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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 144
 (Information up to 211800L Apr)

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PART I1. LAND-OWNGeneral Review of Operations 20/21 Apr

During the night of 20/21 Apr a small enemy party succeeded in inflicting minor damage to MOKINNA BRIDGE.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn have moved forward to adopt positions on the northern flank of 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Contacts with the enemy have been scattered and only in one instance, of a decisive nature, when a patrol from A Coy NG Inf Bn with 24 Aust Inf Bn personnel attacked a party of 15/20 enemy killing 12.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. At 210800L a B Tp patrol departed from NIHERO for the TAITAI area.

The A Tp security patrol returned from the HONGORAI RIVER area square 9748 having seen no enemy movement.

The patrol moving down the HONGORAI and POROREI RIVERS reported having captured a PW.

Following a report that an enemy party had used the OSO - TOKINOTU road on 22 Apr, a patrol was despatched to establish an ambush.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol through RUMIKI to the road junction at approx 964496 did not sight any enemy, but reported that the junction showed signs of having recently been used as HQ area.

An estimated 15/20 enemy with new equipment were sighted at approx 933483 but later patrols did not make any contact.

(b) TOKO area7 Aust Inf Bde

61 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols along the east and west banks of the PURLATA RIVER from GALVINS CROSSING 869488 to the river mouth did not contact any enemy.

(c) TOKINOTU area

Between 202005L to 202015L approx 40 enemy shells estimated to be of 70 mm calibre, fell in the area 886473.

15 Aust Inf Bde

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. At 210830L the Bn commenced a general movement forward and occupied positions on the northern flank of 24 Aust Inf Bn.

The patrol which was sent out to locate the enemy artillery pieces

on 20 Apr contacted the enemy in an ambush position at 909446 at 1515 hrs. Moving south to outflank the ambush the patrol was fired on by approx 20 enemy with three IMGs and one mortar. The patrol returned fire and then moved to the north side of the BUIN road where it established a base at 913449.

24 Aust Inf Bn. On 20 Apr the B Coy advance to SINDOU CREEK was supported by 7 Tp of the B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt. 9 Tp with infantry support and a bulldozer team advanced NE along the HATAI track from A Coy, 905474, to link up with 9 Aust Inf Bn. The advance could not proceed beyond approx 912481 owing to our own artillery fire.

Further details of the contact with the enemy at 897453 at 201700L now reveals that the enemy strength encountered was between 40 and 50 in prepared positions. Two enemy were killed in the exchanges of fire.

At 210900L a B Coy patrol moved from 898454 south along SINDOU CREEK and contacted a strong enemy position at 897453. Artillery and mortar fire was brought down on the enemy position.

A Coy moved to the track junction at 898464.

At 1230 hours today a D Coy patrol was ambushed by an enemy party, estimated strength 20, at 903469. After an exchange of fire the patrol broke contact and mortar fire was laid on the position during which screams and groans were heard. At 1710 hours artillery fire was brought down on the enemy position.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. A patrol, accompanied by 24 Aust Inf Bn personnel, heard sounds of timber cutting at 925451. Investigating, the patrol found approx 20 enemy working in the area and engaged killing 12 and wounding two. One enemy carrying a brief case ran into the bush and was killed. A quantity of documents were found in the brief case. The remaining enemy commenced throwing Australian grenades of which about 15 were seen lying around the huts. At this stage the patrol broke contact and retired.

(d) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	925486
	A Coy	953491
	B Coy	925488
	C Coy	932486
	D Coy	926484
15 Aust Inf Bn	C Coy	772643
	D Coy	772643
24 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	898464
25 Aust Inf Bn	Elements Bn Hq	707578
	A Coy	707578
	B Coy	707578
57/60 Aust Inf Bn	12 Pl	856504
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	894468
	B Coy	905474
	C Coy	884466
	D Coy	909476
61 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	833468
	A Coy less	840479
	7 Pl	893484
	8 Pl	843481
	B Coy	792478
	C Coy less	815454
	13 Pl	818454
	15 Pl	820448
	D Coy	911457

2. AIR - OWN

The PORORAI RIVER ford and garden area 955423 were bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs, unusual heavy black smoke was observed rising from the garden area at conclusion of strike. 54 Strafing runs were made by our aircraft and although results were unobserved the area was reported almost completely cleared. 13 Corsairs accurately bombed the BUIN - MAMAGATA road junction 994386. MIBO RIVER ford and MT terminal in this area were bombed by 8 Corsairs with unobserved results and 2 Corsairs destroyed a beached barge on SW coast. Possible AA fire from KANGU HILL was reported.

Two Tac R sorties were flown at 0900 and 1300, the latter located at 993369 a heavy type trailer with pneumatic tyres loaded with an object 8 x 5 x 6 ft with a pole or possible barrel 4 ft long projecting from it. After strafing the Boomerang aircraft contacted the Corsairs attacking the BUIN MAMAGATA road junction and 4 of these aircraft bombed and strafed the trailer scoring several very near misses which failed to move or disturb the object although smoke was seen for a short period. This trailer could possibly have been a gun being brought up from the MAMAGATA area.

No Arty R was flown during the day.

One Auster attempting to land at VERNON crashed owing to encroachment by the sea on the strip. VERNON Strip has now been declared unserviceable.

One Auster sortie was flown from TOROKINA to FITZGERALD Strip to evacuate an urgent case of appendicitis from 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.

A reece was carried out prior the projected construction of a further AUSTER FIELD at approx 868483. The site was declared very suitable from both the Airforce and engineering points of view.

PART II

First Evidence of Reinforcement from KIETA

6 Fd Arty

Further translation of captured documents reveals that the whole of 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty moved forward in the latter part of March to vicinity of HONGORAI RIVER. 7 and 8 Btys were specifically involved in attacks on our positions on BUIN road on 29 Mar. They were also scheduled to attack us on 5 Apr, in conjunction with offensive on SLATERS KNOLL, but plans apparently were changed at the last moment.

During this period, mention is made of 12 and 15 Btys in close proximity. Since it is known that 6 Fd Arty created extra Btys in 1 and 3 Bns, numbered 13 and 14 respectively, it is assumed that 15 Bty belongs to 4 Bn. However, apart from this there can be no question in the case of 12 Bty, which provides definite evidence that at least part of 4 Bn 6 Fd Arty has moved from KIETA to SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE.

"SNAFU" in the Japanese Army

7 and 8 Btys, 6 Fd Arty Regt, who, before leaving LAGUAI, had assembled on the parade ground to swear eternal and uncompromising revenge, were scheduled to take part in the attacks on 5 Apr, centred mainly on SLATERS KNOLL. Their task was further to the

South and West. After spending several days in constructing defences and active recon of our positions, they were suddenly withdrawn on 5 Apr, and placed under direct comd of Gen KANDA. At midday this was cancelled, and they were placed under comd of 13 Inf Regt. By evening, they were again under comd 6 Div : moved north to "HATAI" where, on the following day, they found themselves engaged in preparing quarters for Gen KANDA and his staff - the General's comfort having apparently taken priority over their opportunity for honourable death in battle.

Enemy Dead

Of interest is the report that one enemy killed in a garden at 914486 was estimated to have weighed 14 stone.

A total of 22 enemy graves were found in the SHRINE area at 921488. The graves were estimated to be from one to six weeks old.

Success at Last!

To date results achieved by raiding tais have been in inverse ratio to the enemy effort; however, the fact that it "can happen" was demonstrated on 200215L when two enemy seized the advantage of a temporary breakdown of flood lighting plant on McKINNA to blow a couple of piles.
BRIDGE

The method used appears to have been several slabs of picric placed on the piles and detonated by a hand grenade, the pin of which was removed by attachment of a vine.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Tracks

The track south from 880455 ended in a swamp at approx 880447.

River Crossing

The log crossing of the HUIO RIVER at 924484 is now named SWANS CROSSING.

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3 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 21/22 Apr.

For the first time since the attack on 5 Apr the enemy took the initiative and two small parties unsuccessfully attacked Coys of 24 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAREKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A recce of the SINANAI area at 958493 revealed that the area was devastated by artillery fire and bombing and had now been abandoned by the enemy. No footprints were found in the area and last rainfall in this vicinity was on 20 Apr.

The A Tp patrol which captured a PW on the OSO - TOKINOTU track on 21 Apr, returned to NIHERO today.

4 Sec has established a patrol base in the area square 0547.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. A Coy is now in position on the HATAI track at 945483.

Tanks with a bulldozer team cleared the HATAI track to C Coy locality at 932486.

(b) TOKINOTU area

15 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. At 0830 hours approximately 20 enemy with 2 LMGs attempted to cut our L of C between B and C Coys.

Artillery DP tasks were called for and heavy mortar fire was brought down on the attacking enemy. After a fierce fight the enemy withdrew at 0915 hours. During the action the enemy cut communications between B and C Coys and between C Coy and Bn HQ.

At 1015 hours, following an artillery preparation, a patrol moved NW from B Coy along BUIN road to C Coy. The artillery fire had been accurate and no enemy were seen. By 1030 hours communications had been restored.

An ambush set at approximately 929449 surprised approximately 22 enemy who were moving south and killed five and wounded one. The enemy broke contact and fled.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Between 220540L and 220705L an estimated 10 enemy armed with an LMG and a grenade discharger attacked D Coy intermittently. One enemy was killed and one wounded.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. A patrol located an unknown number of enemy armed with one LMG, at 905467, attacked them and killed two. The patrol then attempted to outflank the enemy but contact was lost.

(c) Amendments to Locations

9 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	945483
15 Aust Inf Bn	Adv Bn HQ	en route
		MAWARAKA
	B Coy	" "
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk.		769621
3 Aust Div Reception Camp		718596

2. AIR - OWN

24 Corsair sorties were flown in close support of our troops. In the morning 12 aircraft bombed and strafed suspected Jap defensive positions and troop concentrations astride road from 200 yards WEST of HONGORAI RIVER to ford 944421; in the afternoon this attack was repeated. The results of both strikes were unobserved.

A suspected gun position and possible tank park near BUIN - MAMGATA Road junction was bombed and strafed by 4 Corsairs; a truck near TAITAI was also strafed.

At UMOM BAY, a type A barge located by Tac R was attacked by 4 Corsairs. The bombing attack which was unsuccessful was followed by strafing. On 21 Apr targets in the MUGUAI area were attacked by 11 Corsairs. Over one target two columns of black smoke rose to 250 feet.

Huts at NAKARU were bombed by 6 Venturas and 5 Mitchells; results were unobserved due to smoke obscuring the target areas.

From 211900L to 220230L, Corsairs maintained a patrol over the KAHILI - SHORTLAND ISLANDS area to intercept an enemy four-engined aircraft which had been scheduled to arrive at KAHILI HARBOUR on night 21/22 Apr.

Our aircraft were requested to watch for flashes from enemy artillery east of the HONGORAI RIVER. Nil sightings were recorded during the night and no artillery fire on our forward positions was reported.

Two Tac R sorties were flown. Much fresh activity and footprints were reported in the track bend 924452. It was in this area that 24 Aust Inf Bn patrols met strong opposition on 21 Apr.

No Arty R was flown during the day.

Auster activities were nil. Resulting from the unserviceability of VERNON Strip 1 Auster has been placed on 30 minutes standby at PIVA for use to FITZGERALD Strip until the new strip has been completed. Construction of the new field which is to be known as OXLEY FIELD will commence 23 Apr 45.

PART II

Crime and Punishment

A Japanese document deprecates the over-indulgence of the established Jap Army custom of dealing out "extra-legal punishment" which consists of slapping and otherwise making life miserable for the junior in rank or length of service. However, it points out, recruits should be made to realize that the main cause of such punishment is the fault of those who suffer it.

What happens to those who do not absorb this philosophy with sufficient thoroughness is illustrated by the following two cases :-

(1) "Because the accused slept on and did not show up at morning roll call, the weekly duty noncommissioned officer; Sgt A, acting on the orders of the weekly duty officer, 1st Lt X, went to his room and ordered him to appear. When, in response to this, he reached the vicinity of the company drill ground, he said in a loud voice "How sleepy I am!"

The lieutenant reproved him and asked why he was late. In an impudent manner he explained he had not heard the bugler. The lieutenant struck him on the jaw twice with his fist. At this he said defiantly "didn't I come when Sgt A called me? Do you think it's good for you to hit me in front of the other soldiers?"

The lieutenant scolded him, saying "Don'tt you understand what you are told? Where is the rule that a noncommissioned officer has to hold reveille by waking everybody individually?" Then he struck him twice more on the jaw. At this turn of events, screaming "What the hell do you think you're doing!", the accused struck the lieutenant behind the left ear with his right fist and inflicted a bruise which required three days to heal.

(Punishment : One year, four months of penal servitude for inflicting an injury on a superior.)

(ii) "The accused was not satisfied with drinking the supplementary beer allowance on the night he returned to the barracks area from a punitive expedition. He drank white sake which he had secretly purchased. Feeling dissatisfied with the strictness of the ordinary administrative duty inspections of his company commander X, he boastfully said : "Hey, Commanding Officer, if I drink CHAN (TN: Presumably Chinese) sake, you'll punish me. If I do the smallest thing you'll punish me. I'd like to see once what sort of punishment I'll get". All this in addition to being drunk.

By chance the company commander heard this and slapped his face 30 times. This enraged the accused. A short time later he exploded a Type 89 Hand Grenade on the road outside the entrance to the room in which the company commander was sleeping.

(Punishment : Three years of penal servitude for attempt to threaten a superior officer with a weapon and destruction of Army property.)

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5 AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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PART I1. LAND - OWNGeneral Review of Operations 22/23 Apr

Although the enemy has been active and much movement has been heard around the Coy localities, contacts have been few and not of a decisive nature.

Deep patrolling by the forward Bns is gradually localising the enemy held localities and are probing closer to the HONGORAI RIVER.

At 230730L a small enemy party attacked C Coy of 9 Aust Inf Bn but was repulsed leaving two dead.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. At 230730L a B Tp fighting patrol combed the SINANAI area squares 9650 9750 9749 9648 and 9649 and reported them clear of the enemy. Two small enemy parties were seen in the square 9549. On the afternoon of 23 Apr the patrol operating in area east of KAPANA contacted five enemy killing four and securing one PW.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. Between 221915L and 221935L enemy guns shelled the area 926493.

patrol moving NE along the HATAI track encountered three small enemy in quick succession at approximately 953489 killing two enemy.

At 230745L the G Coy locality at 932486 was attacked by an estimated 30 enemy with HMGs, LMGs and grenade dischargers. The attack was repulsed and two enemy were killed.

One enemy dead was found at 920487.

Patrols to the HONGORAI RIVER and south of the HATAI road have not yet returned.

(a) TOKINOTU area15 Aust Inf Bde

A total of 56 rounds of estimated 75 mm calibre including 27 duds fell in the area around 893442.

24 Aust Inf Bn. At 222015L movement was heard around the A Coy locality but ceased after artillery fire had been brought down on the area.

During the stand to on 23 Apr high pitched calls were heard near the Coy locality whilst at 230256L and 230440L explosions believed to be grenades were heard approximately 350 yards to the NE.

A two day patrol to the track at 930460 returned at 1545 hours and reported old enemy graves and camp site of five huts at 932461.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. A B Coy patrol with two tanks and an engineer detachment to investigate the HATAI track contacted C Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn at 936484 on 22 Apr.

A patrol contacted C and D Coys of 9 Aust Inf Bn.

At 1530 hours a B Coy patrol contacted approximately 20 enemy in prepared positions at 905468. The patrol engaged them with mortar fire. Contact is being maintained.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. A patrol located an enemy bivouac area at 933456. Two enemy were sighted in the huts and many more voices were heard. The patrol attempted to move around the huts and in all attempts either found more huts or heard additional voices. The bivouac area was approximately 300 yards long and extending from 933456 to 931456. A well defined track running north and south was found at 928460 and a further track also running north and south, at 915465.

2 Aust Fd Regt. At 230850L a regimental concentration was laid down on the enemy bivouac area at 924452 with 192 rounds of high explosive.

U Aust Hvy Bty. At 231145L an arty R registration was carried out on AITARA clearing at 899361 and 10 minutes later on a clearing at 948338.

2. AIR - OWN

No strikes were made in support of our operations.

A bivouac area and staging point at MOBIAT RIVER area was flattened by 12 Corsairs, the bombing was followed by strafing.

12 Corsairs bombed 15/20 huts at TOKUAKA destroying 8 and damaging 2; the aircraft made 18 strafing runs over the MIBO RIVER ford and 24 runs over a garden on east side of OAMAI RIVER. One Boomerang strafed a 20 ft motor launch at UMUN gorge partly submerging it. Another Boomerang on Arty R in the CHABAI area sighted a 75 mm gun, the artillery fired 30 rounds followed by strafing from the aircraft and the gun was left canting badly with one wheel missing.

Two Tac R sorties were flown and a suspected gun position was sighted East of the HONGORAI RIVER at 946418.

Two targets were registered at AITARA and west of MAMAGATA by Arty R aircraft for 155 mm guns.

Auster activities were nil.

PART II

6 Fd Arty

A scrap of paper captured at BUIN Road on 21 Apr contained the following Note: 1 Bty 6 Fd Arty drew rations from RUNAI garden 15 Mar. Strength 44. (Translation NOT otherwise published). This strength coincides with current OOB estimate for the strength of 1 Bn (200/250). There has been no evidence to connect 1 Bn with the recent attacks and it is still believed to be in 'SINANAI' area.

"HATAI" Located ?

As mentioned in 3 Aust Div Summary No 143 the term HATAI has been used by the Japs as loosely as was "MOSIGETTA" when he was located near there.

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When the encroachment of our patrols into the actual region of HATAI failed to reveal any evidence of a HQ of any importance, it became evident that the "HATAI" so often referred to in connection with Western Grn, and later, with the assembling of forces for attack in the latter part of Mar, was at some spot in the general area yet to be found.

Preliminary reports from an NG Inf Bn patrol today indicate the possibility that it may be located in the region of square 9840. Several PW have reported a good track crossing the HONGORAI roughly midway between the two GOVERNMENT ROADS., then swinging SW. It would pass somewhere in this vicinity, and would be a logical central location for a HQ.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The HATAI track from 905474 to 936485 is considered jeepable and tankable in fine weather but that it will cut up badly after rain.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 23/24 Apr

Long range recon patrols by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn, 9 Aust Inf Bn and 24 Aust Inf Bn have operated along the HONGORAI RIVER without making contact with the enemy.

Scattered and small enemy parties in defended localities with fire lanes continue to oppose 24 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns advance.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MUKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. At 240800L a patrol departed to set an ambush on the road at 977432.

The patrol with the PW who was captured east of K.P.N. on 23 Apr arrived at NIHERO at 1430 hours. It is now reported that the PW was captured by ANGAU natives.

The B Tp patrol returned from the SINANA area. The route taken by the patrol was along the track SW from NIHERO to 964483 and along the edge of the No 2 Govt road north to the track junction at 959498. Sounds of enemy movement were heard but no contacts were established.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols along the HONGORAI RIVER from 949474 to 967484 did not contact any enemy. A prominent north south track carrying three signal wires was located at 933470.

A traversing patrol observed several small enemy parties on the H.T.I track in general vicinity of 953488.

(b) TOKO area.

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol to search the area south of the BUIN road after the ambush of the jeep at approx 859478 observed the movement of possibly three enemy at 862476 and again at 865477. Investigation after fire showed no signs of the enemy.

(c) TOKINOTU area.

24 Aust Inf Bn. Freshly dug weapon pits were found at 902454 and the forward scout of the patrol saw one enemy run into a pit. The patrol attempted to outflank the position by moving SE to the bank of the SINDOU CREEK. Fire lanes were observed running across the patrols route and an enemy position was found at 904451 consisting of 30 weapon pits and covered air raid shelters. At 1115 hours firing was heard to the south.

Another patrol reached the HONGORAI RIVER at 944421 at 240950L without contacting any enemy.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. An A Coy patrol to investigate the enemy position at 904468 contacted a strong enemy force of approx 40 in well prepared positions. After artillery fire had been brought down the patrol attacked the position. Owing to the strength of the enemy position the patrol was unable to penetrate. Contact was maintained and further artillery and mortar fire was laid on the position. In these clashes two enemy were killed.

At 241545L the remainder of A Coy with 9 Tp of the tanks moved out to join 7 Pl. By 1630 hours the Coy was in position and recon parties were sent forward to bring down artillery on the positions preparatory to an attack on 25 Apr.

As a result of patrol reports an air strike was placed on the enemy positions at 924453. Tac R following the first strike revealed an extensive position and signs of much activity.

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt. A jeep containing three personnel and moving east along the PURATA road was fired on by rifle fire at approx 859478 at 241525L.

10 Tp moved forward to Bn HQ 9 Aust Inf Bn.

2 Aust Fd Regt. A total of 72 HE shells were laid on a suspected hostile bty area at 926450.

At 232132 hostile shelling commenced but the number of rounds fired and the area engaged is not known.

Harassing fire tasks were put down on the areas 912445 and 916436.

A regimental concentration of 240 rounds was put down on the road junction at 912445 at 232145L. Ten minutes later a second regimental concentration was fired into the area of road junction at 916436.

(d) Amendments to Locations

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt	10 Tp	932486
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2. AIR - OWN

35 Corsair sorties were flown at the request of 15 Bde against enemy defensive positions in the vicinity of 924453, accurate bombing was reported. During the third mission against this target, in late afternoon, some aircraft were unable to complete the attack owing to unfavourable weather. A dump area 3/4 mile SW of AKU was bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs with unobserved results. On 23 Apr 6 Mitchells 8 Corsairs and 7 Venturas bombed huts at NAKARU and AA positions at EBERLYS LEASE causing large explosions with white smoke rising to 1500 feet.

Tac R was flown over the 7 and 15 Bdes areas.

Two targets were registered during one Arty R sortie for 155 mm guns. A second sortie was NOT completed owing to weather.

Auster aircraft made two sorties flying personnel from FITZGERALD strip to PIVA.

PART II

13 Inf Regt

Col MUDA, according to PW No 36, is still alive. With the remnants of his Regt, he is now at OSO, where he expects to remain one month. After that, it is believed that 13 Inf Regt will be moved back to MUGUAI.

Such a move would not be unexpected, since it is obvious that if 13 Inf Regt is to survive, it must be completely reformed. If this is the intention, reinforcements would most likely come from converted base units of 17 Army.

At the present time, 13 Inf Regt has accumulated its stores from its "HATAI" HQ (stated by PW to be west of HATAI track, half way between BUIN road and HUIO river, but now deserted) at a staging area somewhere near sq 9345, pending removal to OSO.

It is possible that this "B Echelon" was the subject of a report by NGIB of contact on 23 Apr in this general area.

8 Tpt Regt

On 7 and 8 Apr, PW saw personnel of this unit building a defensive position east of HATAI track in sq 9046. His estimate of their strength was 200, but he claims no accurate knowledge. This, apparently, is the position which was attacked by tps today.

Possibly Eternal Merit - Possibly a "Bowler Hat"

PW states he was not aware of Gen KANDA's threat of Hari Kari. He did hear recently, however, that a new Commander was to be appointed to 6 Div.

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3AUST DIV SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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PART I

1. LAND-OWN

General review of Operations 24/25 Apr

Intense patrolling is continuing to encounter small well defended localities astride the BUIN road and the network of tracks to the north.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. At 0800 hours a patrol departed to recon the enemy defensive position at the HUDA RIVER crossing 970475.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol moving SE along the track to the HONGORAI RIVER contacted an unknown number of enemy building defences at 955485 where a well worn enemy track running NE and SW crossed the patrol's track. Three enemy were killed in exchanges of fire.

Further south a patrol contacted an enemy force, estimated one Coy strong, in the general area square 9346 and killed 2 enemy.

(b) TOKO area

61 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols saw signs of a small enemy party which had moved east at 865475.

(c) TOKINOTU area

15 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. At 242045L enemy artillery fired approximately 40 rounds of estimated 150 mm calibre to vicinity of B Coy locality at 898465. At 250315 a further 12 rounds fell in the general area of 890484.

8 Tp of the tanks crossed SINDOU CREEK and are now up with two Pls of B Coy on the east side of the creek at 900453.

At 251100L a patrol found a well worn track four feet wide running at bearing of 235 degrees magnetic at 911435, which had been used by approximately 12 enemy that morning.

An investigation of the enemy position at 903452 found it vacated.

The patrol which reached the HONGORAI RIVER on 24 Apr was unable to reach its Coy locality before dark and was forced to move north from the BUIN road to avoid enemy parties. The patrol commander and 9 OR arrived at Adv HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at 241900L and the remainder spent the night at 912475 where they observed the accuracy of our artillery. Much squealing and cooing was heard while the enemy was dispersing. At the HONGORAI RIVER the patrol located an enemy listening post at 944421. At 926439 approximately 30 enemy were observed and rapidly dispersed from the area of our air strike; one was killed by the patrol.

Tracks ENE from 920437 have been extensively used. At 936424 a suspected HQ area was found approximately 400 yards wide with a maze of well used tracks.

Tan enemy were sighted at 908475.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. During the night 24/25 Apr four fresh foxholes were found in 8 Pl locality at 917473 and twelve enemy walked into the position. When fired on the enemy fled.

From 917473 a well worn track runs north and at first light 25 Apr a recon patrol moved out to contact the enemy. Movement was heard in the enemy position at 0900 hours and at 0930 hours enemy were sighted 50 yards north of the Pl locality at 917473. The patrol engaged killing one and wounding one. At 1000 hours patrols moved out to recon approach- es for the tanks and returned at 1100 hours reporting the enemy position vacated. The position consisted of 40 weapon pits with overhead cover, connecting crawl trenches and two large pits 8 ft by 8 ft by 4 ft. Found in the position were three rifles, approximately 40 hand grenades, 20 mess tins, 6 blankets and fresh bloodstains.

A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn. A patrol heard movement at 908471 and on investigating found enemy listening posts just vacated.

2 Aust Fd Regt. A concentration of 120 rounds of HE was put down on the area 915475 at 230640L preparatory to the 58/59 Aust Inf Bn occupation of the area.

An enemy party in unknown strength was engaged at 951484 with 50 rounds of HE.

2. AIR - OWN

13 Corsairs bombed a suspected gun area near the lower HONGORAI RIVER ford 946481 and the area to the south. Suspected gun positions in the POROREI RIVER 952417 were also attacked by 13 Corsairs which bombed and strafed the area with unobserved results.

10 Mitchells and 5 Venturas bombed huts at NAKARU causing large explosions and 13 Corsairs effectively bombed huts at MUGUAI. 13 Corsairs bombed a dump area 3/4 miles NE CHADAI and huts 1 mile NNW of this target were strafed by 3 Corsairs destroying two and a concrete tank.

Two Tac R sorties were flown over 7 and 13 Aust Inf Bde areas and a third over suspected gun areas at 949436, 942431 and 952417. The last one was later attacked.

Three targets were registered for the 155 mm guns by two Arty R sorties.

Twouster sorties were flown, flying personnel from PIVA to FITZGERALD.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Tracks : The track from KERO CREEK 879171 to the coconuts at 866461 will henceforth be known as BREWSTER'S TRACK.

Dropping Ground: The new dropping ground being constructed at 893463 is named LONCHURST dropping zone.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 25/26 Apr

Preceded by the heaviest air support and artillery concentrations yet afforded Australian troops on BOUGAINVILLE, 24 Aust Inf Bn with tank support advanced down the BUIN road for a distance of 1357 yards. Little opposition was encountered and advance finally halted at 908447.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A report from 5 Sec at 261300L stated that approximately 80 enemy were concentrated astride the OSO - KOPINGKO road. The No 2 Government Road from OSO to TOIRA is little used by the enemy.

An A Tp patrol reports that an unknown number of enemy are in occupation of the HUDA RIVER Crossing at 970475.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol reports that the No 2 Government Road ford over the HONGORAI RIVER at 963483 has not been used by the enemy.

The village of RUMIKI is now clear of the enemy but at the road junction at 958493 east of HORINU, a patrol contacted an unknown number of enemy with LMG, rifles and grenade dischargers.

(b) TOKO area

7 Aust Inf Bde

61 Aust Inf Bn. Footprints of two enemy moving north were observed at 857470 and 852470 but no contact was made.

(c) TOKINOTU area

15 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. Preceded by heavy air bombing and strafing between 260730L and 260930L along the axis of the BUIN road from a point 350 yards forward of B Coy, 899454, to UMANU CREEK at 907448, C Coy advanced to 908447.

At 260930L C Coy, with 8 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt in support, moved forward with accurate artillery and mortar support. A strong pillbox position at 905452 was silenced with tank support and the Coy halted to reform at 906450 at midday.

At 121000 hours the bridge over the SINDOU CREEK was opened and a tractor train moved across.

At 0950 hours A Coy were in position at 904458 with protective patrols out to B Coy and Bn HQ.

By 1130 hours D Coy had advanced 2000 yards on the left flank to occupy positions at the east end of the clearing 911456 with ambushes established at 910455 and 912457. Three enemy were contacted as the Coy occupied the position at 911456.

Meanwhile A Coy with the tanks had continued the advance until again halted at 908447 by a large tree across the road. The Coy attempted to clear a track to the left of the road and has now advanced 1357 yards from the starting point and is not yet in sight of its objective UMBU CREEK.

At 1530 hours the tractor train was fired on at 903452 by enemy on both sides of the road and at 1400 hours the LF communication between B and C Coys was cut.

12 Pl with tank support moved forward from B Coy at 898454 to clear the road.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. At 1015 hours a patrol moving south clashed with an enemy party of unknown strength moving north at 916469. The patrol moved back joining the ambush party from A Coy at 917473.

(d) Amendments to Locations

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt

15 Aust Fd Coy
9 Aust Inf Bn

15 Aust Inf Bn
24 Aust Inf Bn

42 Aust Inf Bn
57/60 Aust Inf Bn

61 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div Postal Unit
3 Aust Div Pro Coy
Two Sec 1 Aust Army Pro Coy
6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy

8 Tp	908447
9 Tp	913474
10 Tp	932486
HQ	871488
B Coy	926484
D Coy	948485
10 Pl	860591
A Coy	904458
C Coy	908447
D Coy	911453
D Coy	704595
Adv HQ	897469
B Coy	900472
C Coy	897469
Elements	895459
D Coy	833455
	820451
	810458
	810458
	810458

2. AIR - ONE

In close support of 24 Aust Inf Bn operations along the BUIN ROAD from 903453 to 907447, 41 Corsairs accurately bombed and strafed continuously for two hours from 0730L to 0930L, enemy strong points and pillbox systems either side of the road. Excellent coverage was achieved and no bombs during this attack fell on the road itself. Smoke was laid on the target, 300 yards plus of our own troops and some difficulty was experienced by the Corsair pilots owing to the direction of the wind causing the mortar smoke indication to drift back towards our own troops. During this sustained attack one large sheet of flame followed by heavy black smoke was observed at 905453. 31x1000 SB, 26x325 DC and 60000 rounds .50 calibre were used in this attack.

At 1415L a second mission was in progress against the forked road junction at 912445. 12 Corsairs carrying thousand pound and depth charges had just commenced their attack when a Boomerang aircraft on Arty R called on their assistance to destroy an enemy gun located to the south of the garden area at 923438. The Arty R plane indicated the gun position to the Corsairs with machine gun and cannon fire.

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8 Corsairs bombed this target. The first bomb landed 7 yards from the revetted portion whilst a later depth charge fell within 4 yards of the already damaged gun. It is considered this gun was destroyed.

After this attack the Corsairs returned to bomb and strafe their primary target.

Tac R worked in co-operation with the Corsairs during the close support mission for 24 Aust Inf Bn and directed the attack and gave corrections from time to time. Later Tac R was flown off the 15 Aust Inf Bde area, but weather hampered observations towards late afternoon.

One target, a gun position was registered by Arty R and then engaged by our medium artillery.

One Arty R sortie was flown to register the enemy gun, believed to be 75 mm, at 923438. The target was later engaged by our 25 pdrs then attacked by Corsairs as reported above.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Clearings: The clearing from 906459 to 913455 has been named THOMAS CLEARING.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 26/27 Apr 45

A general advance by 9 Aust Inf Bn on 27 Apr reached the HONGORAI RIVER at the No 2 Government Road ford. On the other side of the river 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn have reported that the enemy is constructing defensive positions.

Investigation of that portion of the BUIN ROAD taken yesterday has found several ammunition dumps and evidence of the accuracy of our artillery fire.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. The recce patrol returned from the HUDA RIVER crossing 970475. It was estimated by the patrol that 12 enemy were constructing defensive positions in the crossing area.

An ambush set at 969476 killed four enemy and captured a sketch map of the defence position which it is estimated, could accommodate a Bn. This position was observed by the patrol midway between the HONGORAI and HUDA RIVERS at approximately 966482.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. The Bn advanced east towards the HONGORAI RIVER which the leading Coy reached where the No 2 Government Road crosses that river. The dispositions of the other units are included in paragraph 1(d) Amendments to Locations.

(b) TOKINOTU area

25 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. A large enemy party was heard moving in the vicinity of 925422.

Patrols moving down the BUIN road found an old enemy position and huts which had been wrecked by our bombing at 910446.

Two type 93 land mines were found on either side of the BUIN ROAD at 903452, and removed. A dump of 37 mm T/A shells and a dump of expended 75 mm shell cases, which appeared to have been recently used, was found 903451. At 907449 a dump of 50 Australian three inch mortar bombs was also found.

At 271015L our ambush at 909446 killed one enemy who was carrying OS G with two magazines, an enemy and an Australian grenade and documents.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. The A Coy ambush at 917473 was relieved by a unit of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

Approximately 50 rounds of estimated 75 mm calibre shells fell in the general area 897453 from 270345L to 270400L.

An A Coy patrol killed one enemy at 916469.

A patrol to 878432 returned, having sighted no enemy.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol has reached 837436 but no further details are available.

(c) Coastal Area

7 Aust Inf Bde

61 Aust Inf Bn. The sea has broken through to the lagoon at 855423 preventing further movement SE along the coast.

(d) Assignments to Locations

2/3 Aust Cdo Bn	A Tp	997524
B S.A. 2/4 Aust Land Regt	10 Tp	935485
9 Aust Inf Bn	Bn HQ	935485
	A Coy	966484
	B Coy less	926484
	10 Pl	924487
	C Coy	948485
	D Coy	958493
24 Aust Inf Bn	A Coy	904459
	C Coy	907448
	D Coy	908456
15 Aust Fd Lb	B Coy	765596
213 Aust LbD		833468
230 Aust LbD less		563928
	det	800468

2. AIR - OWN

12 Corsairs attacked an ammunition dump and huts at the POROR RIVER. A large red flame was observed. The aircraft then made 30 strafing runs over target area. At UMUL Gorge 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed a dump and store area. A large explosion occurred and scattered burnt out 44 gallon drums were observed after the attack. A Corsair patrol bombed enemy gun positions on the south end of TOROKORI IS and other aircraft attacked suspected 75 mm guns at BUIO PLANTATION. On 26 Apr 16 Corsairs attacked targets at NAKURU from which 2 columns of black smoke were observed. Later 9 Venturas bombed targets in the area MUGULI which lies approx six miles to the NORTH of LAHLILI airfield.

One Tac R sortie was flown at the request of RMA 3 Aust Div but bad weather curtailed the mission. The afternoon Tac R was completely weathered out at base.

Arty R registered two targets east of the POROR R for our 155 mm guns. The second sortie for the day was cancelled again due to weather.

PART II

Perhaps it was his Ghost!

Although PW No 36 was informed that there was strong reason to doubt his assertion that col MUD. was still alive, he reiterated his statement that he had seen MUD. at OSO on 17 Apr. However, the fact remains that evidence from SLATERS KNOLL of MUD.'s death was, at the time, deemed conclusive.

OOB

A Japanese killed on BUIN rd this morning was carrying 3 letters from OGAWA Pl., 9 Bty, 6 Rd Arty. Its location appears to be in KIMAKU area. Enquiries as to the situation regarding 7, 8, 9 Btys and Bn HQ reveals that this detachment has been isolated from the balance of 3 Bn, which is believed responsible for the BUIN rd, the bulk of it probably being located there. However, other small detachments may be engaged in a similar role, which in this case is stated as "diversionary guerrilla".

Tactics

One captured letter referred to the near-completion of the tactical defence position, "also of the dummy position". It is known that the enemy is laying stress on this tactic in all theatres as a method of countering our supporting arms. Documents have been sighted quoting instances where our supporting fire and bombing was directed entirely on the dummy position, whilst the real position nearby awaited our attack practically unscathed.

Enemy tactics at the moment appear to be designed to avoid a decisive clash where possible. In the advance along BUIN rd yesterday, it was found that the enemy vacated his positions under our supporting fire, but remained nearby on the watch for opportunities to harass the advance and on one occasion, when the barrage got ahead of the advancing infantry, the enemy slipped in between and set up an IMG.

Use of Our Equipment

The courier carrying these despatches was armed with an Owen Gun. In another instance the enemy carried our grenades. One of the despatches stated that guerrilla tactics would be used to capture our weapons and ammunition.

PART III

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of operations 27/28 Apr 45.

Apart from an advance of approximately 620 yards along the BUIW Road by 24 Aust Inf Bn a period of consolidation and patrolling with minor contacts has taken place on all fronts.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. An A Tp patrol contacted D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn at 956491 and returned having sighted no enemy.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

9 Aust Inf Bn. Investigating a native report a patrol found fresh footprints of approximately four enemy at 925488 heading towards the shrine area at 919490. One enemy was sighted at 953489.

(b) TOKINOTU area

15 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. Activities for 27 Apr consisted of consolidating in the newly taken localities and in the setting of ambushes to intercept enemy parties.

A D Coy patrol reported numerous well used tracks leading NW between 913457 and 917459.

A patrol to investigate the old enemy position at 907445 contacted two enemy wounding one.

During the night at 0140 hours hostile shelling, possibly of 150 mm calibre, fell in the area squares 8946, 9046.

At 281000L a patrol was ambushed by an enemy party in unknown strength and using a Bren and two OSNG at 915466.

A B Coy patrol supported by two tanks of 8 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt and a FOO advanced 400 yards along the BUIW Road from C Coy locality to approximately 910466 without encountering opposition.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn. Mortars ranged on a reported enemy position at 917468.

A patrol moving to take up an ambush position at 914468 contacted an enemy party approximately 70 yards north of the position. The enemy withdrew to the south and the patrol took up an ambush position.

At 1500 hours a standing patrol was established at 904468.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. C Coy relieved B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn at 901453.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. The natives located an enemy bivouac area 300 yards south of Coy HQ at approximately 884463. The position had been used during the night 27/28 Apr.

(c) Amendments to Locations

58/59 Aust Inf Bn	C Coy	901453
19 Aust Sup Dep Fl	Less	869475
	det	814454

2. AIR - OWN

24 Corsair sorties were flown against enemy defensive positions at the HONGORAI ford and east of the ford. In the first attack 12 Corsairs briefed to attack the HONGORAI ford and bomb 300 yards to the east, failed to locate defensive positions but flattened and strafed jungle in the target area. The second target was NE of the ford which 12 Corsairs accurately bombed and heavy black smoke which lasted five minutes was observed.

Huts, reported to contain 60/70 Japs, in the KUMAGO area were destroyed by 12 Corsairs. After the bombing 16 strafing runs were made over the target. Some huts were destroyed when 13 Corsairs attacked a reported Jap bivouac area at PALIDONAH. Possible AA flashes were observed 1 mile south of this target. A Corsair patrol attacked a suspected 37 mm gun at TOROKORI Is. A 400 gal tank on the east tip of HARUO IS was attacked and holed by a further patrol.

On night 26/27 Apr, dumps at KAHILI were bombed by 2 Mitchells. On 27 Apr Mitchells and 8 Venturas again attacked this target with unobserved results. In the NAKARU area, huts were accurately bombed by 8 Corsairs.

One Tac R sortie was flown to locate a suspected enemy gun 911429 at the request of 15 Aust Inf Bde. Nil sightings were made.

Drugs required urgently were dropped at Hq 3 Aust Div by Wirraway aircraft.

Arty R registered 5 targets for the 25 prs. Due to unfavourable weather at base a second sortie was cancelled.

PART II

"Pacification Units"

The above translation of KENSSENSUHAN is the best that offers, but has caused a certain amount of doubt as to the function of these units. PW 37, 2 IC of such a unit in KAPARO area for the past 12 months, defines their duties as follows:-- Improvement of relations with natives; recruitment of labour; spreading of propaganda; collection of intelligence through native channels.

Co-prosperity on the Grand Scale

During propaganda lecture tours, the KAPARO Kenssensu Han used to explain to the (no doubt) awed villagers that the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere included, in addition to the usual countries, Australia, USA, Germany and Russia.

Raiding Parties

PW No 37 had heard that TOROKORI raiding parties had failed to reach their objective, and had returned. He believed that others were being trained. It must be borne in mind, however, that PW's knowledge of affairs outside his immediate sphere of activity is very limited, and, in most cases, appears out of date.

2 Bn 4 Med Arty

PW 37 had heard that 2 Bn, 4 Med Arty after an excursion forward, had returned to MONCITU. Although of low grade, this is the first news of 2 Bn since it was involved in the recent attacks.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 28/29 Apr

A long range patrol to the HONGORAI RIVER found the enemy camped along both sides of the BUI N ROAD at 939434 and in the early hours of 29 Apr heard a large enemy party moving along the road.

A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn advanced to 913455. ~~at 913455. The enemy was seen to be moving towards the road forks.~~

(a) MOSIGATTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A patrol from 4 Sec attacked an estimated 20 enemy at 055432 killing six enemy and wounding more.

Contact patrols from D Coys of 9 and 57/60 Aust Inf Bns arrived at NIHERO.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols along the HONGORAI RIVER heard sounds of construction 100 yards east of the river at 967485 and 12 enemy were seen in the area.

A patrol from 958494 contacted 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.

(b) TOKINOTU area

13 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. B Coy with two tanks of B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt and a FOO continued to advance along the BUI N ROAD and reached the road forks at 911445 without opposition. Later the remainder of B Coy advanced and joined the patrol at the road forks.

On a small track leading SW from the road forks 10 freshly dug enemy weapon pits were found.

It is now revealed that during the engagement at 915466 on 28 Apr our patrol threw a grenade into a pit and killed three enemy.

At 917447 a patrol contacted 10 enemy and killed four.

A B Coy patrol sighted 10 enemy at 901432 approaching from the SW. The patrol took up an ambush position but our movement was heard by the enemy who veered to the right flank. A further 10 approached and moved to the left flank. To avoid encirclement the patrol returned to its Coy locality.

At 281700L approximately 10 enemy attacked the southern flank of B Coy locality at 911445. When engaged with tanks and SA fire the enemy withdrew.

On 29 Apr A Coy moved to 913455 with no opposition.

Ambushes set at 911446 and 912443.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn. At 291015L an enemy carrying an OSMG, an Australian and enemy grenade surrendered to our troops at 905476.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. During 29 Apr the Bn carried out a general move forward along the axis of the BUIN ROAD and Bn Hq is now located at 901454 and A Coy at 907458.

A Coy NG Inf Bn. A patrol moved from 884466 to 908478 thence SE to 935465 to 945449 where the track followed crosses the HONGORAI RIVER. Moving south the patrol reached the BUIN ROAD at approximately 939434 where enemy were camped on both sides of the road and sentries patrolled the road. The patrol camped within 200 yards of the enemy. Recon was made during the night but the enemy was alert and the patrol was unable to cross the road without being observed.

At 281800L when all our aircraft had left the area, the enemy lit fires.

On the south side of the road the undergrowth had been cleared and the enemy appeared to have a camp in this area.

At 290500L a large enemy party was heard moving on the road but the patrol could not determine in which direction it was moving.

The patrol returned to base at 291445L.

(c) Amendments to Locations

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt	Hq F Tp	904474
	9 Tp	871487
24 Aust Inf Bn	En Hq	910446
	A Coy	913455
	B Coy	911445
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	901454
	A Coy	907458
230 Aust Ld		301467

2. AIR - OWN

12 Corsair sorties were flown in continuation of the previous day's strikes against enemy defensive positions East of the HONGORAI Ford. Good coverage of the target area was reported with unobserved results. Two huts were destroyed at MITRA during an attack by 4 aircraft. Eight Corsairs which were to bomb LIBO FORD were weathered out and had to jettison their bombs into the sea. All the other strikes, including a further attack on the HONGORAI ford, were cancelled owing to bad weather.

Two hut concentrations at NAKRU and FORROR RIVER were bombed by 12 Corsairs. Observed results for the first area were 6-7 huts destroyed and a further 3 left burning; in the second area one hut was destroyed.

Further reports for 28 Apr. 6 Mitchells bombed ammunition and supply dumps at KAHILI. A large flash was observed with smoke rising to 5000 ft. 4 Venturas attacked the same area with unobserved results. 5 Venturas bombed an ammunition dump at MUGULI. A large explosion was observed followed by black smoke. This area was further attacked with unobserved damage by 13 Corsairs.

Tac R was carried out on a suspected gun position East of RUNAI at the MITRA - BUIN Rd junction. Nil sightings were reported. One serviceable AT was observed but the aircraft through shortage of fuel was unable to bring artillery down onto it. The vehicle was strafed with unreported results. A further Tac R sortie was cancelled due to weather.

Two targets were registered by an Arty R sortie, one for the 25 pr and one for the 155 mm guns. The weather again prevented a further sortie being carried out.

PART II

6 Fd Arty

Largely by a process of elimination it had been concluded (a) that 6 Fd Arty HQ and 3 Bn were responsible for the attacks on our forward coys. at the end of Mar (b) that they were not included in SLATER'S ENOLL battle (c) that they were still the unit responsible for BULN ROAD. These conclusions have been substantially confirmed by PW 038, who also confirms that 'guerrilla and diversionary tactics' are an important part of the enemy's policy in this area at present.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Crossings: The crossing of the HONGORAI RIVER at 943434 will be known as MARTIN'S CROSSING.

Tracks : A track from 956446 to the No 2 Government Road at 974473, will be known as LITTLE'S TRACK.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN

General Review of Operations 29/30 Apr

Patrolling forward and astride of the BUIN road has made no contact with the enemy.

Patrols from 9 Aust Inf Bn made one contact with approx 30 enemy just west of the HONGORAI RIVER SE from RUMIKI.

(a) MOSIGETTA - MAKAPEKA - NIHERO areas

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A patrol escorted wounded to HQ 9 Aust Inf Bn and returned at 301230L.

7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol discovered a set of footprints, one to two days old, heading towards the HONGORAI at 966490.

At 951477 a patrol contacted approx 30 enemy wounding one.

(b) TOKINOTU area

15 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bn. At 291830L a patrol at 919433 sighted seven enemy approaching from the SE. The patrol remained unobserved and the enemy party moved past the patrol to the south side of the road where another six enemy joined them. The patrol was unable to follow the enemy party in the failing light and returned to Coy HQ.

A patrol which had established its position by artillery registration at 917437, reced the area to locate the road, but only an old overgrown track could be found. At 927439 the patrol struck a 20 ft wide overgrown corduroyed, and drained road with a footpad down the centre. At 927440 an old enemy position was located.

D Coy set ambushes at 919440 and 922442.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol contacted 9 Aust Inf Bn at 917485, then moved to 913487 where three bodies, possibly Australian troops, were found in the vicinity of an old enemy position.

At 910487 an A Coy patrol located an old enemy bivouac area which had been used approx 48 hours ago.

Two enemy dead were found at 904467.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. At 292030L 12 rounds of estimated 75 mm calibre artillery fell in the general area square 9045.

Footprints of two enemy moving north and approx 24 hours old were found at 893475. The patrol endeavoured to follow the tracks but was unsuccessful.

A patrol searched the enemy bivouac area at 886455. The area has accommodation for approx 100 troops.

(c) Amendments to Locations

2 Aust Fd Regt
47 Aust Inf Bn

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

5 Bty	894459
Adv HQ	709575
C Coy	709576
I Coy	709576
Bn HQ	906476
A Coy	898469
B Coy	906476
C Coy	911480
D Coy	908478
B echelon	895468

2. AIR - OWN

For the third day in succession 24 Corsair. sorties were flown against suspected defended areas along the BUIN ROAD east of the HONGORAI FORD. Latest reports indicate that some 800 yards of the road from the ford to 948431 have been cleared of vegetation for a distance up to 100 yards both north and south of the road. In all, some 60 sorties - each sortie carrying 325 lbs depth charges or 1000 pound instantaneous bombs - have been flown over this target area.

A concentration area at RATSUA was attacked by 19 Corsairs. The initial attack of the aircraft opened up the jungle and tracks of 3 camouflaged trucks were revealed. 33 Strafing runs were made over the area at the conclusion of the bombing. One truck was destroyed with a direct hit and the other two were reported severely damaged. 19 Corsairs bombed a bivouac area and ammunition dump at NAKARU. Results were unobserved. 29 Apr. Huts in the MUGUAI were attacked by 6 Venturas with unobserved results.

Three Tac R sorties on specific tasks were flown in support of Divisional operations.

One sortie proved very successful, resulting in the damaging or destruction of an enemy gun just west of the RUNAI - BUIN ROAD junction at 965404. Tac R sighted the gun slightly to the south of the road leading from RUNAI to ATTARA and called on the artillery to engage. Meanwhile Corsairs on standby were called upon and reached the target area 30 minutes after request had been made. Artillery then stood by whilst the Tac R pilot lead the Corsairs, each carrying 2 x 500 lb bombs against the gun which had already been damaged by strafing and artillery fire.

As a result of the Corsair attacks together with well directed artillery fire and strafing by the Boomerang the gun is considered to be of no further use.

Two 155 mm gun targets were registered by Arty R. The second arty sortie for the day experienced communication troubles and the shoot had to be abandoned.

PART II

NIL

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

MARTINS CROSSING - It is now reported that the corrected location of this crossing is 944448.

HONGORAI RIVER FORD - At 966484, where Gort rd crosses river, there is a jeepable ford approx 30 yds wide 1/2 feet deep, with rocky bottom. Banks on North 4 ft high; South 2 ft high.

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

ADV 3 DIV CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 114 to 011500L (.) 1 rd copy
114 (.) 2 pl 707578 (.) 11 rd copy (.) 1 pl 775805 2 pl 774004 3 pl
762834 (.) 25 bn (.) A and B copy 678476 3 copy 678400 (.) 58/59 bn
(.) 114 copy on route 114/115 114 115 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

CO 5893 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Location report 115 to 081500L (.)
3 rd regt (.) 1 st 3 div 081500 (.) 15 May 4 1st regt HAWAII (.)
28 bn (.) 1st 3 div 071400 (.) 01 bn (.) 15 pl HAWAII 011 1st

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CO 5893 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Location report 115 to 081500L (.)
3 rd regt (.) 1 pl 071400 (.) 3 rd regt (.) 2 pl TOKO (.) 1st 3 div
0815 (.) 3 pl 081500 (.) 01 bn (.) 3 pl 071500 0 regt 1st 3 div
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AASC 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

OO 5611 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 117 to 041800L

(.) B sqn 2/4 armd regt (.) 3 tp 040479 (.) 3 fd regt (.) 6 bty less

3 tp 723422 (.) U by bty 827443 (.) 3 svy bty (.) 3 tp 893454 0 tp

ea route TOROKINA (.) 9 bn (.) 3 coy less pl 915497 12 pl 914453

3 coy less pl 897804 12 pl 909531 (.) 57/60 bn (.) 1 coy enroute

ACTUPZHA PT 0 coy 715569 (.) 3 sup dep pl 713574 (.) 11 fd amb (.)

3 coy 816453 all info

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SIG 3 DIV

AASC 3 DIV

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0 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) location report 118 to 051800L (.) 3 div (.)
0 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) 8 div (.) 0 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) 8 div (.) A and D copy
0 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) 8 div (.) A copy RETURN: PT all info

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ADV 3 DIV

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HEAD 3 CIV 0108 3 DIV 1400 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 0000 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 118 to 061800L (.)

0 bn (.) bn HQ 000005 14 pl 0 ocy 001010 (.) 07/00 bn (.) D ocy

on route 000000 001010 (.) 04/00 bn (.) bn H. 007477 0 ocy 007400

0 ocy 000478 D ocy 000470 (.) 10 00 00 000407 all info

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ADV 3 DIV		2300	
For Action		07	
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions—GR—
REAR 3 DIV SIGS 3 DIV AASC 3 DIV			

ORIGINATOR'S No. **03 5642** CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 120 to 071500L (.)
 1/4 unit regt (.) sqn Hq 604468 (.) partial sqn Hq plus three tps
 (unitor code 5 (1v) 604468 (.) 7 3 and 8 tps (unitor code 7 (1v) 7 tps
 672401 B tp 604479 8 tp 670478 (.) 30/30 3A (.) ON 514 604468 A 007
 604502 B 007 604468 C 007 604468 B 007 607503 all info

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ADV 3 DIV		072145	
For Action			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions—GR—
REAR 3 DIV SIGS 3 DIV AASC 3 DIV			

ORIGINATOR'S No. **03 5641** CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 121 to 081500L (.) 2/8 c3e
 sqn (.) B tp 897523 (.) B sqn 2/4 unit regt (.) sqn Hq 604468 6 10 and
 Hq tps 835469 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 8870 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 120 to 051800Z (.) 10 10
bde 882463 (.) 6 bn (.) 0 007 1000 pl 807304 17 pl 800502 (.)
A 007 8013 (.) 4 and 5 pls 843420 all info

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GO 8874 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 100 to 201800Z (.) 9 bn (.)
0 007 81400 (.) 81 bn (.) A 007 00400 0 007 070004 (.) 50/60 bn (.)
0 007 006014 (.) 57/60 bn (.) bn 12 774000 0 007 700200 2 pl 700300
all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

03 8495 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 1st to 111500Z (.) 0 hr (.)

B coy 914495 (.) 15 h40 (.) 15 h40 sig sec 14 pl 2/1 of regt 286 LAD

650442 (.) 24 hr (.) 4 pl 834442 B coy loss two pls 811450 10 pl 818455

12 pl 828446 D coy loss pl 818454 12 pl 821447 (.) 57/60 hr (.) A coy

704395 B coy loss pl 704420 12 pl 862397 D coy en route KANAKA (.)

58/59 hr (.) A coy 874319 C coy 829514 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 5715 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 1st to 111500Z (.)

3 6-8 2/4 and regt (.) hr; F of 810475 (.) 0 hr (.) A coy 910475 (.)

57/60 hr (.) C coy loss two pls 705417 12 pl 705322 14 pl 707421

all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5756 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 136 to 131700L (.)

B com B/4 88467 (.) 7 to 88467 (.) HQ RAB 3 Div TERC (.)

adv HQ AASC 3 div 810467 (.) 9 bn (.) D coy less pl 915466

18 pl 914498 (.) 25 bn (.) bn HQ B coy C coy en route 707578 (.)

84 bn (.) bn HQ 883468 C coy 884468 D coy 885467 (.) 58/52 bn

(.) A coy less pl 855503 7 pl 860468 B coy 874479 D coy 877478

(.) 266 LAD 879488 all infm

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1410001

TO 5747 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 127 to 1410001 (.) 25 to (.)
A and D cogs 707378 (.) 01 to (.) to HQ 838459 A cog 702478 B cog
840479 C cog 814454 D cog 811455 (.) 57/60 to (.) 10 pl 520542 12 pl
807508 (.) 50/50 to (.) to HQ 878477

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TO 5762 CONFIDENTIAL location report 128 to 1410001 (.) HQ RAA

2 DIV 802447 HQ 7 to 843452 H. 15 to 872457 (.) 3 cog 2/4 arm'd regd (.)
84p 872457 84p 802478 (.) 9 to (.) 12 pl 816470 14 pl 819470 (.) 24 to (.)
(18 and 11 pls 802478 (.) 57/60 to (.) 4 cog 700521 (.) 50/50 to (.) a cog
872456 (.) a cog 8415 (.) HQ 843452 4 and 5 pls 804456 all info

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GO 8779 CONFIDENTIAL (.) LOCATION REPORT 120 to 141600L (.)

HQ RAA 3 DIV 510458 (.) B sqn 2/4 AFM REG (.) HQ 3 to 871457 (.) 9 km (.)

8 p.1 984457 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 00 8791 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 189 to 171600L
(.) 2/4 area rest (.) 3 and 10 tps wkep and fd pk 871407 7 tp
884403 3 tp 884409 9 tp 884400 (.) 2 bn (.) A coy 887403
B coy 884404 14 pl 913400 (.) 24 bn (.) bn HQ 880403 A coy
886474 B coy 886404 C coy less pl 882400 15 pl 886450 D coy
884403 (.) 07/00 bn (.) 12 pl 785320 16 pl 887300 (.) 88/00
bn (.) bn HQ 886409 A coy 886403 B coy less pl 886407 12 pl
889404 all info

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SIOS 3 DIV

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5034 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 131 to 101600L (.)
3 div by 506448 (.) C M (.) D 537 925432 (.) 34 62 (.)
A 507 900459 C 537 925432 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 5519 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 132 to 101600L (.)
3 div 502455 rear details 3 div 503050 (1-inch section) (.) 2 ft regt (.)
6 div 577474 (.) HQ 53 rd pk coy TCMO (.) 3 div (.) rear 34 500357
(1 inch section) closed (.) 3 div reception camp 710000 all info

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8 DIV REAR DETAILS 8103 3 DIV AMSG 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 5838 0 UNIDENTIFIED (.) location report 153 to 201000L (.)
ref msg 1/25000 revised series (.) 9 bn (.) bn H 926463 A msg
926464 B msg 926467 C msg 1002 pl 913469 14 pl 910469 D msg
926464 (.) 24 bn (.) 8 msg 926464

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ASAC 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

66 5048 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 134 to 211000L (.)

9 bn (.) bn HQ 925400 A coy 933401 B coy 935400 C coy 938400

D coy 926404 (.) 10 bn (.) C coy 772443 D coy 775443 (.) 84 bn

(.) A coy 800454 (.) 84/86 bn (.) A coy 804400 B coy 903470

C coy 804400 D coy 904470 (.) 87/80 bn (.) 12 pl 806504

(.) 81 bn (.) bn HQ 833455 A coy less two pls 840479 7 pl

830455 8 pl 845401 B coy 782478 C coy less two pls 815454

12 pl 815454 13 pl 800448 D coy 811457 (.) 85 bn (.)

elements bn HQ A and B coy 707570 all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ location report 155 to 231600L (.) 9 bn (.) A coy
943483 (.) 15 bn (.) adv bn HQ and B coy on route HAYABAKA (.) 104 ord
21 pk 709691 (.) 3 div recon camp 715096 all info

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1 bn E/A and regt (.) 16 to 231600L all info

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SIGS 5 DIV 4452 5 DIV			

ORIGINATOR'S No. 80 8908 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 157 to 8006001
(.) B sgn 2/4 extnd regd (.) 9 tp 015474 10 tp 903483 (.) HQ
15 fm coy 874483 (.) 9 bn (.) B coy 926484 B coy 946483 (.)
15 bn (.) 10 pl 800601 (.) 42 bn (.) D coy 704005 (.) 07/00 bn (.)
807 HQ 807489 B coy 900472 C coy 807489 (.) 5 div postal unit
800481 all info

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SI06 3 DIV AASC 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 2212 CONFIDENTIAL (w) Location report 122 to 221600.

(.) 3 sec 2/4 and regd (.) 3 to 202447 (.) 24 hr (.) A coy

202448 C coy 202447 D coy 211456 (.) 57/60 hr (.) elements

202448 (.) 21 hr (.) D coy 202448 (.) 3 div pro coy two sec 1

any 122 coy 3 sec 5 div pro coy 210456 all info

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
3 DIV			
For Action			
2 CORPS			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
6108 3 DIV AASC 3 DIV			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

CO 5024 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Location report 130 to 271600L (.)

2/6 040 800 (.) A tp 907324 (.) B 800 2/4 040 800 (.) 10 tp

(.) 9 bn (.) bn Hq 936485 A coy 936484 B Coy less pl 936484

10 pl 936487 C coy 945485 D coy 958493 (.) 24 bn (.) A coy

904450 C coy 907449 D coy 908456 (.) 15 rd asb (.) B coy 765390

(.) 213 LAD 833488 230 LAD less det 843028 det 800488 all info

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ASAC 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 5942 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 140 to 201000L (.) 08/09 bn (.)
0 copy 901453 (.) 19 copy dep pl loss det 889478 det 814454 all info

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3 DIV

For Action

TO

2 CORPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

SIG 3 DIV

ASAC 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 5964 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 141 to 201000L (.) B agn
2/4 copy regt (.) HQ P to 904474 9 to 871457 (.) 24 bn (.) bn HQ
910445 A copy 913455 B copy 911445 (.) 08/09 bn (.) bn HQ 901454
A copy 907456 (.) 230 LAB 001457 all info

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Originator

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Office Date Stamp

(4)

5 DIV

12 22

For Action

TO

5 CORPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

5103 3 DIV

5103 3 DIV

ORIGINATOR'S No.

DD 5776 CONFIDENTIAL (.) location report 242 to 361800Z (.) 3 rd regt
(.) 5 div 504450 (.) 47 bn (.) adv in 700078 G and D cogs 700078 (.)
57/30 bn (.) bn in 500478 A cgy 500450 B cgy 500478 C cgy 501480
D cgy 500478 B cch 500400 all inns

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APPENDIX F

3. Aust Div 00 No 13

Ref Maps 1/25000 Series

6 Apr 45

INFORM

1. Enemy

(a) No infm additional to that already issued.

(b) Likely Enemy Action

- (i) Stage further large scale attacks against our forces in area PURLATA RIVER - RUMIKI
- (ii) Threaten our coastal L of C by wide outflanking moves through gen MOSIGETTA area.
- (iii) Continue delaying actions against our adv towards HONGORAI RIVER.

2. Own Tps

Map A shows proposed regrouping of 7 Aust Inf Bde as at 091800L.

INTENTION

3. 3 Aust Div will complete regrouping preparatory to continuing the adv to line of HONGORAI RIVER.

METHOD

4. Fwd Tps

(a) Composition

7 Aust Inf Bde

With under cmd

Three tps B S n 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	} at present
15 Aust Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl	
A Coy NG Inf Bn less one pl	
11 Aust Fd Amb	
Det ANGAU	

One pl 5 Aust Fd Coy - as from 081800L

With in sp as from 081800L

2 Aust Fd Regt
U Aust Hy Bty

(b) Role

When present enemy situation permits, resume adv to secure line of HONGORAI RIVER from the coast to Enol crossing HONGORAI RIVER 975494.

5. Res

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde, with following responsibilities:-

- (i) Clearance of enemy and protection of L of C west of PURLATA RIVER

(14) Protection of Div Maint Area

(iii) Assist in protection U Aust Ky Bty

(iv) Be prepared to counter any enemy outflanking moves through MOSIGETTA area. For this purpose, one bn will be located at LAW Rana and will patrol inland.

(b) 24 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns revert to comd 15 Aust Inf Bde as from time of opening Bde Hq in TOKO area. (04/14304 APR)

6. Inter-Bde Bdy

See appx A att.

7. Tks

(-) B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt less five tps will move to area 839478 forthwith.

(b) Two tps will move to area 835471 under arrangements this Hq.

8. Cdos

(a) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn revert to comd 3 Aust Div at 081800L

(b) Present role 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn remains unchanged

(c) Further instrs will be issued separately.

9. Arty

(a) RAA 3 Aust Div will

(i) Sp 7 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) Be prepared to sp 15 Aust Inf Bde in its responsibility vide para 5(a) (i) above with minimum of one fd bty

(b) 2/2 Aust Arty Bty and 1/1 Aust Ky Bty revert to comd 3 Aust Div at 081800L.

10. Air

(a) Requests for air sp, tac R and Arty R to this Hq as from 081800L

(b) GSO 3 (Air) ceases to be att to 7/1 Aust Inf Bde as from 081800L

(c) RAAF Tender reverts to comd 3 Aust Div at 081800L

ADM

11. Issued separately.

INTERCOMN

12. Line

To fans and div tps less 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

13. W/T

To fans and 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.

14. DRLS

Time table will be notified separately.

15. pigeons

available on demand to Sigs 3 Aust Div.

16. RanF Tender

at Div Hq.

ACK

J. L. Hassell
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue DRLS

Time of Signature. 0905 hrs

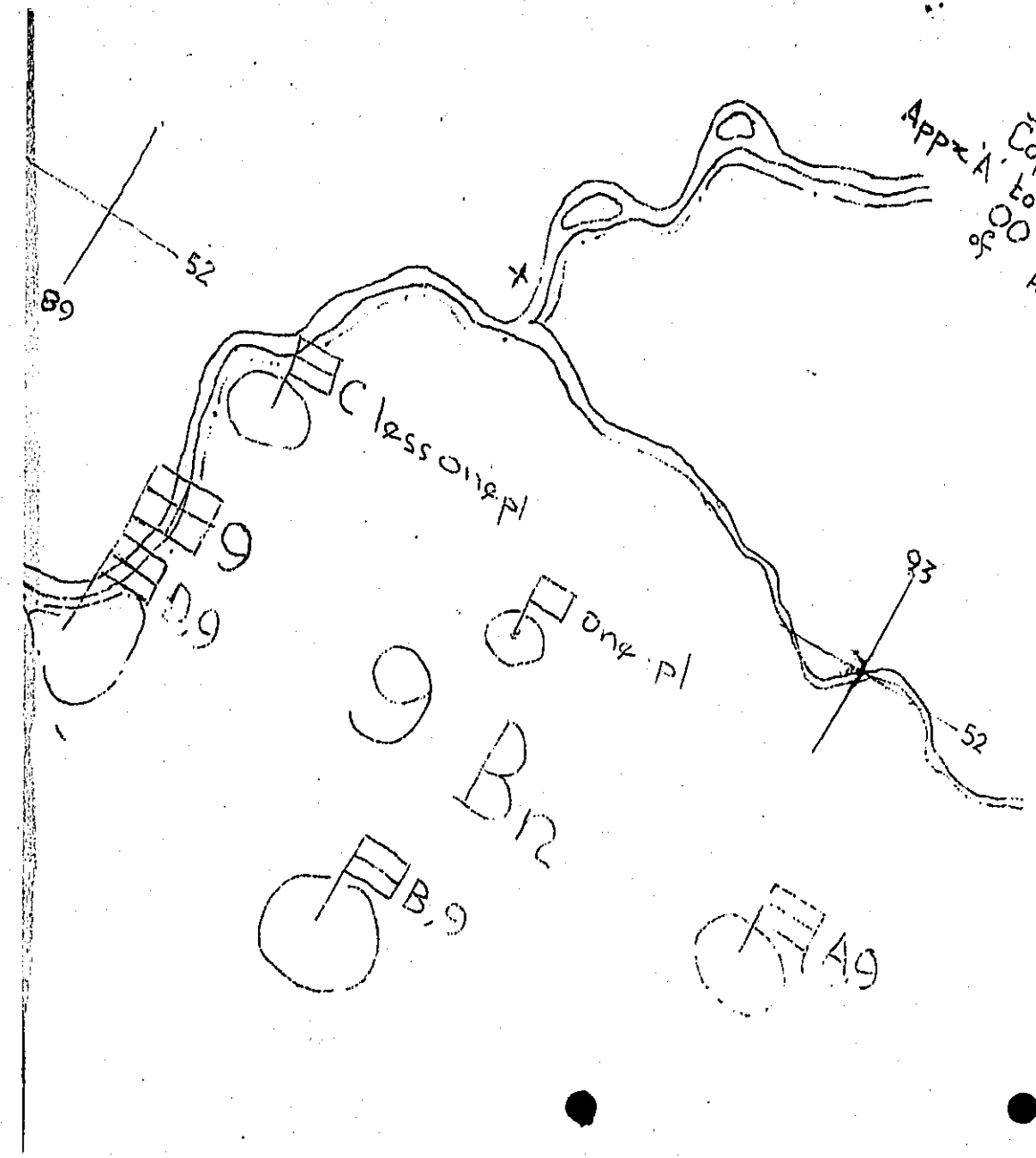
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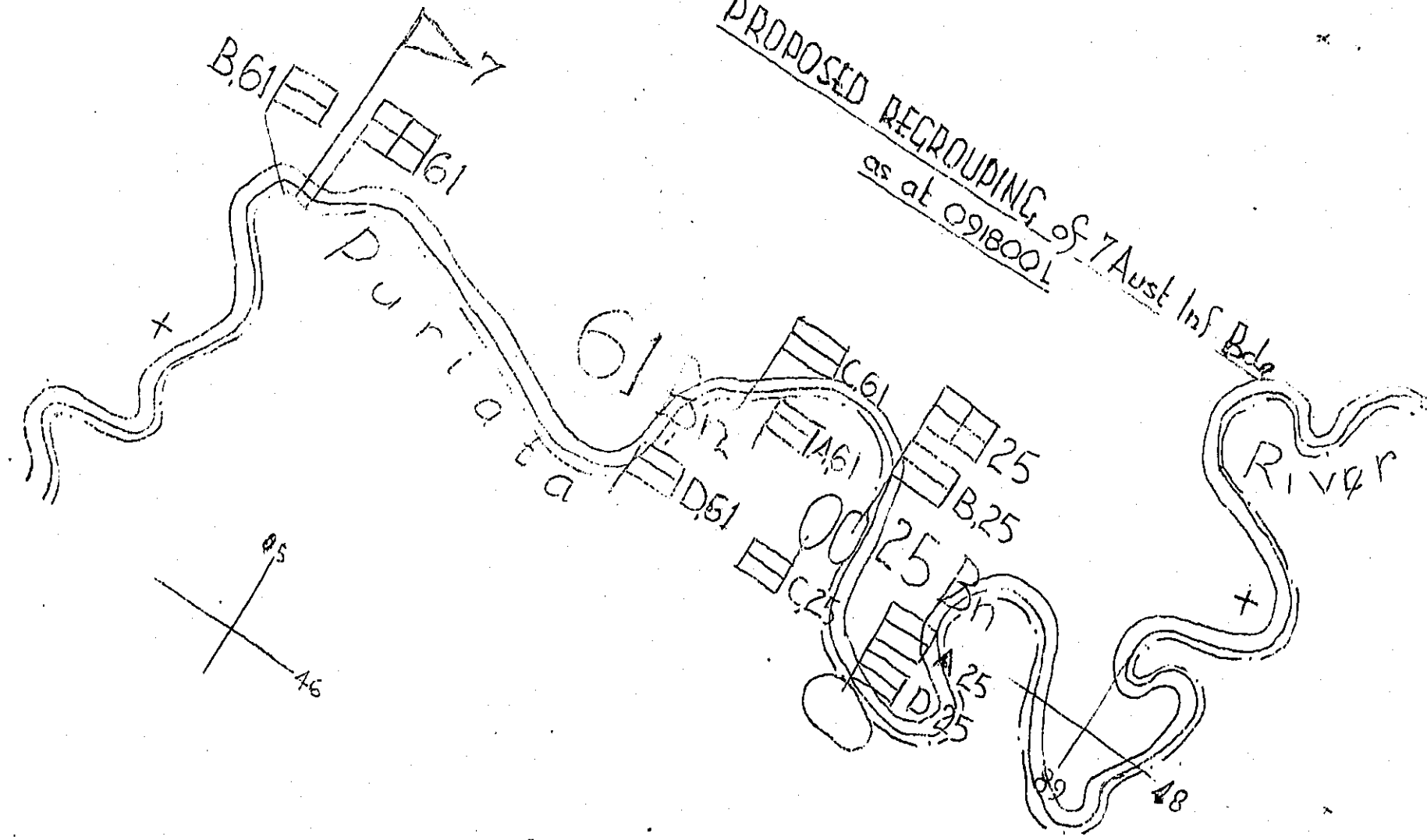
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7 Aust Inf Bde	1	1
15 Aust Inf Bde	2	2
29 Aust Inf Bde	3	3
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt	4	4
2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	5	5
Ran 3 Aust Div	6	6
RAE 3 Aust Div	7	7
Sigs 3 Aust Div	8	8
anSC 3 Aust Div	9	9
2 Aust Corps	10 - 11	10 - 11
Comd	12	12
Hq.	13	13
Med.	14	14
Ord	15	15
MEME	16	16
File	17 - 18	17 - 18
War Diary	19 - 20	19 - 20

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 to 3 Aust Dr
 900 No 13
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PROPOSED REGROUPING of 7 Aust Inf Bde
 as at 091800L



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Mr. Garry

APPENDIX G

3 MUST DIV OP INSR NO 27

SECRET

Co. No.

6 Apr 45

Ref Maps 1/25000 Series

No change from verbal instrs

INSTR

1. Summary

- (a) A patrol reported on 5 Apr the presence of many small enemy parties in area NE from DARA towards BARNES CROSSING. This was the area in which he concentrated for his attacks on 7 MUST Lf Bde which commenced on 28 Mar. Eff of these parties can be effected quickly from the enemy also reported on 5 Apr to be in str in gen HATAI area which is on his NW L of C.
- (b) A distinct enemy capability is then to execute an outflanking move west of FURLATA RIVER against TOKO area.

2. OWI TCS

- (a) 7 MUST Lf Bde is re-routing along main BUIH Rd east of MCKINNA BR preparatory to resuming adv to HONGORAI RIVER.
- (b) 15 MUST Lf Bde is being redispersed to assume the following responsibilities :-
 - (i) Clearance of enemy area protection of L of C west of FURLATA RIVER
 - (ii) Protection of Div Maint Area
 - (iii) Assist in protection U MUST Hy Bty
 - (iv) Be prepared to counter any enemy outflanking moves through gen MOSIGETTA area
- (c) 2nd and 3rd/59 MUST Lf Bns revert to coord 15 MUST Lf Bde as from time of opening Bde Hq in TOKO area

ROLE 2nd MUST Lf Bn

3. 2nd MUST Lf Bn will be responsible for :-

- (a) Protection of Div Maint Area
- (b) Protection of MCKINNA BR and ANGLU Co ground 838480
- (c) Assist in protection of
 - (i) B Sqn 2/4 MUST Armd Regt less five tps in area 839478
 - (ii) Two tps 2/4 MUST Armd Regt in area 835471
 - (iii) U MUST Hy Bty
- (d) Provision of working parties as required by this HQ

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ROLE 58/59 AUST INF BN

4. Initial

Secure area DARRA - GALVIN'S CROSSING and patrol fwd to MAKAPEKA and MARIGA.

5. Ultimate

Clear enemy from area DARRA - GALVIN'S CROSSING - BARNES CROSSING

6. Method

Move will be in two phases :-

(a) Phase 1

Go in area vicinity LOKINNA BR for night 6/7 Apr

(b) Phase 2

Move fwd on 7 Apr to area DARRA - GALVIN'S CROSSING

7. To free 58/59 Aust Inf Bn for move

(a) C Coy at present engaged on rd constr in vicinity lagoon 804464 will be relieved by coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn located south of MOTUPENA POINT

(b) Coy at present engaged in unloading ship GAZELLE HBR will be relieved by portion of coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn engaged on rd constr south of MAKARAKA.

8. TK recce offr will be made available to accompany 58/59 Aust Inf Bn fwd to determine suitability of ground for use by tks.

ARTY

9. RA 3 Aust Div is to be prepared to provide sp of a minimum of one fd bty.

ENGES

10. Demands for engr stores direct to this HQ

ADL

11. Rations POL Expense

Move with 3 days res 2 days maint then maint by rd from TOKO DID and air maint as required on 24 hrs warning.

12. amm

Move with first line. Replenishment from TOKO RAD and air maint as required.

13. Tpt

Demands for additional tpt for move direct to this HQ.

14. Med

(a) Elements 58/59 Aust Inf Bn - DARARA area

Evac to lt sec 11 Aust Fd Amb MCKINNA BR

(b) Elements 58/59 Aust Inf Bn - GALVIN'S CROSSING

Evac to ADS 11 Aust Fd Amb GALVIN'S CROSSING

(c) ADS 11 Aust Fd Amb TOKO.

15. Ord

5 Aust Div ADS Dump TOKO

16. Native Labour

Demands direct to this Hq.

ACK

J. L. Hammett
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue DRLS

Time of Signature 17.00 hrs

Distribution:

Copy No

2nd Aust Inf Bn	1
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	2
7 Aust Inf Bn	3
15 Aust Inf Bn	4
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt	5
Rm 3 Aust Div	6
Rm 3 Aust Div	7
Sigs 3 Aust Div	8
ASC 3 Aust Div	9
Comd	10
Adj	11
Reg	12
File	13 - 14
War Diary	15 - 16

File in APPENDIX *H*
~~SECRET~~
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Subject : 3 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE No 6
as at 2359 hrs 8 Apr 1945

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

10 Apr 45

G. 21/101

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 inch series:

TOROKINA
MOTUPENA PT and PURIATA RIVER
Track Map (MP & PR)

BOUGAINVILLE 1/25000 Series

MOSIGETTA
BARARA
HIRU HIRU
RUMIKI

1. Herewith 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 6.
2. Location Statement No 5 will be destroyed and an acknowledgment rendered on the form below.

C. J. Guest, Col
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

<u>Distribution :</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
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 (AIF)	3	10 Aust L of C Station- ery Unit	24
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt	4		
R/A 3 Aust Div (AIF)	5	GS	25 - 26
RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	6	LO I	27
Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	7 - 9	AQ	28
V Aust FS Sec	10	A	29
AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	11-12	Q	30
109 Aust CCS (AIF)	13	ADMS	31
63 Aust Dental Unit	14	ADOS	32
3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	15	CEME	33
3 Aust Div Postal Unit(AIF)	16	Legal	34
3 Aust Div Pro Coy(AIF)	17	DAPM	35
3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	18	Camp	36
3 Aust Div Salvage Unit(AIF)	19	Area Comd TOKO	37
		File	38 - 39
		War Diary	40 - 41

3 Aust Div

Receipt is acknowledged of copy/copies.....of 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 6.

3 Aust Div Location Statement No 5 copy/copies.....has/have been destroyed

..... Name
Date..... Rank and Appointment
.....

Ser-Arm or Inf-Service		War Office Serial No		Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	HQ Units	45900	TS	HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	809458	Rear HQ TOROKINA 571959
2		45109	TS	No 3 LHQ Mil History Sec Rd Team	TOROKINA	571959	LHQ Tps
3	Cav	61423	TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn less	RUMIKI	998524	Rear HQ 763614
4				A Tp	"	990516	
5				B Tp	"	997523	
6	Armd	45090	TS	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less three tps) less	HIRU HIRU	804462	Three tps u/c 7 Bde See Serial 100-102
7				6, 10, HQ F Tps	" "	833469	
8	Arty	48376	TS	HQ RA: 3 Aust Div (AIF)	MP & PR	774797	
9		45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF) less	HIRU HIRU	811457	In sp 7 Bde
10				4 Bty	BARARA	849481	
11				5 Bty	"	834464	
12				6 Bty	"	803464	
13		48621	TS	U Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	827443	In sp 7 Bde
14		45990	TS	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) (less A Tp) less	MOSIGETTA	771639	
15				B Tp	BARARA	803464	
16				C Tp	MOSIGETTA	771639	To move TOROKINA
17	Engrs	45991	TS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	MP & PR	775800	
18		45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy (less 1 Pl) less	MOSIGETTA	764625	1 Pl u/c 7 Bde. See serial 103
19				2 Pl	"	707576	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
20				3 P1	MOSIGETTA	851593	
21	46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy	less	MP & PR	767812	See Serial 155
22				1 P1	"	775803	
23				2 P1	"	774804	
24				3 P1	MOSIGETTA	752584	
25	45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy	less	HIRU HIRU	816452	See Serial 138
26				2 P1 (less sec)	" "	831454	
27				3 P1 (plus sec)	BARARA	839479	
28	46157	TS	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	less	MP & PR	774751	
29				1 P1	MOSIGETTA	774653	
30				2 P1	HIRU HIRU	815453	
31				3 P1	MOSIGETTA	705593	
32	45994	TS	53 Aust Fd Fk Coy (AIF)	less	TOROKINA	549936	
33				Br P1	TOROKINA	738843	
34				Hoch Eqpt P1	MOSIGETTA	764525	
35	47748		7 Aust BD P1		TOROKINA	738843	
36	46276		Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		MOSIGETTA	735583	
37	92423		Det Water Amb Convoy		MP & PR	770004	
38	Sigs	45997	TS	Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF) less det	HIRU HIRU	809457	Rear Hq TOROKINA 575959
39		95998	TS	38 Aust Cipher Sec (Typek)(AIF) less det	" "	809457	Det TOROKINA 575959

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
40		49114	TS	Det 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt Sig Tp	BARARA	802432	
41		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	818457	
42		92604	TS	6 Aust Engr Sig Sec	MP & PR	775000	
43	Inf	46007	TS	24 Aust Inf Bn	less	BARARA	832457 See Serial 140
44				A Coy	"	838482	
45				B Coy less pl	HIRU HIRU	813456	10 Pl 819454
46				C Coy	BARARA	832468	
47				D Coy less two pls	HIRU HIRU	814454	16 Pl 826444; 17 Pl 817455
48		46008	TS	A Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn			Staging MOTUPENA PT
49				C Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn	BARARA	794475	} See Serial 141
50				D Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn			En route MOTUPENA PT)
51		46009	TS	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	less	BARARA	856504 See Serial 142
52				A Coy	"	855502	
53				B Coy	"	868489	
54				C Coy	"	867490	
55				D Coy	"	857563	
56		49466	TS	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less 6 Pl)	HIRU HIRU	809457	u/c 7 Bde. See Serial 121
57		61005	TS	HQ D Coy and 16 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less	TOGOKINA	571959	det 809458
58	Int	45138	TS	3 Aust Div Language Det (five units) ^{det}	HIRU HIRU	809458	GHQ Tps - u/c for local adm
59		61502	TS	V Aust Fd Sec	" "	809458	LHQ Tps only

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
60	ST	46010	TS	HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AA3C (AIF)	TOROKINA	578964	
61		47903	TS	HQ 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	"	588989	
62		92534	TS	152 Aust Wksp Pl	"	588969	
63		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	"	586968	See Serial 146
64		92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	"	592968	See Serial 125
65		92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl (less two secs)	MOSIGETTA	764618	Two secs 818436. See Serial 164
66		47904	TS	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	590966	
67		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	713574	See Serial 144
68		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	627947	See Serial 145
69		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl less dot	HIRU HIRU	825453	Det 771804, see Serial 162
70		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	768628	See Serial 163
71		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	808459	See Serial 126
72		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	593972	See Serial 129
73				One sec 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)	"	553954	
74	Med	45381	TS	109 Aust CC3 (AIF)	less	"	553959
75				Lt Sec	MOSIGETTA	758603	
76		47969	TS	35 Aust Hosp Laundry (Type B)	TOROKINA	553939	
77		46392	TS	18 Aust Malarial Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	820447	
78		46597	TS	HQ 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
70a				HQ det 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	603964	Att 29 Bde
70b				A Sec " " " " "	HIRU HIRU	614456	Att 7 Bde
70c				B Sec " " " " "	TOROKINA	634930	Att 15 Bde
70d				C Sec " " " " "	"	634937	
70e				D Sec " " " " "	"	634940	
70f				E Sec " " " " "	"	629933	Att 15 Bde
70g				F Sec " " " " "	HIRU HIRU	616453	Att 11 Fd Amb
79	Ord	49416	T3	One Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt Ord Fd Pk (HE)	BARARA	604462	
80		49041	T3	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	773596	See Serial 166
81		46241	T3	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	See Serial 132
82		47766	T3	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	639913	See Serial 149
83				Det 13 AAD (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	611459	Army Tps
84		49415	T3	One Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Aust Armcd Regt Wksp	BARARA	604462	
85		49058	T3	104 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	MOSIGETTA	772611	See Serial 167
86		46240	T3	113 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	See Serial 133
87		49064	T3	129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	TOROKINA	639913	See Serial 150
88		46100	T3	202 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF) less det	"	571959	Det 609458
89		45985	T3	213 Aust LAD (Type D)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	611457	Att 2 Fd Regt
90		45996	T3	250 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	TOROKINA	549936	Att 53 Fd Pk Coy
91	Pay	46019	T3	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (L F) less det	"	571959	Det att 7 Bde

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
92	Postal	46021	TS	3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	
93	Pro	46020	TS	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less two secs)	"	577966	Two secs u/e 3 Base Sub Area See Serial 153
94		45730	TS	Two Socs 1 Aust Army Pro Coy	"	577966	To return to Aust
95		46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	577966	See Serial 170
96	Misc			One Mob Cinema			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
97		46022	TS	3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	"	569972	
98		46023	TS	3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF) less deta	"	571971	Dets 617302, 771633

7 AUST INF BDE

99	HQ Units	46101	TS	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	600459	Rear HQ 763616
100	Armd	45090	TS	7 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	BARARA	673464	} Sec Serial 6
101				8 " " " " " "	"	640479	
102				9 " " " " " "	"	676476	
103	Engrs	45947	TS	1 Pl 5 Aust Fd Coy	"	674476	Coy less 1 Pl u/c 3 Div. See Serial 13
104	Sigs	49113	TS	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	HIRU HIRU	600459	
105	Inf	46104	TS	9 Aust Inf Bn less	BARARA	695505	
106				A Coy	RUMIKI	938503	
107				B Coy less pl	"	915497	12 pl 914495
108				C Coy	"	901515	
109				D Coy less pl	BARARA	697504	16 pl 909531
110		46105	TS	25 Aust Inf Bn less	"	675483	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
111	Inf			A Coy	BARARA	676476	
112				B Coy	"	875461	
113				C Coy	"	871461	
114				D Coy	"	876476	
115		46106	TS	61 Aust Inf Bn	loss	"	645461
116				A Coy	"	873464	
117				B Coy	less pl	"	840479 10 Pl 836460
118				C Coy	HIRU HIRU	803464	
119				D Coy	BARARA	866482	
120			TS	15 Aust Inf Bde	Flame Thrower Pl	"	836460
121		49466	TS	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	(loss 6 Pl) loss	HIRU HIRU	809457
122					4 Pl	"	828443
123					5 Pl less two secs	BARARA	855503 Two secs 336454. See Serial 56
124		61005	TS	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		HIRU HIRU	808459
125	ST	92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl		TOROKINA	592960 u/c 3 Div. See Serial 64
126		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	loss	HIRU HIRU	808459 u/c 3 Div. See Serial 71
127					det	BARARA	872465
128					det	"	855503
129		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl		TOROKINA	593972 u/c 3 Div. See Serial 72
130	Med	46122	TS	11 Aust Fd Amb	loss	HIRU HIRU	816453 MD3

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
131	Med			Lt Sec	BARARA	655503	
132	Ord	46241	TS	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 81
133	AMEE	46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 86
134		46103	TS	221 Aust LAD (TypeJ)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	608459	Att 7 Bde
135	Postal	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	608459	
136	Misc		TS	Det ANGAU	"	608457	
<u>15 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE</u>							
137	HQ Units	45005	TS	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
138	Engrs	45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	616452	u/c 3 Aust Div. See Serial 25
139	Sigs	49118	TS	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
140	Inf	46007	TS	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	632467	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 43
141		46008	TS	57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)(less three coys)	TOROKINA	630941	Three coys u/c 3 Div. See Serial 48 - 50
142		46009	TS	56/59 Aust Inf Bn	BARARA	656504	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 51
143		61005	TS	14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	630935	
144	ST	46832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MCSIGETTA	713574	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 67
145		46833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	627947	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 68
146		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	586966	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 63
147	Ltd:	46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	"	628941	
148				A Coy	MF & PR	775796	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
149	Ord	47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	639913	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 82
150	AEME	49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	639913	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 87
151		46006	TS	266 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	"	626936	
152	Postal	46021	TS	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	630935	Sec Serial 92
153	Pro	46020	TS	Two secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	577966	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 93
<u>29 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE</u>							
154	HQ Units	46112	TS	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	"	603964	
155	Engrs	46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy	"	767812	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 21
156	Sigs	46127	TS	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	603964	
157	Inf	46114	TS	15 Aust Inf Bn less	"	633838	
158				C Coy	MP & PR	774757	
159		46115	TS	42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	606965	
160		46116	TS	47 Aust Inf Bn	"	575955	
161		61005	TS	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	602964	
162	ST	46645	TS	16 Aust Sup Dep Fl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	625453	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 69
163		46646	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Fl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	766628	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 70
164		92510	TS	56 Aust Tpt Fl	"	764616	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 65
165	Med	46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb	TOROKINA	604962	
166	Ord	49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	775556	u/c 3 Div. Sec Serial 60

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
167	ADP	40050	TS	104 Aust Bdc Wksp (AIF)	NOUGHTA	772011	w/o 5 Div. Sec Serial 88
168		46113	TS	312 Aust L&D (Type J)(AIF)	TORCKINA	602004	Att: 23 Bdc
169	Postal	46129	TS	Dot 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	602004	
170	Pro	46120	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	557000	w/o 3 Div. Sec Serial 95

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APPENDIX I
10 Apr 45

DEFENCE OF DIV HQ

1. This instr is issued in furtherance of Div HQ Standing Orders Sec 20.

GENERAL

2. OC Coy Gd Regt will move with recce party and as soon as HQ site is decided upon will site the defs in accordance with policy laid down by GS Branch. Constr of defs will then proceed concurrently with other work in the area as the various parties and dets of the HQ arrive.

3. The plan will be based on the est of a perimeter immediately the parties arrive and will be extended accordingly as the HQ is built up in str.

4. When approved by GS Branch, this plan will be issued in diagrammatic form to all branches and services within the area together with any relevant instrs regarding digging responsibilities etc, if possible prior to their departure from old area. Shit trenches will be dug adjacent to all offices and sleeping quarters.

METHOD

5. The perimeter will be divided into a number of sectors which will be under the cmd of an offr with an NCO as 2 i/c. Each sector cmdr will be responsible for allocation of his pers to weapon pits and the control of fire within his sector.

6. These sectors will be occupied in accordance with one of the following plans which will be decided upon when the likely nature of attack is determined :-

(a) Plan 1

In event of adequate warning being received, perimeter defs will be manned. Pers not allotted to weapon pits on the perimeter will occupy weapon pits adjacent to their own offices or living quarters.

(b) Plan 2

In event of surprise attack by day, an attempt will be made to man perimeter defs. If, due to enemy action this is NOT possible, enemy will be engaged from nearest fire posns, and weapon pits in vicinity of offices and living quarters.

(c) Plan 3

In event of surprise attack by night :-

(i) One sec Gd Pl will move to GOC's area and receive instrs from ADC.

(ii) One sec Gd Pl and the roving patrols vide para 12(b) below will report to Duty Offr at Battlroom to receive instrs.

(iii) All other pers will occupy weapon pits adjacent to sleeping quarters or offices.

7. Warnings

Warnings of attack and "all clear" will be promulgated by Duty Offr as follows, by the beating of a gong at the Battleroom which will then be relayed throughout area by other gongs :-

(a) Plan 1

Series of three rapid beats on all gongs throughout area rptd for one min.

(b) Plans 2 & 3

(i) Opening of fire, and/or

(ii) Rapid beating of gongs for one min.

(c) All Clear

Slow beats on gongs for one min.

8. Degree of Readiness

All pers will realise the disruption which may prevail in the event of a surprise attack by day or night. Therefore all ranks will familiarize themselves with their own part in the plan to enable it to be effected smoothly, and will ensure that they and their weapons are in a high degree of readiness at all times.

9. Action by Duty Offr

On notification of impending attack or if surprise attack eventuates, Duty Offr will :-

(a) Sound the alarm

(b) Notify Sig office details of situation for promulgation to adjoining units

(c) Remain within Battleroom during period of alarm

(d) Be prepared to issue instrs for emp of sec of Gd Pl.

10. Practice Stand-Tos

Will be ordered from time to time to test effectiveness of plan.

SECURITY DURING NORMAL PERIODS

11. During Day

Normal sentries will be provided by Gd Pl.

12. During Night

(a) One standing patrol of two men on GOC's quarters, provided by Gd Pl

(b) A number of standing and roving patrols each of two men to cover remainder of area, provided by Camp and Gd Pl

(c) When enemy situation necessitates, the perimeter will be manned by a skeleton force.

13. Passwords and Countersigns

Will be issued by GS Branch to Branches and Services covering periods of one month at a time. Branches and Services will ensure that these are promulgated to all their pers daily.

14. Action by Duty Offr

When perimeter is manned vide para 12(c) above, Duty Offr will inspect defts once per night.

PROMULGATION OF PLAN

15. Branches and Services will ensure that this plan as applied to each HQ site is clearly understood by all their pers.

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GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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17 Apr 45

Ref Map : 1/25560 Series

Maj H I WINNING
OO 2/8 Aust Cde Sqn

1. Info is required of enemy localities and nature of terrain in the area east of H HONGAI RIVER.
2. The activities of fighting patrols should be directed against the enemy's flank and rear areas with the object of :-
 - (a) Inflicting proportionately by cas
 - (b) Restricting mov of enemy tps and saps
 - (c) Diverting a proportion of enemy tps to purely security duties.
3. Your role will therefore be :-
 - (a) Obtain info of enemy stre and dispositions and topographical info, initially in area BUNIKI - PAI TAI
 - (b) Attack isolated enemy deta and set ambushes of short duration on enemy rds and tracks.
4. In view of these tasks you are relieved of your present responsibility for securing the left flank of the Div, except such security as is afforded by your patrolling activity and the fire base from which your patrols operate.
5. Specific tasks will be given you in patrol instra issued separately. It is not desired that your patrolling be limited to the tasks given in these patrol instra, but that you initiate such additional patrols as you consider necessary.
6. In order to co-ord air strikes earliest advice of any patrol operating east of H HONGAI RIVER, incl date of departure, area to be covered and estimated date of return, will be forwarded to this HQ.

AOX.

W.B.
Maj Gen
Comd 6 Aust Div (TF)

Method of Issue HAND and DEL

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APPENDIX K

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3 AUST DIV CO No 14

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13 Apr 45

Ref Map : 1/25000 Series

INFORM

1. Enemy

All available info has been issued.

2. Own Troops

(a) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn is completing conc MAWARAKA.

(b) Subsequent to the execution of the instrs given in this order it is intended that 7 Aust Inf Bde be relieved by 29 Aust Inf Bde. 7 Aust Inf Bde will then conc TOROKINA. Separate instrs will be issued.

INTENTION

3. 15 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 7 Aust Inf Bde east of PURIATA RIVER.

METHOD

4. Relief

Relief will be effected by coys in following stages as agreed with Bde Comds :-

(a) Stage 1

(i) 24 Aust Inf Bn will move through 25 Aust Inf Bn and occupy a posn on BUIN RD fwd of 878474. Covering party will be arranged by 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(ii) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 25 Aust Inf Bn in present area of responsibility. 25 Aust Inf Bn will then conc MAWARAKA relieving 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

(iii) 61 Aust Inf Bn will be redispensed as follows :-

BHQ and HQ Coy
One Coy
Two Coys
One Coy

833466
McKINNA BR
Div Maint Area
Area 792478

(b) Stage 2

57/60 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 9 Aust Inf Bn which will then occupy area vacated by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

5. Times of Relief

Stage 1 will begin approx 130800L. Further dates and times of relief will be advised separately by this HQ.

6. Inter Bde Bdy

Line of PURIATA RIVER incl 7 Aust Inf Bde.

7. Roles

On completion of relief :-

- (a) 15 Aust Inf Bde will secure line of HONGORAI RIVER from coast to incl track crossing at 975494.
- (b) 7 Aust Inf Bde will :-
 - (i) Secure the L of C west of PURIATA RIVER incl McKINNA BR.
 - (ii) Be prepared to counter enemy outflanking moves through MOSIGETTA area. For this purpose one bn will be located at MAWARAKA and patrol inland.
 - (iii) Assist in protection of U Aust Hy Bty.
 - (iv) Provide working parties as required by this HQ.

8. Changes of Comd

On completion Stage 1 of relief :-

- (a) Following units will pass from comd 7 Aust Inf Bde and come under comd 15 Aust Inf Bde. Time will be confirmed by sig :-

Three tps B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
A Coy NG Inf Bn less one pl
Det ANGAU

- (b) 11 Aust Fd Amb will revert to comd 3 Aust Div and be in sp 7 and 15 Aust Inf Bdes.

9. Tks

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less five tps will move at earliest to posn north end of dropping ground 870485. Location of new site to be decided in conjunction with 15 Aust Inf Bde. Two tps will remain in present location until further orders.

10. Arty

- (a) On completion Stage 1 of relief 2 Aust Fd Regt and U Aust Hy Bty will be in sp 15 Aust Inf Bde and elements of 7 Aust Inf Bde remaining east of PURIATA RIVER. On completion of relief all div arty will be in sp 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 6 Aust Fd Bty will occupy at earliest new site west of PURIATA RIVER in sq 8748. Location of new site will be decided in conjunction with 15 Aust Inf Bde.

ADM

11. Med

- (a) Lt secs 11 Aust Fd Amb located :-

(i) McKINNA BR
(ii) BARARA

- (b) MDS - TOKO. Evac by mot amb.

- (c) 109 Aust CCS - KOTUPENA PT area.

12. Amm Stores and Eqp

First line amm, accn stores, sig cable and sups will be exchanged in situ as decided between bdas.

INTERCOM

13. No change.

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RAE 3 Aust Div	7
Sigs 3 Aust Div	8
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13 Apr 45

Ref Maps : 1/25000 Series

Ref para 5 3 Aust Div Op Instr No 28 of 11 Apr 45.

1. 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will execute a patrolling plan to obtain infm and carry out tasks in accordance with following priority.

2. Priority 1

Rece No 2 Government rd east of the HONGORAI RIVER fwd to TAITAI to ascertain following :

- (a) Do HONGORAI CROSSINGS present any maj obstacles to tks and MT?
- (b) Is the existing rd capable of carrying MT and tks?
- (c) Could tks manoeuvre off the sides of the rd?
- (d) Number of hrs required to make rd trafficable to jeeps from HONGORAI River crossing 986485 to HUKUHA 015461. Does constr of these hrs present a maj engr task?

3. Priority 2

Rece enemy defs along HONGORAI RIVER between No 1 and No 2 Government Rds to ascertain following:

- (a) Has the enemy prepared def posns along east bank HONGORAI RIVER? If so, give location, type of constr and approx number of enemy occupying posns.
- (b) Are there any arty pieces with these posns?
- (c) Is there any evidence of preparation of tk ditches?
- (d) Does the enemy patrol fwd of his defs?

4. Priority 3

Rece of area east HONGORAI RIVER between No 1 and No 2 Government Rds fwd to the gen line KINDO - TAITAI -- UNUNAI - HARI RIVER junc 999372 to obtain following :

- (a) Trace showing gen track system (special attention to be given to reported track OSO - TOKINOTU - HATAI).

- (b) Report on state of main lateral and longitudinal tracks, incorporating suitability for use by tks and jeeps in present state, hrs required and possibility of tk manoeuvre off the tracks.
- (c) Location of main enemy held localities together with their approx str.
- (d) Which are main Ls of C to enemy def posns
- HONGORAI RIVER ?
- (e) Are there any dumps or staging pts, if so where and of what size?
- (f) Location of enemy HQ for def of the sector and the possibility of raiding it.

Special Roles

- 5. Carry out recce of OSO with a view to subsequent raid to obtain PW and documents and destroy any wireless stas and worthwhile installations found.
- 6. Est ambushes along enemy Ls of C east of HONGORAI RIVER with particular attention to the capturing of PW and documents.

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Time of Signature *17/10* hrs

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15 Aust Inf Bde	3
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APPENDIX M

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

15 Apr 45

3 AUST DIV STAFF INSTR No. 2

Daily Conference Procedure

TIME AND LOCATION

1. Commencing 17 Apr 45, a daily Staff Conference will be held in Battleroom at 0745 hrs on week days and at 0800 hrs on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE

2. The following, or in their absence, their representatives will attend:-

STAFF	ARMS & SERVICES
GSO I	CRA
GSO II	GRE
GSO II (L)	CO Sigs
GSO III (OPS)	CASG
GSO III (INT)	ADMS
GSO III (AIR)	ADOS
GSO III (CW)	CEMS
IO	
LO I	
LO II	
LO III	
AA & CQG	
DAAG	
DLAG (L)	
DAQMG	
DAQMG (L)	

SPEAKERS

3. Daily

(a) The following will speak daily in the order shown, unless in the case of Arms and Services who, if they have nothing to report, will indicate such to GSO III (OPS) prior to commencement of the conference:-

GSO III (INT)
GSO III (OPS)
GSO III (AIR)
DAAG
DAQMG

(2)

ORA
ORE
CO Sigs
OASC
ADIS
ADOS
CELE

(b) At the conclusion of all speaking, GSO III (OPS) will announce Div time.

4. Weekly

(a) Summaries

In addition to and at the conclusion of all daily reports, a brief summary of the preceding weeks activities and plans for the ensuing week will be given by representatives of Branches, Arms and Services as follows. This does not absolve daily speakers from reporting matters of current interest:-

Monday	-	GS (Ops, SD, Int and Air)
Tuesday	-	L, Led
Wednesday	-	Q
Thursday	-	Ras, Ord
Friday	-	RAE
Saturday	-	Sigs, ABLE
Sunday	-	AASC

(b) Other Fronts

At the conclusion of the relevant weekly summary IO's will give a resume of activities on other fronts as follows:-

Monday	-	Europe (Allied Fronts)
Tuesday	-	Europe (Russian Front)
Wednesday	-	Phillipines and Japanese Islands
Thursday	-	Burma
Friday	-	Other Australian Fronts

5. GSO III (OPS) will co-ord the conference calling on the speakers in their turn.

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17 Apr 45

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) As a result of recent unsuccessful attacks, the enemy has lost a large proportion of his first class combat tps. He now has available in MONOITU area an estimated 3000 tps, of which combat units represent approx 2400.
- (b) An additional 3800 are located in BUIN Sector, made up mostly of Base Units, but probably readily convertible to a combat role. Should the enemy decide to draw on his BUIN Grn, tps could be moved fully equipped to MONOITU area in 2 or 3 days.
- (c) A proportion of 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty of approx str 200/300 is reported in SIPANAI area. A possibility of flank attack from this locality therefore exists.

INTENTION

- 2. 3 Aust Div will effect regrouping in area HONGORAI RIVER - KAWARAKA.

METHOD

3. Regrouping

Will be carried out in following stages, priority for mov of bns has been confirmed with Bde Comds :-

(a) Stage 1

15 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at KAWARAKA and will occupy areas as follows :-

Bn less four Coys	KAWARAKA
One coy	772643
One coy	785680
One coy	777729
One coy	776763

(b) Stage 2

57/60 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 9 Aust Inf Bn which will then come at MOTUPENA POINT preparatory to moving to TOROKINA.

(c) Stage 3

- (1) 42 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 61 Aust Inf Bn and will occupy areas as follows :-

Bn less four coys	833466
One coy	McKINNA BRIDGE
One coy	Div Maint Area
One coy	792478
One coy	MOTUPENA POINT

- (ii) 61 Aust Inf Bn will then come at MOTUPENA POINT preparatory to moving to TOROKINA.

(d) Stage 4

47 Aust Inf Bn will come in SHINRU CREEK area.

4. Times of Relief

Will be advised separately by this HQ.

5. Inter Bde Bdy

On completion of regrouping, provisional bdy will be coast 867413 lagoon to 873417 - track at 875421 - track to crossing DAME CREEK 869458 - DAME CREEK to BUIN RD 492461 - BUIN RD to HATSHI track junc - HATSHI track to crossing HATSHI RIVER 924481 - HATSHI RIVER to river junc 922485 - river bend 922488 - HUIC RIVER to river junc 894485 thence line of PURIATA RIVER to MAKAPETA all incl 29 Aust Inf Bde. This bdy will be confirmed by sig.

6. Roles

On completion of regrouping :-

(a) The role of 15 Aust Inf Bde will remain unchanged

(b) 29 Aust Inf Bde will :-

(i) Protect L of C west of inter bde bdy

(ii) Be prepared to counter enemy outflanking moves through LOSIGETTA area by patrolling inland from MAKAPETA

(iii) Provide working parties in accordance with para 7(a) below and as further required by this HQ.

7. Engrs

(a) The allotment of engr, pnr pls and rifle coys to engr tasks on rd TORCKINA - MAKAPETA will be as follows :-

Serial	Sub Units	Location	Task
1	HQ and 3 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy One Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn One pnr pl 29 Aust Inf Bde	772643	Constr ADELE Br and revetment of rd to nor and south
2	2 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy One coy 15 Aust Inf Bn One pnr pl 29 Aust Inf Bde	785600	Constr TUJU and TAVE Brs and revetment of rd TUJU - excl ADELE
3	3 Pl 11 Aust Fd Coy One coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	777729	Constr J.B.A. 2 Br
4	1 Pl 11 Aust Fd Coy One coy 15 Aust Inf Bn One pnr pl 29 Aust Inf Bde	776763	Constr J.B.A. rd devia- tion
5	2 Pl 11 Aust Fd Coy	675872	Constr L.M.V.V.I.A Br

- (b) Mov of above sub units to locations shown will be by rd and AIC 20 as arranged by this HQ.

ADM

8. Issued separately.

INTERCOM

9. Sigs 3 Aust Div will provide line to 15 Aust Inf Bn at HAWARAKA. Bn will be responsible for comms to detached coys.

10. Otherwise no change.

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GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Method of Issue *DRLS*

Time of Signature *11.5.4.hrs*

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DEFENCE OF DIV HQ

REF INSTRS "DEFENCE OF DIV HQ ISSUED 10 APR 45 AND 11 APR 45

1. Owing to increased area responsibility of Div HQ, the above instrs have ~~been~~ modified.
2. Sketch showing lay out of HQ Defs is attached as Appendix "A".
3. Composition of Pls is attached as Appendix "B".
4. Pl Comds will be responsible for placing personnel in position of weapon pits by 1800 hrs 25 APR 45.
5. Construction of pits will be continued and completed with all possible speed.
6. On alarm, positions will immediately be occupied. Those personnel listed as reserve personnel, except Tpt Personnel who will remain in camp area to replace Dvrs AOD, will move to Battle Room area under comd of Capt GUEST to be used as required.

Staylor Major
for Lt-Col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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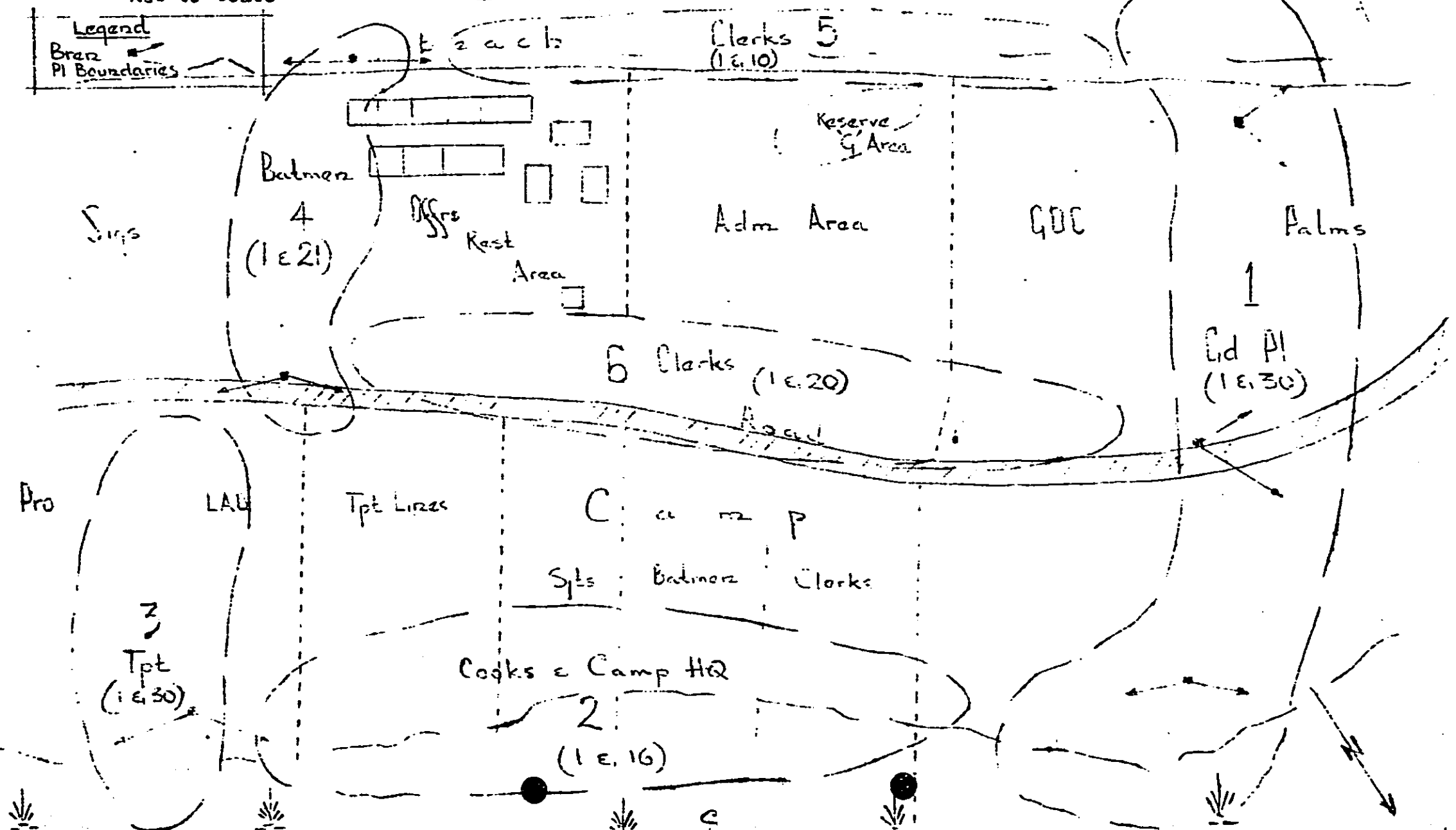
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DEFENSIVE LAYOUT of DIV HQ

25 Apr 45

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APPENDIX "B"

SECTOR

1.	<u>GD REGT</u>		1	X	30
	OC LT MULANEY	2 i/c SGT BIOLLY			
2.	<u>COOKS AND CAMP</u>		1	X	17
	OC CAPT HILL	2 i/c S/SGT DAWSON			
	SGT BOND	PTE STEPHENS			
	SGT LYON	" BAILEY			
	SGT MORRISON	" JACOBSEN			
	CPL NEWSON	" ROUND			
	L/Cpl THORNE	" PATON			
	L/Cpl SHAW	" SMITH A			
	PTE FARRAR	" WARREN L			
	CEN GRAHAM	" RUSSELL			
3.	<u>TRANSPORT</u>		1	X	30
	OC CAPT HEAVISIDE	2 i/c SGT AYRES			Plus 14 from LAD
	SGT EASTWOOD	Dvr SHUGG			
	CPL WOTHERSPOON	" TAYLOR K			
	L/Cpl JONES	" McCLURE A			
	L/Cpl OAKLEY	" YOUNG			
	Dvr CORAM	" WRIGHT			<u>Reserve</u>
	" BEECROFT	" MACLENNAN			
	" DURYEA	" HARRINGTON			Remain in Camp area to replace Drs AOD
	" HEATH	" YEATHMAN			
	" HEHIR	" WOODWARD			
	" JOHNS	" FERGUSON			
	" JOHNSTONE	" CODE			
	" MARTIN	" GUSTAFSON			
	" JENKINS	" STANNARD			
	" MORRIS	PTE WARREN W			
4.	<u>BATMEN OUTDOOR STAFF</u>		1	X	20
	OC Capt FLETCHER	2 i/c Cpl HAGARTY			
	Cpl SIMONS	Pte GEE			
	Pte CHRISTIE	" ROBINSON C			
	" PETRI	" MEARS			
	" DIXON	" LEDGAR			
	" McCLUSKEY	" STOTT			
	" CAMPBELL	" CARTER			
	" TOY	" SMITH J A			
	" TULLIS	" RICHARDS E			
	" FERRY	" NEEDS			22
	" BATTEN	" BENDER			Reserve
	" PETHERS	" BLAIR			"G" Office
	" HERRIDGE	" MADDEN			
	" HAMILTON	" HUNTER			
	" MULLINS	" POWER			
	" PRICE	" CRUMP C			
	" HOLLINGWORTH	" CRUMP R			
	" MCCARTHY C	" BARNETT			
	" NANKERVIS	" SIBRAA			
	" SUTHERLAND	" FROST			
		" MORSE			
		" YOUCHIS			
		" CANTWELL			

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CLERKS AND RAAF PERSONNEL

1 X 10

OC	Capt GUEST	2 i/c	Sgt McEAY	
Sgt	SAMPSON	Cpl	McEWAN	
"	SAVARD	"	OWENS	
Cpl	McKENZIE	Pte	McCLURE G	
"	SHEPARD	"	JARVIS	
Pte	EVANS	"	WALLACE	
		"	HILL	} Reserve

6.

CLERKS

1 X 21

OC	Capt MINCHIN	2 i/c	Sgt LEAHY
Cpl	KING	Sgt	BAGLEY
L/Cpl	PHILLIPS	Cpl	MARSHALL
Pte	HARRISON	Pte	McDOWALL
"	RYAN	Cpl	NICKELL
Cpl	DANAHER	Pte	CROWLEY
L/Cpl	MILLS	"	DRUMMOND
Cpl	LEWIN	"	BOXHALL
Cfn	McCARTHY J	"	SNIBSON
"	PIPER	"	NUTTALL
Sgt	WILKINSON		
Cpl	GLANFIELD		

APPENDIX P

SECRET
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Subject : 3 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE
No 7 as at 2359 hrs 23 Apr 45

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)

25 Apr 45

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Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 inch series : TOROKINA, MOTUPENA PT and
PURLATA RIVER Track Map (MP & FR)

BOUGAINVILLE 1/25000 series : MOSIGETTA, BARARA, HIRU HIRU,
RUMIKI

1. Herewith 3 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle
No 7.

2. Location Statement No 6 will be destroyed and an acknowledge-
ment rendered on the form below.

C. I. Gues. Col.
for Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div (AIF)

Distribution:	Copy No	Distribution:	Copy No
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	2 Aust Corps (AIF)	23 - 24
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	4 Aust Base Sub Area	25
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	3	10 Aust L of C Station- ery Unit	26
2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	4		
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt	5	GS	27 - 28
Ran 3 Aust Div (AIF)	6	LO I	29
RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	7	AQ	30
Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	8 - 9	A	31
15 Aust Inf Bn	10	Q	32
V Aust FS Sec	11	ADMS	33
AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	12 - 13	ADOS	34
109 Aust CCS (AIF)	14	CEME	35
11 Aust Fd Amb	15	Legal	37
63 Aust Dental Unit	16	DAPM	38
3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	17	Camp	39
(AIF)	18	Area Comd TOKO	40
3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	19	Area Comd MOTUPENA PT	41
3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	20	File	42 - 43
3 Aust Div Reception Camp	21	War Diary	44 - 45
(AIF)			
3 Aust Div Salvage Unit (AIF)	22		

3 Aust Div

Receipt is acknowledged of copy/copies.....of 3 Aust Div Location
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3 Aust Div Location Statement No 6 copy/copies...has/have been
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Date.....

.....Name

Rank and Appointment.....

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	45880 TS	HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	809458 Rear Details TOROKINA 583952
2		45109 TS	No 3 LHQ Mil History Sec Fd Team	TOROKINA	583952 LHQ Tps
3	Cav	61423 TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn less	RUMIKI	998524 Rear HQ 763614
4			A Tp	"	990516
5			B Tp	"	997523
6	Armd	45090 TS	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less three tps)	BARARA	871487 Three tps u/c 15 Bde - See Serials 118-120
7	Arty	48376 TS	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810458
8		45881 TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle) (AIF) less Div	BARARA	844482
9			4 Bty	"	849481
10			5 Bty	"	834464
11			6 Bty	"	878474
12		48621 TS	U Aust Hy Bty (HE) (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	828441
13		45990 TS	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) (less A Tp)	BARARA	806462 A Tp u/c 11 Bde
14	Engrs	45991 TS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810457
15		45947 TS	5 Aust Fd Coy less	BARARA	801466 See Serial 95
16			2 Pl	MOSIGETTA	707576
17		46092 TS	11 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	767812 See Serial 152
18			1 Pl	MOSIGETTA	764625
19			3 Pl	"	754593

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
20		45993 TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (less det) less		HIRU HIRU	816452	Det remains u/c 15 Bde. See Serial 121
21				2 Pl	BARARA	873487	
22				3 Pl	"	839479	
23		46157 TS	23 Aust Fd coy (AIF) (less 1Pl), less		MP & PR	774653	1 Pl u/c 23 Bde
24				2 Pl	BARARA	800468	
25		45994 TS	53 Aust Fd P k Coy (AIF)	less	"	800468	
26				Br Pl	TOROKINA	738843	
27				Wksp Pl	"	563928	
28		47743 S	7 Aust BD Pl		"	738843	
29		48276	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy		MOSIGETTA	739581	
30	Sigs	45997 TS	Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)		HIRU HIRU	809457	Rear Details 583952
31		35998 TS	39 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)(AIF)		"	809457	Det 583952
32		49414 TS	Det 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp		BARARA	871487	
33		49088 TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) sig Sec (AIF)		"	844482	
34		92604 TS	6 Aust Engr Sig Sec		HIRU HIRU	810457	
35		46114 TS	15 Aust Inf Bn less		MOSIGETTA	764625	See Serial 154
36				A Coy	MP & PR	780793	
37				B Coy	"	778655	
38				C Coy	"	784679	
39				D Coy	"	771645	
40		49466 TS	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn		BARARA	809487	u/c 15 Bde. See Serial 138

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
41		61005	TS	HQ D Coy and 16 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	583952	Det 809458
42	Int	45138	TS	3 Aust Div Language Det (Five Units)	HIRU HIRU	809458	GHQ Tps - u/c for local adm
43		61502	TS	V Aust FS Sec	"	809458	LHQ Tps
44	ST	46010	TS	HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AMSC (AIF)	"	812455	
45		47903	TS	HQ 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	596962	
46		92534	TS	152 Aust Wksp Pl	"	596962	
47		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl less det	"	709596	Det 816453. See Serial 142
48		92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	"	597960	See Serial 109
49		92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl less det	"	709596	Det 816453. See Serial 160
50				3 Sec 60 Aust Tpt Pl	"	709596	u/c for local adm.
51		47904	TS	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	"	597957	
52		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	713596	See Serial 140
53		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl less det	HIRU HIRU	814454	Det 882472. See Serial 141
54		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	"	814456	See Serial 158
55		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less det	MOSIGETTA	768628	Det 869475. See Serial 159
56		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	HIRU HIRU	814454	See Serial 110
57		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	599965	See Serial 111
58		92074	TS	12 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	HIRU HIRU	814454	
59	Med	45381	TS	109 Aust CCS (AIF) less	MOSIGETTA	707597	Rear HQ 553939
60				Lt Sec	"	758603	
61		46122	TS	11 Aust Fd Amb less	HIRU HIRU		See Serial 112

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
62				...Lt Sec	BARARA	855503	
63		47969	TS	35 Aust Hosp Laundry (Type B)	TOROKINA	565932	
64		48392	TS	18 Aust Malarial Control Unit (Type A)(AIF)	BARARA	797472	
65		92123		Det Water Amb Convoy	MOSIGETTA	739581	
66	Dental	46507	TS	HQ 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	583952	Att Rear Details 3 Div
67				HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	"	603964	" 29 Bde
68				A Sec " " " " "	HIRU HIRU	816453	" 11 Fd Amb
69				B Sec " " " " "	MOSIGETTA	764625	" 15 Bn
70				C Sec " " " " "	MP & PR	775796	" 15 Fd Amb
71				D Sec " " " " "	TOROKINA	647920	" 42 Bn
72				E Sec " " " " "	BARARA	873487	" 15 Bde
73				F Sec " " " " "	HIRU HIRU	816453	" 11 Fd Amb
74	Ord	49416	TS	One Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk(HE)	BARARA	804462	
75		49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	773596	See Serial 162
76		46241	TS	113 " " " " "	TOROKINA	598964	See Serial 113
77		47766	TS	129 " " " " "	"	639919	See Serial 145
78				Det 13 Aust M&D (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810457	Army Tps
79	AMEE			One Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	BARARA	804462	
80		49058	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	MOSIGETTA	772612	See Serial 163
81		46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	BARARA	850482	See Serial 114
82		49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	TOROKINA	638920	See Serial 146

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
83		46100	TS	202 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	809458	
84		45905	TS	213 Aust LAD (Type D)(AIF)	BARARA	844482	Att 2 Fd Regt
85		45996	TS	230 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF) less det	TOROKINA	563928	Det 768600. Att 53 Fd Pk
86	Pay	46019	TS	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	809458	
87	Postal	46021	TS	3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	816454	
88	Pro	46020	TS	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less two secs)	TOROKINA	597964	Two secs u/c 3 Base Sub Area See Serial 149
89		45730	TS	Two Secs 1 Aust Army Pro Coy	"	597964	To return to Australia
90		46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	597964	See Serial 166
91	Lisc			One Mob Cinema			NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
92		46022	TS	3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	718596	
93		46023	TS	3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF) less dets	HIRU HIRU	817453	Dets 722591 and 598965
<u>7 AUST INF BDE</u>							
94	HQ Units	46101	TS	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	BARARA	843481	
95	Engrs	45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	"	801466	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 15
96	Sigs	49113	TS	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	843481	
97	Inf	46104	TS	9 Aust Inf Bn less	RUMIKI	925488	
98				A Coy	"	945183	
99				B Coy	"	925488	
100				C Coy	"	932186	
101				D Coy	"	926484	
102		46105	TS	25 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	635937	

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103		46106	TS	61 Aust Inf Bn less	BARARA	833468	
104				A Coy less two pls	"	840479	7 Pl 839484, 8 Pl 843481
105				B Coy	"	792478	
106				C Coy less two pls	HIRU HIRU	815454	13 Pl 818454, 15 Pl 826448
107				D Coy	"	811457	...
108		61005	TS	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	BARARA	843481	
109	ST	92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	597960	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 48
110		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814454	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 56
111		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	599965	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 57
112	Med	46122	TS	11 Aust Fd Amb	HIRU HIRU	816453	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 61
113	Ord	46241	TS	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	598964	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 76
114	AEME	46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	BARARA	850482	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 81
115		46103	TS	241 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	"	843481	Att 7 Bde
116	Postal	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	843481	
<u>15 AUST INF BDE</u>							
117	HQ Units	45005	TS	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	BARARA	873487	
118	Armd	45090	TS	7 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	HIRU HIRU	898454	{ See Serial 6
119				8 Tp " " " " " "	BARARA	883469	
120				9 Tp " " " " " "	RUMIKI	909479	
121	Engrs	45995	TS	15 Aust Fd Co (AIF) less det	HIRU HIRU	816452	Det 871488, Unit less det u/c 3 Div. Det remains u/c 15 Bde. See Serial 20

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
122	Sigs	49118	TL	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (LIF)	BARARA	873482	
123	Inf	46007	TS	21 Aust Inf Bn less	"	891463	
124				A Coy	"	898463	
125				B Coy	HIRU HIRU	898454	
126				C Coy	"	894460	
127				D Coy	BARARA	893463	
128		46008	TS	57/60 Aust Inf Bn less	MOSIGETTA	774623	
129				A Coy	"	704595	
130				B Coy less pl	"	785620	10 Pl 856504
131				C Coy less threc pls	"	675617	13 Pl 763622, 14 Pl 767621
132				D Coy less pl	"	786621	15 Pl 856504 16 Pl 857588
133		46009	TS	58/59 Aust Inf Bn less	BARARA	883469	
134				A Coy	"	894468	
135				B Coy less pl	RUMIKI	905474	10 Pl 900471
136				C Coy	BARARA	884466	
137				D Coy	RUMIKI	909479	
138		49466	TS	A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less 6 Pl)	BARARA	884466	See Serial 40
139		61005	TS	14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Cd Regt	"	873487	
140	ST	48832	TL	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	MOSIGETTA	713596	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 52
141		48833	TL	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	HIRU HIRU	814454	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 53
142		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	709596	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 47

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
143	Med	46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	TOROKINA	629941	
144				A Coy	MP & PR	775796	
145	Ord	47766	TS	125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	639919	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 77
146	REHE	49064	TS	128 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	638920	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 82
147		46006	TS	266 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	BARARA	879488	Att 29 Bde
148	Postal	46021	TS	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
149	Pro	46020	TS	Two Secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	597964	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 88
150	Misc			Det LANGAU	BARARA	873487	
<u>29 Aust Inf Bde</u>							
151	HQ Units	46112	TS	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	603964	
152	Engrs	46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy	"	767812	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 17
153	Sigs	48127	TS	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	603964	
154	Inf	46114	TS	15 Aust Inf Bn	MOSIGETTA	764625	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 35
155		46115	TS	42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	647940	
156		46116	TS	47 Aust Inf Bn	"	575955	
157		61075	TS	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	602964	
158	ST	48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814456	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 54
159		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	768628	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 55
160		92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl	"	709596	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 49
161	Med	46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb	TOROKINA	604962	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
162	Ord	45041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	773596	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 75
163	AEME	19058	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	772612	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 80
164		16115	Ts	312 Aust L&D (Type J)(AIF)	TORCKINA	602964	Att 29 Bde
165	Postal	46129	Ts	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	602964	
166	Pro	46128	TS	6 Dec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	"	597964	u/c 3 Div. See Serial 90

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APPENDIX Q

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Subject : 8 AUSL DIV DIS DISTRIBUTION LISTS

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25 Apr 65

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The following distribution lists will be used by branches and services of 8 Aust Div.

Serial	Formation, Value etc	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 Aust Inf Bde	1	2	28
2	15 Aust Inf Bde	1	2	28
3	88 Aust Inf Bde	1	4	20
4	Det 122 MRL Heavy Regt	1	1	1
5	2/6 Aust Cde Regt	1	2	1
6	B Sqn 2/6 Aust Arm Regt	1	2	1
7	RAA 3 Aust Div	1	2	7
8	RAC 3 Aust Div	1	2	3
9	Det 43 Aust Log Grp Coy	1	1	1
10	Sign 3 Aust Div	1	1	3
11	15 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	3
12	HQ D Coy 2/1 Aust Cde Regt	1	1	1
13	3 Aust Div Reconnaissance Det	1	1	1
14	7 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	1
15	AAST 3 Aust Div	1	2	23
16	108 Aust Bde	1	1	3
17	11 Aust Inf Bde	1	2	3
18	55 Aust Regt Laundry	1	1	1
19	13 Aust Material Control Unit	1	1	1
20	Det Water and Transport	1	1	1
21	63 Aust Dental Unit	1	2	1
22	108 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	2	1
23	118 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	2	1
24	129 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	1	1
25	Det 14 Aust Div	1	1	1
26	104 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	1	1
27	115 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	1	1
28	129 Aust Bde Coy 1st Bn	1	1	1
29	202 Aust LAD	1	2	1
30	3 Aust Div Prov Coy	1	1	1
31	3 Aust Div Reception Camp	1	1	1
32	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1	1
33	AMBU TROOP	1	1	1
34	Area Comm TROOP	1	1	1
35	Area Comm TROOP	1	1	1
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42	Comm	1	1	1
43	CS	2	2	2
44	AR	3	3	3

45 Med
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49 DAFM
50 Camp
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52 Postal
53 Education
54 Amenities
55 Canteens
56 Catering Adviser
57 File
58 War Diary

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Lt-col
GS 5 Aust Div (ALT)

Distribution :

RAA 3 Aust Div	1
RAE 3 Aust Div	1
Sigs 3 Aust Div	1
AASO 3 Aust Div	1
GS	6
AQ	3
Med	1
Ord	1
ARME	1
File	2
War Diary	2

APPENDIX R

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Subject : PASSWORDS AND COUNTERSIGNS

The following list of passwords will be in force throughout the Div as from 280600L and all other lists at that time will be destroyed.

280600L	to	290600L	Apr		
29	"	"	30	"	bloody
30	"	"	01	"	tall
01	"	"	02	"	long
02	"	"	03	"	baso
03	"	"	04	"	yellow
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42 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX S

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 3 DIV

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TO : 7 SDE 13 SDE 28 SDE

For Information

2/6 CDO SQN 8 SQN 2/4 AMED REGT 2AA 2 DIV
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3 DIV 2 CORPS

ON 1909 SECRET (.) para 3 our CO No 16 of 20 apr 45 (.) stage 4
will be carried out: simultaneously with stage 2 and will
precede stage 3 (.) amend CO No 16 accordingly

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
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Originator's Instructions
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APPENDIX T

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26 Apr 45

INFORM

1. It is considered that the threat of enemy raiding parties entering TOROKINA perimeter has now passed.

CANCELLATION OF ORDERS

2. 3 Aust Div 00 No 11 of 13 Mar is cancelled as from time of receipt of this order.

COMD OF TOROKINA DEFENCES

3. 3 Aust Div Op Instr 23 is cancelled and as from 2400 hrs 25 Apr 45 functions of Comd TOROKINA cease.

SECURITY OF TOROKINA

4. All units within the TOROKINA area are responsible for their own area security measures and comds will ensure that these are properly organised and effectively carried out.
5. Regular patrols on routes of approach into TOROKINA area will be maintained by 29 Aust Inf Bde within the area of responsibility shown in Appx 'A' att.

ACK.

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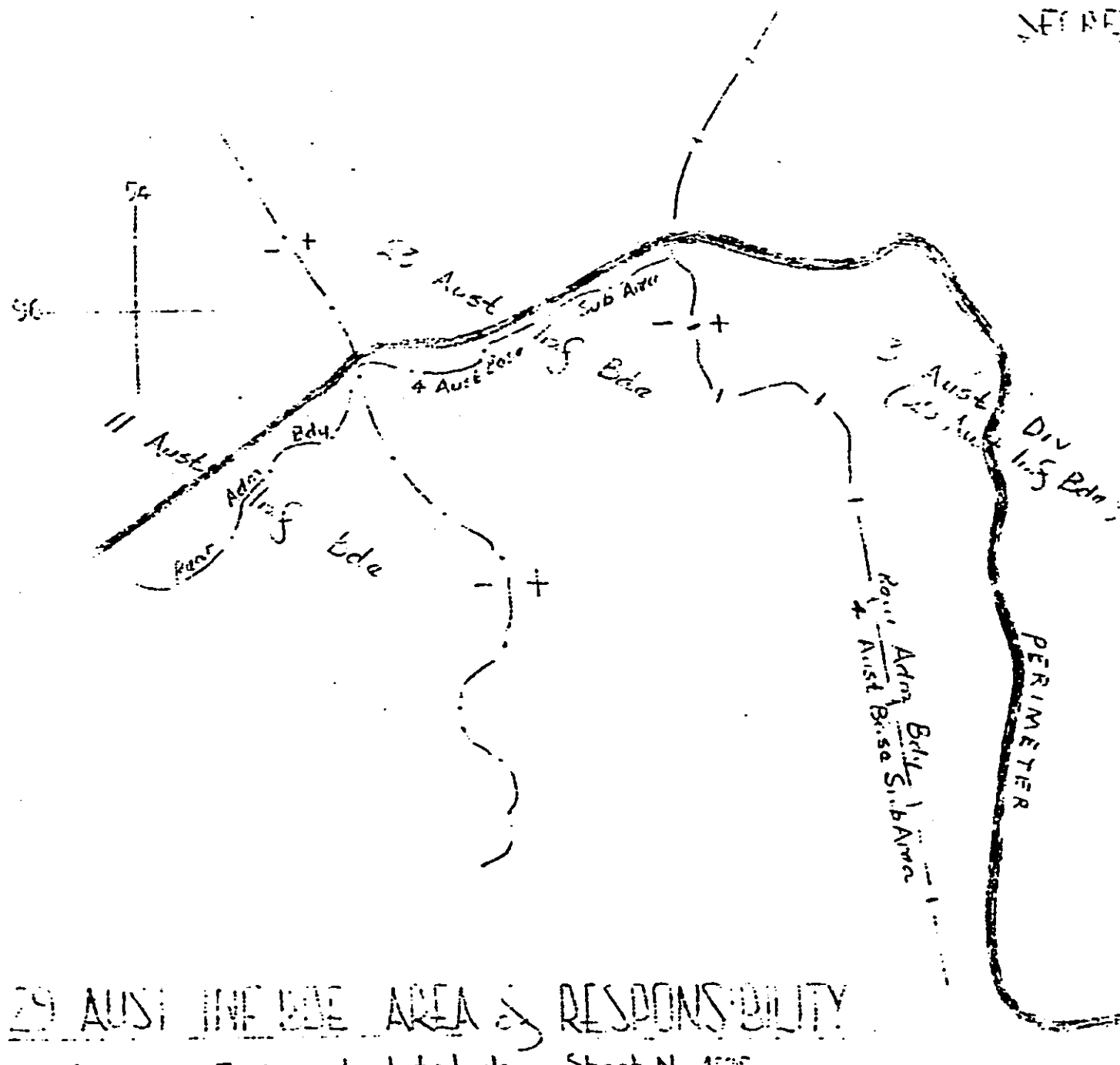
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29. AUST LINE BAE AREA & RESPONSIBILITY

Overlay to TOROXINN 1.1.12 to 1.1.14 - Sheet No 4000

3 AUST DIV 00 No 16

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Ref Maps 1/25000 Series

INFORM

1. No change from 3 Aust Div Daily Int Reports and Summary of Ops.

INTENTION

2. Relief of 7 Aust Inf Bde in TOKO area will be completed.

METHOD

3. Summary

57/60 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 9 Aust Inf Bn. Concurrently 47 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 57/60 Aust Inf Bn in its present area of responsibility. At a subsequent stage 42 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 61 Aust Inf Bn. Times of relief are governed by availability of MT and native carriers.

4. Times of Relief

(a) Stage I - 30 Apr

47 Aust Inf Bn will begin move under arrangements 3 Aust Div from TOROKINA to MOTUPENA PT.

(b) Stage II - 2 May

(i) Two coys 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will relieve two coys 9 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) Tac Bn HQ and two coys 47 Aust Inf Bn will move from MOTUPENA PT to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn area.

(iii) On relief two coys 9 Aust Inf Bn will move direct to MOTUPENA PT.

(c) Stage III - 3 May

(i) Tac Bn HQ and two coys 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will relieve Tac Bn HQ and two coys 9 Aust Inf Bn. On completion this phase 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will assume responsibility 9 Aust Inf Bn area, and 10 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt and Det 15 Aust Fd Coy will pass to comd 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) 47 Aust Inf Bn will assume responsibility protection track ANDERSONS JUNC 892463 - track junc 918484 at 0800 hrs 3 May. At same time 9 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt will come under comd 47 Aust Inf Bn. Two coys 47 Aust Inf Bn will move from MOTUPENA PT to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn area.

(iii) On relief Tac Bn HQ and two coys 9 Aust Inf Bn will move direct MOTUPENA PT.

(d) Stage IV - 4 May

- (i) Balance 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will move to bn area.
- (ii) Balance 47 Aust Inf Bn will move MOTUPENA PT to bn area.
- (iii) Balance 9 Aust Inf Bn will move direct to MOTUPENA PT.

(e) Stage V - 5 May

- (i) Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde less Comd Gp will move TOROKINA to present Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde site.
- (ii) Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde less Comd Gp will move to TOROKINA concurrent with mov Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde less Comd Gp.

(f) Stage VI

42 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 61 Aust Inf Bn commencing approx 8 May. Separate instrs will be issued.

5. Comd Gp 29 Aust Inf Bde

Comd Gp 29 Aust Inf Bde will move from TOROKINA on 2 May and will est Hq at present Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde site. On departure TOROKINA Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde will appoint an adn comd 7 Aust Inf Bde and 29 Aust Inf Bde units in TOROKINA pending arrival Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde at TOROKINA.

6. Change of Comd

29 Aust Inf Bde will assume Comd following units at 0800 hrs 3 May :-

- (a) 15 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) 47 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) 61 Aust Inf Bn
- (d) D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn

7. Comd Gp 7 Aust Inf Bde

Comd Gp 7 Aust Inf Bde will move TOROKINA when relieved of responsibility in TOKO area by 29 Aust Inf Bde and on arrival will assume comd of :-

- (a) 9 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) 42 Aust Inf Bn less D Coy
- (d) 7 Aust Fd Amb

8. Bdys

As from 0800 hrs 3 May the following bdys will apply :-

(a) Inter Bde Bdy 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes

Coast at 866413 - 868415 - ok to 874417 - 876426 - track to 888447 - track junc 890457 - DWE CK - track junc 903470 - garden 908473 - garden 916474 - track to log crossing 918485 - HUIO RIVER to river junc 894485 - PURILTA RIVER to river junc 908525 - SIRIKARA RIVER to 935520 all incl 29 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Day 29 Aust Inf Bde - 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

River and track junc 935520 - SIRIKLA RIVER to 975538
track to river junc 005578 - OPAL RISE 998578 all incl
29 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) Day 15 Aust Inf Bde - 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

Excl river and track junc 935520 - thence track to
HORINU 2 945506 - ford at 974495 incl 15 Aust Inf Bde.

9. Roles

Roles 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bde as detailed in para 6 3 Aust Div
00 15 of 20 Apr 45 remain unchanged.

ADM

10. Rations POL Expend Stores Amn

4 days SWPA and 1 day FOR will be carried by all relieving
units. Relieving units will take over all stocks rations
POL expend stores and amn in situ less outgoing units
requirements for use during mov.

11. Stores and Eqpt

All units will move with WET and minimum fd cooking gear.
Tentage and accn stores will be taken over in situ under
mutual arrangements units concerned,

12. Tpt

MT for mov between MOTUPENA PT and 3 ton rd head in vicinity
KERO CREEK will be controlled by this HQ. Dates and times
of availability will be notified. Demands for additional
MT for other mov will be made to this HQ.

13. Ldg Craft

Four LJC 20's will operate daily ferry service TOROKINA -
MOTUPENA PT - TOROKINA. Allocation units daily as required
under arrangements this HQ.

14. Native Labour

An additional 50 native carriers will be allotted to
15 Aust Inf Bde to supplement present native labour.

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15. No change.

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DEF OF TOROKINA PERIMETER

RESPONSIBILITY

1. On arrival Comd Gp 7 Aust Inf Bde at TOROKINA, 7 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 29 Aust Inf Bde of responsibility for 3 Aust Div sector as shown in Appx A.

DEF OF PERIMETER

2. FDLs

FDLs as shown in Appx A will NOT be occupied but plans will be prepared for occupation at short notice.

3. Outposts

Plans for the occupation of outpost posns at short notice on the gen outpost line as shown in appx A will be prepared, employing NOT more than one coy per bn. Outposts may be withdrawn at discretion of Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

4. Mob Res

Under arrangements 7 Aust Inf Bde.

5. Security patrolling

7 Aust Inf Bde will maintain regular patrols on routes of approach into TOROKINA within their area of responsibility.

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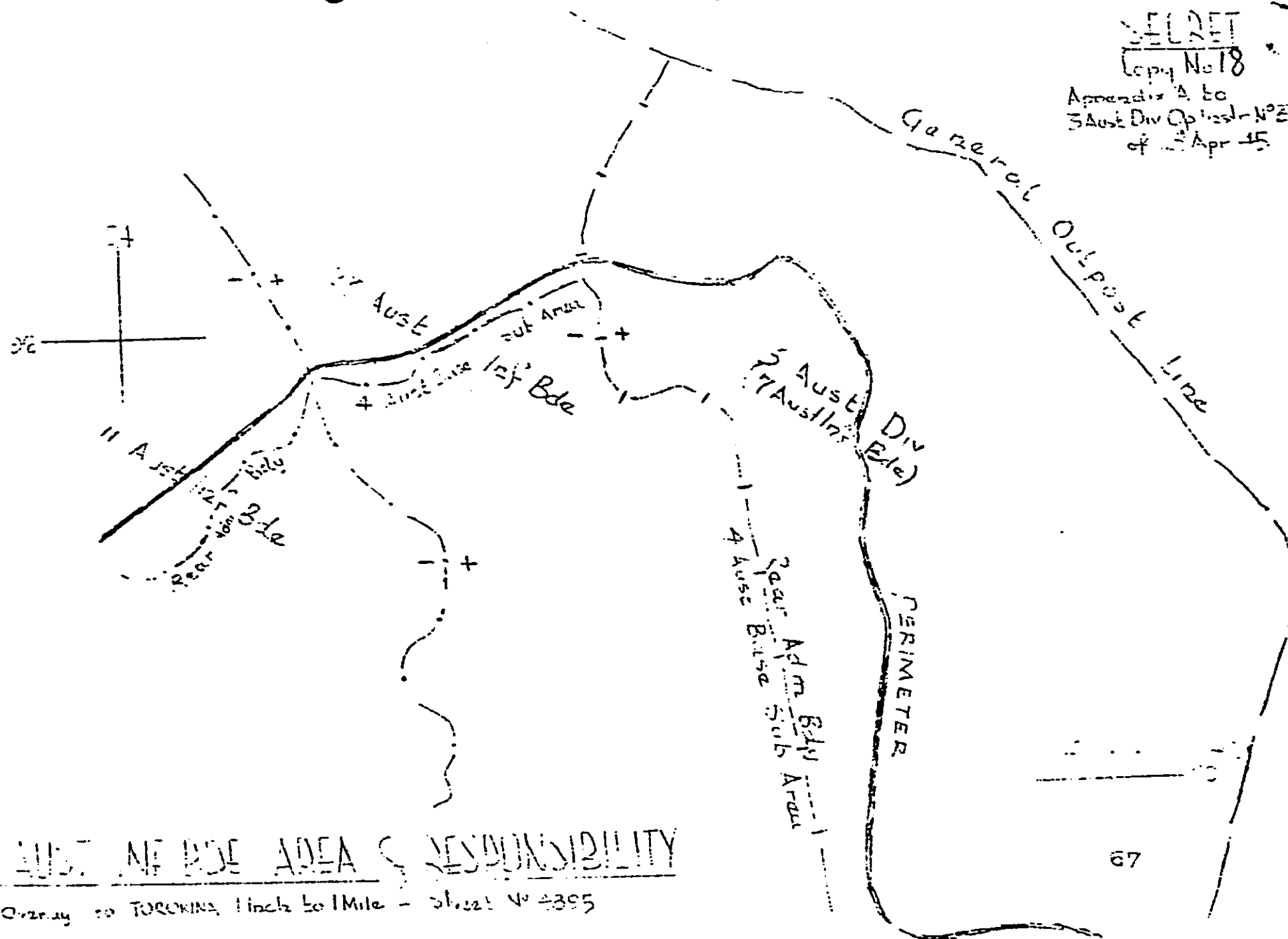
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APPENDIX W

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Subject : PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT
No 21 PW No 3 AD P025

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 21
PW No 3 AD P 025

Interrogators Nos 84 and 94.

1. Personal Details

PW No	3 AD P 025
Name	YAMASHITA Kenjo
Rank	Sgt
Unit	3 Coy, 1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt
Place of capture	BARARA Area (ref 875483 BARARA 1/25000) BOUGAINVILLE
Unit effecting capture	HQ Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde
Details of capture	PW captured on attack on HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn during night 28/29 Mar 45
Time of capture	AM 29 Mar 45

2. Preamble

PW has had 8 years of education and is of average intelligence however, having arrived in this area on 26 Mar, he does not know topographical details. Consequently his knowledge of tracks, localities and general knowledge of area was practically nil. None the less he endeavoured to impart all information within his knowledge to the best of his ability. Health is above average although wounded seriously in both legs. PW made three attempts to commit suicide prior to capture but none of his 3 grenades exploded.

3. Chronology

25 Sep 43	arrived at TARLENA
15 Oct 43	left TARLENA for MUGUAI
4 Nov 43	arrived at MUGUAI
6 Nov 43	reached TOKUAKA
8 Nov 43	left TOKUAKA
12 Nov 43	reached MAWARAKA, stayed 2 days
14 Nov 43	reached MOTUPENA PT
20 Nov 43	reached JABA area, stayed one week
28 Nov 43	returned to MOSIGETTA
29 Nov 43	reached SURUFURU
2 Jan 44	left SURUFURU for MUGUAI
6 Jan 44	reached MUGUAI and made preparation for TOTOKINA operation
5 Feb 44	took part in TOTOKINA Operation, until 4 Apr
21 Apr 44	withdrew to NUMA NUMA
4 May 44	entered 2 Fd Hosp at KIETA and was discharged 21 Jun 44.
1 Jul 44	returned to MUGUAI
6 Aug 44	went to ERVENIA as a member of fishing squad
18 Mar 45	returned to MUGUAI
18 Mar 45	date of capture ref para 5 'Movement of Units'.

4. Units

HQ 13 Inf Regt

CO	Col MUDA (recognised by PW at BARARA Bivouac Area)
Strength	85 of HQ personnel are located BARARA Bivouac Area
Location	

1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt

CO Maj KOZAKI
 Strength BARARA Area about 98
 MUGUAI 64
 162
 Location Force at BARARA participated in attack on HQ 25 Aust
 Inf Bn night 28/29 Mar 45.
 Weapons 7 LMG 700 rds per gun.
 3 grenades per man
 rifles
 The above weapons were issued at MUGUAI; no others
 were issued on the way to BARARA and these weapons
 were used in the above attack.
 PW knows 1 of 10 officers in Bn :-
 1st Lts EGOSHI, HORIUCHI, KINEHARA, TASHIRO
 ---- SHIMIZU, YAMAZAKI (rank unknown)

Hq 1 Bn Strength BARARA Area 13
 MUGUAI 5
 18

1 Coy CO 1st Lt HORIUCHI
 Strength BARARA Area 26
 MUGUAI 17
 Total 43

2 Coy CO Capt MATSUMOTO
 Strength BARARA Area 26
 MUGUAI 17
 Total 43

3 Coy CO Capt YAMAZAKI
 Strength BARARA Area 33
 MUGUAI 25
 Total 58

4 Coy The entire 13 Inf Regt was reorganized on or about 31
 Dec 44; in the reorganization 4 Coy, 8 Coy and 12 Coy
 were abolished and each battalion was formed with only
 three companies.

2 Bn, 13 Inf Regt

CO Maj HIDAKA
 Strength 50 or 60 (due to high casualty rate)
 Location Unknown, but PW saw members of it near BARARA.
 Weapons Rifles, grenades with unknown number of LMG.

3 Bn, 13 Inf Regt

CO Capt ITO
 Strength Hq 20
 1 Coy 25
 2 " 25
 3 " 25
 Total 95
 Location Unknown, but PW heard that it was behind
 TOKINOTU, but that it would be engaged in
 combat in BARARA Area.

Total Strength 13 Inf Regt

HQ	85	?
1 Bn	162	
2 Bn	55	
3 Bn	95	
Total	400	approx

Medium Arty Strength 170/180
 AA Unit has 3/4 guns in MONOTARO
 gardens at LUGUAI
 Tpt Coy named KURATA unit is at LUGUAI with 10 trucks.

EAST SECTOR GARRISON UNIT

45 Inf Regt

WEST SECTOR GARRISON UNIT

13 Inf Regt

MONOI GARRISON UNIT

23 Inf Regt

SOUTH SEA GARRISON UNIT

stationed on SHORTLAND Island.
 PW had no knowledge of any forces bivouaced north of AITARA

5. MOVEMENTS OF UNITS

Movement of PW's Unit (1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt) from LUGUAI to BARARA and other units encountered en route (6 Fd Arty, 'engineers' and 2 Bn 13 Inf Regt)

On evening 21 Mar 45, PW in a party of about 99 of 1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt left LUGUAI to reinforce the front line troops in the BARARA Area. MA KOZAKI and ten other officers were included in the party.

Another party of 170 men of 6 Fd Arty also left for BARARA on the same day for BARARA Area. PW's party and this party passed each other several times en route to RUNAI. 6 Fd Arty party did not stage at RUNAI and PW has not seen them since.

The trip from LUGUAI to BARARA occupied four days. The first staging point was at LUGUAI: the second staging point was two and a half kilometres past MIBO River, 20 Km from the first staging point. The third staging point was near RUNAI 20 Km from the second point. PW arrived at BARARA approx 1630 hrs 26 Mar 45.

Just prior to arriving at the regimental bivouac area, PW saw six men on the north side of the PURLATA RIVER. To PW's query 'Who are you?' one of the six replied that they were engineers and were preparing to make an attack on one of our artillery positions. PW understood that the first attempt to destroy one gun failed, but one gun was destroyed in the second attempt.

PW saw members of 2 Bn, 13 Inf Regt in the same area but did not see their HQ.

PW stated that BARARA bivouac area is to the west of BARARA 1 Km, and from bivouac area to PURLATA river is 3 Km.

At BARARA bivouac area preparations were made for the attack on our troops which was carried out on the night 28/29 Mar. The whole party of 99 of 1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt left BARARA bivouac area after dinner on the 28th, headed south towards the PURLATA RIVER keeping well away from the main road to avoid possible Australian patrols, and after reaching the PURLATA RIVER followed it westerly and crossed it at a point only 100 m. approx from the main road. The depth of the river at this point was 4 feet.

They proceeded southerly on the road with guns held in readiness for 150 m. at which point they met our forces.

It was understood that Col MUDA, HQ 13 Inf Regt and 2 Bn, 13 Inf Regt would soon follow 1 Bn.

PW was of opinion that these were forces other than those of 15 Inf Regt to the left of 1 Bn, which occupied the right flank.

1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt carried its entire weapons from MUGUAI but left most of their 15 days rations at BARARA bivouac area. Two or three m. were left behind to store the rations, and were to follow up later on.

6 Div

All units of 6 Div, with the exception of 45 Inf Regt located at MUGUAI are to be committed in the BARARA area.

23 Inf Regt

All available personnel of 23 Inf Regt were to make an attack before dawn on 29 Mar, but location of attack is not known.

'Independent Engineers of 17 Army'

PW can give no further identification of this unit, but states that they left MUGUAI since 20 Mar and presumably were in the BARARA area prior to arrival of PW because there were remnants of them who had done construction work in that area and PW believes that the six men whom he saw north of the MURLATA RIVER were members of that unit.

3 Bn, 6 Fd Arty

PW saw Maj ONOBUCHI of 3 Bn, 6 Fd Arty at LUGUAI and believes that he is still there.

Fd Arty Personnel

Nov 44 Moved from FAURU Island to ERVETA.

6. ENEMY INTENTIONS

PW considers that the reason for the despatch of his battalion to BARARA Area was that our forces must be prevented from making further advances. The attack in which the PW was taken prisoner was estimated to take five days. PW could not state what was the object of his unit after this attack, saying that plans and tactics are not disclosed to OR, but that he thought his battalion would return to the bivouac area to retrieve the rations. As a result of a patrol sent out by 1 Bn, the Japanese did not expect our forces to be in such strength, although they were aware that our troops were all along the main road to BARARA.

The Japanese will concentrate on night attacks, very few attacks will be carried out during the day because of the lack of artillery support.

7. Defence Positions

PW says that Regimental HQ area at which he bivouaced has only long trenches with individual spaces as fox holes for defence and says that they are not reinforced with logs. There are many lean-tos in that area but are not visible from the air.

8. Supplies

Food, clothing and medical supplies are insufficient. Has not had atabrin for quite some time and change of clothing is impossible to obtain. Food is merely dried potatoes, very little rice, KALPAN (similar to 'hard tack') and compressed barley.

No new uniforms were issued to 1 Bn, All uniforms are second hand. Men with very old uniforms traded their old ones with the remaining personnel for better ones.

There are some new uniforms in the store house; these were not issued. PW thinks they are to be retained for future operations.

9. Food Dumps

He only knows that there are food dumps in RUNAI but has no knowledge of any in this immediate area.

10. Gardens

PW has worked in gardens in MUGUAI only for two or three days; therefore is not well acquainted with gardens. However, he states that gardens are worked the whole day long in the MUGUAI area and that many of the gardens have been bombed. Size of the largest crater he saw was approximately 10 metres in diameter. The working hours in the gardens are 5.30 AM till noon and from noon till dark, there being no set time for termination of work in the evenings. The Japs adhere to TOKYO time. By their time, lunch is at 11 AM which is believed to be 1 PM to us. There are no bivouac areas in the jungle surrounding the gardens they usually being set at quite a distance from the garden. Upon hearing an approaching enemy plane, garden workers run into the jungle or take refuge behind stumps and trees. No attempt is made to fill craters. PW has not seen any native workers since October of last year at which time there were some helping to clear areas for gardens. PW considers the best time to attack gardens is during working hours especially in the mornings. And the best time for bivouac areas is at lunch time.

11. Communications

Telephone and possibly wireless at regimental HQ; front line troops have no means of communication outside runners.

12. Artillery

PW does not know any location of artillery except for the fact that there are some in TAITAI. He also added that he did not see any tanks, at any time.

13. Morale

Morale is good in the PW's unit at the present time because of prospect of excitement in battle. His unit will fight to the last man.

Miscellaneous

PW states that there are quite a few horses in MUGUAI for each unit and they are used for transporting purposes but does not know if the said horses are used to transport supplies to distant locations. There are also quite a few trucks in use. Has not seen tanks or planes.

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No 22 7 AUST INF BDE Pt. No 13

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6 Apr 45

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 22

7 AUST INF BDE - PW No 13

This PW died before moved to Division. Accordingly no PW number could be allotted and no interrogation made at Division; but spot interrogation report made at 7 Aust Inf Bde is published below:

Subject : SPOT INTERROGATION REPORT

INTERROGATOR No 94

PW No 7 Aust Inf Bde PW 13
Name KITABAYASHI, Yoshiharu
Rank Sjt Maj
Unit 3 Coy 1 Bn 23 Inf Regt
Duty Infantryman
Age 28

Date and place of capture: 3 Apr 45 at map ref 918522 ref map
RUMIKI 1/25000

Unit making capture : D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn.

1. PREAMBLE

Although PW has had usual 8 years education he appeared to have above average intelligence. He was wounded in left arm and right shoulder. Despite his painful condition he answered all questions willingly and intelligently. His condition did not permit a detailed interrogation. PW later died under operation.

2. ITINERARY

With 1st Lt KASHIWAGI, CO 3 Coy in charge, PW with 18 others incl 2 Offrs, left SIROI on 22 Mar carrying with them 3 LMG 600 rounds per gun, rifles and 2 grenades per man. This party represented effective strength of 3 Coy. 21 others remained behind due to illness. PW understood that the entire 23 Inf Regt was to move NORTH to the DARARA area and proceed against any opposition to somewhere between MARIGA and MOSIGETTA.

PW was unable to indicate the route taken by his party but stated they avoided main tracks. Early in the march party passed through the vacated position of 1 Bn. They passed through 13 Inf Regt HQ located quite some distance below the PURIATA on the 25th Mar. There were only a handful of men there and is presumably the old Regt HQ site. PW heard that Maj KANDA (Listed as Lt-col) who is 6 Div Staff Cfr had arrived in the HONGORAI area with another Staff Cfr to issue orders in that locality.

After crossing PURIATA PW saw approx 50 men of Lt-col IMAHARA's 6 Engr Regt at a point 500 metres NORTH of PURIATA RIVER. PW believes that main force of this Engr Unit is still in RAGUALI.

Party arrived at temporary 23 Inf Regt HQ site approx 3 km walking distance NORTH of PURIATA. He had understood that operations were to commence on 25 Mar. He queried other soldiers on the subject, who stated that some troops were already engaged. And that patrols to other various points had yet to return with information. PW saw members of 2 and 3 Bns whilst in the DARARA area. On 27 Mar P's party moved up to MARIGA-MOSIGETTA road and prepared four ambush positions near this road NORTH of MARIGA. Their task was to ambush Australian troops fleeing from the combat areas of the SOUTH. Party waited in posn through 31 Mar. Seeing no fleeing Australians nor the advancing Japanese force with whom they were to fall in the ambush parties returned to the DARARA assembly area.

PW remained behind because of a bad foot, hunger and discouragement at his force's failure to arrive. With promises that he would follow later he set off with little knowledge of direction with intent to surrender, until he was fired on and wounded by Japanese post of D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn on 3 Apr 45. When queried as to whether he realised that he had almost travelled two thirds of the way back towards his old Bn HQ his reply was to the negative.

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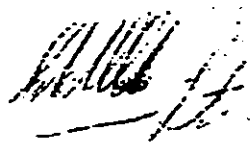
Although he has not seen any artillery pieces, he is positive that there are two 150 mm guns near OSO. He has heard them firing but could not specify time and date.

UNITS

- (a) 23 Regt HQ Lt-col KAWANO is CO formerly located at RUSEI, but moved NORTH before 25 Mar. Last known location approx 3 km NORTH of PURIATA RIVER in the DARARA area on 26 Mar. (Int Note: distance would be less than 3 km on direct line. PW estimated 2 km). 1, 2 and 3 Bns were together with 23 Regt HQ in the DARARA area when the PWs coy of 19 men left there on 27 Mar in ambush duty. PW suggested that approx strength, effective, to be 150 per bn.
- (b) 1 Bn Maj TSURUYA is CO. This Bn scheduled to move out of former location near RUNAI before 25 Mar. Entire personnel was 200 men but effective strength is approx 165 due to remaining men being ill at OSO, SIROI, MUGUAI and RUNAI. Last known whereabouts on 27 Mar was with rest of 23 Inf Regt at temporary Regt HQ Bn HQ NORTH of PURIATA. This BnHQ personnel estimated at 35 men.
1st Coy was at AITARA with 40 men. PW does not know the CO. He is positive that they have left AITARA and are now in DARARA area.
2nd Coy is believed to be under Lt NAGANO or NAGATOMO and approx 40 men who were at HAMAGOTA but they are also now in DARARA area.
3rd Coy of which the PW is a member is believed to have joined their Bn after leaving ambush posns on 31 Mar.
- (c) 2 Bn The CO is now Capt YAMAZAKI with approx 150 men. Former location at AKU with its coys in the surrounding area with only the 7 Coy located a little NORTH of TOKUAKA. All are now in DARARA area. (Int Note: PW firmly believed that all 23 Inf Regt units are in this DARARA area although queried repeatedly and with scepticism, on this point.)
- (d) 3 Bn Capt OKABE is CO and former location about 2 km EAST of RUSEI in the direction of SHISHIGATERO. Its 9 Coy was with Regt HQ at RUSEI. All are in DARARA area at present time. Effective strength 150 men.
- (e) 4 Med Arty PW saw no members but is positive that this unit is in TAITAI.
- (f) 13 Inf Regt Saw Capt KAGAMIUCHI who is CO of 2 Bn at temporary 23 Inf Regt HQ area. PW understood this 2 Bn would work co-ordinatedly with 23 Inf Regt units in DARARA operations. Saw no other units of 13 Inf Regt except for the old HQ of 13 Inf Regt as mentioned previously. PW was under the impression that Maj KOZAKI of 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt was still in MUGUAI. PW had no knowledge of KOZAKI's attack on our forces night 28 Mar.
- (g) 6 Engr Unit Saw members of this unit at a point approx 500 metres NORTH of PURIATA belonging to Lt-col IWANAKA. Saw no further units belonging to this regt.

- (h) 6 Fd Arty Regt PW saw no members of this Regt but is positive that they are too in the DARARA area. He has no specific knowledge.

(Int Note : PW was aware of the fact that MARIGA is located above DARARA and that MOSIGETTA is far above the DARARA area. None the less he maintains that the original and primary objective of the 25 Inf Regt is to establish themselves and continue attacking the enemy after the 28 Mar NOT in the DARARA area but between MARIGA and MOSIGETTA. It must be noted that no Japanese units appeared above MARIGA while the PW was in ambush posn during 28 to 31 Mar.)


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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 23
PW No 3 AD P 026

Interrogator No 94

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW's No	3 AD PO 26
Name	KAWASHIMA, Ichiro
Rank	Intend 1st Lt
Unit	Attached to 2 Bn HQ, 23 Inf Regt
Age	31 Years
Date of capture	6 Apr 45
Unit effecting capture	B Coy 25 Aust Inf Bn
Place of capture	SLATER'S KNOLL 875482, 1/25000 series BOUGAINVILLE IS

2. PREAMBLE

PW has had 16 years of education and is a graduate in economics from WASEDA University. He is above average intelligence and coupled with the fact that he is an officer, was able to present what he knew in a direct, concise manner. Information is considered reliable. His physical condition - injuries in leg and hip from machine gun and mortar shrapnel.

3. RAIDING PARTIES

10 men of 23 Inf Regt were part of group to attack TOROKINA perimeter on 20 Mar. Others were from 4 Med Arty and 6 Fd Arty Regt; PW does not know what happened to the attack but the party definitely left about 10 Mar.

4. UNITS

23 Inf Regt

CO	Lt-col KAWANO (stated by PW to have been seriously wounded and heard that he died later)
Strength	} Approx 450 in BARARA area
Location	

HQ 23 Inf Regt

Location

1 Bn 23 Inf Regt

CO	Maj TSURUYA
Strength	200
Location	

2 Bn 23 Inf Regt

CO	Capt UENO
Strength	225

HQ 2 Bn

Strength 50

5 Coy

CO 1st Lt TAKEUCHI
Strength 35
Location SLATER'S KNOLL

6 Coy CO 1st Lt YAMAGUCHI
Strength 35
Location SLATER'S KNOLL

7 Coy CO 1st Lt KUROKI
Strength 70
Location TOKUAKA area

8 Coy CO 1st Lt KOSAI
Strength 35
Location SLATER'S KNOLL

Weapons 3 HMG
9 LMG
2 grenades per man
Rifles

3 Bn 23 Inf Regt

CO Capt OKABE
Strength 200

13 Inf Regt

Strength } Approx 250 men in attack on SLATER'S KNOLL
Location }

4 Med Arty

Strength } 80 men attached 2 Bn 23 Inf Regt in TOKUAKA area.
Location } 2 x 150 mm guns located about 6 km from coast
Weapons } towards AKU and between OAMAI RIVER and trail

6 FA Arty Regt

Strength } Approx 200 men on left flank 13 Inf Regt. Main
Location } object to shell Australian gun positions.

6 Tpt Regt

Strength } Approx 100 men in BUIN ROAD - KIMJUKU trail area.
Location } To advance up BUIN ROAD and make feint attack.

5. MOVEMENTS

PN's Bn left AKU on evening 22 Mar 45, leaving 6 Coy to follow later whilst 7 Coy was to remain approx 700 metres from TOKUAKA, between OAMAI RIVER and road. CO 2 Bn Capt UENO was in charge.

The Bn brought 10 LMGs with 1600 rounds per gun, 1 HMG with 3000 rounds, 3 grenades per man and rifles with approx 80 rounds each. They travelled on main road to H.T.I and arrived RUSEI on morning 23 Mar where clothes and rations were issued. Left RUSEI in the evening and stopped at RUMAI on night 23/24 Mar. Left on morning 24 Mar and arrived H.TAI on same day stopping there two nights. Left H.TAI on morning 26 Mar, crossed PURIATA RIVER and stopped one night at location shown on attached sketch. *

Left on morning 27 Mar and arrived JARARA on morning 28 Mar, stopping on way for short rests. Rested all day and that night moved to attack DARARA with approx 450 men of the regt.

Attack commenced 2 AM 29 Mar but was unsuccessful with more than 12 casualties. Attack was broken off and they left the area, circled below the Australian force and came back on TOKO road as shown on attached sketch. *

Bivouaced all day 29 Mar approx 550 metres from another Australian unit. During the night they moved closer in and bivouaced there until noon 30 Mar.

* NOTE : By GSI 3 Aust Div - sketch referred to will be forwarded on next DRLS.

Meanwhile, a force of 40 men were despatched in groups of ten at various intervals to attack the Australian position. They returned to make a report and, taking LMGs and an HMG with them, returned to the attack. The rest of the force returned to JARARA. PW thought there was an order recalling them to JARARA as they had another mission to execute.

PW heard that the 40 men returned to JARARA one day later. The bivouac area is approx 500 metres NORTH of JARARA. The entire 23 Inf Regt left to attack SLATER'S KNOLL with the exception of 6 and 12 Coys (total 40 men) who were left under command of Col IMAHARA together with 140 engineers.

Left JARARA at dawn 2 Apr, crossed PURIMA RIVER and bivouaced near HATAI ROAD. On 3 Apr crossed BUIF ROAD and whilst resting the 13 Inf Regt under command of Col HUDA passed them. Later on they passed 13 Inf Regt and proceeded towards SLATER'S KNOLL and arrived bivouac area 500 metres from road.

On night 4 Apr left bivouac area and approached within 150 metres of Australian lines. Stopped here until 3 AM when attack commenced. PW was wounded early in the action and captured.

6. LATELY INTENTIONS

Attack on SLATER'S KNOLL was to last 2 hours and to continue all day if necessary, but the object was to push the enemy out of the area, which the Japs were sure they could do. Even if attack was successful, PW states that all units would return to their former locations, with possible exception of small garrison units to guard the perimeter. They did not intend to occupy in force any areas retaken from the Australians. His unit left surplus equipment such as coats and other articles unnecessary in combat, at HATAI. Therefore PW believes that his unit would return there after the battle. HATAI was also the 13 Inf Regt former HQ, and as some remnants are still there, they too would return to HATAI. PW does not believe there will be another attack due to yesterday's unsatisfactory results and he is quite sure there are no reinforcements for that area.

7. DEFENCE POSITIONS.

As the attack was so unsuccessful PW feels that various bivouac areas consisting of only fox-holes will not be used. He is quite sure that most of the units will stop at HATAI prior to their return to former HQ and other locations. There was, and is still believed to be a 6 Div Adv HQ at HATAI with Maj-Gen KANDA in charge. A Sgt. MINA of 23 Inf Regt once went there for ammunition and saw KANDA who was thin and whose back was bent due to either diarrhoea or dysentery. PW says the area is well camouflaged and not visible from the air. Does not know of any Tk or guns, Molotov Cocktails or any other means of defence against tanks. As a matter of fact PW did not see any tanks but merely heard that Australian tanks were in action. He is also not aware of any type of demolition used but believes that land mines and several grenades tied together would be the only defence against tanks and expressed doubt as to their effect on tanks.

8. DUMPS

PW knows there is an ammunition and food dump in RUHAI area although he did not see it.

9. ARTY

2 x 150 mm guns of 4 Med Arty located about 6 KM from coast towards ANU and between OMLI RIVER and trail. PW heard two other guns firing and thinks location is between HONGORAI branch and POROKAI RIVER about 700 metres EAST of main road and one KM from HONGORAI. They appeared to be close together.

10. ALLIED BOMBING

RUSEI bombed on morning 23 Mar. Nil casualties. PW has no knowledge of bombing of OSO about 30 Mar.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

KIMMAKU to BUIN ROAD crossing is about 500 metres. The sign 'S.' indicates Medium Artillery. Jap characters found marked on captured Jap maps are the Japs' own place names. For example, PURIATA RIVER is "OIGAWA" - MOSIGETTA is "MORIKA" - BARARA is "TAKACHIHO" and FIKEL is "BEPPU". PW does not know of any Japs using Australian uniforms but says it is possible that some such uniforms were acquired in recent combat. 650 men estimated to have attacked SLATER'S KNOLL yesterday according to PW and over 300 killed. PW personally thought that the Australians at SLATER'S KNOLL numbered about 150 men and that it was merely a position and not a HQ.



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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION
REPORT No 24

PW No 3 AD P 027

Interrogator No 84.

1. Personal Details

PW No 3 AD P 027

Name	SUGIO, Hayato
Rank	Sgt
Unit	2 Coy, 1 Bn, 23 Inf Regt
Duty	Section Leader
Age	26
Place of capture	SLATER'S KNOLL, BOUGAINVILLE Island.
Time of capture	6 Apr 45
Unit effecting capture	25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde

2. PREAMBLE

PW is of average intelligence. He was not in the best of health due to his injured leg.

PW answered questions freely and was very co-operative in spite of the pain from his wound.

3. CHRONOLOGY

25 Feb 43	Arrived at ERVENTA, went to LUGUAI
Jun 43	Went to TSURUOIRU
middle of Aug 43	Went to LOSIGETTA
Sep 43	Participated in TOROKINA operation and was wounded in Jan 44.
Jan 44	Evacuated to Army Hosp in LUGUAI, and was discharged on 23 Feb 44.
Apr 44	Went to LUGUAI on guard duties
23 Mar 45	Went to RUMAI
24 Mar 45	Went to OSO
28 Mar 45	Went to BARARA
30 Mar 45	PURLATA River
4 Apr 45	Assembled at Native garden SE of SLATER'S KNOLL
5 Apr 45	Attacked SLATER'S KNOLL

4. UNITS

(a) 23 Inf Regt

CO Lt-col KAWANO (WIA. PW said he died later on)

Strength of regiment who participated in the attack - 300

CO Maj TSURUYA (KIA 5 Apr 45)

CO Capt UENO

1 Bn
2 Bn
3 Bn

1 Bn, 2 Bn (less 6 Coy) 3 Bn attacked SLATER'S KNOLL on 5 Apr; before the attack they assembled near the native garden SE of SLATER'S KNOLL.

6 Coy was at BARARA and was used as a decoy. (str 20/30 men)
Weapons used in the attack. Each company had 1 L.G. 3/4

800 rds to each L.G.; each man had 1 rifle with 90 rds,
2 grenades and/or rifle grenades

- (b) 13 Inf Regt Attacking strength 250 men
 1 Bn, 2 Bn, 3 Bn attacked SLATER'S KNOLL with 23 Inf Regt.

- (c) 4 Med Arty 150 men

Left HATTAI on 21 Mar and marched towards TOKO.
 Present whereabouts and intention unknown.
 PW last heard that the Med Arty HQ was at TAITAI

- (d) 6 Fd Arty strength unknown

Hq possibly at SINANAI area
 On 28 Mar 20 men including 2 officers formed a raiding unit
 which set out to destroy our mortars but was unsuccessful.

- (e) 6 Engr Regt strength unknown

HQ was at RUISEI prior to present operation

- (f) Units in HATTAI Area

6 Div Hq moved to HATTAI from OSO on 29 Mar 45

Remaining personnel at HATTAI of 23 Inf Regt - about 15/20
 13 Inf Regt - " 15 men
 6 Tpt Regt - " 12/13
 6 Engr Regt - " 4 men
 1 Fd Hosp

These units are to guard the Div Hq and have no intention
 of carrying out offensive action. Most of these men are
 sick or wounded.

- (g) Units in action since 28 Mar

23 Inf Regt, 13 Inf Regt, Med arty, Fd Arty, 6 Engr
 Regt, 6 Tpt Regt. These units are in the concentration
 area.

5. ARTY

Gun locations : ref Appendix A.

6. Intentions

- (a) 23 Inf Regt and 13 Inf Regt were to attack and occupy SLATER'S
 KNOLL on 5 Mar. After wiping out the enemy, they were to with-
 draw to their original area prior to operation.
- (b) 6 Coy in BARRA was to act as a decoy. They were scheduled to
 withdraw from BARRA on 7 Mar 45, possibly to SHIMAI road
 through HATTAI.
- (c) 23 Inf Regt and 13 Inf Regt had no intention of continuing
 their attacks after 5 Mar. PW believes that, if pressed, they
 will put up another fight.
- (d) PW believes that, due to lack of men, they will not be able to
 carry out any large scale operation.

7. PERSONALITIES

Lt-Gen NAKADA, Masatane
 C 1 MUDA
 Lt-Col KAWANO
 Maj TSURUYA
 1st Lt KANJI

CO 6 Div
 CO 13 Inf Regt
 CO 23 Inf Regt (probably K.L.)
 CO 1 Bn, 23 Inf Regt (K.L.)
 CO 1 Coy

1st Lt NAGANO
" " KASHIWAGI
" " NAKAYAMA
" " USUI

CO 2 Coy
CO 3 Coy
CO 4 Coy
CO 5 Coy

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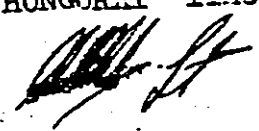
New uniforms with new boots were issued prior to present operation. Each man carried his own rations. They carried enough rations to last them until 7 Apr. The main ration is potato with some rice and compressed barley.

9. MORALE

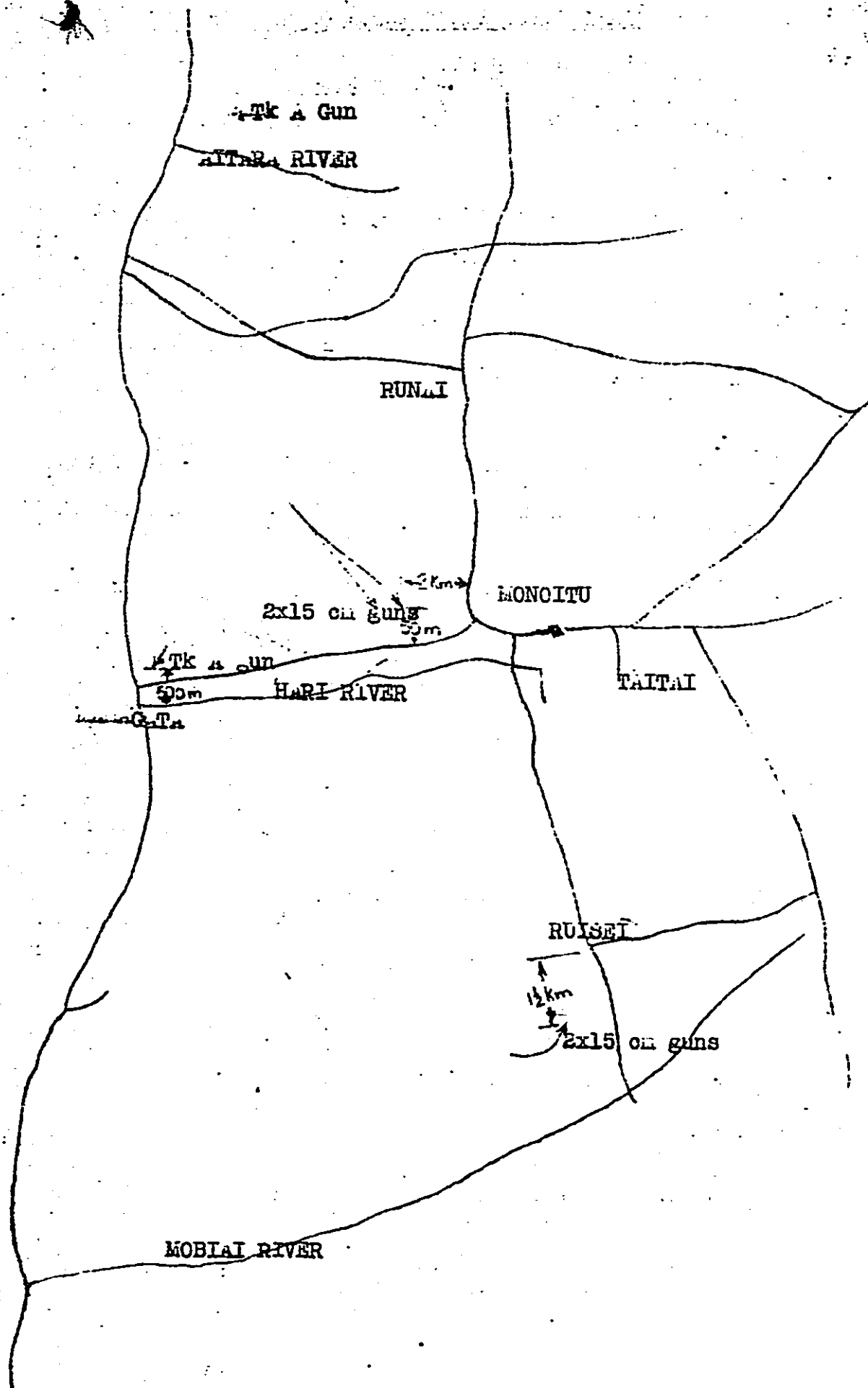
The morale of the men is not very high. Many have given up hopes of winning but are fighting because they are ordered to do so. The actual offensive spirit is lacking.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) PW has seen trucks transporting rations and arms every night until 25 Mar. These trucks seem to come from LIHO RIVER to OSO area.
- (b) The Japanese troops do not know which units they are up against, except that they are fighting Australian units.
- (c) Our artillery shelling was ineffective. The closest shell fell 100 metres away from PW's position.
- (d) PW does not know who is holding the HONGORAI line.


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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 25

PW No 3 AD P 023

Interrogator No 8

1. Personal Details

PW's No	3 AD P 028
Religion	NONAKA, Ichi
Rank	Sup Pte
Unit	1 Coy, 1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt
Place of capture	SLATER'S KNOLL, BOUGAINVILLE Island
Time of capture	6 Apr 45
Unit effecting capture	25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bn

2. Probable

PW is in very poor condition, with a bullet through the spine.
Interrogation had to be stopped occasionally.

3. Movement

21 Mar 45 left HUGUAI
22 Mar 45 arrived at LAGUAI then proceeded to OSO
1 Apr 45 engaged in combat in PURI-TA area
3 Apr 45 assembled at native garden SE of SLATER'S KNOLL to
prepare for attack on SLATER'S KNOLL
4 Apr 45 attacked SLATER'S KNOLL and was wounded very badly.

4. Units

13 Inf Regt Hq	100 men	CO Col	MUDA
1 Bn Hq	50 men	CO Maj	KOZAKI (KIA 1 Apr 45)
1 Coy	60 men	CO 1st Lt	HOBUCHI (temporary Bn CO)
2 Coy	60 men	CO 1st Lt	TASHIRO (WIA)
3 Coy	annihilated	at PIKEI	
4 Coy	30 men	CO Capt	YAMAGUCHI (KIA 3 Apr)
		1st Lt	KIMBARA) KIA 2 Apr
		2nd Lt	SHIIZU)
2 Bn	100 men ?		
3 Bn	100 men ?		

6 Div Hq moved to HATAI on 28/29 Mar
13 Inf Regt remaining personnel with 6 Div Hq

5. Intentions

The 13 Inf Regt was to attack and capture SLATER'S KNOLL with
23 Inf Regt. After destroying enemy they were to withdraw to
the old 13 Inf Regt Hq at HATAI.

There is no future offensive plan. PW thinks yesterday's attack
was the last one they had planned to make.

6. Weapons

Weapons used by 13 Inf Regt to attack SLATER'S KNOLL

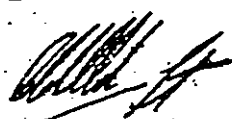
Regt HQ	2 LMG
1 Coy	5 LMG
2 Coy	3 HMG
	5 LMG
4 Coy	5 LMG

Each man was armed with a rifle or carbine and 3 grenades. Besides the above mentioned weapons each Coy had 3 Grenade Dischargers and 2 rifle Grenade Dischargers.

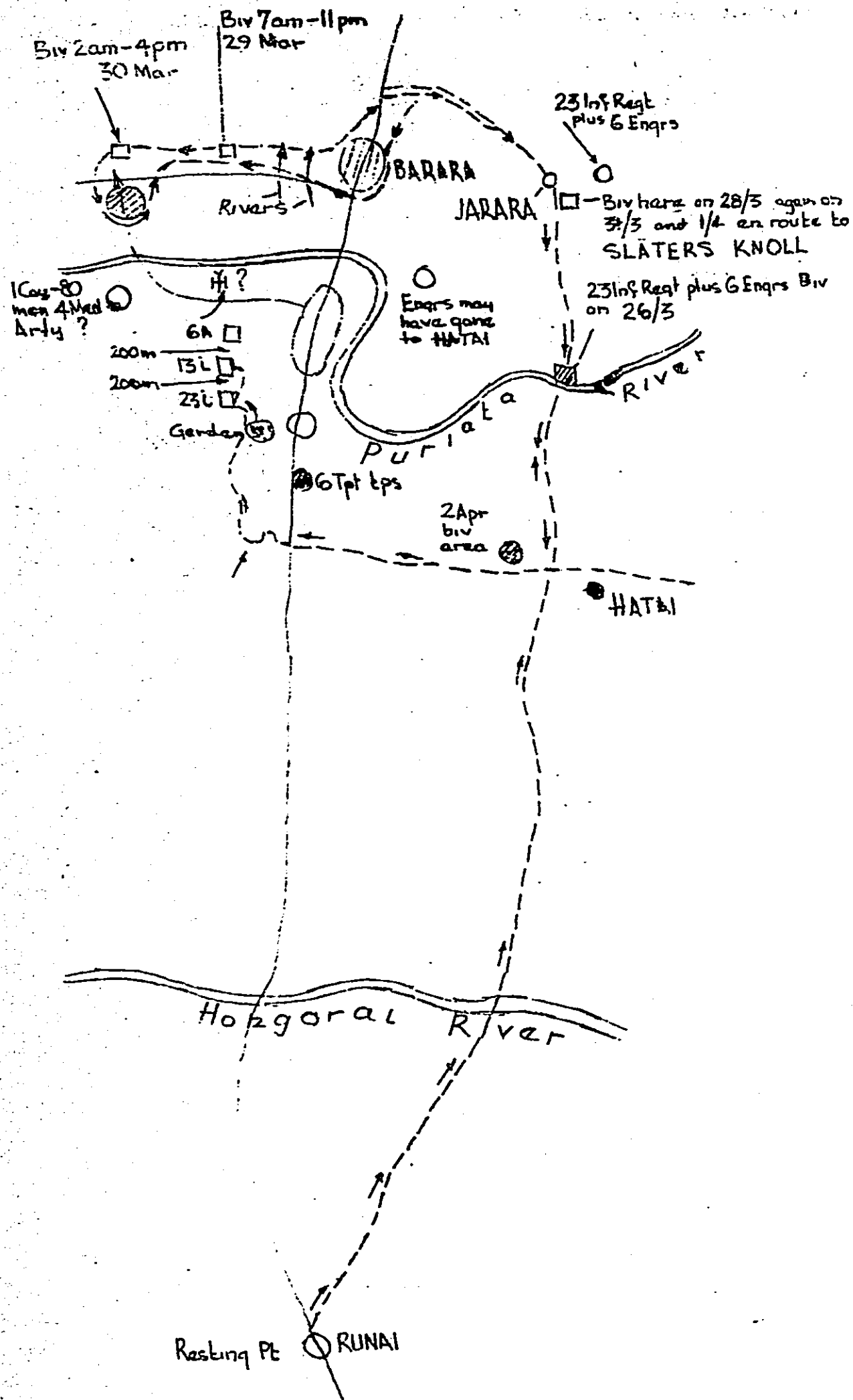
7. Miscellaneous

Our recent artillery shelling has been wide of targets and caused very few casualties.

EW has not seen any gun in PURIATA or HONGORAI areas.


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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 26

FW No 3AD P 029

Interrogator No 94.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

FW No	3 AD P 029
Name	ONO Kanji
Rank	Sgt Pte
Unit	Regtl Gun Coy, attached HQ 23 Inf Regt 5 Jan 45
Duty	Rifleman
Where captured	SLATERS BRILL, BOUGAINVILLE Is
When captured	7 Apr 45
Captured by	25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde
Former Unit	3 Indep Lortar Bn, 6 Div.

2. EXAMINABLE

Education 7 years. Considering the short time FW was with 23 Inf Regt and the fact that he was in this area for such a short time, the information is reliable and was given willingly and with certainty. He received a machine gun wound in right leg and grenade shrapnel in left hand. At present his condition is painful but not so serious as to hamper interrogation.

3. MOVEMENTS

22 Mar Left RUSEI in afternoon with 200 men, Lt-col KAMANO in group but permitted a 1st Lt, name unknown, who is the adjt to lead the party.

23 Mar Stopped in the jungle near RUNAI for 4 hrs that night then left for H.TAI.

24 Mar Arrived at H.TAI (13 Inf Regt HQ) at noon. 1st Bn of 23 Regt already there.

25 Mar Bivouaced H.TAI.

26 Mar Bivouaced H.TAI.

27 Mar Departed for J.RARA area in morning. 3 Bn of 23 Regt arrived H.TAI. FW did not see 2 Bn as they arrived a day or so later. FW and original 200 men crossed FURLTA and bivouaced 200 to 300 metres on further side of river. Left same evening for J.RARA and bivouaced 1 1/2 km south of J.RARA.

28 Mar Still at J.RARA bivouac area until evening. All Bns of 23 Regt arrived and departed to attack J.RARA.

29 Mar Early morn,--instead of attacking B.RARA in force,--patrols were sent out but incurred casualties without doing damage to enemy. ^{Had} expected less Aust troops, therefore avoided B.RARA and proceeded below it towards direction of TOKO. Stopped to assemble and rest a couple of times. Approached another Aust posn and sent out 9 Coy to attack. Entire 23 Regt returned to J.RARA Biv Area and did not attack in force for the second time. (TW. When queried as to why the Regt made such a tedious journey in great force and yet was wont to attack vigorously, FW replied that he personally believed that the original intent was to attack Aust troops in force but they appeared to be too great in numbers.

2 Apr Left J.RARA crossed the FURLTA then stopped one night at H.TAI.

- 3 Apr Left HATAI to attack SLATERS KNOLL. Did not see other units except 13 Inf. About 500 metres past BUIN ROAD on WEST side they bivouaced.
- 4 Apr Left biv area and proceeded towards SLATERS KNOLL and stopped again within 150 metres of Aust positions and concentrated their forces.
- 5 Apr Early morning left assembly area, cautiously approached SLATERS KNOLL and attacked. PW was wounded within half an hour, lay there for two days until picked up by Aust troops.

UNITS	STRENGTH	CO
13 Inf Regt Hq	70 men	Lt-col KAWANO (PW saw him die)
Regtl Gun Coy	35 men	Capt YAMAZAKI, Tako (Att to Hq-no arty)
T/A Coy	35 men	Not known (Att to Hq-no arty brought up)
Sig Coy	35 men	1st Lt NOZAKI (Att to Hq)

FN. These above units plus 9 Coy of 30 men comprised the 200 men that left RUSEI on 22 Mar. All strengths mentioned in this report indicate effective strength excluding ill left back at former locations.

UNITS	CO	STRENGTH	REMARKS
23 Regt 1 Bn	Maj TSURUYA	120 men	This Bn has least number men of the three bns, as they had least number of gardens due to late start on clearing of gardens and poor care of gardens resulting in less food and more illness which caused increased inability to care for gardens.
2 Bn	Not known	160 men	PW believes that no available men left in former areas but is not sure. Estimates that, on an average 12 to 13 men, in each coy of the entire regiment are ill and left behind.
3 Bn	Capt OKABE	200 men	Strongest Bn due to numerous gardens and better care taken of them. PW is not sufficiently aware of weapon strength to warrant reliability in estimates. Only knows of weapons brought by the 200 men from RUSEI of which he was a member. Not sure of data on other units and could not make any estimates.

PW was not aware of 4 Mod Arty moving up towards TONG from ITRA area. Did not see 6th Fd Arty, 6th Engr Regt, Transport Tps nor any other units after leaving RUSEI except for 13th Inf Regt. However, he was cognizant of some action of a minor nature in the area south of SLATERS KNOLL and near BUIN ROAD which corresponds to activities of the Jap's transport unit as reported by previous PW.
3 Ind Mortar Bn was at MUGUAI in Jan 45.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS

23 Inf Regt arrived as reinforcements for 13 Inf Regt and to assist in evicting Aust forces from SLATERS KNOLL and surrounding areas. As they only brought half rations for 18 days, they were to return to their former locations. PW believes that HATAI would be a stopping place on the return trip since they left half of their ammunition and also unnecessary baggage there. When asked why half of ammunition was left at HATAI, PW explained that the engagement was expected to be of short duration, ending in hand to hand combat and that quantity of ammunition was not relied on. If the attack was successful as expected, the 13th Inf Regt was supposed to maintain a garrison or occupy a perimeter as they deemed necessary, subject to commands of Div. No future attack known to PW who personally believes it is physically impossible in this area. Maj-Gon KANDA is reported to have said that he will commit suicide if this attack on SLATERS KNOLL fails.

6. WEAPONS

The 200 men who came from RUSEI brought no artillery of any sort. They brought :

1 HMG	3 Cases of amm (3,000 rounds)
15 LMG:	500 to 800 rds per gun.
2 hand-grenades	per man
2 rifle gr.-dischargers	for entire Regt
Rifles with 60 rds each	per man.

7. ARTILLERY

At RUMAI area and near MONOI MISSION there are 2 x 155mm guns. Located 1 km up the TAITAI trail and 500 metres to left in jungle. They are not emplaced and are equipped with two prime-movers and belong to 4 Med Arty from TAITAI. Two Coys total of 70 to 80 men are there but PW is sure there are no other units in that vicinity. There is also a T/A gun (37mm) between RUSEI and RUMAI 1 km this side of RUSEI and about 1 km north of road. All of gun crew were at SLATERS KNOLL. PW believes that the above two coys did not participate in battle for SLATERS KNOLL.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Advance 6 Div HQ had telephones for communication to rear H. but PW's unit did not bring any with them although they have a few at RUSEI and other locations. Not enough electricity could be generated at former locations so Bns only had one each in use and Plg had two or three.

9. SUPPLIES

Medical supplies are practically nil and atobrin has not been issued. However, some soldiers, including the PW, have always kept their own supply of atobrin (having hoarded it from days when it was plentiful) have been taking it all the time. Food is plentiful in such products as potatoes, pumpkins, compressed barley and kampan. However, the PW states that as they lack sufficient vitamins the soldiers are too weak to transport the heavy guns and that is why the guns have not been used in their proper role. This also resulted in some guns being abandoned.

Clothing is not plentiful, and although some troops going into combat are issued with fresh clothing, it is on the whole, previously used with just a small quantity of new clothes. Not all troops are issued fresh clothing even though they are to engage in immediate combat, but only to those in dire need of them. Ammunition is depleted and is apparently being hoarded for the most vital occasions.

10. GARDENS

PW has not much knowledge of gardens in this area, having only been at RUSEI a few months. The gardens there do not produce enough to warrant a store house since there are too many ill to gather large quantities. However, the gardens produce enough for the troops to live on. The gardens near H-TAI suffered great damage but PW does not know whether by arty or air bombing.

11. OUR ARTY FIRE

The effect of Aust arty fire on BUEN ROAD was ^{not} noticed by PW because he marched through there at night. At SLATERS KNOLL, PW heard the firing of artillery and also prior to combat when his Regt stopped to rest near BUEN ROAD. The shells appeared to pass overhead and PW judged them to come from PURIATA RIVER area and that the target was H-TAI. PW also believes that Jap arty was firing at Aust arty posns, and that 4 Mod Arty was firing from coast near MITARA during SLATERS KNOLL engagement. He is quite positive that there were no casualties from arty fire during SLATERS KNOLL battle.

12. TANKS

Did not personally see any tanks in action at all. Knows of no defence against tanks nor of any land mines. Quite sure there are no mines placed nor any type of arty brought up by any Jap units. PW's squad leader warned the squad against Aust mines. No road blocks or any bridges mined that he knows of but since the Japs are now aware of our use of tanks in recent engagements mines may have been laid by this time. No mines were brought up from RUSEI.

13. FOOD DUMPS

Does not know of any in either MUGUAI nor in RUSEI. When doubt expressed at this reply due to large concentration of troops in those areas, PW explained that there are too many ill to gather enough to warrant the storing of food. There was a food dump near RUNAI which the PW saw but, there was no food there. The food previously stored there had been sent to troops at the front and belonged to 13th Inf Regt.

14. AMMUNITION DUMPS

Saw one dump near RUNAI and located 2½ km from HONGORAI RIVER towards RUNAI and on both sides of main road about 50 metres from same road. There are about 15 grass huts of varying sizes (approx 15 ft, sq and 10 ft sq.) and are not visible from the air. They shelter arty amm but PW did not see the amm - only horseshay.

15. CASUALTIES

PW estimates 70 to 80 men ill at RUSEI and an average of 12 to 13 ill in all other Coys back at former locations. At RUSEI, there is no medicine and the sick are taking care of themselves merely by bathing in the river and obtaining food from gardens. Supposed to care for and guard gardens too, but undoubtedly are unable to carry on.

16. ILLUM BOMBING

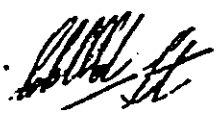
PW doubts whether there has been many casualties from air attacks as the planes can be heard at a distance.

17. NATIVES

Has not seen any natives since leaving LUGULI latter part Dec 44 when he went to RUSEI to become attached to 23 Inf Regt. The 23 Regt was very kind to natives, but since losing approx 30 men on various occasions due to native attacks on gardens near RUSEI and KU, this year, the new order is to shoot any native on sight. The natives making the attacks were armed with automatic rifles. Fighting troops very seldom have much occasion to deal with natives since there is a "SEMBU-HAN" (native administrator) for such purposes. Natives have been used to clear garden areas in the past and also act as guides for patrols but not even the most trusted ones are allowed any arms. No native patrols have been used to PW's knowledge, and as far as the 23 Regt is concerned, no natives will be employed on patrol hereafter. The 23 Regt had several "KENSETSU-ELNS" whose duties were to convince the natives that the CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE (JAP VERSION) is a wonderful thing and that the Japs had no hate for the natives - in short, a pacification squad. Most of these squads however have been abolished except for one (TW. R referring only to 23 Regt) which the 23 Regt still maintains, and have the most trusted natives with them. Lt-col KAMANO once proclaimed that any of his troops found guilty of resorting to cannibalism would receive the severest of penalties, regardless of rank. Japs cannot distinguish from loyal and enemy natives. PW does not know the difference between New Guinea natives and native ones. There are about 50 natives in LUGULI and trusted natives are taught to become "KEMPEI BOYS" (NATIVE MPs). The children are taught Japanese and can speak it quite fluently, - much more fluently than the adults. PW does not know the name of any native chiefs or pro-Jap native leaders. No natives have been evacuated to any other island to PW's knowledge.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

PW does not know that 6 and 12 Coys of his Regt were left behind in the JARARA area while the battle of SLATERS BOLL was in progress. Estimates number of men attacking SLATERS BOLL at 600 men and more than 300 were killed. Personally saw Lt-col KAMANO, Major FURUDA 2 i/c, the Regt Adjt (a 1st Lt) and Lt-col HONDA a 6 Div Staff Officer killed in action. Adv 6 Div HQ is at HATAI.



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Interrogators 210, 192
and 84.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No	3AD P 031	3AD P 032	3AD P 033
Name	OTSU Masaru	HATAYOSHI Hidenobu	TOKU Susumu
Rank	Sgt	Ldg Pte	Ldg Pte
Age	27	27	27
Unit	2 Coy 6 Engr Regt	2 Coy 6 Engr Regt	6 Engr Regt 2 Coy
Duty			
Capture			
Where	MOSIGETTA 812613	MOSIGETTA 812613	MOSIGETTA 812613
When	13 Apr 45	13 Apr 45	13 Apr 45
By	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	57/60 Aust Inf Bn
	15 Aust Inf Bde	15 Aust Inf Bde	15 Aust Inf Bde

2. PREAMBLE

PW 031 was the only one that knew any details although all PW were willing to co-operate. The other two could only substantiate the information in parts. Information considered reliable. All PW in good condition and surrendered voluntarily.

3. MOVEMENTS

20 Mar Pl leader 2 Lt YAMAJ, Hideo and 13 men left NAKARI as a raiding unit to destroy any Aust Arty seen.
22 Mar Arrived HARI. 6 Men left behind owing to illness.
23 Mar Arrived RUNAI
25 Mar Left RUNAI
24 Mar Crossed HONGORAI River
25 Mar Crossed PURIATA River
29 Mar Arrived BARARA Area
1 Apr Pl fired on and 2 men killed by rifle fire. 2 Lt YAMAJI, unable to move on account of bad leg, was killed by a grenade.

4. UNITS STRENGTH CO LOCATION

6 Engr Regt

HQ	60	Col IWANAKA Hiroji	BARARA Area
1 Coy	40	1 Lt ANDO	HARI
2 Coy	40	1 Lt YUWASA	BARARA Area
3 Coy	40	Capt NAGABUCHI	BARARA Area
Remaining Unit	70		NAKARI

5. WEAPONS

One LMG, Rifles, grenades and explosives to each Coy.

6 DIV
23 Inf Regt

Lt-Gen KANDA Masatane

RUNAI 23 Mar

Strength approx 500. PW 031 saw orders at his Coy HQ for 23 Inf Regt movement to MOSIGETTA.

13 Inf Regt

Strength approx 70. PW 031 heard from his Coy that 13 Inf Regt was to proceed to PURIATA River in BARARA ford area.

4 Med Arty Regt

PW 031 saw Operation Order dated 18 Mar 45 showing HQ at TAITAI Regt was to arrive MAMAGATA 23 Mar carrying Rifles, grenades and explosives. Due to arrive AITARA 25 Mar and TOKO area 28 Mar. To attack TOKO at opportune moment and destroy any Arty. Thinks strength 90/100 men. Raiding Unit of ten men from this Regt under 1st Lt KANASHIMA seen HATAI area 26 Mar 45. Nil information regarding guns.

5. PERSONALITIES

KANDA Masatane	Lt-Gen	CG 6 DIV	Seen at RUHAI 23 Mar
IMAHARA Hiroji	Col	CO 6 Engr Regt	
SHIBAHARA	Maj	Adj 6 Engr Regt	Ill in 4 Fd Hospital MUGUAI
FUJIOKA	1 Lt	Act Adj 6 Engr Regt	
SABAGUCHI	1 Lt	Intend. HQ 6 Engr Regt	
WADA	WO	Ord HQ 6 Engr Regt	
HAYASHI	WO	Materiel 6 Engr Regt	
YAMANO	2 Lt	HQ 6 Engr Regt	
NAKABARA	2 Lt	1/c Pacification Squad 6 Engr Regt	
TAKAOKA	1 Lt	HQ 6 Engr Regt	
ANDO	1 Lt	Comd 1 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
SHIROHARA	1 Lt	MO 1 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
OKADA	2 Lt	Comd Remaining Unit 1 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
YUWASA Giichi	1 Lt	Comd 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
YAMAJI Hideo	2 Lt	Comd 1 Pl 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt (KIA)	
MURAHARA	S/H	Comd 2 Pl 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
NAKAMURA	1 Lt	attach 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt.	Ill in 4 Fd Hospital MUGUAI
YAMAMOTO	WO	Comd Remaining Unit 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
NAGAFUCHI	Capt	Comd 3 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
INOUE	2 Lt	Pl Comd 3 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
MATSUMOTO	2 Lt	Pl Comd 3 Coy 6 Engr Regt	
MIHARA	WO	CO Remaining Unit 3 Coy 6 Engr Regt	

6. DUMPS

Food and ammunition dump seen in HATAI area. Only rifle ammunition known of. Unable to pinpoint as it was in the jungle.

7. SUPPLIES

In BARARA saw a Jap carrier party transporting supplies.

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DRAFT PRISONARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 29

PW 3 AD P034

Interrogator 84

1. Personal Details

PW No 3 AD P 034
Name MURAKAMI, Hatsuji
Rank Sgt
Unit 1 Coy, 1 Bn, 13 Inf Regt
Duty former Section Leader
Age 32 years
Where captured KIN-DARA ref 896468
When 14 Apr 45
Captured by A Coy 1 RG Inf Bn

2. Preamble

PW was of average intelligence, but suffering from slight touch of malaria when interrogated.
PW lied about his unit at first, but later admitted he lied. Information is now considered reliable.

3. Units

13 Inf Regt	CO	Col MUDA	Weapons	CO
	Strength	Location		
1 Bn	240/250			Lt Maj MIZUKAWA, Satoru (KI Mar 45)
HQ	Approx 60		H.G. Rifles	
1 Coy	" 60		Each Coy carried	1st Lt MORTIMER
			6 L.G.	1st Lt KISHIMOTO
2 Coy	" 60		3 Grenade dis-	
3 Coy	Disbanded		chargers	
4 Coy	Approx 60		Rifles (120 rds each)	Capt YAMAGUCHI
			Grenades	

23 Inf Regt

Apr 45. Remaining Unit RUSSIA and ALTHA areas.

Med Arty

3 Apr 45. Heard there were personnel 050

Sigs 3/4 men at switchboard 050.

4. Movements

5 Oct 43 Arrived ERVANTA and entered 74 L of C Hosp (TM: 776 L of C Hosp)
4 Nov 43 Discharged from Hospital and went to MUGUAI
5/6 Nov 43 Arrived AKU
16 Jan 44 Returned to MUGUAI
25 Mar 45 Left MUGUAI on truck to join his unit. The 3 truck convoy was bombed near MUGUAI so returned to MUGUAI
27 Mar 45 left MUGUAI on foot
28 Mar 45 arrived AKU
29 Mar 45 camped near KIO River

30 Mar 45 arrived RUISEI
 1 Apr 45 left RUISEI
 2 Apr 45 arrived Tai Tai
 3 Apr 45 arrived OSO
 4 Apr 45 camped near HONGORAI River
 6 Apr 45 arrived H.T.I and wandered about in jungle until captured.

5. Personalities

1st Lt YAMOTO	1st Lt 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt
Capt MURATA	1st Lt " " "
1st Lt KOSUGAKI	1st Lt " " "
2nd Lt KASADA	2nd Lt 1 Bn " "
2nd Lt MORIGAWA	CO 1 Bn 1 Coy " "

6. Enemy Intentions

6 Div, including 1 Bn 13 Inf Regt was to attack and annihilate allied troops in PULITA area.
 PW thinks 6 Div will withdraw to original location at MUKA, due to their recent defeat.

7. Ration and supplies

Each man carried 10 days ration when they left LUGU.I. PW thinks there is sufficient food for front line troops. No new uniforms were issued to 1 Bn men.
 Old shoes were repaired prior to movement from LUGU.I.

8. Communications

PW thinks communication is carried out by telephone and runners. He does not know of any W/T station in OSO area.
 There is a telephone switchboard at OSO.

9. Morale

Morale of 1 Bn was below normal but high compared to other units. There is slight friction between men and officers.

10. Roads, Tracks and Rivers

Roads

LUGU.I to MIO River

MT road considered good condition.

MIO River to RUISEI

MT road, gets very boggy when it rains. Many large bomb craters along road and some are about 30 feet wide and 10 feet wide. MT road can be built around craters

RUISEI - Tai Tai Track

there are many small streams to cross and country is undulating. Track is about 1 m wide.

Rivers

CHIRAI (SILIBAI) River

3 feet deep and 100 m wide; water rises to 4/5 feet during rains. Rocky bottom

YATA River (Branch of Chirai River) near MIO

2 feet deep, 50 m wide, rocky bottom. Trafficable by MT in dry weather.

MIO River

4 feet deep. River cannot be crossed by MT or troops during heavy rain

HONGORAI Crossing

3 feet deep, 70 feet wide and current is very strong. Impossible to cross during rains.

10. Miscellaneous

Saw 23 Inf Regt returning to RUISEI in small groups about 1 Apr. Heard sick and wounded of 23 Inf Regt returned to RUISEI after recent battle.

Heard wounded men of 13 Inf Regt returned to H.T.H. area.

Did not see any defence position along HONGORAI when passing through.

11. Allied Bombing

28 Mar 45. 5 trucks with rations and 14/15 men were bombed near L.G.U.I. The 5 trucks were completely destroyed and 5 men wounded.
29 Mar 45. Bomb fell near MIO River but no casualties; very few men located there

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 30

3AD P 035

Interrogator 94

1. Personal Details

No	PW No 3AD P 035
Name	SANNOMIYA, Masaru
Rank	2nd Lt
Unit	6 Coy, 2 Bn, 23 Inf Regt
Duties	Platoon Leader
Age	29 years
Date of Capture	11 Apr 45
Unit effecting capture	NIGAU
Place of Capture	Headwaters of SIRAKARA RIVER BOUGAINVILLE IS.

2. Preamble

Education - 18 years, the last three years at IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY of JAPAN. However, as PW had lost two years through sickness during high school days, actual education is 16 years. Graduate in economics and worked for MITSUBISHI CO prior to war. Physical condition when interrogated was good despite rifle wound in left leg.

Made initial attempt to lie and answered questions in an evasive manner; but, upon being reprimanded and convinced of the futility of such behavior, gave subsequent information which is now considered reliable.

3. Chronology

4 Feb 44	Arrived BRVENA
5 Feb 44	Arrived NUGUAI, remained 5 days
10 Feb 44	Left for TOROKINA area
2nd Feb 44	Arrived TOROKINA area. Assigned to 23 Inf Regt as Leader 2 Pl 4 Coy 1 Bn
2 Apr 44	Arrived MOSIGETTA
15 Apr 44	Arrived AKU
15 Feb 45	Left AKU, arrived M.I.K.A.
1 Mar 45	Left M.I.K.A., CIC raiding party 11 men with two other parties (Ref para 4) per MT
1 Mar 45	Arrived RUSU via MU
2 Mar 45	Left RUSU on foot
3 Mar 45	Arrived TAI TAI
3 Mar 45	Arrived SINANAI
4 Mar 45	Left SINANAI, headed NW with intention of going to TOROKINA
14 Mar 45	Crossed OREI RIVER. Separated from other two raiding parties prior to crossing P.GANA RIVER (Note: Japanese name-BANKARA RIVER)
15 Mar 45	Crossed P.GANA RIVER. Intending to reach TOROKINA party head- ed in NW direction to pick up TAIPIA native trail leading from KUPON area across JABA RIVER to TOROKINA. But, as the country was very hilly they became lost, and as it seemed too difficult decided to retrace their steps to P.GANA RIVER.
24-25 Mar 45	Recrossed P.GANA and OREI RIVERS
2-3 Apr 45	Arrived PIKEI area but was too dangerous there, so went into jungle and rested for 3 days. At that time they met members of 6 Fd Arty raiding unit who were also returning. 6 Fd Arty unit departed and SANNOMIYA'S party decided to recco area prior to return to M.I.K.A.

5 Apr 45 Arrived in area between FURUTAI RIVER and SIMANAI, but was attacked by our forces and wounded. His party separated on his command "SCATTER" and PW has not seen them since. PW was wounded and fled into jungle. Attempted to reach SIMANAI by following what he thought was the HONGORAI RIVER but later discovered to be SIRAKARAI RIVER.

11 Apr 45 Captured.

4. Raiding Parties

2nd Lt S. JENOMIYA and 11 men of 23 Regt
1st Lt N. KAGAMA " 11 " " 6 Fd Arty
2nd Lt N. KAMURA " 7 " " 4 Med Arty

Weapons carried Rifles - 45 rds per rifle
Automatic rifles - 200 rds per rifle
(PW states that these guns were U 3 models captured at PHILIPINE IS or RABUL and that there is ammunition for them at MAIKA)
4 grenades per man

Rations carried One month's rations per man

Raiding parties did ten days training at MAIKA from 10 Feb 45 under Lt-col KOBANA and Maj TANIKAI 6 Div Staff Officers. Consisted of jungle-fighting, concealment and ambush, how to enter barracks and bivouac areas. Also training in jungle medical care by an MO.

No rendezvous for TOROKINA raid established.

Did not reach TOROKINA due to rains, terrain, lack of food and the presence of Australian patrols and sentries. PW stated that his party did not encounter Australian troops but that the party from 6 Fd Arty Regt had engaged Australian troops without casualties. PW's unit was discouraged by the steep hills and how to overcome them, so they returned lost their food run out. The other two parties also did not reach TOROKINA for apparently the same reasons. Lt N. KAGAMA and 6 Fd Arty raiding party not PW near PIKEI when both units were returning to MAIKA. Lt N. KAGAMA stated that 4 Med Arty Unit also failed to reach TOROKINA and were returned to MAIKA, but Lt N. KAGAMA desired to visit PIKEI area where he had once been stationed to recon the situation. He also added that it was impossible to reach TOROKINA without reinforcements due to presence of numerous patrols and sentries.

PW expressed desire to recon area whilst en route to MAIKA as he had failed in his mission to TOROKINA, so party from 6 Fd Arty left PIKEI area first.

PW's party knew that they were returning in the direction of MAIKA and were feeling quite safe as long as they did not venture from their route.

There were no other parties training for raiding missions while PW was at MAIKA but believes that there were to be subsequent groups organized for such purposes. - objective and area unknown.

PW stated that future parties to be formed would be from 6 Engrs Regt, 6 Tpt Regt and 13 Inf Regt.

5. Units

HQ 6 Div MAIKA
HQ 6 Tpt Regt "

There is also a field hospital at MAIKA.

3 Coy, 23 Inf Regt	located at SIMANAI on 4 Mar 45	} Total strength -
One Pl 4 Med Arty	" " " " " " " "	
		70 men

6. Intentions

Enemy Intentions not known due to his being unaware of SH. TTR'S KNOLL engagement. PW believes that there will be other raiding parties in future, as there were other parties to be organized for that purpose. (It must be remembered that he is not aware of all happenings subsequent to his departure from KAIKI).

Intention of his raiding party was to attack TOROKINA area at night wherever there were enemy barracks and installations, using commando tactics at the discretion of OIC of the raiding party. PW had PIV North and PIV South and the barracks in the vicinity as his objective. His idea was to infiltrate and kill as many soldiers as possible, wreck planes and installations and, if still possible after main duties were completed, to recon area for future actions.

Does not know of any programme to convert base troops to combat troops.

PW heard that 6 Div will be resigned to die on this island in honourable defeat, if the U S troops land in J.P.N. No other tactical intentions known to PW.

7. Dumps

Food : There are gardens for every unit but PW does not know of any food dumps and is sure that only the larger forces in concentrated areas like KAIKI, have food dumps, if any. Locations unknown.

Ammunition : No knowledge.

8. Supplies

Plenty of food now from gardens but there is lack of vitamin "A". Pigs and chickens are raised in larger areas and pigeons are hunted, but there is still not sufficient meat.

Clothing is sufficient and there is plenty of new clothing in stock for reserve purposes. There is a shortage of boots because of mould owing to the climate.

Medicine in general is insufficient but quinine in tablet form is in stock. It is used as malaria preventive and is issued by the medical officer. There is no streptomycin and PW believes that ORs are not getting the amount of medical care and supplies available to officers.

9. Communications

Only knows of telephones and runners. Has not seen any W/T equipment. PW states that he is comparatively a late arrival from JAPAN as a reserve officer and is not acquainted with the island and information in regard to Japanese troops as are the other officers.

10. Artillery

Knows of one 150 mm gun located about 1 km (Note sic) from AKU towards TOKUUKA and between TOKUUKA - AKU road and OAMAI RIVER, - approximately 300 metres from road.

11. Tanks and Tractors

PW heard that there are tanks at KAIKI and saw 5 tractors on road between KAIKI and MUGUAI. All tractors in working condition and one tractor was pulling a 150 mm gun in direction of MUGUAI.

12. Miscellaneous

PW does not know of any reinforcements or movement of troops to and from SHORTLANDS and other surrounding islands.
Morale is very low.

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 31

3 AD P036

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INTERROGATOR No 94

1. Personal Details

No	3 AD P036
Name	TAKESTOMI Yoshinao
Rank	Leading Pte
Unit	3 Bn HQ 13 Inf Regt
Duties	Tpt and Medical Orderly
Age	28
Date of capture	21 Apr 45
Place	ref 9544 between HONGORAI and PORORAI RIVERS SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE
Captured by	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

2. Preamble

Education 8 years. PW answered all questions promptly and freely but knowledge of present state of Jap forces is very limited owing to their being scattered after SLATER'S KNOLL engagement.

Information in regard to tracks and his own unit considered reliable. Normal duty was transport but as he had taken a medical course in 1940, also acted as a medical orderly in 3 Bn. During last few months has done guard and transport duties. Has slight concussion owing to having been hit on the head when captured.

3. Chronology

24 Jan 43	Arrived ERVENTA
May 43	Arrived MOLOMBANGARA
23 Oct 43	Arrived MUGULI
2 Jan 44	Arrived LUGULI
6 Apr 44	Left LUGULI for HIRU HIRU to join 3 Bn which had returned from TAROKIN. Operation.
2 May 44	Arrived HORINU, acted as guard over natives clearing garden area
6 Jan 45	Recalled with 5 others to HIRU HIRU. PW remained behind at HIRU HIRU owing to illness - acted as sentry at gardens. The other 5 men followed 3 Bn which had gone to TOKO area.
7 Apr 45	With 4 other men took rations to 3 Bn, bivouaced in HATAI area (approx 897475)
14 Apr 45	Left for OSO with 3 others, who were sick and could only travel slowly. Was passed by Hq 13 Regt and 1 and 2 Bns.
16 Apr 45	Arrived OSO. 3 Bn arrived about 4 hours later
21 Apr 45	Captured whilst transporting Regt supplies from west bank of HONGORAI RIVER to OSO. PW was carrying an I.G and approx 1000 rounds, and had lagged behind rest of party.

4. Raiding Parties

No knowledge

5. Units

Unit	Strength	Location	Weapons	Comd
13 Inf Regt	-	OSO	-	Col LUDA
1 & 2 Bns	-	OSO	-	
3 Bn HQ	21	OSO	-	Capt SAKITA
10 Coy	18	OSO	(1 LMG - 500 rds	
			(1 grenade per man	
11 Coy	20	OSO	(Rifles - 50 rds each	*

Above strengths include about 4-5 men slightly wounded and 2-3 men sick.
 3 Bn only comprises 10 and 11 Coys
 PW believes other battalions of 13 Inf Regt have about the same strength and weapons as have 3 Bn.
 PW not certain of strength due to confused situation consequent upon SLATER'S KNOLL engagement. Considers units will be re-organized.

(*Per company)

Other Units

In area 1 Km south of H.T.A.I are about 200 troops from 5 Coy 6 Tpt Regt also other transport personnel and MT personnel. No other troops seen since SLATER'S KNOLL engagement.

6. Movements

- 7 Apr 44 3 Bn returned to HIRU HIRU after TOROKIN. Operation and remained as guard unit
- Jan 45 3 Bn left for TOKO area
- 7 Apr 45 3 Bn arrived H.T.A.I area after SLATER'S KNOLL engagement
- 16 Apr 45 3 Bn left via HIRU HIRU and arrived OSO. 13 Inf Regt H. with 1 and 2 Bns also arrived OSO from H.T.A.I area
- 21 Apr 45 50 men from Regt HQ and 5 men from each Bn started to transport Regt supplies from west bank HONGORAI RIVER (sq 9345) to OSO. Expected to complete work by 26 Apr

7. Personalities

AKIN.G.	Col	(Note: listed as Maj-Gen C of S 17 Army) New Commander 6 Div as heard by PW
MUDA	Col	CO 13 Inf Regt (seen by PW 17 Apr 45)
KANDA	Maj	Staff Officer 6 Div (KIA)
KINOSHITA	Maj	Attached HQ 13 Inf Regt
HIDA.K.	Maj	" " " " "
SAKITA	Capt	CO 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt (former CO 11 Coy)
ITO	Capt	CO 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt (KIA SLATER'S KNOLL)
TSUNODA	Intend	1st Lt HQ 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt
KANDA	MO	2nd Lt " " " " "

8. Intentions

Entire 13 Inf Regt to stay at OSO for a month. At present constructing shelters. Regt to reorganize at OSO but PW thinks it will withdraw to MUGU.I.

9. Dumps

No knowledge other than Regt supplies being moved to OSO. No Regt supplies remain at H.T.A.I.

10. Supplies

Food. Scarce in HIRU HIRU and area north HONGORAI RIVER. Native gardens raided to obtain food

Medical. Practically nil

Clothing. No supplies. Expected to obtain some if moved to MUGU.I

11. Gardens

Gardens in HIRU HIRU and HORINU areas depleted and abandoned. Knows of no other gardens.

12. Communications

By telephone and runners. One telephone for Regt Hq and one for each Bn.

13. Enemy Arty

No knowledge.

14. Allied Arty

Accurate fire on HIRU HIRU area. Source of information - PW was slightly wounded.

15. Morale

Poor owing to SLATER'S KNOLL defeat and scarcity of food.

16. Topographical

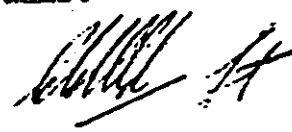
H.T.I : Approximately 3 Km from H.I.SHI 3 forked junction or 1 Km from second log bridge on H.I.SHI - H.T.I road. On north side of H.T.I road.

Roads : H.I.SHI - HIRU HIRU good road, red soil, probably subsoil, does not get very muddy. All rough patches corduroyed. Crosses 3 rivers. First river approximately 150 m from H.I.SHI 12 ft wide and 2 ft deep with sandy bottom. Banks 45° slope. Second river 1 Km from first. Second and third rivers have same features as the first. All rivers are bridged capable of carrying AT on Jan 45.

HIRU HIRU - OSO. Red soil, swampy with steep ravines. Many rivers, some with steep banks.

Rivers : POROREI River at intersection track HIRU HIRU - OSO is approximately 40 m wide and very deep in parts. Steep banks.

HONGOR.I RIVER at above intersection approximately 50 m wide and 2 ft deep. Rocky bottom and shallow banks.


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REPORT No 32, PW 3 AD P 037

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29 Apr 45

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DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT NO 32

3 AD P. 037

Interrogator No 94.

1. Personal Details

No.	3 AD P037
Name	SHIBANO Yu
Rank	2nd Lt
Unit	Regt Amn Train, 4 Med Arty Regt
Duties	Att Pacification Unit, 4 Med Arty Regt
Age	32
Date of Capture	21 Apr 45
Place of Capture	KAPARA Area
Captured by	2/8 Aust Odo Sqn

Note : At request of 3 Aust Div, an interrogator from 2 Aust Corps was flown from TOROKINA to NIHERO to interrogate PW who could not be moved owing to bullet wound. Additional information only included in Div report.

2. Preamble

Education 6 years primary, 5 years high school and 3 years college. Answered sullenly and inaudibly during early stages of interrogation, but gradually relaxed and information considered reliable. Has been attached Pacification Unit for past year, so knowledge of units, including his own is not extensive.

3. Chronology

Aug 43 Arrived ERVENTA and proceeded to MUGUAI. Stayed until Dec 43.
Dec 43 Arrived TAITAI
Feb 44 Went to FUNAI
Apr 44 Returned TAITAI
Apr 44 Went to KAPARA. Attached Pacification Unit.
Apr 45 Captured

4. Raiding Parties

1st Lt NAKASHIMA, CO Pacification Unit told PW that raiding parties are still being trained at MAIKA, with TOROKINA Perimeter as objective. Details unknown to PW. It was known that the previous parties had failed to reach TOROKINA.

5. Units

PW with 1st Lt NAKASHIMA and 70 men left TAITAI for KAPARA Apr 44 as a Pacification Unit. At various intervals 30 men were sent to make salt and attend other gardens. At time of capture 40 men were in KAPARA area with one IMG and approx 10,000 rounds of rifle and IMG amn (same calibre). The fact that unit has been independent accounted for quantity. Duty was to keep natives friendly to Japs and induce them to help in clearing and planting gardens. Natives informed PW that all other Pacification Units had been disbanded. There were 300 natives attached to Pacification Unit under two leaders KAPI and HAYU. They had been assembled from KAPANA, KAPARA, MATOKOLIO and FUN FUN villages.

4 Med Arty Regt reorganised 5 Mar 45. A rifle pl formed in each Coy... Troops engaged SLATERS KNOLL as riflemen only.

Other Units: PW heard that 13 Inf Regt were concentrating near TOROMI river, between OSO and HONGORAI river.

6. Personalities

KISHIMOTO	Maj	MO attached HQ 4 Med Arty Regt
HASHIMOTO	1 Lt	CO 4 Bty 4 Med Arty Regt
YABUKI	1 Lt	CO 5 Bty 4 Med Arty Regt
ASANO	1 Lt	CO 6 Bty 4 Med Arty Regt

7. Dumps

None at TAITAI - KAPARA areas

8. Gardens

Many gardens in KAPANA area with good production. Note: KAPANA on Jap map placed sq 0543.

9. Supplies

Medicine	:	Plenty at TAITAI Jan 45
Clothing	:	Sufficient but not much in reserve
Ammunition	:	Plenty at TAITAI in boxes. Not stored in any set spot. Amount unknown.
Food	:	TAITAI and KAPARA areas obtained mostly from gardens

10. Communications

One W/T set and many telephones at TAITAI. Telephones operated by batteries and able to call MAIKA.

11. Roads and Rivers

Road KAPARA - KAPANA (on Jap map placed sq 0543) once an MT road but has been heavily bombed. Crosses four rivers, all bridged. Bridges now broken. Rivers 2 - 5 m wide, average depth 2 ft with sandy bottom and mostly steep banks. Road about 10 ft wide if overgrown grass is cleared.

12. Miscellaneous

No hospital at TAITAI. Sick attended by medical orderlies in own shelters.

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REPORT NO 33 PW 3 AD P 038

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30 Apr 45

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ANGAU TOKO	1
Comd	1
GSO I	1
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War Diary	2

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LANGUAGE DETACHMENT
30 Apr 45

DRAFT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No 33

3 AD P 038

Interrogator No 94

1. Personal Details

No	3 AD P 0 38
Name	SAKAMOTO Isamu
Rank	Sgt Pte
Unit	7 Bty, 6 Fd Arty Regt
Duty	Rifleman, formerly gunner
Date of capture	29 Apr 45
Place	HATAI area ref 915446
Captured by	57/60 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bde

2. Preamble

Education 8 years. Only slight knowledge of area and units as only arrived this area recently. Physical condition very good. Information given freely and considered reliable.

3. Chronology

Feb 43	Arrived BUKA
Jul 43	Went to ERVENTA by barge, thence to MAIKA, stayed 2 days
" "	Arrived LAGUAI
1944	Participated TOROKINA Operation and returned to LAGUAI
22 Mar 45	Left LAGUAI with 3 Bn to attack HAISHI road junction
13 Apr 45	Arrived 1 Km west HAISHI and stayed 3 nights
16 Apr 45	Left bivouac at night and moved towards HAISHI
17 Apr 45	Attacked at 0800 hrs but unsuccessful
18 Apr 45	When tanks appeared, retreated to BLIGU area
20 Apr 45	Left with his Pl for HATAI area to construct positions
23 Apr 45	Attacked by Australian troops
28 Apr 45	Again attacked by Australian patrol about 1400 hrs. PW on sentry duty with 2 others, rest of pl about 100 metres in rear. Other 2 sentries killed by hand grenade but PW escaped. PW intended to join his pl, but as Australian patrol was between him and pl he wandered about in jungle.
29 Apr 45	Having lost all sense of direction PW surrendered to Australian troops. He was carrying an OMEN S.G and 3 magazines.

4. Raiding Parties

A party from 6 Fd Arty Regt under 1st NakaGawa failed to reach TOROKINA. No further knowledge.

5. Units

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comd</u>
6 Fd Arty Regt HQ		North HONGORAI RIVER	Lt-col NAKAMURA Kohei
" " " "	1 Bn	MAIKA or TAITAI	
" " " "	2 Bn	Recalled from FAURO IS Believed in HAISHI battle	
" " " "	6 Bty	Attd 3 Bn for HAISHI	Capt HANZAWA
" " " "	3 Bn 250		Capt MIYOSHI

<u>Units</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Weapons</u>	<u>Comd</u>
6 Fd Arty Regt				
7 Bty	36	BLAGU	2 LMG (250 rds each) Rifles (40 rds each) 1 Grenade per man	1st Lt KEN
14 Bty				
3 Bn Amn Train)				1st Lt SUZAKI
4 Bn		KIETA		
Other units : no knowledge				

6. Movements

22 Mar 45 3 Bn with 6 Bty left LAGUAI under Capt MIYOSHI with 10 days rations. Travelled mostly off roads and cut way through jungle

13 Apr 45 Arrived 1 Km west of HAISHI. Stayed 3 nights

13 - 16 Apr 45 Patrols sent out to HAISHI

16 Apr 45 Left bivouac at night and moved towards HAISHI.

17 Apr 45 Attacked at 0800 hrs. Australian troops retreated about 200 metres and dug in. Further attacks unsuccessful so 3 Bn with 6 Coy left area leaving 7 Bty to contain enemy.

18 Apr 45 When tanks appeared, 7 Bty retreated to BLAGU area, about 100 metres west of BLAGU - HIRU HIRU road and near a small creek which crosses road. Believed to be still there.

20 Apr 45 1 Pl under WO UCHINISHI (total strength 15) left for H.TAI area to construct positions, taking 2 LMG, leaving 7 Bty without any. This position to be used as a base for 1 Pl, sending out active patrols to ambush Australian patrols, and prevent them marching Jap positions further south.

23 Apr 45 Whilst 12 men were constructing positions with remaining 3 on sentry duty, the pl was attacked by Australian patrol and 3 wounded, including one seriously

28 Apr 45 Australian troops attacked again, approximately 1400 hours, and infiltrated between the 3 sentries and rest of Pl. Two of sentries were killed by hand grenades and other one (PW) escaped into jungle.

7. Personalities

ONOBUCHI	Major	Former CO 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt (at LAGUAI wounded in bomb attack)
MIYOSHI	Capt	Present CO 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt (wounded in bomb attack about 20 Apr)
WATANABE	Capt	Adj 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt
UCHINISHI	WO	Ldr 1 Pl 7 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt
NAKAGAWA	1st Lt	Formerly Ldr Raiding Unit. Believed now in 1 Bn

8. Intentions

No knowledge of future intentions of 7 Bty or 3 Bn, but 1 Pl would carry out same delaying tactics, changing position when necessary.

9. Positions

1 Pl to construct about 30 connecting trenches so as to allow defence against any angle of attack. Were not completed by 28 Apr 45. These positions only intended for 1 Pl

10. Dumps

No knowledge.

11. Gardens

There are three in LAGUAI producing good supply potatoes, pumpkins.

12. Supplies

Food : Plenty at LAGUAI. Bn to draw on TAITAI gardens
Clothing : Hardly any at LAGUAI but some at MAIKA
Medicine : Good stocks at LAGUAI and MAIKA.

13. Communications

At LAGUAI by telephones and runners.

14. Enemy Artillery

5-6x75 mm guns at LAGUAI. Some out of order and very little ammunition.
No further knowledge.

15. Allied Artillery

PW states it is very accurate and Japs cannot understand how we know location of their guns. When our artillery opens up, all the Japs leave their positions and flee into the jungle.

16. Morale

Very low in forward positions due to scarcity of food. PW also heard that OKINAWA had been invaded and this would not help to raise the morale.

17. Topographical

Tracks : No knowledge as has not been in this area since TOROKINA Operation 1944.

18. Natives

There is a native village about 400 metres from LAGUAI bivouac area. The natives, however, avoid the Japs as since the Japs have very little to barter with, the natives came off second best.

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APPENDIX X

Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENT

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8 Apr 45

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Serial 41

Batch 230 captured at SLATER'S KNOLL by 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 6 Apr 45.

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24 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	2 Aust Corps	5
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	1	DO ANGAU TOROKINA	2
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	War Diary	2
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	File	2

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7 Apr 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No 250 captured at SLATERS KNOLL, BOUGAINVILLE Is by 25
Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 6 Apr 45.

1. Seven, bound, handwritten sheets Diary, Owner not stated, Unit
'1 Bn' 23 Mar - 3 Apr. Translator No 84, extracts :-

23 Mar.

1 Bn. 1530 hrs, the battalion will leave RUNAI as an advance guard.
1700 hrs, bivouaced in area 1 km south west of FURLATA R.

Organisation:- Bn Hq 34 men 1 Coy 20 men
2 Coy 38 men 3 Coy 23 men
4 Coy 18 men Total 133 men

1 Coy will come under the command of 2 Bn, 4 Med Arty CO and will
attack TOKO and LARREA area from the beach.

24 Mar.

0500 hrs, the battalion left the area, 1 km south west of FURLATA
R. 955 hrs (TN. Sic), the battalion bivouaced in area 1 km west
of HATAI and received medical examination. (Received medical sup-
plies from Regt Hq and 1 Fd Hosp).

26 Mar.

0400 hrs, left bivouac area for FURLATA R.
1100 hrs, waited for darkness to fall at a point 300 m on south
bank of FURLATA R.
1800 hrs, crossed FURLATA R bivouaced in area 200 m from river
crossing.

28 Mar.

A patrol with 2nd Lt TAKAHASHI as O i/c was sent out to reconnoitre
enemy situation and read conditions. 4 patrol parties will be sent
out from each company for reconnaissance duty.

All men engaging in attack commencing tomorrow morning will pre-
pare light packs. Others will remain in bivouac area. (Carry Med-
ical supplies).

1630 hrs, 1 Bn will leave bivouac area as a reserve unit, and
will proceed to BARARA.

2300 hrs assemble at area 2 km east of BARARA.

29 Mar.

3 Bn will be the right front line, 2 Bn will be the left front line.

1 Bn (less 2 Coy and 3 Coy) (reserve unit) will attack BARARA at
dawn and will later reinforce the left front line. Later 4 Coy
and Regt Hq were ordered to cut off the route of withdrawal from
BARARA. They engaged the enemy for one hour. S. S. TAKAHASHI
4 Coy was KIA.

2 Coy and 3 Coy went out to cut the route of withdrawal.

2 Coy was to attack a road (FURLATA R) (TN main road), they were to
operate independently, but there has been no communications from
them.

Bn Hq and 4 Coy will assemble in area 2 km south east of BARARA
and will do guard duty.

2300 hrs left assembly area.

30 Mar.

0330 hrs assembled in area 3 km SE of BARUA.

Bn HQ will carry out harassing fire on enemy at the river. Attack will commence at 0900 hrs.

Bn CO and 31 men (including 4 men to destroy signal line) will leave assembly area at 1600 hrs to attack the enemy (4 LG 1 LG 10 men from 2 Bn).

1st Lt KIMURA, Sgt TAKAHASHI and remaining personnel will leave the assembly area at 1600 hrs together with Regt HQ and will proceed to _____.

31 Mar.

1600 hrs Bn CO and 31 men who attacked the enemy at the river returned to (_____) assembly area.

2 men (6 Coy) attached to Bn HQ were WIA.

1 Apr.

The battalion crossed the FURUTA RIVER on way back as rear party.

2 Apr.

0330 hrs arrived at "TOKINCTU" (TN crossed out), preparing for future movements.

2 Coy and 3 Coy who were the advance party during movement returned to the bivouac area.

1500 hrs 2 Coy and 3 Coy returned to their original unit.

3 Apr.

0200 hrs departed from "_____" 16 men of 1 Coy returned to the original unit.

4 men of 1 Coy who left KITARA on 25 Mar under 2 Bn, 4 med arty CO, were injured by a land mine while advancing to TOKO.

Strength	Bn HQ	27 men	1 Coy	-----
	2 Coy	37 men	3 Coy	17 men
	4 Coy	-----		

3. One loose handwritten sheet Plan of Attack on Australian Position and Sketch ref Appendix A. Translator No 84, full translation:

1. Offr patrol will reconnoitre enemy situation and terrain during the morning of the 3rd and intermittently on the 4th.
2. Assemble at preparation point on the afternoon of 3rd.
3. Order of attack will be issued in the afternoon of the 4th.
4. Make combat preparation from the evening of the 4th and push forward to 100 to 150 m away from the enemy. Complete preparations and advance by 0200 hrs the following day the 5th.
5. Commence neutralization fire at 0300 hrs 5th (approx 5 minutes - half of an).
6. Following the neutralization fire the grenade dischargers will go into action. (LG and LG (FM LG) will stop firing). At the same time initial phase of the battle will begin.
7. After the initial phase of the battle destroy the enemy with one blow. (Do not stop under any circumstances).
8. After destroying the enemy extend the battle field to SE area.

Precaution

1. The men in the guard detachment will fire mainly towards the main position.
 2. Initial phase of the battle will be roughly as mentioned above, however if the enemy firepower is weak step up the battle.
- Is... concerning liaison with MUDA Force (TN 15 Inf Regt) in the afternoon of the 2nd.

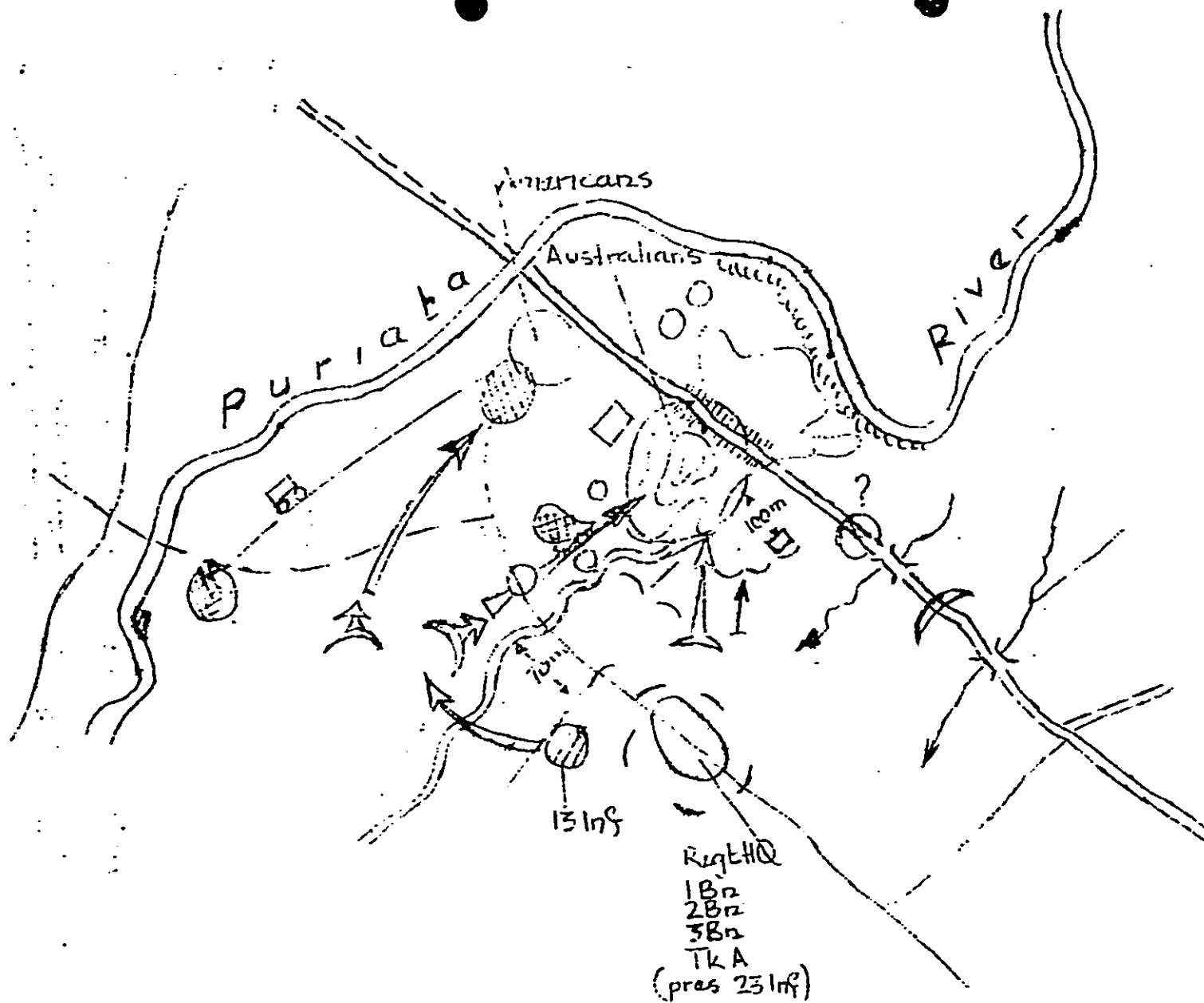
MUDA Force

1. Assemble on the morning of the 3rd.
2. From the evening of 4th approach the attacking position (100 - 150 metres in front of enemy).



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 8 Apr 45 Batch 230
 Document 2



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8 Apr 45

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Serial 42

Batch 231 captured at SLATERS KNOLL, by 25 Aust Inf Bn,
7 Aust Inf Bde on 6 Apr 45.

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56/59 Aust Inf Bn	1	War Diary	2
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BATCH No 231 captured at SLATERS KNOLL, BOUGAINVILLE Is by 25 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 6 Apr 45.

25, handwritten sheets, bound, sig messages, owner 1st Lt MOGA, Unit 13 Inf Regt HQ 1 Mar - 31 Mar. Translator No 84, extracts :-

1. 25 Mar

Code name	
KALI	Command Post
LUTA Force	13 Inf Regt
KAWA "	23 Inf Regt
NAKA "	6 Fd Arty
IWA "	6 Engr Unit
TAKE "	4 Med Arty
SATA "	Div Sig Unit
NAKA "	1 Fd Hosp
ISHI "	4 Fd Hosp
SUZAKI Unit	14 Bty

2. Success in battle (TN Presumably during 28, 29, 30, 31 Mar 45)

104 killed
60 wounded
1 tractor
30 sigs line cut
1 truck

Our damage

22 killed
21 wounded
1 missing
4725 g amm
630 MG
47 -----
195 hand grenades
5 LMG damaged
4 g "
1 MG "
18 bayonet

3. Success in battle

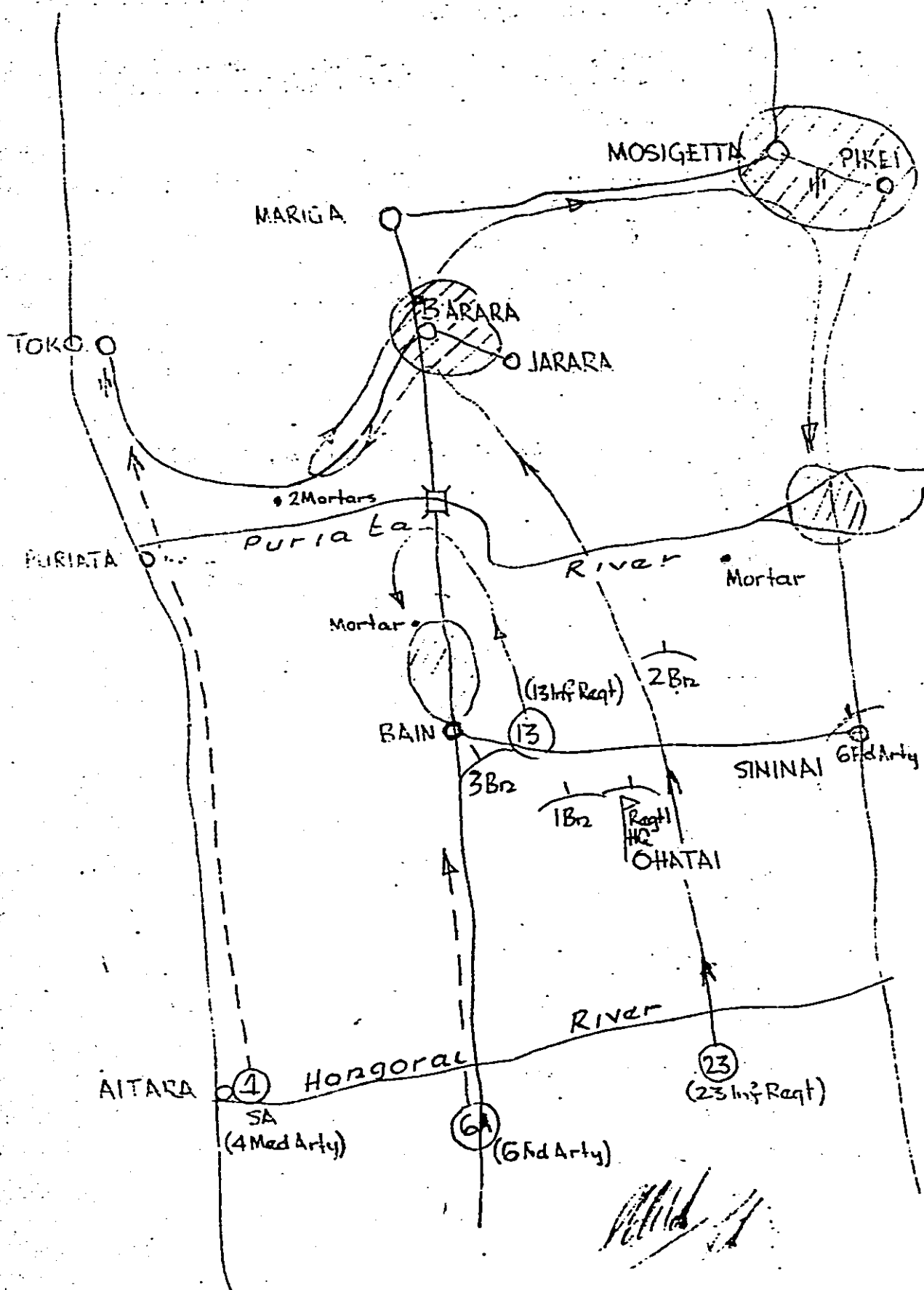
3 killed
2 wounded
1 truck
1 automatic rifle (.300)
5 hand grenade
3 shovels

Ours (Japanese)

4 killed
1200 g

PURIATA RIVER AREA

Document 2 : 50 Bound sheets
 Notebook 1st Lt KOBAYASHI O C
 7 Coy, 13 Inf Regt. Translator
 84, -extract sketch of PURIATA
 River Area.



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17 Apr 45

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By 9 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust Inf Bde on 15 Apr 45.

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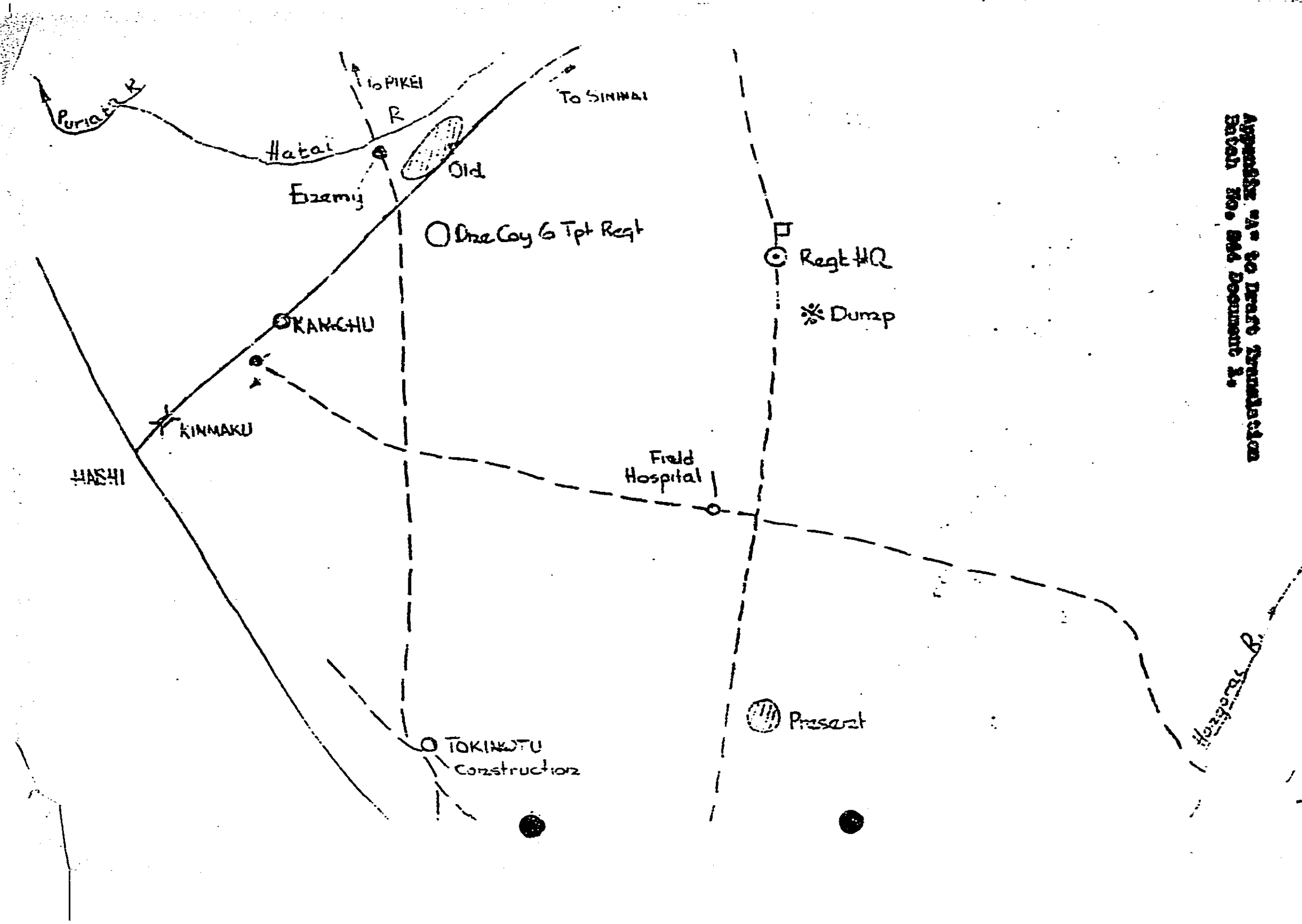
Batch No 244 captured at HORINU No 2 Area ref 906489. 1/25000
Series BOUGAINVILLE IS by 9 Aust Inf Bn, 7 Aust
Bde on 15 Apr 45. One document.

1. One, loose pencil written sheet, Sketch Map. Undated.
Translator No 195.

Translation ref Appendix A.

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Appendix "A" to Draft Translation
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18 Apr 45

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1/25000 series by 24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bde on 19 Apr 45.

BATCH 251 captured in HIRU HIRU area SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE ref 905474
1/25000 series by 24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bde on 18 Apr 45.

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2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	1
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt	1
RAH 3 Aust Div	1
RHE 3 Aust Div	1
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20 Apr 45

Subject : DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No 249 captured at HIRU HIRU area SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE ref 893459 1/25000 series by C Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bde on 19 Apr 45. 9 Documents; 3 translated.

1. Nine loose, handwritten sheets, Diary, owner, unit not stated. Various dates. Translator No 210, extracts :-

	<u>Axe</u>	<u>Rifles</u>
HQ Squad		3
1 LMG Pl		3
1 Section		4
2 Section		5
3 Section		5
5 Section	1	3
6 Section	1	5
7 Section		3
2 LMG Pl	1	2
Total	3	53

14 Apr

At HAISHI

1. 1st Lt KAWANO was wounded (TN - Presumably 1st Lt KAWANO of 7 Bty 6 Fd Arty, ref Batch 251 doc 1)
2. 2 men returned from liaison.
3. YAMASHIGE and IMAYA were killed
4. Exchanged LMG (12 Coy).

15 Apr

HAISHI

Sgt HASHIGUCHI and 9 men received rations.
Present strength of Weapon Squad

Mortar	4	one on loan
Wire cutters	1	
Axe	3	
Knife	3	
- Pi	30	
Cases of amm	40	
Czechos Bren Gun	1	7 magazines
Type 11 LMG	2	
" 30 Bayonet	43	7
" 44 Carbine	7	
" 38 "	57	1 YAMASHIGE lost.

Picric Acid

2 Bn LG	4;	3 Bn LG	2; 5 (TN presumably
1 (TN presumably sec)	7;	3 (TN presumably sec)	6; sec) 6
2 " " "	1;	HQ Squad	4;
4 " " "	-;	1 Bn LG	-

11 Apr received 13 land mines

2. Forty bound, handwritten sheets, notebook: Owner and unit not stated, dated 8 Apr - 10 Apr. Translator No 210, extracts :-

HQ Squad	2 officers	7 men
1 Section		6 "
2 "		5 "
3 "		6 "
4 "		0 "
5 "		5 "
6 "		6 "
7 "		5 "
LNG		
1 Section		4 "
2 "		4 "
Total	50	

8 Apr. Dehydrated rations for one day
Rice " two "

3. One, loose handwritten sheet, organization chart of an LG Coy, 15 Apr - Translator No 210, full translation:-

Organization chart of HG Company

HQ Squad	Coy CO and 7 men
1 HG Pl	4 men
1 Section	5 "
2 "	4 "
2 HG Pl	5 "
3 Section	5 "
4 "	5 "
5 "	5 "
3 HG Pl	4 "

Compiled on 15 Apr (TN presumably 1945)
Present strength 46 men

4. Twenty bound, handwritten sheets, notebook. Unit and owner not stated, dated 10 Apr - 15 Apr. Translator No 210, extracts :-

10 Apr - 51 men

Offrs	2	2
Duty	3	2
HQ Squad	5	6

1 Section 6 men; 2 Section 5 men; 3 Section 5 men; 4 Section 5 men
5 Section 6 men.
1 HG Pl 4 men; 2 HG Pl 5 men; 3 HG Pl 4 men.

10 Apr received 5 days rations (50 men)

Cigarettes	550	7 per man
Rice	15 Kg	30 grammes
Red beans	500 grammes	100 grammes
Dehydrated rations	4 bags 3 pkts	5 pkts
Salt	15 Kg	30 grammes
	7	1 1/2
Miso	5 Kg	50 grammes
Shoyu	2 Kg 1/3	40 grammes

up to 18th (up to 15th)

12 Apr. Blankets: 37

1st Lt	2	2nd Lt (2)	3	Duty (2)	1
HQ Squad	3	1 Section	3	2 Section	4
3 Section	3	4 Section	4	5 Section	4
1 HG Pl	3	2 HG Pl	3	3 HG Pl	3

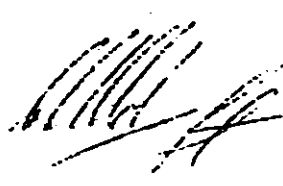
8 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt 2

15 Apr	10 days ration (50 men)	up to 30th (25th)
Sgt Maj OKADA	50 days rations	Composite Bn
Rice	60 Kg	3 days ration
Dehydrated rations	6 bags 4	6 " "
Dried plums		10 " "
Rice	20 Kg	1 " "
Salt	20 Kg	10 " "

BATCH 251 captured in HIRU HIRU area SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE ref 905474
 1/25000 series by A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bde on 18 Apr 45
 Five documents, one translated

1. Five bound mimeographed sheets, casualty returns of 7 & 8
 Batteries 31 Mar - 14 Apr. Translator No 195 extracts :-

31 Mar	HAISHI	Cpl ISHIKAWA	8 Bty
14 Apr	TOKINOTU	Sgt YAMASHIGE	7 Bty
14 Apr	"	Ldg Pto IWABARA	7 Bty
14 Apr	HAISHI	1st Lt KAMINO Satoru	7 Bty
14 Apr	HAISHI	Sgt NISHIGUCHI	7 Bty


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21 Apr 45

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Herewith copy/copies of the above.

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21 Apr 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

BATCH No 252 captured HIRU HIRU area by C Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn,
15 Aust Inf Bde on 20 Apr. Two documents both
translated.

I. Twenty loose, handwritten sheets; Diary, owner, unit not
stated, presumably 3 Bn, 6 Fd Arty Regt, 22 Mar - 15 Apr. Trans-
lators Nos 210 and 94, extracts :-

22 Mar : LAGUAI - SINKAKIRO (right bank of MIO RIVER)

- 1 0100 - Regarding the commencement of movements, orders will be
received from Regt, and will be prepared to move immedi-
ately after issuing.
- 2 0300 - If the movement preparation is completed, wait until
orders have been received from Bn. Wait at the bivouac
area.
- 4 0600 - Heavy air raids : all the movement personnel will go to
No 3 Garden. They will carry out battle training in the
jungle.
- 7 1800 - Preparation for departure completed. All the personnel
will assemble at the battery parade ground and swear to
revenge unto death.
- 9 1900 - Bn had arranged to move on the main road in front of the
old 9 Bty bivouac area. Started to advance towards the
right bank of MIO RIVER. Movement will be carried out
at night. Marching distance 20 Km.
- 10 Todays strength 64 men

23 Mar : Right Bank of MIO RIVER - HARI

- 1 0400 - Ford MIO RIVER and went into the jungle at SHISHIGATERO.
Waited for opportune moment.
- 3 2000 - Preparation for departure completed and joined with the
battalion march to advance to Regt rendezvous area.
- 4 2300 - Received 4 days rations at RUNAI garden. Sgt YAMAMURA
2400 and 9 men arrived at HARI rendezvous area. Immediately
made camp.
- 5 Marched 12 KM today
- 6 Todays strength 64 men

24 Mar : HARI - HONGORAI Right Bank

- 1 0500 - Bivouac and air raid preparations completed - all
personnel rested.
- 2 0630 - 1st Lt KAWANO (TN : 7 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt) and 10 men
were sent to collect weapons and ammunition. Received

Hand grenades 130. Rifle ball ammunition 1715 rounds. Block picric acid 8 kg.

- 3 1400 - Bn and Bty CO met. Regt CO and his subordinates departed from 9 Bty bivouac area. Received operation plans and instructions for detail attack.
- 5 2000 - Assembled on the main road. The battery will be the advance party. Regt will depart first to go to SURUFURU (HIRU HIRU) neighbourhood.
- 6 2300 - Received 4 days ration and 50 hand grenades at RUNAI.
- 7 2400 - Crossed HONGORAI RIVER. Depth 90 cm. After this it was impossible to move at night. Waited in the jungle on the right bank until daybreak.
- 8 Todays strength 64 men.

25 Mar : Right Bank HONGORAI - 3 KM SW of HIRU HIRU.

- 1 0300 - Started to move inside the jungle and while constructing the Force operation road, we advanced. While en route we kept strict watch.
- 2 1200 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 8 men departed to recce the river junction of the HONGORAI RIVER.
- 4 1750 - 1st Lt KAWANO returned. Advanced about 20 Km east; could not reach HONGORAI RIVER; returned.
- 6 Todays strength 64 men.

26 Mar : 3 KM SW of SURUFURU - 2 KM SE of TOKINOTU

- 1 0500 - WO ARAGATA and 5 men were sent out to recce the enemy condition about 1 KM west of the bivouac area.
- 2 0600 - Sgt NISHIGUCHI and 4 men were sent out as forward warning post. For protection they will construct a position and dig fox holes.
- 3 1000 - WO ARAGATA and 4 men returned safely.
- 4 1300 - Departed present bivouac area and advanced to 9 Bty 3 KM: SW of HIRU HIRU
- 5 1600 - Arrived 2 KM south of TOKINOTU.
- 7 Todays march 4 KM
- 8 Todays strength 64 men.

27 Mar : 2 KM SE of TOKINOTU

- 1 0400 - Sgt maj SAKAMOTO and 4 men departed to the vicinity of the crossroad 1 KM south of HAISHI to recce the enemy position.
- 2 1200 - Sgt maj SAKAMOTO and men completed the recce of enemy condition in the vicinity of HAISHI and returned safely. Did not see the enemy in the HAISHI area.
- 3 1400 - All personnel of the battery carried out training for battle. Classified as Fire power party and assault party. They will crush and wipe out the enemy.

4 1710 - Received Bn orders concerning the officer and patrol which will be sent out early tomorrow morning.

5 1730 - Exchanged carbines for rifles with 9 Bty. Sent out five carbines from the battery and received five rifles.

6 Todays strength 64 men.

28 Mar : 2 KM SE of TOKINOTU - 2 KM South HAISHI

1 0400 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 5 men departed to the vicinity of HAISHI and KIMAKU to reconce the enemy condition and terrain.

2 0800 - Advanced in the direction 2 KM South of HAISHI.

3 1030 - Arrived 2 KM south of HAISHI and constructed position. Tomorrow morning prepare to advance and attack.

- 1750 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men reconnoitred the enemy condition in the HAISHI area and returned. Enemy Australian troops position 2 tents. Signal network confirmed. Returned to Unit.

4 1900 - Bty CO, Regt CO and subordinates were ordered to meet and were informed of the instruction concerning tomorrow's battle.

5 2000 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men took up duties as Raiding party. Had reconnoitred today. Departed to attack the enemy tents. Raiding Party organization : CO 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men.

6 2100 - All personnel had completed preparations to attack. Went to bed.

7 Todays strength 64 men.

29 Mar

1 0230 - Rise. Prepared for battle; very sad.

2 0330 - Bty will be the advance party. They will advance towards the enemy position at HAISHI in front of the Regt. Enemy airplanes, particularly observation airplanes, will be frequently reconnoitring. Therefore movements must be restricted.

3 0900 - When advancing in front of the enemy 600 m south of HAISHI every effort must be made to reconce the enemy condition by careful watching and patrolling.

4 0920 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men of the raiding party returned.

5 1000 - Reconce the enemy condition in the vicinity of the position and with the 9 Bty in front of the 3 enemy tents, plan an attack.

6 1400 - Heavy rain: Good opportunity for an attack. Start an all out attack, according to Regt orders. Make random shots at enemy.

7 Advanced NE direction and came upon a truck, changed direction SE to search for enemy position. Did not encounter enemy position.

8 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt is situated north of the jungle between HAISHI and TOKINOTU on the side track off the main road

9 - Today's strength 64 men.

30 Mar

- 1 0100 - CQIBty. by invitation of Bn CO met at the Arty position and was informed of the attack on the 29th.
- 2 0200 - The battery will be the Advance Party and will advance towards arty position dump and arty rendezvous area on the south side of MT road.
- 3 0300 - 0500 Waited.
- 4 0500 - Advanced NW on the main road and went towards the neighbourhood of HAISHI and KIMAKU.
- 5 0500 - Sgt TASAKI and 4 men went to recon the enemy situation in the vicinity of HAISHI - KIMAKU.
- 6 1300 - Advanced to the south of HAISHI. Formed an attack on the enemy position. The battery was the first line and was ordered to annihilate the enemy position.
- 7 1430 - Started to advance and attack. The enemy fired from all directions into the jungle. It was difficult to advance and owing to the barrage of mortar firing, damage was sustained. On the MT crossroad point used hand grenades. It was a hard struggle to pass over this land mine area. Two men were ordered to set land mines. Secured and constructed position in the area between HAISHI and KIMAKU. The battle casualties for this battle are as follows :-

The officers and men were loyal and fought bravely. We all felt very sorry for the officers and men who were killed and wounded.

HAISHI attack 29 Mar

Killed 5 Wounded 11

1st Lt KAWANO wounded

Present Strength

1 Section	4	7 Section	5
2 "	6	8 "	3
3 "	4	1 LMG squad	4
4 "	3	2 " "	4
5 "	4	HQ Squad	3
6 "	6	1 PI	3
		2 "	1

8 - Today's strength 58 men.

31 Mar : 2 Km SW of HAISHI

- 1 0200 - The battery together with the main force of the Regt stealthily withdrew from their present positions to again advance for the attack upon the enemy at the banks of the PURITA. Leading the regiment we advanced to staging area in dense jungle 2 Km south of HAISHI for purpose of concentration.
- 2 0200 - WO SHINSEKI (?) and 8 men were left behind as a security unit for HAISHI thus serving as guards in addition to administering medical care (TN : probably to each other).

- 3 1100 - Completed assembly at 2 Km south of HAISHI. Tomorrow, we will commence preparations for the attack.
- 4 1400 - Departed from this location and headed north westerly for the PURIATA - KAWAUCHI area (TN KAWAUCHI is located near TOKO Road between TOKO and BARARA).
- 5 1630 - Stopped in wooded area.
- 6 Personnel strength today is 49 men.

1 Apr

- 1 0400 - Bty CO was summoned by Bn CO. The present situation in regard to enemy dispositions and our own troops was acknowledged.
- 2 2 Km SW of HAISHI
Due to casualties, the organization of the battery has been revised, as shown on separate sheet, in order to equalize fighting power.
- 3 0500 - Constructed positions here in such a manner as to be adaptable to any change in the situation.
- 4 1500 - Leading Pte HASHIMOTO and 2 men were put under command of 1st Lt TAKASU Intend Officer at Hq 6 Fd Arty Regt. In order to supply rations for 10 men of the 13 Inf native garden to be relied on.
- 5 1700 - The Bty CO with permission from Regt Comd ordered assembly, gave instructions concerning attack on PURIATA RIVER crossing.
- 6 With strict guards, we will leave here tonight.
- 7 Today's strength 49 men. It is acknowledged that WO SHINSEKI and 8 men are at No 1 Fd Hospital as sick and wounded.

2 Apr : 2 Km SW of HAISHI

- 1 0600 - Sgt SATO and 6 men departed to assemble baggage left behind in this area.
- 2 The 2nd Pl is sent to front position. All of its men will maintain strict guard and wait in readiness.
- 3 1900 - The Bty CO with permission of Regt CO ordered assembly. From tomorrow the 3rd, movements will begin. Received detailed instructions on how to execute the battle for extermination of enemy troops concentrated near left bank of PURIATA RIVER.
- 4 Present strength 49 men.

3 Apr : 2 Km South of HAISHI

- 1 0500 - Proceeded to complete arrangements for battle.

1 1/2 Km SE of PURIATA CROSSING

Received weapons and rations as follows :-

From 15 Bty : 1 IMG (CZECH TYPE) 1200 rounds. 10 grenades,
1 grenade discharger, 2 days rations for 4 men.

From 12 Bty : Grenades 25, grenade dischargers-2.

From 6 Fd Arty Regt : 2 days rations for 46 men.

Relinquished 1 automatic rifle with ammunition to 3 Bn Arty.
Of all the equipment belonging to the dead and sick. 12 Bty
took 5 men's and 15 Bty took 4 men's.

- 4 0700 - The battery began its advance to area $1\frac{1}{2}$ Km SE of PURIATA CROSSING.
- 5 1330 - Arrived prearranged location. Constructed positions as base point for patrols.
- 6 1500 - Sgt GAWASHIGE and 4 men were sent out on patrol and advanced about 500 metres approximately 60 degrees NE but returned with nothing new to report.
- 7 Today's strength 49 men.

4 Apr : $1\frac{1}{2}$ Km SE of PURIATA RIVER Crossing

- 1 0030 - Sgt NISHISONO and 3 men sent on recon patrol of main road. Headed in direction 45 degrees NE to advance upon the TAI - PURIATA MT road and engage in ensuring security of our present position.
- 2 0500 - A cpl and 2 men were sent to recon enemy situation and terrain in the vicinity approximately 700 metres easterly.
- 3 At the same time, Sgt TAZAKI and 2 men were despatched as patrol 500 metres to the north.
- 4 0700 - The above 2 patrols returned. Reported no change in the situation.
- 5 1300 - Completed preparations to depart and advanced to staging area for attack.
- 6 1400 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men departed along native trail on recon patrol of enemy near the main road and also to recon the MT road. At the same time NISHISONO'S patrol was employed as advance party with a cpl and one man left behind.
- 7 1500 - Mission is to recon enemy situation $1\frac{1}{2}$ Km SE of PURIATA RIVER Crossing point
- 8 1530 - Cpl KANEMARU and 5 men departed to guide a cpl and one man.
- 9 1600 - Cpl KANEMARU and his men returned.
- 10 1630 - Sgt NISHISONO and 3 men completed recon of main road and returned.
Result of patrol indicated their advance 2 Km from here, up the MT road.
- 11 It is apparent that we are waiting until moonlight before advancing.
- 12 49 men is strength today.

ORGANIZATION CHART FOR SECOND ATTACK (TN : Presumably
7 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt)

Bty Comd Section Bty CO Sgt Maj Sgt Runner Orderly

1st Pl	CO 1st Lt	KAWANO		
1st Sgt	Sgt	YAMASHIGE	-	5 men
2nd "	Sgt	TAZAKI	-	4 men
3rd "	Sgt	NISHISONO	--	5 men
No 1 IMG	Sgt	ONISHI	-	3 men

2nd Pl	Sgt	SATO		
5th Sgt	IMG Sgt	IWANAGA	-	4 men
6th "	Sgt	HASHIGUCHI	-	5 men
7th "	Sgt	NESHIGUCHI	--	4 men
8th "	IMG Sgt	INATANI	-	3 men

Total 49 men

4 Grenade dischargers in entire coy.

5 Apr : South Side of FURLATA RIVER Crossing Point

- 1 0400 - Bty CO combined 8 Bty and 7 Bty under his command headed for Div Command Post (Chief of Staff)
Appears as if the entire Bn will come under direct control of (KAN) (TN : KANEZAKI and KANDA are possibilities)
- 2 0600 - Due to heavy enemy arty fire, had to wait before constructing positions.
- 3 0800 - Bn was put under 13 Inf Regt.
- 4 We came under command of KAN for second time.

6 Apr

- 2 0700 - Reported the completion of accommodating 13 Inf Regt, 23 Inf Regt and the whole division at the rendezvous area (TN : presumably the part which is to participate).
- 4 1230 - 5 men co-operated to withdraw the Div Sig Unit. Co-operated to withdraw the Sig network between the present area and Div HQ.

8 Condition of Weapons and Ammunition :

	<u>Rifle Amm</u>	<u>Hand Grenades</u>
Bty HQ	285 rounds	8
1 IMG Pl	540 "	6
1 Section	220 "	19
2 "	180 "	16
3 "	260 "	17
2 IMG Pl	480 "	6
4 Section	1190 "	
5 "	90 "	6
6 "	274 "	12
7 "	185 "	14

(TN : Each man was distributed with 40 rounds of ammunition and 2 hand grenades)

Rifle Amm	- 1392 rds	IMG	1120 rds
Czecho "	- 1190 "	Hand Grenades	105
Blank "	- 62 "		

Today's strength 49 men.

7 Apr : 8 o'clock

To Bn HQ Despatched by 7 Bty

Report on current strength of Weapons and Ammunition

Rifle Amn (for use in rifles)	1120 rds
" " (for use in LMGs)	1020 "
CZECH MODEL Amn	1100 "
Hand Grenades	100
Blank cartridges	60 "
Grenade Dischargers	4 weapons (1 was borrowed from 15 Bty)

4 Raiding Unit departed 9 Mar. Todays strength 50 men.

(TN : Detailed plan of HAISHI Guard Plan follows.
Arrangements are being made for its subsequent reproduction.)

8 Apr : BIAGU

- 1 0400 - Sgt TANAKA and 4 men went to HATAI Food dump to collect provisions.
 - 4 1600 - Raiding Unit was despatched. 1st Lt NAKAGAMA departed.
 - 6 In today's Regimental daily orders 1st Lt NAKAGAMA will be Pl Leader of 8 Bty.
- Todays strength 51 men.

9 Apr : BIAGU

- 1 0500 - 8 men departed to communicate with IAGUAI Remaining Unit.
- Todays strength 43 men.

10 Apr : BIAGU

- 2 0700 - Bty CO and 7 men went to recon the terrain south of BIAGU and the old enemy position at TOKINOTU. Returned 1100 hrs.
 - 3 1300 - Sgt and 9 men went to dig potatoes from 1 Bty's garden.
 - 4 1300 - Sgt YAMASHIGE and one man returned with 500 rounds MG amn.
- Todays strength 43 men

11 Apr : BIAGU

- 1 0600 - Bty CO and 3 men departed to recon HAISHI position. Communicated with Composite Bn. Returned 1400 hours.
 - 3 0630 - Cpl KANEMARU and one man departed to collect Tank mines from the Arty emplacement. Returned to unit with 13 Tank mines.
- Todays strength 43 men.

12 Apr

- 1 0400 - Came under command of 1st Lt NAKAGAMA.
 - 2 0600 - 1st Lt KAWANO and 4 men established an operation route between BIAGU and HAISHI.
- Todays strength 41 men.

13 Apr

1 0700 - Sgt HASHIGUCHI and 5 men were sent to HATAI 1 Fd Hospital to collect blankets.

4 1400 - Returned to Unit and received 37 blankets.

Today's strength 43 men.

14 Apr

During an air raid intermission, departed to HAISHI.

2 1100 - Saw enemy officer and patrol at HAISHI fork road and in front of the bridge outpost. Exchanged fire and retreated.

3 1200 - Sgt YAMASHIGE and 4 men while carrying an HMG barrel on the main road between the old enemy position and the arty emplacement were encountered by enemy patrol. In this battle Sgt YAMASHIGE and Cpl IWAMARU were killed.

4 1500 - Sgt TASAKI and 3 men were sent out to search for the barrel and bodies. The barrel was recovered.

7 1700 - Received enemy mortar fire.
1st Lt KAWANO and Sgt NISHIGUCHI were wounded.

Today's strength 49 men.

15 Apr : HAISHI

1 0430 - Sgt HASHIGUCHI and 8 men were sent to RUNAI gardens to collect provisions.

2 1st Lt KAWANO, Sgt NISHIGUCHI and one pte 1st class were sent to the rear.

3 0930 - 4 men were sent to communicate with HIDAHA Unit of 6 Tpt Regt which is 0.5 Km east of KINMAKU.

4 1700 - Sgt HASHIGUCHI and 8 men returned with 12 days ration.

5 1700 - The reliefs for SHINRU RIVER outpost were completed. From 0830 to 1400 hours encountered the enemy patrol 4 times.

Battle Results : Enemy dead bodies left behind 3

Automatic short rifle 1

Check magazines 4

Ammunition 100 rounds

Automatic short rifle magazines 4

" " " amms - certain amount

Our damage nil.

6 Today's strength 64 men.

16 Apr : HAISHI

1 0830 - Discovered a burial party of about 20 enemy in front of SHINRU RIVER outpost. Engaged in battle for 30 minutes. Enemy withdrew. Battle results - enemy dead 2.

2 0920 - Enemy arty fire is concentrating in the outpost area. Nil damage

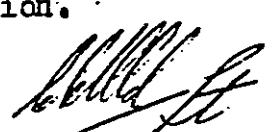
Expended Ammunition Rifle ball Amm - 50 rounds
 Hand grenades 3

Today's strength 46 men

II. One, loose, handwritten sheet Report of Meeting dated 16 Apr.

Report of Meeting 16 Apr

1. Travel on the main road between BLAGU 3 forked road and entrenchments is restricted. There is a trail to be used which extends from Arty position to approximately 100 metres southerly of BLAGU 3 forked road.
2. It is desired to despatch 4 men of 7 Bty to Arty position tomorrow at 0630 hours, to obtain rifle ammunition.


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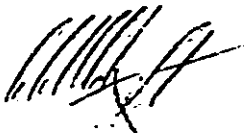
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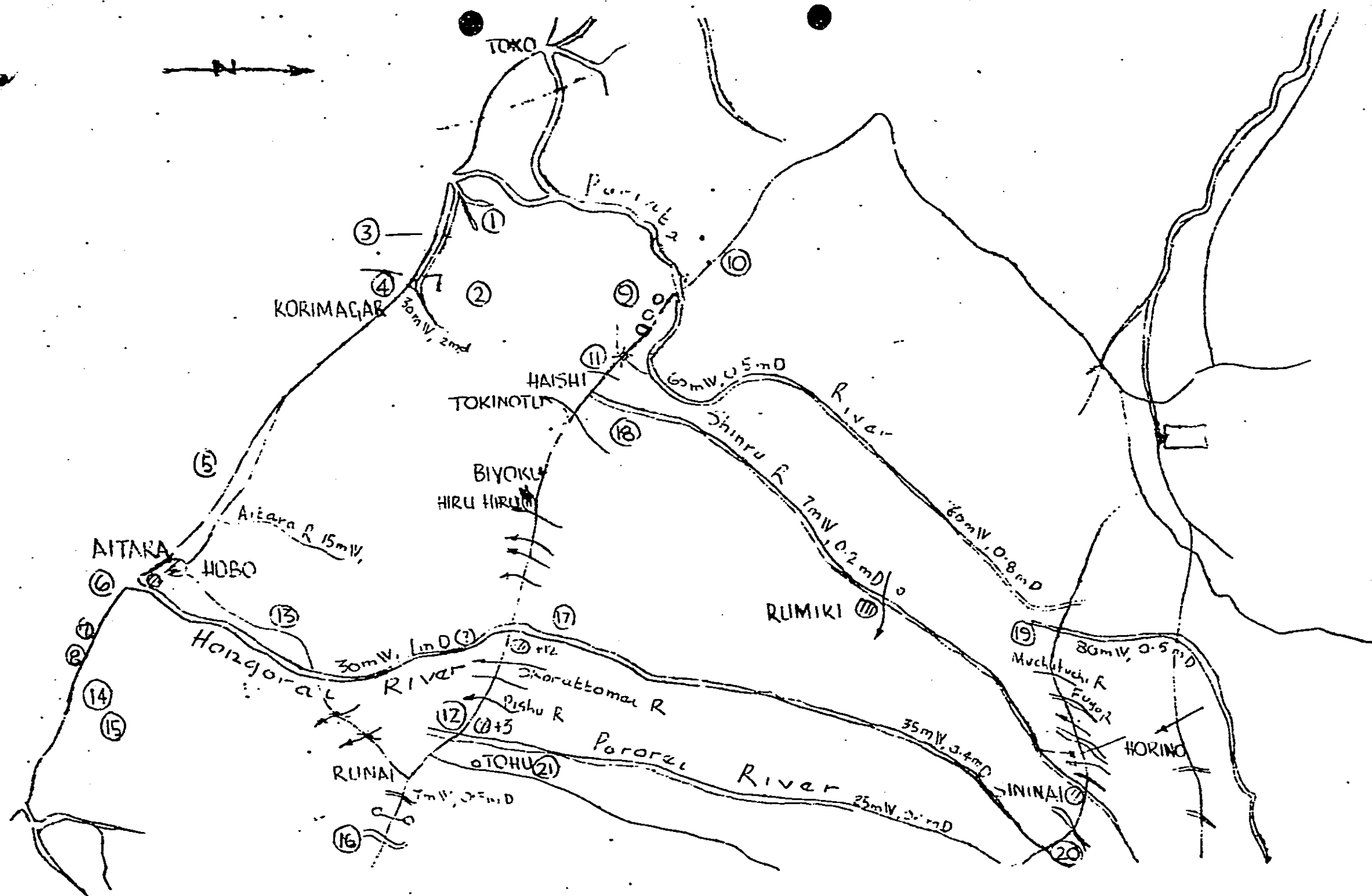
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SOUTH WEST SECTOR TOPOGRAPHICAL
SKETCH MAP

Scale 1/50,000 compiled from numerous
reconnaissances since Mar 43.
Produced by 23 Inf Regt May 43.

- LEGEND : (TN): Conventional signs not as in original)
-  Gardens
 -  One hut
 -  The figure within the bracket indicates the number of huts
 -  Inserted by translator; figure refers to notes below :-

NOTES :

1. Moist ground in numerous places
2. Easy to pass through jungle
3. Suitable camp site on this line
4. River, depth more than 2 m, width 30 m. On the coast NIPA is abundant - impossible to pass. A branch stream joins the marsh.
5. The low lying ground is swampy. Although there is a place near the coast where an airfield could be built, the EAST-WEST width being narrow, it is not suitable.
6. The river mouth is tidal and easy to cross; ^{on} the coast NIPA is abundant.
7. 150 m from the coast and 30-50 m in width, is an area with no creeks but muddy, a single soldier is unable to cross. Though tides have a big effect, the average depth of water is 1 - 2 m.
8. In many places there is a swampy belt of 5-20m in width which can be crossed with timber and tools.
9. On the south bank near the PURLATA river are cliffs of 6 m. Unable to climb without construction.
10. River width 60 m, depth 0.3 m. The bottom is gravelly and usually changes. North bank usually cliffs of 4 m.
11. On both sides the trees are comparatively few.
12. No steep banks.
13. From 100-150 m from the coast, there is a tidal marsh 100 m wide. Water grass is abundant. It is difficult to use boats for construction; it is also difficult for a single soldier to cross

14. There is a great deal of mud and water - about 100 m in width. Water grass is abundant.
15. Although there are several marshy patches, they can be crossed after simple construction.
16. No stream but moist ground.
17. Mixed grass 10 feet high, difficult to pass through.
18. New assembly
19. Thought that the rivers meet
20. Steep banks, 50 degrees, pack horse are not able to cross
21. Main road to KOPINGA. The stream between TOHU and KOPINGA, though not bridged, can be crossed by pack horse.

GENERAL NOTES

Bridge Construction

In the case of small streams, though the majority of the bridges are constructed with beams, these generally being rotten, in many cases it is necessary to use pack horses.

Gardens

The gardens are distributed along the tracks and streams; their products are chiefly potatoes, and also bananas, pawpaws and taro.

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1. Two loose, handwritten sheets. Letter from OC "O" Unit to 1st Lt YASUKIWAUCHI of "MI" Unit. Dated 27 Apr. (TN Presumably "O" and "MI" refer respectively to WO OGAWA 9 Bty 6 Fd Arty and Capt MIYOSHI 8 Bty 6 Fd Arty - ref Interrogation report No 20. In this and the other documents of this batch "O" and "MI" have been translated as OGAWA and MIYOSHI respectively). Translator No 84. Full translation.

To 1st Lt YASUKIWAUCHI.

I take it that you are fighting hard every day. OGAWA pl has been in good spirits since leaving -- (TN Name of place not given) in Jan and furthermore thank you for the tobacco. There has been no great change in the enemy situation. The construction of the new position and preparations of the dummy position are almost complete. We are planning to use diversionary tactics again very soon in order to kill the enemy and capture his weapons and ammunition. At present we are equipped with type 96 MG and captured weapons and the unit OC OGAWA and his men are in good spirits. The only trouble is that we are short of captured Czech automatic rifle ammunition. We are thinking of capturing some ammunition from the enemy but if there is any automatic rifle ammunition in the Regt Ord Sec will you arrange to have it sent to us. Our MG ammunition and the captured rifle ammunition is the same, and we have 3400 rounds. This amount is not enough for the MG and five captured rifles that we have, so please make some arrangements to have some ammunition sent. How is the enemy situation in front of MIYOSHI unit. There seems to be a considerable amount of bombing and shelling going on. Is there any change in the situation? Praying for your success. For details ask Sgt F.G. TOMO.

OGAWA Unit CC
27 Apr.

2. Three loose, handwritten sheets in envelope. Letter and enclosure from OC OGAWA Unit to Sgt Maj KUROKI. Dated 27 Apr 0430 hrs at New OGAWA Position. Translator No 84. Full translation of letter, summary of enclosure.

To Sgt Maj KUROKI

Urgent matters

The attached sheet is in answer to your request for a casualty list.

There is no change in the enemy situation, ask Sgt F.G. TOMO for details.

We are at our wits end, doing guard duty and construction work day in and day out, but the men are working ardently.

We have not any spoils as yet but hope to get some.

We are equipped mostly with captured weapons and are planning to get more by using guerrilla tactics.

As for news, we will send some with the next communication.

My regards to the other officers

What is the situation confronting HQ 3 Bn, 9 Bty, 8 Bty and 7 Bty.

Praying for your success. Sgt HIRAKAWA and the rest of the section leaders are in good health.

My regards to sq leader OKAJIMA.

OC OGAWA Unit
27 Apr 0430

(TN : Enclosure)
29 Mar - 20 Apr

KIA 9 Bty

30 Mar 45 HAIISHI
" " " "

1st Lt SAKAKI
1 sgt maj
2 sgt
2 cpls
6 ptes

18 Apr 45 KIMMAKU OGAWA
position No 2 Sentry Post

1 cpl

22 Apr 45 KIMMAKU OGAWA
position

2 ptes

Note : Sup Pte MORIYAMA who was KIA on 28 Mar is not included

29 Mar to 20 Apr

WIA 9 Bty

30 Mar 45 HAIISHI

Capt ASADA admitted to hospital

3 sgts-2-

1 pte

31 Mar 45 "

2 sgts

1 pte

3 Apr 45 "

1 pte

18 Apr 45 KIMMAKU OGAWA
position near No 1
and No 2 Sentry Post

1 sgt

3 ptes-2-

22 Apr 45 KIMMAKU OGAWA
position

1 sgt

3. One loose, handwritten sheet in envelope. Report from OC OGAWA Unit to OC 11 Unit. Dated 27 Apr 0430 hrs. Translator No 84, full translation:

To OC 11 Unit
Report

The details will be given by Sgt NAGATOMO

I take it that you are fighting very hard. The men in OGAWA Unit are in good health and doing construction work and guard duty.

Since constructing the new position Sup Pte MIZUTA has been constantly contracting malaria; can you arrange to send a replacement so that he can return to the battery to be treated. Sup Pte OGAWA, who returned from OGAWA Unit, will be a satisfactory replacement. If it is in your power please make arrangements.

Apart from the fact that the new position is almost complete, there is no change in the situation here.

At the present time two men are carrying out concealed patrol duty on the road in front of the position. There is a sentry on the road at the rear of the position doing guard duty and labour work. The position is mainly equipped with captured weapons. We are planning to capture more weapons and ammunition by using the same diversionary tactics.

Five men including the sentry group leader of 7 Bty sentry group came to OGAWA Unit after being attacked by the enemy. This was one of the reasons why we sent Sgt NAGATOMO to contact the battery to make arrangements for their rations.

Please send a detailed account of the battery situation, enemy situation in MIYOSHI Unit area, method of communication between OGAWA Unit, future movements, outline of duty, and action to be taken in case of emergency.

Ask Sgt NAGATOMO for the situation in our area

It is about time for enemy patrols to make their appearance so we are taking strict security measures.

Praying for your success.

OC OGAWA Unit
27 Apr 0430 hrs.

4. Nine, loose, handwritten sheets rough notes. Date, location and unit not stated. Translator No 84.
Extracts:

<u>9 Bty</u>	<u>Weapons lost</u> (wear and tear)	<u>9 Bty</u>	<u>Weapons lost</u>
Type 30 bayonets	25	LMG	1
Type 38 Rifles	24	Wire cutters	2
Type 26 pistols	3	Shovels	10
Type 96 LMG	1	Rifle amm	4200
Czech	1	Automatic	800
Wire cutters	2	Pistol	150
Shovels	15	Czech	400
Bayonets	25	Captured rifle	1900 (TN sic)
Rifles	25	Mortars	40
Pistols	3	Grenades	111

To Sgt maj OKASHIMA

I presume you have heard of the coy situation by now, but here is the present situation. The OG Bty and 7 men were wounded and 13 men were killed in action, including 1st Lt SAKAKI

List of Articles

Rifle amm	4600 rds
Automatic rifle amm	800 "
Grenades	136

9 Bty Weapons and amm prior to combat

Type 30 bayonets	43
Type 38 rifles	36
carbine	1
Automatic rifle	1
Grenade throwers	3
Pistols	3
Shovels	30
Type 96 LMG	2

One loose, handwritten sheet List of Equipment OGAWA P1, 18 Apr (TN : In this case OGAWA is written full in the original). Translator No 84. Full translation.

OGAWA P1

18 Apr		18 Apr	
LMG	2	Captured Rifle	2 40 rds
Captured rifles	5	Captured grenades	2
pistol	5		
Rifle	2	18 Apr	
Grenade thrower	1	<u>Expended amm</u>	
Grenade	30	Rifle amm	200 rds
		Grenades	10
		Rifle damaged(2)	1

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