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SER. NO.	DATE	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	ORIGIN.	MESSAGE NO. etc	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN.
<u>794.</u>	30 DEC	0800		2/9	Phone.	C reports several JAPS, 30 yds. N. of OK bank, went into hole carrying tins similar to in biscuit tins. (1) bag. filed on them. No movement since.	B.M. advised (V.)
<u>795.</u>	"		0800		(OUT 43)	B.M. buds. confuser. Copy filed.	
<u>796.</u>	"		0920	B.M.	Phone (OUT 45)	To C.02/10 - 2/12 C.O. on way up to make reser with reser. COL. ARNOLD to decide on frontage he will use. These personnel to be refused both on orders to reconstitute 2/10 at SE end of STRIP. 2/9 coming into reser. C.O. 2/10 at present at 27725 (BUNA LOCALITY).	To C.02/10.
<u>797.</u>	"		0930	1800	086 (OUT 46)	Tank position - mine (9) O.K., two (2) bogged. Export scoreable to day. One temporarily unscorable probably scoreable to day. One unscorable needing high local repairs	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd adv N.G.F.
<u>798.</u>	"	1000		Lt. Col IRWIN.	Phone (IN 95)	H. Col. IRWIN notified that engs. would be exploding charges in CAPE ENDAIA DEKE area morning 30 DEC.	Units informed.
<u>799.</u>	"		1000	B.M.	Phone.	Ray May. GIARD and asked him to ensure that all ranks familiarised with thickness JAP pillboxes in their area, and to think out means of attacking similar ones. Warned him of internal keys which might make our grenades insufficient	

1550. S3 128 Reg. inquired about front to be taken over by 2/12 as 2/10 not at present holding 400' of front that area. Informed Coy 4th + 128 Reg this to be settled by direct liaison with HQ advised of result. Maj Boncher said this already under way by direct liaison 2/12 + 3/128.

Maj Boncher

1550. on 087. does it mean that Coy 17 2/10 are to be in new location by 1900. Referred to Comd. Informed 2/10 that 'new tps to be in place by 1900'. 2/10 cons to reach new areas soon as possible after

1605. 9 available. 1 almost certainly available by 0800. 1 Steer killed under fire. 3R tree mowing, 1 Jaw Jar NOT moving over the line of

1630. Col Bradley says through the line of ~~location of 128 Reg~~ ~~SE~~ ~~Urbona Pt.~~ Urbona Front.

1640. Ray S2 128 Reg. patrol from 127 Reg URBANA contacted B Coy 128 Reg. No details.

1645. Ray 2/12 food. most of 2/12 in position but 2/10 have NOT yet moved out.

2/12 23/12

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800	30 DEC	1100	2/10	Phons.		'D' + 'B' Bays, left of <u>S</u> in SIMEMI CK at 283254 - 27952525. 'A' + 'C' 27302570 - 27402565 27252580 - 27302570 - 27202560 Held by Coy. 2/9 + U.S. Res.	Lit. map.
801	"	1105	128 Rgt.	Phons.		A/126. Rt. flank 27252585. B/126. Left flank 27202565 B/128 Left flank 27402540. C/128 Left flank 27342565 A/128 Right 27802535 C/128 Right " 27902530. I/128 278249. I/126 27702515.	Lit. map.
802	"	1200	NGF	Letter		Most recent LAND TO SEA IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS for three days 1200/L 30 DEC/42.	B.M. seen.
803	"	1500	NGF	Letter		Strip No 132 to 1700 L/29 Dec + No 133 to 0400 L 30 Dec. 4 copies translation of last entries in JAP Diary (1 to File, 2/9, 2/10, 2/12).	Bde. Cmt + B.M. seen.
804	"	1500	128 Rgt.	Phons		Major BEAVER has arrived area has taken over from 3/128. Inq. for a recce.	B.M. informed (V.)
805	"	1230	B.M.	Phons (OUT 147)		Warned 2/10 + 128 Rgt. of possible U.S. patrol from other front on our left flank.	
806	"	1130	B.M.	Phons (OUT 147)		4/74 reinforcements arrived at Bde Report 6 intercomms in pm. B.M. spoke to Lt. TAYLOR re-dispositions.	
807	"	1530	18 Bde	IS 66.		Passwords. Same ^{as to-day} work will continue until 1200 hrs 31 Dec. New list will be set by first D.R.	Sent to all units. New list sent by D.R. L.S.

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<u>808.</u>	30 DEC	1805		I.O.	Phone	H.Q. now back at 287250 - just fwd. of tin hut. C.P. will be at 'D' Coy. H.Q. Form of 2/9. 1/23 fwd 'D' Coy. H.Q. 1/73 with 'A' Coy.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
<u>809.</u>	"	1900		1/126	Phone.	Enquired re - password for to - night, also if barges were to come up to CAPE to - night. Have taken re defence of CAPE.	
<u>810.</u>	"	1900		BECH.	Phone.	Wanted to know if barges are expected to come up to CAPE to night.	
<u>811.</u>	"	1900	1530	Adv H.Q. 18 Bds.	A (OUT 147)	As from 1600 hrs 30 DEC. 42 ADS situated area 312229 will NOT accept patients of any class. all personnel requiring requiring medical attention will be sent to A.D.S. situated 290229 BUNA LOCALITY REVISED MAP.	Sent to all units. Sit. map.
<u>812.</u>	"	1915		2/9 ISgt	Phone.	Small fire about 100 yds. S.E. GIROPA PT. just inside coconuts commencing at about 1900. White smoke. No shelling or mortaring as far as could be seen at the time, to start fire. Possibly JAP doing some burning of dead.	B.M. advised (V).
<u>813.</u>	30 DEC		2105	18 Bde	085 (OUT 148)	Bu reliefs 128 US right effected today @ 1/126 US. Bu now Cape Endaiadere with under Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bu less one Coy. Area old ship line runs 2/10 Aust Inf Bu less two coys 283254 to 279253 then 3/128 US Bu to 275257	To 32 U.S. Div. Sit. map.

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813. (cont)	30 DEC.					then two cap 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn and one cap 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn. to 273 258 meeting 1/128 U.S. ln. forming flank guard through 272257 to 274254. Otherwise nothing to report. (IMMEDIATE)	
814.	"	2105		G3 32 U.S. Div.	Phone (IN96)	TO URBANA FORCE, WARREN FORCE, 18Bdr, ALBERT. M.M. G. motor and arty. fire will be restricted to an area south of a line through STRIP PT. A 2018 point off BUNA MISSION at A0032 and SIWORI VILLAGE D1031 except in the event of an attack from these.	B.M. shown (M.) all units informed by 090 (OUT 151). Sent at 2130. To <u>ACK.</u>
815.	"		2045	18Bdr	087 (OUT 149)	Message re-relief to be completed by 31 Dec. preparatory to proposed ops. Copy of message filed.	To 2/10 rptd 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9 Bdr left center for LT THOMAS
816.	"	2044		CAPT. GUILTY	Phone.	Reported large seen proceeding south of CAPE ENOAIADERE down coast.	Rear Regt 4. Back was and stranded morning early 30 Dec.
817.	"		2135	18Bdr	Phone 089 (OUT 159)	You 4653 ACK.	To 32 U.S. Div.
818.	"	2150		ISgt 249.	Phone	Reported sound of motor out to sea off GIROPA PT.	

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819	30 DEC	2245		2/10	Phone	all quiet on front.	
820	31 DEC	0330		2/9	Phone	Sitnor.	
821	"	0335		2/10	Phone	Sitnor.	Step - sitnor phoned to G3 at 0400 hrs, 31 DEC.
822	"	0340		2/12	Phone	Sitnor.	
823	"	0345		128 Rcpt.	Phone	Sitnor.	
824	"	0350		1/126	Phone	Sitnor.	
825	"	0705	0650	2/10	Phone	a patrol in 'D' bay saw activity SE coconuts. Digging - all over JAPS to contain other mortar them	B.M. informed (V.)
826	"	0705	0640	2/10	Phone	'A' bay. saw JAP carrying lt. automatic to a pon in front of 'C' bay 50' from coconuts. also 2 JAPS carrying what seemed like a ruck towards GIRDPA. Enemy snipers active. Vickers turned on to them. They started sniping again when firing on.	B.M. informed (V.) Passive from Americans.
827	"	0850		128 Rcpt.	Phone	3 or 4 dead Australians found. What action should we take.	SC informed B.M. informed (V.) through Sgt Brinkley
828	"	0855		I.O. 2/10	Phone	In front 'A' bay 5 JAPS seen ^{moving} towards SINE MICH empty handed. American on Rcpt O.P. says coconuts trees being done up for snipers L.O. reports American patrol going out - can't patrol into grassland.	B.M. informed (V.)
829	"	0910		MAJOR LUPINANT (54)	Phone	S.C. ordered boxes with rations to move. He knew of tubes of mortar.	
830	"	0920		I.O. 2/10	Phone	arty. shifted 3 + 5 JAPS from pillboxes.	B.M. informed (V.) S.C. informed (V.)

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831	31 DEC.	0850		Lt. Col IRWIN (IN)	Phone	Lt. Col IRWIN reported that explosives had been carried out with concussion charges & were continuing with flame throwers. He is submitting full report. In consultation with buds 2/10, 2/12 Bde he has arranged for a supply of 5 lb. concussion charges for mopping up parties. Anticipates these will be available for ops 1/1.	Phoned to B.M.
832	"	0845		Adyt. 2/10 (IN)	Phone	Ray to say that S.E. end of accounts had been engaged by smoke and full-sight shots had been fired in return - could not ascertain whether fd. works still occupied. Snipers still active on 'C' Coy. flank.	Phoned to B.M.
833	"		0905			Bde. Bnd. spoke to tk. sp. officers.	
834	"	0910		F.O.O.	Phone	F.O.O. reports one pill box being hit by fwd. gun. 6 JAPS ran to another pill box.	Phoned to B.M.
835	"		0935	18 Bde	091 (OUT 152)	Units will take immediate steps to remedy present tardiness in acknowledging messages when ACK. asked for.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12.
836	"	1000		2/9 Bn	Phone	A small fire broke out in JAP lines about 100 yds from mouth of. Still burning, similar to other fires.	B.M. advised (V.)
837	"	1015	0930	Arty.	Phone	Smith O.P. Engaged pillbox on extreme S. end edge of account zone. Pillbox same as previously reported as containing two H.M.G.'s. 3 direct hits with 119 cap on. Ammunition changed to 231 feet - 3 more direct hits. 10 JAPS seen to vacate M.G. pillbox for emplacement in area. After some	B.M. informed (V.)

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837 (cont)	31 DEC					with 231 smoke was seen issuing from hole of approx 1 1/2 - 2 minutes indicating that the water was quite deep. Small fire behind pillbox? in A.A. area.	
838	"	1027		O. C. 92 L.A.D.	Phone	Four sized vessel visible on horizon approx. bearing 50°.	Ray G.2. 32 U.S. Div. Beach watch saw nothing.
839	"	1050		G.2. 32 Div.	Phone	Investigated request - for air. photos. 32 Div. reported request to N.G.F.	Mr. CONNOLLY advised to ring N.G.F. direct.
840	"	1057		CAPT. DIAMOND 92 L.A.D.	Phone	8 chains south of cape at bearing of 56°. Boat now moving.	32 U.S. Div. infund.
841	"		1153	18 Bds	Phone	Ray G.2. 32 U.S. Div. to ask if he had any report of A.A. guns from this or BUNA front, opening fire at 1020 hrs this morning. Told him we were interested in A.A. guns, and also of A.A. burst presumed, near by LT. CONNOLLY 1020 this morning.	G.2. has <u>NO</u> report of A.A. fire from this or other front.
842	"	1217		I.O. 2/10	Phone	Quiet on front. R.A.A.F. planes seem to be strafing BUNA mission.	Bde. Bnd + B.M. informed.
843	"	1230		N.G.F.	SAFE HAND.	Straf. NO 134 to 1700 L/30 + NO 135 to 0400 L/31. also patrol translation captured document.	Bde. Bnd + B.M. pinned.
844	"		1530	18 Bds.	(IN) IS 68 (OUT)	Substitution Map. Ref code will come into effect as from 1200 hrs. 31 DEC/42. STRAFED NIP. 0123456789. This cancels all special grids and previous map. ref. codes. (NOT BY PHONE.) (NOT BY W/T.)	To all units.

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845	31 DEC 1435			128 Regt.	Plans.	128 has new O.P. with an excellent view of coconuts although coast does not show too clearly. Just before aty. opened (time to be checked by CAPT. KHAILE) for 9 JAPS were seen moving in vicinity of pillboxes. When aty. fired these JAPS collected their gear and ran back into the coconuts. Did NOT make use of any connecting trench. There has NOT been much activity in this area.	
846	"			B/128		Patrol from 127 U.S. Regt. contacted B/128 at 273 256 (BUNA LOCALITY).	
847	"	1720		128 Regt.	Plans.	Observed spot of drums scattered through-out coconut grove - thrown about in no apparent order. Trenches (TAP) at 27642465. O.P. is 27842495.	See map.
848	"	1810		CAPT. KHAILE	Plans.	Further to serial 845. Capt. KHAILE should to say that there three dozen odd barrels seen 200-300 yds. from this end of coconut grove scattered on an area of 200x. Have fired mortars on barrels which burst and flame up with small explosion. Trying to hit as many as possible. Difficult to see except from O.P.	Bde. Cmd. & B.M. informed (V.)
849	"		1830	18 Bde.	092 (over 154)	Confirming verbal arrangement made with Col. MARTIN. + Major CLARKSON right flank 1/12 U.S. Co. will maintain contact with left rear 2/12 Aust. Inf Bn. during ops. 1 JAN.	128 U.S. Regt. report 2/12 hrs.

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850	31 DEC 7 00			N.G.F. Adv.	APPXA or G23. (IN 98)	copy No 2. INTER SERVICE RECOGNITION.	Show to B.M.
851	"		2239 30 DEC.	18 Bde.	By hand	18 Bde. op. System. No 2.	Issued to all units.
852	"		1755	18 Bde	I 569 (OUT 155)	Letter to 1800 hrs 2/31. Copy in file and relay of positions.	Sent to all units.
853	"	1930	1800	32 U.S. Div.	4719 (IN 99)	ack. op. order. No 2. copy No 8, 31 Dec. EICHELBERGER.	B.M. advised (V.)
854	"		2035	18 Bde	I 570 (OUT 156)	Letter to 2000 2/31. Copy filled.	T. 32 U.S. Dir, ystd aty 18 Bde adv N. G.F., 128 Regt.
855	"	2040	2010	2/10	I 52 (IN 100)	Ack. to I 569.	
856	"	2020		B.M.	Kabel (OUT 157)	Arranged with Major THOMAS for relay of WIRRAWAYS from 0645. He is to advise B.M. if arrangements NOT O.K. This is NOT for noise camouflage but to spot for any guns firing at tanks as they move up OLOSTRIP to F.V.P.	
857	"	2215		2/10	Phase	Pull trucks, definitely aty. one or two V.S.A. motors mixed with it.	B.M. informed
858	"	2227		2/10	Phase	Motor at base salvage dump as far as known. Capt. WILSON informed it would be sent fwd. at earliest opportunity.	

OPS

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Coy 2/10 reported that
 line was being established
 and contact being made.
 Coy 2/10 had got right high
 and they were into coconuts
 when Coy were "mowed
 down" by our own tanks.
 Had this not happened
 anything would have gone
 through.

Coy
 & Co 2/10

2210

In morning line to be
 advanced to that of
 today's start line requiring
 any ground lost. Co.
 trying to work as explained
 although will pass order.
 would be retained overnight.

25/12

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19 JAN	722	0730		2/9	Phone	<p>Sitrep: - Party of 20 JAPS attempted to reach mouth of GIRUWA RIVER from direction TARAKENA at 0300 hrs. shot up by 'A' Coy. 5 JAPS killed, good number wounded, who made 'brush'.</p> <p>'C' Coy reported 4 Japs killed, 1 wounded, attempting to reach SANANANDA from South along M.T. Rd.</p> <p>1 pl 'D' Coy. moved west along track to aid 2/10. Left at 0630 hrs.</p> <p>1 pl 'C' Coy. moved at first light South along M.T. Rd. to track where 'C' reached yesterday. This pl. will be relieved by 'B' Coy. when it reaches ck.</p>	B.M. informed (V) SIT.MAP.
"	723	0715		2/12	Phone	D' feeling fwd. JAP 2 M.G. firing. Awaiting further report.	B.M. informed (V)
"	724	0735		2/10	Phone	Fwd. tps. has observed firing from jungle to sea from opposite LARGE BOOT (KUNAI). Thinks this firing coming from pl. which remained at last night. Enemy activity ^{since first light} 'B' Coy. few rifle shots fired on track, also observed 2 Japs on track without equipment, taking cover in sand.	B.M. informed (V)
"	725	0732	C.O. 2/12		Phone	Enemy still holding in strength in pos. of last night. 2/12 attacking with 'D' Coy. round it. flank. 'A' Coy 2/10 around left flank. Motor support.	B.M. informed (V) Ops SIT.MAP.
"	726	0750	C.O. 2/10		Phone	Japs on track still in position. Earliest attack unsuccessful. 'B' Coy moving round about 3/400 ⁺ down track fire observed coming from inland.	Phoned to B.M. Ops SIT.MAP.
"	727	0755 0755	B.M.		Phone	To C.O. 2/9: - Told him 2/10 had only made further advance of approx. 20 ⁺ and of attacking movements.	Phoned to B.M. SIT.MAP.
"	728	0800		2/9	Phone	On track @ one point taken but held in strength. Pl being sent round. (C) 'C' Coy. has struck round ck.	Phoned to B.M. Ops SIT.MAP.
"	729	0827		2/10	Phone	'D' Coy. pushed fwd. 20 ⁺ along track. Held up by same opposition as yesterday. Some casualties. 'B' Coy. moving round on rt. flank of 'D' Coy. to come in from South and enemy pos. approx. 200 ⁺ from 'D' Coy. fwd. tps. Banjo spotted last night, not to be seen this morning. Pl of 'C' Coy. quarters B.H.Q. has gone to pos. in W. E. P.H. previously occupied by 'D' Coy.	B.M. informed (V) SIT.MAP.

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19 JAN.	730		0820	18 Bdr.	I 46	Sitrep No 21 to 0800 hrs.	To 7 Aust. Div. up to 163 Rgt, 14 Bde, 30 Bde.
"	731	0855		2/10	Phone	2/10 can bring mortar fire on a target which they can ^{not} see 2/9. Would 2/9 like them to do a time shoot - Not required at moment but will endeavour arrange arrange similar shoot later as required.	Phoned to B.M. ops
"	732	0900		B.M.	Phone	60 mortar bombs on way. No probability of further. To 2/9 Bn.	ops
"	733	0905		2/12	Phone	Slight progress on left. To C.O. 2/12 told him that no limitation in his mortar. His task to clean up M.T. rd. arty available with unlimited ammo. Ask for all that he wants	Phoned to B.M. ops B.M. advised C.O. 2/12 re arty available
"	734	0940	2005/18	14 Bdr.	I 63	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	Bdr. buds to B.M. infund (M) ops
"	735	0940	0840	30 Bdr.	I 117	Sitrep to 0800 hrs. No change.	B.M. infund. (M)
"	736	0940	0810	7 Aust. Div.	D 160	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	B.M. infund. (M). Show to Bdr. bud + B.M. (M).
"	737	1010		I.O. 2/10	Phone	Patrol from 'B' Coy sent at 18 Jan. returned A.M. 19 JAN. Went down approx 200' from rd. 'D' Coy. Dark then + slept in swamp. A.M. 19 JAN. pushed fwd. approx 70' from coast. Mortar fire just ahead of them. Came back 100' + tried to get through pit of swamp. Returned to WYE PT. Did not strike KUNPI patch. 2 pls. 'B' Coy. working to come in from south. shy shy 50' pl. Bn.	B.M. infund (V) ops
"	738	1012	0855	14 Bdr.	I 64	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	B.M. infund. (M)
"	739	0955		2/9 Bn.	Phone	No headway against pillboxes on track possible. of same type as BUNA so thinks mortar no good. Ph. endeavouring with work road left. H.M.G. ready on PHOTOMAP at 3244 pl. on M.T. road.	Phoned to B.M. ops
"	740	1010		2/12	Phone	2/12 successful on left of rd. at 298286. now advancing on two cos. front and ar to attack enemy line at approx 211288. Has liaised with 2/9 re arty fire for attack + supporting of 2/9 advised dash M.T. rd to [Informed them of above. Tail of 2/12 now clear of mine 256283. asked them to arrange for U.S. tps. to take over behind 2/12. If possible to send L.O. to 2/12 B.H. 9]	Phoned to B.M. ops ← B.M. to 7 Aust. Div
"	741	1025	1025	B.M.	Phone	To C.O. 2/9. Bombing of track NOT on. Arrangements to be made with 2/10 to clear flanking tps. to safe distance to allow arty. fire. Ample arty. available. Advise 18 Bdr. H. 9. when in position to use arty. F.O.O. with 2/10 to be used	ops

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19 JAN.	742.		1030	B.M.	Phone	B.M. to C.O. 2/10 - Told him that C.O. 2/9 will be leaving re-bringing arty down on track. F.O.O. 2/10 to be used as safety line in front of 2/10 + 2/9. Will report what is arranged.	ops
"	743.	1048	0825	1634 S. Regt.	By hand.	strip to 0800h.	Message shown to B.M.
"	744.	1125	0940	BECH. 2/9.	Phone	2 parties of JAPS, 60 each, 200-290 in jungle W. of KUNAI patch. making North towards CAPE KILLERTON. all Japs armed, packs + weapons. Ration party ahead for + JAPS march off North.	Bdr. & cmd. B.M. informed (V.) } 18 Bds H.Q. guard (V.) } tightened up. 2/10, 2/9 } 39 Bds at plantation, 2/12 } also Trust. Div.
"	745.	1125		I Sgt. 2/10	Phone	'D' Coy. fwd. elements report 3 M.G. spots in their way.	
"	746.		1123			Arty. programme on track arranged for 1130-1150.	
"	747.	1152		Escort (1) with Ration party.	VERBAL	Reported seeing 2 Japs on track from Bdr. H.Q. to KILLERTON VILLAGE. 300 yds back shot at one & heard him squeal.	Bdr. bndt B.M. infnd (V)
"	748.	1200	1130	BECH 2/10	Phone	7 Japs. crossed trail heading west 1/2 mile north of COCONUT plantation. approx. 289293	Bdr. bndt + B.M. infnd (V) 18 Bdr. H.Q. on ALERT.
"	749.	1205		TAC/R. 2. m.		Plane fired on by M.G. which had track ann. at approx. 210297. Leaflets dropped between TARAKENA & GIRUWA. Some attempt seems to have been made to conceal WIRRAWAY.	Bdr. bndt + B.M. infnd.
"	750.	1225		2/10	Phone	'D' Coy. Two pls. proceeded to push fwd. at 1205. As yet no report of progress. One M.G. + also rifle fire from enemy. Our hrs. putting on grenades. Flank still pushing fwd. No contact made. 108 rds. mortar exploded with success. 5 still operating.	B.M. informed (V.)
"	751.		1142			Arty. short battery did to 1200 hrs.	2/9, 2/10 notified by B.M. + O.K. ops
"	752.		1145	B.M.	Phone	Re-signal 744. B.M. corrected message to 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 re-Jap parties. 20 + 46 = 60	ops
"	753.			B.M.	Phone	to C.O. 2/12. (1) Told of 2/9, 2/10 attack after arty shot. ZERO 1200 hrs. (2) Pressure being maintained.	ops
"	754.	1230		2/9 Bm	Phone	Brastal movement is extremely heavy swamp. Pl. Encircling now round flank. Further pl. being sent to hold track junction. PHOTOMAP 3041 to suit possible 2 of C.	Phone to B.M. ops
"	755.	1235		2/10	Phone	Mortar + arty fire had no effect on the 3 M.G. parts holding up 'D' Coy.	B.M. informed (V.)

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<p><u>NOTE FOR DUTY OFFICERS:</u></p> <p>Keep upgd. on trying to contact 2/9. When they are contacted inform B.M. If off contacted during night of B.M. inform B.M. at 0630. If line NOT through <u>wake B.M. 0600.0630.</u></p>						
19/4	779	2025	MAFO (C)		Full Coy AMERICANS in position desig. noted by B.M.	B.M. informed.
"	780	2040	KAPo (C)	MAFO (2)	Re S.T for 20/1 a.m.	
"	781	2120	JABE (C)		Requesting patrol permission for 2 patrols to pick up CAPE KILLERTON area.	B.M. informed & give permission
"	782	2130	JABL KAPo (6)		Re: above. Permission given by B.M. to patrol same area but in different time.	
///	783	2145	LOGO (2)		LOGO line now in. B.M. gave details attack a.m. 20/1 to 7.	
"	784	2205	GI		Re proposed visit of G.O.C.	
"	785	220	JABE		Some of motor inventory - CANNOT give details.	B.M. informed.
"	786	2207	G3T		PT boats operating around SANANANAH.	B.M. for LOGO & JABE informed.
"	787	2325	JABE JABE 6		8 Japanese in water off Point B. Apparently part of party previously reported. In rocks off point. JABE attempting to deal with	10 in/pt
"	788	2343	NANI NANI		Inquiring re someone MAFO sending back through MISKET. MAFO states someone handed over to Americans. Don't know if they were from MISKET. NANI 4 informed.	

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20/1	787		0020	JABE		Day no further news re Japs in water. Day report some swimming fact then also at approx 0005. Trying to ascertain what direction. All about.	
"	790		0030	NANI4		Prisoners has not arrived at MUSKET yet. Everything tied up for interrogation on arrival & info will be given.	
"	791		0147	JABE		Can hear men climbing trees may be worried by snipers in morning - otherwise all quiet.	
"	792		0420	JABE		Situation unchanged	
"	793	0715	1645 19	2/9	Plms	ACK to I48.	
"	794		1605 19	18 Bde	0126	Confirming verbal orders 2/9, 2/10 hrs will attack enemy on beach East of SANANANDA 0700 hrs 20 Jan. Arty. will fire time programme 0645 to 0700 hrs. Sigs synchronise night 19/20 JAN. Final synchronisation 10600 hrs 20 JAN. (IMMEDIATE ex. ptd 2/12 Bn)	ops To 2/9, 2/10, Arty 18 Bde ptd 2/12 Bn. I.O. to check on Sigs.
"	795	0715	1700 19	7 Aust Div.	I67	TAC/71345-1515/19.	Show to B.M.(M).
"	796	0715	1700 19	1630.S. Rgt.	44	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	Show to Bde Cds & B.M.(M)
"	797	0715	1800 19	14 Bde	I65	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	798	0715	1820 19	7 Aust Div.	0168	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	Show to Bde Cds & B.M.(M).
"	799		18 JAN	7 Aust Div.	G51/47	JAPAI/K. miss. Report on JAPAI/K. miss found on SANANANDA TR. 15 JAN/43.	Show to Bde Cds & B.M.(M)
"	800		0800			2/9 on beach has taken one pill-box but held up by H.M.G. maintaining pressure & closing in from flank. Small number of JAPS. Bel tried to cross GIRUWA from East during night. Two (probably four) Japs reported to have come in East of GIRUWA.	Reported to B.M. Passed to 7 Aust. Div. ops
"	801		18 JAN	7 Aust Div.		Documents found 1/2 mile shore Rd. Block. 163. U.S. Rgt area - 16 JAN/43.	Show to B.M.

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20 JAN.	802	0805		2/10	Phone.	Held up at 208198 at line of ck.	Phoned to B.M. Ops.
"	803	0810		2/12	Phone.	Pocket on M.T. rd still held by enemy.	Phoned to B.M. Ops
"	804	0815	1700 19	2/10	By hand.	Sitrep to 1700 hrs & Trace.	Seen by B.M.
"	805	0919	0815	7 Aust. Div.	0171	Sitrep to 0800 hrs	Show to B.M.(M).
"	806	0919	0745	16305 Rpt	NR 45	Sitrep to 0800 L hrs. 20 JAN/43. Sitrep.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	807	0926	0830	30 Bds.	I120	Sitrep to 0800 hrs. Nothing to report.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	808		0910	B.M.	Phone.	Spoke to C.O. 2/12 and passed on Bdr. bnd's wishes that if present attack not thought certain, consideration be given to use of arty, withdrawing fwd. tps. as necessary.	C.O. 2/12 will ring back with decision by 0925. Ops
"	809	0910		2/10	Phone.	2/10 maintaining pressure but still held up at ck.	Phoned to B.M. Ops
"	810		0945	B.M.	Phone	To adjt. 2/12:- Squad to be left on huts with medical eqpt. (List of medical eqpt. captured in Ops. File).	B.M. inform 7 Aust. Div. of these medical stores suggested A.D.M.S. make arrangements to take this war. Ops.
"	811	0945		2/10	Phone.	Present line is at 211296/7 (Dug. fwd tps). Just guns (20m m) + plenty of ammo, breach of one has been taken. 120A Picked around guns 210297. Dead includes one Colonel? Rabaul boy captured says majority of people making for clearing at Rabaul bay.	B.M. informed (V). Check line with 2/9. Fwd. tps. abt 211296. JAP assistance behind fwd. tps.
"	812		0950	B.M.	Phone	Ray 2/12 Bn. told that A.D.M.S. is on move to SANAVANDA going through 2/12 area. Contact him re: info. to be re: captured medical eqpt.	
"	813	1033		7 Aust. Div.	Phone	① TAC/R. 1600 tps. on main Rd. facing south from posn. 208286. ② L.M.G. fix (A/A) at 210298. ③ A/C fixed on by rifles 206284. ④ 20 am tps. at 206308 posn & facing inland. ⑤ 5 Enemy 232287 under small bitumen palms 300' West. Main pocket opping V.S. tps. ⑥ N.M.S. 193268.	Bdr. bnd & B.M. informed (V) SIT.MAP.
"	814	1120		2/9 Bn	Phone.	Motor shoot completed & tps attacking at hnt.	Phoned to B.M. Ops
"	815	1117		2/12	Phone	Arty. commenced 900 hrs. concentration on rd. posn.	Phoned to B.M. Ops

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20 JAN.	816	1135		7 Aust. Div.	By hand.	Enemy Information Review NO 49 for 24 hrs. to 1800 L/18.	Shown to B.M.(M) + Bde. bnd.
"	817	1147		7 Aust. Div.	By hand.	1) Enemy Information Review NO 48 for 24 hrs. to 1800 L/17. 2) Documents found by 18 Bde. H.Q. - 18 JAN/43. 3) Prelim. Interrogation 4 PSW. 18 JAN/43. (63,64,65,66)	Shown to B.M.
"	818	1150	1130	2/9	I 19.	Pa. arranged motor task. opportunity task in area from 206300 GONA LOCALITY South and East to area 206285 then North and East to track 226290.	Shown to B.M.(M)
"	819	1212	1100	4 Aust. Div.	M364	Ref. map GONA LOCALITY. revised track, 1 mile. Medical post now established at 185264 to be known as SANANANDA. Medical posts at 177285 and 178243 will be known as MILLERTON MEDICAL post and AMB post respectively.	SIT. MAP.
"	820			1315		B.M. sent out with escort to 2/9 BW.	
"	821	1350		Narureh ANGAU (V.)		J. Boals. four nights ago brought in fresh tps and took out such wounded "this from RABAU. BOY 2/10 area in payon English interrogation.	Lower before (V) GI. infnd.
"	822	1520		Bateh 2/12	Phone	Advt. of Japs (no estimate) found on carrying party. no East of Cronulla on track to 2/12 Twa. Capt Sulhens has sent Sgt 16 over with Beer to assist.	Cons. infon. (b)
"	823	1520		2/12 5 Sep.	Phone	Estimate of enemy force now against 2/12. 50 riflemen or more and at least 6 LMGs. Attached this am gunner Soyds.	Bde. bnd. infnd. (V.)
"	824	1230		2/9 Bn.	Phone.	Report of 2/10 arranged for 2/9 to strap tops of trees to snipers.	Ops.
"	825		1300	Bde. Cnd.	Phone.	Bde. bnd. spoke to C.O. 2/12 and discussed use of fwd. tps. and M.M.G. to infiltrate enemy pos. found.	Ops.
"	826		1430	Bde. Cnd.	Phone	Bde. bnd. spoke to G.S.O.I. - in view of report by Rabaul native that JAPS were reinforced and supplied by seaborne three nights ago, essential that gap between 18 Bde. and 32 U.S. Div. be filled. Urged GI to have D.G.G.S. get 32 U.S. Div. to fill gap as arranged, otherwise 18 Bde. ops. of no purpose.	Ops.

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20 JAN.	827.	1455		C.O. 2/9.	Phone.	Reports 24 wounded in sea, been there since yesterday. With to-day, totals 30. Native carriers can take back 11 only. Suggested barges to east side SAVANANDA PT.	Bdr. Bnd r.s.c. informd (V.)
"	828.	1455		C.O. 2/12	Phone.	Coy 2/12 now on rt. flank his 'D' Coy. Enemy pocket surrounded. Coy 2/9 going in now. Coy 2/10 in reserve.	Bdr. Bnd. informd (V.)
"	829	1500				6 stretch cases R.A.P. 9 now coming in. Blankets (25 at least) required.	S.C. informd (V.)
"	830			Rear H.Q. 18 Bdr.	Message.	Have received warning order movement.	S.C. informd (M.) Bdr. Bnd. informd (M.)
"	831.	1605	1400	7 Aust. Div.	0174	Stop to 1400 hrs.	Stop to I.O. (M.)
"	832.	1626	1215	14 Bdr	I 67	Stop to 1200 hrs.	Stop to I.O. (M.)
"	833.	1626	1245	1630 S. Rsgt.	46	Stop to 1300 hrs.	Stop to I.O. (M.)
"	834.	1645		G2 7 Aust. Div.	Phone	A.D.M.S. has seen medical stores captured by 2/12. Wants stores left where they are. Suggested that Americans should 2/12 take all guard of stores, which are NOT to be pilfered.	Bdr. Bnd. informd (V.) I.O. msg adjt 2/12 to d'cas suggested by G2 7 Aust. Div.
"	835.	1745		2/10	Phone.	Msg by 96° to SAN. Point. Result 2/9 Ucher shoots. 1620 - 1640 Snipers Quiet. After 1640 Snipers extremely active	io report Bdr. Bnd informd (V.)
"	836.	1750		2/10	Phone.	Own casualties: - 1 + 16 wounded. 1W. on duty. Estimated 42 enemy dead in sea to-day (adv 2/10 advance a.m.).	
"	837.	1755		2/12	Phone	Own casualties to 1630 hrs. incl 'A' Coy 2/10 - 5 killed. 2 + 26 wounded.	
"	838.	1550		G1. 7 Aust. Div.	Phone	To Bdr. Bnd: - 32 U.S. Div. has reached 23 grid. assured him on tics. as WEST of GIRUWA lagoon. Safe to fix on plantation. 32 U.S. Div advised definitely to move.	I.O. 2/9 warned. G/ps
"	839	1605		Bdr. Cnd.	Phone	To C.O. 2/10: - Bay less pl. from K/V to move immediately to east edge of KUNMI patch 198288 where 3 guides will meet them + then to Photamp 013. 3339. Plan to take on in K/V with post on way track. Inform 18 Bdr. H.Q. on these detts.	ops
"	840	1620		Adj. 2/12	Phone.	Gd. on 3 huts NOT yet relieved. A.D.M.S. informed by 2/12 of 3 huts with mrd. stores.	For GSO II Gd. wanted to be relieved Can Div. take suspension to take stores off from us

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26 JAN	841	1635		B.M.	Phax	Pl 2/9 tried to move up clearing which meets beach at 3144, struck M.C. 2/9 think 2/10 fwd. tps to be at 3144. adyt. 2/10 agreed. Bdr. bnd. suggested by 2/10 come under and 2/9. Explicitly thought. 2/10 to take bridge on tip SHANANANDA PT. Latest from M.Tad. took place through	Ops Bdr. Underford (v.1)
"	842	1637		2/10	Phax	2/10 PARA 1 Nil. (GS. Eastern NOT)	Ops
"	843	1700		B.M.	Phax	One quito used for dist. effect on pillbox area 2/9. Safe line for 2/10 325 N-squad. 2/10 will rig up lug bracket falls in water too much this way. 2/9 will take advantage if dist. effect great.	Ops Bdr. Underford (v.1) T.C. 02/10, I.O. P.L.
"	844	1700	I.O.			Spoke to B.M. - C by 2/10 comes o/c. 2/9 NOT to be used tonight.	Ops
"	845	1715		C.O. 2/12	Phax	To Bdr. bnd. - 4 from caps. surrounding pocket on M.Tad. Tps. to be organized for night. Divide perimeter into sections. Will NOT be redundant until JAPS cleared out.	Ops
"	846	1720		2/10	Phax	Maj. Bay. 2/10 fwd. tps to SAN PT. 960. V.M.G. fire 1620-1640. (Suff) Snipers quiet. Fire sporadic. after 1640 snipers extremely active.	Ops
"	847	1745		2/10	Phax	Report that they are North of green patch approach by beach. Think pos. consists of small boxes connected by crawl trench.	Ops Passes to B.M. at 2/9.
"	848	1755		B.M.	Phax	2" mortars to be taken up by and when practicable. If mortars taken from here 2" mortars to be taken.	Ops Bdr. Underford (v.1)
"	849	1825		2/10	Phax	Pillboxes between beach & grass patch. 60x fwd. of 2/10 & 30-40x into scrub.	Ops Bdr. Underford (v.1)
"	850			Bdr. and	Phax	To B.M. - Passed inform. that pillboxes would NOT be shot up to - night owing closeness 2/10. ZERO NOT before 0700. Told B.M. F.O.O. 2/10 to get o.p. registration.	Ops
"	851	1820	18 Bdr.	ISD		Site up to 1800 hrs.	To 7 ant. DIV, rptd 163 Regt, 14 Bdr, 30 Bdr

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20 JAN 852		1845	1700	2/10	BY Parl.	Stop to 1700 hrs.	SITMAP.
"	853	1907	1315	R.A.E. 7 th Aust Div.	956	R-BUNA type blast bombs.	OK
"	854	1907	1837	30 Bde.	I122	Stop to 1800 hrs. Nothing to report.	
"	855	1910	1615	7 th Aust Div.		TAC/R. U.S.C.P. west KINOMBI R. Fwd. to 230287 by TAC/R. Some held up west bank KINOMBI R. ① TAC/R. fired on 19 JAN. 210298. N.M.S. this to day but stars. ② 22526 SBJ. ③ A/C stoping CAPE ENDAIADERE - BUNA MISSION.	SITMAP. Bde. Cmd. info (V.)
"	856	1915	1900	7 th Aust Div.	0178	Stop to 1800 hrs.	OK Bde. Cmd. info (M) SITMAP.
"	857	1916	1905	2/12	022	Stop to 1900 hrs. Enemy contained MAP REF 211288 in pocket. Own cbs. to 1600 hrs. 2/12 5 killed. 2 opps 26 OR's wounded. 2/9 - 3 killed 14 wounded. 2/10 unknown.	SITMAP
"	858		1932	2/9	I20	Details of mortar shot. 21 JAN.	
"	859		1845	2/10	Plan	Sens of pillboxes made up 100' in front 2/10; extend back from beach through scrub for 30-40'. F.O.O. to make recce view to firing.	Passed along to B.M. IO to ensure that 2/10 had blast bombs all to 3" mortar am.
"	860		2115	18 Bde.	0130	Ref. Photomap 013. ops 21 Jan. copy in File.	Sent to Atty 18 Bde, 2/10 Bn.
"	861	1945		2/10	Phone	N.G.F. G517. ① 2/10 3" mortar in batt. 'D' Coy Lieut SCOTT. ② Enemy posns. 320435 (013) ③ 21 JAN a.m. ④ Preparatory to inf. attack.	
21 JAN.	862	0150		2/9	Phone	2 Boats (Not sure if enemy boats or barges) observed off JAWANANDA PT to the East. Some rounds of tracer fire.	7 th Aust. Div. advised
"	863		0210	Major HANSON	Phone	Major HANSON says R.A.A. re-stillery fire. HALL TP firing on barges in demand from TARAKENA tps.	Bde. Cmd. info (V.)
"	864		0225	I.O. 18 Bde	Phone	advised B.M. re-Atty. firing area of operations of P.T. boats - West of GONA.	Inform. from 7 th Aust. Div.

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21 JAN	865		0230	I.O. 18 Bde.	Phons	Range 2/10 re- inform contained in serial 864. + also action to be taken if barges land.	
"	866	0430		2/10	Phons	2/10 line has been at between them + fwd. Coy. D' Coy. could hear barges but could not see. B' Coy could hear barges but could not see. B' Coy. state firing came from beach not from barges. approx 5 hit not track.	Bdr. Cmd. infmd. (V.)
"	867	0605		2/10	Phons	Reports all quiet.	
"	868	0710		B.M.	Phons	2/10 felt fwd. S.E. Positions still occupied, apparently same strength.	Bdr. Cmd. infmd (V.) SITMAP.
"	869	0750		2/10	Phons	Cntrl. tested the enemy defences on the coast and found them still occupied.	Bdr. Cmd. infmd. (V.)
"	870	0756		2/12	Phons	Reports 3 patrols sent out this morning. Two have returned reporting JAP posns. occupied. The third patrol not yet returned. One JAP killed.	Bdr. Cmd. infmd (V.) SITMAP.
"	871	0912	0730	163 U.S. Sgt	47	Sitrep to 0700 hrs. sitrep.	
"	872	0912	0735	2/10	0102	AM. to 0130.	
"	873	0912	0815	7th Div.	0184	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	
"	874		0920			Atty. registration NOT complete.	
"	875		0923			Bdr. Cmd + Major HANSON agreed to postpone ZERO to time to be notified.	Informed B.M. + 2/10
"	876		0930	Bdr. Cmd.	Phons	Bdr. Cmd. to GI: Owing to atty NOT ready, ZERO postponed.	
"	877	1012		Adj 2/10	Phons	at 195307 crest line has broken away to form an impassable ck., 20' wide + average depth of 12-14' in center. cuts off fwd. tps. at the moment. Raft being constructed. Have requested S.C. to send up assault boat + some rope.	Bdr. Cmd + S.C. informed (V.) S.C. less with in hand.
"	878	1020	0830	30 Bdr	I123	Sitrep to 0800	Show to B.M. (L) (M)
"	879	1040		Adj 2/12	Phons	Pocket now cleared out completely by 2/12. 106 dead, 50 killed to day in that area. Our casualties approx 4 wounded.	Bdr. Cmd. infmd (V.) 2/12 added. to reports to take on area ^{LAGOON} GIRUWA to incl SANAWANDA PT. U.S. tps to take on from 2/12.

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21 JAN	880		1145	Bde. Cnd.	Phone	Bde. Cnd. infnd G1 of news in serial 879.	
"	881	1035		2/9	Phone	Report firing on the beach to their right flank. Think one pl. 'C' Coy. 2/10 may have got through on beach.	Bde. Cnd. infnd (V.)
"	882		1100		ISI	Message carrying infn. in serial NO	To 7 Arst. Div. rptd 2/9, 2/10, 1630 S. Rgt.
"	883	1025	1050	7 Arst. Div.	0185	Message to Bde. Cnd.	Handed to Bde. Cnd.
"	884		1050	Bde. Cnd	Phone	Bde. Cnd. to G1 7 Arst. Div. - U.S. arty to engage coconuts west GIRUWA. Jump to be notified to 18 Bde. H. Q. which will warn unit in occupation who are to cooperate.	
"	885		1100	Bde. Cnd	Phone	Bde. Cnd. to C.O. 2/9 - Maj. Gen. YAMAGATA thought to be in beach area 2/9 to hold out to land.	
"	886		1030	B.M.	Phone	Rgt to say pl 'C' Coy. 2/10 within 75' of coconuts with two pillboxes 40' + 60' away. Do not want to retire for arty. Can 2/10 attach S.E. to meet them?	Bde. Cnd. infnd (V.)
"	887		1035	B.M. (L)	Phone	Rgt 2/10 analyzed this arty. fir to be held for use in case original plan has to be used	
"	888		1100	Bde. Cnd	Phone	Bde. Cnd. spoke to C.O. 'C' Coy. 2/10. Told him to coordinate attack with 2/10. Bde. Cnd. decided to re-evaluate arty fir for later operations requirements	
"	889	1110		2/12	Phone	2/12 has 5 prisoners. Will advise when moving. Our casualties: - ONE wounded.	Bde. Cnd. infnd (V.)
"	890	1140		7 Arst. Div.	Phone	U.S. tps. fighting in coconuts east of GIRUWA. NOT much opposition	
"	891	1155		G2 7 Arst. Div.	Phone	Rgt al message ISI. our casualties 40 + then corrected to ONE wounded.	Infnd. him that we were checking with 2/12 + would let him know correct figure of our casualties.
"	892	1208		2/9	Phone	Moved up a bit + taken two pillboxes. Can see JAPS milling round in front of 2/10 from some casualties in 'C' Coy 2/10, hope for pressure to be relieved. Think JAPS are going into sago on South side.	Bde. Cnd. B.M. (L) infnd (V.) C.O. 2/10 informed

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21 JAN.	893	1212		B.M.	Phone	Capt MATHISON. 'C' Coy 2/10 has stacked with. Still some assistance behind him. blinded at one pillow & turning right to exploit to the S.E.	Bdr. bnd B.M(L) infnd (V.) 2/10 informed.
"	894	1250		C.O. 2/9	Phone	Few strays' coming on from U.S. Tps firing on JAPS East of GIRUWA.	Bdr. Cnd. infnd (V.) C.O. 2/9 told to contact U.S. Tps. himself.
"	895	1245		I.O. 18 Bdr. To Adj. 2/10.	Phone.	'C' Coy. 2/10. 75-100' E. of 2/10. 2/9 O/P. on SANANANDA report JAPS mullig around as if disorganised.	
"	896		1255	Bdr. Cnd.	Phone	To Adj. 2/10. - Told him to push on and finish show in view of inform. contained in serial 895.	
"	897	1405		C.O. 2/9	Phone	2/9 advanced south 30'. Killed 20 JAPS 1 Prisoner. Has contacted 'C' Coy. 2/10.	Bdr. bnd + B.M(L) infnd (M)
"	898	1405	1245	14 Bdr.	I 69.	Sitrep to 1200 hrs. Sitrep - all infnd	B.M(L) infnd (M)
"	899	1405	1445	7 Aust. Div.	O 187	Ship to show recognition signals from 1/24 Jan.	ack to 7 Aust Div IS3. Show to B.M(L)
"	900	1405	1300	163 U.S. Regt.	I 48	Sitrep to 1300 hrs. 21 JAN/43	Show to B.M(L)
"	901	1405		7 Aust. Div.	By hand.	Enemy information under No 50 for 24 hrs ended 1800 2/19.	Show to B.M(L)
"	902	1405		7 Aust. Div.	By hand.	1) Interrogation P.W. 85. 2) Preliminary report of introg. P.W. No 86.	Show to B.M(L)
"	903	1405		7 Aust. Div.	Phone	U.S. tps advanced West from TARAWENA start taken GIRUWA plantation. Mopping up sentinals	Bdr. bnd + B.M(L) infnd.
"	904		1425	18 Bdr.	I 52	Situation to date.	To 7 Aust. Div. rptd 163 Regt, 2/9, 2/10, 2/12.
"	905		1435	G2 7 Aust. Div.	Phone.	1200 hrs 21 Jan to 1200 hrs 22 Jan T " 22 Jan " " 23 Jan E. " 23 Jan " " 24 Jan D	Ship to show + show to ship. B.M(L) + I.O. infnd
"	906	P	1512			General VASEY visited Bdr. bnd.	

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21 JAN.	907	1528	1415	7 Aust. Div.	0188.	Sitrep to 1400 hrs.	Plan to T.O.
"	908.	1528	1548	18 Bde	I 55	Following inform on crashed WIRRAWAY required urgently. (One) condition of A/C (two) position of bodies in relation to A/C. Map. ref of A/C.	To 2/9 Bn.
"	909		1538	18 Bde.	I 54	Following required by 0800 hrs 22 JAN. Burial figures on enemy dead aka originally opposing 18 Bde South of ROAD BLOCK.	To 2/12 Bn.
"	910.	1800	1735	7 Aust. Div.	0192	During night maintenance equipment all veh. traffic is prohibited down ANGO SOPUTA rd. from incl. ANGO junc. to SOPUTA bridge on 22 JAN. All informed.	S. Cairns.
"	911	1807	1800	2/9	I 22	Please advise Americans of 2/9 Coy in area South of GIRUWA rkr. Time out approx 1715 hrs. route and period undetermined.	Page 43 7 Aust Div asked him to inform 32 U.S. Div.
"	912	1845	1800	30 Bde.	I 124	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. No change.	
"	913		1830	18 Bde	I 56	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. Enemy casualties 211288 to day 100 odd killed 7 PW. 100 previously killed found in area 2/12 now in GIRUWA-SANANANDA PT in contact with fwd. tps. 32 U.S. Div at GIRUWA lagoon. 2/9 & 2/10 separated by boys approx. Enemy resistance centred in small wooden pit and crawl trench position with L.M.G + suspected sub-machine guns. Attachment in progress. All informed.	To 7 Aust. Div. ptd 163 Regt, 14 Bde, 30 Bde.
"	914		1500	7 Aust. Div.	Phase.	P.W. says JAP H.Q. 200-300 * still further south of GIRUWA. also reports 4000 Japs in hospital area South of GIRUWA.	Bde. head. instrd 2/9 to send out strong fighting patrol to investigate. Ops

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21 JAN.	915	1500		2/9	Phone.	2/9 report commencement attack by MATHIESON.	Placed to B.M.(L) ops
"	916	1510		2/9	Phone	2/9 complain lack of action 2/10 to not fire.	Placed to B.M.(L) Bdr. cmd. ordered 2/9 with v/c's ops to close gap.
"	917	1545		2/10	Phone	2/10 report movement by 2/9.	Placed to B.M.(L) ops
"	918	1600		2/10	Phone	2/10 report halted + firing on 'C' by 2/10 by 2/9.	Placed to B.M.(L)
"	919	1605		C.O. 2/10	Phone.	C.O. 2/10 ordered halt + cease firing while 2/9 carry out Bdr. cmd's orders	Placed to B.M.(L) ops
"	920	1615		7th Aust Div.	Phone.	P.W. statement JAP hospital area 2000-4000 Japs. 200' South GIRUWA LAGOON	Placed to B.M.(L) ops 2/9 ordered by Bdr. cmd. to send patrol to investigate.
"	921	1750		2/10	Phone.	2/10 report non-commencement 2/9 attack.	Placed to ops B.M.(L)
"	922		1930	Bdr. Cmd.	Phone.	Bdr. cmd. ordered:- (a) all units prepare for coastal defence during night 21/22. (b) Ensure captured posts NOT re-occupied by JAPS. (c) 2/12 to send strong patrol under reliable offr. to area South GIRUWA to investigate possible JAP H.Q.	ops
"	923	1930	1630	2/9	I 21	Crashed WIRRAWAY at 215293 GONA LOCALITY 4. Nobody found	Show to B.M.(L)
"	924	2030	1955	7th Aust Div.	0193	ditto to 1800 hrs.	Show to B.M.(L)
"	925	2000		2/9	Phone	2/9 report failure attack strong point 315435. 5 m cas - 1 offr + 10 O.R.'s	Placed to B.M.(L) ops
"	926	2010	1700	2/10	Phone.	ditto to 1130 hrs	Show to B.M.(L)
"	927	2110		2/10	Phone.	2/10 report 4 JAPS swimming up coast to WYE PT. 3 considered killed. 15 captured around	Placed to B.M.(L)
"	928		2345	181 Bde	0131	operations to be carried out 22 JAN.	1-2/9 - 2/10 2/12.

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21 JAN	930		2245	NANI		Message by phone from NANI "Re movement off coast in morning, people concerned will be flying planes."	IVIAFO JABE LOGO informed.
22 JAN	931		0039	JABE		all quiet.	
"	932		0330			Sounds of P.T. boats in action towards GONA. Passed to 7 Div	
"	933	0820	0810	2/10	I 58	Ref. own and and enemy dead buried by 2/12 south of rd. block. Own 27, enemy buried.	To 7 Aust. Div.
"	934	0828	0810	7 Aust. Div.	0176	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	
"	935	0830		2/10	Phone.	Reported 3 craft sailing past WYE PT. Believed to be our craft.	SC infnd. 2/10 told to turn them if possible. 7 Aust. Div. infnd (V.)
"	936	0845		7 Aust. Div.	Phone	Trying to get TAC/RA up to contact about craft + turn them if ours.	B.M. (L) infnd vs. C
"	937	0845	0740	163 U.S. Regt	I 50.	Sitrep to 0800 L 22 JAN/43. - sitrep.	
"	938	0845	0810	2/12	Phone	Own hrs. buried south of rd. block 27. (incl. one militiaman), 13 not buried, 13 enemy dead not buried.	
"	939	0855		B.M.	Phone	T.O. - Patrol from 2/12 found only sugar swamp. 2/9 also will report. Bde. Cmd. considers PW's statement inconsistent as to location of Hospital H.H. area. Thought to be area captured by 2/12 a.m. 21 JAN.	Bde. Cmd. infnd (V.) I.O. reg 7 Aust. Div. infnd him
"	940	0910		2/10 Bn	Phone	3 craft now moving East past WYE PT.	B.M. (L) infnd 7 Aust. Div. infnd
"	941	0915		2/9	Phone	Advisors failing of attack on track. Own cas. - include 2 killed.	ops
"	942	0935		Bde. Cmd.	Phone	Bde. Cmd. orders:- a) 2/9 fresh attack with arty. preparation b) Details to be co-ordinated by B.M. c) Any decisions to be referred to Bde. Cmd.	ops
"	943	0940				Bde. H.Q. move NOT before 1100 hrs. to SANAVANDA.	

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22 JAN.	944.	1050	1000	14 Bdr	I 73.	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	Shawto B.M.(L)
"	945.	1050	1900 21	2/12	Phone	Patrol cap strength 2/12 returned. Moved 6/700* East along track 80* South of RD. BEND. Nothing found.	Bdr. Bnd. infnd (V)
"	946	1050	0800	2/12	Phone	Patrol 2/12 moved due South from GIRUWA approx 600*. Only found swamp	Bdr. Bnd. infnd. (V) GII informed Patrols about NIL. He said to recd. for endorsement of SE. from RD. BEND
"	947.	1100		B.M.	Phone.	B.M. reported no track found by patrol, only cordons of 200* south rd. Bnd.	Bdr. Bnd. infnd (V.) GII 7 Aust. Div. infnd.
"	948					Patrol report 22 JAN	Ops File
"	949		1040	Bdr. Cnd.	Phone	Bdr. Bnd. ordered:- ① Withdrawal of fwd. Aps. for a ty registration & preparation. ② 2/10 to assist 2/9 attack by bayonets & grenades on initiative fwd. Bnd. ③ Synchronisation watches 1100 hrs.	
"	950	1303	1215	14 Bdr	I 74	Sitrep to 1200 hrs.	Shawto B.M.(L)
"	951.	1300		F.O.O	Phone.	2/9 making some progress.	
"	952.	1315		C.O 2/9	Phone.	Infnd. Bdr. Bnd. resistance of JAPS broken. Kopping up continues.	7 Aust. Div. infnd.
"	953.	1325		7 Aust. Div.	By hand.	1) Problem. Interrogation of Documents found by 2/9 Bn. of 18 Bdr. 2) H. 9 11 Aust. Div. News Bulletin. No 138. 15 JAN/43	Shawto Bdr. Bnd.
"	954.	1500	1405	7 Aust. Div.	O 199	all organised resistance 7 Aust. Div. ada overcome, details next sitrep.	
"	955.	1500.	1405	1630 S. Regt	51	Sitrep to 1300 Hrs. 22 JAN.	
"	956.		1521	18 Bdr.	O 132	Re. all enemy organised resistance GIRUWA, SANADANON, CAPE KILLERTON & future role 18 Aust. Inf. Bdr.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12, Rpta 7 Aust. Div.

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22 JAN	957	1500	1445	2/9	Phone.	Patrol returned to + reports KUNAI patch south of beach clear. Area allotted arty. killed 15 in post.	Placed to B.M(L)
"	958		1530	18 Bde	0133	banquatorial message.	To 2/7 Const Coy, Bde, 2/6 and Regt, 2/9, 2/10, 2/12, det 2/5 Fd, Amb, Det 2/4 Fd Coy, Det 10 Fd AMB 51 Bty 2/11 Fd Regt.
"	959		1630	18 Bde	0134	banquatorial message.	To 4 A.C. Sqn R.A.A.F.
"	960	1700	1645	7th Aust Div	0202	Short P.T. ops night 21/22 JAN. ops night 22/23 JAN.	Show to B.M(L) Message IS7 to 2/9, 2/10, 2/12
"	961	1700		2/9 Bn	Phone.	Patrols ① From 208295 fighting patrol ans. sec. N.W. across KUNAI to north of patch. ② From 208295 S.W. to 2029 Posns:- 100' depth of beach A' Coy to rd. junction 4' B' Coy. inland to CK 150' N.W of rd. 3' A' Coy. + 2 pls 'D' Coy. 208295. 4' 2 killed to-day 15 enemy killed.	Bde. bud. + B.M(L) info (V) SIT.MAP. ops
"	962		1110	arty	Phone	Arty report interference 2/10 mortars during registration. Bde. bud. instructed C.O. 2/10 close fire with mortars.	Placed to B.M(L) ops
"	963		1115	B.M (L)	Phone	Bde. bud's orders infringed re 2/10 bn. mortars which are to close fire.	ops
"	964		1220	B.M (L)	Phone	Zero for 2nd attack by 2/9 Bn. 12.45. Arty Zero. 1230.	ops

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22 JAN	965		1237	2/9	Plane	Report 2/10 mortars shelling this area.	Co. 2/10 ^{ops} instructed to submit official report following ops. in firing of mortars contrary to ordination. In addition personal report by O.C. Matas concerned.
"	966		1315	2/9	Plane	attach successful.	7 Div advised by Bde. Cnd. ^{ops}
"	967		1330			Units given role by Bde. Cnd. via signal 0132.	Decision made. Bde. H.Q. a.m. 23 JAN. ^{ops}
"	968		1400			Bde. Cnd. decided move himself staff via KILLERTON VILLAGE next. Personnel & baggage train to move via Plantation. O.C. Major WALKER. approx time 0900 hrs. 2/10 told to send pl. to report as to Bde Cnd at 0900 2/23.	^{ops}
"	969		1605	B.M. (L)	Plane	C.O. 2/10 informed that KILLERTON village would be occupied at his discretion.	^{ops}
"	970		1830	18 Bde	ISS	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	To 7 Aust. Div. 14 Bde, 30 Bde, 1130 S. Regt.
"	971	1845	1	2/12	Plane	Details of 4 patrols to be sent out 23 JAN.	7 Aust. Div + B.M. (L) informed

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22 JAN.	972	1800		2/12	Plur.	A/C dropped bundle of air photographs at 1800 hrs. 1 N.C. 0130 R. 3 patrolled M. Trd to old 2/12 Bn. H.Q. at 209285. Contacted Americans. Returned at 1900 hrs. Saw no enemy. Commencing 23 Jan. Americans will patrol at 0930 hrs and at 1530 hrs each day to contact 2/12.	B.M.(L) info (v.)
"	973	1930	1745	MUSKET		Lifepl to 1800 hrs 22 Jan	B.M.L.
"	974	2010	1910	NANI	0205	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 22 Jan.	informed.
"	975	2010	1845	KOTY	I 76	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 22 Jan.	
"	976	2035	1920	LOGO	I 25	reporting one unexploded U.S. parachute bomb in B H Q area 213294	M.M. Kungie RAE informed
"	977	2120	2000	JASO	I 125	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 22 Jan	B.M.L. informed
"	978	2205		JABE	phone	Sitnore.	
"	979	2240		JABE	phone	12 Japs ran from swamp into sea between 2/10 Bn Hqs and Wyle Point. These were killed by our machine guns. 2/10 bn fired a very flare into the air and this was ignited ^{fired on} by a .5 (approx) firing tracer from the direction of MANGROVE IS. 2/10 Vickers did NOT fire but a machine gun sounding like a Vickers, fired from the 2/10 bn left flank, out towards the sea. These bullets did not fall in the 2/10 bn area.	Bde Comd informed. NANI informed. arty shelled MANGROVE IS. Duty officer NANI checking to see if 14 Aust inf bde gun at GARARA was the gun firing on 2/10 bn left flank.
"	980	2250			phone	JABE informed of action taken on 979.	
"	981	2255			phone	LOGO MAFO informed of 979.	
"	982	2334		NANI	phone	14 Aust inf bde have NOT fired their gun at GARARA tonight.	Bde Comd inform

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22	983	2400		JABE		The machine gun on 2/10 left blank opened up again. It is a good distance west of Cape Killerton. 3 more Japs killed when attempting to escape in sea.	Bde Comd informed.
23 JAN.	984	0010		NANI		KOTY reported seeing a red very fine down from Killerton at approx 2400 hrs. JABE reports did not fire very or see one fired	Checked JABE Reported NANI
"	985	0045		NANI	0208	Part of order. AM by I59	informed BML.
"	986	0045		NEF	06270	Congratulatory message. General Herring to Brig Wooten	Brigadier informed
"	987	0205		JABE		Nothing to report.	
"	988		0817	18Bde	I60	H.Q. 18Bde closes 179302 0930 hrs. opens 1300 hrs SANANANDA. Messages to B.M. 18Bde at 2/9 during that period	
"	989			2/10	Plac.	Patrol out at 0815. Plstlyth. Route - CAPE KILLERTON, TK. junc. 182312, KILLERTON VILLAGE, East to end of track 197301. Returns to KILLERTON VILLAGE thence to 2/10 H.Q. via cable route, thence KILLERTON PT. Intention: - To kill or capture all JAPS etc + for protection of our info. Est. killed 15 Japs last night.	

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23 JAN	990	0835	0800	7 Aust Div.	0210	litap to 0800 hrs.	
"	991		1300			B.H.Q. established at SANANANDA.	
"	992	1745	1300	7 Aust Div. I.O. 2/10	phos.	<p>2/10 dispositions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2 pls. 'B' Coy at GIRAKA CK mouth to East 167308. 2) GIRARA PT. 1 pl. 'B' Coy. 3) 1 pl. 'C' Coy. 175314 4) 1 pl. 'C' Coy. 177313. 5) 1 pl. 'C' Coy. 181312 TK June. 6) 'D' Coy. TK June 183312 - Bridge 186314. 7) 186314-187316 1 pl. 'A' Coy + 1 Vickers gun. 8) 189316. 1 pl. 'A' Coy + 1 Vickers. 9) 187315 2/10 B.H.Q. 10) One South of B.H.Q. on south on track H.Q. 'A' Coy. <p>Projected patrols for 24 JAN:-</p> <p>I) 'B' Coy. strength: 1 pl. Intention: - see if necessary kill or capture all Japs seen. S.P. GIRAKA VILLAGE 162308. Projected route: - Follow CK south to 157296 (Annamas DOMERTY'S GARDEN) across CK. at 158297 thence East to see for TKs Balise CK can be crossed by raft. T.O.D. First light. E.T.R. 1200 hrs</p> <p>II) 'C' Coy. strength: 1 pl. Intention: - as above. S.P. TK June 183312. Projected route: - KILLEXTON VILLAGE 187304, thence to tk June 178304 then west to boat at 168308 + return to Coy H.Q. on coastal CK. T.O.D. 1300 hrs. E.T.R. 1800 hrs</p>	SITMAP.
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23 JAN	992 Cont					Coast Watching station reported to be at 162308 at GIRAKA. Nobody there when patrolled. Found side of one on sig. wire. Sending a plane across to try & contact someone.	
"	993	1800		I Sgt 2/12	plane	all patrols returned & reported no JAPS seen. (Patrols on plane p.m. 22 JAN.).	
"	994	1815		7 Aust DIV.	ITT	Infurm. from 32 U.S. Div. re- location of hospital about 700 yds Sth of GIRUWA etc.	ops. Seen by B.M.
"	995	1815		2/12	plane	<p>15) $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. GIRUWA south along CK then W. to 220290, west to 218291, then North 218297. T.O.D. 0830 hrs. E.T.R. 1030 hrs.</p> <p>16) As above at T.O.D. 1500 hrs. E.T.R. 1700 hrs.</p> <p>17) $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. CU north 217296 South along CK (West branch) then South to 218292, west to Rd. hnd 214293, N.E. to 215295 T.O.D. 0830 hrs. E.T.R. 1030 hrs.</p> <p>18) As above at T.O.D. 1500 hrs. E.T.R. 1700 hrs.</p> <p>19) $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. 213296 South parallel to $\pm 100'$ west of rd. to 214292 then West to KUNAI Patch 208293 then North 209298.</p> <p>Intention of all patrols to kill or capture all JAPS found in area + search for signs of occupation by JAPS.</p>	7 Aust. Div. infund. SITMAP.

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23 JAN	996	1915	1230	163 U.S. Regt	55	Sitrep 1200 Lhs	Show to B.M.(M)
"	997	1915	1810	7 Aust Div.	027	Sitrep to 1500 hrs.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	997		0705	18 Bdr	0133	Role of Bdr.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 aftd 7 Aust. Div.
"	998	1915	1040	7 Aust Div.	I77	News flash	Show to B.M.(M)
"	999	1915	1215	14 Bdr	I77	Sitrep to 1200 hrs.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	1000	1915	1215	7 Aust Div.	0212	Re. ANGO-SOPUTAKd. (IMPORTANT)	Show to B.M.(M)
"	1001	1915	1300	7 Aust Div.	0216	Sitrep to 1400 hrs	Show to B.M.(M)
"	1002			B.M. Plane		at request of 2/10 requested 7 Aust. Div. to merge for 14 Bdr. to be at 162308 at 0830 24/1.	Show to B.M.(M)
"	1003	1920		7 Aust Div	By 24/1	1) Translation of capt. documents by 1630.5 Regt bank. 2) Introduction of P.W. No 95. 21 JAN/43 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105	Show to B.M.(M)
"	1004	1950		29	Phone	Patrols 24 Jan 1) 0800 + 1400 a) 193308 - K/V - 197301 - 196289 - 197301 - Note 193308 b) 208298 - 204288 - 197-292 - NEG SP.	B.M. infid SIT.MAP.
"	1005	2030	1815	KOTY 14124	I78	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 23 Jan	
"	1006	2030 1850	1735 1850	163 Regt Mosket	-	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 23 Jan.	Show to B.M. + 15dr. bnd (M)
"	1007	2030	1850	30 Bdr. JASO	I129	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 23 Jan.	Show to B.M. + Bdr. Cnd (M)

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23 JAN	1008	2046	2010	NANI	0218	PT Boats ops for night 23/24 Jan same as for night 22/23 Jan	LOGO } JABE } MAFO } informed
"	1009	2158		NANI.4		KOTY report discovery of crossing in creek at MR 159295 - depth chest high evidence of man's usage by Gaps.	
"	1010	2207		NANI.4		KOTY sending patrol along west bank of creek starting from MR 159295 at 0700 hrs 24 Jan	JABE informed
24 JAN.	1011	0630		D.A. 18Bdr	Phoe	stuf - situa.	Replied to 7 Aust. Div.
"	1012					slw 1009 & 1070 & cmd & vll	
"	1013	0630	2105 23	7 Aust Div.	0219	Supply barges will make same trip as to-day arriving first light each morning until further instructions.	Show to B.M. 18 C(M)
"	1014		0825	18Bdr	0161	Rptg 7 Aust Div - 0221. For inform. 3/163 U.S. bn will relieve 14 Bdr present area responsibilities by 1800 hrs. 26 JAN. Liaison established with 14 Bdr with 14 Bdr by 2/10 hr. will be maintained with 3/163 U.S. Bn.	To 2/10, Sig 18 Bdr. 0221 & 0161 Show to Bdr. bud.
"	1015	0848	0725	163 U.S. Regt.	57	Sitrep to 0800 L hours 24 Jan/43. Situa.	

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24 JAN	1016	0905	0815	7 Aust. Div.	0223	Sitrep to 0800 hrs. etc. - more of 3/163 U.S. h.	Shan to Bdr. Bndst. M. 2/10 infnd of more of 3/163 U.S. h.
"	1017		0940	18 Bdr.	0162	Virus possible replacement present weapons an expression of opinion by C.O's is desired as to unit preference for OWEN or T.S.M.G. One type only will be made available.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 ops
"	1018	1240	1	B' Coy 2/10	Phone	B' Coy. report 2 flights U/I band A/C flying in N.W. direction band to be seen. Only one heard.	B.M. infnd (V)
"	1019	1320	1245	2/9	Phone.	'A' Coy. patrol returned 1245 hrs saw no Japs. Met with impassable swamp at KUNAI; patch 193303+ returned on their tracks.	B.M. infnd (V)
"	1020	1330		7 Aust. Div.	By land.	1) Further interrogation of P.W. 94. 2) Interrogation of P.W. N6104.	Shan to B.M.
"	1021	1330		2/9.		2 Rabaul natives boys carried to 'D' Coy 2/9. Brought to 18 Bdr. H.Q. by members of 'I' section 2/9. ANGAU offr. questioned them will take them back to 7 Aust. Div. with him this afternoon.	B.M. infnd (V) of Aust. Div.
"	1022	1500				Phone G III 7 Dec. approx cor (J) a) 1/9 160 GIRUWA is 2/10 40 rd 50 P.S.W. with 30 cooke b) 1/10 178	
"	1023	1510		2/12	Phone	Blay shot one Jap. His area no arms + carrying 400 biscuits only.	
"	1024	1530	1230	1630 S. Regt.	58	Sitrep 13002 hrs 24 Jan /43 3/163 moved in route to GONA, passed HANSEN M.T. Rd. junction at 11352. otherwise sitrep	B.M. infnd (V)
"	1025	1530	1400	14 Bdr.	170	Sitrep to 12 hrs. 6 P.W. & six killed in vicinity D.I.D. all infnd.	B.M. infnd (V)

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24 JAN	1026	1750	1615	7 Aust. Div.	0227	Sent P.T. ops. night 23/24 + night 24/25. J.N.N.	2/9, 2/10, 2/12 infnd (V.)
"	1027	1700				Out of our vessels due off SANANDA PT. at or after 2230 hrs. Stars	2/9, 2/10, 2/12 infnd. time allotted to 0230 hrs.
"	1028	1720		B.M.	Place	Advised 7 Aust. Div. that we require no vacancies for an Liaison board.	
"	1029	1720		7 Aust. Div.	Place	Advised by 7 Aust. Div. that supply boat would come in for patients. 7 Aust. Div. also informed by 18 Bde. of capture of 5 P.W. by 2/12 during 24 JAN.	S.C. (L) for contact D.A. G.M.G. for Sig. Off. say that recognition signals ok slow. T.O. advising on units of probable arrival.
"	1030	1725		2/9	Place	1050 hrs patrol returned 1600 hrs. - Nil report. Took sight lamp. 2/400 patrol not yet in. 18 Bde. requested to warn 2/12 + 1630 J. kept	43 7 Aust. Div. infnd + also 2/12 Bn.
"	1032	1855		2/10	Place	Patrol killed 2 Japs 500' west KIV	
"	1032	1855	1915	7 Aust. Div.	0226	Stop to 1400 hrs. No change	Show to B.M.
"	1033	1855		7 Aust. Div.	By Here	1) Ref S/43/17. from H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aust. Div. Tap. stay points. Expedients in assisting attack & sketch 2) Translation of documents found at SANANDA PT. 3) Interrog. P.W. No 117.	Show to B.M.
"	1034	1900		2/12	Place	Reported 30' launch coming thru front. Believed to be survey ship.	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	1035	1900	1800	7 Aust. Div.	0228	Stop to 0800 hrs	Show to B.M. ops.
"	1036	1905	1812	2/10.	A131	Ref. Para 5. Battle field in 2/10 area is clear.	
"	1037	1905	1810	2/10		Swanswick to 0162. Reference is OWEN GUN	

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25 JAN	1038	0312		2/10 phone	8 (eight) Japs killed by B Coy at GARARA. The Japs were in the sea and were apparently trying to reach MANGROVE ISLAND.	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	1039	0700	1815	14 Bds I 81	Sitrep to 1800 hrs.	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	1040			2/10 phone	Patrols for 25 JAN. (1) I Pl 'B' Coy. Intention: recon. tracks. S.P. 165308 then south to DOHERTY'S GARDEN, then TK east to determine whether it goes to TK junc 197297 & return via Rentrant. T.O.D. 0700 hrs. E.T.R. 1200 hrs. (2) I Pl 'D' Coy. S.P. TK junc. 185312 to KILLERTON VILLAGE then west to TK junc. 178304, then south to Coconut area 178205. Intention: To explore area & return via Rentrant. T.O.D. 0700 hrs. E.T.R. 1200 hrs.	B.M. infnd (V.) SIT.MAR
"	1041	0843		2/10 phone	6 vs 1 'B' Coy. 2/10 killed 10 JAPS between hrs of 2000 hrs. 24 Jan + 0230 hrs 25 JAN. (8 in sea + 2 on beach) at 2300 10 more JAPS came up from South, sixty fired on them + they ran away westerly direction.	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	1042	0845	0800	7/1st Div. 0232	Sitrep to 0800 hrs.	Show to B.M. (V.) Gps
"	1043	0850	0740	16305 Rgt 60	Sitrep to 0800 hrs. situat.	Show to B.M. (V.)
"	1044	0900		2/9. phone	1 Jap. killed by 'C' Coy. otherwise sitrep.	B.M. infnd (V.)

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25 JAN.	1045			18 Bdr.	I 63	For inform. 41 U.S. Div. reliefs of Aust. Div. 1200 hrs 25 Jan. 11 Japs killed this area 24/25 Jan.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12.
"	1046	1135	1135	2/10 Adyt.	Phos.	'B' Coy report object out to sea, 2 nd 3 miles, mag. by 330° from 163309. Possibly small boat with mast or buoy marking a reef. On A/C has flash low over it + taken no action.	B.M. infnd (V.) G3. Aust. Div. advised (V.)
"	1047	1210		2/12		2/12 sent in 6 Japs PSW. PSW walked in gave themselves up.	Bdr. bnd. + B.M. infnd (V.)
"	1048	1300		2/12		2/12 sent in 2 Japs PSW. at 1300 hrs.	Bdr. bnd. + B.M. informed.
"	1049	1324		163 U.S.A.		163. U.S. Rang to say the General had left their H.Q. for this area 5 minutes ago.	Bdr. bnd. + B.M. informed.
"	1050	1345	1245	Adv. N.G.F.	0754	Reports on recent ops. and notes on lessons learnt from campaign will be forwarded N.G.F. No later than 7 Feb/43.	
"	1051	1425		2/9	Phos.	Both patrols back + saw nothing.	
"	1052	1450		7 Aust. Div.		18 Aust. Inf. Bdr. to fwd. strip reports POP to 41 U.S. Div. and SA. For N.G.F. Priority - emergency ops at 0400 and 1400 hrs. The drill. Ping POP MAIN 0345 and 1330. Report to include rainfall vicinity strip past 24 hrs.	
"	1053	1515		4 U.S. Div.	Phos.	9 PSW. previously going to 41 Div. to go to stockade at 7 Aust. Div. under control S2 163 Regt. He knows of it. I.O. to contact him. 163 Regt. cannot answer report. Wants 18 Bdr. to answer report to Div. Stockade,	
"	1054	1555	1400	14 Bdr.	I 83	Sitely to 1200 hrs.	
"	1055	1600	1240	Adv. N.G.F.	0753	Adv. N.G.F. closed to ^{leave} operational control control of ^{the} area ORO BAY - GONA and handed over to 41 U.S. Div. at 1200 hrs. 25 JAN. all informed	
"	1055					Gen. HERRING, VASEY J. Maj. GEN. MACARTHY visited Bdr. bnd.	

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25 Jan	<u>1056.</u>	1620	1200	41 US Div.		41 U.S. div assumed operational control of all ops in the area ORO Bay-GONA incl. as from 1200 hrs 25 Jan all informed	B.M. informed Acked. by Signal.
"	<u>1057</u>	1700		2/10	Phone	Patrols for 26 Jan. (1) A Coy 1 Pl S.P. 185 316 to TK June. 183 312. South then to K. Village to TK June 184 286 Return via same route. Time in 0700-1200 (2) C Coy. Struyth 1 Pl S.P. 175 315 South along Sig wire to track 176 308 following track South to track June 178 304 then east to Kullerto village and return to log area along NW track 1300-1800 hrs.	SIT. MAPS.
"	<u>1058</u>	1735	1701	7 Avn O.V.		Administrative Order No 1 copy No 11. 25 Jan 43.	from G ACK by I 67.
"	<u>1059.</u>	1755		2/9 Bn		Sending in P.W. wandered in to 'D' Coy. all patrols in - nothing sighted. Projected patrols 26 Jan - same areas same times as 25 JAN.	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	<u>1060.</u>	1800		2/12.	Phone	all patrols - nothing to report. 1 Jap killed + captured 9. Same route + same times	B.M. infnd (V.)
"	<u>1061</u>		1807	18 Bde	I 65.	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. 1 Jap killed 10 P.W. otherwise sitrep.	To 41 U.S. Div, Capt, 163 U.S. Rgt, 14 Const. 2d Bde,
"	<u>1062</u>	1815	1735	163 U.S. Rgt	59	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. 24 Jan /43.	
"	<u>1063</u>		1730	18 Bde	0163	Units will fwd. to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 27 Jan. Lessons learnt in BUNA-SANAN ANDA campaign used by 1800 hrs 29 Jan chronological summary of unit activities in campaigns.	2/9, 2/10, 2/12 infnd Ops.

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25 JAN	1064	1830		7th Aust. Div.	By Hand	1) atrocities 2) Interrogation of POW 117, 118, 119	Shaw to B.M(M)
"	1065	2010		Kooy 14 Bds.	185	Sit Rep to 1800 hrs.	
"	1066 1066	2012		MAFO 2/12	Phone	vessel pulling out.	SC informed
"	1067	2130		MAIN	Phone	<p><u>MR LOVELESS TO NOTZ:</u> 0345 each morning telephone POP MAIN. speak to station and for Engr Off Head and from him whether the landing strips are serviceable. then send msg. with encl of priority addressed to: 41 U.S. DIV NSP & 5 AF stating whether the tracks here are serviceable POP main POP 3 & 4 rainfall for previous 24 hrs. Repeated Repeated 1345 every day If station comms or Engr off NOT available get representative</p>	
"	1068	2130	1815	41 U.S. Div.	Message	Strip to 1800/L.	
26 JAN.	1069		0350	18 Bds.	LD 1	POP MAIN, POP three and four all serviceable. Rainfall one inch. (Emergency ops)	To 41 U.S. Div, AM. N.G. F, 5 AF.

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26 JAN	1070		0805	18Bde	I66	Sitrep to 0800 hrs. Two flares seen East end MANGROVE IS. 6130 hrs. otherwise sitrep.	To 41 U.S. Div, rptd 1630 U.S. Rept, 14 Bde.
"	1071	1200	0820	14Bde.	I88	Sitrep to 0800 - also relief will be completed this A.M. all informed.	Shawn to B.M.(M)
"	1072		1330	18Bde.	Phone	Phoned to POP main whether strips serviceable. Reply relayed through sigs. all strips serviceable & no rainfall since last report.	41 U.S. Div. Adv N.G.F. S.A.F. infd by I69.
"	1073	1300	0800	41 U.S. Div.	Message	Sitrep No. 42 to 0800 hrs.	Shawn to B.M.(M)
"	1074	1640		I.O. 2/12	Phone	Cloud of smoke seen at to sta. 2 bursts in sea, with mortar or shells on lig. of 35° & 80° from 2/12 H. 9 201307.	Observed with 2/9 who say it is war plane direction of BUNP 41 U.S. Div. infd (V) asked to inform I.O. 18Bde. If they know anything about it B.M. infd (V)
"	1075	1710		MAJOR DANIELS DOBODURA	Phone	about 10 days ago WILLAWAY crashed in this area. Ignored by our tps. Wants more information re-flare.	I.O. infd Major DANIELS that he would signal a reply later or letter still for the latter to come to 18Bde. 11. 9.
"	1076	1725		MAJOR DANIELS	Phone relay	Maj Dandels will send an offer and a party tomorrow to 18Bde HQ - & to inspect place.	
"	1077	1715	1500	450m	AL74	Inform required re - A20/492 & adv.	
"	1078		1645	18Bde.	Phone	Battery HANSEN will fire Jan 27. 0930-1000 hrs. register on MANGROVE IS. will fire 20-30 rds. Battery HANSEN is located 1 mile NORTH of SORUTA on M.Td.	0/2 To G3 41 U.S. Div. 2/10, 2/9, 2/12 infd.
"	1079		1645	18Bde.	Phone	Again passed message that Brig. WOOTTEN most anxious to know when he might expect relief to take place.	To G3 41 U.S. Div. 0/2

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26 JAN.	1080	1815		2/12	Phar.	Reported no bodies in vicinity of A/C. Both wings badly smashed. Engine driven back into fuselage. Cockpits do NOT seem badly smashed. Guide available at 1830 H.Q. all patrols returned safely - nil reports.	4A.C. Serv R.A.A.F. infund by I69.
"	1081		1810	18 Bde	I70	Sitrep to 1800 hrs. Sitrep	To 41 U.S. Div. fold 163 U.S. Regt.
"	1082	1845		2/9	Phar.	Patrols returned safely. 1 C1 Coy. patrol killed 3 Japs in Big KUNWAI patch.	
"	1083	1915		2/10	Phar.	<p>1) 1 pl. Intention as other patrols. S.P. TK-junc 183312. to KILLERTON V. to TK-junc 179303 then about to follow line of jungle on western side of th. through coconut grove since any th. found leading into jungle return by same route. T.O.D 1000 - 1800 hrs.</p> <p>2) 1 pl. Intention as other patrols. S.P. 169309 TK-junc. to try & locate th. starting from 169309. If unable to locate since along th. from 170310 to 162306 for any possible ths. leading to swamp + patrol same. T.O.D 1300 - 1800 hrs.</p> <p>3) Patrol a in ^{ASANT} to K.V. ref no 193290 with S.W. to 183285. Could not locate track. Got within sight of coconut grove. No th. leading North (even trap) at 183285 - th. going South. Same route back.</p>	<p>SIT. MAPS.</p> <p>Patrols 27 Jan.</p>
"	1084	1930		U.S. Eggs	Phar	U.S. Eggs will rig up is-stip at 0345. Expect for them to rig us + for us to rig them	

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26 JAN	1090		1940	JABE	Phone	Patrol left helio 14 Japs capt. approx 176309. Loads Pual. Mag. Hui. Spelt report. 27 Jan	
"	1091		1110	NAN	"	Kapo 7 spoke to bot O'Connell re light on Mangrove Island 1000's have seen nothing for 2 mths. queries whether harassing for necessary address bot O'Connell of Bell bonds opinion & received reply that he would refer to 41 Div	Referred to Bell bond who considers should be done.
"	1092		2122	NAN	"	Pilot Walker - coming to Saranda P. to investigate basket Diraway & re death of personnel. Requests 5 or 6 natives be made available for salvage.	LO90 Rory JABE for name of person who would assist. They have no information & could not locate bodies
"	1093		2155	Musket		Schiff from Musket	
"	1094		2156		Phone	Harassing fire commenced on Mangrove Island. Wouchui from O'Connell that same had been observed.	LO90 Checked LO90 JABE & MAFO. Rory NAN & request confirmation from Dug Officer that fire commenced 1700 & ends 0400. Rang MASTER for action re PTB's. For my book
"	1095		2240	LOGO		Motor boat out from port. No estimate position. No signals or lights etc	
"	1096		2202	MASTER		from 9th H'DIV. Obs. fire on Mangrove Island unburnt tonight & return 0930 1030 tomorrow	Message to Bns
"	1097		2255	JABE		B by report: drift out to sea from G'IRAMA village on bearing 340°.	
"	1098		2300	MASTER		PTB's operating 90ND NW to CRUTTON Pt. Chu bury advised of arty about had not received message to date	LOGO JABE MAFO } information set

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27 JAN	1099	1035	6835	41V.S. Div.	-	Strip No 4 to 0800 hrs.	Show to Major WALKER (M)
"	1100	1817	1730	41V.S. Div.	-	Small Australian or American boat will take sundays day east from SANANANDA Pt. to GOWA on 28 JAN. The challenge is I in the forenoon N in the afternoon. Ship's answer in the forenoon is I in the afternoon C	Show to Major WALKER (M) I 70 to 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 for info.
"	1101			2/9	I 568	Strip to 1800 hrs. Normal patrols carried out throughout day by 'B' Coy & 'D' Coy. No sign of enemy.	Show to Major WALKER (M)
28 JAN	1102	0830		2/9	Phon	2 Japs killed last night. To-day's patrols - 1 patrol to go out on each bank only. Both patrols to start at 0800 hrs.	
"	1103	1025		1630 S. Regt.	Phon	HANSEN Bty. will register 5 Japs (phgs?) on MANGROVE IS. at 1030 hrs. 28 JAN.	Bdr. bud. + B.M. infnd. also 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 hrs.
"	1104	1055	0750	41V.S. Div.	By hand.	Strip No. 6 to 0800 hrs.	
"	1105		1230	18 Bdr.	O 175	Re-movement order of 18 Bdr.	To 2/9, 2/10, 2/12, det 2/5 F.O. Amb S.C.
"	1106	1416	1315	DOB. ALO.	DOB 129	Guided to be released A/C. A20/429	Show to B.M. (M) 2/12 infnd (V)
"	1107	1416	1127	41V.S. Div.	F 4/7	Had requested 130 bags mail + returns to be shipped from ORO BAY to SANANANDA night 28/29 Jan. signed FULLER.	Show to B.M. + S.C. (M)
"	1108	0853		18 Bdr.	I 76	Re-reports POP strip. Owing to difficulties of comm these reports could NOT be collected by this H.Q. at 1330 4/27 or 0330 4/28. Still trying communicate POP.	To 41V.S. Div.

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28 JAN	1109		1550	18 Bdr.	I 77	Two barge type vessels 330° and one to two miles from this H.Q. morning east.	To 41 U.S. Div.
"	1110	1843	1815	2/9	I 30	This units report fwd'd 27 Jan. Above answer to 0176.	
29 JAN	1111		0800			18 Bdr. H.Q. + 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 hrs + att. units moved from SANANANDA area to SOPUTA.	
"	1112		1655	18 Bdr.	I 79	Setup to 1700 hrs. Relief 18 Bdr. (by 163 Regt). 2/16 3 U.S. ln. complete. 18 Bdr. H.Q. less war parties concentrated SOPUTA area on main road 400 yds. SW. of bridge.	To 41 U.S. Div. rpd. 163 U.S. Regt.
"	1113		1945 28	41 U.S. Div.	G3-3	No troops of 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. will move from present locations until battalion road. 2 ln. 163 inf. ln. is satisfied relief is completed.	Shant to B.M. ops
"	1114		2130 28	18 Bdr.	O 180	Above message sent to 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bns. (IMMEDIATE).	
"	1115					Confirmation of above by 163 Regt.	
"	1116		0825 29	18 Bdr.	O 181	Relief of 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. by 2 ln 163 U.S. Regt. completed in this way G3-3 at 0800 hrs 29 JAN. H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. close 0900 hrs + move to SOPUTA.	To 41 U.S. Div. rpd. 163 U.S. Regt.
"	1117		0755	41 U.S. Div.	-	Setup No 8 to 0700 hrs.	Shant to B.M(M)
"	1118		1700	CG 41 USDV	By hand	1) operation order. 2) Maps + photographs. 3) Comm. Annex Vol. to FOI + APP X 'A' + 'B'	ops SITMAP

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30 JAN	1119	1153 1153	18 Bde	180	Request following maps your earliest convenience. Buna one inch and Popondetta one inch. 25 each	41 U.S. Div.
"	1120		41 Div		List of passwords to be used throughout area from 1200 hrs January 31 1943.	Passed to 219 2/10 2/12. Informant by I
31 JAN	1121	28 Jan	163 Regt.		Field Order No. 6	OPS. filed. Bde. dt. informed
"	1122				Maj General Allen visited the Brigade Comd.	

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30 JAN

H. SHERWIN. LO(2) was evacuated to M.D.S.

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<u>1</u>	12 DEC.		1430	18 Boe		B.M, I.P. & Capt. Quiltie departed by plane for Port Moresby.	
<u>2</u>	11 DEC.	2230	1015	MILNEFORCE	AQ 1775	Chaplain Phillips from 100.C.S. to 2/10 Bn. Will report to 2/9 Bn. 0900 12 DEC.	S.C. informed (M.)
<u>3</u>	"	2230	1510	"	AQ 3111	Prepar meal for 750 1700L 12 DEC. Beef for 750 will be delivered by 1300L 12 DEC. A.C.F. will make distribution comforts.	To Reception camp. 18 Bds. for inform. S.C. informed (M.)
<u>4</u>	"	2230	1750	17 Bds.	205	C Coy & as pl. A Coy. 2/7 Bn. a two day exercise. Buna area 975030. Siter - all informed.	S.C. informed. (M.)
<u>5</u>	12 DEC.	0015	2359	17 Bds	O 1758	2/5 Bn. will relieve 2/9 Bn. 12 Dec. Mutual arrangements made. 17 Bds. will advise H.Q. Milne Force when relief complete. 2/7 Bn. remains in defence No 1 strip.	S.C. informed (M.)
<u>6</u>	"	0915	0825	7 Bds.	I 170	Siter to 1800 hrs 4/11. siter.	
<u>7</u>	"	0915	0822	17 Bds.	203	Siter - all informed.	

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8.	12 DEC.		1730			18 Bds. Battle H.Q. Gp. plus 2/9 Bn. sailed from GILLI GILLI in 'COLAC', 'BROOME', + 'BALLARAT' convoys.	1 + 2/1 mi OAL gas and equip
9.	13 DEC.		1200			boway stopped to land vicinity CAPE SUDEST. Barge took C.O.'s 2/9 + 2/10 Bn, I.O. 2/10 Bn., 18 PL 2/9 Bn. Flares dropped by U/I aircraft	all stores by equip left ORO land via barge ammunition
10.	14 DEC.		0245			boway, on news of JAP naval forces approaching BUNA, made off back in direction of ORO BAY.	SEE message on file from CAPT. EMERSON, ORO BAY
11.	14 DEC.					boway anchored in bay vicinity TUFU.	
12.	14 DEC.		1545			Sailed again for ORO BAY.	
13.	14 DEC.		2345			Arrived at ORO BAY, all troops disembarked, marched 2 miles along coast and rested.	
14.	15 DEC.		2130			2/9 Bn. marched into area with 18 Bds. Battle H.Q. H.Q. latter slept in 2/9 Bn. area.	
15.	16 DEC.		0905			18 Bds. Battle H.Q. H.Q. arrived at Brigade area.	

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1	16 DEC	1200 16 DEC	12 DEC	G2 MILNE FORCE.	-	<p>Letter to Col. Bunnings from G.2. Milne Force re-composite carrier pl. of 2/7 + 2/5 bns. sent forward to come up. 32 U.S. Div.</p> <p>"It appears that 5 only carriers reached their destination, the remainder being at PORLOCK. However, it seems that all personnel sent forward + sustained some casualties, including the pl. comd. Lt FERGUSSON. 17 Bde. is sending CAPT. CRAMP to take charge (under 32 U.S. Div.). Can you take him up with you? I would also like you to explain the position to H.Q. 18 Bde. on your arrival & suggest (on our behalf) that they do all they can to see the carrier pl. is properly looked after."</p>	B.M. informed CAPT. CRAMP travelled up with 2/9 Bn. Filed.
2	16 DEC	16 DEC	9 DEC	N.G.F.	-	<p>Copy No 15. N.G. Force Op. Instruction No 51 + No 49. Copy No 2</p>	Received by B.M. Filed.
3	16 DEC	16 DEC	14 DEC	Adv. H.Q. N.G.F.	GT12	<p>Conclusions reached at conference between COMD. 18 BDE, and CGRA on 13 DEC regarding Artillery support for attacks by 18 Inf. Bde. at the BUNA-ENDAIADERE positions. (Col. JOHN + MAJ. THOMAS from ARTY. 32 DIV. were also present).</p>	B.M. informed. Document filed.
4	16 DEC	15 DEC 14 DEC	1900 128 Inf. Regt.	C.O.		<p>"I just talked to GEN. EICHEL BERGER about the extra battalion for new operations. GEN. EICHEL BERGER stated that there would be no extra battalion; that I would use one of my present battalions."</p>	Letter to B.M. Filed.

No 25 pde. coming back. 13/16 DEC

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<u>5.</u>	16 DEC.	15 DEC.	15 DEC.	GEN EICHELBERGER.	3241.	ACK receipt you message requesting A.A.F. be informed details all your troop movements.	Message to Bde. lbrnd. filed. (01)
<u>6.</u>	16 DEC.	16 DEC.	9 DEC.	N.G.F.	05705 TO MILNE FORCE aptd NOIC MORESBY.	MOST SECRET. HAMMER. One additional xp. of four rpt. four tks 2/6 Cust. Armd. Regt. will be despatched from MILNE BAY earliest by arrangement with N.O.I.C. to vicinity HORAKI coming under comd. BRIG. WOOTTEN on arrival. General arrangements applicable to MILNE BAY as in N.G.F. G.S. INSTRN 2. ACK.	B.M. informed. (M) Filed.
<u>7.</u>	16 DEC.	-	15 DEC. 18 BDE.	(1100)	03	Engos. request double and triple blarke and steel wire suitable haul 14 ton tank for possible recovery any tank bogged. Grateful you arrange these stores be fwded from MILNE BAY or MORESBY at earliest.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. copy filed.
<u>8.</u>	16 DEC.	-	15 DEC. 18 BDE.	(1100)	01	In view reported attack by unidentified aircraft on landing barges night 13/14 DEC. please ensure A.A.F. fully informed details all troop movements HAMMER + SLEDGE HAMMER. ACK.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. ACK. see serial 5. above.
<u>9.</u>	16 DEC.	16 DEC.	15 DEC.	CAPT. MAHER L.O. N.G.F.	PHONED.	Capt. MAHER L.O. from N.G.F. to 32 Div. rang to say that proportion of stores was coming fwd. from OKO BAY and that HAMMER + SLEDGE HAMMER had been made priority. B.M. pointed out to him that we could not work without stores. No 25 pde. coming fwd. 15/16 DEC.	B.M. informed. (V)

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<u>10.</u>	16 DEC.	16 DEC.	15 DEC (2145)	18 Bds.	PHONE.	Rang MAS. LUPANT that no details available of composition of stores coming fwd.	
<u>11.</u>	16 DEC.			18 Bds.	PHONE.	Following disembarked HAROKI 14/15 Dec. 10 HAMMER serial 5 20 SLEDGE HAMMER serial 1. Some stores on 'KARSIC' not unloaded, following later. Please advise arrival units.	Messages N.G.F. repeated Adv H.Q. N.G.F. + 32 Div.
<u>12.</u>	16 DEC.			18 Bds.	PHONE.	B.M. spoke to Col. BOWEN, G3 BUNA FORCE, and advised him that aircraft noise camouflage would be required 1800-1915 hrs D-1 and 0615-0700 hrs D. He was to advise in full of this requirement.	
<u>13.</u>	16 DEC.		15 DEC (2130)			2/9 Bn. marched into area, also 18 Bds Battle H.Q. group, which slept in 2/9 Bn. area.	
<u>14.</u>	16 DEC.		16 DEC (20405)			18 Bds. Battle H.Q. group marched into Bds. area. "I" officer opened.	

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<u>15.</u>	16 DEC		1200			One of our bombs dropped bombs + caused fire N.W. end of old strip. column of smoke seen.	
<u>16.</u>	16 DEC.		1150	18 Bde.	1501	Owing discrepancy in grids between target plan 24 and BUNA 4 inch map. map up. will be given when possible in terms BUNA 4 inch. Where this NOT possible state clearly 'ref target plan 24' ACK.	Message to 2/9 Bn, X Sqn. 2/6 Armd. Regt, rptd Acty C.P. ACK recd 2/9 Bn. 1330 hrs.
<u>17.</u>	16 DEC 1300			L.O.2. Lieut SHERWIN.	-	With regard to serial 15. Lieut SHERWIN reported that aircraft dropped two 'sticks' of bombs, N.W. end of old strip, fire started + column of smoke seen. General advance on 3 + 1 ^{Bns.} 128 Inf. Regt. fronts of 40-70', object to straighten front	B.M. informed. (V) Sit. map.
<u>18.</u>	16 DEC.		1340	18 BDE	03	Det. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. comes in support 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn. from 1800 hrs. 16 DEC. ACK.	Message to Lt MCKENS P.Y. rptd 2/9 Bn.
<u>19.</u>	16 DEC.		1440	18 Bde.	04	Following units HAMMER and SLEDGE HAMMER arrived HAIROIL. HAMMER serials one and fire stars serial fire still to come. SLEDGEHAMMER serial one also exp, medical deto referred from one. H.Q. HAMMER complete.	Message to N.G.F. rptd Adv. N.G.F. 320 S. Div.
<u>20.</u>	16 DEC.		1515	-	-	CHPT. CRAMP + B.M. discussed use of carriers. Probable 4 carriers Bde. Req. for a) use by S.C. for carrying assault boats, amm. etc. fwd.	

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20. (cont)	16 DEC.					(b) Role to assist in holding left flank of ground taken by 2/9 Bn. Two salvageable carriers to be recovered as soon as area is cleared. 6 M.M.G's available for the total of six carriers. One gun per carrier from cavalry.	
21.	16 DEC.	1315			CAPT. MAHER L.O. from N.G.F.	Sen. EICHELBERGER will meet Bde. Bnd. & Col. MARTIN & Col. HARDY at 1500 HAROKI native garden. (Cont. to assume comd. of sector 17 Dec. (A.M.). D day NOT before 18 DEC.)	Bde. Bnd. informed. Result of conference in brackets.
22.	16 DEC.	1400			C2 BUNA FORCE.	URBANA FORCE - Pocket of JAPS 262 261 (Truck. loc. M.R) in coconuts cleared at 1230 L/16. U.S. tps. control all ground west of ENTRANCE CREEK, bar crossed creek South of junction GIROPA PT + BUNA roads. WIKRAWAY reports possible fords 100' and 200' (feet) from mouth of SIMEMI SIMEMI CREEK.	B.M. informed. Sit. map.
23.	16 DEC.	1630			C2 BUNA FORCE.	Mounds camouflaged with loose grass, 5' feet apart, 4 together. Only bridge over SEMIMI CK. log, 40' wide at 2800 256 (Truck loc. map.) Bde. Bnd. instructed bridge to be razed by stilling 17 DEC. + a gun reserved to fire over this area during attack.	Message to B.M. Sit. map. Passed to B.M. and Arty.
24.	16 DEC.	1710	18 BOE	IS02		Security. (one) No lights or fires by night (two) No smoking fires by day. (three) No movement on beach by day or night. 8 ampuss bearings. True	Inform. to following units.

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24. (cont)	16 DEC.					bearings unless otherwise stated. all informed.	X Aust. Armd Sqn 2/18 Bde, 128 Regt, 2/9/2/10, det 2/4 Fd. Coy, 17 Bde, 1st Amiens, S.M.O.
25.	16 DEC.	2000	18 Bds.	PHONE.		B.M. rang Col BOWEN 32 U.S. DIV. and requested he arrange tentatively aircraft noise camouflage 1800-1915 hrs. 17 DEC. 0615-0700 hrs. 18 DEC. over area line of NEW STRIP from coast Westwards 1000 yds.	
26.	16 DEC.	1745	18 Bds.	IS03		Sitep to units (see file).	B.M. informal (V.)
27.	17 DEC.	0840	16 DEC P.M.	128 REGT.	VERBAL	Reported by 128 Regt. M.G. post, firing to West and South at 2903-2507 (BUNA TARGET MAP)	Message to 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9 Bn, 17 Bde, 1st Amiens, X Sqn. 2/6 Armd Regt.
28.	17 DEC.	0858	18 Bds.	IS04		Warning order. ORDER GROUP this H.Q. probably 1130 hrs. Exact time will be notified. all informed.	
29.	17 DEC.	0850	18 BOE	IS05		In accordance with GEN. EICHELBERGER'S instr BRIG. WOOTTEN assumed comd. 128 U.S. Regt. sector COL. MARTIN has been notified.	Message to 32 U.S. Div.
30.	17 DEC.	0912	L.O.3 Lieut M'COLM.	VERBAL.		L.O.3 reports night 16/17 DEC. all stores for 2/9 Bn, 18 Bds. H.Q., 2/5 Fd. Amb. (HAMMER) arrived less one small barge load priority 2 stores, belonging to 2/9 Bn.	B.M. informed (V.)
31.	17 DEC	1135	18 Bde	07		Confirming conversation. Code words Kilcoy Reached & Kilcoy Taken will be used to report reaching east west of Cape Enderbury & that Bu first phase complete & ground clear for U.S. Bn to take over	Message to 2/9 Bn.

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32	17 DEC		1245	18 Bde	I 507	<p>Passwords. Owing possibility passwords being compromised following list in operation from midnight commencing dates shown. 16/17 FLYING FOX. 17/18 LAMINGTON. 18/19 GILI GILI. 19/20 PENSACOLA. 20/21 KING FAROUK. 21/22 LONELY LILY. 22/23 RUFUS RED. ACK all informed.</p>	All units informed messages sent by hand.
33	17 DEC.		1245	18 BDE.	08	<p>Confirming verbal advice regular strips will be fed as dubig action or half hour and hour. Important information will be fed immediately. all reports will give map ref. and time specifying BUNA LOCALITY or TARGET PLAN</p>	Message to 2/9, 2/19 Bns.
34	17 DEC		1235	18 BDE	07	confirming communication map kit.	
34	17 DEC.		1256	18 BDE.	I 508	<p>Bde. bnd. unable address tk. personnel before 1430. Exact time to be notified.</p>	Message to X Sqn. 2/6 Aust. Am. Regt.
35	17 DEC.		1412	18 BDE.	I 509	<p>Warning to all ranks. Small supply boats will work in HARIKO ESTUARY between HARIKO and mouth night 17/18. all informed.</p>	<p>Message to: X Sqn. 2/5 Aust. Regt., 18 Bde. City 2/9 Bn, 128 U.S. Regt. 2/4 Co. Coy, 17 Bde. Baner, Hall Tp.</p>
36	17 DEC.		1230	18 BDE.	-	<p>18 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp. Operation ^{Order} NO 1 issued.</p>	Sent to units concerned by hand.
37	17 DEC.		1530	18 BDE.	O 10	<p>Please ensure air force fully aware details proposed course of action to prevent possibility strafing or bombing.</p>	Message to 32 U.S. Div.
38	17 DEC.		1640	18 BDE.	I 511	<p>ref. on I 509. Estuary impassable. Boats working along beach HARIKO to mouth of estuary. W and all tps. under cond. all informed.</p>	Message to all units to per serial No. 35.

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39.	17 DEC.		1610	18 Bde.	O11	Ref para 14 b ii of operation order no one of 17 Dec. in addition mortar fire 1/126 U.S. bn will maintain active pressure on their front and take immediate advantage of any opportunity to gain ground and seize enemy strong points.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt.
40.	17 DEC.	1711	1330	L.O.2 Lieut MCCOLM.	VERBAL.	Following officers at conference HARIKO 1330 hrs. 17 DEC. see list on ops. file. Discussion on op order for 18 auct. Inf. Bde. Gp. attack on BUNA area.	B.M. informed (V.)
41.	17 DEC.		1626	18 BDE	I510	Int. Sum. issued as per 18 auct. Inf. Bde. Gp. operation order No. 1.	Message to units by hand. Trace to XSG 2/16 and Regt 2/9 Bn.
42.	17 DEC.	2023	-	RMO 2/9	Phone	For MAJ. LAVARACK. Send SQUAD to contact RMO tonight	MAJ LAVARACK doing this. RMO informed
43	17 DEC	2025	-	ARTY GD	VERBAL	Light seen 90-100°. Well out to sea. For about five minutes.	
44.	17 Dec	2049 2115		Colonel Barber Ran road	Phone	Four Jeeps bringing 80 octane from DOBODURA Jeeps then allotted for duty during Op. 18 DEC	
45.	DEC 30	2127		M ^r Sherwin	Phone	Ref time Synchronisation Razov not getting it.	Informed T.O. Sig told to pass as normally and also Capt Kyle
46.		2145		HALL	Phone	Narassing 2317. 0126. 0346. 0404. Not near our area.	128 and 2/9 informed.

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<u>47</u>	17	2200		Col Rogers	Phone	PW knows of no crossing to SIMEMI Crs. knows nothing of our having tanks knows nothing of A/A movement PW estimate of strength 1000.	
<u>48</u>	17 DEC.	1915		18BOE	IS12	Sitrep to 32 U.S. Div. No 2.	Message to 32 U.S. Div.
<u>49</u>	17 DEC.			18BOE	012	Despite assurances aircraft noise cannon-flare did NOT report NOT materialize this evening.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. pta ddr N.G.F.
<u>50</u>	18 DEC	0013		Col. Rogers	PHONE (OUT 1)	Location of field piece. BVNA TARGET MAP 293 258.	Sit map.
<u>51</u>	18 DEC	0359		18BOE	IS12	Sitrep to 0400L/18.	Message to 32 U.S. Div.
<u>52</u>	18 DEC	0645				2/9 Bn. in posn. 128 U.S. Regt. withdrawn South of line.	Sit. map.
<u>53</u>	"	0647					
<u>54</u>	"	0658				Arty. barrage started on enemy positions.	
<u>55</u>	"	0658					

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<u>56</u>	18 DEC.	0659½		L.O.2 Lieut SHERWIN.	PHONE	Shells falling in target area.	
<u>57</u>	"	0707		"	PHONE	Fwd. tps. in his area report heavy rifle fire from coastal area. I.M.G. longest burst heard.	B.M. informed. (M.) Sit. map.
<u>58</u>	"		0710	18 BDE.	IS13 (OUT 2)	Preliminary artillery as planned, tanks and inf crossed the start line 0700 hrs.	Message to 532 U.S. Div. Sit. map.
<u>59</u>	"	0715		219 Bn.	PHONE.	Major Pamy - Orden reported M.G.'s firing a/c's.	B.M. informed. Arty. engaging them.
<u>60</u>	"	0720		L.O.2. Lt SHERWIN.		Tk. stationary on beach. Fire from pillboxes. Made 400 yards.	B.M. informed. Sit. map
<u>61</u>	"	0725		REGU L.O.2. Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE.	Three men seen swimming near tk. on beach by 128 U.S. Regt.	B.M. informed.
<u>62</u>	"	0727		B.M. Arty.	PHONE	Aircraft observed M.G.'s on beach 200 yards south of CAPE ENDAIADERE.	B.M. informed. Sit. map.
<u>63</u>	"	0732		18 BDE.	PHONE.	128 U.S. Regt. be prepared to go forward and collect P.W. now understood shot.	Message from B.M. to 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>64</u>	"	0735		18 BDE.	PHONE	I.O. msg to BARKER REG for ret. casualties. 219 Bn. reported 'B' bay in ret. 'A' + 'D' Cos. had reached 300 yards north of old enemy line. 'C' bay held up. Advance slow by tanks.	Passed to 128 U.S. Regt. Sit. map.

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<u>65.</u>	18 DEC.	0740		L.O. 128 U.S. Rgt.	PHONE.	(message) CLARKSON reports enemy M.G's front hissing. posns. we still operating also some enemy rifle fire from that vicinity.	B.M. phoned 128 U.S. Rgt tomorrow to old line. Sit. map.
<u>66.</u>	"	0743		Arty	VERBAL	Aircraft report AITK. gun 299 248. Inf. turned in to that direction.	B.M. informed. Sit. map.
<u>67.</u>	"	0754		L.O. 2. L. SHERWIN	PHONE.	1 + 3 hrs 128 U.S. Rgt. NOT yet in original posns. dispersal strip area. (message) Hy. opposition encountered by 'C' Coy. 2/9 Bn - some casualties	Message to Col. Mailed from Bde. Bnd. Sit. map.
<u>68.</u>	"	0800		L.O. 2. L. SHERWIN	PHONE.	'B' Coy. 2/9 Bn. moving fwd. slowly + contacted 'C' Coy.	Bde. Bnd. informed. { B.M. Sit. map.
<u>69.</u>	"	0801		Arty	VERBAL.	Reported that tanks have got to CAPE ENDIADERG + turned in.	{ Bde. Bnd. informed { B.M. Sit. map.
<u>70.</u>	"	0815	0740	2/9 Bn	IS 04 (IN 1)	Advance moving slowly, have reached thoroughly. JAP not moving from dugout. Have to kill all. CRAN held up by two M.M.G's at top dispersal area approx 291 251 (target plan No 24) WALT, BRON reached approx 300 yds North of old JAP line from BARRICADE to 294 256. Tanks sent to CRAN. RED crossed line on time.	B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
<u>71.</u>	"	0815	0806	2/9 Bn.	PHONE	BRON advance left flank held post second but. WALT 100x rear BRON. CRAN flank NOT past top of strip. casualties NOT heavy. Rt. tank has reached KILCOY.	B.M. informed. Sit. map.

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<u>72.</u>	18 DEC.	0835		2/9 Ksar.	PHONE.	LT McNAB reported through officer CAPT WHITEHEAD'S tk. wants another crew. Tank still in action. Maj Percy Walker informed & to advise CO.	B.M. informed (M.) Lt. Col. HODGSON taking over from CAPT. WHITEHEAD. New crew sent up.
<u>73.</u>	"	0846	18 BOE	013 (OUTS)		0815 leading elements 2/9 Bn. reached coast WEST of cape ENDAIDERE. Bn. pressing on to west edge of coconut plantation. Resistance still being offered East end of NEW STRIP. Inf. attacking with tanks. One tank crew hooked out. crew O.K.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. repl also not sit. map.
<u>74.</u>	"	0850	0825	2/9 Bn.	ISO6 rptd BECH 2/9 (IN 4)	Sit. sp. BRON reached KILCOY 0810 hrs. BRON tanks to aid WALT who are 200 yds. in rear. CRAN tanks taking over. 8-10 casualties. MOOR 1 pl. support. CRAN 2 pls. mopping up. BRON rickets in posn.	Bds. brnd. informed (M) B.M. Sit. map.
<u>75.</u>	"	0855		L.O.2 Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE.	20m.m. pill box being engaged by 25 pdrs. Reported by aty O.P.	Bds. brnd. informed (M) B.M. Fire effectors 2 TAPS seen to dump out of side.
<u>76.</u>	"	0900		2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	'D' Coy. moving west 200' from Pt. 'A' Coy. held up 250' South and 200' West of Pt. 2 tks. bogged 'A' Coy. sika. Endeavouring to recall 2 tks. from strip to assist. Pm spoke Col Hodgson to ensure they look & find to arrange in support & for moving Hodgson to see tks. as depicted & go into action.	Bds. brnd. informed (M) B.M. Sit. map.
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<u>78.</u>	18 DEC.		0902	18BDE.	IS14 (OUT3)	Sitrep No 3 to 0900 2/18.	32 U.S. Div. rptd 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>79.</u>	"		0910	18BDE	IS15 (OUT4)	confirming verbal advice. Col. HODGSON replacing WHITEHEAD as SON, COMD. in support you. Will first organize TANK attack 'C' Coy area then move to 'A' Coy.	Message to 2/9 Bn rptd X Squ. 2/6 and Regt.
<u>80.</u>	"		0920	18BDE	IS16 (OUT7)	First estimate casualties 3 of 260 R's. from wounded 0915 4/18.	32 U.S. Div. rptd 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>81.</u>	"		0920	0908	2/9 Rear. IS07 rptd BECH 2/9. (INS)	Sitrep. CRAN held up by two M.M.G's 291251 rpt. map. TARGET 24. Tanks being sent up. CRAN cannot see enemy posns. Will attempt infiltrate. AMERICANS moved fwd. to left flank and right rear of CRAN. CAPT. WHITEHEAD and crew tank injured. Spar crew to go fwd. immediately	(Bd. Bnd. B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
<u>82.</u>	"		0918	18BDE.	014 (OUT6)	Important no surrendering of any enemy capt. in particular gun sights! Any such sights or other items of value will be returned. IMPORTANT.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9, 2/10 Bns.
<u>83.</u>	"		0945.	128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE.	128 U.S. Regt. report dense clouds of smoke rising up from BUNA MISSION.	(Bd. Bnd. informed (V) B.M. Sit. map.
<u>84.</u>	"		1000	18BDE.	IS08 (OUT8)	128 U.S. Regt. reported at 0945 has dense clouds white smoke rising BUNA MISSION area.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. Sit. map.

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85.	18 DEC.					JAP documents brought in 'T'See sig runner. obtained by AMERICANS when mopping up.	
86.	"	1010	188 DE.	015 (OUT 9)		Capt. WHITEHEAD and Lt. Col. HODGSON both wounded. No relief tank personnel available and already shot out the commander. Require urgent dispatch from MORESBY by air one senior tank off. and three complete tank units in reserve. This considered minimum essential. IMMEDIATE.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd. adv. N.G.F.
87.	"	1030	1000	128 U.S. PHONE	Rset. C.P.	O.P. saw multiple A.A. gun at 1000 hrs. firing from coconut grove in N.W. end of NEW STRIP.	B.M. informed (V.) Bdr. Buld. Sit. map.
88.	"	1035	188 DE.	016. (OUT 10)		WHITEHEAD, HODGSON both wounded. Lt. CURTIS will send sqn. in support you.	Message to 2/9 Bn.
89.	"	1030	0915	188 DE. PHONED.		Filed as No 10 in Ops File of 18 DEC. (OUT FILE).	Message to 2/9 Bn.
90.	"	1100	0930	2/9 Bn. I 508 (IN 6)		Inter-Company Strip. map. of target 24 'D' Coy. approx position from 291257 to coast. 'D' Coy. report 20 JAPS moving west 100 yards from coast. 'C' Coy still awaiting tanks. 'B' Coy. forward stat line 12 pl. plus tanks attacking landings of two heavy M.G's approx 15 inf. MR HERON & MR POWELL dead. 'C' Coy. report six M.G's approx dispersed beyond 290256 untouched by arty.	Message to 2/9 Bn. B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
91.	4	1100	1020	2/9 Bn. I 509 (IN 7)		Sitrep. 1 tank caught fire & destroyed. CRAN still held up, 1 tank went in but did no damage against barricades with steel coils. Sniper active between WALT & BRON. 2 tanks sent to CRAN. 1 lost not destroyed.	B.M. informed (M.) Bdr. Buld Sit. map.

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92.	16 DEC.		1105	18 BDE.	017 (OUT 12)	one tank destroyed by fire or flamethrower.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F.
93.	"	1118		L.O.2. L+SHERWIN.	PHONE (OUT 13)	Mountain ^{gun} reported west end OLD RUNWAY 282252.	B.M. informed (M.). Bdr. bnd. Sit. map.
94.	"		1135	18 BOE.	018	Essential messages quote map used.	Message to 2/9 Bn. Rhee switch + 2/9 Bn.
95.	"	1140	1100	2/9 Bn.	IS10 also to BELH. 2/9 BN. (IN 8)	Sitrep. 'A' Coy facing west from approx 290255 (coast) running to N.E. 'D' Coy. from from coast 'A' Coy. right flank. 'A' Coy. strength 48 est. 50 ph sent cas. 'D' Coy. 40 cas. 'C' Coy attacking to west of V of strip.	B.M. L.S.C. informed (M.). Sit. map.
96.	"			18 BDE.	IS19. (OUT 14)	Sitrep No 4 to 1115 L/18. Copy on file.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd 128 U.S. Regt! Bdr. bnd.
97.	"	1145		ARTY.	PHONE.	Snaps burning edge jingle it. side of bridge, smoke beginning to obscure view it. edge OLD STRIP to within 100' of pillbox, keeps coming in gusts.	B.M. informed (M.). Sit. map.
98.	"	1145		ARTY	PHONE.	3.7 engaged mountain gun mentioned in serial 93 and silenced it.	Bdr. bnd. B.M. informed. (M.). Sit. map.
99.	"	1200		32 U.S. DIV	(PHONE) PHONE.	No A.A. fire at observation plane high or low. Enemy mortar fire from behind bridge in area between OLD + NEW STRIPS. Not able to locate exact position of mortars. JAP C.P. at 272262.	Phoned to B.M. Bdr. Cnd. informed. Sit. map.

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<u>100.</u>	18 DEC.	1210		Chief of Staff.	PHONE	SLEDGEHAMMER arriv ORO BAY night 18/19 DEC. Will be dispatched for all available small craft ETA HAROKI. 0400 hrs. 19 DEC.	Message to B.M.S.C. 18 Bdk. (V.)
<u>101</u>	"	1221	18BDE		019 (OUT 15)	Presence of war TANAKA unit status was our operation order PHASE one four companies totalling 500, each eq. with L.M.G. as heavy M.G., as flame thrower also light field piece possibly no ammunition. Ford can be rationed to 3100 re also sups. by cruiser or destroyer some days ago. Further supplies expected by sea before 31 DEC. Passing message necessary consent ammunition. Priskin believes 500 manures are OLD STRIP. Full report follows.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F.
<u>102</u>	"	1230	18BDE		020 (OUT 16)	Lead tank destroyed by enemy action. Suggest urgent need further tank tp. subsequent phases operation. Tp. to include proportion renew was .	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd adv. N.G.F.
<u>103.</u>	"	1243		2/9Bn.	PHONE.	A20/175 dropped message. 1) How many of our tanks blocked at isconut grove? 2) How many hundreds of yds. west of CAPE E. have our tps advanced? Draw no ground. 2/9 Bn. says 1) 2, possibly three 2) 400 yds. west of CAPE E. in a line dispersed bay East End NEWSTRIP.	B.M. informed. 2/9 Bn. told that that would reply. Maj THOMAS told to contact A20/175 with orders + order him not to worry fwd. tps. with messages.

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<u>104.</u>	18 DEC.		1237	(18 BDE.) 18 BDE.	I 519. (OUT 17)	Summary enemy inform. to 1200 hrs 18 DEC. copy on file.	Message to 2/9 Bn, Arty. 18 Bds, GP, X Sqn. 2/6 Amnd. Regt.
<u>105.</u>	"		1332	1302	2/9 Bn. I 511 (IN 11)	lit. ref. map target 24. bay strength 'A' Coy. 41, 'B' Coy 32, 'C' Coy 42, 'D' Coy 69. 'C' Coy held up by M.M.G. post, awaiting tanks. shells dropped possibly 75 m.m. gun. Area 294249 'B' Bay H.A. map. ref. 293243.	Bde. bnd. (B.M. informed (M.)) Sit. map.
<u>106.</u>	"	(RM)	1300	18 BDE.	PHONE. (OUT 18)	(RM) instructed. Col. MILLER, Executive offr. 128 Regt. Bde. bnd. for 1/128 Bn. to make physical contact with left flank of 'C' bay and maintain this assisting attack on V in strip Col. MILLER spoke to Bde. bnd.	Ops. File. Sit. map.
<u>107.</u>	"		1346	S3 128 US Regt.	PHONE.	Strong post in front of 3/128 Bn has now been cleared out by 3/128. 4 JAPS & 4 Americans killed.	Bde. Cnd. informed. (B.M. (M.)) Sit. map.
<u>108.</u>	"		1348	SIG. CLERK.	INTERCEPT MESSAGE.	"To Tank 5 from SILVER (C.O. 2/9 Bn). course due South. contact bapc. PARBURY."	Bde. Cnd. informed. (B.M. (M.))
<u>109.</u>	"		1350	L.O.2 LISHERWIN from O.P. 1/126.	MESSAGE BY HAND	Arty. scored 2 direct hits on pill box, first on right of Bridge on DOBODUKA RD, and mentioned to B.M. a.m. Reported card in. One JAP seen running out and disappeared. Inform. required as to whether JAP prisoner knew of tanks.	Bde. Cnd. informed. (B.M. (M.)) MAJ. THOMAS informed. Sit. map.

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109 cont.	18 DEC					MAS. HALL reports that refuelling point made for tanks just near junc. of our stat line and near track. 2 tanks have refuelled.	SIT. MAP
110.	"	1410	1355	2/9	IS12 also BECH 2/9. (IN 13)	Sitrep. No change. 'C' Coy still awaiting tanks. 14 Pl. was temporarily out of touch with 'C' Coy. Believe it has suffered heavy casualties. Gap next to 'A' Coy. has been closed by 4 Vickers. (B.M.) 'D' Coy report 8 JAPS moving West. Snipers active.	Bds. Brd. informed (B.M. M.) Sit. Map.
111.	"	1410	18 Dec.	IS20	(OUT 19)	Sitrep NO 5 to 1400 4/18. Copy on file.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd Adv. N.G.F.
112.	"	1350	18 Dec.	PHONE		1) 2/9 Bn waiting until 'C' Coy attack gets in, etc. 2) 3/128 Bn. on night to be sent up to look after the East beach. 3/128 Bn. to come about 500 yds up from old front line holding a strip 200' in depth facing eastwards and building up all round defence.	B.M. to Col. CUMMINGS. 2) find to col. CUMMINGS. Both messages put in Ops File 1) Serial NO 19 } OUT 2) Serial NO 20 } FILE Sit. map.
113.	"	1450	18 BDE.	021	(OUT 22)	Sitrep NO 6 1445 hrs. Two coys on North and South line through point approx 450 yds east of CAPE ENDAIADERE facing West. Endeavouring push fwd. against determined opposition. One Coy. supported by available tanks attacking enemy strongpoint holding estimated twenty pillboxes situated East end NEW STRIP. Remaining coy. supporting this attack. Two tanks destroyed, one immobilised, four available bn, one ltr. reserve. 3/128 U.S. bn. taking over	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F. Sit. map.

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114. Cont.	18 DEC.					coast from approx. 306244 to approx. 305250 in depth 200 yds. Right flank 1/128 extending to contact left flank 2/9 Bn at NEW STRIP. Contact will be maintained as attack progresses. Will advise result attack NEW STRIP now in progress and further projected action. IMMEDIATE	
115.	"	1500		S2 128 U.S. REGT.	PHONE.	S2 128 U.S. Regt. advised JAPS with M.G.'s + mortar re-occupying pillboxes t. of bridge between strips. Act. to engage again. 1/126 advised by B.M. R.A.	B.M. informed (M.) also Bde. bnd. sit. map.
116.	"	1525	1515	2/9 Bn.	IS 13, (IN 16)	Sitrep. 'B' Coy. reports cleared at 7 sargars. Tanks rptd. approaching 'C' Coy. 'D' Coy. rptd 2 men wounded. otherwise no change.	Bde. bnd + B.M. informed. (M.)
117.	"	1531	1130	Lt TEASDALE & SMITH	(IN 15)	SLEDGEHAMMER will arrive you report you approx 0200 hrs. 19 Dec. Am using all CRAMPS available from ORO BAY. Endeavouring have all equipment as well as troops land this night. Many difficulties. Will overcome	Message to Brig. WOOTTEN rpt. Col. DOBBS. Bde. bnd + B.M. informed (M.)
118.	"		1345	J'SEC W/T. op. to tanks.	W/T (IN 14)	Tank is abandoned. crew left and O.K.	Bde. bnd. + B.M. informed.
119.	"	1610		WINKLER WINKLER	VERBAL VERBAL	Reported by Lt WINKLER as coming from cor. MARTIN that 75 JAPS made their way from the north into the pillboxes into the forked part of the strip.	Bde. bnd. + B.M. informed (V.) sit. map.
120.	"	1610		I.O. 2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	Reports that there are 13 of above pillboxes, still covered.	Bde. bnd. + B.M. informed (V.)

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121	18 DEC.	1625		ISgt. 128 U.S. Rgt.	PHONE.	1 Bn. bnd. reports that activity north of his area in vicinity of CAPE seems to be increasing. Increased sounds of firing. First had inform. Increased sounds of firing. First had inform. Increased sounds of firing. First had inform.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
122	"	1645		Sgt LINDOFF 128 U.S. Rgt.	PHONE.	Fwd. Australian troops reported sighting ZEROS off coast headed in this direction. Nothing contacted.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Bdr. personal warned.
123	"	1720		C.O. 2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	'C' Coy with 3 tanks in support has taken 4 pillboxes East end NEW STRIP. 'B' Coy is on thin north flank facing west.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
124	"	1720 1722	18 BDE.	IS21 (OUT 23)		Sitep NO7 from 0700 to 1700 4/18. Copy on file.	Message to 32 U.S. Div rptd Adm N.G.F.
125	"	1845	18 BDE	IS24 (OUT 24)		Tank reported immobilised now known burnt out. Total three burnt out.	Message to 32 U.S. Div rptd Adm N.G.F. 128 U.S. Rgt.
126	"	1910 1700	2/9 Bn	IS15 (IN 18)		Sitep. 'A' Coy, moving fwd. to contact 'D' Coy supported by tanks. Line to be straightened. 'B' Coy holding defensive line at 293253, captured 4 H.M.G.'s and contacted 14 pl. Ref target plan.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (M) rptd BECH. Sit. map.
127	"	1910 1830		IS16 (IN 19)		Sitep. 'D' Coy, 300 yds west pt. to contact 'A' Coy 250 yds south of track. 'B' Coy left flank 'A' Coy then YANKS to contact 'C' Coy right flank. 'C' Coy resting on track north of strip 305244 ref BUNA LOCALITY. BN H. G. near hut.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (M) rptd BECH. Sit. map.

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128.	18 DEC	1927	18 BDE	IS 25	(OUT 25)	<p>Sitrep N 08 to 1930 hrs. Dispositions for night 18/19 Dec. 1/126 unchanged. From original left flank 1/128 holds along south side NEW STRIP to 303243 thence 'C' Coy. 2/9 to 302245, thence 3/128 along line of track to coast at 306250. From 302245 to north coast at 306248, M.M.G's cover tracks. Artillery D.F. tasks. 301253 'B', 'A' + 'D' Coy 2/9 that order. TK. Lager 306248. M.M.G's cover tracks. Artillery + mortar D.F. tasks.</p>	<p>Message to 32 U.S. Div. with adv N.G.F., 128 U.S. Regt. Sit map.</p>
129.	"	2100	2100	ISERGT.	PHONE 2/9 Bn.	<p>Sitrep, situer. dispositions. 'D' Coy 300x West of CAPE, 'A' bay approx 250x out from Cape. 'B' bay with platoon in reserve behind + between 'A' bay's left flank and 'B' bay's right flank. 'C' bay on partly same dispersed bays of NEW STRIP and up track a BUNA LOCALITY MAP towards 25 grid line roughly are 200x YANKS connect with up from 'B' Coy's left flank to 'C' Coy's right flank. <u>Rich's gun pos</u> - one gun B.H.Q. coming coast blue gun on coast in it. flank of 'D' Coy fire across on front and 'A' Coy's. One gun on 'A' Coy's left flank crossing in front of 'A' 'D' Coy. a) one gun firing up 'B' bay's front e) one with 'C' Coy, position not exactly known.</p>	<p>Entered on sit. map.</p>

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129 Cont.	18 DEC.					Coy. strengths. 'D' not known. 'A' 1435. 'B' 3446 plus 6 attached. 'C' 3455 incl. attached.	
130.	"	2115		2/9 Bn	PHONE.	'A' & 'D' boys out of line communication with Bn. H.Q. 'C' boy has captured two .5 weapons.	B.M. informed. (V.)
131.	"	2130	2040	L.O.3. Lt McCORM	VERBAL.	Lt McCORM saw large fire on NEW STRIP.	
132.	"	2115				Sig. bollus reported reddish light directly alt to sea - far out.	
133.	"	2135		Through SIGS.	VERBAL.	Sentry reported light went on and off and is now off altogether. Seemed some out of signal.	
134.	"	2140		ARTY H.Q.	VERBAL.	Harassing fire of 200 rounds at various intervals through the night between GIROPE PT. and West end of OLD STRIP.	
135.	"	2200		2/9 DIV.	PHONE.	Running line to 'D' Coy who will connect with 'A' Coy. Harassing mortar fire of three per hour will be put on during night 18/19 DEC.	

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136.	18 DEC.	2230	*	COL. BOWEN.	PHONE.	LIEUT. WINKLER TO RING COL. BOWEN MORNING * 19 DEC.	
137.	"	2237		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Communication has been established between 'A' + 'D' Coy.	
138.	"	2253		2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	2/9 Bn. report outbreak of fire from 'C' Coy described as "jitters" fire.	
138	19 Dec	0207		Sentry	Verbal	Sounds of barges heard - beaching about 4/800 South of this HQ.	
139	19 Dec	0245	"	Lieut McAdm	Verbal	Reported safe arrival 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	
140	19	0330		Rear 2/9	Phone	Sitnor. est. killed 35 in three Coys. as est for further	incl in I525 Subs to Mr
141.	19	0415		2/10	Phone	1600 hrs two Coys arrived. no. held arms & stores ahead of them being left in Courlettes	
142	"	0430 0438		(18 BDE.) 18 BDE.	I525 (OUT26)	Situation very quiet whole front all night. SLEDGE HAMMER less two Coys and hrs bulk arms & stores arrived. 6 casualties 18 Dec. 9+96 admitted to A.D.S. at 1900 hrs. First estimate of killed 40.	Message phoned to 32 U.S. Div. rptd Adv. N.G.F.
143.	"	0930		18 BDE.	I526 (OUT27)	Locations unchanged. active patrolling on whole front.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd Adv. N.G.F.

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144.	19 DEC.	0935	0918	2/9BN.	IS16. (IN 20)	'C' Coy had patrol out 200 yds. no contact made. Go to patrol to original objective (edge of jungle.) if this is clear will occupy position. 'A' Coy has patrol out checking on pillboxes in front, if clear 'D' Coy and 'A' Coy. will straighten their front.	B.M. informed (M.) B.M. spoke to Col CUMMINGS to ensure that immediate advantage be taken if any ground vacated by our dear of enemy also spoke to Col MARTIN to ensure that U.S. be maintained active policy and took similar advantage. Lit. map.
145	"	0925		B.M. 18 BDE.	PHONE.	B.M. spoke to MAJOR MULLER to ensure that physical contact was being maintained on flanks.	
146	"	1015		18 Bds.	IS27 (OUT 28)	Following JAPANESE phrases may assist in taking prisoners. 1) AMERICA HAY = we are American. 2) KO-SON SHE NA-SYE = Surrender. 3) ONSHIN SAYO = You are safe. Pronounced so in English.	Message to X Sq. 2/6 and. Regt, 2/9, 2/10. Bns.
147.	"	1035		18 BDE.	IS28. (OUT 29)	Preliminary investigation captured documents suggests following units or detos, those of BUNARA, UNIT 925 (YAMA MURA). UNIT 804 (SATO). TANAKA UNIT. Will fwd. documents collect 32 Div.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd. Adv. N.G.F.

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148.	19 DEC 1955		1010	GEN. EICHELBERGER.	(IN 21)	ack you 019. EICHELBERGER.	Message from 32 U.S. Div.
149.	"	1140		L.O.2 LSHERWIN.	PHONE.	Americans are putting up an 81 mm. mortar barrage at 1200 hrs. on JAP L.M.G. post, for six minutes, post. 2921 2418 BUNA LOCALITY map. Patrols are to follow in after barrage. Post located by sound.	I.O. informed (V.)
150.	"	1140	1105	2/9Bn.	IS18 (IN 22)	Front line to be straightened out ^{up} and ^{so} facing west from 1115 hrs. 'C' Coy. to advance to original objective edge of timber 302245 (4" to 1 mile). Remaining coys and Americans to straighten out and cover along grid 30 facing west. If possible comb between eastern side grid line 30 and NEW STRIP will be taken.	Bds. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
151.	"	1210	1145	2/9Bn. rptd to BECH 2/9Bn.	IS19 (IN 23)	Sitrep. 'C' Coy reached original objective from strip to line of jungle on 400 yds front, now digging in. YANKS on 'C' Coy's right flank in position and digging in. 'A' Coy and 'D' Coy. preparing to move.	Bds. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
152.	"	1251	1240	2/9Bn.	IS20 (IN 24)	'B' Coy. left flank has moved 450' fwd. 'A' Coy and 'D' Coy not yet moved.	Bds. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
153.	"	1251	1215	L.O.2 LSHERWIN.	PHONE.	L Bay 3/128 has moved fwd. 100'. No resistance, no holding up waiting for bay on right. I Bay 128 has moved fwd. 300-350 yds line almost N-S facing west. contacted 'C' Coy 2/9 on left + L/128 on right now digging in.	Bds. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.

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154.	19 DEC.	1300	1235	128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE.	'C' Coy. 2/9 am left has met resistance his digging in. I/128 on st. of 'C' Coy 2/9 doing same. 2/128 on st. of I/128 also digging in. 'B' Coy 2/9 Bn. a little in rear but catching up. Listening posts in front of L/128.	Bde. Cmd & B.M. informed (V). Sit. map.
155.	"		1325	18 BDE.	IS29 (OUT 30)	Sitef No 9 from 1700 L/18 to 1200 L/19. Copy on File. (with superimposed sketch).	Message to U.S. Div, rftd Adv. N.G.F. 128 U.S. Regt
156.	"	1355	1330	2/9 Bn.	IS21 (IN 25)	'A' Coy and 'D' Coy. moving up, have occupied and pill-box. Burned it out and are searching others which seem quiet. 'C' Coy dug in some positions and patrolling front with idea moving forward. One pl. YANKS contacted right flank 'C' Coy & digging in. second YANK pl. contacted left flank 'B' Coy which has advanced approx 500'.	B.M. informed (M). Sit map.
157.	"	1415		N.G.F.	-	Interrogation of SEN ISHI, IZUSIDA, 1st class Private, taken prisoner Dec 17, 1942, by URBANA Force.	Seen by B.M., I.O.
158.	"	1440	1419	L.O.2 LE SHERWIN.	PHONE.	Reported 'B' Coy 2/9 started moving fwd & Americans on left moving with them. I/128 report no resistance in their front. 'C' Coy 2/9 stopped & digging in.	B.M. informed (N). Sit. map.

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159.	19 DEC.	1546	18 BDE.	IS30.		Sitrep NO 10 to 1430 hrs. Active fwd. patrolling whole front morning 19 Dec. 'A' & 'D' Bays continue to advance. Snipers & L.M.G. in jungle NW of front flank. 'E' Coy 219 engaged with mortars 1415. Pillboxes 300 252 burnt out with petrol. 1/126. mortars attempted silence JAP LMG 292 242 without success. patrol sent fwd 1315 2/19 to locate dispositions. att. 1500 hrs. Advance continuing. Our line now 30 yds approx from the back approx. centre NEW STRIP. URBANA little progress all day. 7 pillboxes area 263 266.	X Sq 2/6 Armd Regt, 18 Bde Arty, det 2/4 FD. Coy, 2/9, 2/10, 128 U.S. Regt., S.M.O.
160.	"	1500	1/126 O.P.	PHONE.		1/126 O.P. reports black smoke by banana grove N.W. OLD STRIP.	B.M. informed. (M)
161.	"	1615	1530	2/9 Bn.	IS23. (IN 28)	Sitrep. 'D' Coy, 'A' Coy, 'B' Coy, 600 yds. in from beach on line facing west. NIL casualties for 'D' Coy.	B.M. informed. (M.)
162.	"	1705	L.O. 2 Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE.		1/126 and 1/128 making arrangements between themselves at present. C.O.'s conferring about plan to fill gap in centre of NEW STRIP. Lt. SHERWIN thinks they are doing it now. He will bring down an overlay as soon as report of their dispositions comes to hand.	B.M. informed. (V.)

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163.	19 DEC	1730		S3 128 Regt.	PHONE	'C Coy 2/9 will contact with I 3/128 at 1645 hrs. A 1/128 has made contact with I 3/128 at 1715 hrs. 1 + 3/128 are along southern end of line and are joined together.	B.M. informed. (M.) Sit. map.
164.	"	1525	1500	2/9 Bn. Mpta SECH 2/9.	I522 (IN 27)	2/9 moved to beach but 400 yds north of present pos. 'A' Coy. reports some opposition and are fishing way forward. One man slightly wounded. 'D' Coy. reports sea forward 200 yards and to depth of 200 yds. from sea cleared at 1430 hrs.	B.M. informed. (M.) Sit. map.
165.	"	1635	18 BDE.	O22 (OUT 31)		Further to 18 Bde. Op. Instr 101 . Copy Filed.	Message to XSq 2/6 Armd. Regt, 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9, 2/10, 32 U.S. Div. Art. H Q, 18 Aust. Inf Bde GP, S.C., I.O.
166.	"	2020	18 BDE	O24 (OUT 32)		GENERAL EICHELBERGER directs that the attention of all ranks be drawn to the fact that the construction of JAP pillboxes is such that the tossing in of a grenade will NOT reasonably eliminate the occupants. Additional precautions must be taken. ACK	Message to 128 U.S. Regt, XSq 2/6 Armd. Regt, 2/9, 2/10 Lno.
167.	"	2035	18 Bde	O25 (OUT 33)		Confirming what request please arrange aircraft noise camouflage to known movement tanks 0600 to 0700 hrs 20 DEC in area 1600 yds WEST and 1000 yds South of CAPE ENDAI ADERE.	Message to 32 U.S. Div.

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168.	19 DEC		2049	18 Bda	ISSI (OUT 34)	Sitrep No 11 to 2100 L/19. General line of front etc. Copy filed.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd. Adv. N. G. F., 128 U.S. Regt.
169.	"	5110	2030	2/9 Bn	PHONE.	Sitrep - situat.	
170.	"	5102	2100	G 2 BUNA FORCE.		Col ROGERS asked for estimation of JAP casualties during last two days fighting.	Could not give required inform.
171.	"	5105	2102	C.O 2/9 BN	PHONE.	Spoke to I.O. 18 Bda, enquiring reference heavy firing in the vicinity of mouth SIMEMICK.	
172.	"		2140	18 Bda.	PHONE.	Duty man rang Arty. Control Centre ref. above Arty. stated that it was harassing fire ordered by N.G.F. and would continue at intervals throughout the night.	2/9 C.O. advised by phone.
173.	"	5022	2225	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	'D' Coy. on coast reports that there seems to be a scrap going on possibly 1000 yds on a bearing of 285° from their H.Q. which is 150 yds in from the coast. 'B' Coy. report that there are several heavy explosions in front of their positions.	128 U.S. Regt advised by phone. Nothing reported to them.
174.	20 DEC.		0220	128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	128 U.S. Regt. rang to say there was no change in the situation.	
175.	"		0650			Arty. barrage started at 0650 hrs. and lasted until 0700 hrs, which is zero hour for attack.	

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176.	20 DEC.		0710			Aircraft spotted A.A. gun at N.W. end OLD STRIP (281 254) (4" approx) meter to engage.	allowed to engage for five minutes only.
177.	"		0725	MAJOR WALL from F.O.P.	PHONE.	Beds full in coconut grove at night rear of OLD STRIP. appear to be falling a little deeper in jungle than yesterday.	B.M. informed (V.).
178.	"	1040	0730	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	C.O. 2/9 Bn. wished to report that communication was difficult owing to weakness of 'walky talky' sets. Coy. have to keep 'bring in' which retards progress. Comm. between boys difficult. Boys crossed start line at 0700 hrs. and advancing slowly. Tanks sweeping trees ahead with M.C. fire. Capt TAYLOR, 'A' Coy, wounded in shoulder.	B.M. informed (V.) 128 U.S. Regt. informed by phone. Sit. net.
179.	"		0740	Rear 2/9	PHONE	Little firing can be heard at the moment @ 700' and slight. Thought to be 150'	B.M. informed (M.)
180.	"		0745	Adv	Verbal	300' fwd.	B.M. informed (M.)
181.	"		0752	2/9 Bn	(IN 30) I 526	We have advanced 300 yds. No opposition.	B.M. informed (M.)
182.	"		0804	2/9 Rear	PHONE INTERCEPT	C Coy ordered move fwd to start line	} Bn + Cnd
183.	"		0813	128 C.P.	PHONE	left flank 1/1st at first bay. No flank in physical contact 3/128 which is extending north to take over line held by 2/9.	
184.	"		0814	2/9	PHONE	400' adv on whole front. high undergrowth. Strong (line)	informed Sit. net.
185.	"	0815	0715	2/10	I 80 (IN 29)	Sitrep as at 0700 2/20. 'A' Coy moved to Beds. Reserve area 128 U.S. Regt. 'C' Coy. v/c 2/9 Bn, bring in result area CAPE ENDAIADERE. 1 and 200.R. arrived from 0800 BAY.	Bde. Gnd + B.M. informed (M.)

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186.	20 DEC.		0650	2/9 Bn	Phone	Adv. slowly on line from first B in probably along the line of coconuts to coast at 288263 Burma Target No 24. B Coy passing through sajo swamp & searching down to line of creek. This delays whole line. Barker Rex will hold up on edge of grass land & creek line. Red I (Major Parry Okeden) now approx 290259	Bde Comd + B.M. informed Lt. map.
187.	"		0915	2/9 Bn	Phone	D & A Coy are to move forward to line of timber & grassland. The left flank of Don Coy at P in probable - thence to creek	Bde Comd & BM informed
188.	"		0925	128 U.S. Rgt. per A.M.	VERBAL	1/128 has moved fwd. made contact with it. flank of 1/126. Their line extends from their "dummys" A.A. posns. N.E. through center bay to 299246 3/128 to fill gap between 1/128 and left flank 2/9 Bn. C	Gen. pers. phone to G3, 32 U.S. Div. by Lt WINKLER. Bde. Comd. informed. S.t. map.
189.	"		0915	18 Bde to 18 Bn	027. (OUT36)	2/10 Bn less one Coy with 2/9 Bn will move to area outside track 304246 (LOC) and will remain bde tes at 15 mins notice @ report when in posn.	2/10 by hand. Comd.
190.	"		0920	18 BDE.	028 (OUT37)	In view serious shortage bar. staff request Major BROCKSOPP, Lt. SEDDON, Lt AITKIN now at MILNE BAY be sent fwd. earliest possible.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rephd Adv. N.G.F
191.	"		0715	From B.M.	(IN30)	A.A. gun approx on south track SINEMICK. 200x East & south of night spit. MANNING engaging.	

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192.	20 DEC.		0730	B.M.	(IN 30)	checked with G3, 32 U.S. Div. COL. BOWEN whether any air support had been asked for (bombing staffing has taken place vicinity OLD STRIP) was informed only bombing asked for was at 0815 west of GIROPA PT.	
193.	"		0950	Razor Maj. Sibel.		1/128 hold from just East of W in New Strip to the point where left trail enters the woods 3/128 have sent patrols fwd to try & get in behind Pill Boxes on right of the bridge 3/125 trying to contact B 2/9.	arty informed about patrols going to Pill Boxes Sit. map.
194.			0915	18 BDE.	026 (OUT 35)	128 U.S. Regt. will advance to West in conformity with 2/9 lns objective all lns SIMEMI CK. Report progress Six M.M.G. 2/10 lns come under command. 128 U.S. Regt reporting forthwith 128 U.S. Regt for beach defence CAPE ENDAIADERE which remains dispersed.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9.
195.	"	1010	-	C.O. 2/9 Bn	(IN 31)	Keep well up to the sea because of logs. Leave left flank bay.	Intercept message to all units.
196.	"	1010	18 Bds.		029 (OUT 38)	all units will be warned that NO tps. are to go on beach by day or night. ACK.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9, 2/10 Bn.
197.	"	1010	0925	GEN. EICHEL- BERGER.	3738P (IN 32)	Ack. your message 022 dated 19 DEC.	

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198.	20 DEC.	1010	0945	2/9Bm.	IS29 (IN 33)	'A' Coy and 'D' Coy. at edge of jungle & grassland 0945 hrs. 'C' Coy. to pass through 'A' Coy. 1000 hrs. 'D' Coy. to advance in jungle. 'C' Coy. in grassland. 'B' Coy. still coming through jungle. Next stop on line from STRIP point to east edge of second grassland. Map ref. target plan 24.	Bde. bnd & B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
199.	"	1030		2/9Bz.	PHONE.	I.O. was informed that 'B' Coy. had reached edge of grassland vicinity of creek.	Bde. bnd & B.M. informed sit map.
200.	"	1022.			PHONE (OUT.59)	Bde. bnd. spoke to GEN. EICHELBERGER and gave him the situation to date.	
201.	"	1043	18 Bds		IS32. (OUT.40)	Sitrep NO12 to 1030 hrs. copy filed.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. rptd OAd. N.G.F.
202.	"	1109	1030	52 1280 S. Rsgt.	PHONE	Our Gnt. scout claims he spotted by A.B. gun at 2935 2435 (BUNA LOC) reported 1035. spotted earlier.	B.M. informed (V.) Passed to lcty. B.M.'s message not to open up no 126 as too close or until he finds out how close.
203.	"	1130	1035	2/9 Bm.	PHONE.	Sitrep to 1030. 'D' Coy. on edge of jungle & plantation 'C' pushed through 'A' occupying line N-S along grassland. 'B' on 'C's' left. block of sandy-plantation carrying new grass 10 feet high. 'B's' are thick bags with heavy 'wait-while' and wire. <u>Opposition</u> several small posts 1-2 men, odd snipers, 4 killed. No sign of pillboxes <u>Intention</u> 'D' to use road STRIP Pt. & coast	Bde. bnd & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.

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203 cont.	20 DEC					to SEMIMI CK at depth of 200' from coast. 'B+E' to search grasslands. 'C' right flank to search 50' into jungle. 'B' left flank in line of creek. Fifth plans when grass are cleared. C.O.'s estimated casualties. Killed JAP during entire action no more than 100 no less than 70. 'C' 2/10 to move with flank on coast to edge of coconut and jungle. 'A' move behind 'C' in reserve.	Sit. map.
204	"	1200	1135	S3 128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	Intention of pillboxes to it. of BRIDGE taken. 1/128 line from N. in NEW STRIP through east pillbox to woods.	Bds. bnd. informed (V.) Bds. bnd. sent B.M. with instructions that 1/126 would immediately form bridge head on BRIDGE. any other crossings out SEMIMI CK. to be secured. Sit. map.
205	"	"	1140	"	"	all pillboxes taken. clearing out ponds. south edge of woods east of BRIDGE.	
206	"	"	1150	"	"	BRIDGE taken. Left of 1/128 & it. of 1/126 on BRIDGE. Rt. of 1/128 in contact left 3/128 who are pushing along CK. to contact left of 2/9Bn.	
207	"	1210	1130	2/10 Bn	O106 (IN 34)	2/10 less detached in position 027.	Bds. bnd. informed (M)
208	"	1215		2/10 Bn	PHONE	2/10 locations. BUNA LOCALITY MAP: H.G. 304246, 'A' Coy. 305245, 'B' Coy. 303246, 'D' Coy. 303245. M.G.S 303245. 3" Mats. 304207.	Sit. map. Bds. bnd. informed (V) B.M.
209	"	1216		Bds. Bnd.	PHONE	Bds. bnd. phoned GEN. EICHELBERGER and informed him as to situation to date.	

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210.	20 DEC.	1218		B.M. R.A.	VERBAL	B.M.R.A. ascertained arty. demin direct hits on TWO 'A/R' guns. south of center of OLD STRIP.	Bde. Bnd. informed (V.)
211.	"	1220		Bde. Bnd.	PHONE	Bde. Bnd. spoke to C.O. 2/9Bn. 'B' & 'C' Coy. west end of grass strip. 'D' Coy. 200' at P of STRIP PT.	Bde. Bnd. & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
212.	"	1221		ARTY.	VERBAL	Major HALL reports U.S. tps have crossed BRIDGE and established bridgehead other side, and during fire from S.E. end of OLD STRIP from L.M.G.'s.	Bde. Bnd & B.M. informed (V.)
213.	"	1225 1225	18 Bde.		030 (OUT SER 41)	Confirming verbal instr. 1/126 U.S. Bn. will establish bridge head at BRIDGE 294244 BUNA LOCALITY MAP. Report progress. Essential establish reserves amn. and sups. far side SIMENI CK. within bridge head.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt. rptd. 2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.
214.	"	1230	1212	2/9BN.	Phse	Sitrep to 1212 hrs. 'D' Coy. 400' west of plantation 'C' Coy. almost at edge of grass clearing and extended out NE line to flank 280265. 'B' Coy. is on left flank extending from grass to I in DISPERSAL. Sing extremely bad. No opposition. Dense high grass & heavy jungle. 'A' Coy. on edge of grass 284259. 2/9 Bn. 284259 (?) No opposition whole front. 'C' Coy 2/10 as before.	Bde. Bnd & B.M. informed (M.)
215.	"	1258	18BDE		IS33 (OUT 42)	Sitrep NO 13 to 1300 hrs. FILE OUT SERIAL 42.	Message to 32 U.S. Div, rptd Adm. G.F., 128 U.S. Regt

TARGET PLAN MAP

* Outbound
64 200
12 60 60
4 100 100

IMMEDIATE

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216.	20 DEC	1310		RAZOR 3	PHONE (INSS)	Sherwin has gone to visit I Coy 3/128 and the 6 M.G of 2/10 Bn are in position on Cape Endaiaderu	B.M. informed Sit. map.
217.	20 Dec	1320		2/9 BN.	PHONE	'D' Coy. reports STRIP PT clear. 'C' Coy has crossed jungle and plantation between ^{second} first grass patch and is advancing across grass. 'B' Coy is following behind. 'A' Coy. behind and to right. No assistance. Tks. cannot cross grassland and are trying coast way.	Bds. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
218.	"	1330	0800	C.O. 2/9 BN.	(IN37)	Keep moving up and down in front of infantry + deal with pillboxes also conserve ammo. as you have 1200 yds to go.	Intercepted message to Tanks I, II, III & IV. Bds. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
219.	"	1347			PHONE.	Big fire started either by arty or by aerial bombing N.W. end of old strip. Burning for 15 minutes. 1/126. of Coy. left + are bay. left of BRIDGE and are bay. trying to cross.	Bds. bnd + B.M. informed (M.) Bds. bnd. rang GEN. EIKHELBERGER and gave him pass to data. Sit. map.
220.	"	(1345)	1345	18 BDE.	031 (FILE OUT SER 43)	Request air photographs, verticals and oblique, to be taken later today for delivery earliest 21 DEC. of area ^{approx} 1000 yds south of SIMEMICK and coast west from mouth SIMEMI OK, from NEW STRIP to BUNA MISSION both including purpose examination new fa. works. IMMEDIATE	Message to 32 U.S. Div. iftd adv NG.F. Sit. map.

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221.	20 DEC.	1415		TANK 4	Message (IN 38)	Tank 2+3 are returning to base. ground too boggy.	Pde. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.)
222.	"	1350		2/9	PHONE.	Enemy contacted west end of second clearing. This appeared to run from creek to west creek. 'C' boy, directly in front. 'B' boy to attack along creek. 'A' boy. in strip of jungle between grassed. 'D' boy, working along coast. 'C' boy, 2/10 S.W. end of first grass patch. We have suffered some casualties. No details.	Pde. Bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Lit. map.
223.	"	1539		BM-RA.	Verbal	Maj Beaver has asked for a smoke screen at 1700 hrs in front of Bridge.	Direct to Comd
224	"	1547	1545	2/9	Phone Sig	Situation unchanged.	Bds. Bnd + B.M. informed (M.)
225	"	1600	1800E.	IS34	(OUT 44)	Strip 14 to 1600 L/20. Copy filed. FILE OUT SERIAL 44.	Message to 32 U.S. Div. 1st Lt. Ado N. G. F. 128 U.S. Regt, 2/10 Bn.
226.	"	1635		BECH	PHONE.	BECH. 2/9 Bn. report an unexploded anti-personnel parachute bomb in this area, which is 100 x up coast from Bn. H.Q. location of 19 Dec.	B.M. informed (V.) B.M. planned Lt. MACKENSAR. 2/4 FO. Coy.
227.	"	1645		Wills	PHONED BY SIG.	Tanks 1+4 have not reported back. Tanks 2+3 had gone to their assistance. Message from Tank 2.	B.M. informed (V.)
228.	"	1830		2/10 Bn.	PHONE	Strip to 1830 hrs. Est. dead JAPS in perimeter occupied by 2/10 Bn 100. 2 wounded JAPS shot by 'D' boy.	B.M. informed (V.)
229	"	1845	1800E	O37.	(OUT SER. 46)	Confirming verbal orders 1/26 U.S. Bn. will secure bridge head at BRIDGE SE of OLD STRIP under comd of Mackensar night 20/21. Ore. duty support will be arranged by this H.Q. as desired. Report ZERO and progress made.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt. By head of B.M.

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230	20 DEC	0910	1955		PHONE	B.E. Cmd. phoned GEN. EICHEL BERGER and informed of situation up to date.	
231	"	2015	2015			Sands of infc, M.G. and mortar fire heard	Phoned S3. 128 U.S. Regt.
231A	"	2028	2028		IS35	Sitep No 15 to 2000 hrs 1/20. copy on file. to 32 U.S. Div. N.G.F.	
232	"	2030		S3 128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	As above. S3 reported JAPS firing from other side of bridge.	
233	"	2102		498	PHONE	Sitep. Everything quiet. Casualties 20 Dec. 10 off killed. 10 off wounded + 140 R's. 11 PINWELL killed.	B.M. informed (v.)
234	"	2150		CAPT. KYLE 128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	JAP firing M.G's and mortars on BRIDGE section. 1/26 retaliated with M.G. + mortar. JAP is firing from his occupied posns.	
235	"	2235		CAPT MAHER 32 US DIV.	PHONE	L.A.D. outfit + request for charger, fitter + tools to be sent fwd. broken some difficulty as L.A.D. had not the paper apt. to pull ditched tank out.	Major MOSS + S.C. informed (M)
236	"	2355			PHONE	Rey CAPT. MAHER she agreed to send fwd. CAPT. DIAMOND (L.A.D.) with charger, a fitter + some tools. CAPT. MAHER stipulated that charger was to be returned as soon as batteries had been charged.	
237	"	2325		S.3 128 U.S. Regt.		BEAVER FORCE. 2 EKO 2400 hrs. Qty. barage from 7-10 to ZERO. TPS will move off at ZERO.	B.M. informed (v.)

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238.	21 DEC	0030		G3 32 U.S. Div.		Phoned through fw office to synchronise watches Same rifle fire approx. west.	I.O. informed + did st.
239.	"	0034				arty. fired few rounds + stopped.	
240.	"	0135				Disrupting rifle + L.M.G. fire from 0100.	
241.	"	0155		18 BDE. PHONE		Phoned S2 128 U.S. Regt. for inform. re BEEVER FORCE. Sgt. LINDORFF replied no inform. yet to hand.	asked for inform. to be phoned as soon as possible.
242.	"	0201				arty. fired few rounds.	
243.	"	0210.				arty. fired few rounds.	
244.	"	0223				arty. fired.	
245.	"	0225		S3 129 U.S. Regt. PHONE		BEEVER reports men went over creek with down back at approx. 1215 hrs. Ran into fire from 3 from MGs covering both sides of bridge + stream, also lot of rifle fire from vicinity of edge of woods. Men were pinned down as some of them got across stream out of water. Held down for some time + decided to work back. No one across at the moment. BEEVER awaiting orders whether to push on. Does not feel that he can do it without either tank or banage.	I.O. informed. B.M. informed.
246.	"	0248				arty opened. few rounds.	
247.	"	0302		18 BDE. PHONE		Phoned S3 128 U.S. Regt re flashes at to sea, possibly lightning + asked him to check up with his coastal people.	Regt came back - lightning, not gunfire.

Allocation for night firing programme.

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248	21 DEC. 0315		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Sitrep - situat. all quiet	
249	" 0530		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Sitrep - situat. all quiet. (insert)	
250	" 0925 (0700)		2/10 Bn.	ISR. (IN SER) 49	Sitrep to 0700 2/21. Approx. 4. E motor vehicles followed 2/10 perimeter are on night. No casualties. Also reported a lot of rifles & Brens belonging to 2/9 Bn. picked & stacked near 2/10 Bn. H.Q.	B.M. informed.
251	" 0850		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Sitrep - Sitnor	
252	" 0855 0830		F.O.O. HALL TP.	(IN SER) 41	Bomb from one of our planes just landed 100 yds behind us 0830 hrs.	B.M. informed
253	" 0845		18 BOE.	033 (OUT SER) 47	Confirming verbal report bomb from one of our planes dropped on 2/9 Bn. H.Q. 0830 hrs. No casualties. Please ensure A.A.F. fully aware positions on tps.	Message to 32 U.S. Div.
254	" 0904		18 BOE.	034 (OUT SER) 48	Intelligence reports indicate presence enemy defensive works astride SIMENICK, at 288252 and 289249 BUNA LOCALITY map. Such works would probably be used to cover approach and creek crossing from North. 128 U.S. Regt will send immediately patrol led by offr. who will report on presence these field works and approaches from North. Brief report by telephone immediately on return, later to be amplified personally by offr. all units on CK will explore ^{for} and report on possible crossing track.	128 U.S. Regt rptd. 2/9 Bn.

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255	21 DEC.	0900	0825	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	Sitrep to 0825 hrs. Our a/c dropped air bomb in area about 50' from Br. H.Q. 275263. One patrol I 3/128 sent out from left flank of 'B' Coy. to move across to the old strip at approx. 276261 (TARGET PLAN 24) to a bunch of trees, which they will climb to look around. 'D' Coy. sent patrol 274266 to 275265. Were out only 100' when encountered heavy firing that area - 1 M.M.G. & 4 L.M.G.'s. Both sides of bank heavily defended. Suffered 5 casualties.	B.M. informed (V.) St. mech
256	"	1000		MAJOR HALL.		MAJOR HALL went down to BRIDGE - span 40' 5" wide, double decking, 20 ft. on side each in. thickness palms. He also reported that a patrol of 1/126 crossed 1000' south of BRIDGE (some days before 18 Bds. entered area) had voices and retired.	Bds. Bnd. & B.M. informed (V.) Sgt. Ames, now at 128 C.P., contact patrol. Make & question him.
257	"	1020		MAJOR PARRY-OWEDEN.	PHONE.	An American patrol is to hear 2/9 Bn. H.Q. at 1025 and move S.W. along edge of clearing then follow cr. S.E. on northern edge of cr. then North as far as 280257 (TARGET PLAN 24) then back to own posn. Units in that vicinity to be informed.	I.O. & Bds. Bnd. informed (V.) 128 U.S. Regt & 2/10 Bn. informed.
258	"	1020	1015	2/9 Bn.	IS40 (phased)	Sitrep as at 1015 hrs. 1 Killed. 6 Wounded. otherwise as in last sitrep.	B.M. informed (V.)
259	"	1030		SGT JAMES from 128 C.P.	PHONE.	Sgt. RICHARD PIEH can be contacted through 126 U.S. Regt. through Lt. ELLIGATE, who is S2, 126 U.S. Regt. Left flank 1/126. 'A' Coy. 2925-2416. Sgt. Ames returning with other inform.	I.O. informed (V.)

intercommunication / continuous anchorage ACK
and synchronisation

128 US mfr
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10 inform Bde super center
32 inform command medical is

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From 4/10
to 4/12

1. AAA gun on right flank. arty ignored
2. listening posts + night operations at 2100' with arty cooperation
3. DF lights fixed
4. thickness can cover 0315'

(OUT 93)

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260	2 DEC.	1130		2/9BN.	plene.	Patrol report 'D' Coy. One pl. cond. W. O'DONNELLY. S.P. rt. flank 'D' Coy - 2750. 50' estimated enemy L.M.G. 8 rifles, 1 M.M.G., snipers trees and ground. Jungle appears heavily held between beach & grass strip. Fire also encountered from left side grass strip opposite cocoanuts where M.M.G. heard shot (275 265). Other posns. L.M.G. on bearing 2200 from start point. L.M.G. & sniper near banana tree, edge of jungle. Casualties. 2 killed & 5 wounded. Enemy approx 95 yds. approx from our posn, too close for mortar. Lt. MCINTOSH has been commended for going forward voluntarily to carry in wounded under fire.	Bde. Bnd & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
261	"	1135		18Bds	036 (OUT 49)	Ref. map BUNA LOCALITY A inch. Infantry patrols operating in area south of East West line through 290 244 from incl. 293 244 to incl. 270 244. Please arrange that arty. does NOT repeat NOT fire in this area also NO bombing or strafing by A.A.F. ACK. IMPORTANT.	Message to 32 U.S.D.I., 18Bds arty. 18Bds, 18Bds arty. N.G.F. and 5 to 125 U.S. Regt. + 1/126 U.S. Bn. Sit. map.
262	"	1120		G2 BUNA FORCE	PHONE.	1) 100' South tip of GIROPA RT. 30' stack appears new, possibly barracks. 2) No A.A. against WIRRAWAY anywhere in area. WIRRAWAY considers (G2 reports arty also) may. A.A. out of action. 3) JAP air - ground signal code captured. To be included. when sufficient copies translated.	Bde. Bnd & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.

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263.	21 DEC.			C.O.	PHONE.	Patrol of Americans reached CK opposite I in dispersal (Target plan 24) From there they could see an unheld O.P. They drew no fire & returned. Same patrol leader, with fresh troops, sent by Col. Cummings to cross CK, enter & occupy O.P.	Bde. Bnd. & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
264.	"	1215	18 BOE	IS35 (OOTSO)		ref map. BUNA LOCALITY 4 nch. Aust. Inf. patrols operating in area South of East-West line through 290244. Please map to incl. 270244. Please ensure that fwd. tps. do NOT fire on these patrols. Please ACK.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt. Sit. map.
265.	"	1230	2/9.	PHONE.		2/9hr. put up arty, mortar & M.G. fire in front of their ponds. Some fire returned.	Bde. Bnd. & B.M. informed.
266.	"	1235	2/9	PHONE.		Patrol left Bn. HQ. to go south to CK, east along North bank of CK to eastern edge of big grass patch, thence North. Thence to return 1335 hrs.	
267.	"	1309	128 C.P.	PHONE.		128 C.P. now word to 3015 2465. BUN LOCALITY MAP.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
268.	"	1440	320	GEN. EICHEL-BERGER.	3842	You 036 Dec. 21. regarding patrol operations ACK. all informed.	
269.	"	1510	1500	G2 BUNA FORCE	PHONE.	WIRRAWAY reports 4 barrel A.A. gun 277255 BUNA LOCALITY MAP. also intensify from N.W. end OLD STRIP to GIROPA PT. some with overhead cables	Bde. Bnd. informed (V.) Sit. map.

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270	21 DEC	1515		128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	128 Regt. reports pos. crossing place. 295 247 BUNA LOCALITY MAP. Patrol sent out to verify.	Bde. Bnd. Lt. inf. informed (V.)
271	"	1530		2/9 Bn. ISgt	PHONE	2/9 Bn. report 6 shells fell mainly on American front and one at B.H.Q. F.O.O. thinks they are from 75 mm. gun.	Bde. Bnd. informed (V.)
272	"	1530		S2 128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE	BUNA TARGET PLAN. Lt MURPHY of I 3/128 reported attempted to cross creek at L of DISPERSAL. Unable. Cr. overhead, filled with debris from shell fire. Tried in other places between that pt. + pt. 400x further down creek without success.	Bds. Bnd. informed (V.) Lt. map.
273	"	1620		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Heavy M.G. firing at WIRRAWAY from approx south. Further to serial 271. shell made small hole. could not hear whine. Thinks it might be A/A gun instantaneous fuse.	
274	"	1635	1635	B.M.	(OUT S1)	Document headings (a) tks. (b) 2/10 Bn. (c) Bds. Bnd. to 2/9 Bn. C(1) C(1). (a)(c) Document filed.	
275	"	1600		18 Bde	ISS 6 (OUT S2)	Int. Sum. to 1500 hrs. copy filed.	X Sqn 2/6 and Regt 2/9, 2/10, S.M.O, 1280's Regt, 17 Bds. B. units
276	"	1705		ARTY. Gt BUNA FORCE.	VERBAL	4 barrelled A/A gun. reported at 277255 knocked out + lying on its side.	all units informed. Lt. map.

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277	21 Dec	1815	1800	7 TO BN.	PHONE	Sitrep 1015 one wounded Jap killed by Trev. 1030 One Officer Y to O.R. from 12/P/ left area. 1615 A Coy Plus 2 det. chorters one Sec victors left area 1625 Balance 12 pl left area to contact earlier patrols.	Sit rep.
278	"	1015	18 BDE	035	(OUT 53)	Forward hsmith report by Capt. CRAMP on action of 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn. combat gp. in BUNA area 5 Dec. As this action took place prior to arrival 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. in this area report is fwd'd. without comment. SAFE HAND.	Message to 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.
278A	"	1950	18 BDE	037	(OUT 55)	Further to 18 Bde. Gp. Op. Instr No 1. (Ret. to G' clerk) 0902.	X Sqn 2/6 Aust. Regt, 2/9, 2/10, 128 U.S. Regt, 32 U.S. Div, 18 Bde. Aust. Inf. Bde. sig.
279	"	1915	S2 128 U.S. Regt.	PHONE.	Enquiring re. coy. operating fwd of 1/128.		
280	"	2000	32 U.S. DIV.	PHONE.	all watches synchronized. 128 U.S. Regt. not in the hook up, switch said he had no watch. Instructed sig. BARKER to ring S2, 128 U.S. Regt.		
281	"	2025	BECH 2/9	PHONE.	Six more stretchers needed if possible, 2 blankets to each + ad as many T.S.M.G's as ammuns have serviceable (3 returned damaged)		

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282	21 DEC.	2040		2/9 Bn	PHONE.	all quiet.	
283	"	2045		Lt TEESDALE SMITH.		Reported 2/10 hr. on pl. utab. across head at 294246 First light patrol 1+60.1 for forward to vicinity edge of OLD STRIP. Remainder of way to be filtered in. Shell scale of weapons 3" mortar & Vickers M.G.'s	Let map. Ldc. Gnd. instructed bridged initially ONE COY second COY ready to war but NOT without instrns. NO mortar to flank.
283A	"	2026		18 BAS.	ISSY (OUTS4)	Strip No 15 to 2000 hrs 21 DEC.	32 U.S. Div. & Admin. Regt. 128 U.S. Regt.
284	"	2205		2/10 Bn.		Two JEEPS required at 0530 hrs. 22 Dec. for carrying operations fwd. wanted for approx one hour.	S.C. informed. JEEPS given. 2/10 informed.
285	22 DEC	0430		G3 BUNA FORGE	PHONE.	Spoke to I.O. and said that aircraft noise camouflage would be forthcoming. M.G.F. had advised G3.	B.M. informed (M.)
286	"	0750				Atty. opened up as per programme.	
287	"	0900		2/9 ISgt.	PHONE.	Sgt. ELLIOTT shows his stores. JAPS are throwing back a fair amount of automatic fire. Tanks at up.	B.M. informed (M.)
288	"	0805		2/10.	PHONE.	C.O. 2/10 gone fwd. to bridgehead. First attempt to cross road swamp unsuccessful. trying again.	
289	"	0812		2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	Tks. & inf crossed S.L. Some small arms fire, and gun sounds like .5	

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290.	22 DEC	0815		1/126	PHONE	Executive offr. state 2/10 patrol passed Rn. H.Q. at 0700 hrs approx.	B.M. informed (V.)
291.	"	0830		2/10 Bn.	PHONE	Planing 'D' behind 'A' C.O. considers road swamp passable. One pl. ONLY on swamp at front. 'B' (less as pl. on southern patrol) stays informed I.O. that southern patrol was to continue and 'D' NOT to cross until O.K. given by 18 Bds. H.Q.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
292.	"	0835		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Everything going fairly well. Advancing across grass, slow going, fair amount small arms fire. Pl. of 'B' across to west from 276265 on N-S line. One casualty reported.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
293.	"	0840		L.O.2. Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE	1/126 have not seen anything on their right of australians but they have heard firing in that area but not much.	B.M. informed (V.)
294.	"	0845		2/10 Bn.	PHONE	Few shots flying high over 'A' Coy H.Q. from 2/9 Bn. show.	B.M. informed (V.)
295.	"	1532	0825	188 BDE.	038 (OUT 50)	TKS. and inf crossed stat line 0800 making slow progress against tenacious & determined opposition. E ^{have} many high prof. anti tank weapons and dug in.	Message to 32 U.S. Div rptd chr N.G.F. Sit. map.
296.	"	0855		2/9 Bn.	PHONE	2/9 has reached western edge of grass. Still small arms fire. 'C' + 'D' with 'A' left.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
297.	"	0900		L.O.2. Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE	3/128 have good contact with 2/9 left flank.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.

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298.	22 DEC.		0910	B.M. 18 Bas.	PHONE (OUT 56)	Rang MAJ. MITCHE and arranged for him to ensure immediately that MATHIESONS Coy. has wire cutters. Novel issue 12. Sitra going up.	
299.	"		0915	2/9	PHONE.	Line is N-S. 'A' moving slowly. JAPS reported falling back along beach on both sides mouth of creek. One sec. engaging them with fire. M.G. holding at flank (0915). No further word.	B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.
300.	"		0920	3/128	PHONE (N 46)	JAPS withdrawing across CK. on night of 2/9. 'Cursors' almost up to CK.	
301.	"		0915	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	Reported wire on other side of CK. Sent back for wire cutters. Gun firing at 2/9. 75m. m. Shelling or mortaring of western end large grass patch up to S. line.	B.M. informed (M)
302.	"		0940	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	Between 285° and 265° from present H.Q. ^{TARGET PLAN?} 278263 A.A. gun firing at short range very fast. 8-12 casualties.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map. arty. informed. WIRRAWAY to direct fire.
303.	"		0940	2/9 Bn.	MESSAGE.	There is an A.A. gun shelling us intact airmen and get on to him.	Action taken as above.
304.	"		1000	2/9 Bn.	PHONE.	2/9 out of comm. with fwd. xps. Signal at. Gun fires when A/C takes a wide turn. Possible mortars in same area.	B.M. informed (N.)

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305.	22 DEC, 1115	1040	2/9 Bm PHONE.	<p>'D' Coy. holding line from coast, map ref. 275266 (TARGET PLAN 24) on coast line NS to creek (map ref. 275266). 'D' Coy. hold approx. 200' from coast. 'A' Coy. front these east along creek. 'B' Coy. in reserve behind 'D' Coy. Americans pushing fwd. to contact 'A' Coy. Enemy M.M.G's & L.M.G's infiltrating front from coast 275266. Tks. are engaging with H.E. Our cas. 1 dead. 27 wounded. Battle H.A. at 276265.</p>	B.M. informed (V.) Sit map.
306.	" 1123		GT3 BUNA FORCE. PHONE.	<p>In reply to enquiry. GEN. HERRING is bringing in photographs personally, those required by Bde. bnd.</p>	Bds. bnd. informed (V.)
307.	" 1125 0825		WISSEL Patrol PHONE. (IN48)	<p>Patrol started 0720 hrs. from 126 H.Q. on an M.B. 305° (305°) for 150 yds. struck possible JAP patrol tracks. Following JAP back on bearing from 290° - 320°. Head on axe being used. approx 150' on right front. Sweep back deep.</p>	B.M. informed (M) Sit map.
308.	" 1125 0900		WISSEL Patrol PHONE (IN49)	<p>Patrol progress another 50 yds. hit deep swamp rego palms. Continue to hear sound of cutting, possible clearing 100 yds ahead. Still on bearing approx 305°. (Relayed message).</p>	B.M. informed. (M.) Sit map.
309.	" 1135			<p>GENERAL HERRING came to see Bde. bnd. bringing with him air photographs. On way on track towards SIKI PT. repairs</p>	

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310.	22 DEC. 1125	2/9 Bn.	PHONE	Nothing doing at moment. Tanks back refuelling I.O. thinks JAPS are moving back in small parties across by the M.G.'s and are crossing creek at bay on cadet.	Bde. Bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
311	" 1210	2/9 Bn	Phone.	Everything quiet. Contact has been made with 'A' Coy near. I.O. word to Kach reported that JAP has stopped moving back probably because of no M.G. fire & could not be certain of seeing ck. mouth. A' Coy held up by an M.G. searching with mortars while waiting for tanks. 1 killed 30 wounded. Lt. MACKINTOSH wounded.	Bde, Bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Lit. map.
312	" 1235	G 2 BUNA FORCE	Phone.	WIRRAWAY reports (at 1100 hrs) that the bridge between the two runways has gap of approx. 12 ft. in centre. also reports that stream of SIMENAI ck. it is very narrow & appears to be only 6 ft. wide and may only be 5-6 ft. deep at that spot.	B.M. informed (V.)
313.	" 1307	2/9 Bn.	Phone.	TKs. have just arrived at Ken 219 after refuelling & are returning to fwd. posns. One tracer bullet set fire to grass. It is now uncomfortable for our fwd. tpco., who are being sick etc. M.G. on 'A' Coy front is thought to have withdrawn but may be lying 'doggo'. 'A' Coy is 50 yds from its objective S.W. edge of grass patch. Casualties through R.A.P. 3 killed 31 wounded. Observed on track towards STRIP PT. reported	B.M. informed. (M.) Lit. map.

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313 cont	22 DEC.					<p>could not clearly make out mouth of creek. The water was breaking out to sea. at 1215 hrs. 015 JAPS came out of timber on to beach. One vickers opened on them. Some fell & others went into timber. 15 minutes later 2 more came out further down beach near what observer thought to be the mouth disappeared into timber. They did NOT cross his view.</p>	
314.	"	1350		2/9 Bn ISgt	Phone.	<p>2 tanks up again and getting ^{into action against} M.G. post mt. flank. 1 Tank was ditched on a log on the way up. a party of JAPS were seen 700 yds. away moving towards GIKOPA PT. and are being engaged by arty & mortars. One tank was ditched in ck. up food this morning.</p>	
315.	"	1355		2/9 Bn ISgt.	Phone. (INSD)	<p>3 shells landed in sea. Most probably they ^{from} the A.A. gun.</p>	<p>B.M. informed (V) who asked arty to see what they could do.</p>
316.	"	1430	0930	2/10 Bn	Phone.	<p>Target plan 24. 2/10 Bn. 287256. 'D' Coy. 286256 2 pla food. submarine at night H.Q. Coy. 50 yds. behind Bn. H.Q. towards coast.</p>	<p>B.M. informed (V.) SIT. MAP.</p>
317.	"	1450		COL MILLER EX EC OFFR 128 US. 1st Lt.	Phone.	<p>Repts that Americans tps of 1/128 can see muzzle blast of gun ^{just} south of strand M in SIMEMI.</p>	<p>B.M. informed (V.) Arty. will endeavor to engage by WIRRAWAY.</p>
318.	"	1525		L.O. 2. LASHKWIN. from O.P.	Phone O.P.	<p>1/126 reports 15 JAPS digging furiously at 291247. 4th BUNA LOCALITY.</p>	<p>B.M. informed (V.) B.M.R.A. informed (V.) Permission granted to shoot up if safe.</p>

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319.	22 DEC	1538		L.O.2 LTSHERWIN	Phons.	Further to Serial 318, Lt. Sherwin has report from same O.P. that shell landed within 30 yds of JAPS, who still continued working. Wishes to use mortars.	B.M. informed (V.)
320.	"	1555	1228	L.O.2 LTSHERWIN.	Phons.	LTSHERWIN is back at 128 C.P. Col. DOBBS is in communication with Bds. and will send back reports. Line is up good.	B.M. informed (V.)
321.	"	1550		2/9 Bn	Phons.	'A' Coy. has reached its objective 2745 2650 Target plan. MRS PAREY-OKE has taken over command. 'D' Coy with 'B' Coy v/c. 2 pls. 2/10 has taken over 'B' Coy. area. MAJOR P-O. with one tank attacking M.M.G's 275 266. A/A gun abt. 265 273 is still firing & has broken out about 20 min.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
322.	"	1600		Lt. Col DOBBS (INSI)	Phons.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Coy not seem to fight big battle. recommend second Coy. to feel secure. can get this 1/2 by night & 45 minutes by day. 2. Can supply two Coy & good communication 3. Could take F.O.O. up with him. Advise Dobbs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To move up and send Coy & take command himself. b) To liaise with Americans whether working party to be relieved. c) To provide for defence in depth and to guard line of ammunition. d) B.M.R.A. arrange with MAJ. HALL for F.O.O. to go fwd.	B.M. received message.

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323.	22 DEC.	1613		L.B.2 LASHKWIN	Phase.	Col. DOBBS has arranged that between 1615 & 1620 hrs. B.M. inform (V.) tps. will be doing nothing so that Americans observers can tell whether patios seen are JAPS or Australians.	
324.	"	1635		Bds. Cmd.	Phase. (OUTSB)	Message to Col DOBBS. (a) Tps says + batter H.Q. going up. 2/10 to report when in position. (b) 2/10 to get bridged at present spot extending as far as necessary to cover main track on strip by fire and if possible to cross track. Not to extend so much as to fall to counter attack. Maintain reserve of pl. F.O.O. to go fwd. If all goes well third Coy will be sent fwd. Bridged to be held - third Coy to push S.E. to capture bridge - firm base will be maintained always. Bn. not to attack in other direction which JAP may tempt. Art. will be shelling to-night in preparation to night. 2/10 to report exact dispositions.	
325.	"	1645		18Bks	039 (00759)	2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn is at present endeavoring to establish bridged area 204246 BUNA LOCALITY extending South and SE to track along OLD STRIP Please ensure our tps. are NOT engaged by your units. Exact disposition 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn NOT yet known. ACK.	Message to 128 U.S. Regt.

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326.	22 DEC.	1710		18 Bde. 2 nd Coy. front MAJ. HALL.	VERBAL.	WIRRAWAY crashed + burst into flames behind 1/126 U.S. (Regt) Bn. lines.	Bde's Com. + B.M. informed (V.)
327.	"	1810		2/10 Bn.	PATROL REPORT. (IN 52)	2/10 patrol from 0700 - 1200 hrs. from 281246 BUNA TARGET PLAN. to approx 278250. report.	Bde's Com. + B.M. informed (M).
328.	"	1830		18 Bde.	040 (040) (OUT 60)	confirming verbal advice 2/10 Aust Inf Bn is replating from present bridged area to BRIDGE 294245. please warn 1/126 and 1/128 lns of projected operation and for them to bring readiness to assist as ordered by this H.Q. Patrol on 1/126 and 1/128 lns fronts. will report immediately any withdrawal by enemy from present positions. Extreme care will be taken to avoid firing on 2/10 ln. position or patrols. Engrs. Det with 1/126 ln will be at instant readiness to repair BRIDGE. ACK (IMPORTANT)	Message to 128 U.S. Regt rpld 2/10 Bn
329.	"				041 (OUT 61)	confirming verbal advice to 10 WISSEL'S pl. readiness very forthwith. This msg. will be available to C.O. 2/10 ln to implement Bde. Comd's orders but Brigadier's personal approval must be obtained before it is word from present location. ACK (IMMEDIATE.)	Message to 2/10 ln.

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330.	22 DEC		1940	18BDE.	I 538 (OUT 62)	Sitrep No 16 to 1800 hrs. copy filed.	all units.
331.	22 DEC.	1830		128 Regt.	PHONE. (INS 3)	BNO.P. 1/1260.P's. (M) 2942-2430. 'A' 293-293 'B' 299-239	Sit rep.
332.	"	1930		C.O. 2/9.	PHONE.	1) Not quite up to tip. 2) CK. bodiced by page. - Russell know exact position. 3) thinks has been	Infm. placed to B.M.
333.	"	1930		C.O. 2/9 Bn.	PHONE (INS 5)	C.O. 2/9 Bn. (a) 2/9 to arrange MMG fire into small pocket of JAPS also motor fire. Endeavour to be made during night to drive JAP off by fire. (b) 2/10 Coy. C.O. thinks that crossing not feasible. Coy. to be kept in res. and to be available either night or in morning as directed. 2/9 Not in condition to give any real assistance. (c) 2/9 to hold present position & no ground to be given up. (d) Tanks - any tanks not out to night to have close picquet by 2/9 Bn.	
334.	"	"	2107	18Bde	I 539 (OUT 63)	Sitrep No 17 to 2030 hrs. copy filed.	To 32 U.S. Div. Jpt Ad. NEF, 128 Regt
335.	"	1900		COL DOBBS.	PHONE. (INS 4)	Document filed.	

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<u>336.</u>	22 DEC.		2200	18 Bds.	043 (OUT 64)	Capt FFOULD'S Coy will move at first light 23 Dec to give support to C.O 2/10 Bn. ACK	To rear H.Q 2/10 Bn 1st Lt Capt FFOULD 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>337.</u>	"		2205	18 Bds	044 (OUT 65)	Capt. MATHESON'S Coy will move at 0700 hrs 23 Dec to a position outside track area 304247 13 U N A LOCALITY MAP and will remain in bds res. report when in position. ACK.	To 2/9, 1st Lt Capt MATHESON & 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>338.</u>	"	2016		2/10 Bn.	Phone.	Lt. GRASBY & man, both of whom know the trail, were told to mark trail from the first hut in coconut grove. Marking will be made with sanitary paper tied on with string.	B.M. informed (W.)
<u>339.</u>	23 DEC		0052	2/10 Bn	Phone.	Lt. GRASBY'S task was completed at 0035 hrs. see serial 338.	B.M. informed (V.)
<u>340.</u>	"		0115	2/9 Bn	Phone.	Sitrep. at 2200 JAP started to put mortars in 'D' Coy area, 20 over to present time. 4 casualties. Own arty shelling GIROPA PT and to road south of PT.	
<u>341.</u>	"		0313	128 Regt.	Phone	No change in situation.	
<u>342.</u>	"		0405 0405	18 Bds.	1540 (OUT 66A)	Sitrep No 18 to 0400 2/23.	
<u>343.</u>	"		2145 2300K.	Bds. &nd.	Phone. (OUT 66)	Bds. and conversation with 2/10 Bn. Document filed.	

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<u>344.</u>	23 DEC.		0805	18 Bas.	045 (OUT 67)	Confirming verbal orders 2/10 bn. will extend present inf bridghead SE along SIMONI CR to incl. BRIDGE at 295244. Bridghead will be in sufficient depth to allow eqs to repair BRIDGE. Progress will be reported regularly. 1260.S. regt. will move eqs with 1/126 bn ready to commence work immediately on orders by this H.Q. As operations develop it is intended that 1/126 & 1/128 U.S. bns will move from present positions in conformity with fwd. movement A CR.	To 2/10 bn, 128 U.S. Regt, aptd 32 U.S. Div. adv. N.G.F.
<u>345.</u>	"		0810	18 Bas.	046 (OUT 68)	2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn is receiving ammo for their BECH close to present front. Position closer will be notified to S.C. to aid in fwd. stores and ammo.	To 2/9 Bn. aptd S.C.
<u>346.</u>	"		0820	18 Bas	047. (OUT 69)	ref. on 0445 BRIDGE when repaired must be capable of taking forward tank of type at present in use by us A CR.	To 128 U.S. Regt.
<u>347</u>	"	0830		O.P. 1/126	Plans.	A.A. gun reported at 277257. Think that it is being moved around.	B.M. informed (V.) Qty. kill eqs.
<u>348.</u>	"	0752		2/10 bn	Plans	Sans mortar & M.G. fire. feeling 'B' Coy. fwd. very quickly.	MAJ. HALL fired 2 rounds smoke B.M. informed (V.)

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<u>349.</u>	23 DEC	0925		CAPT. SMEDGIE 2/10 Bn.	Phone.	4.5 of 'B' Coy. still to be found across swamp. When coy. complete will move S.E. towards BRIDGE. all fire is from rt. + rt. front, none from left.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map + progress report.
<u>350.</u>	"	1015		18 Bds.	049 (OUT 70)	for inform. 'C' Coy. 2/10 Bn now area 364 245 BUNA LOCALITY and remains in bds. reserve.	To: 128 U.S. Regt, 2/10 Bn. Sit. map.
<u>351.</u>	"	1111		ARTY from FIGHTER COMD.	VERBAL.	Hostile A/C reported in area.	
<u>352.</u>	"	1115	1045			Gun firing at 276356 on bearing of 292°.	
<u>353.</u>	"	1145	1000	C.O. 2/9 Bn	Phone. (INST)	Recommends no purpose in endeavoring to shift enemy from small island other than still dealing with snipers in area.	Phoned to B.M. Bde. Bnd. informed (M)
<u>354.</u>	"	1203		18 Bds.	1541 (OUT 71)	Passwords to all units. Copy filed.	
<u>355.</u>	"	1230		18 Bds.	051 (OUT 73)	C.O. 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn. will assume responsibility for protection of area North of SIMEMI CK. with under cmd 3/128 U.S. In. ACK.	To 128 U.S. Regt, 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn.
<u>356.</u>	"	1233		18 Bds.	052 (OUT 74)	Confirming bde. and verbal instr. 1/126 U.S. In will cross bridge and hold left flank facing S.W. physical contact will be made with 2/10 Bn. left flank and maintained so that left flank is advanced up OLD STRIP. ACK.	To: 128 U.S. Regt, with 2/10 Bn. Sit. map.
<u>357.</u>	"	1238		ARTY.	VERBAL	Two bays. American tps. crossing bridge 'B' Coy of 1/126 has crossed. other Coy. is crossing on log S.W. of BRIDGE. Contacted Aust. tps. on other side of BRIDGE. Very little fire. Aust. tps. at 2/10 Bn.	Bde. Bnd. informed (V) Sit. map

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358.	23 DEC.		1235		PHONE	Bde. Bnd. phoned GEN. RICHELBERGER re. inform in serial 357.	
359.	"		1255	Lt/Cpl ROBERTSON L.O.N.G.F.	PHONE.	GEN. HERRING informed re. to capture of BRIDGE.	
360.	"		1155	18 Bde	050 (OUT 72)	if you think No 119 island in SIMEMI CK is very small one at extreme tip East side of mouth reported by water channel from main island cape occupied by 219 Bn.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F.
361.	"	1305.		S3 128 Regt.	PHONE.	'B' 1/126 across BRIDGE. 'C' 1/126 moving across. Engrs. are working on bridge now.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
362.	"	1300		18 Bde.	054 (OUT 79)	BRIDGE S.E. of OLD STRIP is in hands 1230 hrs. BRIDGE being repaired. 1/126 US. bn. crossing to form left flank facing south and SW. 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn. pushing up OLD STRIP. (IMPORTANT)	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F. Sit. map.
363.	"	1310		18 Bde.	055 (OUT 76)	X Sqn 2/6 Aust. Amtd. Regt will move forthwith by previously used route to area track junction 294243 and will await orders. Dispersion and camouflage precautions will be observed. ACK. (IMMEDIATE)	X Sqn 2/6 Aust. Regt rptd 2/9 Bn. 128 U.S. Regt. S.C. Sit. map.
364.	"	1315	1315	1280.P.	PHONED MESSAGE (IN 58)	Report from 1280.P. shells falling landed near DOBODUKA BRIDGE origin and type unknown but believed to be a flat trajectory 317 heavy MG down old strip from coconut grove to the north of STRIP. Tracers were used.	Bde. Bnd & B.M. informed (M.) Sit. map.

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365	23 DEC	1400	1345	3/128 O.P. Join Lt SHERWIN.	Phone	3/128 O.P. reports. 1) A.A. gun edge of runway BUNA LOC. at approx 285251 2) A.A. gun found NEW STRIP at approx 2795 2546 BUNA Loc. 3) Pan-pon at approx. 2824 2525 BUNA Loc Inform B.M. that Col. MARTIN can be reached at 1/126 H.Q.	B.M. informed (M) Lit. map.
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366	"		1350	18 Bde (OUT 77) OSB	(OUT 77) OSB	1/128 U.S. bn. will move from present positions to area south of BRIDGE 294243 and will remain at immediate notice. Camouflage and dispersion will be observed. Report when in position AOK (IMMEDIATE).	To 128 U.S. Regt. Lit. map.
367	"		1425	L.O. 2 Lt SHERWIN.	PHONE.	3/128 O.P. is approx. same pos. as 3/128 C.P.	Lit. map.
368	"	1430	1030	18 Bde.	(IN 59)	Report of conference held at 1030 hrs. 18 Bde. G.P. H.Q. Filed	
369	"	1430		2/10 Bn	PHONE	2/10 Bn. will try to establish Bn. H.Q. at 284255. (TARGET PLAN) Average height of guss on strip 3 ft. Line creeping fwd. gradually. expect to establish line across strip 700' from BRIDGE without much trouble. Mtn. gun giving trouble.	B.M. informed (M) Lit. map.

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370.	23 DEC.	1450		18 Bde 2/10 Bn.	Phone.	1/126 Bn on left flank not in contact.	Col DOBBS to B.M.
371.	"		1500	18 Bde.	057 (OUT 78)	Sitrep 1420. hrs. Bopym file	To 32 U.S. Div, rptd. adv N.G.F.
372.	"		1515	18 Bde	058 (OUT 79)	Six MMG 2/10 bn and fire 37 m.m. from 128 U.S. Regt est. present with 3/128 U.S. bn remain under command 2/9 bn for beach defence area North of SIMEMI CR. ACK.	To 2/9 Bn rptd 128 U.S. Regt
373.	"		1523	2 O. 2/10 LT TAYLOR	Phone.	'B' Coy. 2/10 (OUT 78) 800 ^x found on log of 320°.	B.M. informed (V) Lt. map.
374.	"		1525	ARTY.	VERBAL.	Manning Tp. reports complete dismantlement of A.A. gun at 2795-2546 BUNA LOC.	Bde. Bnd. informed (V) Lt. map.
375.	"		1525	2/10		B.M. informed that 'C' Coy. 2/10 Bn. is in position and trying to get ammo fixed.	B.M. informed. Lt. map.
376.	"	1545		2/9 Bn	PHONE.	I Sgt. reported fairly quiet all day. 1 L.M. CR. 60 ^x up coast from pt. + water 150 ^x . Party SAPS small to sand spit at mouth of CR, or subject and cleared up most of them. others hid behind sand dunes.	Sit. map. B.M. informed (V.)
377.	"	1610		B.M.	(IN 61)	Document rough order only	

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377	23 DEC. 1950			ARTY.	VERBAL.	Capt STOKES reports ^{an} infantry digging in across STRIP in line with hut.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
378	" 1950			18 BDE.	059 (OUT 80)	1/128 U.S. In will move forthwith to previously record position North of BRIDGE coming approaches to BRIDGE and maintaining mobile reserve to deal with any enemy counter attack from South or S.W. ACK. (IMMEDIATE)	T.O. 128 V.S. Regt. 2/10 Pm. Sit. map.
379	" 1950			MR TAYLOR L.O. 2/10 Pm.	Phone.	'B' bay approx 500 x 400 yds. up STRIP and to center. Working up to one pl. 'D' Coy who are ahead of them. as yet, on left flank of 'B' bay Americans not up, or approx 200 x up from BRIDGE on left flank. BRIDGE will be finished by dark to-night and will be ready for trucks. 100 ft and 80 ft's const. Engrs. working with YANKS. Present H.Q. 2/10 Pm under S in bay at bottom end of bay. Does B.M. want link to wait for latest dispositions before becomes back? Can be contacted at 'A' Coy. 2/10 Pm.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
380	" 1938	1730		L.O. 2 LASHERWIN	PHONE.	Lt. SHERWIN reported that all logs on BRIDGE were down and first splice had been broken.	B.M. informed (V.)
381	" 1810			L.O. 2 LASHERWIN	Phone.	2/10 Pm. H.Q. is 300 yds. from BRIDGE on right hand side of STRIP.	Sit. map
382	" 1720			18 BDE	I 542	Letter to 1700 L/23. copy on file.	Sent to all units.

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383.	23 DEC.	1730	22 DEC.	MILNE FORCE from NGF. (in 61)		Most recent document from NGF SD 573	
384	"	1836		2/9 hr.	phone.	Major PARRY-OKE reported seeing lot of woodchips B.M. informed (V.) beef carried out from vicinity of POM-POM gun. 3 natives with 2 dogs on beach, with two dogs, found GIROPA PT, came up & went back to beach.	
385	"	1954.		1860E	060 (OUT 82)	Strip to 1930 hrs. units taking up dispositions to 32 U.S. Div. report for night as follows BUNA LOCALITY MAP. 2/10 aust inf in from SIMEMI CK at 287251 thru with across OLD STRIP. to 286248, further 1/126 U.S. in East along jungle edge to approx 290244 thru 1/128 to SIMEMI CK immediately South of BRIDGE 294244. BRIDGE will now take AKs. Large fire reported late afternoon in vicinity BUNA MISSION.	ads NGF Sit. map.
386.	"	2145	1100	A 601	Rear H.Q. 18 Dec.	Imperial Airways BROCKSOPP wanted Aust. Lieut. SEDDON still hospital. Lt. MANLY hospital. Do you want personnel replace these.	B.M. informed (M)
387.	"	2206		G.M. ENG BECH	phone	reported 2 boats on skyline, apparently moving N.W. seemed small boats or large barges. also reported above while on beach sentry	B.M. informed (V) B.M. informed (V)
388.	"	2206		SGT AMES	phone	Job	

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389.	23 DEC	2200		3/128	Phone	also reported re. boats.	B.M. informed (V.)
390.	"	2225		Bech Sentry	VERBAL	Red tracer bullets fired out to sea in direction of boats from vicinity CAPE ENDAIADERE.	
391.	"	2240		18 Bde. Ctry.	Phone	Reported re-boats.	
392.	"	2248		Sgt. AMES	VERBAL	Reported boats on bearing 130° M.	
393.	"	2250				Boats firing on coast vicinity HARIKO.	
394.	"	2252		A.M. BECH 2/10	Phone	Reported boats firing 'S' at HARIKO.	
395.	"	2255				Tracer from 37 mm. fired at boats from our sps. on coast this side CAPE ENDAIADERE.	
396.	"	2300				Boats opened up again on shore vicinity HARIKO.	
397.	"	2315		18 Bde	Phone	B.M. told 'C' Coy. 2/10 to 'stand to'.	
398.	"	2315		B. ECH 2/10.	Phone	Boats fired a red set fire to schooner of 'MATOMA' type. Now appear to be circling around.	
399.	"	2330		CAPT. KYLE.	Phone	Reported most of firing on OLD STRIP by our sps. at some JAPS.	
400.	"	2345		CAPT CRAMP.	Phone	M.G. fire almost due west of CAPE E.	
401.	24 DEC	0002		B.M.	VERBAL.	B.M. reports the boat set on fire was the 'EVA' loaded with 25 ph. amm, mags + S.A.A. There were some wounded.	Col. RODGERS RODGERS, 32 U.S. Div. infd (V.)
402.	"	0020				Plane overhead. Bombs dropped in sea.	

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403.	24 DEC.	0028		SIGS.	Phone.	Watches synchronised.	
404.	"	0325		128 U.S. Regt.	Phone.	Report all quiet.	
405.	"	0328		2/9 Bn.	Phone.	all quiet. Sounds of JAPS chopping between mouth of SIMEMI ON and GIROPA PT. Shelling from our arty. within this area affricate sounds not repeated.	
406.	"		0405	18 Bds	Phone	Litaph NO 19 to 0400 L/24. Supplied. Telephone	To 320 S. DN. field adv NGF, 128 U.S. Regt.
407.	"	0845		L. 02/10 with 1/126 (Lt COWLING)	Phone	Reported JAP H.M.G. firing straight over 1/126 on a log. of 290°. Sgt. FRENCH took info. to report same.	B.M. informed (V.) Sgt. FRENCH contacted.
408.	"	0855		128 U.S. Regt.	Phone	S2, S3, S.6 128 U.S. Regt. report find C.P. south of bridge and west of dit trail in area of the bunkers there.	Lit. map
409.	"	0900	2030/23		(IN 61)	Notes on conference held at 18 Bde HQ. at 2030 hrs, 23 Dec.	Filed
410.	"	0925		CAPT. GURDIN 126 C.P.		Reported re. serial 407. Enemy was taken from 126 C.P. on left of bridge at edge of wood. Was with Lt. COWLING himself.	
411.	"	0955		Lt. TAYLOR	Phone.	2 fluid tank just report. to BRIDGE. TR. engine find to B.H.Q. 2 tanks gas find. Bunker closed & infantry moving find. Light M.G. fire only report.	Bde. Bn. B.M. informed (V.) Lit. map

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412	24 DEC.	0935			Phone	Two dinghies seen drifting out to sea. Also reported by 3/128.	City informed. WIRRAWAY to observe.
413.	"	0940		Ad N.G.F.	0364 (IN 82)	Message of congratulation to GEN. HERRING from GEN. NORTHOTT re tanks.	Filed
414.	"	0955		Adj.	Phone 2/10	One tps. fwd 250 ^x past tin hut. Line still maintained, also contact with Americans. Very good stat. TKs. doing excellent work.	Bde. & B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
415.	"	0955		Adj.	VERBAL	Multiple POMPOM firing. Col. DOBBS to advise if arty. can engage. If not to send party of infantry up to contact it. 2/9 R. to be advised.	Bde. & B.M. informed (V.) B.M. advised 2/9 R. Sit. map.
416.	"	1000		2/10 R.	PHONE.	One tank out of action. (intercepted by. Sig also)	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
417	"	1012		S2	Phone. 3/128	2 boats - 1 seems to be lifeboat, second larger powered. Both seem to be drifting to south about 2000-3000 yds. due east 18 Rds.	B.M. already informed (V.)
418.	"	0930 to 1000		BENCH SENTINEL	VERBAL	Columns of smoke + water reported by way out to sea	B.M. informed (V.)
419.	"	0950		18 Rde	061 (OUT 83)	advance up OLD STRIP commenced 0930 hrs	To 32 U.S Div. if a call N.G.F.
420.	"	0955		18 Rde.	Phone (OUT 87)	B.M. merged with COL. BOWEN - B.M.R.A. for safe line fwd arty to be North through K. out of GIROPA PT.	

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421	24 DEC		1012	B.M.	phone (OUT 87)	B.M. advised A/43 COL. BOWEN of band of adv. & progress made.	
422	"		0915	B.M.	phone (OUT 86)	B.M. ordered CAPT. MATHISON to man 'C' Coy 2/10 to our ledge to await against surprise attack	Sit. map.
423	"		1015	2/9 R.	phone.	2/9 brig shelled by A.A. gun GIROPA PT.	B.M. informed (V.) A.Sy. advised.
424	"		1015	18 Bds	062 (OUT 84)	reports now indicate enemy light craft which shelled HARINO night 23/24 to be similar type our support landing craft.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd adv N.G.F
425	"		1020	18 Bds	063 (OUT 85)	Tk. reported knocked out now reported bogged. Two tanks in action. One is alone (IMPORTANT.)	To 32 U.S. Di rptd adv N.G.F
426	"		1027	Lt SHERWIN.	Hard sig. (IN 63)	MANNING O.P. reports left flank 300' advanced.	{ B.M. informed (M) Bds. band! Sit. map.
427	"		1032	2/9.	PHONE.	MR MACKAY-SIMS F.O.O. reported wounded. His assistant carrying a.	B.M. informed (V.) A.Sy. informed & sendig at new F.O.O.
428	"		1032	0300	H.F. BUANA FORCE (IN 64)	URBANA FORCE rep. order received & filed.	Bds. band B.M. handle it.
429	"		1030	Col. DOBBS	PHONE (IN 65)	advised advance to be 300/400 yds.	B.M. informed (M.) BRIG. HOPKINS rep. B.M. put him in picture as at 1030 hrs.
430	"		1030	1015	MR TAYLOR F.R.C. PHONE.	The third tank has moved, fourth going into action.	B.M. informed (V.)

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431.	24 DEC 1045		F.R.C.	Phone	Fourth tank just passed F.R.C. Track leading down NEWSTRIP to BRIDGE should be slight for JEEPS.	Lit. map.
432.	" 1048	1015	2/9th	Phone	Site - shelled by enemy gun. 3 casualties incl F.O.O. City has posn. of gun. Bde Sg MYERS hit in shoulder, has dispatches. Gun appears to be well dug in & fire through slit.	B.M. informed (V.) Bde Sg of fr. (V.)
433.	" 1055		MAJ. MOSS	Phone	Bde. bnd. ordered reserve tank to go in, total two in action, 1 bogged, 1 hit by A.A. fire out of total 4	Bde. bnd & B.M. informed (V.) Lit. map.
434.	" 1100		18 Bde	064 (OUT 87)	TK position 1100. one bogged, one knocked out by high velocity shell. Two in action incl. absent. (IMMEDIATE).	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd N.G.F. Lit map.
435.	" 1125		CO 2/9th	Phone	3.7 gun going to 275266 Target Plan.	B.M. informed (M.) Lit map.
436.	" 1125		18 Bde	065 (OUT 88)	Further to 064 all tanks now out of action. one probably one possibly recoverable. Will report results. Inf. maintaining pressure with arty support.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd. also N.G.F.
437	" 1130		arty	VERBAL	WIRRAWAY reports boat, mentioned shell 412, empty boat, and oil drum.	B.M. informed (V.) Sgt. informed (V.) (125 Kgt.)
438	"	1100	2/10 Bde	Phone	'B' bay held up. Americans asked for flares.	B.M. to ask BEAVER to put up flares on night side of his landing zone. B.M. P.A. clearing up 3.7 F.O.O. who has not yet rptd to 2/10.

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<u>439</u>	24 DEC		1110	B.M.	Phone Rang COL. MARTIN no plans available with 11126 understanding	
<u>440</u>	"		1130	B.M.	Phone B.M. rang ^{C.O.} 2/9 Bn and arranged for him to settle coastal defence to HARICO letter to be covered by at least two 37mm.	
<u>441</u>	"		1135	Bde Cnd.	Plans. Bde. bnd. spoke to COL. DOBBS C.O. 2/10 Bn. advance to be continued where practicable using arty. support and infiltration and encircling tactics. With no tks. noteworthy about slight loss.	
<u>442</u>	"		1200	ARTY.	PHONE. (IN 66) F.O. reported that 2/9 had crossed SIMENICK at night. B.M. rang C.O. C.O. 2/9 Bn said report was not correct but 2/9 2/9 Bn. will look for JAP activity in this area. B.M. told C.O. 2/9 of U.S. advance to rd. junction 2/9 2/9 Bn. and that our arty safety line is North + South through GIROPACK.	B.M. PA informed that 2/9 Bn had not crossed on.
<u>443</u>	"		1225	B.M.	phone (IN 66) checked with Capt. MATHIESON at Coy. in reserve in position at bridge and on the track.	St. net.
<u>444</u>	"		1225	B.M.	PHONE (IN 66) Lt TAYLOR to see CAPT KENT a difficulty of JEEPS passing around H.Q. North of BRIDGE and do down evacuation of wounded.	Message to MR TAYLOR, F.R.C. (L0210)

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445	24 DEC.	1250		ISgt 2/10 Phone.	2/10 was approx. 500x adv. resistance ahead not too bad 1/126 up to 2/10 but did not mop up properly and snipers in rear of 1/126 are firing from behind and into flank 'B' Coy. 2/10, who are greatly reduced in strength.	B.M. informed (v.) Sit. map.
446	"	1235		C.O. 2/10 Phone (IN 67)	made approx. 500yds from start line. 'B' & 'D' Coy. up. 'B' Coy. has heavy casualties & they have been firing on pillboxes. Americans not moving ahead against fire and have left snipers in rear of 1/126. Position of 1/126 NOT known. M.G. in front of 1/126.	Phoned to B.M. Sit. map.
447	"	1245		B.M. Phone (IN 67)	Spoke to Col. MARTIN. Americans to use mortar and push ahead against resistance. Col MARTIN going fwd. himself and 1/126 are suffering from enemy fire in front of 2/10.	
448	"	1320		2/10 Phone (IN 67)	Still held up in center using arty. as guns only immediately available retro of fire disabled.	Sit. map.
449	"	1350		LT TAYLOR PHONE F.R.C.	'D' Coy. pushing up it. flank down this of CK. 1/126 pushing up rd. vigorously.	B.M. informed (v.) Sit. map.
450	"	1400		LT SHERWIN PHONE	F.O.O. reports right flank 2/10 has reached coconut grove.	B.M. informed (v.)
451	"	1423 1315		2/9bn. PHONE.	Party 7 JAPS seen moving up CK carrying packs. Fired on by our fwd. troops. opp. point. Some moving back (1345 hrs) Thinks carrying party returned. Gun was shelled by arty. Has not fired since. Rec. 1K. 2W. 2 at 7W. 1345	B.M. informed (v.) Sit. map.

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452	24 DEC.	1435		CAPT. Kyle S. 2128.	Phone	'C' Coy. rt. flank 285246. left flank 286244. 'B' Coy. " 284245. " 283244. 'A' Coy in rear. 2915 2410. BONA LOCALITY. 4".	1/128 U.S. bn Bde. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
453	"	1515	1245		Phone (IN68)	Bde. bnd. spoke to Col. MARTIN. 1/12 to continue pressure on left. B.M. spoke to C.O. 2/10 and 2/9 Bn. 2/10 to push ahead on CK line with security of 2/9 on other side of CK. This with punishment by 1/126 may weaken centre. Adv. keep up fire on centre.	
454	"		1420	F.O.O.	Phone (IN68)	F.O.O. reports that tps. on right has reached coconuts. 2/10 agree that bn. has reached coconuts.	Sit. map.
455	"	1440		Col. MARTIN	Phone (IN68)	Col. MARTIN says Bde. bnd. 1/126 held up by pillbox in open. Trying smoke, H.E. + infiltration. Probably attacking in 30/40 minutes.	Sit. map.
456	"	1600	18 Bde.		Phone (IN69)	2 pls 2/9 Bn. each with 1 offr. to move at first light to BRIDGE between two ships. Do not move from there except by order of Bde. 2/9 subarming fix 2/10 par. by liaison across CK.	
457	"	1630	2/9 Bn		Phone (IN69)	Col. CUMMINGS wounded. Adv. engaging A.A. gun.	
458	"	1630	2/10		Phone (IN69)	2/10 dispositions. rt of line 283253. left of line 283250 centre, half noon. 284257 sharpshoot.	Sit. map.

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459	24 DEC.		1645	Bde. Cnd.	PHONE (IN 68)	Bde. bnd to C.O. 2/10 Bn - no. av. available to 2/10 in morning at 0545 to join 2/10. Coy. cmd. to go up and see 2/10 Bn. immediately. Rejoin company to night. Coy. remain in bde no. until 0545.	
460	"		1700	B.M.	Plane	Ray Capt. MATHIESON to go fwd & see C.O. 2/10 to return to coy to night. Coy. remains in bde. return until 0545 hrs. 25 Dec. then move to join bn.	
461	"		1745	L.O 2 TAYLOR F.K.S.	Plane	Dispositions 2/10. Rt. flank 283 253 approx Lt. flank 283 250 BONA LOCAL	Lt. map.
462	"		1750	Col. MARTIN	Plane.	Attack + aty. ineffective. Line bng taken up for night. F.O.D. averaging D.F. for night and morning advances.	Lt. map.
463	"		1750	B.M.	Plane	To Col. MCNAB 3/128. To take over defence of area North of SIMEMI OK and responsibility to HAROKO. 2/9 dispositions not to be altered without reference this H.Q. Bde. bnd. advised Major-PARRY-OKEDEN.	
464	"		1800	18 Bde.	O 66 (OUT 91)	for information following moves take place 25 DEC. ① at 0545 hrs C.O. 2/10 shifts to end. 2/10 Bn and move from BRIDGE area. at first light two pls 2/9 Bn move to BRIDGE area company to bde no. senior officer will report to Bde. Ref. to Bde.	Lt. map.

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464 (cont)	24 DEC					at BRIDGE on arrival. Oning evacuation of Lt. Col. CUMMING'S responsibility of area North of SIMEMICK and back south to HAROKI passed to Lt. Col. MENAB 3/128 U.S. Bn. at 1800 hrs. 24 DEC.	
465	"	2215		4 COL DOBBS 2/10	Phone	3 bombs dropped (light) bridge end of strip	Bde, Cnd, infnd (V.) St. map.
466	"	2215		Lt. TAYLOR B.R.C.	"	4 bombs landed on edge of ck. 40 yds from Bde. Rept center.	Bde, Cnd, infnd (V.) St. map
467	"	2236		4 COL. DOBBS	"	Lt. WISSELL left at 2100 hrs. with 200 R.S. to attack 2 pillboxes, one with .5, the other with H.M.G. 1 party of 10 attacked each pillbox. JAP sentries all ant. no success. 6 men wounded, 1 remains to be got in. 160 shells were landed on one part & 60 on other during day. Definite strongpoint	Bde, Cnd, 18 M. informed (V.)
468	"	2238		128 U.S. Rgt.	"	G2 reports that mosquito boats are patrolling up + down coast to prevent a landing.	BECHS 2/9 & 2/10 informed.
469	25 DEC.			128 U.S. Rgt	"	Interp - no change. Overlay of posns. will be sent later.	
470	"	0120	0100	Lt. TAYLOR B.A.S. R.C.	"	Reports 4 bombs dropped in this area.	Bde, Cnd, infnd (V.)
471	"	0208		Sigs	"	Watches synchronised.	
472	"	0208			"	Aircraft overhead - some bombs dropped.	Bde, Cnd, infnd (V.)

478 A.M. sent up to 2/10 to see C.O. 2/10 & get inform.

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473.	25 DEC		0300	16 BDE PHONED	litel to 32 U.S. Div. Bombs dropped BRIDGE area 2215, 0100, 0200 hrs.	Bde. Com. informed (V.)
474	"		0500	PHONE	Bombs dropped in DOBODURA area.	I.O. informed thru situation.
475.	"		0646	ADC to G.O.C. PHONE.	asked for inform. overnight.	
476.	"		0653	128 U.S. Regt. PHONE.	COL MARTIN, CAPT KYLE, & MAJOR SIEBEL gave up to Fwd CP.	
477	"		0700	MAJ SIEBEL PHONE.	1/126 Bn. moving up towards M.G. post which was holding it up.	Sit. map.
478	"		0730	2/9 Bn. PHONE	'A' Coy. moved out, being replaced by elements of 'B' ECH.	
479	"		0900	PHONE.	advised that 1 off 0600 R's reinforcements arriving this morning for 2/9 Aust Inf. Bn. They will be guided to Bde 2/9 area & acting C.O. to arrange for immediate training for preparation for front line.	MAJOR PARRY-OKEDEN informed. Guide arranged.
480.	"		0839 0917	S3 128 U.S. Regt. PHONE	1/126 moving. pd. slowly to take M.G. to st. post. 'C' Coy. holding post, other cos. repositioning to flanks.	Sit. map.
481.	"		0930	Sig. O. 2/10. Phone.	Some of 'A' Coy. on left has gone fwd about 50' and has brighted 2 H.M.G.'s on	Sit. map.
482	"		0937	LITAYLOR F.B.R.C. phone.	2 platoons of 2/9 Bn. have reported in Fwd. Bde. Comtr.	Sit. map.

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483	25 DEC.	0945		G2, 32 US Div.	Phone	Start to reach DIV. by 1100 hrs. for GEN. HERRING to phone GEN. BLAMERY by 1200 hrs. Full situation, what has been done, intention, enemy's movements.	Bds. band. informed (M).
484	"	1000			Phone	checked up with ISgt 219 re M.G. para 83.7.	lit. map.
485	"	1015		ISgt 2/10.	Phone	2 of 'I' section fighting in front line. 1 as bodyguard to C.O. & I.O. One with 'D' Coy. Inform. very difficult to obtain. Gas here map. ref. tin hut. 287250 } 4" BUNA mudless nest. 289248 } LOCALITY.	I.O. informed (V.T)
						Wants real target plan maps for offs, at least 24. 1/126 moving up front M.G. paras. on left flank, which are holding up 2/10. B.M. 18 hrs. went up and got inform.	
486	"	1030		Lt TAYLOR F.R.S.	Phone	at left flank 'D' Coy. approx edge of coconut grove 20-30 yds from last night's paras. 'A' Coy. in centre. 'C' Coy. in rear behind 'D'. Left as before. as told to Lt TAYLOR by tps. moving back.	lit. map.
487	"	1100		NGIF to Michel Fitch rtd COSC Ad's H.Q.	SD573 (22 DEC) (INS6A)	re personnel to be sent fwd to 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.	

From COL. ROGERS, command through KO, June, to sea & facing both SE. & BUNA MISSION. Sit. map.

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488	25 DEC.	1030		C.O. 2/10 Bn.	Phone (IN 70A)	C.O. agreed that there had been insufficient time for concentration as requested.	To MAJ. THOMAS.
489	"	1030	1017	Bde. Bnd.	Phone (IN 70A)	Emphasised that 'soft spot' tactics must be used to get fwd. any tps. who can, making salients & wherever possible extend from flanks and attack inwards.	Phone to B.M. at 2/10 Bn.
490	"	1030	1040	B.M.	Phone (IN 70A)	B.M. reported to Bde. Bnd. Permission granted C.O. 2/10 to use 'C' Coy. wide on left & continue 'soft spot' tactics. MAJOR HALL has gone fwd as F.O.O.	
491	"	1300	1205	ADV. N.G.F.	(IN 71)	Dispatched to D.O.B. priority to be intelligence officer Adj Signal officer 2/6 Aust Army Regt. 26 Dec	B.M. informed Maj. Moss informed
492	"	2055 24 DEC		ADV. N.G.F.	115 (IN 77)	Tank officer requested map for use not avail. Provide our tank officer to see route INONDA 25 Dec. If HARINO not suitable as disambiguation point recommend another officer report this H.9 immediately see. complete.	Bde. Bnd B.M. informed (M.) Maj. Moss " (M.)
493	"	1345		L.O. 2 Lt SHERWIN & MR TAYLOR		'C' Coy of 2/10 arrived back at BRIDGE	B.M. advised (V.) B.M. spoke to COL. DOBBS.
494	"	1420	18 Bde		T 543 (OUT 93)	Passwords.	Capt. QUILTY took up.

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495	25 DEC.	1450		2/9 Bm.	Phone.	2/9 report by firing arty + L.M.G. S.E. BONA MISSION.	B.M. informed (V.)
496	"	1450		Lt TAYLOR F.R.C.	Phone.	Reported dud of black snake, shell or bomb bursts on bank 307°.	B.M. informed (V.)
497	"	1500			Phone.	Lt CONNOLLY phoned G2 BONA FORCE is - serial 495. G2 said that American tps. had got up to coast in adv + are consolidating.	B.M. informed (V.)
498	"	1645		Bm.	(IN 74)	Spoke to Col Martin - U.S. tps outflanking guns and supporting pillbox from swamp. Capt Ukisen with him. Spoke to him and impressed on him the urgency of getting forward before dark.	original copy by B.M. to File.
499	"	1700		Bm	(IN 74)	Two new enemy M.G. posts spotted by 2/9 on south of SIMEMI CK at mouth. Arranging with arty. AA gun has NOT been firing and may have been knocked out. Two M.M.G and one 37 m.m. have been sited to open fire in position if it opens up.	original copy by Bm to File. Lt. map.
500	"	1730		Bm	(IN 74)	Rang CO 2/10 and enquired if he had any news of C Coy. He is getting in touch with them and will inform etc.	original copy by Bm to File.
501	"	1735		Bm	(IN 74)	From C.O. 2/10 - C. Coy comd is working around left flank of Americans to strike in on line of Bound One and to attach pillboxes between there and present U.S. front line. Line being run fwd for intercomm. Men have 3 day res amm with them + sufficient amm.	original copy by Bm to File. Lt. map.

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502	25 DEC. 1845			G. office	(OUT 95)	Bde Comd. spoke to Brigadier Hopkins (NGF) and requested that Lt-Col Irwin CRE 6 Aust Div be flown up to talk over some special measures. This was agreed to.	Original copy to file.
503	25 Dec 2115			Bm		Phoned G 3 (ops) 32 Div. There is a light signalling to sea from ARMS House Buna Mission. A light from sea is signalling back. (source of infn. B.M.R.A.)	
504	25 Dec 2115			219		There is a light at sea 45° from Point at mouth of Simemi Creek.	Informed Bm.
505	"	2030	18 BDE	070	(OUT 94)	operation continues 26 Dec. ZERO 0700 report 0700 hrs. arty support will be directed by F.O.O's in accordance with br. comd's requirements. administration, intercommunication, synchronization as before ACK.	T. 128 U.S. Regt, 2/10 Bn, rptd 3/128 Bn, 2/9 Bn, Sig, S.C. 32 U.S. Div, also N.G.F.
506	"	1930	2/10 Bn.	(IN 75)		'C' Coy. now reached 251245 LOCALITY map containing advance - no ground mark on extreme right but salient along bk. broadside. Contact on right unit 1/126. I.O. asked to report exact disposition & progress 'C' Coy. D.F. brought on site from cocoanuts. No targets on immediate ground sufficiently far away to give. Spoke to BMRA who stated registration of D.F. going ahead + D.F. track O.K. waiting ammunition for night firing programme.	Placed to B.M. Lt. map.

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507	25 DEC	2155	(1128)	S2 3/128		Says MATOR PARRY-OKEDEN reported there are also flashes from STRIP PT as well as from BUNA MISSION.	Phoned to B.M.
508	"	2300		CAPT. SMEDGIE	PHONE.	Discussed proposed plan for morning 26 Dec. ZERO 0700 hrs. Intention to straighten front line by clearing air between flanks. No full details her plan suggested an L.O. to be sent forward, co-operating with units in flank.	Phoned to B.M.
509	26 DEC.	0305		2/10	PHONE.	Situation unchanged. No patrols have been out 'C' Bay in pm. with direct comm. to 2/10.	
510	"	0315		3/128 U.S. Sgt.	PHONE.	Reported about 2200-2300 hrs.	
511	"	0325		128 U.S. Sgt.	PHONE.	Situation unchanged - OLD STRIP.	
512	"	0345		I.O. to G2 BUNA FORCE	PHONE.	Situation unchanged, night quiet. Projected ops. 26 Dec see on 9/10. 2/9 pm reported flashes to seaward 2100 hrs. 2/9 + 3/128 warned of possible noct. small boats during night 25/26.	
513	"	0545		S1 3/128	PHONE.	Enquiry if 18 Bdr. had any report about ship off its coast, advised 3/128 D/O. had been informed.	3/128 advised that D/O. had been informed.
514	"	0555		3/128	PHONE.	3/128 report discussed situation of ship off coast with Capt. Ramm.	
515	"	0610		I Sgt. 2/9 Bdr	PHONE.	at 2000 hrs. all of our MG posts on beach saw flashes out to sea. They were sharp & distinct - 9 seconds between flash & explosion. Shells were bursting on BUNA PT. between BUNA + GIROPA PT. There were tracer being fired up into air & out to sea from BUNA PT. at same time planes reported over.	B.M. informed (✓)

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516	26 DEC	0642		Sigs.	Phone	Synchronisation of time.	B.M. informed (V.)
517	"	0700		I.O.	Phone	'A' Coy. moved 1500 yds to start line.	B.M. informed (V.)
518	"	0745	0730	I.O.	Phone	attack partially successful. 18 RE 2/10 captured dispersed bay. 'C' Coy 2/10 attack NOT successful against their pillbox. Americans had captured two bunkers.	Sit. map.
519	"	0830		F.O.O.	Phone (IN 76)	HALL gun in position in pill box on NEWSTRIP. betw. & left making ground & minor resistance seems from coconut area	Phone to B.M.
520	"	0845		B.M.	(IN 76)	spoke to COL. BOWEN - on URBANA front contemplated. ops. we first clean up BUNA MISSION	
521	"	0855		Col. MARTIN	Phone (IN 76)	thinks first pill box taken. No report yet of second pill box.	Phoned to B.M.
522	"	0900		B.M.	Phone (IN 76)	Back I.O. more fwd. to report on progress.	
523	"	0900		Sigs.	071 (00796)	Fwd movement 0700 hrs. Progress made left flank & center. Continuing.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd adv. N.G.F.
524	"	0945		adv.	Phone (IN 77)	Right flank still unable make fwd. movement. Left flank moving fwd. and making contact with 1/126. Situation center obscure. F.O.O. reports 1/126 has advanced and has passed abandoned A.A. gun	Sit. map. Phoned to B.M.

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SEL. NO.	DATE	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	ORIGIN	MESSAGE NO.	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN.
525	26 DEC. 0953				Phone	3.7" out of gun. F.O.O's of both HALL + MANNING Tps. with each fwd. br.	B.M.R.A spoke with Bdr. Bnd who pointed out F.O.O's must be in touch with com. of Coy. 2/10 before firing.
526	"	1025	18 Bds.		OUT (97) 072	Report immediately any use by enemy of A.A, mountain, or fd. arty. with resp. of approx. gun position. I.O. to follow up this inquiry every 26 DEC - on this will depend probability of further use of tanks.	To 2/10 Aust Inf. Bn, 128 U.S. Regt.
527	"	1015	B.M.		OUT (98)	Spoke to both A.I. 2/10 Bn + S3 128 Regt. who agree on approx posn of fwd elements of Coy. 2/10 and 1/126.	Show to Bdr. Bnd. in air photograph GA107.
528	"	1120				2 Zeros flew low overhead east + back west. all sentry for 'alert'.	Bdr. Bnd + B.M. infmt. 'alert' gun. Bdr. Bnd + B.M. infmt (V)
529	"	1125	2/9 Bn.		Phone.	7 Zeros reported flying overhead very low, did not drop, on north of sk.	
530	"	1210	128 S-3.		Phone.	No further information from post since last report was made.	B.M. informed (V.)
531	"	1210 0900	2/9 Bn.			Reported by Lt. LINDSAY that 24 Japs. were seen by one of his men going in direction of OLD ST. PIP, going in ft. + starts through scrub. Seen from it. flank from 283255. BUNA LOCALITY.	B.M. informed (V.) B.M. spoke to MAJOR PARRY-OKEDEN re-matth.

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532.	26 DEC.		1145	Bds. Cmd.	Phone (OUT 99)	Bds. Cmd. spoke to C.O. 2/10 bn, re projected 'A' Coy. ops. commencing 1500 hrs and stressed absolute necessity for pushing on. 'C' Coy. not moving sufficiently fast enough - not in action since 0515 hrs 25/12. Projected ops. 'A' Coy. to take out M.M.G. instead of dispersal bay. in fwd lines & 'C' Coy. from left flank to attack A.A. from ahead of present 1/126 and 2/10 left flank line. Atty. promoting smoke cover for attack by corp.	
533.	"		1210		(OUT 100)	Bds. Cmd. spoke to Bde. Sig. Offr. re BUNA FORCE INTER SERVICE RECOGNITION PROCEDURE. Temp available but insufficient personnel. No challenge provided for enemy to ships.	Bds. Cmd. spoke to GEN. HERRING. Capt QUILTY investigating probabilities re report.
534.	"		1232	'C' Coy	Phone 1/126	Reported I.O. 18 Bde. passing through & on his way back.	B.M. informed (V.) Message to B.M.
535.	"		1232 1215	S3	Message (IN 79) 1280S. 15yr.	Reports that 126 has seen your people in dispersal bay. (2/10.)	
536.	"		1200 0400	NGF.	Message (IN 80)	N.G.F. strip No 125. filed.	Shown to Bds. Cmd & B.M.
537.	"		1340	CAPT KYLE	Phone.	Hy. shell just landed 150' E of C.P. just now.	B.M. informed (V.) B.M.
538.	"		1345	128 FWO C.P.	Phone.	Re-able shell. Now reported out of our range. detected a mine near C.P.	B.M. informed (V.)

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539	26 DEC.	1410		H.Q. Am. Forces BUNA.		MOST SECRET - INTER SERVICE RECOGNITION PROCEDURE (13 copies)	Securely Bds. Cust + B.M. B.M. ordered to be held until further orders from 32 U.S. Div. N.G.F. L.O. B.M. informed (V.)
540	"	1410	1145	2/10 Bn.	Phase	In reply to 072. 2800 2545 gun thought to be A.A. which fired in this. Fired yesterday NOT today. Atty has checked map of this area. Gun thought to be lying 'dry'. Some water for falling in accounts.	
541	"	1400	1400	BGS	Phase (IN 81)	B.G.S. req Bds. band. Brig. band. pointed out necessity for organized signal str. to implement U.S. instrns for inter-service challenge.	
542	"	1410		B.M.	Phase (IN 81)	B.M. req 2/9 Bn. to say very light indication of 2/10 Bn. flank not desired. Flank is 284 253 MAP. REF. BUNA LOCALITY.	
543	"	1350	1350	SBDE	075 (OUT 101)	Dual purpose A/A A/TK. gun approx 3" thought responsible tank casualties approx 283 248 approx 283 248 BUNA LOCALITY. NO ammunition with gun. Spent rounds cartridge case and fuses being sent back. No other guns reported firing to-day.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd ad N.G.F. Sit map.
544	"	1450			IS44 (007102)	Ltr to 1400 hrs 26. ref. map BUNA LOCALITY. Present dispositions 2/10 Bn 284 253-285 250-282 247. 1/126 U.S. Lns. 284 247 to 288 244. Enemy points of strong resistance holding up fwd. movement at 283 249 and 285 248. 'C' Coy, 2/10 Bn, 282 247 and 'A' Coy 2/10 Bn 284 247 attacking these points 1500 hrs.	To 32 U.S. Div. rptd ad N.G.F. Sit map.

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544. (cont)	26 DEC					2/9 Bn. holds area from 286254 along SIMEMI CK to north thence along coast to STRIP POINT. Lt. Col. Mc NAB with under command. 3/128 U.S. and 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn. responsible for protection sea between SIMEMI CK. and coast South from CAPE ENDAIADEKE and for coast defence South to HARIKO ind.	
<u>545</u>	"	1530	1420	adv. N.G.F.	SD133 (INB2)	Lt. Col. IRWIN in hospital	seen by Bde. Cmd.
<u>546</u>	"	1600		18 Bds.	I 545 (OUT103)	Message to 2/10 Bn. conveying inform. for 2/9 Bn. re-variation in range 3" mortar. copy filed.	B.M. informed (M.) Saw 2/9 message.
<u>547</u>	"	1600		2/9 Bn.	Phone	Reported six JAPS moving away north of river. Fired on them, killed one & wounded two. 2/9 casualties during day 2 wounded by snipers.	B.M. informed (V.)
<u>548</u>	"	1610	5'	2/10 Bn	Phone (IN83)	mortar fire on 'C' Coy. reported from edge of coconuts C.O. 2/10 is bringing down str. though not definite, it appears that 'C' + 'A' successful.	Cmd. spoke to Col. DOBBS, advised him in court of success to push on immediately & that all possible guard is made and JAP given no opportunity of establishing support line to his next main line of defence. Phone to B.M.
<u>549</u>	"	1620		2/10	Phone (IN84)	2/10 Bn. reported that 'C' Coy. had seen 25 gaps running back after 'A' Coy. attack. 'D' Coy. put put M.M.G. on them.	

26 DEC. 1900 hrs T.O.R. ORIGIN. 2/10 Bn.

- 1) 'C' Coy. at 281248 possibly 100 yds. fwd. basaltic light. Killed 12 JAPS & captured two 12 pounders.
- 2) 'A' Coy. at 285249. 3 pls. in area of \square straggle out of contact.
- 3) 'B' Coy. one pl. at 287251. Remainder at 287248.
- 4) 'D' Coy. one pl. advanced up to wireless masts and was heavily counter-attacked at 1800 hrs. They knocked out one L.M.G. and inflicted 30 casualties on JAPS. Reported only 4 men left in pl. Was strengthened by one pl. from 'B' Coy.

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550.	26 Dec.		1635	B.M.	Phone (IN 84)	Spoke to C.O. 2/10. 'O' Coy. to endeavor to make ground so inflexible fire which had been holding him up has probably been knocked out.	Phoned to B.M.
551.	"		1700	C.O. 2/10	Phone (IN 84)	MATHIESON captured all objective except pill box which they propose to burn. A 'Coy. attack failed but men close to objective. Coy. end. running. Report is that 'O' Coy. trying to attempt to make fwd.	-
552	"		1700	128 C.P.	Phone.	Two more 13" A/A. guns reported captured by 'C' Coy 2/10 Bn.	B.M. informed (M).
553.	"		1734	18 BDE	IS 46	If you have incendiary grenades do NOT fail to bring them.	To 2/12 Bn.
554	"		1758	Office	Verbal.	Two Jap fighters in a fairly good condition forward of the Suburfield, now in our hands. They appear to be the type known as the HAP of which little is known. The instrument panels are reasonably intact. The air force expert was only able to examine similar types that were badly burnt out.	B.M. Informed (V)

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555	Dec 26		1900	18 Bde	(OUT) (105)

% C.O. 128 U.S. Reg. (Charlie)

One: U.S. Coy 1/128 to move to area 287248.

Role: immediate counter attack + security against penetration.

Two: 1/126 + Coy 1/128 to maintain contact from present position with 'C' Coy advancing on left.

Three: Present shoulder line must be held even if JAPS do penetrate.

Four: Will endeavor to make contact between 'A' Coy + U.S. regt.

556	"		1900	18 Bde.	Phone (OUT 106)
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Spoke to COL. DOBBS.

- 1) O.K. to move 'B' Coy.
- 2) Present shoulder line must be held even if JAPS do penetrate.
- 3) Inform when U.S. Coy 1/128 moved to area 287248.
- 4) 'A' Coy to fill in gap in line fill box area
- 5) 3" gap in 'A' Coy. objective, arty are reporting on it.
- 6) 'A' Coy to push on as far fwd. as possible between shoulder thus straightening line.

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557	21 DEC.		1930	18 Bde	077 (007107)	Ref. on IS44 'C' Coy. 2/10 ln. attack on strongpoint 283 249 successful. Pat contained and fired arty. reported approx 3 inch. arty examining strongpoint at 285248 NOT yet secured No gun. yet discovered for dual purpose gun in part captured by 1/126 U.S. ln. referred to in on 075. Details night dispositions will be furnished when known. Advance is continuing on night and left flanks held while attack continues on strongpoint in center.	To. 32. U.S. Div. rptd. adv N.G.F.
558.	"		1935	B.M.	Phone (IN85)	Spoke to EMPSON re maintaining of double sentry on bridge in addition to security guard on bridge.	
559	"				Phone (IN85)	Bde. Cmd. spoke to MAJOR MOSS + S.C. regarding possibility of landing tanks at East end of NEW STRIP	
560.	"	1940		S3 122 U.S. Regt	Phone (IN85)	'C' Coy. 1/12 B has taken all pillboxes taken this morning by 1/126. 'A' Coy 1/128 extend 'C' Coy. left + is looking over pillbox for 2/10 ln. 'C' Coy 2/10 extending along flank. 'B' Coy 1/128 moving to its. Coy. pos. 'C' Coy. 1/126 has contact with 2/10 on right and left to temp. bapt.	Phone to B.M.
561	"	1930		2/9 Bn.	Phone	about 6000 west of mouth of CR. 2/9 water on enemy tent. 2/9 has shot about 8 JAP across CR. from mouth. 1730-1800 some few gun in woods, should up.	

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562.	26 DEC	2000	B.M.	Phone	COL. MARTIN wanted to take no risks of JAPS shunning dead.	
563.	"	2046	B.M.	Phone	Spoke to C.O. 2/10. 1) D' now not on 30. channel but leading pl. no counterattacks & withdrew to line ^{officially occupied} . Believed enter pl. gms. 2) B' Coy. strength 2/39. 3) 'C' Coy strength 4/104. 4) 'A' Coy. Given in dispersed bay strength estimated 1/15. no pl. astray. 1/17.	
564	"	2055	2/9th.	Phone.	Reported flashes at to see in north of Battle H.Q. Swiss of shot flashes then long one missed from GIROPA PT. just previously 'trace' fired from GIROPA PT. in direction of our 37m. m. gun.	B.M. informed (V.)
565.	"	2100	B.M.	Phone (OUT 109)	Reported to Col ROGERS that lights were seen flashing at sea & being missed from GIROPA PT. Col. ROGERS advised M.T.B's would operate	3/128, 2/9, X & 2/6 doubtful, 2/6 A.A.S.C. wanted
566.	"	2102	Capt. WILSON. 2/10 BECH	Phone	MAX JEEPS wanted urgently to evacuate lot of wounded.	S.C. inform. (V.)
567.	"	2105	B.M. R.A.	Verbal	Night harassing programme 1 D.F. OK.	Saw Pde. bnd to B.M.
568.	"	2110	Bdr Bnd.	Phone	to C.O 2/10. 1) casualty figures seem extremely doubtful. 2) Am. reasonably out of hot withdrawing if attacked. 3) Gf MATHIESON has landed on pill-box to 1/126, pl. will return to that area. B.M. advised. 4) Sd. to be left on fighter aircraft 5) Amm & supply from O.V. 6) contact with 1/126 & 1/128 to be made through L.O. 7) 2/10 will advise 'C' & 'A' Coy. dispositions.	

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569.	26 DEC.		2135	18 Bds	Plans
570.	"	2230		Arty.	Plans. (IN 86)
571.	"	2337			
572	"	2320	2120	Adv. N.G.F.	ESD 135 (IN 87)
573.	"	2223		18 Bds	IS 47
574.	27 DEC.	0027		FWO. ARTY.	Plans.
575	"	0052		Maj Hawkins.	
576	"	0047			3/128

INFORMATION.

Rang. CAPT EMERSON re M.T.B's mentioned in serial 565. Arty. reported that the gun captured by 'C' Coy. 2/10 was similar type to dual purpose gun examined. This gun U.S. Inv. believed to have sunk. Further info sought for first light 27/12 to see if first gun could be put into action, also to take precautions to destroy in case of beach through.

Sentry reported light flashing on horizon approx. due East between 2315 and 2330.

Leant. 18 Bds. advise could of TACK HAMMER field Force 005 the following situations are recommended and it is requested they take effect immediately, one complete B/ECH less one off. 200's, present full scale working gun be carried (three) all gear be carried (four) if troops can be disembarked HARIKO they carry packs to include spare clothing & boots. quote no knowledge this H. 9 of 065.

Litrep to 2200 L/26. copy filed.

Report ~~that~~ ^{FWO CENTRE} on being shelled after checking up with all our emplacements consider it probable that gun fire comes from sea.

Maj Hawkins phoned re above shelling confirming info.

Report no sign of flashes from sea but a fair sized fire at BUNA MISSION Pt.

TONG. F. rptd 18 Bds

To 320 S. Div. rptd adv NGF, 128 U.S. Regt.

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577	27 Dec.	0115		2/9		Report no sign of flashes from sea but a no sign of shell fire but bright fire on BUNA Point also lights & people moving on shore. On above info AM instruction <u>NOT</u> to inform Service Coy, but to await more definite info.	
578	"	0135		Bde Sentries		Reported two craft at sea possibly barges.	
579	"	0230		1/28		Nothing new in situation	
580	"	0240		3/128		Two our se barges returning to Supply Point from Cape. Water too shallow to land cargo.	
581	"	0300		2/9		Two Coy report enemy working party to west of Seimemi beach cutting timber.	
582		0305		2/10		Sitnow	
583		0310		128		No change in situation	
584		0315		3/128		Nothing to report the Coast Watchers report fire at BUNA. MISSION Point probably oil fire.	
585		0400 (cont)		18 Bde	I 548	Sitrep to 32 US DIV rptd Adv NCF 128 US Regt	

580 A. Bds. Major. went up for. area at 0700 hrs.

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586.	27 DEC	0630		CAPT KYLE 128 REGT.	Phone	all quiet.	B.M. in fund. (V.)
587.	"	0840		2/9	Phone	Reported two persons in aust. uniform, capt. & tin hats 80' from north of SIMEMI ck. and 10' from south bank. Believed JAP observers. Eyes thought killed them.	B.M. advised at 0905 hrs. by phone, in fund. area
588.	"	0905	(0905)	B.M.	Phone	B.M. phoned through from fund & inquired re-alab.	I.O. advised him re-alab checked with 31288 U.S. Ins that none had crossed SIMEMI CK.
589.	"	0930		32 U.S. Div.	BY HAND	N.G.F. strip No 126 to 1700 L/26 & No 127 to 0400 L/27. Also trans. cap. document & traces, also 190 maps BUNA-GONA area, & 4 maps BUNA LOCALITY much on GRID SYSTEM (D145280).	Show to Bds. Bnd. sit. map.
590.	"	1000		18 Bds.	IS49 (00T112)	Demand for in photos. area 285255-280247-265255 To 32 U.S. Div. aptd -270263. Scale required eight inches to one mile. Size for inch. Type stereo pairs. A number of copies there. Date required 29 Dec. Time 0700 hrs. (URGENT)	
591.	"	1030				B.M. returned from fund. area.	
592.	"	1200				air raid in area. Bombs dropped fwd of Bds. Fund. Report by center. at least 50 A/C., fighters and dive bombers.	
593.	"	1210		B.M.	Phone	B.M. phoned Lt. TAYLOR who said that bombs were dropped on OLD STRIP. well forward of depot center.	
594.	"	1230		I.O.	Phone	Phoned HARIKO. Nil damage. two bombs dropped.	

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595.	27 DEC.		1235	I.O. B.B.L.	Phons.	Spoke to 2/10. No casualties reported to Bn. H.Q. Believed bombs fell in cocoanuts ahead of them, one stick across ck. on 2/9 area, and on GIROPA PT., and in big dispersed bay.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
596	"		1235	B.M.	Phons	Ray 2/9 ln. Same casualties. Will give details later	
597.	"		1255	H TAYLOR.	Phons.	Further report as to bombing. Bombs landed in cocoanuts ahead of fwd. tps., across ck. in 2/9 Bn area + GIROPA PT.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
598.	"		1340	F.O.O HARE TP.	Phons	Estimated casualties from bombing 1 Killed 8 wounded (including 2 offrs.)	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
599.	"		1340 1230	H TAYLOR.	Phons	Fighting patrol (one pl 'C' Coy 2/10) sent out to locate enemy post thought to be between 'A' Bay + E shaped bay. When post is cleared 'A' Bay will move fwd.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Lt. rep.
600	"		1200			{ GENERAL HERRING visited Bdr. bnd, also { MAJ. GENERAL BERRYMAN	
601.	"		1345	I.O. 2/10	Phons.	Patrol 'C' Coy. 2/10 moving from 'C' Coy 281246 BUNA LOCALITY for 250' on bearing of 50°.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. (Hare) informed (V.)
602	"		1400	2/9	Phons	Further report as to bombing casualties. 3 Killed 5 wounded.	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.)
603	"		1410	I.O. 2/10	Phons.	'A' Coy. has line through east end of big dispersed bay, has linked with 'D' in north + Americans in South	Bdr. bnd + B.M. informed (V.) Lt. rep.

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603 (cont)	27 DEC.					pushing fwd. slowly. 'C' Coy on left flank pushing through timber.	B.M. spoke to C.O. 2/10 Bn & gave him permission to use 'C' Coy. pl. which was left to hold AIA post captured.
604	"	1445		MR TAYLOR	Plans.	A Coy 1/128 in front is joined to 'A' Coy 2/10 Bn. one pl 1/128 also occupied area held by one pl. of 'C' Coy 2/10 last night.	B.M. informed (V.) Lt. map.
605	"	1445	1100		(over)	Bds. and spoke to COL. MARTIN & discussed procedure to be followed in the event of a possible change over of 1/126 Bn. and 3/128 Bn. If change contemplated Bds. to be advised & make our copy at a time.	
606	"	1445			(1100)	Engs. will be blasting area HAROKI from 1400 hrs. I.O. to inform our units.	
607	"	1500		2/9 Bn	Plans. ISgt.	Pan-pan just opened up on 2/9 while ISgt. was talking. as reg. as five drums seen 60' from mouth of creek 10' off bank. 3 green + 2 white with red drums. Shot at and shot up. blow blowless fluid poured out. Man who shot at them at 1030 hrs. now wounded + evacuated. change in disposition being made. as trace.	

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608	27 DEC.	1420	Bds. Cnd	Planc (OUT 114)	Bds. Cnd.	gr permission for pl of 'C' Coy in A.A. from to launch its continue advance of left flank.	
			B.M.	Planc (OUT 114)	B.M.	passed along to 2/10. also report that 'A' Coy in center now pushing fwd. by sec. patrols and building then is ground gained. arty. & mortars giving intense fire. STAPS in drain crossing strip being heavily intensely engaged by mortar & arty also	Sit. map.
609	"	1445	Bds. Cnd	Planc (OUT 114)	Bds. Cnd	spoke to (C) COL. MARTIN. U.S. tps to keep well up with 2/10 in left and center. Keep Bds. in touch with progress.	
610	"	1445	B.H.	Planc (OUT 114)	B.M.	spoke to adjt. 2/10 Bn. center advanced and	
611	"	1501	B.M.	Planc (OUT 114)	B.M.	spoke to Col. DOBBS - of U.S. keeping touch with 'C' and necessity for 'C' to make all possible ground. I.O. 2/10 thinks 'C' has passed line of fwd objective.	Issue I.O. to check with I.O. 2/10 (Dns)
612	"	1550	18 Bds	Planc (OUT 115)		Letter to 1430 hrs. copy filed	To. 32 U.S. Div. repl A.M.N.G.F.
613	"	1540	SC. 18 Bds	Message Q20	Ref. more TACKHAMMER. On arrival ORO BAY it is requested following be fwded. by launch urgently. C.O., adj, I.O., Coy. Bnds, Mater off, Sig. off, & amice off. all heavy supplies not carried by personnel. AMN., SIG. EQPT, I office eqpt, cooking gear. Balance of eqpt. as early as possible. Needed earliest for urgent operations.	To 32 U.S. Div. repl N.G.F.	

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614.	2 DEC.	1600		C.O. 2/10	Phons. (OUT116)	'C' Coy at 275250 - explaining of him. MATHISON satisfied with U.S. support. 'A' Coy at 283259. 287258 is left flank of 'A' Coy. Dispositions at 1600 hrs given to I.O.	Bds. Bnd. pointed out 'C' Coy, very early 1000x check off rest of bn. Rest of bn. must be brought fwd. Sit. map.
615.	"	1630			(OUT116)	(a) left flank sq. of 'C' Coy. (b) connect 'C' Coy & left flank 'A' Coy. (c) res. Coy behind U.S. bn + 'A' Coy. (d) Further U.S. Coy. moving up strip.	
616.	"	1700		2/9 Bn.	Phons	Col. McNAB reported that JAPS. were coming out with their hands up, a OLD STRIP, blown at by 25 pdrs. arty. informed us that they had direct hit on 50 ft trench with M.G. post just below M of SIMEMICH + a group of JAPS had run out, one having a khaki cloth on his bayonet.	Bde. Bndt B.M. informed (V.) B.M. advised C.O. 2/10.
617.	"	1835 1815		2/9	Phone	Between 1810 & 1815 20 Japs were seen withdrawing at about 272253 2/9 engaged with M.G. & killed six & wounded others	B.M. informed (V)
618.	"	1700		18 Bds.	078 (OUT117)	Forward hush with report by O.C. 17 Aust. Inf. Bds. carrier pl.	To 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. (TREATED AS DISPATCH).

026A. B.M. spoke to COL. DOBBS. latter informed re offrs of possibility of JAP suicide rush.

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619.	27 DEC.	1905	2	2/9 Br	Plans.	Reported by Vickers who on mouth SIMEMI CK. JAP tps. seen on GIROPA PT. moving in towards jungle from beach. arty. engaged them. Another seen after first two shells fired.	B.M. informed (V.)
620.	"	1905		2/9	BECH Plans.	2/9 BECH wants JEEP sent up for sick man	S.C. informed (V.)
621	"	1945		079 1880E	(OUT 118)	Confirming verbal orders advance will continue 0700 report 0700. arty. support will be arranged by ln. comds. with F.O.O's. Registration solved. Administration and intercommunication improved. ACK.	to 2/10, 128 U.S. Regt, arty 18 Bde, sig, sptd 32. U.S. Div, also N.G.F.
622	"	2115		B.M.	Phone (OUT 119)	To band 2/10 ln. ZERO 0700 punctually. all recs probably to be complete before that hour. U.S. lns. will work as to day.	
623.	"	2120		B.M.	Phone (OUT 119)	To 128 U.S. Regt. Advance continues 0700 - U.S. Tps. maintain same formation as left flank ja - connection between 'C' & 'A' bays is restored.	
624	"	2125		B.M.	Phone (OUT 119)	To 2/9 Br - warning of 2/10 advance and danger of being shot up by 2/9.	
625.	"	2020		N.G.F.	(IN 99) Message	Message re challenging of boats. Message filed.	B.M. informed (V.)
626	"	2205		1880E	ISS (OUT 120)	Setup to 2200 2/27. copy filed.	To 32 U.S. Div. sptd adv N.G.F., 128 U.S. Regt.
627.	"	2225		HALL O.P.	Plan	at least one bay was heard in Northerly direction off BUNA MISSION. Trench bullets fired into the air as signal from BUNA MISSION. D.P.O. is out observing movement.	

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628.	27 DEC.	2230		ISgt	Phone 2/9	one or more barges moving north of Battle H.Q. 15 mins. late. traces left up from BONA MISSION.	
629.	"	2231		1800k	Phone	Phoned to G3 32 U.S. Div. & advised him as to above.	also re: B.M. B.M. asked 32 U.S. Div for Motor Tapes books.
630.	"	2232		1800k	Phone	Re: 128 U.S. left. to inform 3/128 re-serial 628.	
631.	"	2240		1800k	Phone	Re: units along coast to advise them probability of Japs. moving along beach during night.	
632.	"	2300		I.O.	Phone 2/10	a JAP counter-attack has driven back. it. pl. arty. called for support. will counter attack with res. pl.	B.M. advised (V.)
633.	"	2320		I2/10	Phone	advised that situation had been restored. CAPT. BROWN hit. I.O. 2/10 first advised counter attack not successful.	B.M. advised (V.)
634.	"	2325		COMMON	Phone 25/9	Report 2 white flares seen fired beyond CAPE ENDAIADERE. appeared to come from sea. Reported by beach guard. Saw only reflection of flares. Pretty far out at sea.	B.M. informed (V.) 2/9 Bn. questioned. 32 U.S. Div. infmd.
635.	"	2330		MAJOR PAREN OVERSEEN	Phone 2/9	Reports barges off BONA MISSION.	Col. McHAB has advised in pl. to replace at CAPE ENDAIADERE. B.M. infmd (V.)
636.	"	2335		B.M.		B.M. said that 2/10 situation had been restored.	
637.	29 DEC.	0010		MAJ. HAWKINS.	Phone	Fire on other side of JAPS spots shell fire apparently out at sea.	B.M. advised (V.)

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(OUT 121) 641A. 0400. 1560. Strip to 0400 27 DEC. To 320.S.Div, with also N.G.F., 128 U.S. Regt

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638.	28 DEC	0320		2/9 ISgt	Phone	apart from S.A.A. fire (slight) opposite 'B' Coy. otherwise quiet. Nothing further to report re-lays.	
639.	"	0325		I.O. 2/10	Phone	Right repelled.	
640.	"	0328		128 Rsgt.	Phone	No change.	
641.	"	0330		3/128	Phone	Nothing since midnight. best watch re- report of lags.	
642.	"	0655		2/10	Phone	'C' Coy. now pushing up on left.	B.M. informed (V.)
643.	"	0700		2/9	Phone (IN 90)	Reported B ECH. captured 2 TAPS for beach at STRIP PT.	B.M. informed (V.)
644.	"	0700		B.M.	Phone (IN 90)	Spoke to COL. MARTIN of probability of JAP suicide rushes, also of necessity of	
645.	"	0750		2/10	Phone (IN 90)	'C' Coy. has arranged with 1/128 to guard track from S with C.O. 2/10 complains U.S. tps not keeping up with 'C' Coy.	B.M. informed (V.)
646.	"	0805		B.M.	Phone (IN 90)	To COL. MARTIN. (a) To ensure left flank means of entry guarded - small parties to be sent down. (b) make sure left flank Coy. and connecting Coy will find. (c) COL. MARTIN in left & center lines. I.O. from 2/10 stated that everything was in accordance with 1/128. with 'C' Coy. wishes & above instructions.	
647.	"	0940	0810	ISgt 2/9	Phone	Mark when M.G. post saw one JAP swim off GIROPA PT to a rock, stay there awhile fiddling sand, swim back to beach & disappear.	B.M. informed (V.)

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648.	28 DEC.		0815	B.M.	Phone (007122)	To adjt. 2/60 km. Passed on conversation with CO. MARTIN. advised him size of resistance being left behind. Employment of soft spot tactics does not mean leaving rest of resistance of unknown strength behind - support inf. must be left until such resistance is successfully dealt with. 2/10 (emphasis) complain that they cannot see U.S. troops while they are uncertain as to exact location of 'C' 2/10	
649.	"		0900	B.M.	Phone (007122)	To 2/10 - must be in touch with progress of 'C' Coy & when it swings, for this will call for different dispositions of U.S. tps. If swing only 'C' & 'A' will be in contact. If 'C' continues on present line & swings, re-disposition will be later. Soft spot tactics necessitate mappers up.	
650.	"		0900	C		2 wounded JAP secured brought in by personnel of 'B' ECH 2/9 - stretcher cases.	Problem. with report I.O. says 2/570. But that he is sending them up. To be guarded by walking wounded.
651	"		0915			Lt. WINKLER phoned G3, 32 U.S. Div. for all info re M.G. posts, gun posts, type of guns, defenses, etc in BUNA MISSION area.	
652	"		1025	2/9	Phone. Ept.	2/10 Pm. on sk. opp. west wtdly M.G. of 2/9 B. in plantation map. of BUNA LOCALITY. 282255 } NEW MAP. A1215 }	B.M. advised (V). Sit. map.

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653	28 DEC.		1000	Bds. Cnd.	Phase (OUT 123)	Bde. Bnd. spoke to COL. MARTIN approx from 'C' Coy A0414. 'C' Coy will be turning to attack N.E. U.S. tps. to cover 'C' Coy sea 1 left at approx A0414 facing N.W. Bde. 128 U.S. Interguard approaches from S.W and South end to maintain contact between 'C' & 'B' bays sweeping up after 'C'. 'B' bay 1/128 being relieved in center by Coy. of 1/126 and moving to complete 1/128. 1/126 then attacked in island.	Lit. map.
654	"	"	1040	2/10	Phase	'C' Coy. 2/10 on edge of coconuts A0418. opposition left - fwd. light. cannot enter coconuts as POMPOM being engaged with A.P. 'D' 2/10 A1115 - A1013. 'A' 2/10 A1013 - A0813.	B.M. informed (M.) Bde. Bnd informed 2/19. B.M. informed 128 Regt. Lit. map.
655	"	"	1105	18 Bds.	T 55 (OUT 124)	Litrep to 1100 2/28. Copy filed.	To 32 U.S. Div, rptd. adv H. GF, aty 18 Bds, 128 U.S. Regt.
656	"	"	1125	Atty	Phase	12 direct hits on POMPOM emplacement from gun by bridge.	B.M. advised (V.)
657	"	"	1015	Lt. TAYLOR F.P.S.	Report	Passo. given as follows. 'D' & 'B', 'A' Coy. 282255 - 280254 - 277254. 'C' Coy. 273255 - 272255.	Passed to 128 Regt Lit. map.
658	"	"	1020			Two further tks. in pass.	Bde. Bnd would stay in pass to organize...

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659	28 DEC.		1025	COL. MARTIN	Plane (OUT 125)	Cap. moving to face S.W. to col. MATHISON'S area. It is assumed himself JAP between 'C' & 'A' cap 2/10. In. is covered by U.S. troops.	Lt. map.
660	"		1035		Plane (007125)	Bds. Bnd. informed 2/9 of probability of many 2/9 in. rolled in reserve when mouth of SIMEMICK is cleared by 2/10.	
661	"		1045	B. M.	Plane (007125)	Ray COL HOWE. Present disposition U.S. M BUNAL MISSION area asked him for arty. safety line.	
662	"		1100	Bds. Cmd.	Plane (007125)	Confirmed arrangement with COL. MARTIN. 3/128 not to be Δ as 2/9 is commingled into issue.	
663	"		1115	Bds. Cmd.	Plane (007125)	Spoke to C.O. 2/10 Bn - fight to be conducted as seen on ground. To report definite dispositions so that Bds. Bnd. can give definite orders.	
664	"		1200	18 Bds.	080 (OUT 126)	Confirming verbal orders two pls. 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move from BRIDGE area to pos. in vicinity of 1/126 U.S. in CP. 285245 (BUNALOCAL.) will hear runner with plans at that H. Q.	To Lt. EMPSON rptd 128 U.S. Rgt, 2/9 Bn Lt. map.
665	"		1200	NGF	NGF (MESSAGE)	N.G.F. Strip. 128 to 1700 4/27 and 129 to 0400 4/28. Partial trans. ac. cap U.S. URBANA FORCE 12/23/42.	Show to Bds. Bnd. Lt. map.
666	"		1200	N.G.F.	BY SAFE HAND	MOST SECRET. Land to see identification signals.	Show to Bds. Bnd.

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667.	28 DEC.		1130	B.M.	(1191)	Progress report given to MAJOR KING C/O, N.G.F.		
668.	"		1245	B.M.	Phone (1191)	Rang adjt. 2/10 and obtained approx. dispositions.	Shown to I.O. + marked on Bds. bnd's map.	
669.	"		1255	Adj. 2/10	Phone (1191)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'C' Coy has located motor target at 276258 (BUNA LONE) 2) Tpt. moving from BUNA MISSION to GIROPA PT. (report through MANNING TP.) 3) U.S. tps. occupying about 600' of front between 'C' + 'A' 2/10. 4) 'C' Coy. consolidating. 5) Rt. flank still 150' ahead of column. 	Lit. map. 320 S Div. asked to take action re (2)	
670.	"		1310	320 S. Div.	Phone (1191)	New city safety line received - city informed.	Lit. map.	
671.	"		1315	1230	128	Phone Regt. (1191)	1/126 C.P. A145065. (NEW GRID) 'B' Coy. A130990-A140100 'C' Coy. left A140100 - right A145115.	Lit. map.
672.	"			2/10	Phone (1192)	Right flank 283253 - 280252 - 279253 then ambushed to 274257 - 273257 then 'C' Coy to 273258.	B.M. informed (V) Lit. map.	
673.	"		1345	B.M.	(1192)	I.O.'s map marked with disposition as given by C.O. 2/10.		
674.	"		1345	Bds. bnd.	Phone (1192)	Bds. bnd. to C.O. 2/10. by post 1) build 'D' + 'A' to in right of 'Coy' - total strength 'B' + 'D' 35/40 - 'C' Coy 60/70. 2) Gap filled by U.S. tps about 600 yds. 3) 'A' Coy. and U.S. tps. 'C' Coy to push fwd. as far as possible - general direction N.E. to creek. 'C' Coy to remain as firm base for straightening of line		

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675	28 DEC.		1460	B.M.	Phone (11992)	Raybol. MARTIN who was to get his two cogs. in line to work fwd. with 'A' cog 2/10.	
676	"	1510		Lt TAYLOR F.R.C.	Phone	His line was extended from night flank 283253-280252 - HYA.A. then 274254 Americans - 273257 - 273258 'C' cog. 2/10 Bn. at approx A06 A08 (NEW GRID) a clearing is being used by fighting patrols, meeting opposition, but pushing fwd. from N.W. end of clearing into clearing. arty. is on to POM POM, looks as though they hit it.	B.M. informed (V.) Sit. map.
677	"	1520	1032	F.O.O.	Phone	Shooting test JAPS close to Sgt. garden. in poms. approx 270260 (BUNA LOCALITY)	B.M. informed (V.)
678	"	1530		2/9 ISgt.	Phone	Phoned up to ask if 2/9 could give accounts west of SIMEMI ex. 'uhah'. Wanted to know where 2/10 were.	Bdr. buds & B.M. informed (V.) B.M. informed 2/9 not to fire unless asked for 2/10 - two dangerous in the 2/10 cogs. working. Spoke to Major PARRY-OXBEN.
679	"	1610		CAPT. KYLE 12805. Rgt.	Phone	boom knocked off POM POM gun, which can now be seen.	Bdr. buds & B.M. informed (V.)
680	"	(1430)	1430	COL. POLLARD	Phone (11993)	GENERAL HERRING wishes to know latest situation line at present runs 283254-276253-271257 (BUNA LOCALITY)	

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681.	28 DEC.	1600		C.O.	Phone (IN 92)	1) 283 253-280 252.5 - then parallel to coconuts 273 258 about 100' to coconuts 2) along line of coconuts there is a garden of mounds but not joining.	Sit. map.
682.	"	1605		Bds. Cnd.	Phone (IN 937)	to C.O. 2/10. 1) advance to continue to edge of coconuts - not a general assault in view of mounds reported. 2) 'C' Coy to move to E. with directions of cont. to inform and 'A' Coy also to push fwd. object to secure line in depth by dusk. 3) Report when moving.	
683.	"	1715		B.M.	Phone (IN 93)	To. Co 2 DOBBS. 1) B.M. has made arrangements with 128 for U.S. coy to continue ahead. 2) Will notify B.M. of stat line.	
684.	"	1715		B.M.	Phone (IN 93)	To 53 128 U.S. Regt. 1) confirmed arrangements with 2/10. & see that U.S. coy conform & go as far into coconuts as possible. 2) Leading coy. to in pos. 3) B 1/128 & another coy 1/126 close behind centre. 4) Opposition in south - light opposition.	

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685	28 DEC		1710	18 Bsq	A28 (OUT 127)	Line of evacuation as from 1600 hrs 28/L to be via BOBODURA track to ADS 10 and FO. Amb. situated area 292229 BUNA LOCALITY REVISED MAP.	To 2/9, 2/10, 7/6 Amb Regt, 17 Bde Bunker GP, 2/5 FO Amb, 10 FO Amb, 128 Regt.
686	"		1745	B.M.	Phone (OUT 128)	base confirmed with COL. MARTIN arrangements for 128 U.S. Regt.	
687	"	1750		2/10	Phone (OUT 128)	2/10 advised B.M. that zero hour was 1800 hrs.	
688	"		1758	B.M.	Phone (OUT 128)	ZERO given to 128 Regt (Phone connection delayed).	
689	"	1800		F.O.O. MANNING	(Phone)	2/10 Bn. has just shot third JAP for to-day fully clothed as an Australian soldier using Australian rifle.	B.M. inform (V.) 128 Regt, F.R.S, tanks 2/9, Regt by 2/10 and 3/128 line unit.
690	"	1905		F.O.O. HALL.	Phone	The attack is now in progress. our troops are just entering the coconut grove.	Sit map. B.M. inform (V.)
691	"	1900		S3 128 Regt	Phone	Reported JAP in American uniform with American words down trail met, reported shot American.	B.M. and B.M. inform (M.)
692	"		1905	Bds. Cmb.	Phone (OUT 129)	To 2/10 Bn. - Two pls. 'C' Coy to hold on in coverts as soon as possible. Retain as much ground as possible. 'A' Coy. to move up in close support of 'C' Coy. 'C' 1/126 to move up and take over from 'A' Coy.	Sit map.
693	"		1910	B.M.	Phone (OUT 129)	To COL. MARTIN. - 'C' Coy 1/126 to take over from 'A' Coy.	Sit map.

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to 2/10

1. reports of A 2/10 and C 1/426 when A 2/10
2. Col Dobbs & think can call possibilities during night
3. Patrols to be out by first light and by active patrolling suitable to 2/10 to report by 0700 if gap is still in position and if all in the morning
4. Probable injuries 0815 CO + adjt attend. To be prepared with gas in slyths

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* Dobbs injury 0700

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694.	28 DEC.		1950	B.M.	Phone (OUT 129)	To Lt EMPSON:- two pls. to be at immediate notice during night.	
695.	"			Col D6BBS. C.02/10	Phone (OUT 129)	To Bds. bnd:- by end. will have to make decision as to defensive dispositions. Know that 'A' bay is going fwd. in close support. 'C' bay. dispositions the reported earliest possible. Two pls. to be disposed as far fwd. as possible of firm base pl.	
696.	"	1930.		B.M. R.A	verbal (OUT 129)	D.F. and night shooting on GIROPA PT. and creek and Hy. A.A. posn. 265 253 (BUKA LOCALITY)	
697	"	1940.		18 Bds.	OS1 (OUT 130)	Should any enemy counter attack be made to-night it is essential to hold ground already fought for. To mor is only to die the enemy by our confusion with its risk of shooting our own tps. (IMPORTANT.)	To 1280 S. Regt., 2/10 bn.
698.	"	2000		18 Bds.	OS1 (OUT 131)	at first light 29 Dec. one tps. of four tanks will move from present location to lying up area N.W. of BRIDGE on SIMEMI CK. Report when in position through fwd. bds. report center. Tanks to be fully prepared for action and crews will include requisite proportion battle experienced personnel. (BY HAND.)	To 2 Ldn. 2/6 anti and Regt.

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699.	28 DEC.	0130	2115	18 Bds.	IS61 (OUT 132)	litrep to 2100 hrs. copy filed	To 32 U.S. Div. of the Adv. N. G. F., City 18 Bds. GP., 12 U.S. Regt.
700.	"		2115	I. Sgt. 2/9.	Plans.	'C' Coy reports traces from GIROPA PT. off-shore out to sea North of STRIP PT.	B.M. informed (V.)
701	"		2135			Firidly heavy M.G. and rifle fire heard in direction 2/10 area, also mortars.	
702	"		2140			Fire thickened, then slackened down.	
703.	"		2144			Fire died down.	
704.	29 DEC.	0007		B.M.	Phone	B.M. advised that a small JAP patrol had been located near the H.Q. of 1/128 U.S. Co. 'C' Coy. 2/10 at present out of communication. 'A' Coy 2/10 has moved up as far as 'A' Coy 1/128. C.O. 2/10 is holding them there for the present.	Placed to B.M. by C.O. 2/10. Lit. map.
705.	"	0020	0020			bursts of sporadic firing for last two hours.	
706.	"	0320		1280 U.S. Regt.	Plans.	Same patrol activity, quieted down. No change in dispositions. 'C' 1/128, 4 wounded & 2 missing. Coy. broad. wounded.	
707.	"	0322		2/9	Plans.	Except for rifle & L.M.G. fire across creek in 2/10 area - intense.	

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708.	29 DEC.	0327		3/128	Phone	All quiet. Coast watchers report all quiet East shore. North shore still very few falling between BUNA MISSION & GIROPA Pt.	
709.	"	0345		Sigs.	Phone	Line out between 2/10 fwd + 2/10 C.P.	
710.	"	0355	0325	Atty	Phone.	F.O.O. reported enemy patrol in vicinity. Atty. told not very keen. Atty. have NOT heard from this since.	O.V. this morning.
711.	"	0500	0200	Adv. N.G.F.	Message (IN 94)	One M.T. boat operating near ... MANGROVE ID. north ... LOMANDERE. May run into CAPE ENDAIADERE for a navigational message.	Units warned. B.M. infnd (V.).
712.	"		0445	18 Bds	I 562 (OUT 133)	litel 0400 hrs. copy filed.	To. 32 U.S. Div, Jtd. adv N.G.F., 128 Sgt, 18 Bds. Atty.
713.	"	0430		2/10 bn.	Phone	Position as given this evening remains the same, with exception 'A' Coy. which is held by Americans. Taken up from J.A.P. can't attack later off by 'D' Coy. 350' of point held by 30 men with 20 of 2/19 bn. as block behind bay. H.Q.	Message was relayed through two or three switches. May be correct.
714.	"	0710		I.O. 2/10.	Phone.	'D' has sent out two patrols close to edge of coconuts. Both report seeing 3 JAPS. Made patrol to POM POM which showed signs of damage. Not sure whether JAPS were there to fix gun or not. place M.G. in pos. amount of new digging near POM POM - no camouflage - still enemy along S.E. edge of coconuts.	B.M. infnd (V.).

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715A. Bdr. Cmd + B.M. went up fwd for conference fwd to
commence at 0800 hrs.

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715	29 DEC.	0730		MAJOR MOSS (TRNKY)	VERBAL	Four tanks in position at BRIDGE. Seen work in rear area.	
716	"	0915		2/9.	Phone	Kept small parties of JAPS, in twos & threes, moving west along SIMENICK, carrying light caliber shells	Sit. map.
717	"	0920		I.O. 2/10	Phone	an F.O.O. reported that shells were being rained INTO not OUT of it.	
718	"	0923		CAPT. MARK L.O. with 52 DIV.	Phone	JAP patrols got round to 25 pbs. on SOPOTA front + dropped explosives in barrels of 25 pbs, causing casualties. One 25 pbs. completely disabled.	
719	"	0923		G.3. 32 U.S. Div.		URBANA FRONT. Americans sending out patrols on South and East.	Sit. map.
720	"	0950		GEN. BERRIMAN.	Phone	GENERAL BERRIMAN rang up from adv. N.G.F. He wishes Bdr. Cmd. to phone him when he returns from conference.	Bdr. Cmd. advised on return from conference fwd.
721	"	1000		Sx 128 Sgt.	Phone	Pillboxes knocked out yesterday has been rebuilt. Lot of activity in that area. Thought fresh amm. brought in. MAP. REF. new grid. A080155.	Sit. map.
722	"	1045		NGF.	Messg.	Ltr No 130 to 1700 28 DEC. + 131 to 0400 29 DEC.	

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SR. No.	DATE	T.O.P.	T.O.Q.	ORIGIN.	Message No. etc.	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN.
723	29 DEC 1945	0730	0915	2/9	Phone	2/9 Bn. report seeing five pillboxes from 100x S.E. of mouth of KK., 40x apart. 2 M.G's in some of them. Also reported that JAPS were seen carrying light calibre shells from direction of OLD STRIP to N.W. JAPS appear to disappear at 1115. (new grid).	Informed 2/10 Bn, 128 U.S. Regt. B.M. informed (V) St. Mary.
724	"	1125		G3 320 Sid	Phone	Enemy aircraft reported heading in this direction.	Bde. Bnd informed (V.)
725	"	1030			X	Maj. GEN. SUTHERLAND visited Bde. Bnd. Finer is chief of General staff to GEN. MACARTHUR.	
726	"	1150		Sigs	Phone	ALL CLEAR reported.	
727	"	1225		18 Bde	IS63 (OUT 134)	all movable captured weapons will be sent back forthwith from fwd. areas. Immovable captured enemy weapons will be sundred inoperable.	To 2/9, 2/10, 128 U.S. Regt.
728	"	1237		2/9		Outy started a fire no yds east of GIROPA point - it sent to now burning.	In Cond.
729	"	1235		18 Bde	082 (OUT 135)	Copy on file + to War Diary.	To dsqn 2/6 Cumb Regt, 2/10, 128 Inf. Regt, Rptd 2/9, 32 U.S. Div, up adv N.G.F.

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730.	29 DEC.	1320		MAJOR MITCHE. 2/10 B.M.	Phone	Ray S.C. for permission to use one Ben carrier to carry amm. across rifle country, when four men have been lost.	B.M. advised (V.V.) B.M. took action.
731.	"	1300	18 Bds		083 (OUT) 135A	ref. on 082 ZERO now 1600 report 1600 hrs ACK.	X 2/16 Amud. Regt, 128 U.S. Regt, 2/10 B.M. 1st d. Co. 18th L. GP, 2/9 B.M. 32 U.S. Div, Adv. N. G.F.
732.	"	1140	B.M.		Phone (OUT) 136	Ray and told Lt. EMPSON his reg (72) comes under cond 2/10 forthwith. Do not include pl. at BRIDGE.	To Lt EMPSON.
733.	"	1145	B.M.		Phone (OUT) 136	Ray Lt. TAYLOR to arrange for rationing of two pl. in Bds. no - one with 1/126, and at BRIDGE.	To Lt TAYLOR. F.R.C.
734.	"	1200	B.M.		Phone (OUT) 130	Ray C.O. 2/10 and told him that EMPSON'S reg. was now under cond. asked him to impress tanks for vigilance for mine.	To C.O. 2/10.
735.	"	1205	B.M.		Phone (OUT) 136	Ray. Major PARRY-OKEDEN. pl. to mail to BRIDGE & report to Lt. TAYLOR.	To Major PARRY-OKEDEN.
736.	"	1310	Bde. Cmb.		Phone (OUT) 137	Bde. Cmb to C.O. 2/10 & MAJOR TYE. 1) Degr 7 hrs. going fwd. too early. 2) WIRRAWAY too fly during the approach march. Sp. unit to start no of time of movement and exact spot (274253) to which take work.	To 2/10 C.O.

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736 (cont.)	29 DEC.					3) Inf. attack must go in regardless of AKs. Being knocked out. 4) arty. seen by fwd. gun during approach march.	
737.	"	1325	2/10	Plms (OUT 137)		2/10 require carrier for 80 Coy. Further to serial 730.	B.M. inq. MRS. MITHKE stld him as available, also to arrange guides covered approach.
738.	"	1325 1330	B.M.	Plms (OUT 137)		Ray C.O. 2/9. M.M.G's to be prepared to fire on beach at GIROPA PT. Patients car to be taken NOT to shoot on on tps.	To C.O. 2/9.
739	"	1340	B.M.	Plms (OUT 137)		Ray C.O. 2/10 and told him of arrangements with 2/9 bn. A carrier is to report to Lt. TAYLOR at BRIDGE for Majr MITHKE.	To 2/10 Bn.
740.	"	1340	18 BDE.	IS 64 (OUT 138)		arty. observed locate post 280254 (BUNA LOCAL.) into which small caliber amm. was carried morning 29 DEC. Post is extreme S.E. corner of coast.	To 2/9, 2/10, arty. 18 Bde, 128 U.S. Regt.
741.	"	1445	2/9	Plms.		Fire seen burning this morning at GIROPA PT. still burning. Some explosion heard. Think it is amm. dump.	B.M. advised (V.)
742.	"	1440.	TKS. per MAJOR MOSS.	Plms.		3 tanks for attack 1600 L/29 bogged on OLD STRIP.	Bde. Cnd. instructed MAY. MOSS to have subs. with original plans at F.U.P. in time for attack.

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743	29 DEC.		1403	B.M.	Phone (OUT 139)	To COL. MARTIN - re. engagement of flanks and fwd. movement as night if possible.	To COL. MARTIN.
744	"		1435	B.M.	Phone (OUT 139)	To Adj. 2/10 - additional pl. money up in copy re. to TREVIVIAN - not to be committed except in case of urgent defensive necessity. To refer to this H.Q. before used in other offensive ops.	To Adj. 2/10.
745	"		1455	B.M.	Phone (OUT 139)	To Lt. TAYLOR, F.R.C. (a) Pass TIBBETTS on ahead, on arrival. (b) On arrival 2/10. Lt THOMAS to 1/126 CP with runner on telephone - to report	To Lt. TAYLOR, F.R.C.
746	"		1440	B.M.	Phone (OUT 139)	To Major MITCHE - reinforcements to Lt. TAYLOR, F.R.C. To CAPT. MATHISON (1) reinforcements to 2/10. (2) Reinforcements to Lt. TAYLOR.	B.M. to arrange with G.M. 2/10.
747	"		1445	B.M.	Phone (OUT 139)	To Col. MARTIN - 'C' Coy 1/126 will not move from THOMAS F.V. P to take place 'C' Coy. immediately they advance.	To Col. MARTIN.
748	"		1435	2/10	Phone (OUT 139)	'C' + 'A' Bap. 2/10 strength 40 each.	Phone to B.M.
749	"		1440	B.M.	VERBAL (OUT 139)	Spoke to MAJ. MOSE re-necessity of tanks lining up a line.	

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SEP. No.	DATE	T.O.I.	T.O.O.	ORIGIN	Message No. etc.	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN.
750	29 DEC.	1445		B. M.	PHONE (OUT 139)	to G.M. 2/10 ln. 19 reinforcements to report to Lt. TAYLOR at BRIDGE.	To G.M. 2/10 Bm G.M. arranging re-ammunition wraps.
751	"	1545		MAJ. MOSS.	VERBAL	Major MOSS reported 2 tanks at R.V. 2 Tks. wfy. 2 Tks. bogged. 2 Tks. reserve at BRIDGE. 3 Tks. NEW STRIP aka.	Bde. Bm & B.M. informed (V.)
752	"	1625		2/9 Tsgt.	Phone	Reported some of 2/10 mortar smoke bombs dropping at 2/9 area and in creek.	
753	"	1630		F.O.O. with 1/128	Phone.	Artillery (flam) barrage in front row of pillboxes seems very effective, many good hits. Haze of smoke creeping into gaps limits observation. 1/128 reports very little JAP activity seen.	
754	"	1635		Lt. Col. CHAVE.	Phone	Very hot. Share to-narrow if missing parts of HOTCHKISS-VICKERS type M.G. can be traced in area where found.	
755	"	1640	1345	MAJOR BOURCHIER 2/12		Expect complete transfer stores & personnel to-night.	
756	"	1645		Adj. 2/10	Phone	Phoned for arty. to lift barrage.	B.M. & arty. informed.
757	"	1530		B.M.	Phone (OUT 140)	There are a further 60 reinforcements coming up DOBODUKA to MAJOR MITHKE. These will be intercepted & used by 2/10. 2/6 & form a skeleton sq. to be held	

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757 (cont)	29 DEC					in Bdr. reserve. Major unable to secure fit this group with automatic weapons, also to attend to latrine & supplies.	
758	"		1540	B.M.	Phone (OUT 40)	Lt. TAYLOR. F.R.C. was advised of the case.	
759	"		1724	128 Lt.	Phone	1 Tank just hit via withdrawing under protection of another tank. 1 Tank firing Pan pill box without fear of gun. The Hx. gun in first row of pillboxes appeared to be knocked out. The tanks are into the gap. Another is now passing 128 C.P. The tank that withdrew is in fire - now safe.	B.M. informed (V.)
760	"		1740	Sr 128 Lt.	Phone	Reported left hand pill box shattered, right hand pillbox in fire. One tank only out of action, one stopped other moved up again. Only heavy gun engaging the tanks to be 20 m. at A 05419 a few rounds. CC' Coy. had not moved because the tanks were not in front of them.	B.M. advised (V.)
761	"		1805	2/10	Phone (OUT 41)	to Adj. 2/10.	Phoned to B.M.
762	"		1815	Bdr. Cmd.	Phone (OUT 41)	Two off for sent back for to comb. post - 1330 -	

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752	29/DEC						
763	"	1820		F.R.C.	Phone (OUT 141)	BRIDGE spots only as tank left in action.	
764	"	1825		TK. repl. am	Phone (OUT 141)	No 1 in action, 2+3 out of ammo, 4 knocked out, 5 unserviceable, 6 going up, 7+8 bogged, 9+10 extracting bogged tanks, 11 essential.	Bde. Bnd. advised (V.)
765	"	1830		B.M.	Phone (OUT 141)	To advt 2/10 b m opt no definite - C.O. advised cop.	To advt 2/10.
766	"	1840		B.M.	Phone (OUT 141)	Told him the information in serial 764 + gave him his orders that tks. were to be kept in operation as late as possible but to be brought in by dark.	To. Maj TVE
767	"	1845		B.M.	Phone (OUT 141)	TIBBETTS, THOMAS + phone in position.	To. Fwd. Rept. center.
768	"	1910		2/9	Phone	'C' bay. had seen + fired at few JAPS. 'B' Coy saw JAPS are dragging something. One JAP on beach crawled into water. Later two JAPS seen walking towards GIROPART, wearing green trousers + khaki shirt, rifles at hand. 'B' Coy and bunker blew up - staff flew winged.	B.M. informed (V.)

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769	29 DEC. 1945			Lt TAYLOR F.L.C.	Phone	Tank news report JAPS breaking South. saw none going north. ITR. bogged, 1 not yet out. Definite news later.	B.M. inform (V).
770	" 1945			128 Regt.	Phone	Activity round pillboxes just now map. ref. A080155 JAPS occupied posn about 1815 hrs, resupplying from a dump about 40x to the right.	B.M. inform (V).
771	" "		1935	B.M.	Phone (OUT 143)	To Major TYE - warned him that only 4 hrs. of half light left. His to withdraw before dark. Guard to be left with any tank not returned.	To MAJ. TYE
772	" "		1945	B.M.	Phone (OUT 143)	Spoke to COL. SHAVE who inform B.M. of IW.O. & SO.R's F.S.S. coming fwd. I.O. to co-locate their duties on arrival.	To Lt. Col. SHAVE. N.E.F.
773	" "		1950	B.M.	Phone (OUT 143)	To MAJOR MOSS - reminded him of local security of TKS. during night.	
774	" "		2015	18 Bdr.	Phone.	Phoned 3/128 to inform them 2/12 arriving within 2 hrs.	
775	" "	2120		2/9	Phone	Large fire burning from GIKOPA PT to CR. mouth. Fire started opposite 'B' Coy at 2100.	
776	" "	2140		Col. McNab 3/138.	Phone	Reports flash or rocket fired north of CAPE long way out on horizon. Flash like search-light, which stayed on for few seconds. officer also saw this.	B.M. + 32 US Div. advised.

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777	29 DEC.	2140		3/128		3/128 'stood to' after seeing flash at CAPE vicinity thru sig. lights.	B.M. + 32 U.S. Div. infd.
778	"		2140	18 Bds	085 (OUT) 142	Did NOT gain ground result to day's attack General line as last night.	To 32 U.S. Div. w/td adv N.G.F.
779	"	2210		2/9	Plane	3 flashes illuminating from GIROPA PT. off shore out to sea.	To 32 U.S. Div. B.M. informed (V.)
780	"					From 2200 to 2230 lot of M.E. + rifle fire, both JAPS + our tps.	
781	"	2225		2/9	Plane	string of flashes up mouth of CK. Lot of firing. Told them to check on flashes. They reported both flashes appeared to come from 2110 right flank.	B.M. + 32 U.S. Div. advised.
782	"	2230		18 Bds	Plane	Warned all concerned re-boats coming up to CAPE to unload at approx. mid-night - own boats	To 128 Regt, 3/128, + 2/9.
783	"	2300		18 Bds	Plane	Phoned 32 U.S. Div. re-flashes. Div. reptd flashes all way up coast to AMBOGU. also told CAPT MAHER that firing earlier in evening was not counter-attack. also spoke to MAJOR HAWKINS.	
784	"	2315			LT MCCOLM VERBAL	MAJ. GIARD. 2/12 sleeping in Bde JEEP area if needed.	

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<u>785.</u>	29 DEC	2315				Phoned to CAPT. MARTIN 3/128 re-boats coming up to CAPE. Already knew.	
<u>786.</u>	30 DEC	0015		3/128	Phone.	Things have quietened down. Tps has been ordered to stand down. Leaving on two men per gun & beach guard.	
<u>787.</u>	"	0140		18 Bds.	Phone	Beach sentry reported three barges proceeding towards CAPE.	
<u>788.</u>	"	0215		3/128	Phone	3 barges coming in to CAPE.	
<u>789.</u>	"	0320		2/9	Phone	All quiet.	
<u>790.</u>	"	0330		2/10	Phone	'D' boy on night. pom. unchanged. JAP mortar attached last night but unsuccessfully.	
<u>791.</u>	"	0400		18 Bds.	IS65 (OUT 144)	Letter to 0400 hrs. Copy in file.	To 32 U.S. Div, 4th Adv. N. GP., 128 V.S. Regt.
<u>792.</u>	"	0550		3/128	Phone	Reported barges completed unloading. MAJOR BOURCHIER reported barges & surf boats unloaded but remained at pt.	S.C. informed (V)
<u>793.</u>	"	0625		3/128	Phone.	3/128 want large table away as soon as possible. Surf boats have gone apparently.	S.C. informed (V)

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