT and PURIATA RIVER
Track Map (MP & PR)

BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 series

MOSIGETTA
NAIRONA
BARARA
HIRU HIRU
RUMIKI

1. Herewith 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5.
2. Location Statement No 4 will be destroyed and an acknowledgement rendered on the form below.

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7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	2 Aust Corps (AIF)	20 - 22
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	4 Aust Base Sub Area	23
29 Aust Inf Bde	3	10 Aust L of C Station- ery Unit	24
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt	4	GS	25 - 26
RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	5	LO I	27
RLE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	6	AQ	28
Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	7 - 9	A	29
V Aust FS Sec	10	C	30
AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	11 - 12	ADMS	31
109 Aust CCS (AIF)	13	ADOS	32
63 Aust Dental Unit	14	CEME	33
3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	15	Legal	34
3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	16	DAPM	35
3 Aust Div Pro Coy	17	Camp	36
3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	18	Area Comd TOKO	37
3 Aust Div Salvage unit (AIF) 19		File	38 - 39
		War Diary	40 - 41

3 Aust Div

Receipt is acknowledged of copy/copiesof 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5.

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Date..... Rank and appointmentName

Ser-Ann or ial Service		War Office Serial No.		Unit	Ref-Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	HQ Units	45980	TS	HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	Adv HQ MP&PR 778792
2		45109		No 3 LHQ Mil History Sec Fd Team	TOROKINA	571959	LHQ tps
3	Cav	61423	TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	RUMIKI	998524	u/c 7 Bde. See serial 85
4	Armd	45090	TS	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	TOROKINA	575965	
5	Arty	48376	TS	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	MP & PR	774797	
6		45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	811457	u/c 7 Bde. See serial 88
7		45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	NAIRONA	905564	u/c 2 Fd Regt. See serial 92
8		46621	TS	U Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (AIF)	TOROKINA	557942	
9		45900	TS	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) less A Tp	MOSIGETTA	771639	C Tp 803464
10	Engrs	45991	TS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	MP & PR	775800	
11		45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy less	MOSIGETTA	764625	See serial 94
12				1 Pl less two secs	HIRU HIRU	820448	Two secs 834478
13				2 Pl	MOSIGETTA	707575	
14				3 Pl	"	851593	
15		46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy less	MP & PR	767812	See serial 146
16				1 Pl	"	771810	
17				2 & 3 Pls	"	771811	
18		45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	HIRU HIRU	814453	See serial 128
19				three pls less one sec	BARARA	839478	One Sec 575694
20		46157	TS	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	MP & PR	774751	
21				2 Pl	MOSIGETTA	765625	
22		45994	TS	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	549936	
23				Bn Pl	MP & PR	739842	
24				Mech Eqpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	764625	
25		47748		7 Aust BD Pl	MP & PR	739842	
26		48276		Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	MOSIGETTA	735583	
27		92423		Det Water Amb Convoy	MP & PR	770804	
28	Sigs	45997	TS	Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF) less det	"	778792	Rear HQ 575959. Det att 7 Bde
29		95998	TS	38 Aust Cipher Sec (TypeK)(AIF) less det	"	778792	Det 575959
30		49414	TS	Det 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	TOROKINA	781696	
31		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	811457	u/c 7 Bde. See serial 96
32		92604	TS	6 Aust Engr Sig Sec	MP & PR	775800	
33	Inf	46114	TS	C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn less	"	774759	See serial 148
34				14 Pl	"	775800	
35				15 Pl	"	771642	
36		49466		A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less 6 Pl)	HIRU HIRU	809457	u/c 7 Bde. See serial 112
37		61005	TS	HQ D Coy & 16 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less det	TOROKINA	571959	Det 778792

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
38	Int	45138		3 Aust Div Language Det (Five Units)	MP & PR	778792	GHQ Tps- u/c for local adm only
39		61502	TS	V Aust FS Sec	"	778792	LHQ Tps
40	ST	46010	TS	HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	TOROKINA	573962	
41		47903		HQ 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	"	588969	
42		92534	TS	152 Aust Wksp Pl	"	588969	
43		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	"	586968	See serial 138
44		92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	"	592968	See serial 116
45		92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	764618	See serial 154
46		47904	TS	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	590966	
47		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	590966	See serial 136
48		48663	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	627947	See serial 137
49		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl less det	MP & PR	771804	Det 825453 See serial 152
50		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	763623	u/c 7 Bde See serial 153
51		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	880578	u/c 7 Bde See serial 157
52		49028	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	592972	See serial 118
53	Med	45321	TS	109 Aust CCS (AIF) less 1st sec	"	535953	Lt see 755596
54		46121	TS	A Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb	MP & PR	773706	ADS See serial 155
55		47969	TS	55 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	TOROKINA	583959	
56		47969	TS	18 Aust Material Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	757593	
57	Dental	46597	TS	GS Aust Dental Unit (AIF) less	TOROKINA	571959	
58				HQ Det GS Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	"	596967	Att 23 Bde
59				A Sec " " " "	MP & PR	780704	" 7 Bde
60				B Sec " " " "	TOROKINA	630492	" 15 Bn
61				C Sec " " " "	"	635942	" 58/59 Bn
62				D Sec " " " "	"	638941	" 57/60 Bn
63				E Sec " " " "	"	644947	" 24 Bn
64				F Sec " " " "	MOSIGETTA	753602	" 11 Fd Amb
65	Ord	49416	TS	One Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Arm Regt	TOROKINA	575965	
66		49041	TS	Ord Fd Pk (HE)	MOSIGETTA	773595	See Serial 156
67		46242	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	See Serial 121
68		47766	TS	115 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	575964	See Serial 140
69	AMEE	49415	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	575965	
70		49058	TS	One Sqn Wksp 2/4 Aust Arm Regt Wksp	MOSIGETTA	772611	See Serial 157
71		46240	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	See Serial 122
72		49064	TS	115 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	"	576964	See Serial 141
73		46100	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	"	571959	Det 773792
74		45965	TS	202 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF) less det	MP & PR	772645	See Serial 123
75		45965	TS	213 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)	TOROKINA	549956	
76		45966	TS	230 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
76	Pay	46019	TS	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF) less det	TOROKINA	571959	Det. att 7 Aust Inf Bde
77	Postal	46021	TS	3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	571959	
78	Pro	46023	TS	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less two secs)	"	577966	Two Secs u/c 3 Base Sub Area
79		45730	TS	Two Secs 1 Aust Army Pro Coy	"	577966	To return AUST
80		46123	TS	3 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	577966	See Serial 160
81	Misc			One Mob Cinema	"	589972	NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
82		46022		3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	"	571971	Deta 817802 and 771638
83		46025	TS	3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF) less det			
7 AUST INF BDE							
84	HQ Units	46101	TS	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	MP & PR	763616	Adv HQ 808459
85	Cav	61423	TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn less	RUMIKI	998524	See Serial 3
86				A Tp	"	990516	
87				B Tp	"	996525	
88	Arty	45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF) less	HIRU	811457	See Serial 6
89				4 Bty	BARARA	800467	
90				5 Bty	"	834464	
91				6 Bty	TOROKINA	546936	
92		45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	NAIRONA	905564	U/c 2 Aust Fd Regt. See Serial 7
93	Engrs	45947	TS	3 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	764625	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 11
94	Sigs	45997	TS	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU	808459	See Serial 28
95		49113	TS	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	803459	
96		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	"	811457	See Serial 31
97	Inf	45104	TS	9 Aust Inf Bn less	BARARA	874484	4 Pl 807460 5 pl 849498
98				A Coy	RUMIKI	935505	
99				B Coy	"	915507	10 and 11 Pls 914504
100				C Coy	BARARA	839479	
101				D Coy	"	874484	
102		46105	TS	25 Aust Inf Bn less	"	875483	
103				A Coy	"	889465	
104				B Coy	"	892462	11 Pl 875483
105				C Coy	HIRU	897457	15 P 1 887457
106				D Coy	BARARA	885469	
107		45106	TS	61 Aust Inf Bn less	RUMIKI	909531	
108				A Coy	"	911500	
109				B Coy	BARARA	838478	
110				C Coy	MOSIGETTA	899564	13 Pl 895553, 15 Pl 903563
111				D Coy	HIRU	816453	

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112		49466		A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less 6 Pl) less	HIRU	809457	See Serial 36
113				4 Pl	"	828443	
114				5 Pl	"	885467	
115		61005	TS	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	808459	
116	ST	92771	TS	34 Aust Ept Pl	TOROKINA	592968	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 44
117		49027	TS	324 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less det	MOSIGETTA	820572	det 269434 - See Serial 51
118		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	593972	See Serial 52
119	Med	46122		11 Aust Pl Amb less	HIRU	816455	M D S
120				B Coy	MOSIGETTA	877584	A D S
121	Ord	46241	TS	115 Aust Bde Ord Pl Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 67
122	ARME	46240	TS	115 Aust Bde Wesp (AIF)	"	587973	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 71
123		45985	TS	215 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)	MP & PR	772645	Att 2 Aust Fd Regt. See Serial 74
124		46103		241 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	HIRU	808459	Att 7 Aust Inf Bde
125	Postal	46129	TS	5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	808459	
126	Misc			Det ANGAU less det	"	809457	det 003525

15 AUST INF BDE

127	HQ Units	45005	TS	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	650935	
128	Engrs	45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	HIRU	814453	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 18
129	Sigs	49118	TS	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
130		46007	TS	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	644947	
131				B Coy			en route TOKO
132				D Coy			en route LUTUPENA PT
133		46008	TS	57/50 Aust Inf Bn	"	638941	
134		46009	TS	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	"	634939	
135		61005	TS	14 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	630935	
136	ST	48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	590966	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 47
137		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	627947	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 48
138		92609	TS	55 Aust Ept Pl	"	586968	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 43
139	Med	46105	TS	15 Aust Pl Amb	"	629314	
140	Ord	47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Pl Pk (AIF)	"	576964	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 68
141	ARME	49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wesp (AIF)	"	576964	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 72
142		46006	TS	266 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	"	626936	
143	Pay	46021	TS	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	630935	
144	Pro	46020	TS	Two Secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	577966	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 78

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
<u>29 AUST INF BDE</u>							
146	HQ Units	46112	TS	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	596967	
146	Engr	46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy	"	767812	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 15
147	Sigs	48127	TS	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	596967	
148	Inf	46114	TS	15 Aust Inf Bn less C Coy	"	680942	C Coy u/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 33
149		46115	TS	42 Aust Inf Bn	"	597967	
150		46116	TS	47 Aust Inf Bn	"	559965	
151		61005	TS	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	596967	
152	ST	48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep P 1 (AIF)	MP & PR	771804	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 49
153		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep P1 (AIF)	"	768628	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 50
154		92620	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl	"	764615	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 45
155	Med	46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb less A Coy	"	598964	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 54
156	Ord	49041	TS	104 Aust Rde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	773596	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 66
157	ASME	49045	TS	104 Aust Rde Wksp	"	772611	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 70
158		46113	TS	312 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	"	595957	Att 29 Aust Inf Bde
159	Postal	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	595967	
160	Pro	46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	577966	U/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 80

RESTRICTED

Subject : OFFICERS VISITING FORWARD AREAS

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

25 Mar 45

G 22/503

Reference Adv 3 Aust Div G22/503 of 17 Mar 45.

1. In order to impose the least possible strain on forward units during operations, it is desirable that the number of officers visiting forward areas be kept to the minimum.
2. To control this all requests for approval to visit a forward unit will be submitted to the Head of the relevant Branch, Arm or Service who will then pass it with his recommendation through staff channels to GS Branch Adv HQ.
3. When approved by GS Branch, the necessary pass will be issued by either Adv or Rear HQ as applicable.
4. Where certain key personnel have permanent passes, notification of intended visits will be passed by the Branch, Arm or Service concerned through staff channels to GS Adv HQ.
5. No officers, either from this or other formations, will visit forward areas without prior approval from GS Adv HQ.

J. G. Halsey
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution

RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)
RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)
Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)
AASO 3 Aust Div (AIF)
GS Rear 3 Aust Div
AQ
A Rear 3 Aust Div
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3 Aust Div of INSR 26

SECRET
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DEF OF TOROKINA PERIMETER AND
PROTECTION OF L OF C

17 Mar 45

RESPONSIBILITY

1. Consequent upon mov of 15 Aust Inf Bde from TOROKINA area, 29 Aust Inf Bde will assume responsibility for prevention of enemy penetration into entire 3 Aust Div sector of TOROKINA perimeter vide 3 Aust Div CO 5 of 1 Jan.
2. Approval is therefore granted for mov of one bn 29 Aust Inf Bde into 24 Aust Inf Bn camp area when vacated.

DEF OF PERIMETER

3. FDIs

will NOT be occupied but plans will be prepared for occupation at short notice.

4. Outposts

will NOT be occupied but plans will be prepared for the occupation on short notice of posns on gen outpost line employing NOT more than one coy per bn. Outposts may be withdrawn at discretion of Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde.

5. Log Res

Under arrangements 29 Aust Inf Bde.

REDUCTION OF RAIDING TALS

6. Force 6.5 in H-NELLO sector may be reduced to one pl.

PROTECTION OF L OF C

7. As from time of H, 3 Aust Div opening in TOKO area, C Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn will revert to comd 29 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK

CS 3 Aust Div (LIF)
Lt-col

Method of Issue DRIS

Time of Signature 12.5 hrs.

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Distribution:

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15 Aust Inf Bde	1
29 Aust Inf Bde	2
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Sigs 3 Aust Div	5
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APPENDIX AA

Subject : ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE TO 3 AUSL DIV

Adv Hq 3 Aust Div (AIF)

3 / Mar 45

G 18/140

List 'A' less Serials 126, 135-140
- - plus TOKO Det Hq 3 Aust Div
Rear 3 Aust Div
2 Aust Corps
46 Aust AL Sec

Ref: Rear Hq 3 Aust Div G 18/140 of 9 Mar 45

1. It is requested that correspondence dealing with the following matters now be addressed to Adv 3 Aust Div :-

- (a) User trials of new equipment
- (b) Controlled stores and new equipments.

(Signature)
Lt-ccl
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

APPENDIX
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Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATIONS

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

/ Mar 45

GSI 43/11

Serial 30

Batch 156 captured in BOKU Area by 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 28 February 1945.

Blackmore Capt
for Col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution :

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	3
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	6
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt	1
RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	1
"V" Aust PS Sec	1
2 Aust Corps (AIF)	5
DO ANGAU TOROKINA	2
War Diary	2
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HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT,
1 MARCH 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 156 captured in BOKU Area by 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 26 Feb 45. Two documents.

1. One, loose, handwritten sheet entitled PRECAUTIONARY ADVICE IN REGARD TO MOVEMENTS ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE FURIATA RIVER. Undated and unsigned. TN Obviously rough notes taken of the original order. Translator no. 84, fully translated:-

I. There is undoubtedly an enemy advance towards the left bank of the FURIATA RIVER. Each unit will be vigilant and a strict guard must be maintained. In addition, there must positively be no incident which will expose our plans.

Matters to be especially heeded are as follows:-

- (1) In crossing the FURIATA R. divide into echelons of several men each and cross one group at a time. The cadre will take positions on both sides of the river to guard against the sound of shooting and to guide the men in their crossing.
- (2) If the unit halts, place sentries without fail.
- (3) In cutting bivouac material at the bivouac area, it is necessary to do so, so as not to reveal the scheme to future aerial vision. Restrict any cooking during the day.

II. Hereafter, self-sufficiency will be most difficult. Use your will power to take zealous care of the diminishing food supply. As the use made of gardens and coconuts is so vitally important, capital punishment will be accorded to those who have ravaged gardens (including native gardens) or have taken or have cut down coconuts (regardless of the quantity) and coconut-trees, without the permission of the Guard HQ.


III. In the SININAI Area, it is clearly evident that the natives have fled and are in sympathy with the enemy. Refrain from moving about on one's own in this area. Since there are natives still remaining in the HATAI and TOKINOTU areas, refrain from displaying any action which would antagonize them. They must not be forced to side with the enemy.

2. One, loose, handwritten sheet being but a copy of the heading and an unfinished sentence of the Operation Order below. Translator 84. Translated in full:-

WEST GARRISON CO No. 177

West Sector Garrison Unit Order
23 Feb --. 0300 hrs.
1 Km ---- of BOKU.

The pressure of the enemy in all direction is becoming powerful, there is great strength in the FURIATA RIVER ----.


O 1/c HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT.

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Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATIONS

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Mar 45

CSI 43/11

Serial 31

Batch 161 captured in BOKU area by 61 Aust Inf Bn,
7 Aust Inf Bde on 26/27 February 1945.

Blackman Capt
Col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution:

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
11 Aust Inf Bde
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt
RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)
"V" Aust PB Sec
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TAMERLEY,
1945

SECRET TRANSMISSION SECRET TRANSMISSIONS

1. 1st Aust captured BOKU Area by 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bn on 26/27 Feb 45. One document.

1. One, loose, handwritten sheet. Message from Col MUTA dated 16 Feb (TN Obviously copy of original message). Translator no. 84.
Full translation:-

MUTA Message No. 233

16 Feb — at 1700 hrs.

CHIEF OF BATTLE FIELD AND HIS ACTION.

1. Stop the transportation of KOSIGETTA Force, rations and transport patients and ammunition to the rear to the left bank of the PURLATA River.

2. One battery of the Fd Arty, under the command of the Fd Arty Bty CO, will become the heavy field artillery platoon and will establish a mountain gun position in the vicinity of the main road, on the left bank of the PURLATA River.

3. 1 Fd Arty Bn and ammunition train will concentrate near the BUKI Sig Coy and will engage the enemy from the NORTH and EAST.

4. The main strength will occupy a position near the KOSIGETTA branch powder magazine, the NORTH of KOSIGETTA ration dump and the stream NORTH of KOSIGETTA and check the enemy as long as possible. Check the enemy in the PARIGA and TOKO Area and withdraw to JIGERI and KIGERI, if it is impossible to check the enemy.

0 1/c HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT.

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Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATIONS

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

3 Mar 45

GSI 43/11

Serial 32

(a) Batch 162 captured at ref 895553, MOSIGETTA 1/25000 series by 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 27 February 1945.

(b) Batch 163 captured at ref 851480, BARARA 1/25000 series by 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 25 February 1945.

Herewith copy/copies of the above.

Lt Col D. L. Michael Capt.
for Col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution :

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	3
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	6
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt 1	
RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	1
"W" Aust FS Sqn	1
2 Aust Corps (AIF)	5
DO ALGAU TOROKINA	2
War Diary	2
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LANGUAGE DETACHMENT,
MAR 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 162 captured at 895552 MOSIETTA 1/25,000 by C Coy, 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 27 Feb 45.

1. Two, loose, handwritten sheets Instructions based on Western Garrison Operation Order No. 177, undated and unsigned (TN Obviously rough copy of original instruction). Translator 9a checked by translator no. 84.
Full translation:-

INSTRUCTIONS based on WESTERN GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 177.

1. If the TSUBOI FORCE (TN 1 Bn, 6 Pz Arty) withdraws, the UCHIYAMA FORCE (TN 5 Coy, 13 Inf Regt), while maintaining liaison with KAGAMITUCHI FORCE (TN 2 Bn, 13 Inf Regt), will move to the vicinity of the present Regt HQ. Be especially careful of the right flank. There is a middle island in the FURUKA River are occupying the secret TAI TAI trail. There is a great indication that they will close in on our rear flank. The left flank of the Force must maintain communication with the right flank of KAGAMITUCHI FORCE.

2. 2 Bn will contact its right flank, while moving with UCHIYAMA Force and it is urgent that they maintain close liaison with UCHIYAMA Force.

3. Both units together will, after dawn tomorrow the 25th, while maintaining close communication with each other, withdraw their front line to the vicinity of the precipice which is located about 500 metres SOUTH of BOKU. The UCHIYAMA Force will use the HATAI secret trail and KAGAMITUCHI Force will use the FURUKA secret trail; the HATAI secret trail and the FURUKA secret trail run parallel, with a distance of 100 and 300 metres between them, until the precipice area is reached.

4. UCHIYAMA Force, from the evening of the 25th, will commence movement on HATAI trail to the left bank of the FURUKA River and occupy the river crossing area. After covering the withdrawal of KAGAMITUCHI Force, they will work together and station SHIBUKU Unit (TN 1 Coy, 6 Tpt Regt) at the said river crossing, which will engage in covering the withdrawal of UCHIYAMA Force. However, depending on the situation, it will move with KAGAMITUCHI Force and work in concert.

5. The KAGAMITUCHI Force, if it takes over command of the 6030 Unit (TN 2 Coy, 6 Tpt Regt) and TSUBOUCHI Platoon (which will come from the direction of JAPARA), will move to the left bank of the FURUKA River on the HATAI secret trail and will take over the occupation of the river crossing point from the UCHIYAMA Force when they withdraw, will maintain close liaison with TSUBOI Force and will repel the enemy. TSUBOUCHI Platoon will, after moving to the left bank of the FURUKA River, proceed to Garrison Unit HQ without further orders.

6. In regard to detailed orders on movements on left bank of FURUKA River, both units will give their own orders. If any movements are made, report immediately to Garrison Unit HQ without further orders.

7. Garrison Unit HQ is located 1500 Km (TN 51c) south from the HUPAI secret trail river crossing point near the three forked road south west of KAGAMITUCHI Force ration dump. (About 500 from three forked road). (TN Last paragraph very indistinct)

8. Both forces while in the process of moving will make continual efforts to reconnoitre the enemy situation and make clear the situation regarding the pursuing enemy.

2. One, loose, handwritten sheet Message from 2nd Lt TSUBOUCHI to Major KINOSHITA (TN Staff Officer HQ 13 Inf Regt), 7 Feb —.
Translator no 94, checked by no 84. Full translation:-

Communication matters.

1. There has been no change in the enemy situation until today, 7th and there is nothing doing; but, just now, about 1000 hrs in front of the MAKAKU sentries, several of the enemy appeared advancing with automatic rifles and fired upon us. Our side retaliated with rifles and handgrenades, etc. but the enemy did not retire and, on the contrary, it seems that they are being re-inforced. We are in waiting to engage them at this moment.

2. Rifle ammunition, expended by firing until yesterday, the 6th, is ——— (TN Illegible, but the figure 22 rounds is discernible, which might indicate the number of rounds expended by each man).

3. From the evening of the 5th to the morning of the 6th, the natives of the KONGORAI and MARIKA areas have fled in the direction of TOTABE.

4. Sup Pte ITO of the 6 Tpt Regt was murdered by natives while on sentry duty. (TN Rest of document is illegible, but the following is discernible). I have no alibi for being so careless of the natives and thus permitting such a thing to happen.

3. One, loose, handwritten sheet. Message to Divisional Intendance Department, 1st Lt (TN Name illegible) from Major (TN Name illegible).
Translator no. 94. Full translation:-

1. Salt situation is as follows:- 6 Arty Regt, 6 Tpt Regt, 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt and 1 Fd Hosp remaining personnel have enough only until the end of February.

... Regt HQ and 2 Bn have only what is left over - which is sufficient for the first ten days of February.

(TN Sic)

... Of the 500 kilogrammes on hand, 30 grammes/were sent to the front line units. It is possible to deliver until the end of this month.

2. Forty five mosquito nets arrived at RUNAI, of which 24 were sent to Regt HQ; but it is impossible to send them to the front line. The remainder will be kept at RUNAI.

3. TABI shoes are scarce in the front lines. Most men do not wear any at all. If distribution is possible, would like to have some sent within a few days.

4. Will send details by liaison.

BATCH No. 163 captured at 851480 BARARA 1/25,000 by 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 25 Feb 45.

1. One, loose, handwritten sheet Letter from KAKUDA to Capt SAKATA (TN Presumably Hq Coy OC 11 Coy 13 Inf Regt), dated 21 Feb —.
Translator no. 197, full translation:-

Sorry to be a nuisance. I hope you will fight well and take good care.

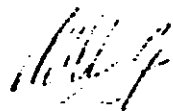
I will send 7 days provisions for you and the men on duty (200 grammes stipulated, 2 Kg rice and 4 of biscuits).

(3)

Artillery units will get their provisions from RUNAI but 2 Bty and 8 Bty should be carrying rations up to the middle of March, men of 1 Bty at the front should be carrying the same as 2 Bty and 8 Bty.

There should have been orders from Maj KINOSHITA (TN Staff Officer 13 Inf Regt) that the artillery potatoes are to be brought from JARARA-MARIKA area.

I will send 700 rounds of ammunition.



O i/c HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT.

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Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATIONS

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

5 Mar 45

GSI 43/11

Serial 33

Batch 172 captured at ref 902515 (1/25000 series)
by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn on 26 Feb 45.

Herewith copy/copies of the above.

Blackman Capt
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	3
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	6
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
89 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1
RAA 3 Aust Div	1
"V" Aust PB Ssq	1
2 Aust Corps	5
DO ANGAU TOROKINA	2
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Hq 3 Aust Div (AIF)
Language Detachment
5 Mar 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS

BATCH No 172 captured at 902515 (1/25000 series) by 2/8 Aust Cdo
Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde, 26 Feb 45.

1. One loose, handwritten sheet "Ration Strength Chart".
Force not stated. Last date 24 Feb (Tr 197). Full translation:

5 Coy 13 } 7 days rations for
7 Coy 12 } 25 personnel, 150 grammes added to 17 Feb
Biscuits (TN Fd ration) 26 Kg, 250 grammes 1 bale and 22 pkts

5 Coy 13 } 7 days ration for 40 personnel
7 Coy 12 } 600 grammes 18 Feb to 24 Feb.
8 Coy 9 }
6 Coy 6 }

168 Kg (A 4 days 96 Kg.
(B 3 days 72 Kg
3 bales 42 pkts

Bn HQ 31 }
5 Coy 4 }
6 Coy 6 }
Coy 1 } 10 days ration for 82 personnel, 600 grammes
MG Coy 11 } 15 Feb to 24 Feb
Bn Gun Pl 4 }
1. Fd Hosp 11 } 492 Kg (A 5 days 246 Kg
Inf Regt 2 } (B 5 days 246 Kg
Regt Sig Coy 8 } 12 Bales 28 pkts
Transport 4 }

TN. The figures below appear in the original document above Bn HQ
and on the righthand side of the paper, and ruled off from
the rest of the figures. Apparently they were inserted there
only because of lack of space.

Polished rice 380 Kg - 342 Kg 38 Kg
Biscuits 588 Kg - 344.250 243.750 Kg 12 bales
(TN Fd ration)
Dry bread 55 Kg 2 bales & 15 Kg .400
Special food 95 Kg 3 bales & 15 Kg

2. One loose, handwritten sheet "List of Unit personnel".
Force not stated. Undated (Tr 197).

Full translation :

Bn HQ	17
5 Coy	14
6 Coy	5
7 Coy	9
8 Coy	6
MG Coy	8
Bn Gun Pl	3
Communications	3

3. One loose, handwritten and mimeographed form "Ration distribution chart". Force not stated. Undated. (Tr 197)

Full translation :

Unit	Bn HQ	5 Coy	6 Coy	7 Coy	8 Coy	MG Coy	Bn Comm	Total
Personnel	17	14	5	9	6	8	3	65
Dried food amount	1.800	1.400	.500	.900	.600	.800	.300	6.600

4. Reverse side of a slate containing pencilled figures (TN presumably referring to 2 Bn 13 Inf Regt). Not dated. (Tr 197).

Full translation :

Unit 50 and 81 subordinates Organization Chart

Deceased	14	} 17 personnel
Hospitalized	2	
Missing	1	

At present 66 personnel

Duty	10	} Total 66 personnel	53
Luggage	28		13 remaining
Despatched	14		
Gardens	14		

5. Obverse side of a slate containing pencilled organization chart "Regt Transport Unit" undated. (Tr 197)

Full translation :

Regt Transport Unit OC Sjt Maj TOKUNAGA

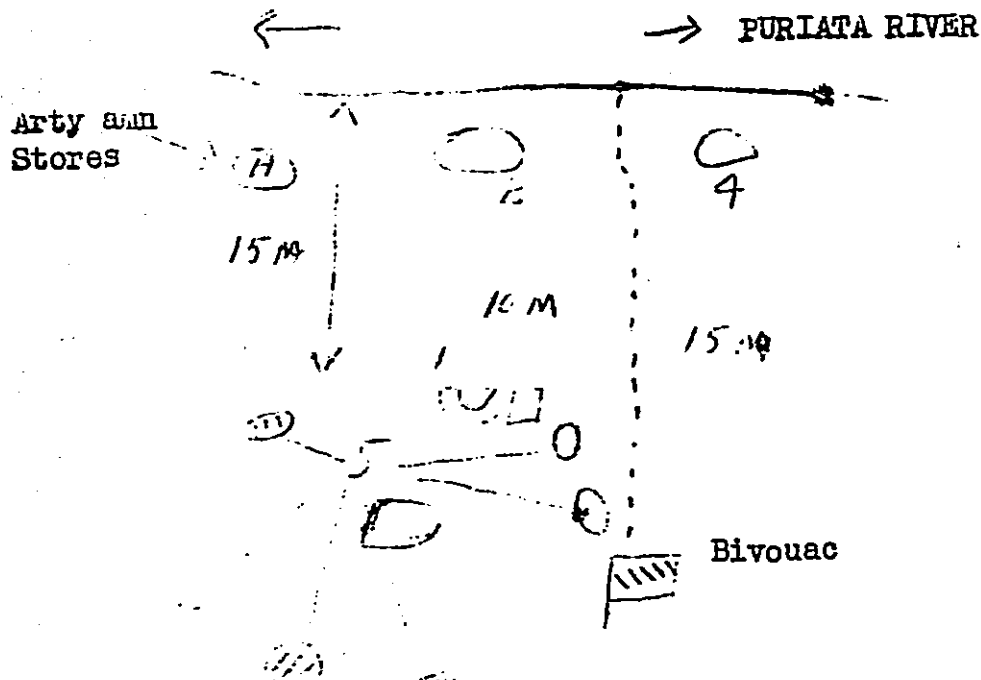
HQ Sec	8	(incl 5 names crossed out)
No 1 Sec	14 (2)	(incl 12 names crossed out)
No 2 Sec	15	(incl 10 names crossed out)
No 3 Sec	14	(incl 9 names crossed out)
No 4 Sec	17	(incl 6 names crossed out)

6. One loose handwritten sheet. Diagram with instructions and orders. Not dated. (Tr 94)

Full translation :

*UNIT In addition to constructing positions for 2 Bn, the UCHIYAMA Bn will be in the defensive position to act as cover for 2 Bn. When 2 LG positions are constructed, (including Arty Unit) 2 Bn will disperse two LG on river bank. (TN - LG presumed LNG).

- (1) Construct posns in sequence of garden Nos.
- (2) Make complete camouflage against aerial vision for the biv and the posns, and also against land vision.
- (3) In view of the situation, do not neglect guard on both rear and flanks.
- (4) For the present, the main strength will engage in constructing positions.
- (5) (TN. Sentences incomplete but believed to be as follows). Complete as far as 3 by tomorrow. After 4 construct in the necessary order as squad leader sees fit. (TN. The Nos 3 and 4 in above sentence, presumably imply posns.)



Construct bivouac in such a manner to facilitate immediate readiness in case of battle.

Under IMG cover, add air defence position to slit trenches.

Construct, near river bank trail, observation position (trench) at a secret, hidden point.

TN Identification of Nos 2, 4 and 5 unknown. However 2, 4 and 5 are presumably defensive positions.

10M and 15M = Metres.

O 1/c Hq. 3 Aust Div (AIF)
Language Detachment.

HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT,
6 MAR 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 173 captured at 916578 NAIRONA 1/25,000 by D Coy, 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 3 Mar 45.

1. Three, bound mimeographed sheets AKIRA Special Intelligence Report. Stamped MOST SECRET, seal (TN Illegible). Trs. 84 and 195.

1. Bombing attacks of the enemy up to the present, their pattern in conjunction with their offensive.

The situation appears below (however, restricted to raids of about ten airplanes or over).

Date	Place	Damage
31 Jan	MIIRON (West Sector) (1 Bn, 6 Fd Arty)	wounded - 1, majority of medical equipment destroyed
1 Feb	MIIRON (1 Bn, 6 Fd) (Arty)	killed - 1; wounded - 2. observation instruments and signal equipment destroyed.
2 Feb	MAIKA Area	some damage to houses in 4 Fd Hospital Area
3 Feb	HUPAI Bridge Area MAIKA Area	no damage some damage to houses in 4 Fd Hospital Area
5 Feb	---	---
6 Feb	MEIBA Area MAIKA Sector	No damage MEIBE (TN Sic) Army HQ and Div HQ - 8 casualties in the HQ - will be moved.
7 Feb	MEIBA Area 1 Km south of MAAGATA 3 forkroad	no damage seriously wounded - 1. slightly wounded - 1.
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Captured 14 axes and 19 swords (TN Sic).

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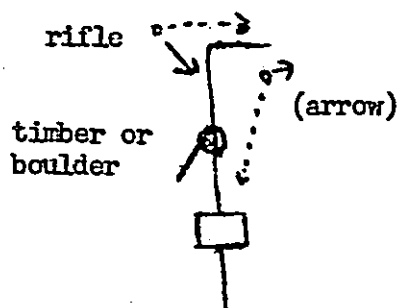
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(Check the unit with arrows and snipe)

(c). The enemy utilizes a steep bank for their position and places large boulders on the road. When our units attack this position, they roll other boulders down the bank, fire rifles and use bows and arrows.

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i. To attack the MAWARAKA Area the enemy will construct an MT road based on aerial reconnaissance. They usually attack with artillery.

ii. Losses attained by enemy night artillery fire are not to be ignored.

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4. Situation of KOSHIZAWA Punitive Unit.

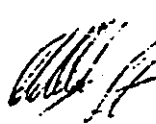
The Punitive Unit has advanced to TSUREKONO Village and is seeking pro-allied natives among the natives who have not fled from TSUREKONO - OREMAI Area.

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Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATION

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

6 Mar 45

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Serial 34

Batch 173 captured at ref 910578 HATHONA 1/23000
series by 01 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 3 Mar 45.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV,
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DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 173 captured at 916578 NAIRONA 1/25,000 by D Coy, 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 3 Mar 45.

1. Three, bound mimeographed sheets AKIRA Special Intelligence Report. Stamped MOST SECRET, seal (TN Illegible). Trs. 84 and 195.

1. Bombing attacks of the enemy up to the present, their pattern in conjunction with their offensive.

The situation appears below (however, restricted to raids of about ten airplanes or over).

Date	Place	Damage
31 Jan	MIIRON (West Sector) (1 Bn, 6 Fd Arty)	wounded - 1, majority of medical equipment destroyed
1 Feb	MIIRON (1 Bn, 6 Fd) (Arty)	killed - 1; wounded - 2. observation instruments and signal equipment destroyed.
2 Feb	MAIKA Area	some damage to houses in 4 Fd Hospital Area
3 Feb	HUPAI Bridge Area MAIKA Area	no damage some damage to houses in 4 Fd Hospital Area
5 Feb	---	---
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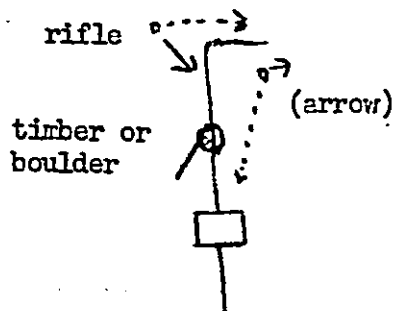
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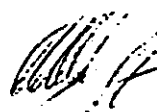
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15 Mar 45

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Serial 35

Batch 188 captured at ref 922511, RUMIKI 1/25000 by 61
Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 8 Mar 45.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV,
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13 MAR 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 188 captured at 922511 RUMIKI 1/25,000 by D Coy, 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 8 Mar 45. Two documents, translator no. 94.

1. One, loose, handwritten sheet Message from 2nd Lt OTSUKA (TN 2nd Lt Troop Comd 2 Bty 6 Fd Arty) to HQ Sec Ldr dated 6 Mar —.
Full translation:-

1. No change in enemy situation in front of our pickets. Last night we reconnoitred HATAI secret trail but there is no change. UCHIYAMA Force (TN 5 Coy 13 Inf Regt), who are on the road have retired and did not see any of our own troops.
2. To-day before dawn we will change our position to 1 km to the rear of 13A (TN Sic) picquets. (TN 13 A presumably is 13 Bty 6 Fd Arty referred to in Interrogation Report No. 17 of PW021)
3. Accordingly, as our position will be moved to the above vicinity, we would appreciate directions as to our future dispositions and duties.

How's your toothache, I hope it's better soon. (TN Sic)
This is just my opinion, the picquets are at present guarding their own position, however if the enemy come down the HATAI secret trail, I believe, it is preferable from the tactical stand point to use the natural terrain instead of the present position at the fork.

2. One, loose, handwritten sheet Rough Notes. Full translation:-

At present	2	9 Coy (TN or bty) 2 Bn.
Total personnel	34	
Outpost	Lt. MAE 8	
Patrol	6	
Runner	2	
Sick	4	
—	1	
Potato digging	4	
—	3	
—	4	
Total	32	

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Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

16 Mar 45

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51 Aust Inf Bde, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 11 Mar 45.

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Batch No 109 captured at MOSIGETTA area ref 883568 MOSIGETTA
1/25000 by 61 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 11 Mar 45.

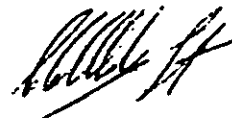
3 documents one translated.

1. One loose handwritten sheet summary of Op Order dated 26 Feb at HATAI. Translator 197 and 94. Full translation :-

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2. 2 Bn (attached 2 Coy 6 Transport Regt), on and after the evening of the 26th, will secretly occupy a position in the cliff area which is on the left bank of the river at the crossing and will destroy enemy plans to advance on the left bank of the PURIATA RIVER. The units occupying the TAITAI track (----- of C Pz Arty) will (-----TN illegible), will reconnoitre the enemy position on the right bank of the PURIATA and will make a surprise attack and cause confusion in the rear of the enemy. Furthermore one portion will be disposed between the river crossing and the cliffs and will despatch patrols and prepare against enemy infiltration.

3. UCHIYAMA force (TN Probably 5 Coy 13 Inf Regt) will first seek out and destroy the enemy and, after providing cover for 2 Bn, will establish themselves in the area of 2 Bn provisions distribution point (-----TN illegible). Stop the enemy from infiltrating to our rear. A portion will be disposed in the HATAI track fork area and will send out frequent patrols for reconnaissance and security.



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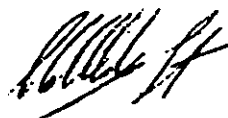
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Batch 193 captured at ref 893457, NIRU MINU 1/23000
by 25 Aust Inf Bde, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 14 Mar 45

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17 MAR 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 193 captured HIRU HIRU Area ref HIRU HIRU 1/25,000 - 893457 by
A Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 14 Mar 45.
Four documents, published translation of one only.

1. Two, loose, carbon copied sheets Organization Chart of '1 Coy' (TN Unit
not stated) dated 28 Feb 45. Translator nos 94 and 197. Document torn,
full translation of parts not torn:-

	Offrs	WO	NCO	CR	TOTAL
Establishment	3	1	26	48	78
Present Str	2	1	22	25	50
Decrease	1		4	23	28
Hospitalized on BOUGAINVILLE					
Serious illness					
Light illness			1	1	2
Sick and resting in lines			6	12	18
On duty with other units			3	5	8
Total NOT available for duty			10	18	28
Total available for duty	2	1	12	7	22

Hospitalized away from
BOUGAINVILLE and sent to
rear areas

Remarks

Offrs:-Decrease 1, 1st Lt TSUNO hospitalized.

NCOs:- During previous month 4 died, TSUKUDA, KUMAHARA, KIYOZAKI,
MATSUNURA.

Cts:-During previous month 6 died, TANAKA, HIRUYAMA, NAKAMA, SEBATAKE,
AMADA, SOYA.

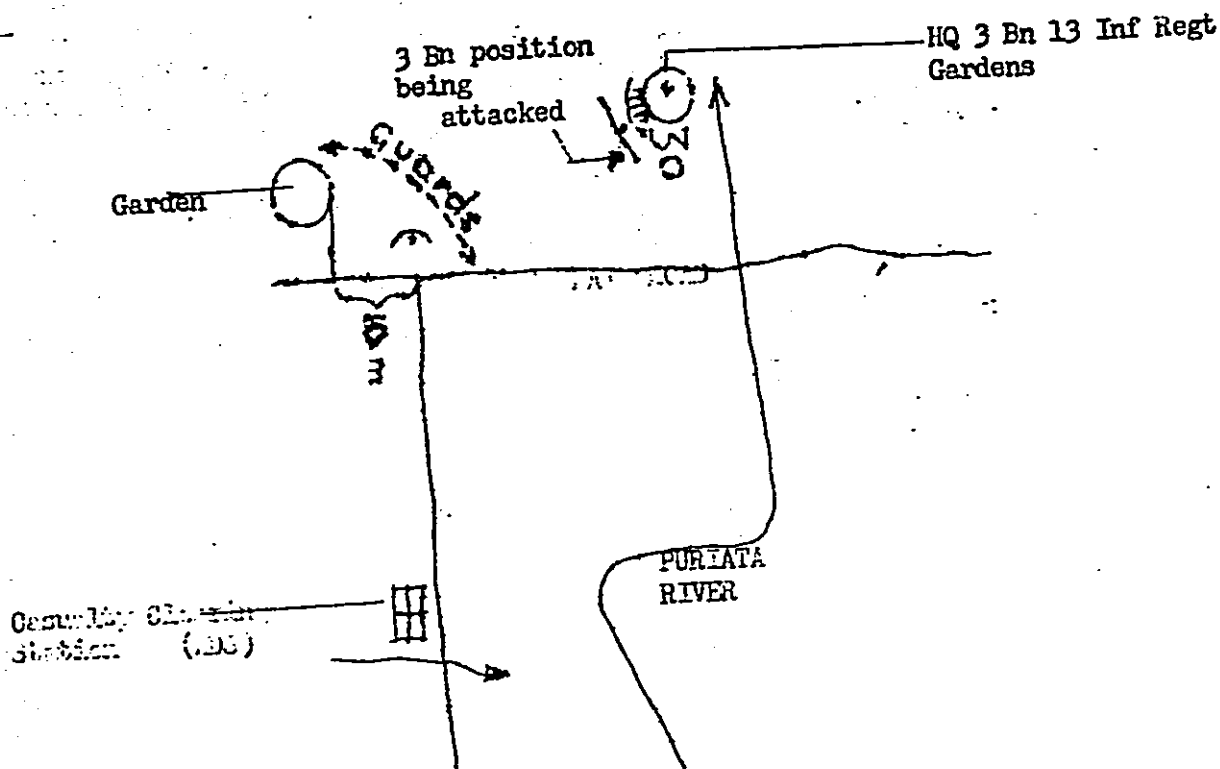
BATCH No. 194 captured in TOKINOTU Area ref BARARA 1/25,000 - 874463
by B Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 13 Mar 45.
Four documents.

1. Paybook of Idg Pte of AKIRA 9015 EJIMA Unit (TN 6 Div Construction Unit)
2. Warraving Certificate - Unit 13 Inf Regt, 3 Coy.
3. Warraving Certificate - Unit South Seas Expeditionary Force, AKIRA
9018, SHINKAI Unit (TN 9 Coy, 13 Inf Regt).

4. One, loose, sheet. On one side ~~Diagram~~ written in ink in small handwriting; on the other Message from Garrison Commander and rough sketch. Message and rough sketch written in pencil, large handwriting. Full translation, translators nos. 94 and 84.

- 25 Feb. AM. Enemy airplane flew over but no bombing. Had a talk in CO's office. Received an order from MFTA Garrison Unit that a portion of the enemy has penetrated the left bank of the PURIATA River. Food is being distributed. Made preparations to leave. Ten men left at 1200 hrs.
- 26 Feb. Strengthened the position, bothered by mosquitos on guard duty. Enemy airplane came to reconnoitre the area.
- 27 Feb. Guarded our quarters. Sjt SATO went to the main unit for liaison and received rations.
- 28 Feb. Our artillery shelled the PURIATA River crossing last night. AM. Two formations of airplanes over MAIKA. I wonder what the situation is in the Phillipines.
- 1 Mar. Constructed air raid shelter.
- 2 Mar. AM. Enemy airplanes circled overhead. PM. PURIATA River Crossing is being shelled.
- 3 Mar. Our artillery went into action last night. AM. There is heavy enemy shelling. Mortar shelling is dropping 400-500 m. away.
- 4 Mar. Heavy MG fire in PURIATA Area. It is reported that the enemy has crossed the river. UEDA Unit (TN 10 Coy, 13 Inf Regt) went into action.
- 5 Mar. 1200 hrs. Heavy rifle fire in PURIATA Area.
- 6 Mar. Had communication from 1st ^{LT} UEDA. Heard that the enemy had attacked and occupied the old Field Depot yesterday at 1200 hrs.
- 7 Mar. PM saw enemy airplanes. Went to a nearby river to dig clams.
- 8 Mar. 1600 hrs. Enemy mortar shells are dropping near our rear position.
- 9 Mar. Communicated with the main unit. Heard the war news of IUZON in the Phillipine Islands.
- 10 Mar. Reconnaissance airplane flew overhead all through the morning. The afternoon was peaceful.
- 11 Mar. 0500 hrs. Was shaken by enemy heavy artillery fire. PM. Heard rifle fire in the PURIATA River area. Heavy artillery fire in the evening. It seems that they are firing at the old artillery position.

(TN On reverse side of page is sketch and Message from Garrison Commander-see next page).



- (1) One section of enemy force is penetrating the left bank of the PURIATA River.
- (2) An officer and nine men will take up a position near HAISHI Three Forked Road and guard against detouring enemy penetration.

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Adv HQ 3 Aust Div

21 Mar 45

GSI 43/11

Serial 32

(a) Batch 203 captured in SINANAI area, sq 9848 RUMIKI 1/25000 by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 19 Mar 45.

(b) Batch 204 captured at ref 972497 RUMIKI 1/25000 by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 19 Mar 45.

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21 Mar 45

DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH 203 captured at SINANAI area ref 9848 RUMIKI 1/25000 by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn on 19 Mar 45 from enemy courier.

Six documents, published translation of two documents.

1. Two loose, mimeographed sheets of 6 Div Op Order dated 16 Mar at MAIKA. (Translator No 84)

Full translation :

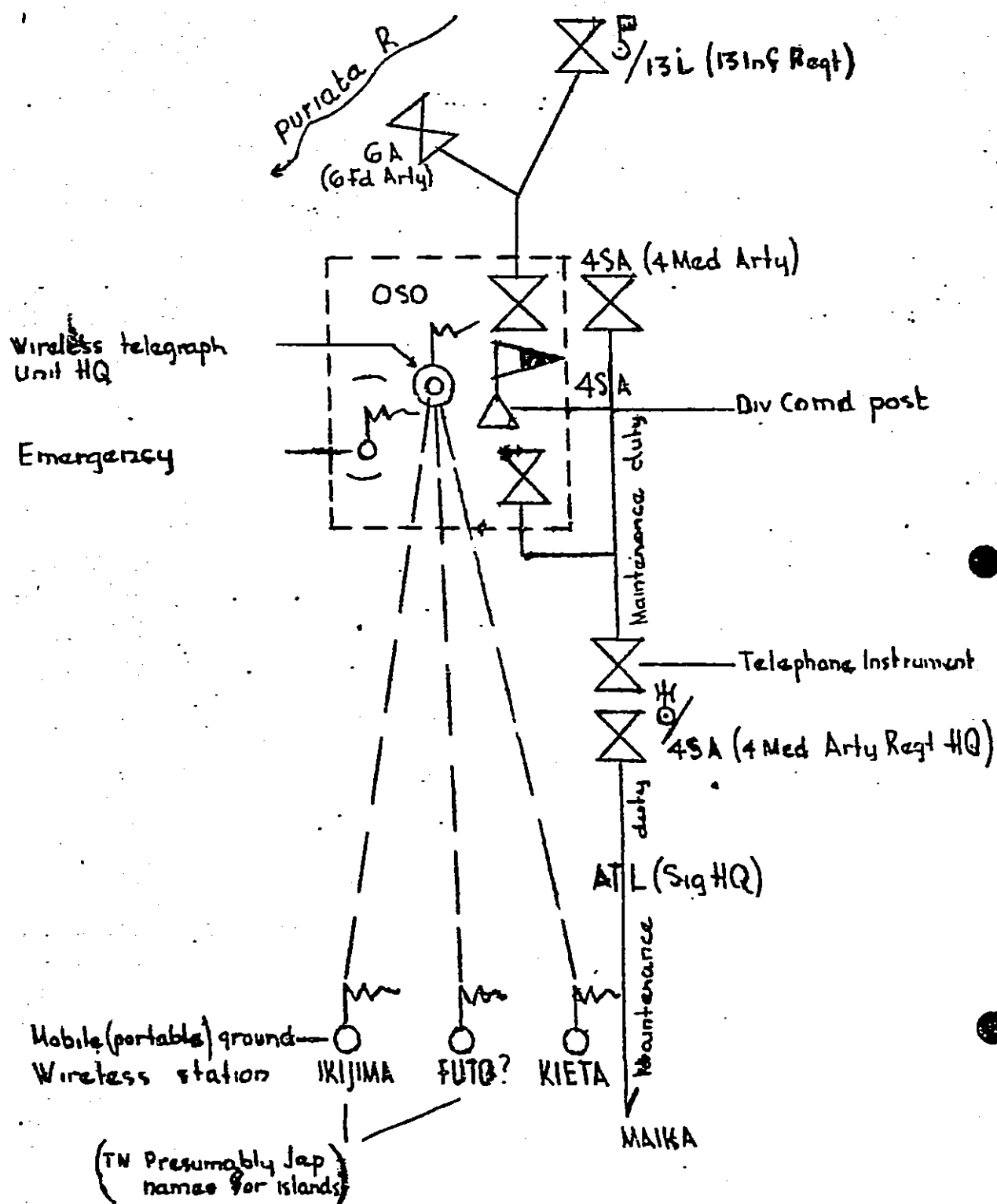
AKIRA Op Order No 11

6 Div Order dated 16 Mar 0600 hrs MAIKA.

1. Div Command Post will leave MAIKA on the evening 16 Mar, and will proceed to RUSEI, later on 23rd to OSO.
2. Div Sigs Unit CO with its main strength will leave MAIKA on the 18 Mar and will proceed to OSO, there the unit will construct a wireless net as shown below. This wireless net will be completed by 1200 hrs 22nd. Together with the above-mentioned network, the wireless communication system with the 13 Inf Regt will be terminated after the 23rd.
Make preparation for communication with the Army HQ at MUGUAI.
3. Details will be given by staff officer in charge

Div CO

Method of Issue	-	Printed copies
Distribution	-	13 Inf Regt, 6 Fd Arty, 4 Med Arty, Div Sigs Unit.
Report to	-	17 Army.



2. Two loose handwritten sheets. Organization Chart of 3 Coy
(TN 23 Inf Regt) date not stated. (Translator No 84)

Full translation.

Organization Chart 3 Coy
(Men going to the line)

HQ - Pl CO 1st Lt KASHIWAGI, Akira
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1 Sec - Sec CO 2nd Lt KANEMARU, Masato
6 OR

2 Sec - Sec CO WO NOGUCHI, Ikuzo
5 OR

3 Sec - Sec CO Sgt/Maj YAMANAKA, Shigeo
5 OR

(TN. Names of all ORs given but not translated)

3 Offrs
1 WO
11 NCO
11 Men

25 Men

Organization Chart 3 Coy 23 Inf Regt
(Remaining personnel)

6 NCOs (TN. Type of sickness given but not translated)
8 Men

14 Men

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DRAFT TRANSLATION FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH 204 captured at SINANAI ref 972497 RUMIKI 1/25000 by 2/8 Aust Cde Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 13 Mar 45.

Four documents, published translation, three.

1. One loose handwritten sheet. Organization Chart of 3 Bty dated 20 Feb. (Translator No 197).

No 3 Bty Organization Chart 20 Feb.

	Personnel	Notavailable for duty incl patients	Available for duty	No of Rifles	Rifle Amm
Officers	2	-	2		600 rds
NCOs	15	1	14	41	20 gren- ades
ORs	14	2	12		

Remarks: Those despatched to outposts or on patrol are classified viz Officers, NCOs, ORs.
Those at other units in the same way.

	Outposts	TAITAI	Div Construct- ion Unit	Hospit- alized	No 2 Bty
Officers	1	-	-	-	-
NCOs	2	1	1	2	1
OR	7	2	1	2	1

(TN. Mutilated sheet. Figures on top of page as follows :
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(TOTAL 51 names)

2. One bound handwritten field diary of 3 Bty dated 1 Feb to 20 Mar. (Translator Nos 94, 197 and 84).

Extracts.

13 Feb. Today's strength 45 men.

19 Feb. ~~REDACTED~~

1. 1240 Bty received TUBOI (TN 1, Bn 6 Fd Arty) Op Order Nos 55, 56, 57 and 59 from Fd Arty. Bn HQ.

22 Feb. 6 Km north east of PIKAI.

2. 1100 Bn FURIAA platoon was attacked by unknown number of enemy. Engaged the enemy for 30 minutes. 1st Lt. 1st Pte KADOKO and Ldg Pte KUWADA, KIA.

3. 1000 Bn received Regt Order No 35.

Let 14 Bn. Directly will be the 3 Bty CO.

4. Today's strength 41 men.

23 Feb. 4 KM SE of PIKEI old 13 Inf Regt HQ.

1. In accordance with the Bn order, the Bty will join the Bn main strength on the junction of HATAI - TAITAI road (4 KM south east of PIKEI) tonight.
2. Today's strength 41 men.

24 Feb. Old 13 Inf Regt HQ - SINANAI.

1. 1530 hrs arrived at SINANAI and took up guard duty.
2. Today's strength 42 men.

26 Feb. SINANAI.

1. 0600 hrs 1st Lt YUDA and 18 men together with 3 men from the MP unit left for MIHERU area to reconnoitre and to gather material.
1400 hrs returned safely.
2. Today's strength 41 men.

27 Feb. SINANAI

1. 3 Bty CO will send 1st Lt YUDA and 9 men to 13 Bty.
2. Today's strength 31 men.

2 Mar. SINANAI

1. 1 Cl Pte ISA died of malaria and malnutrition.
2. Today's strength 30 men.

5 Mar. SINANAI

1. 1830 hrs received Bn Order dated 5 Mar. 1 KM west of SINANAI.
(a) The enemy of about 120 strong under the protective cover of mortar shell and bomb encircled and attacked KOYASU Pl.
(b) The entire Bn will prepare to attack this enemy tomorrow night.
(c) 3 Bty main strength will advance to OTSUKA Pl position and prepare for the night attack.
(d) 13 Bty CO with OTSUKA Pl will make preparation for the night attack.
2. Today's strength 30 men.

7 Mar. SINANAI OTSUKA Pl Position.

1. 0400 hrs received following Bn Order.
(a) TSUBOI Op Order. 6 Pz Arty, 1 Bn Order dated 7 Mar. 0400 hrs 1 KM west of SINANAI.
(1) This morning's surprise attack failed due to strict enemy security measures.
(2) The Bn will prepare for further attack in old OTSUKA Pl area.
(3) 3 Bty CO will send a portion of his unit to 13 Bty CO, and the main strength will continue with their previous duty and prepare for further attack.
(4) 13 Bty will reconnoitre enemy situation and terrain, and will make preparation for future attack in the old OTSUKA Pl area.
2. 1st Lt YUDA and 8 men will be under the command of 13 Bty CO. The main strength will return to the old SINANAI Position and continue with their previous duty.

8 Mar. SINANAI

Article 3. In the NIHERO vicinity enemy reconnaissance planes are very active and a great deal of supplies are being dropped by transport planes.
Today's strength 29 men.

11 Mar.

Article 1. Sgt IKEDA and 5 OR departed in the direction of NIHERO at 0500 hrs to reconnoitre the enemy position.

Returned at 1200 hours and reported as follows:
"Today in the vicinity of NIHERO enemy transport planes are very active and appear to be dropping supplies."

Article 2. Report from 2 Bn HQ states that the reconnaissance patrol discovered enemy linesmen in the forest east of HORINO village. Therefore despatched immediately Sgt SATO and four men on ambush patrol to the point 1 km east of SINANAI.

Article 3. Sounds of heavy rifle, machine gun and arty fire morning and afternoon on several occasions in the direction of 13 Bty.

12 March

Article 1. 0500 hours construct ambush position 1 km east of SINANAI crossroads.

Article 2. 0600 hours Sgt HIGASHI and Cpl FUKUI departed for 13 Inf Regt HQ to obtain amm for 13 bty. Returned 1100 hours.

13 March

Article 1. 0500 hours 2nd Lt FUKUI and 5 men will construct ambush positions.

Article 2. Sgt Major KEMINATO and 12 men will reconnoitre enemy positions and gather materials about 1 km from HONGORAI river crossing branch mouth.

15 March

0500 hours Sgt IKEDA and 7 men departed to reinforce the 13 Bty.

3. One bound handwritten diary and note book owner and unit not stated (TN presumably 3 Bty, 6 Fd Arty) 4 Nov to 10 Mar
Translator No 84.

Extracts:

A Casualty List KIA

Nov 11 men


Dec 4 men

Jan 23 men (including CO)

Feb 4 men

Mar (up to 10) 6 men

(TN names given but not translated).


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ADV HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Mar 45

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Serial 39.

Batch 210 captured in KAFARA area by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 24 Mar 45.

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46 Mar 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No 210 captured in KAPARA area by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 21 Mar 45. (Six documents).

1. Five loose handwritten sheets 23 Inf Regt Daily Orders and Bulletins. 14/15 Mar. Translator No 84.

Full Translation :

23 Inf Regt Daily Order 14 Mar.

1. 2nd Lt YUASA, Sumao will be attached to the Regt HQ and will be the colour bearer during the advance to the line.
2. 2nd Lt UYENURA, Naoyuki will be relieved of the duty of colour bearer, during the advance to the line.

Bulletin 14 Mar.

1. Each unit will make field dressings from the cotton that has been distributed. The cotton left over will be used to make roller bandages. These dressings and bandages will be sent to the HQ dispensary.

Ordnance Bulletin 15 Mar.

1. HQ and Coy which are participating in future operations will inspect and hand in any left over ordnance material and ammunition to the ordnance squad by the 17 Mar.

2. During operations a daily check of expended ammunition and remaining ammunition, will be made, and coys connected directly with the ordnance squad will deliver their report to the ordnance squad by sundown, others will make their report to the Bn HQ ordnance squad.

3. In the future, weapons will be cleaned before handing them in, uncleared weapons will not be accepted.

23 Inf Regt Op Order No 5 17 MAR 1200 hrs at RUBEX.

1. The div intention and enemy situation confronting us is as you already know.

2. The regt will assemble its strength for revenge (TN character FUKU with circle around it presumed to be revenge).

3. The 1 Bn (less AITARA and HAMAGATA Garrison Unit), after it is detached from the command of MONOI Sector Garrison Unit CO, will return to my command and make combat preparation. After these preparations the Bn will assemble at OSO as shown in the marching order chart, which is being distributed.

Before departure, draw up agreement with the MONOI Sector Garrison Unit CO, in regard to the remaining personnel.

Urgent Communication.

1. Prepare Molotov Cocktail.
The cork and gasoline will be distributed at the assembly point.
2. Report immediately to the Bn HQ to receive ammunition.
3. Ldg Pte USHIMIZU will report to Bn HQ dispensary.
4. The 3 Coy CO will report to the Bn CO at the Bn HQ immediately.

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Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

31 Mar 45

GSI 45/10

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Batch 217 captured at SLATER'S KNOLL by 25 Aust Inf Bn,
7 Aust Inf Bde on 29 Mar 45.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV,
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT,
31 MAR 45.

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No. 217 captured at SLATERS KNOLL ref 875481 BARARA 1/25,000
by 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 29 Mar 45. (Five documents).

1. One, loose, handwritten sheet Supply Plan for Limited Period,
Unit and date not stated. Translator no. 195, extract:-

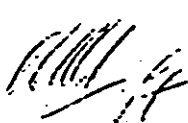
1. Depart evening 21st (after evening meal) carry breakfast and
midday meal 22nd.

2. Use one bag of hard tack and 1.5 Kg fresh sweet potatoes from
evening meal 22nd to midday meal 23rd.

3. Use one bag hard tack and 1.5 Kg fresh sweet potatoes from
evening meal 23rd till midday meal 24th.

4. Use two bags hard tack and 1 Kg fresh sweet potatoes from
evening meal 24th to midday meal 25th.

5. The supply for the period from the evening meal on the 25th
to the attack on D day will be as per subsequent orders.


O i/c HQ 3 AUST DIV,
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Subject: PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 17
PW No 3 AD P 021

Adv Hq 3 Aust Div (AIF)

13 Mar 45
GSI 44/11

PW No 3 AD P 021 captured by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde
at TONDUI ref map RUMIKI 1/25000 - 033483 on 11 Mar 45.

Herewith copy/copies of the above.

1 Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1
Ran 3 Aust Div (AIF)	1
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2 Aust Corps (AIF)	5
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13 Mar 45

DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 17

PW No 3 AD P 021.

Interrogator No 84

1. Personal Details

PW No 3 AD P 021
Name TANAKA Toshio
Rank Sgt
Unit 1 Bn, 23 Inf Regt HQ
Duty Clerk - later in charge of natives
Age 26
Unit effecting capture : 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Time of capture : 11 Mar 45
Place of capture : TONDUI - RUMIKI 1/25000 - 033483
Detail of capture : PW warned by his native boss boy that he and his party of five were in a hopeless position. He decided to surrender and was led in by the boss boy. Thereafter first name
Ref 871243.

2. Preamble

PW was in good health, talked very freely and was very cooperative. PW's intelligence is above average, seems to be very observant and has a wide range of interest. Information considered reliable.

3. Chronology

Arrived at BOUGAINVILLE Jan 43; landed at ERVENTA 8 Jan 43, and immediately proceeded to MUGUAI. Left MUGUAI Mar 43 for MOSIGETTA.

15 Nov 43, participated in TOROKINA operation, was wounded on 23 Nov 43 and sent back to MOSIGETTA.

26 Jan 44, took part in TOROKINA operation.

10 Apr 44 went to RUMAI and on 4 May 44 was sent to TONDUI in charge of natives. PW was at TONDUI until time of capture, but frequently liaised with 1 Bn HQ.

4. Projected attempt on TOROKINA Perimeter.

The following information passed to formations concerned by signal reading - "Ref map TOROKINA one inch. Spot interrogation of top sgt PW resulted as follows. PW is member of 23 Inf Regt. Saw 55 Div Intrep for Jan stating information had been gained from native on TOROKINA and from captured Allied pilot regarding installations within perimeter. Also location of 30 aircraft. PW saw 6 Div order that parties of 12 including one officer and two NCOs were to report to MAIKA for special training from each of the following. 13 Inf Regt, 23 Inf, 45 Inf, 6 Engr, 6 Fd Bty, 3 Tpt. Also gathered from unconfirmed source that additional parties would be furnished by medical units. After 30 days special training parties were to leave within a week of each other for TOROKINA to blow up our HQ and do any other damage possible. Wearing Jap uniform. 1 LMG and small arms per party. 15 days Fd rations. As much explosive as possible. Journey MAIKA to TOROKINA estimated take 10 to 15 days. Route left to CG party but instructed to avoid us by keeping to foothills and jungle. 20 Regt party to RV TOROKINA RIVER forks square 6696. Action to enter perimeter at discretion of CG party but suggested enter vicinity

PENDLETON RD. Then RV to orient themselves at rd junc 626943. Further suggested each party might split into two. If unsuccessful this area try vicinity NUMA NUMA trail. PW saw order dated 28 Feb stating 23 Inf Regt party to depart MAIKA 1 Mar. This was first party away. PW intelligent well educated. Information considered "reliable."

5. Units

Hq 1 Bn 23 Inf Regt

CO Maj TSURUYA
Located at RUNAI.

Total strength	Area	Officers	Health
38	RUNAI	Maj TSURUYA	Very poor health
		Adj 1st Lt TATENAKA	fair
		Int 1st Lt ITO	
		MO 1st Lt KIMURA	
		MO 1st Lt KUBO	
		MO 1st Lt TABARU	
		1st Lt SUGAHARA	
		Att 2nd Lt TAKAHASHI	

23 Inf Regt CO Lt-col KAWANO HQ located at RUISEI

No 1 Bn Hq	Located at RUNAI	CO Maj TSURUYA	Strength
1 Coy	AITARA	1st Lt SHIMADA	40
2 Coy	MAMAGATA	1st Lt NAGANO	40
3 Coy	HONGORAI - 1 Pl	2nd Lt KANAMARU	15
	SIROI	1st Lt KASHIWAGI	30
4 Coy	HONGORAI - 2 sec		
	RUNAI with Bn Hq		40
		Total	203

No 2 Bn Hq	Located at AKU	CO Lt-col ABE	
5 Coy	TOKUWAKA		250
6 Coy			
7 Coy		1st Lt KUROKI	
8 Coy			

No 3 Bn Hq	Located at MOBLAI R	CO Capt OKABE	
9 Coy	RUISEI)with Regt Hq		
10 Coy	")		
11 Coy	MOBLAI R area	Capt TSUTSUDANI	--
12 Coy	" "		

Division of command in BOUGAINVILLE

PW states that some time after TOROKINA Operation BOUGAINVILLE was divided into three defence areas - East Sector, West Sector and BUIN Sector (ref Appx B). At present all operations, including Northern Sector are directed by 6 Div, 17 Army having retired from active direction of ops except through 6 Div.

(NOTE : This would account for the apparent anomaly of 45 Inf Regt under command 38 IIB).

MONOI Sector Garrison Unit - Area between HONGORAI River and "HABI" River.

Under command of Col TAKEBANA, 4 Med Arty Regt CO.

1 Bn, 23 Inf Regt,)	
6 Engr Regt		250 men
4 Med Arty Regt		500 men

RUISEI Sector Garrison Unit

Under command of 23 Inf Regt
2 Bn, 3 Bn, 23 Inf Regt
4 Fd Hosp

MAIKA area

6 Div HQ
1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt
6 Tpt Regt Hq
6 Fd Arty Regt Hq

MUGUAI

17 Army HQ
Units under direct control of 17 Army

KIETA

45 Inf Regt
KIJIMA Army Group (38 IMB)

13 Bty (or Coy) 6 Fd Arty

The unusual designation of this unit was queried. PW states that it is composed of 6 Fd Arty personnel. It carries small arms only. It came from MAIKA to FUKUHA (on old Govt Rd North of MONOITU - ref Appx A) to engage in gardening. All produce went forward to 13 Inf Regt. The senior local Hq for FUKUHA is 4 Med Arty, and the Coy passed under its command. At the time of 13 Inf Regt withdrawal the coy was moved forward as shown in appx A. The detachment constructing defences at SINANAI was contacted by PW who was responsible for natives in this area. The above information was gained in conversation with the OC. (Interrogator's Note:- The conventional sign "13A" has appeared in two documents recently captured, presumably 13A refers to the above Coy - see 3 Aust Div translation Batch 188.)

6. WEAPONS 1 BN 23 INF REGT

(a) 1 Coy at AITARA

1 Tk & Gun
1 Bn Gun
2 HMG - 2000/3000 rounds
5 LMG
1 rifle per man
1 grenade per man

(b) 2 Coy at MAMUGATA

1 Tk & Gun
1 HMG - 2000/3000 rounds
5 LMG
1 rifle per man
1 grenade per man

(c) 3 Coy at SIROI

1 HMG - 2000/3000 rounds
5 LMG
1 rifle per man
1 grenade per man

(d) 4 Coy at RUNAI

Weapons same as 3 Coy

7. Dispositions for the defence of TAITAI area.

See Appendix A.

8. Intentions

(a) Div Staff Officers think that the allied troops only want to secure GAZELLE BAY and will not advance beyond HONGORAI River.

(b) 6 Div plan to make final stand at PURLATA HONGORAI area, if necessary to reinforce units at PURLATA from MAIKA.

(c) 17 Army plans to attack allied flank from the mountains in the East after 6 Div has checked allied advance at PURLATA HONGORAI area.

(d) PW thinks, if impossible to hold the PURLATA - MONOITU sector, they will put up a delaying action and withdraw to mountain area to conduct guerilla warfare. In other words, PW believes war in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE will be won or lost in the MONOITU - HONGORAI area and that there is no intention to withdraw for a final stand at BUIN because of fear of bombing in a concentrated area.

(e) The Japanese have no knowledge of allied troops in NIHERU area, think there are only 5th column natives and a few patrol activities. PW considers our strength in this area may modify 17 Army plan.

(f) 13 Inf Regt had intended to put up final stand at MOSIGETTA but was ordered by 6 Div to withdraw when 13 Inf Regt Hq was at HOZAN.

9. Food and Clothing

(a) Food in MAIKA is plentiful, enough to supply the front line troops. The soldiers in MAIKA are well fed.

(b) Units outside those in MAIKA eat whatever food they raise in their own garden.

(c) The troops on the front line have new uniforms and boots.

10. Tracks and Roads

(a) "A" road, MOSIGETTA to RUNAI is 4/5 m wide, it is almost the same as MAIKA - MOSIGETTA road. It can be used as MT road after few minor repairs.

(b) "B" road (the old government road) is 3 m wide and is swampy when there is rain.

The section between HONGORAI River and TOROMI River ref Appx 'A' is mountainous and practically impossible for MT.

The grades are about 60°-70°

The section south of TOROMI River can be used for MT.

11. Communication

No wireless communication in MONOI or RUSSEI area. There are telephone lines from PURLATA area to MAIKA on old government road. Telephones and runners are the only means of communication between the Hq and front line troops.

Wireless is used by Army Hq to communicate with troops in R. BAUL, NEW BRITAIN.

12. Morale

The morale of the men is very low, realizing that their only possible offensive action is by suicide raids. If they are pressed they will fight to the last man.

13. Miscellaneous

(a) Heard of allied airman held as PW, whereabouts unknown.

(b) PW thinks there are about 3 air planes in ERVENTA area. These air planes may be used to fly to RABUL. PW states that it is not impossible to fly to RABUL at night.

(c) Allied Bombing

PW stated that although extensive damage to huts has been caused by recent strikes, casualties to personnel have been negligible; due to the fact that all fit personnel are away working at gardens, and the remainder have ample warning to get clear of the area before bombing begins. This is provided by the habit of our bombers of circling an area 5 or 6 times before bombing. The first circle is the signal for all in the area to take cover. Dive bombing provides less warning, but in PW's experience has been neither accurate nor concentrated.

Furthermore, in some cases they are able to work out our 'schedule' and know more or less when they can expect to be bombed.

They also know by experience that we bomb huts and are careful that none appear near dumps. PW pointed out that to his knowledge practically no damage had yet been done to the main ammunition and food dumps along the road between HARI and RUNI (ref appx 'a').

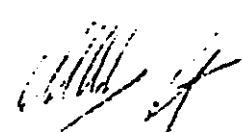
PW states that far more effective method would be to concentrate on gardens, as when a garden is bombed the Japs stop working it until sure that it is not on the 'regular run'. He suggested that e.g. an airplane over any garden at fairly frequent intervals, with an occasional bomb dropped would be sufficient to cause work to cease.

Questioned specifically as to results, PW said that in the raid on RUNI a few days ago, (in an area containing a Bn Hq and one Coy) only one Jap was killed.

He has no knowledge of guns having been knocked out by bombing.

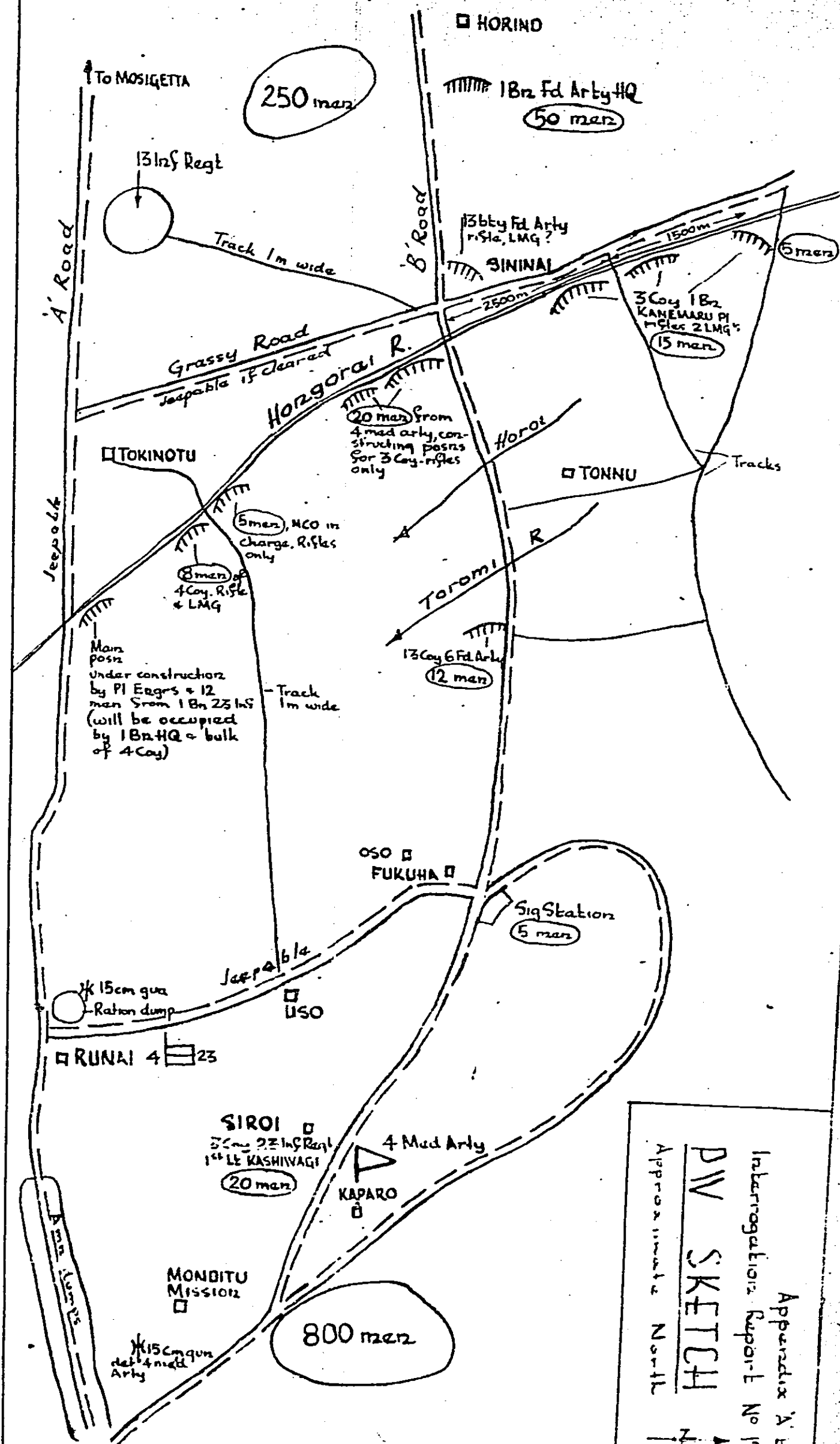
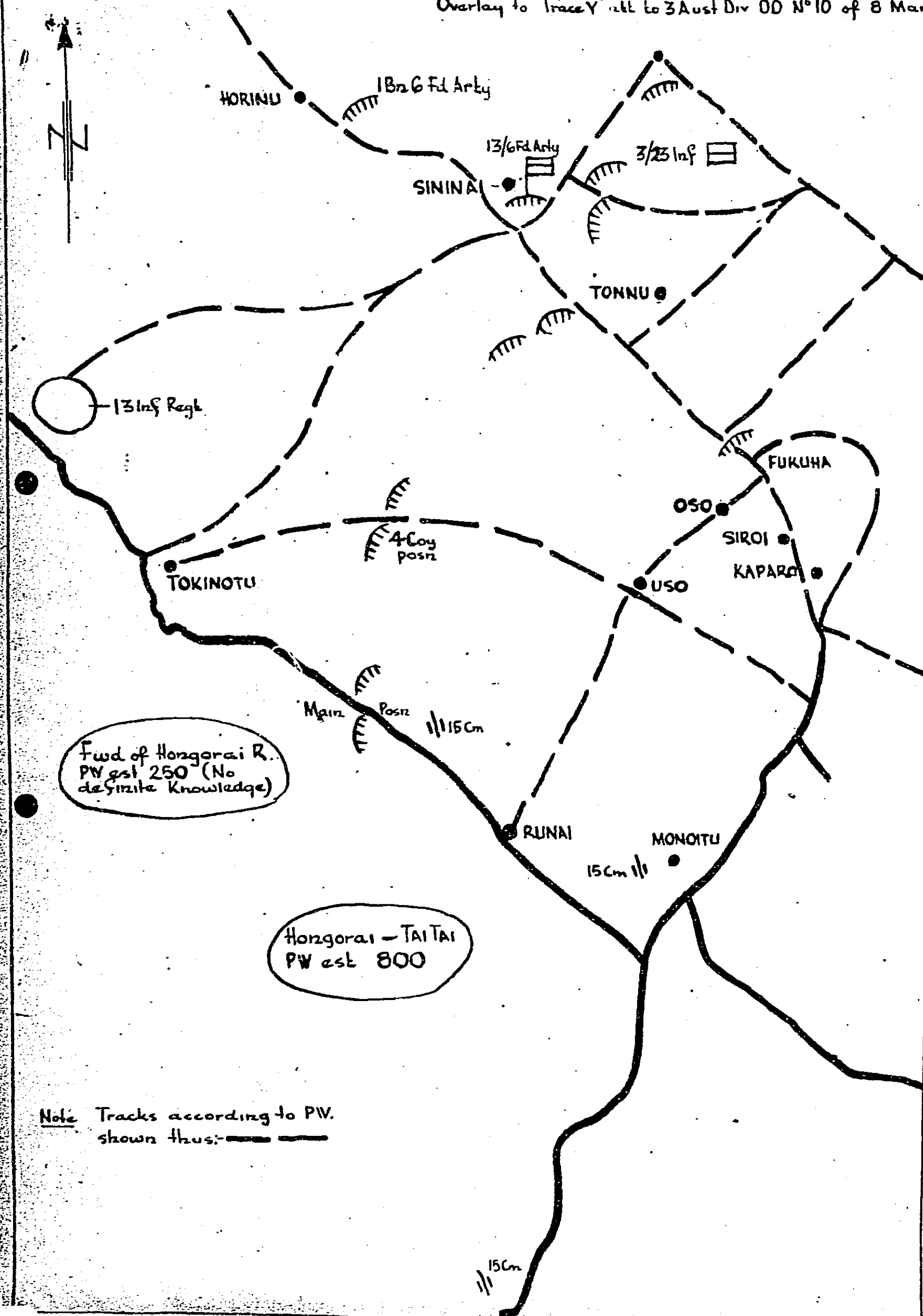
Total killed in area MONCITU-HONGORLI River since 1 Mar he does not think would exceed 10. Of these 5 were killed in the raid on HOKAH on 3 Mar.

Informed of the believed destruction of 20 Trucks at UNANI on 27 Feb, he said he knew there were trucks there, but thought not more than 6 and certainly not more than 10 in the entire area, plus 3 staff cars


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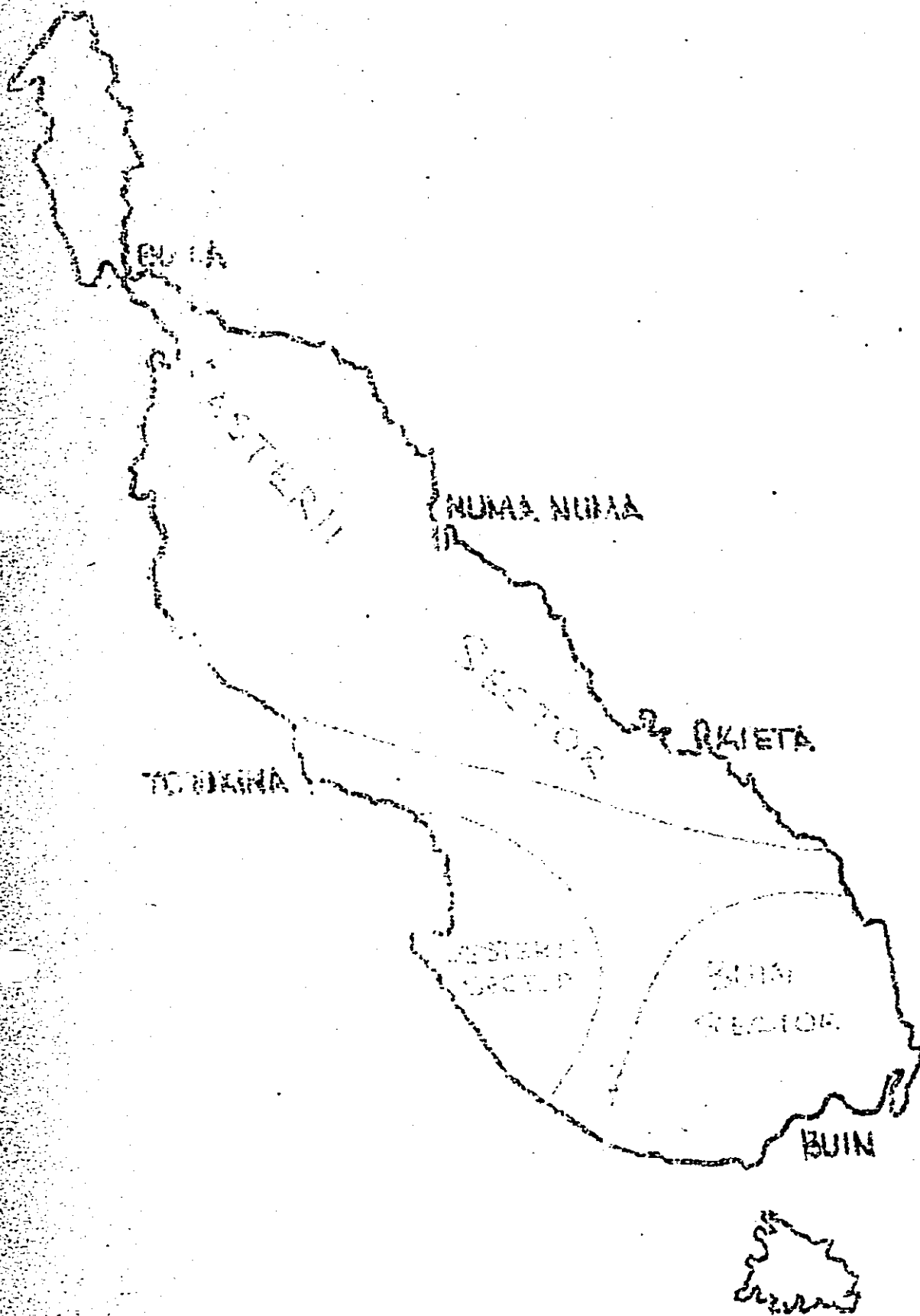
INTELLIGENCE INTERPRETATION of PW SKETCH

Overlay to Trace Y'att to 3 Aust Div OD N°10 of 8 Mar



Appendix A to
Interrogation Report No 17
PW SKETCH
Approximate North

Appendix B
to FIV Interrogation
report No 17



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Subject : PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 18

PW no 3 AD P 022

Adv Hq 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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Subject : DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 18
PW No 3ADFO22

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)
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19 Mar '45.

Interrogator No 84

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No 3ADFO22
Name TAIRA, Fukumine
Rank Cpl
Unit 5 Coy, 2 Bn, 23 Inf Regt
Duty Gardening (former messenger at Regt HQ).
Age 26
Place of capture : POREPORU ref 210375
Time of capture : 16 Mar '45.
Unit effecting capture : STUART party.
Details of capture : Surrendered voluntarily. PW has never been happy with 5 Coy. After a 'row' with his OC caused by PW's appropriation of the best share of native produce he also had a fight with other NCO's. He then asked native friends to arrange his surrender.

2. PREAMBLE

PW was in very good health, talked freely and was very cooperative, PW is of average intelligence. He had detailed information of his own unit and the border between MOBIAI and PORROR Rivers.

3. CHRONOLOGY

31 Jan '43 landed at ERVENTA and proceeded to MUGUAI
Middle of May '43 went to TAI TAI
Early Sep '43 went to MOSIGETTA
Nov '43 to 26 Mar '44 participated in TOROKINA operation.
26-Mar '44 left TOROKINA for RUISEI through MOSIGETTA.
Early Apr '44 arrived at RUISEI.
17 Jun '44 went to AKU.
5 Jul '44 went to POREPORU.
14 Feb '45 went to TSUGIOKU.
14 Mar '45 rendezvoused with natives at POREPORU in order to surrender.

4. RAIDING PARTIES

A sendoff to these was given by 6 Div HQ and later by 2 Bn HQ at AKU. PW was told this by his Coy Comd who was present at the 2 Bn function, also that parties passed through AKU in Early Mar, OC of one of them was 2 Lt SANNOMIYA from 6 Coy 2 Bn 23 Inf Regt. From talk with natives in pidgin he learnt that 33 Japs had been sighted in KUPON area on 12 Mar. He says this will represent 3 parties, who will split up on reaching TOROKINA area and approach the perimeter from the direction of Mt BAGANA. Natives told him that the method of movement was by bounds, scouting well ahead with one man, and advancing only when the "all clear" was given. PW thinks each man of party would be armed with .256 carbines and may carry a sword in addition, in view of the "SAMURAI" nature of the expedition. He believes that there would be no intention of wearing other than Jap uniforms.

5. TACTICAL - Enemy Intentions

His OC also told him of sighting a 6 Div OC on 13 Mar ordering a general move forward to reinforce the "MONGORAI Line" on or after 20 Mar. Units listed were :-

6 Fd Arty Regt
6 Engr Regt
6 Tpt Regt
6 Div Ordnance Unit
23 Inf Regt

His impression was that 17 Army would retain 6 Cav Regt and 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt at their present locations. 45 Inf Regt is NOT involved.

The general impression given by officers is that 6 Div will make a last stand on MONGORAI line; that 17 Army will intervene if necessary, using Army troops and possibly the Naval South Seas Garrison Unit.

(NOTE: Contents of paras 4 and 5 above were despatched by signal to all concerned on 18 Mar 45.)

6. Units

5 Coy 2 Bn 23 Regt Coy Location : PORO Coy OC 1st Lt TAKEUCHI

Sec	Strength	Area	Weapons A. n.	Offrs
Hq Sec	14/15)	PORO	1 HMG 1000 2 LMG 1000 or more	1st Lt TAKEUCHI, Isamu WO SOKABE Michiyoshi
	40/50		4 TM many rifle many	Health: poor health; only 60 healthy.
1 Pl	6 17	PIANO#4 TUGIOKU#2#3	rifle 2 LMG 400 rifle	2nd Lt TAKAMI, Kuro 2nd Lt SATO Health : healthy
2 Pl	3 3	TOKUAKA salt CHIRIPAI starch	rifle 30 rds each rifle 30 rds each	
3 Pl				

23 Inf Regt Hq Regt Location RUISSE Hq str 70 men
Regt Comd Lt-col KAWANO,
Toshiharu

1 Bn	Hq Bn Location RUMAI	CO 1 Bn Maj TSURUYA	Hq str (unknown)
1 Coy	AITARA	1st Lt SHIMADA	50/60
2 "	MALAGATA	1st Lt NAGANO	50
3 "	KAPONA	1st Lt KASHIWAGI	50/60
4 "	AITARA		50

half
able
to fight

2 Bn	Hq Location	PORO	OC Lt-col ABE	Hq str 60	
5 Coy		PORO	1stLt TAKEUCHI	40/50	{ 1 H.G. 4 L.G. 4 T. rifle one each grenade same as 5 Coy
6 Coy		PORO	1stLt YAMAGUCHI	40/50	
7 "		TORUWABA	1stLt KUROKI	90/100	{ 4 H.G. 7/8 L.G. 4 Tk A guns rifles one each T. same as 5 coy
8 "		PORO	1stLt KASAI	40/50	

3 Bn	Hq Location	SHISHIGAKIRO	OC Capt OABE	Hq str 30	
9 Coy		RUISAI	1stLt HOKAN	(killed by RUISAI native Mar 45)	
10 "		SHISHIGAKIRO		15 plus unlocated in gardens	
11 "		"	Capt TSUTSUDANI	15 plus unlocated in gardens	Average str 40/50
12 "		"	1stLT MASUMI	15 plus unlocated in gardens	

NOTE: MG Coys and Bn Gun pls incorporated
in Inf Coys

6 Div	CO Lt-Gen	KANDA Masatane		about 400 men
6 Tot Regt	CO Lt-col	HATFORI ?	at MUGUAI	" 1000 "
6 Eng Regt	CO Lt-col	IWANAKA ?	at RAGUAI	" 300 "
6 Fd Arty			" MUGUAI	" 400 "
Ord Unit			" MUGUAI	" 100 "
Medical Unit			" MUGUAI	" 500 "
Sigs Unit	CO Capt	SADAOKA	" MUGUAI	" 100 "
Cav Unit			" TABAKO	" 200 "
6 Div Hospital personnel				" 300 "
23 Inf Regt	CO Lt-col	KAWANO	" RUISAI	800 "
Regt Gun Coy	CO Capt	YAMASAKI	" RUISAI	50 "
Tk A Unit	CO Capt	UENO	" "	50 "
Regt Sigs Unit	CO 1st Lt	NOZAKI	" "	50 "
45 Inf Regt	CO Col	MAGATA	" KLETA	500 "
Medium Arty Regt			" TAITAI	600 "
One Coy Med			" TORUWABA	
Arty	CO Capt	SATO	" MUGUAI	500 "
17 Army Hq				about 400/500 "
Engs				" 300 "
Sigs				" 500 "
Hospital				" 300 "
Ordinance				
South Seas Garrison Unit			" BUIN area	1500 "
Navy Personnel			" " "	2/3000 "

7. Division of Comd in BOUGAINVILLE

6 Div is directing all operations on BOUGAINVILLE.

PW knows only 3 garrison units :-

AKU	Sector Garrison Unit	under Lt-col ABE	2 Bn 23 Inf Regt
RUSEI	"	"	Lt-col KAWAKO 23 Inf Regt
Western	"	"	Led Arty CO

8. Dispositions, Weapons and Installations

Ref Annex 'A'.

9. Food and Clothing

- (a) No ration is given out to troops in rear of front line.
- (b) Rear units are eating whatever food they raise in their own gardens.
- (c) Very few men with good uniform. Units going to the front line have been promised new uniform and boots.

10. Tracks and Roads

(Lain East West Road)

Five or six trucks travel from MUGAI to RUSEI between 1700 and 2400 hrs daily. Road is in good condition and offers no obstacle to MT except the following rivers :-

- (a) MARI RIVER is bridged ; banks are steep
- (b) MUBAI RIVER is normally 35 yds wide, 1 to 2 feet deep and fordable by MT. In flood it becomes temporarily impassable to MT. Bottom is sandy.
- (c) MIBO RIVER cannot be forded and goods must be transhipped for onward relay. Crossing is 200 yds wide 3 ft deep with sandy bottom.
- (d) OMBAI RIVER Fordable to MT - 1 ft deep
- (e) PORROR RIVER " " " " "
- (f) SILIBAI RIVER " " " 1 1/2 ft deep.

11. Communications

Both runners and telephone in use from RHQ to Bn HQ and Bn to Coys. Messages by runner are relayed between HQs. Wireless is available but not normally used due, PW thinks, to fear of intercept by A/C.

12. Morale

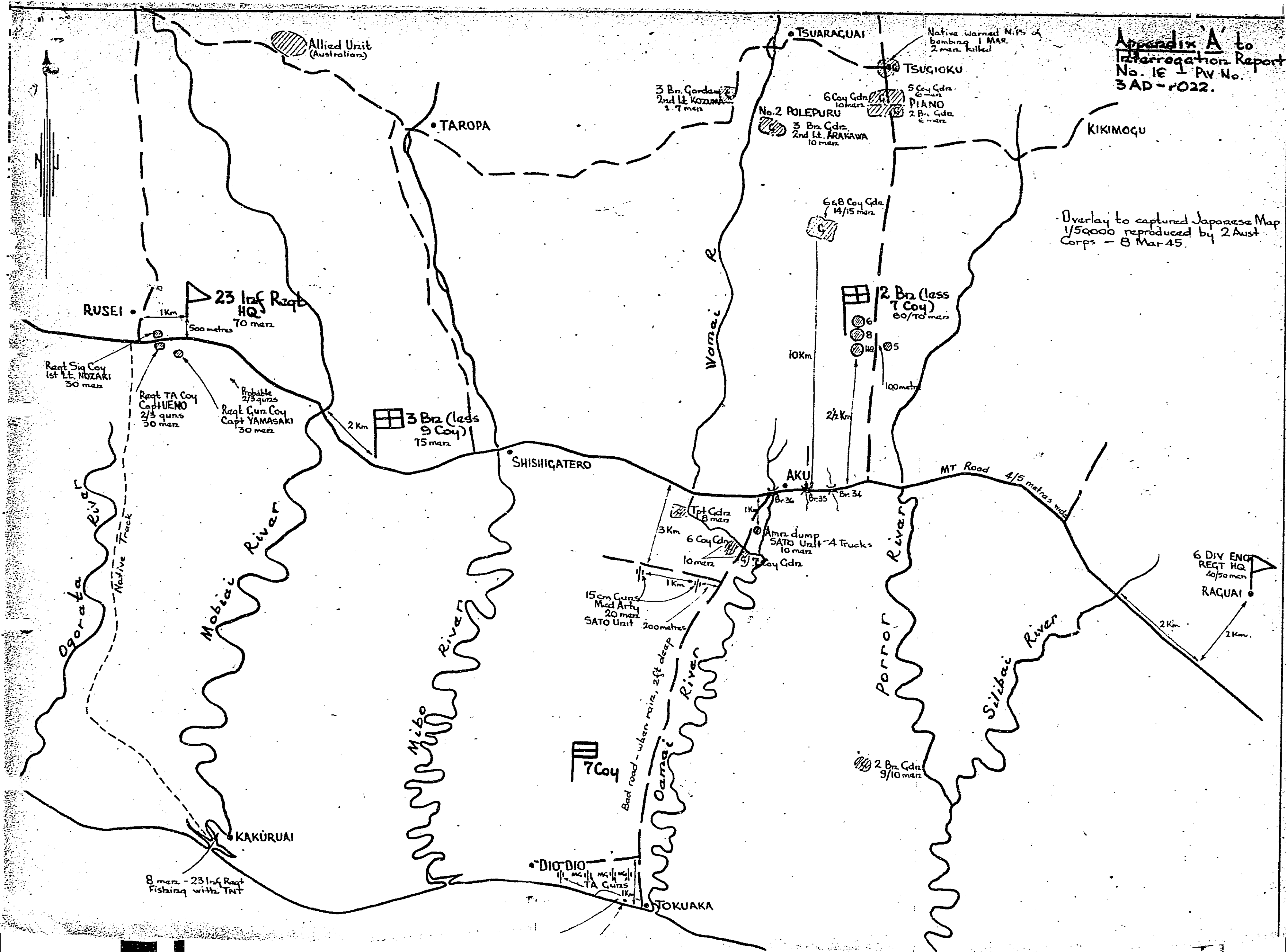
- (a) Men's morale is low due to lack of supplies and jealousy over the apportionment of those available. For example PW, as stated above, was involved in a heated argument over native foods, as a result of which he made up his mind to surrender.
- (b) 6 Div GOC exhorts his men to fight to remove the stigma of TOROKINA defeat.

Miscellaneous

- (a) PW heard that two seaplanes and one Army plane reached BULIN area from RABAUUL night 7/8 Mar with medical supplies. The seaplanes landed at ERVENTA and the Army a/c at TSURIKOIRU (KARA) airfield (ref Appx 'B').
- (b) 5 to 6 trucks transport rations every night between LUGUAI and LIO (MIBO) RIVER.
- (c) There are four trucks in AKU area, usually parked near ammunition dump shown in Appx 'A'.
- (d) In a bombing of AKU (not sure of date), 2 or 3 men were killed.
- (e) Enemy in these areas are constantly harassed by natives, who cut sig wire and kill isolated Japs, except in the case of a few, who, like himself have managed to make friends with them.

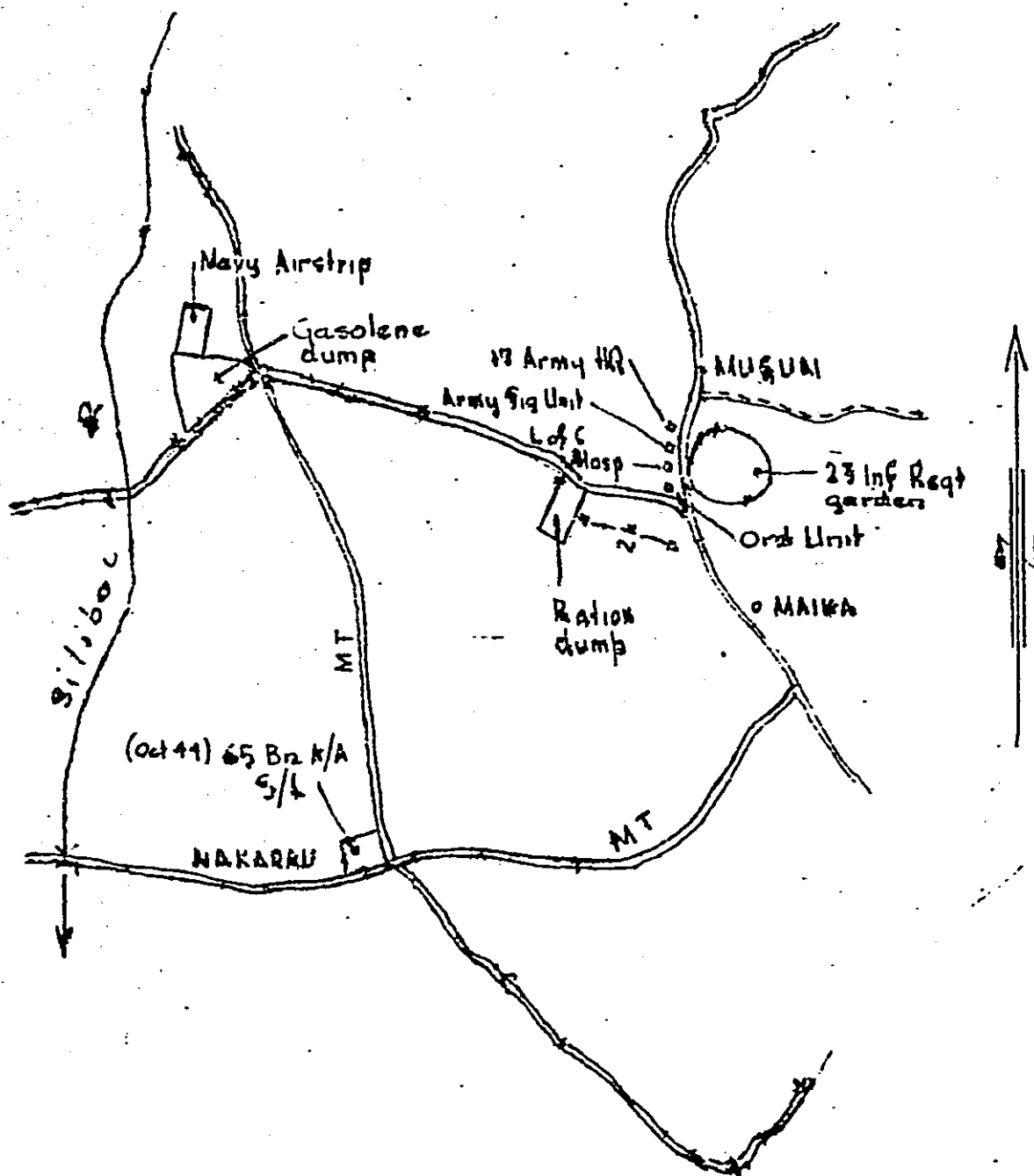
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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 19
PW No 3 AD P023

Interrogator 192

1. Personal Details

PW No 3 AD P023
Name SHIDOJI Funio
Rank Superior Pte
Unit 9 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt 6 Div
Duty Gardening
Age 25
Place of Capture : BARARA area (ref 857503 BARARA 1/25000)
Time of Capture : 23 Mar 45
Unit affecting Capture : A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde
Details of Capture : PW and one other were captured whilst
resting in the gardens on their return
from a recce patrol.

2. Preamble

PW is of poor intelligence and has very little knowledge of units outside his own coy. Signs of malnutrition were evident and tinea on both feet was serious enough to hamper walking. Was willing to give information but was vague as to details.

3. Chronology

Jan 43 Arrived BUIN and proceeded to MAIKA.
Aug 43 Left MAIKA for KIETA.
Dec 43 Left KIETA for FAURO Is.
Jun 44 Left FAURO Is for LUGUAI attached 9 Bty.
Jan 45 Left LUGUAI arrived HARI.
Mar 45 Left HARI with 7 others on recce patrol.
18 Mar 45 Arrived BARARA.
20 Mar 45 Arrived at gardens.
23 Mar 45 Captured.

4. Units

9 Bty 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt. Location HARI OC Capt ASADA

Strength	Area	Weapons Arm	Officers
60	HARI	30 Rifles } 20 rds each }	Capt ASADA 1 Lt SASAKI 1 Lt YASUKAWA WO OGAWA

Note : 2 Mtn Guns belonging to 9 Bty were left behind
at Hq 3 Bn at LUGUAI.

6 Fd Arty Regt

Unit	Strength	Area	Weapons	Officers
Regt HQ	-	MAIKA	-	Lt-col NAKAMURA Kohei
3 Bn		LUGUAI		Maj ONOBUCHI
7 Bty	60	LUGUAI	2 x 75 mm Mtn Guns	1 Lt KEN
8 Bty	70	LUGUAI	2 x 75 mm Mtn Guns	
South Sea Garrison	200	FAURO Is	4 LMG Rifles	

Interrogators Note : PW stated at Brigade interrogation that the strengths of Hq 3 Bn, 7 Bty and 8 Bty were respectively 100, 125 and 160 men approx. 8 Bty has 4 Mtn Guns, the total number of guns in the Bn. PW also heard of a Med Arty Bty at HARI. He does not know how many guns there were at HARI, but thought there was only one. Uncertain as to calibre but thought it might be 150 mm. Location of gun from hearsay, was about 1500 metres east of HARI. Not known whether gun is still serviceable.

5. Movements

9 Bty left LUGUAI under Capt ASADA, approx strength 60. Arrived at HARI where they stayed and planted potatoes. In Mar 45 a recce patrol of 7 men including PW under 1 Lt YASUKAWA left for MOSIGETTA and BARARA areas, avoiding roads and tracks and travelling through jungle. Exact route unknown. No sign was seen of Allied troops and the patrol returned to Bty Hq at HARI. PW and PW No 024 were left behind at the gardens near BARARA as they were unable to walk on account of sore feet.

6. Personalities

NAKAMURA Kohei	Lt-col	CO 6 Fd Arty Regt	
KOKUBU	Maj	CO 2 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt	on Jun 44
ONOBUCHI	Maj	CO 3 Bn " " "	Dec 44
HANZAWA	Capt	OC 6 Bty " " "	Jun 44
KEN	1st Lt	OC 7 Bty " " "	Dec 44
ASADA	Capt	OC 9 Bty " " "	Mar 45
SASAKI	1st Lt	Attd " " "	Mar 45
YASUKAWA	1st Lt	Attd " " "	Mar 45

7. Installations

There are no defence positions at LUGUAI or HARI. At LUGUAI, there are approx 20 native built shelters which are in the jungle and not visible from the road.

8. Food and Clothing

Food is very scarce at LUGUAI and, while at HARI, 9 Bty had to live off the gardens. There is no medicine and no tobacco. Clothing is also scarce and most of the troops at LUGUAI have only shirts and trousers. Only a small number of boots available.

9. Communications

Inter-communication between Regt and Bn Hqs is by runners only.

10. Morale

Morale at a very low ebb owing to shortage of food and total absence of any medicines and tobacco.

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 20
PW No 3 AD PO 24

Interrogator No 84

1. Personal Details

PW No 3 AD PO 24
Name TANURA, Saburo
Rank Sgt Pte
Unit 9 Bty, 6 Fd Arty, 6 Div
Duty Rifleman formerly attached to amm train
Age 27
Place of Capture : BARARA
Time of Capture : 23 Mar 45 midday
Unit effecting Capture : A Coy NGIB 7 Aust Inf Bde
Details of Capture : PW and one other were captured whilst resting in the gardens on their return from a recce patrol.

2. Preamble

PW was in poor health, seemed very much concerned about his swollen feet.
PW was not very intelligent, he did not seem to take notice of his surroundings when he was with his unit.
Although sincere he seemed to be fumbling for answers.
His answers were deliberate.

3. Chronology

Jan 43 Arrived at TARLENA.
Aug 43 Arrived at ERVENTA and proceeded to MAIKA, stayed there for 2 days then left for LAGUAI.
5 Sep 43 Was sent to 17 Army HQ at MUGUAI.
Early May 44 Returned to 9 Bty, 6 Fd Arty Regt at LAGUAI.
10 Feb 44 Went to HARI.
15 Mar 45 Left HARI on patrol duty with one offr and 6 other OR.
20 Mar 45 Up to time of capture, was at BARARA garden.

4. Raiding Parties

No one from 9 Bty, 6 Fd Arty was included in the raiding parties. He heard that 17 - 18 men of a raiding party passed through HARI on 6 Mar 45 on a truck. They carried swords, rifles, IAT and grenade dischargers.

5. Result of PW Patrol

1st Lt YASUKAWA and 7 men left HARI on 15 Mar to reconnoitre MOSIGETTA area. The patrol avoided the main road and tracks. They wandered through jungle with the aid of a compass and map. Probable route taken by patrol - 15 Mar, TAITAI; 16 Mar, SINAMAI where they met 1, 2, 3 and 13 Btys of 6 Fd Arty engaging enemy near PURIATA River. 17 Mar, HORINU area; 18 Mar, 2 KM NE of MOSIGETTA, saw 5/6 natives armed with rifles; 19 Mar, MARIGA; 20 Mar, BARARA garden, where patrol cut about 8 feet from one of our sig lines. PW and one other remained at BARARA due to inability to walk. The rest of patrol returned to HARI. No particular discovery during patrol.

6. Enemy Intentions

The duty of the 9 Bty was to do gardening work in HARI to supply food for the WEST Sector Unit who are on the front line.

Although the bty received orders to prepare for combat, no immediate plan was given.

If attacked by allied troops they will hold out as long as they can.

The bty personnel are having combat training in jungle, PW has no knowledge as to what is going on. He has never done any such combat duty.

7. UNITS

Unit	Location	CO	Weapon	Strength
9 Bty(Fd Arty) HARI		Capt ASADA, Matabei		
1 Squad	"	1st Lt SASAKI	rifle	7/8
2 Squad	"			"
3 Squad	"	1st Lt YASUKAWA		"
4 Squad	"			"
5 Squad	"	WO OGAWA		"
	LAGUAI garden			10
				25
			Total	70
HQ 6 Fd Arty	MAKA	Lt-col NAKAMURA, Kobai		
1 Bn HQ	SINANAI	Maj TSUBOI	rifles only	200
1 Bty	"	1st Lt TANAKA	rifles only	
2 Bty	"	1st Lt ICHIKI(Kia)	3 LMG	
		1st Lt KAWATA?	rifles	
3 Bty	SINANAI	1st Lt TAKAGI	rifles	
13 Bty	"		rifles	
2 P HQ	FAURO	No information		
Bty	Island			
5 Bty	"			
6 Bty	"			
3 Bn HQ	LAGUAI	Maj ONOBUCHI, Kagemasa	rifles	100
7 Bty	"	1st Lt KEN	2 LMG ? grenades	
			rifles	120
			NO guns	
8 Bty	"	Capt MIYOSHI	rifles	
			4 Mtn Gun	150
			Type 94	
9 Bty	HARI	Capt ASADA	rifles	70
			one each	
14 Bty	OSO	1st Lt SUSAKI	2 LMG 2000 rds	
			rifles	50/60
			1000 rds	
			No guns	
			Total	500

MAKA Area

6 Div HQ CO Lt Gen KANDA, Masatana 150 men
 6 Tpt Regt HQ CO Lt-col HATTORI 200 men
 Med Arty HQ ?
 Div Sigs Unit
 59 A/A Bn CO Col MATSUZAKI ? 300 men
 One tpt company with 20/30 trucks are on both sides of
 road from Mt ELHART to NOMOTARO garden, close to 59 A/A Bn.
 The latter have 8 A/A guns.

MUGUAI Area

17 Army HQ 150 men
1 Bn 13 Inf Regt about 6 KM north of MUGUAI
9 or 19? Indep Engr Regt, 2 KM north of 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt.

BUIN Area

45 AA Bn.

8. Division of Command

6 Div control all ops on island.
West Sector Garrison Unit under 13 Inf Regt CO.
MONOI Sector Garrison Unit under Med Arty CO.

9. Food and Clothing

Food is very scarce, troops in rear do not have rice and other ration. Their only source of supply are in the gardens. The usual ration is 2 Kg of potatoes a day plus potato leaves.
The uniforms are very old and shabby. Most men are barefooted.

10. Tracks and roads

MAIKA to RUNAI main road is about 4/5 M wide and is a good MT road, two or three trucks are passing through every night, though petrol is scarce.
HARI to TAITAI road was a good MT road until it was bombed recently.

11. Communications

No telephone or wireless communication between 9 Bty at HARI and 3 Bn HQ at LAGUAI messengers are sent once a week. There are telephone communications between 1 Bn at SINANAI and 3 Bn at LAGUAI.
Fd Arty Bty in LAGUAI has inter-bty telephone communication.

12. MORALE

The morale of the men is low due to lack of food. Strained relations exist between officers and men (PW did not state why). The men have no offensive spirit, they will fight only when attacked or ordered to fight by CO.

13. Allied Bombing

TAITAI area was bombed daily from 10 Mar to 15 Mar. Casualties during this bombing were 2/3 killed, most of the bombs fell on empty huts an old bivouac area and on the HARI - TAITAI road.

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1. The ultimate role - destruction of the enemy forces in SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE - allotted to 3 Aust Div remains unchanged.
2. Operations will now be conducted with a view to destroying the enemy forces in the areas at present occupied by him and to prevent, if possible, his withdrawal across the HARI RIVER.
3. Your role is :-

Clear the enemy from, and establish control over, the area between the FURIATA and HARI RIVERS.
4. You will conduct the operation in two stages :-

First stage: Reconnoitre forward to the HONGORAI RIVER and clear to that line.

Second stage: Reconnoitre forward then clear to the line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.
5. In carrying out your role you will -

(a) Clear the coastal sector and reconnoitre for suitable barge unloading points between FURIATA and HARI RIVERS, and

(b) As soon as practicable, secure a coastal supply point from which a road link can be connected to the main road HIRU HIRU - AKU. It is suggested that this should be in the AITARA or MAMAGATA area.
6. In carrying out your role the equivalent of one battalion of your brigade should be kept in reserve.
7. The principle of economy of force will be applied particularly in regard to the employment of troops on inland tracks. The principles laid down in TACTICAL and ADMINISTRATIVE DOCTRINE for JUNGLE WARFARE (2 Aust Corps G/358/SD of 29 Jan 45) will be followed in full.
8. An outline Operation and Administrative Plan to effect the above will be submitted to this Headquarters as early as possible.

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