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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
RAMU VALLEY	1	0700	Unit continued advance to ARAFAGAN CREEK Comd Gp arriving there at 0900 hrs. As our rear coys were arriving in, Brig and BM arrived by jeep and instructed the CO to move forward another two miles to a position on the RAMU RIVER. CO and Adjutant halted the column, contacting 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and 21 Aust Inf Bde before selecting the coy positions. Coys were then moved in position along NE bank of RAMU RIVER. The afternoon was spent in bathing and washing and a well deserved rest was enjoyed. Communications were established and it was thought we would remain in this position for following day.
		2030	Orders received for unit to move forward to a position within 500 yards of the area then occupied by the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. Move to be at 0600 hrs following morning.
		2100	CO issued orders for following day, covering the immediate drawing of rations, also the order of march. Very heavy rain fell throughout the night making the first really bad spell of weather for the whole march.
	2	0630	Bn moved off in order "C", "A" Coys, Comd Gp, "B", "D" Coys, BHQ and HQ Coy with carriers. Good progress was made but unfortunately "C" Coy veered too much to the NORTH while Comd Gp struck off in correct direction. Coys then followed the Comd Gp in succession.
		0850	Unit arrived to a position and settled in for lunch. CO and Adjutant contacted BM and at approximately 1300 hrs received orders to move forward to the GUSAP RIVER. Unit moved to GUSAP where coys were placed in position by the CO. "C" and "B" Coys right and left forward coys lining the east bank of the river with "A" and "D" Coys behind on each flank. HQs and Comd Gp remained in the centre of the perimeter. All Coys were in position by 1530 hrs. Mail and rations were received and hot meals were prepared by section groups. The GUSAP RIVER proved to be a fast flowing stream approximately 60' wide, running into the RAMU RIVER. The engineers were already engaged in the task of constructing a jeep bridge.
		1800	Orders received for following day, viz: The unit was to supply working parties to assist in the bridge construction.
		3	0200
	0800	RC Mass celebrated in HQ Coy area. The Protestant Service was conducted by Chaplain FINLAY at 0900 hrs.	
	0815	Working parties on the basis of 1 Offr 1 Sgt and 50 ORs from each rifle coy and HQ Coy commenced work on the bridge. Coy cooks co-operated at the bridgehead by providing tea.	
	1400	Morning working parties were relieved by further parties of forty from each coy. The bridge was almost ready for use by 1900 hrs.	
1600	CO (Lt-col R HONNER) and Adjutant (Capt S Y BISSET) visited 21 Bde. Maj-Gen VASEY arrived at approximately the same time with orders for Brig I DOUGHERTY. After the Div Comd's departure the Brigadier passed on orders to our CO for the following day. The plan was for 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to move on to DUMPU Landing Strip, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn to be in reserve with 21 Bde HQs at an area near the BIWI RIVER and the 2/14 Aust Inf Bn was to move to WAMPUN the following day, thence to DUMPU via KORAM. This day the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn had had a slight clash with the enemy near KAIGULAN also at NAMAPUT village area, approximately 10 Japs being killed for a loss of 1 KIA and 6 wounded.		
1700	Landed rations received and distributed. Coys received warning order for move on following day and were advised to consume the surplus rations during evening and morning meals. Arrangements were made with the SC for a supply of native carriers to carry a No 11 Set and additional stores.		

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RAMU VALLEY		4	See separate sheets.
	5	0630	Coy adm problems such as collection of gear and watering were straightened out while the enemy dead were buried. The Japanese bodies included 1 Offr and 20 ORs, while one wounded was taken prisoner. It was considered that at least six more bodies could not be found in the long kunai grass, also it was estimated that a similar number of the enemy had been wounded. "D" Coy accounted for 1 Offr and 11 ORs killed, "C" Coy for 9 ORs.
		0930	Comd Gp, BHQ and HQ Coy moved forward to join "C" and "D" coys whilst "A" and "B" Coys left on the road constructional task.
		1100	The battalion less "A" and "B" Coys concentrated in Native Garden Area ready for move to destination at the BIWI RIVER. Another Jap was killed at this time. The pioneer pl was given the task of carrying the wounded prisoner back to the main L of C. Prior to the unit's advance, a small party of Japs on a high feature near KORAM fired an LMG burst at a range of 2000 yards on our troops. The fire was ineffective and two of our MMGs quickly routed them from their position. As the unit had been instructed to bypass KORAM, the advance was continued on a compass bearing across the open kunai. After a hot and trying march, the column struck the main track approximately half a mile to the WEST of the BIWI and decided to continue on to the SURINAM RIVER, as it was reported that the BIWI RIVER was dry. "A" and "B" Coys were passed at this stage, they had reported for their task but had discovered that the job had been completed, so they had moved on towards the SURINAM. No water had been discovered since the beginning of the morning's march and when the Comd Gp arrived at the SURINAM at 1430 hrs it was a great relief to discover it to be a fine stream. It was immediately decided to stay here for lunch and to give the troops an opportunity for bathing and resting. WO II SYMONS and "B" Echelon were contacted here. Coys were placed in position along the river bank as each arrived.
		1530	A working party of 100 was provided by "A" and "B" Coys to assist Engineer Coy in preparing a Jeep crossing. Capt I W HAMILTON received orders from Brigade to move to an area NORTH of DUMPU village as soon as possible. "A" and "B" Coys less elements from each coy and pioneer pl which had not yet caught up, to remain in the SURINAM RIVER AREA.
		1615	Adjutant and party of Intelligence section pushed on to make a recce of the area. Heavy rain fell during the next two hours. On arrival in area at 1715 hrs, WO II McLEOD, who had been left as a guide, pointed out the battalion area to the Adjutant, who immediately made a recce and sited the coy positions. Guides were placed and coys were directed into their positions as they arrived. The Brigade intention at this stage was to concentrate the brigade in this area; the dispositions were 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ at DUMPU, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn approximately 500 yards NORTH with 2/27 Aust Inf Bn approximately 3 miles NORTH at KUMBARUM. Communications were established with Brigade and lines laid to all coys. Capt I W HAMILTON received all information from brigade and was advised that portion of "A" and "B" Coys plus pioneer pl would be remaining in their present area for the night, to push on in the morning. Capt HAMILTON issued orders for the following day; "C" Coy to provide a patrol, strength of one pl to patrol to the NORTH-WEST through BEBEI and on to the MOSIA RIVER, another sectional patrol to move along the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn L of C to KUMBARUM with the object of securing the track. In addition a working party of one hundred men to be provided from HQ and "D" Coys for work on the river crossing below Brigade.

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RAMU VALLEY	5	2100	Adjutant contacted SC regarding rations for the following day as the rations held had expired at this evening's meal. The SC advised that rations would be available for issue by 1000 hrs the following day.
	6	0600	Lieut JACKSON took out the pl patrol to MOSIA RIVER, sufficient rations were obtained from the rifle coys to provision the patrol. Patrol reported back at 1600 hrs made no contact but had met a force from 2/2 Independent Coy at BEBEI.
		0930	"B" Coy's sectional patrol left for KUMBARUM. A ration of fresh meat, bread and butter received, so hot lunch and evening meal were provided on coy basis.
		1000	Lieut D RAINEY, with Pioneer pl arrived back.
		1200	Main elements of "A" and "B" Coys arrived in and settled down in coy positions.
		1300	Working party supplied by HQ and "D" Coys worked on river crossing below brigade area.
		1400	Unit supplied 700 emergency rations to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. At 1350 hrs L/Cpl LANGTON I G of "B" Coy was fatally shot by the falling of his own OWEN Gun. Padre FINLAY conducted the burial service near "D" Coy area. Lieut J R GREENWOOD visited the unit for lunch and discussed with the Adjutant all adm problems, shortage in ordnance stores etc. At this stage the main problems were shortages of boots and tobacco.
		1500	Capt R ROSE, Bde I O, visited the area and passed on all available information regarding topography, also enemy and own movements.
		1900	Major W G A LANDALE arrived to take over as Adm/Comd of the battalion having left MORESBY ten hour earlier. A meal was provided for him and he was made comfortable for the night. Capt I W HAMILTON passed on all available information to put Maj LANDALE into the picture.
		2030	Orders received from BM for the following day; working parties equivalent to two coys to be provided to work one on each of two separate landing strips, a pl patrol to move EAST along track running up to SURINAM RIVER with the object of locating possible Jap OPs and his L of C. A section patrol to again contact 2/27 Aust Inf Bn in KUMBARUM village. The Adjutant issued orders to the coys to supply the personnel to carry out the allotted tasks and arrange with the SC the rationing of the working parties. One coy was to remain out all night 7/8 Oct and would move complete to the FARIA RIVER Area near the RAMU RIVER. Communications for patrols and working parties were arranged by the Sig Offr (Lieut R N THOMPSON)
	7	0745	Capt HAMILTON moved over to resume command of "C" Coy.
		0800	"C" Coy moved out with all gear, together with 2 Offrs and 80 ORs from HQ Coy and a party of 1 Sgt and 20 ORs from "B" coy. Instructions for working party were for the body to move to RV on track WNW of the area about 1 mile, where they could be met by an American Engineer Officer (Maj DEUSCHETEL) one party to work on a strip in that area and "C" Coy to move to No 2 strip some 3 miles further WEST. Tools etc were provided by the Engineers and rations for party on No 2 Strip were to follow by jeep.
		0845	Lieut N W T PALLIER took out the patrol to the EAST and the section patrol was also provided by "A" Coy. This left to contact 2/27 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs.
		0900	Maj LANDALE went around to all coys and observed the various dispositions. The sites were adjusted to fill the gap caused by the withdrawal of "C" Coy.
		1000	Orders received from Brigade to supply another working party to work on creek crossing below Brigade.
		1030	"D" Coy left to carry out this task. The I O (Lieut R R WATSON) visited Brigade and obtained a supply of maps and further information regarding the Jap L of C to MADANG.

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RAMU VALLEY	7	1000	RMO received advice that QX 41503 Pte BAILEY N O had died of wounds at 2300 hrs 5 Oct 43.	
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		1100	A supply of sox and a few odd items of gear were received and distributed.	
		1130	A coy sectional patrol reported L of C to KUMBARUM clear of enemy.	
		1200	Portion of hot meal again provided. The battalion had rationed very well in this area and showed considerable benefit from it.	
		1400	Maj W G A LANDALE visited Brigade.	
		1600	Heavy fall of rain which continued well into the night. The working party on No 1 Strip concluded the task at approximately 1300 hrs. "D" Coy working party forced to discontinue work at 1630 hrs owing to heavy rain.	
		1700	Runners from Lieut PALLIER's patrol reported in with information that the patrol had been fired on by a party of Japs and had suffered one casualty who was a stretcher case. Arrangements were made for a jeep to pick up the casualty (QX 41510 Pte POTTINGER A) immediately and to take him to ADS.	
		1745	Patrol reported in. Lieut PALLIER stated that the patrol had accounted for two enemy before returning. The information gained by the patrol was passed to Brigade. Appx 1 (b)	
				Four dogs attached to the unit, 1 messenger and 3 scout dogs, were exercised by members of the unit who had been selected to take charge of them. The messenger dog demonstrated great ability in its work.
				Applications asked for nominations to Paratroop Bn, and to a secret formation instituted to conduct subversive operations in ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY.
		1930		BM rang Adjutant and passed on orders for following day. One coy to move to KUMBARUM where rear details of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn were established, and form a base there with purpose of supplying daily escorts of one platoon for the native carrier train operating between 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Rear Details and their forward elements, also one section to protect the 25 pdr gun in this area. This coy to be rationed direct from the DID. One coy to continue the work on creek crossings below Brigade, and "C" coy to remain on present task until it was completed. Also a platoon patrol to move out on a similar task to that of Lieut PALLIER's patrol, with the object of dealing with any enemy contacted and finding out any information regarding Jap L of C in that area. The Adjutant phoned Lt-col BISHOP of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and obtained information concerning the task of the coy carrying out the escort duty.
		8	0700	Fresh eggs and butter with tinned herrings issued for breakfast, fresh meat being reserved for midday and evening meals.
			0730	12 Platoon of B Coy under Lieut DAVIES left for KUMBARUM to carry out first escort patrol. Remainder of "B" Coy with two dogs attached moved out at 0900 hrs rations being sent on at 1100 hrs.
			0820	Pl patrol under Lieut N H YOUNG carrying a 2" Mortar left on a patrol task to the EAST.
			0815	"D" Coy supplied the working party on the creek crossing below Brigade.
			0920	Arrangements made for despatch of captured Jap LMG to LOB Group for training purposes.
			1000	Approximately 100 volunteers submitted names for the Subversive Ops Formation, while Lieut K A EVANS and Lieut T SIMMONS volunteered for Paratroop Bn. Tobacco ration received and issued.
	1200	Fresh meat for lunch and evening meals.		
	1400	Maj LANDALE visited "C" Coy with the BM (Maj S OWEN) returning at 1645 hrs. Adjutant brought up to date all		

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RAMU VALLEY	8	1400	"A" matters and concluded returns. A quiet afternoon was spent in the unit perimeter. Dispositions of the perimeter were adjusted when "B" Coy moved out, "D" Coy occupying the positions of "B" and "C" Coys and HQ Coy tying up by occupying area occupied by "D" Coy in rear. "B" Coy reported that they had established themselves in new area at 1100 hrs, and Lieut DAVIES' platoon had been sent forward.	
		1800	Lieut YOUNG's patrol reported in (see attached report). The information was again passed immediately to Brigade. Appx 1 (c)	
		1900	Orders received from BM for a similar patrol to be sent out to the same area to ascertain if enemy had altered their dispositions. At this stage Brigade was fairly well concentrated with the object of building up supplies and the outfitting of the units. Active patrols with minor clashes had been carried out by all units. The 25 Brigade was operating EAST of the SURINAM RIVER. Two platoon working parties were to be supplied the following day to carry out tasks on the creek crossings - one in morning and the other in the afternoon.	
		2000	Word received that VX 17616 Sgt J STIRLING had been promoted as A/Lieut as from 18 SEP 43.	
		9	0800	Lieut GARNHAM and platoon of "A" Coy left to carry out recce patrol to the EAST, while the working party was supplied by HQ Coy. Rations continue to be good.
			0900	Maj W G A LANDALE visited "B" Coy area at KUMBARUM returning at 1130 hrs. Adjutant (Capt S Y BISSET) and Lieut N H YOUNG visited Brigade and discussed with the BM information gained from the previous day's patrol.
			1330	Lieut RAINEY sent to Brigade for onward movement to contact rear details at KAIAPIT and NADZAB with the object of bringing forward essential items and stores.
			1430	Runner reported from "C" Coy with a message by Capt I W HAMILTON making several "A" and "Q" queries.
			1500	Full supply of new boots received. The battalion OP reported the platoon patrol to be returning at approximately 2 miles to the EAST
			1600	Orders from BM for unit to move to KUMBARUM by 1030 hrs the following day. We were also allotted certain patrol duties both forward and to the flanks. A message was sent direct to "C" Coy directing them to move direct to KUMBARUM to arrive 1000 hrs the following morning. "B" Coy were contacted and given a direction to make a recce for dispositions of the Coys.
1645	Lieut GARNHAM's patrol returned, having observed enemy movement in the same area as that observed by Lieut YOUNG. In addition reported that there was what appeared to be a mountain gun in that position. Lieut R R WATSON went to 21 Aust Inf Bde with the information and a sketch drawn by Pte JOHN F of the Intelligence section, who had accompanied the patrol. Two local patrols operated in the afternoon to secure the perimeter.			
1700	Working party completed the task on the creek crossing during the afternoon.			
1800	Orders given to Coy Comds for move on following day of troops, stores and "B" Echelon. Heavy rain fell again during the evening.			
10	0815	Comd Gp moved off and arrived KUMBARUM at 0915 hrs. "B" Coy was contacted and the dispositions of coys were sited. Guides were provided and the coys began arriving at 1000 hrs, being in position at 1030 hrs. "A" Coy provided a standing patrol of one platoon to		

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RAMU VALLEY	10	0815 (contd)	occupy the high feature on WEST of position, while a standing patrol of one section was ordered to occupy a position on the high ground to NORTH-EAST. Two platoon patrols for "D" Coy sent up the URUA RIVER VALLEY, one returning at 1700 hrs reporting no contact. The other platoon under Lieut AVERY were to move up to a position approximately 1 mile to the NORTH to occupy a standing post for forty eight hrs. This platoon reported they were in position at 1630 hrs. Their task was to protect the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn telephone line and the L of C. Local section patrols were sent out to the EAST. The pioneer pl carried out improvements on 2/27 Bn L of C.
		1600	Brigadier visited the area and passed on information regarding other units and the brigade as a whole.
		1730	Orders received from BM for following day.
		1800	Church parade conducted by Chaplain FINLAY. Heavy rain again fell during the afternoon.
KUMBARUM	11	0740	Local recce patrols investigated for tracks to the EAST and on lower reaches of the FARIA RIVER.
		0800	Lieut AVERY reported a small party of JAPS to be digging in on feature WEST of THREE PIMPLE FEATURE and NORTH of KING'S HILL. The enemy were also sighted from BHQ Area. Communications at this stage had been established between all coys. The Adjutant immediately went up on to THREE PIMPLE FEATURE with a signaller to gain observation on the feature occupied by the enemy. It was discovered that the feature was in the process of being occupied by at least twenty Japs with further numbers digging in astride the ridge over which the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn L of C ran. BHQ received the report that the L of C had been cut with casualties inflicted on 2/27 Aust Inf Bn personnel escorting native carrier train. The carriers had dumped their gear and scattered. The positions occupied by the enemy in addition to cutting the L of C overlooked the forward positions occupied by "A" and HQ Coys of this unit. Using the 536 Set Capt BISSET, who was in a position 700 to 1200 yards from the enemy positions, was able to observe and pinpoint them. At this stage the THREE PIMPLE FEATURE EAST of enemy position was occupied by nine members of Mortar Pl and one signaller with the Adjutant. KINGS HILL SOUTH of enemy position was occupied by 9 Pl.
		1000	A Vickers Gun was called for plus one platoon to strengthen and give supporting fire from THREE PIMPLES. The Adjutant spoke to Maj LANDALE by wireless and suggested that one platoon attack the Jap feature from KINGS HILL moving along the EAST side of the razor edge ridge while strong supporting fire could be given from THREE PIMPLE HILL and KINGS HILL, also that a Mortar OP be established on the THREE PIMPLE FEATURE. Information was continually passed down to BHQ regarding the movements of the enemy. At approximately 1100 hrs the MMG was sent off to THREE PIMPLE followed at 1300 hrs by 18 Pl under Lieut SIMMONS. Sgt CHRISP in charge of the guncrew reached the top at 1400 hrs and on arrival immediately commenced digging two positions for the gun. By 1500 hrs the gun was in position and ready to fire. A Mortar OP was also established on this feature. In the meantime spasmodic fire was maintained from THREE PIMPLE and KINGS HILLS to hamper the enemy movements. In addition MMG fire was directed on the enemy position from the valley and artillery over open sights fired on the Jap's feature. In the meantime at 1300 hrs Maj A J LEE had arrived and taken over command. Capt G O O'DAY with 17 Pl and a platoon of "B" Coy had been despatched to KINGS HILL.
		1630	All troops were in position for the attack excepting 18 Pl

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KUMBARUM	11		which had not arrived on THREE PIMPLE AREA. Additional artillery support was arranged by Maj LEE and the attack went in at 1650 hrs. The Brigadier had visited the area at 1500 hrs and witnessed the first stages of the attack. Owing to the magnificent supporting fire from MMG, 3" Mortar and artillery, Lieut PALLIER's platoon was able to advance to within 40 yards of the objective before making the final assault. The advance had to be made in single file owing to the extremely difficult nature of the terrain. Casualties to this stage were extremely light, but the real task then began. Two sections forward with one in reserve - one section crawled up the almost sheer cliff face on the right, the other on the left. The enemy fire directed heavy fire and rolled down grenades on the advancing troops but owing to the determination and outstanding example of several members of the platoon the summit was gained and the objective captured. The remaining enemy on the lower ridge were quickly routed by withering fire from the THREE PIMPLES and the feature now christened PALLIER's HILL. As a result of this action, a complete coy of the enemy was routed and over 30 killed while the 2/27 Bn L of C was cleared. Our casualties were four killed, Cpl BARNARD J of MMG Pl, Ptes BACK E C, COBBLE J W and PATTERSON W A, all of 9 Pl while the wounded numbered eight, including Lieut N W T PALLIER and Sgt BEAR L A (MM). Appx 2 (b)
		1800	"B" and "D" Coy platoons consolidated the 9 Pl gains and a MMG was placed on PALLIER's FEATURE. Difficulty was experienced in getting the wounded down the very precipitous track.
		1830	Capt BISSET rejoined BHQ.
		2000	The positions on THREE PIMPLE HILL had been consolidated. During the assault the Brigadier had expressed his admiration of the manner in which the attack was made. Documents taken from enemy dead were forwarded to brigade, from these valuable information was obtained. Maj LEE held a Coy Comds conference and issued orders for the following day.
	12	0100	An attempt was made by a small party of Japs to destroy the 25 pdr which was established in a position 1000 yds SOUTH of KUMBARUM and protected by one section from "C" Coy. Another section from "C" Coy was despatched to supplement the guards and on arrival discovered a large bundle of explosives dropped by the Japs when they had been driven off.
		0800	Lieut JACKSON with 15 Pl moved out along the L of C to ensure that the communication to the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn was cleared up to GUY's POST, approximately 4 hrs march. The task of this platoon was to move on the high ground parallel to the track whilst a section recce patrol under Sgt GRAHAM moved some distance behind along the track itself so that if trouble was encountered the platoon would be in a position to deal with it.
		0900	9 Pl was withdrawn from KINGS HILL and later in the morning 17 Pl and Capt O'DAY were relieved by the remainder of "B" Coy.
		0930	The pioneer platoon with some mortar personnel continued work on the 2/27 Bn L of C by improving the creek crossings. Word was received that Pte O'DEA W J of "D" Coy, wounded the previous day, had died of wounds.
		1200	Lieut AVERY's standing patrol relieved by 7 Pl under Lieut YOUNG. This patrol's position was approximately one hour NORTH along the URIA RIVER. At this time a report was received that Lieut JACKSON had reached GUY's POST, the L of C being clear of enemy. 10 Pl of "B" Coy detailed for escort duty to pick up carrier train on track NORTH of PALLIER's HILL. Appx 1(e)

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KUMBARUM	12	1330	A composite platoon of HQ Coy under Lieut A L SARGENT moved forward to GUY'S DUMP with the prospective role of supplying an escort for native carriers between this position and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
(contd)		1400	Lieut SIMMONS' Pl returned from THREE PIMPLE Feature having been relieved by 8 Pl under WO II BUTCHER F W.
		1450	Section patrol of "C" Coy left to establish a standing patrol on BALD FEATURE to SOUTH-EAST.
		1630	Orders received from Brigade for one coy to move to assist 2/27 Aust Inf Bn through GUY'S POST and on to the high ground overlooking same, so they would be in a position to cover a possible withdrawal by that battalion. This task was given to "B" Coy which moved at 1800 hrs and reached GUY'S POST at 2300 hrs. Lieut SARGENT established himself at GUY'S POST and reported everything in order.
		1900	"C" Coy section failed to gain the top of BALD FEATURE and took up a position about halfway up for the night. 18 Pl under Lieut SIMMONS after a brief rest in the afternoon occupied KINGS HILL and PALLIER'S Feature with 4 personnel from BHQ to occupy one post.
13		0700	"B" Coy reported that they were to be retained at GUY'S POST with escorting patrol forward but later in the day they moved forward to assist 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. Their role was to support 2/27 Bn from the high ground EAST of their positions.
		1000	BML visited the area with an American Cav Colonel. They were conducted over KINGS and PALLIER'S HILLS by Maj LEE. The Brigade HQ moved into the area this day whilst the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn moved through our area (1400-1500 hrs) to relieve 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. 5 Pl with a section of "C" Coy escorted a carrier train to GUY'S POST. 15 Pl under Lieut JACKSON moved into position on PALLIER'S HILL, supplementing Lieut SIMMONS' Pl. A section from 9 Pl under Cpl SILVER took over from the "C" Coy section and arrived on the top of the newly named SILVER'S HILL at 2000 hrs. The "C" Coy section remained as SP on ridge overlooking valleys to EAST.
		1800	Lieut SARGENT'S party fostered in the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn in the GUY'S POST area.
14		0800	The section patrol from "A" Coy left to recce the creek area between THREE PIMPLE HILL and SILVER'S HILL where a small party of 9 enemy had been reported by a member of "C" Coy. No Japs were seen by patrol which returned at 1130 hrs.
		0900	Fighting patrol of 16 Pl under Lieut A R AVERY was led to a feature EAST of THREE PIMPLE HILL by two guides from a PIB Patrol who had observed Jap positions in the area. At 1345 hrs the patrol reached the objective only to find that the prepared enemy positions had been recently vacated. The patrol reached BHQ at 1700 hrs, returning through the SP position on URIA RIVER. "C" Coy HQ reported to be in position on KING'S HILL with 15 Pl occupying PALLIER'S HILL, thus relieving Lieut SIMMONS platoon which returned to "D" Coys lines.
		1130	17 Platoon relieved 8 Pl on THREE PIMPLE HILL.
		1500	5 Pl returning from GUY'S POST occupied a standing patrol position on the URIA RIVER, relieving Lieut YOUNGS pl which returned to "A" Coys area. At this stage stretcher cases and walking wounded from the 2/27 battle area were returning through our area where the RAP under Capt STEVENSON (RMO) supervised their dressings before they moved to MDS. The Salvation Army had also established a post at this point to provide refreshments for all troops passing through or returning from patrols. During the morning Capt McGLINCHEY (QM) with the Rear Details Party and stores arrived in the unit area. In the afternoon Lieut R A DREDGE reported in with a party of 79,

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KUMBARUM	14	(contd)	principally the Tk/A pl and other details from MORESBY Area, and in addition with evacuations from local MDS returning for duty.
	15	0900	"A" coy supplemented by a section from the Tk/A pl moved off on a three days fighting patrol. The route to be followed along the URIA RIVER to the NORTH, thence WEST to contact 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, before returning to KUMBARUM Area. The communication was by 208 sets, while the troops on KINGS, PALLIER's and THREE PIMPLE HILLS were to report their observation of the patrols progress. An arty FOO accompanied "A" Coy on this mission.
		0915	Section patrol from "C" Coy moved off to relieve Cpl SILVER's section on SILVER's HILL. Cpl SILVER reported into BHQ at 1600 hrs relating his observation of fires in a timbered area to the EAST of THREE PIMPLE HILL.
		1300	"B" Coy returned to the unit area reporting they had no actual engagements with the enemy, except that one pl had been shelled by a mountain gun on the morning of 14 OCT 43 when the CSM (A/WO II McLENNAN F F) had been killed.
		1330	Lieut SARGENT's pl reported in. Both this pl and "B" Coy received high praise from 2/27 and 2/16 Bns for the work they had done in the forward area.
		1500	5 Pl returned from the URIA RIVER standing patrol having been relieved by 4 Pl under Lieut DREDGE.
		1530	Brigade IO (Capt R ROSE) visited the Comd Gp and gave the latest information regarding Div activities.
	16		Situation normal night 15/16 OCT 43
		0700	Communications with "A" Coy informed us no enemy had been sighted.
		0730	18 Pl left to escort carrier train to GUY's POST.
		0830	"C" Coy patrol under command Sgt BERRY left to investigate reported enemy movements east of Brigade HQ below SILVER's HILL.
		1010	16 Pl relieved 15 pl on PALLIER's HILL.
		1015	Maj-Gen VASEY passed through battalion area en route for GUYS POST.
		1030	"D" Coy HQ relieved "C" Coy HQ on KINGS HILL
		1045	Capt VICKERS (AEME) visited Maj LEE and spoke to officers on the performance of arms and equipment. Capt VICKERS represents MGO in research in the field. Capt GEDDES (SC) also visited and conferred with CO and Adjutant.
		1215	Sgt BERRY reported back with fighting patrol, and reported that no enemy sighted.
		1300	Lieut K GARNHAM evacuated to MDS with suspected malaria. Throughout the afternoon our OPs reported smoke in the MINEEN Area.
		1730	"A" Coy reported they had arrived 1000 yards EAST of GUY's POST and on the way to KUMBARUM to join battalion. No enemy sighted.
		1830	Heavy rain commenced falling
		1930	"A" Coy returned to battalion area where a hot meal was awaiting them. During the day advice was received that Pte POTTINGER had died of wounds. "A" Coy was guided to positions previously occupied by "D" Coy.
	17	0730	Two sections of 3 pl moved out as escort for carrier train to GUY's POST.
		0800	Lieut N H YOUNG and 6 ORs left KUMBARUM, moved along L of C to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn at ref 702609 to patrol EAST to the URIA RIVER and thence down URIA to KUMBARUM
		0900	Padre FINLAY conducted a voluntary service near Salvation Army Hut. Lieut R V THOMPSON and 9 ORs left to patrol Jap track running north from PALLIER's HILL. This track believed to be leading to Jap L of C to BAGADJIM. Pte JOHN of the intelligence section led the patrol onto the track. After proceeding approximately 400 yards along

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KUMBARUM	17		the Jap track Pte JOHN found a Jap lying in the kunai grass, the prisoner carried no arms or equipment and was apparently one of the same coy which suffered the defeat on PALLIER'S HILL.
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		1000	Two sections of 18 Pl under command of Lieut SIMMONS relieved Lieut NOLAN and two sections of 13 Pl as guard duty at the artillery guns.
		1245	Lieut AVERY reported a Jap on the feature NORTH of the THREE PIMPLES, the position that Lieut AVERY had investigated with a fighting patrol on 14 Oct 43.
		1400	Lieut AVERY was recalled to BHQ to take out a fighting patrol to that position. 12 Pl under command Lieut W M DAVIES was warned to prepare for the fighting patrol. Patrol moved out under Lieut AVERY who was put in charge of the patrol as he had already patrolled that area and knew the Jap positions.
		1500	A section of 2 pl moved to SILVER'S HILL to relieve the section of "C" Coy.
		1620	Intelligence section guide reported back with information that Lieut R V THOMPSON'S patrol had reached ref 708587 and had pushed on from there following Jap blaze NORTH.
		1745	Lieut AVERY'S patrol attacked Jap position.
		1830	Our artillery commenced firing on Jap positions NORTH of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
		1945	Lieut AVERY reported back with 12 Pl that although there were no enemy at the time of the attack there were definite indications that the Jap had occupied the position a few hours previous to the attack.
		2000	As usual heavy rain commenced falling. Lieut STIRLING was today evacuated (foot trouble). Evacuations continue at an average of 10 per day of malaria and other tropical diseases.
	18	0730	One section of 11 Pl escorted carrier train to GUY'S POST.
		0900	One section of 2 Pl returned from SILVER'S HILL. This feature was no longer to be manned.
		1000	13 Pl under command Lieut T NOLAN relieved 4 Pl under command Lieut R A DREDGE as SP on AVERY'S POST.
		1015	"B" Coy HQ relieved "D" Coy HQ on KING'S HILL. 10 Pl relieved 16 Pl on PALLIER'S HILL and 11 Pl less one section relieved 17 Pl on THREE PIMPLES HILL.
		1330	Lieut YOUNG'S patrol reported back, he contacted the 2/31 Aust Inf Bn on the night 17 Oct 43 and today returned to camp down the URIA RIVER Valley. The track he had followed between the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 2/31 Aust Inf Bn was well defined about 6 feet wide and good going except for the muddy condition. Lieut YOUNG considered the JAPS had recently used the track.
		1600	Forward elements of 2/31 Aust Inf Bn moving down URIA RIVER from KP3 passed through KUMBARUM. During the afternoon with the aid of a mosaic of maps of the BOGADJIM Area Maj LEE lectured to Coy Comds on the courses open to the enemy and the plan to be followed by our own Division.
		1800	Lieut R THOMPSON'S patrol returned. They reported that on day 1 the patrol had moved NORTH following a track along the WEST bank of the URIA RIVER. This track Lieut THOMPSON considered had been made by the Japs in their retreat from PALLIER'S HILL. The patrol failed to locate the mule track on the second day had swung WEST to contact the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. They reached a high feature overlooking this bn area and had then moved down the FRAIA RIVER Valley. Returning to KUMBARUM along the GUY'S DUMP L of C. During the day the troops remained in the area had taken advantage of the rest period to clean up personal gear, weapons and

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KUMBARUM	18		equipment. Evacuations due to possible Malaria and scrub typhus were still of an alarmingly high rate.
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	19	0730	The unit was not required to provide an escort to GUY's DUMP today and the battalion remained disposed as for yesterday. Maj LEE, Capt S Y BISSET and 2 ORs left to recon the forward areas to contact the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn to acquaint themselves with the dispositions of those two battalions and to endeavour to foresee possible roles for ourselves. During the day Coy Comds passed on the information learned from Major LEE's lecture to their NCOs. The IO passed this information on to BHQ personnel.
		1200	Major LEE rang through from the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to see if anything had eventuated in his absence.
		1730	Major LEE arrived back at battalion.
		1800	Rear elements of the 2/31 Aust Inf Bn passed through the area.
		1930	Coy Comds conference. Major LEE gave orders for the following day and expressed the view of Lt-col HUMPHRIES of the 2/4 MDS that more consideration must be given Anti-malarial precautions and general camp hygiene.
	20	0730	One section from "A" Coy provided the carrier escort for carrier train to GUY's DUMP. Capt W B RUSSELL, Capt C L MCINNES, Capt G O O'DAY, Capt I W HAMILTON, Lieut R R WATSON and 5 ORs moved out to contact 2/27 and 2/16 Bns. All topographic information was passed on to the party by the respective battalion commanders Lt-col BISHOP and SUBLET.
		0900	CO held orderly room for personnel not observing correct malarial precautions. A working party of 50 personnel from "C" Coy commenced duty for one day improving the L of C to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
		1000	Two sections from 8 Pl under command of Sgt MILLER relieved 13 Pl under command of Lieut T NOLAN.
		1015	"A" Coy HQ relieved "B" Coy HQ on KINGS HILL with 7 Pl disposed on KINGS and PALLIER'S HILLS and 2 sections of 9 Pl on THREE PIMPLES. The remaining sections from 8 and 9 Platoons relieved Lieut SIMMONS and party as guard at the artillery approximately 1000 yards SOUTH of our position.
		1400	Capt McGLINCHEY informed rear details personnel of the latest information concerning this campaign.
		1630	Heavy rain commenced falling and continued for three hours.
		1730	Capt HAMILTON and party returned after contacting 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. The Coy Comds had in this visit to the forward units obtained an excellent view of the terrain forward, and received all latest information of enemy movements. At 1700 hrs Major LEE visited Brigade HQ and received orders for the following day. A patrol of one coy was to move to the vicinity of KP3 where the party would divide into two patrols, the first to move EAST-NORTH-EAST along a Jap track to the SURINUM River to return to the unit via DUMPU. The second patrol to investigate the vicinity of KP3 to locate second Jap L of C.
		2030	Capt I W HAMILTON was warned that "C" Coy would provide the patrol, and detailed orders for the task were given to him.
	21	0730	One section of "B" Coy left as escort for carrier train to GUY's POST, returned 1445 hrs. Remainder of "B" coy to camp duties in camp area.
		0800	"C" Coy strength of two platoons, left on the patrol to KP3. Capt I W HAMILTON was in charge, with Lieut P M I LEVETT

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KUMBARUM	21	0800	who was to take command of the force moving from KP3 to the SURINAM RIVER.		
		0830	"D" Coy supplied a working party of 50 to improve the L of C along the URIA RIVER. The remainder of the coy were employed in camp duties. Dispositions of "A" Coy remained unchanged.		
		1345	U.S. Lieut visited the area to examine the four dogs attached to the unit.		
		1500	Major P E RHODEN, previously in charge of 21 AITB, rejoined the unit to take over command. Major LEE and Capt S Y BISSET proceeded to give Major RHODEN the complete picture of the activity in the area.		
		1600	Report was received from "C" Coy patrol that they had reached the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and that the new L of C to the 2/16 was very poor.		
		1730	"C" Coy again reported with the information that they had moved 1500 yds EAST of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to camp for the night.		
		1930	Thunderstorm followed by light rainfall.		
		22	0730		One section from "D" Coy escorted carrier train to GUY'S DUMP. "D" Coy relieved "A" Coy of duties on the standing patrols and observation posts. Lieut JONES with two sections of 17 Pl moved to AVERY'S POST, two sections of 16 Pl under Lieut AVERY occupied the positions on THREE PIMPLES HILL, while the remaining section of each of these platoons took over the guard duty on the guns. "D" Coy HQ moved to KINGS HILL with 2 sections of 18 Pl on PALLIER'S HILL. "A" Coy when relieved of these duties settled in in the area to the right of BHQ. No change in the disposition of "B" Coy. With HQ Coy, 4 Pl moved one hour out along the L of C to continue improving the jeep track in Brigade area, no change with the remainder of the coy.
				1000	The Adjutant (Capt S Y BISSET) conducted Maj RHODEN over KINGS HILL pointing out the forward areas and showing him the area covered by 9 Pl in their successful attack on the Jap positions on 11 OCT 43.
				1030	Maj A J LEE marched out.
1400	CO conducted a Coy Comds conference. Major RHODEN addressed the comds on the value of teamwork in formations from sections up to division and expressed the wish for the battalion to continue along the same high standard as set by Lt-col R HONNER (MC), whom he had visited at DOBODURA on his way up to join the unit. Maj RHODEN passed on Lt-col HONNER'S best wishes to the battalion, also his view that several months may elapse before he would be back with the unit.				
1700	In "A" Coy WO II BUTCHER F W took charge of 8 Pl, being replaced by Sgt MILLER as CSM whilst 9 Pl was taken over by Lieut D W THOMAS, previously in charge of transport duties in 6 Pl. Communications with "C" Coy revealed that they had reached KP3 and were investigating tracks and vacated Jap positions in that area. Arrangements were made with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to supply sufficient cable to Capt HAMILTON to provide telephone communications to his base at KP3. A fine cool night provided a welcome change from the now customary wet evenings.				
23	0730		No change in coy dispositions for the day. HQ Coy supplied working parties from 3 Pl and 4 Pl to continue work on the L of C. Capt RUSSELL visited the LAKE AREA to decide whether a jeep track between there and GUY'S POST would be possible. In his opinion such a track would be possible, only as far as the saddle at 35		

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KUMBARUM 23 (contd)			minutes walking time from GUY'S POST. Capt RUSSELL's walking time from LAKE to GUY'S POST was 1½ hrs. The LAKE he reported contained good water. "C" Coy patrols investigated two tracks from their base at KP3 - one which had been crossed between 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and KP3 at approximately 1 mile WEST of KP3 leading to the NORTH, and the other WEST of KP3 in search of a possible track leading directly SOUTH from the main track. Freshly vacated Jap positions were located at Ref 729632.
		1630	At this stage line communications were established to Capt HAMILTON's base at KP3. This night again fine.
	24	0715	"A" Coy supplied one section as escort to carrier party to GUY'S POST, and at 0830 hrs supplied a working party of 30 men from 7 and 9 Pls to carry on improvements in areas L of C.
		0730	The I O (Lieut R R WATSON) and 5 ORs left to recce the URIA RIVER for the track followed by the 2/31 Aust Inf Bn on their return through KUMBARUM from the Jap L of C. This recce patrol located and traversed the track, arriving at the junction at 1400 hrs. Here the patrol met Lieut LEVETT and party of "C" Coy who were to move from this position, presumed to be KP4, along the Jap L of C to locate and follow the track moving SOUTH to the SURINAM RIVER. Lieut WATSON returned at 1810 hrs.
		0800	"B" Coy relieved "D" Coy in the observation and standing patrol positions, 2 sections of 10 Pl under Lieut A W THOMSON occupying PALLIER'S HILL, the third section to remain at KING'S HILL. Two sections of 11 Pl under Sgt GREAVES took over the guard duty at the guns, while the remaining section controlled by Lieut R THOMPSON occupied AVERY'S POST standing patrol. 12 Pl moved to the THREE PIMPLES HILL where Lieut DAVIES established the Pl HQs on the centre pimple. "B" Coy HQ remained in the same position. "D" Coy when relieved from these positions moved back and occupied the low level terrace below "A" Coy HQs. Both 7 and 8 Pls were now moved to occupy positions close to coy HQs while 9 Pl moved to a position astride the L of C between HQ and the URIA RIVER.
		0900	Voluntary church parade conducted by Padre FINLAY in the BHQ area. During the afternoon the Padre had the unique experience of conducting a service for the Native PIB having an interpreter to translate his service into the native language.
		1030	Maj RHODEN held a conference of Coy Comds principally to discuss a series of questions concerning suitability of equipment and stores, the solutions reached being sent as a return to 21 Aust Inf Bde. Adm problems were also discussed and as a result it was decided to increase the occupation period on the high ground by another 24 hrs. Strict supervision of anti-malarial precautions control and sterilization of all drinking water was again stressed by the CO.
		1800	Capt I W HAMILTON communicated the information gained by "C" Coys patrols from KP3. One section had patrolled the EAST fork of the river junction at KP3 for a distance of approximately one mile NORTH locating a footpad in this area. The larger party had moved EAST along the Jap L of C, passing through a large dump one mile to the EAST and reaching KP4 at approximately 2 miles further on. From here, Lieut LEVETT's party was left to follow the L of C while Capt HAMILTON investigated a track leading NE on to a high ridge approximately 2000 yds distant (HAMILTON'S RIDGE)
		2045	Lieut YOUNG reported to Maj RHODEN and received orders that he would take a patrol platoon strength to LEVETT'S POST, recce forward of the post to HAMILTON'S RIDGE and from there along the track NW of that ridge. It was suspected that

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KUMBARUM	24	2045	the enemy who had been in contact with 25 Bde may have withdrawn along this track.
	25	0800	Sig Offr Lieut R N THOMPSON with party of linesmen moved out to establish line communication to KP4, the line to extend from AVERY's POST along track investigated by I O on the previous day (WATSON's TRACK)
		0830	Lieut YOUNG with 7 Pl moved out along the same track to KP4. This patrol was to base there and recce for two days to the NE along HAMILTON's TRACK. Word was received at 1600 hrs that both the line party and YOUNG's patrol had reached KP4.
		1130	Word received that Lieut LEVETT had followed the Jap L of C to the SOUTH from KP4 and had at this time reached the SURINAM RIVER at Ref 786532. The party had stayed at a Jap KP ref 791585 the previous night and had moved on at 0800 hrs.
		1430	Sgt W BERRY and party of sick from BUNO returned from KP3 following the URIA RIVER down. Sgt BERRY reported the course from KP3 to be very rough with innumerable creek crossings the going being extremely difficult until AVERY's POST was reached on the return trip.
		1600	Maj RHODEN, who had visited Brigade, passed on the information to the Adjutant and I O that in the event of a withdrawal being necessitated by a strong counter-attack 2/16 Aust Inf Bn would withdraw last from their present position, the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn would defend the HIGH LAKE FEATURES, and 2/14 Aust Inf Bn KINGS HILL, PALLIER's HILL and THREE PIMPLES FEATURES.
		1700	Word received from Capt HAMILTON that he was about to return from KP4, following Lieut WATSON's track. He reached AVERY's POST at 2100 hrs and remained there for the night.
		1730	Lieut LEVETT and two ORs returned to camp by jeep, the remainder of the patrol having been left at DUMPU for the night. Lieut LEVETT gave a full report (Appx) upon the condition of the Jap L of C, in his opinion it was not suitable for jeep transport NORTH of SULAMAI CROSSING.
		1800	Suspected Jap movement seen on semi-bald feature NORTH of PALLIERS HILL. A section from AVERY's POST immediately investigated the area, then being relieved by a section from PALLIER's HILL which occupied the area for the night. No Japs were seen.
		2100	The I O reported to Brigade I O on Lieut LEVETT's patrol During the day Lieut A L SARGENT, Sgt D CHRISP and 2 ORs marched out to the SUBVERSIVE OPS Unit.
	26	0715	The Adjutant (Capt S Y BISSET) BML (Capt GORDON) Lieut J R GREENWOOD (LO) and 2 ORs moved out to make a round trip through LEVETT's POST via WATSON's TRACK along the Jap L of C to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn position and return by the L of C.
		0830	"A" Coy provided two standing patrols, the first one section from 9 Pl moving to SILVERS HILL and the other of two sections from 8 Pl relieved Lieut A W THOMSON's section at HALF BALD FEATURE both patrols to be of three days duration. Lieut THOMSON's section returned to PALLIER's HILL.
		0830	Capt I W HAMILTON and party returned from AVERY's POST. Capt HAMILTON made a complete report of his patrol activities to the CO and I O. The reports on tracks investigated during the last four days had at this stage considerably cleared up the confusion that had existed previously regarding the various routes. 4 Pl and 5 Pl from HQ Coy continued work along the L of C to GUY's POST. Natives were attached to the party to assist in this work (Appx)

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KUMBARUM	26	0915	An escort of 14 men from MMG Pl under Sgt ROUTLEDGE accompanied Maj-Gen VASEY on his visit to the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn area. The party returned at 1615 hrs.
		0915	Word received from Lieut YOUNG that his patrol had sighted a party of approximately 15 Japs at half an hours distance NE from LEVETTS POST. The enemy had fled NORTH without firing a shot. The Adjutant, who had at this time reached LEVETT'S POST, communicated with the CO and it was decided that Lieut YOUNG would continue to patrol along the track to a position near HAMILTON'S RIDGE, and here remain to hold and observe. As it seemed likely that a stronger force would be needed to do the necessary task allotted to Lieut YOUNG, the CO thought a coy strength would be preferable. The 2/2 Pioneer Bn who were to come under command of 21 Aust Inf Bde and occupy a post in this area were not expected to arrive for several days. Lieut R R WATSON communicated the CO's opinion to the Brigadier who confirmed that a coy should be sent.
		1130	CO communicated the intention to Capt BISSET who instructed Sgt BURLING B, then at LEVETT'S POST to recce the area for the coy and to gain all possible information to pass to the Coy Comd when he arrived. Capt BISSET at this time moved on along the L of C towards 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
		1200	CO issued orders to Capt O'DAY who was to take "D" Coy to relieve 7 Pl. The coys task was to recce the track NORTH from LEVETT'S POST to gain all information about it and decide on its possibilities as a foot or a jeep L of C. In addition the patrol was to engage any enemy force consistent with its own strength. They would be relieved when 2/2 Pioneer Bn arrived in the area. The coy was to carry three days rations with a supplementary supply to be carried later on by the natives.
		1205	WO II BUTCHER F W reported the 8 Pl standing patrol to be in position. He also handed in a document taken from a dead Jap on the HALF BALD Feature together with a Jap 2" Mortar and an anti-personnel mine.
		1255	"D" Coy moved out to follow the route through AVERY'S POST and along WATSON'S TRACK.
		1330	Communication from LEVETT'S POST revealed that Lieut YOUNG had established a base about 100 yards NORTH from the post, and had pushed forward a patrol to a position considered easy to hold and giving clear observation of the track. One Jap not of the party previously seen, had been killed by this patrol. By 1100 hrs the remainder of LEVETTS patrol had returned from DUMPU, and for the rest of the day "C" Coy were given the opportunity to clean up and rest. It was decided that "B" Coy would remain in their present occupied areas for a futher 24 hours.
		1745	Capt S Y BISSET and party returned. The Adjutant confirmed a considerable amount of the track information already gained.
		1800	Lieut YOUNG reported that no further contact had been made with the enemy during the afternoon. At this time, "D" Coy were at the GARDENS AREA approximately two hours from LEVETT'S POST.
		1900	Heavy rain fell and intermittent showers fell throughout the night. During the day Lieut GARNHAM returned to unit from MDS and was posted to 6 Pl HQ Coy to take over transport duties.
	27	0700	No change in coy dispositions for the day. 13 Pl of "C" Coy under Sgt GRAHAM D R escorted the carrier train taking supplies to "D" Coy at LEVETT'S POST. This escort

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KUMBARUM	27	0700	patrol was to return to KUMBARUM the following day.
		0900	"D" Coy arrived at LEVETT's POST.
		1000	The coy patrol based at LEVETT's POST while 16 Pl under Lieut A R AVERY moved up along the track to the NE towards HAMILTON's RIDGE. At 1000 hrs Lieut AVERY took over from Lieut YOUNG at this position.
		1745	7 Pl with Lieut YOUNG in charge reported back to this area, when a full report of the patrol was given to the CO (Appx)
		2000	Heavy rain started to fall before lunch and continued on throughout the day and night.
	28	0715	2 Pl supplied the escort to carrier train moving to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
		0830	CO (Maj P E RHODEN) I O and 3 ORs with a party from Brigade including Capt HOLLEY (LO) and a LONDON TIMES War Correspondent (MORRISON) made the trip to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn following the new L of C and returned via BEVERADGE's POST through 2/27 Aust Inf Bn at GUY's POST. The adjutants and I O's of each unit passed on all topographical information and all news of the enemy in the vicinity. The party returned to our area at 1740 hrs.
		0845	"C" Coy relieved "B" Coy from most of the standing positions - Coy HQ on KING's HILL, 2 sections of 15 Pl on PALLIER's HILL, 1 Sgt and 10 ORs of 13 Pl at AVERY's POST and 1 Cpl and 8 men on HALF BALD HILL. This last named section relieved "A" Coy patrol at HALF BALD HILL while a section from 3 Pl changed over with the section of "A" Coy on SILVER's HILL. Two sections from HQ Coy also relieved "B" Coy's guard at the artillery.
		1500	Lieut SMITH of the 2/2 Pioneer Bn, who had moved up into the 21 Aust Inf Bde area, visited Capt BISSET and obtained all the information concerning the situation at LEVETT's POST to where the Pioneers were to move the following day.
		1800	Brigade informed of the information from "D" Coy patrol. Briefly, 16 Pl had patrolled along the track to YOUNG's SADDLE (HAMILTON's RIDGE). No enemy were encountered but a Jap Look-out was observed in a tree at approximately 810620. 3 natives from BERRINGEE were found, and held for later interrogation. A further patrol from "D" Coy located the track WEST of LEVETT's POST leading NORTH (previously mentioned in Capt BISSET's report) Capt G O O'DAY reported that this track would be investigated the following day.
		2000	Although heavy rain had fallen at lunch time, the evening and night remained fine.
	29	0730	2/2 Pioneer Bn moved through our area en route to LEVETT's POST area. One section of HQ Coy moved to LAKE FEATURE as protection to artillery. No other changes were made in the dispositions of "A" "B" "C" and HQ Coys. Opportunity was taken throughout the day for erection of shelters and a general clean up of the battalion area, of personnel, equipment and of clothing.
		1630	Report from "D" Coy gave the activities of the patrols for the day. One moved along BISSET's TRACK (between LEVETT's and MOTO's POSTS) starting from Ref 763604, advanced to Ref 761627. The track was stated to be a well made mule track in better condition than the L of C track. At 761627 there was a large clearing, burnt out huts and one Jap track thought to be 7 hrs old. From here the track continued NORTH. Three bridges were crossed in the area traversed, the second being partially destroyed.
		1730	Lieut McILROY with a party of 16 "X"-list personnel and one OR attached marched in. Lieut McILROY was posted to 15 Pl "C" Coy.
		2000	Heavy rain again fell and continued on for several hours.
	30	0800	All coys remained in the same positions for the day. 4 Pl

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KUMBARUM	30	0800	Tk/A from HQ Coy was moved out to guard the MDS situated near BEBEI. The section guarding the lake artillery were relieved and returned to HQ Coy lines. 5 Pl were engaged in the erection of a Field Bakery in Brigade area.
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		1000	The Brigade Comd (Brig I DOUGHERTY) and BM (Maj S OWEN) visited the area. The Brigadier in his talk to Major RHODEN expressed his appreciation of the patrol work done by this battalion during the past three weeks. The Brigadier moved through the area and chatted to various personnel working in lines.
		1400	A blaze mark copied from BISSET'S TRACK L of C Junction was translated to read MULE TRAIL TO KANKIRYO. The copy of this had been sent down to "D" Coy patrol. "D" Coy patrol when returned from BISSET JUNCTION to LEVETT'S POST sighted four Japs, who fled. After the 2/2 Pioneer Bn had passed through to LEVETT'S POST the tracks of the Japs were again seen on the L of C. 2/2 Pioneer Bn arrived at LEVETT'S POST and took up a position there at 1700 hrs.
		1900	Coy Comds conference. One thing discussed was the value of the new fd operational ration. Samples were handed round and the general opinion was that it was made up in an excellent ration both for food value and taste. These points would overcome the slight disadvantage of the additional weight. The CO pointed out to the Coy Comds that it seemed likely that the unit would remain in its present static position for some time. In view of this all coys should ensure that the physical condition of troops should be kept at a high standard, furthermore any additional specialist training required should be given when opportunity permitted it.
		2200	Rain again fell during the night, continuing for two hours.
31		0730	Section from 7 Pl under Sgt GREAVES escorted the native carrier train to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. This party returned at 1615 hours.
		0750	One section of MMG Pl under Cpl WEBB R D escorted carriers to 2/2 Pioneer Bn.
		0830	"A" Coy moved out to relieve "C" Coy on the standing patrol and observation posts. 7 Pl HQ and two sections occupied THREE PIMPLES HILL. Coy HQ and one section of 8 Pl on KINGS HILL. 8 Pl HQ and one section on PAILLIER'S HILL. Two sections of 9 Pl on HALF BALD HILL and 9 Pl HQ and one section at AVERY'S POST. 5 ORs from 7 Pl plus one signaller to SILVER'S HILL. OC (Capt C L McINNES) and 6 ORs remained in "A" Coy HQ Area. The sections moving to the high features were instructed to watch for possible signals from a BOOMERANG A/C which had not returned from a TAC/R over enemy territory the previous afternoon.
		0900	Church Parade, Communion Service conducted in BHQ Area by Padre FINLAY. A party of ten men from 3 and 5 Pls continued work in the construction of field bakery.
		1630	Lieut A R AVERY with 16 Pl returned from LEVETT'S POST. This platoon had been on a two days patrol from this base along the Jap mule track to KANKIRYO. Lieut AVERY made a report of the track to the CO.
		1740	Capt G O O'DAY with the remainder of "D" Coy returned to unit area. A full report of the "D" Coy patrol is attached as appendix. The unit evacuations since leaving BOOTLESS BAY AREA had at this stage reached a high total. Malaria evacuations to 31 OCT 43 numbered 121, while 4 Offrs and 138 ORs had been evacuated other causes. 1 OR had died of disease. Battle casualties totalled KIA 8, DIED OF WOUNDS 3, WOUNDED IN ACTION 2 Offrs 12 ORs.
		1800	A light shower of rain fell, but a fine cool night followed.

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Appendix 1

PATROL REPORTS

<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Made by</u>	
A	FIGHTING	6 OCT	Lieut JACKSON E	"C" Coy
B	"	7 OCT	Lieut PALLIER N W T	"A" Coy
C	"	8 OCT	Lieut YOUNG N H	"A" Coy
D	RECCE	9 OCT	Lieut GARNHAM K E	"A" Coy
E	"	10-12 OCT	Lieut AVERY A R	"D" Coy
F	Summary of Events	11-15 OCT	"B" Coy	
G	RECCE	11 OCT	Cpl WAKEFIELD	"D" Coy
H	FIGHTING	15 OCT	Capt C L McINNES	"A" Coy
I	RECCE	17-18 OCT	Lieut N H YOUNG	"A" Coy
J	Diary and Recce	21-25 OCT	Capt I W HAMILTON and Lieut P M I LEVETT	"C" Coy
K	Diary and Recce	23 OCT	Lieut P M I LEVETT	"C" Coy
L	Recce	28 Oct	Lieut A R AVERY	"D" Coy
M	Recce	28-31 OCT	Lieut A R AVERY	"D" Coy
N	Recce	25-27 OCT	Lieut N H YOUNG	"A" Coy

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
RAMU VALLEY	4	0700	<p>O Group conference. Complete orders were issued for battalion move to WAMPUN. CO then outlined anticipated plans of action.</p> <p>(a) for destruction of any enemy force met during the crossing of the valley to WAMPUN.</p> <p>(b) for destruction of any enemy force at WAMPUN</p> <p>(c) for unopposed occupation of WAMPUN.</p>
		0920	Battalion commenced move from bivouac area SE of GUSAP River. Order of march: "A" Coy, Comd Group, (incl. arty FOO, Lieut ROSS), "B", "D", "C" Coys, BHQ and HQ Coy (incl native carriers).
		0930	Battalion commenced crossing bridge over GUSAP River.
		1000	Lieut HALL and one platoon Papuan Inf Bn (under comd 2/I4 Bn) joined HQ Coy to act as interpreters
		1130	KAIGULAN 2 was reached and misleading information as to the existence of a direct track to WAMPUN caused a delay while CO and Adjutant reced the area for tracks.
		1230	Battalion resumed march to WAMPUN breaking a direct track through the kunai grass. The watercourses crossed in the middle of the flat valley were dry.
		1330	A ten minute halt was made when forward troops reached a slight ridge from which a recce of WAMPUN through glasses was made. On resumption of march "A" Coy commenced to deploy, and when 1500 yards from WAMPUN was fully deployed and moving 300 yards ahead of the second coy.
		1400	<p>WAMPUN was occupied without opposition. In accordance with plan (c) comd group remained in the village, "A" Coy proceeded along the track WAMPUN-KORAM to occupy the area about 1000 yards NW, "B" Coy moved into position astride the track and creek EAST of WAMPUN, and "D" Coy stopped on the creek immediately NORTH of WAMPUN. Reports from "B" and "D" Coys indicated that there was no water near the village. The troops still had water, but the native carriers, who had none, had had a hot days carry, had not eaten since the previous day, and could not cook their rice ration without water. The CO decided that, if no water was obtainable nearby, either the battalion must move on in the afternoon to strike water on the route to the next days objective, or water must be carried to WAMPUN from KAIGULAN 2 by jeep.</p>
		1430	<p>Leaving the Adjutant to settle "C" and HQ Coys in their allotted areas, the CO left with a water recce party (Sgt PRYOR and Ptes BENNETT, WATSON and TRAPP) from "D" Coy to see if water could be found in or beyond "A" Coys area. On the way out the recce party met a runner from "A" Coy on his way into WAMPUN, but saw no more of "A" Coy. The map showed the KORAM track running NW into high ground, but as the main track continued along the flat "A" Coy had turned off to the NORTH to occupy the higher ground approximately 1000 yds NNW of WAMPUN.</p>
		1500	<p>After travelling about 2000 yds the CO's recce party sighted a banana plantation. It seemed likely to be on a branch of the BIWI River, and a possible solution of the water problem, so it was decided to recce it before turning back. When about 250 yards away the recce party noticed troops moving about in the plantation quite openly and breaking down banana leaves. As these troops ignored the approach of the recce party, then in full view, it was assumed that they were portion of "A" Coy. The banana plantation was astride the track merging into a belt of vegetation which stretched SW across the valley. A scattered line of trees ran from the NE end of the plantation in a SE direction about 100 yards from the track and parallel to it. The track ran NW to the plantation through kunai grass, a patchy</p>

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RAMU VALLEY	4	1500	regrowth after fire varying from 2 feet to 4½ feet in height. When between 120 and 150 yards from the plantation the recce party came under fire from LMG's and rifles both from the plantation ahead and the line of trees on the right, and immediately scattered in the grass. The CO, wounded in the thigh, could crawl only with difficulty, and Sgt PRYOR, himself wounded in the chin and chest, wanted to drag him back. But with the fate of the other three unknown, the CO ordered Sgt PRYOR to return to the nearest company with information as to the strength and position of the enemy. On his way out, Sgt PRYOR met Pte BENNETT, unwounded, who elected to stay forward to protect the CO. Unaware of the presence of this support, the CO crawled another 100 yards into long grass about 250 yards from the plantation and 100 yds from the enemy in the trees, being wounded in the left hand on the way. He confirmed his impressions of the strength and positions of the enemy by listening to their firing and shouting. Sgt PRYOR, after crawling 500 yds reached the first dry watercourse to the rear, and got up to run along the track. He then saw Pte WATSON 200 yds ahead of him, and Pte TRAPP was still farther ahead, both of them unwounded. The firing died down and the enemy making a cursory examination of the ground where the recce party was turned back did not come far enough to find the CO or Pte BENNETT. On receiving Sgt PRYOR's report, "D" Coy immediately sent out a patrol of ten under Lieut A R AVERY to contact the CO and bring him to safety. The Adjutant instructed "D" Coy to send out a platoon to deal with the enemy.
		1610	Capt G O O'DAY (OC "D" Coy) and the Adjutant moved out with this platoon. The Adjutant and RSM contacted "A" Coy, a forward patrol of which, under Lieut PALLIER, had located the direction of the firing but could see nothing of the action, although they had seen PRYOR, WATSON and TRAPP 1000 yds ahead on their way back. "A" Coy was instructed to secure the high ground stretching along for a distance of approximately 1500 yds. on the right of the scene of operations.
		1630	Lieut AVERY's fighting patrol contacted the CO and Pte BENNETT. Firing broke out afresh when the enemy detected the patrol and indicated that the enemy's left flank was still in the same position amongst the trees. The CO relayed instructions by Lieut AVERY's 536 set, through Capt O'DAY to the Adjutant, to send forward "D" Coy and "A" Coy for an attack, "D" on the left, "A" on the right, and to ask brigade to send water up by jeep if none had yet been found in WAMPUN area. When the Adjutant (returning to "D" Coy HQ) received these instructions, "A" Coy had already been given its mission on the high ground and "C" Coy had been detailed to go forward in support of "D" Coy. The CO was advised of this modification of plan, and was also told that a stretcher party had reached the watercourse 300 yds to the rear of him. However, as he could not move far, and as it would unnecessarily endanger the lives of valuable men to have a stretcher party come forward to him, he ordered the stretcher party to wait where it was until he could drive home the attack, which he could direct from his forward position.
		1700	Capt O'DAY reached the CO for information and orders. As only two hours of daylight remained, and only one platoon had so far reached the watercourse, no attempt was made to send troops round to cut off the enemy's line of retreat, that task being left to "A" Coy if they could swing round far enough in time. The CO's immediate concern was to attack the enemy as soon as possible, it

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
RAMU VALLEY	4	(contd)	being anticipated that they might withdraw on the approach of our larger forces: "D" Coy was therefore ordered to attack with two platoons, its objective being the banana plantation from the SW. The enemy's strength was still estimated at not more than two platoons, but should they prove strong enough to hold "D" Coys attack, "C" Coy should arrive in time to attack the enemy's left flank.
		1730	Capt O'DAY having collected his two platoons in the watercourse led them round to the left and commenced his attack.
		1745	Enemy fire was now concentrated on "D" Coy's attack and stretcher bearers came up to the CO, adjusted dressings, and, crawling, dragged him on a stretcher for 150 yds through the grass before rising and carrying him back to the water-course.
		1800	At the watercourse the CO found "C" Coy had arrived under command of Lieut P M I LEVETT. As the firing indicated that "D" Coy was already pressing in its attack, the CO quickly gave Lieut LEVETT the necessary information and sent "C" Coy in through the scattered line of trees on the right to roll the enemy's left flank back on to the plantation. In the meantime the two platoons of "D" Coy, well led by Capt O'DAY, pressed in their attack with speed and determination, sustaining a few casualties but killing one officer and eleven other enemy and driving the rest back in disorder. "C" Coy met with little opposition and killed eleven more of the enemy, running away from "D" Coy, and had no casualties themselves. Lieut GARNHAM's platoon of "A" Coy accounted for two more of the runaways, and the following morning one more was killed and one wounded man taken prisoner. Total enemy casualties were 1 Officer and 25 ORs killed, 1 OR wounded and POW. Our casualties totalled 1 Officer and 6 ORs wounded; WX 15 Lt-col R HONNER, GSW left thigh and hand; VX 15226 Sgt PRYOR T G, GSW throat and chest; TX 5330 A/Cpl ALLEN A A GSW both legs; VX 77838 Pte PEDRANA P, GSW back; NX71177 Pte EVANS W A, GSW right hand; QX 41503 Pte BAILEY N O, GSW chest; NX113537 pte MORIARTY C H (remaining on duty)
		1930	The CO having been carried back to WAMPUN handed over the command there to Capt I W HAMILTON. The enemy position had been cleared and our Coys were dug in with "C" Coy and "D" Coy right and left forward coys respectively, "A" Coy on the high ground protecting the right flank, HQ Coy and BHQ (less Comd Gp and RAP) approximately 200 yards SOUTH of "A" Coy HQ, "B" Coy in WAMPUN village area for rear protection. Battalion Comd Group and RAP remained in WAMPUN to facilitate evacuation of casualties. The Adjutant had checked on water in "A" Coy area earlier in the afternoon and had discovered that there was sufficient nearby to supply the battalion. "A" Coy was instructed to improve the water point and assist in supplying water to the other coys. There was now no need to transport water from KAIGULAN 2 though some was sent forward.
		2230	The CO was evacuated from the RAP by jeep together with Sgt PRYOR and one other walking wounded. The remaining two stretcher cases and one walking wounded were evacuated by a second jeep two hours later. The RAP remained in WAMPUN for the night while Capt HAMILTON, with the Adjutant and other elements of Comd Group moved to BHQ area. A report on the action was submitted to Brigade by line. Except for a breakdown of wireless communication with "A" Coy (necessitating the Adjutant's personal contact with that Coy at approx 1615 hrs) communications throughout the day had been good. The Sig Pl did excellent work in establishing line communication between all coys, being at work till

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PLACE	DATE TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
RAMU VALLEY	4 (contd) 2330	0200 hrs the next morning on this task. Capt HAMILTON received orders from Brigade for the following day. Two Coys were to move WSW to a position near ENTAPOTOWUP to carry out work on creek crossing; the remainder of the battalion to move WEST to a position on the BIWI River near the RAMU River. Apart from battle casualties the battalion strength had altered little during the day. Morning evacuations included Lieut D RYAN of "C" Coy, likely to be medically reclassified as "B" Class. At approximately 1730 Lieut D JONES of "D" Coy and 5 ORs rejoined the unit.

REPORT ON **A** FIGHTING PATROL

Patrol consisting of 1 Off. 1
Sgt. and 26 ORs left
Ref. Dump 1" = 1 mile 694527
at 0905 L 6/10/43.

OBJECTIVES.

- (1) BEBEI
- (2) MOSIA RIVER.

Patrol travelled cross country
to BEBEI. Arrived BEBEI
1135 L. There are 3 deep
watercourses (dry) en route
but remainder of route is
level country, mostly short
Kumi Grass. At BEBEI
I met a patrol from
2/2 Ind. Coy. who had
just arrived at BEBEI
from KESAWAI. Patrol

APP 1 (a)

informed me there had
been no enemy seen
between KESAWAI and BEBEI.

This Patrol also
informed me of my
second Obj. i.e. MOSIA
RIVER. Leaving remainder
of my Patrol at BEBEI
I and my runner
proceeded to MOSIA RIV.
then returned to
BEBEI.

RIVERS FARIA Riv. is swift
running approx 2' deep
and approx. 21' wide.
MOSIA Riv. ankle deep
and slow running. Width
24'.

TRACKS Good tracks for
inf. the whole distance.

TIME of RETURN 1450 h.

DIST. COVERED. approx 14 miles.
To Jackson's Tent

B OFFENSIVE PATROL REPORT

Appx 1 (b)

By LARI (9 pl)

DATE

7 OCT 43

TIME OUT 0830 hrs

TIME IN 1730 hrs

STRENGTH 1 + 35

PATROL COMD Lieut. Pallen MAP USED DUMPU 1"

OBJECT To proceed from pt. 6945-26, following track going east to pt. 7705-28. Look for OPS + engage ENEMY if pl considered strong enough.

ANSWER
N early reached objective at 1300hrs + there encountered the ENEMY about 200 to 300^{probably} entrenched on very high ground. An engagement resulted, lasting about an hour. Two ENEMY were hit. We had one man wounded.

ENEMY
There were estimated about 10. Situated in an almost impossible posn. to attack. They used rifles + appeared to remain in posn. The approximate position of enemy was on high ground at ref 763525

NATURE OF COUNTRY From DUMPU to foothills good going + from there on difficult + steep grades

VEGETATION Grass on the flat + little strips of jungle going up in entrant. open where ENEMY was met.

TRACKS Saw pad to foothills but did not follow the track as marked on maps. Pad frequently disappeared on the high ground. May be a track higher up.

WATER COURSES Several deep re-entrants + non-perennial streams running down to main feature

REMARKS attracted by flash + picked up own lps in posn. approx 752508 - evidently on patrol. Tp movement observed on high gd. on feature approx posn 770515 - thought to be 25th Bde lps

TIME

DATE

SIGNED BY

L. John
WT SES
2/14 B.

(OVER)

INF. NOT INCLUDED

Patrol did NOT move back over high ground. Followed
SULAMAI approx 2 miles down stream. Then
coming across country directly back to start pt.
Wounded man was a stretcher case -

Moving back along western side of SULAMAI River
fresh ENEMY footprints - definitely made morning
of same day.

At approx ref 4585'15" a log was noticed
lying across stream, which could have been used
as foot bridge.

Smoke was seen at 1130 hrs on high ground approx
ref 4495'25"

C OFFENSIVE PATROL REPORT

APPX 1 (C)

MADE BY LARI (YPL)

DATE 8 OCT 49

TIME OUT 0800hrs Through

TIME IN 1725^{5/16} Through

STRENGTH

1 + 35

PATROL COMD

Lieut Young

MARUSED

DUMPV 1"

OBJECT Further investigate ENEMY activity in position same as encountered by 9 pl yesterday. Young's Patrol was to use higher ground in their approach. Engage ENEMY if consider advisable.
ANSWER Objective reached - no contact

ENEMY Had left position from where they had fired on 9 pl patrol yesterday. They had been dug in & well provided with food. More ENEMY activity was observed on very high feature overlooking this area.

NATURE OF COUNTRY Very steep & difficult country to move about on & for most of the time patrol was unavoidably under ENEMY observation

VEGETATION

mostly grass but heavy timber for most part in hills occupied by ENEMY

TRACKS

No tracks consistent enough to be followed for any distance

WATER COURSES

Several on foothills

Remarks

Documents found in vacated ENEMY positions are of varied nature & suggest they had been there for some time

TIME

1330hrs

DATE

10 Oct

Signed by

J. John

Rte

INT SEC

2/14/49

(over)

D OBSERVATION

PATROL

Appx 1 (d)

MADE BY LARI (8 pl)

DATE 9 Oct

TIME OUT 0800 hr

TIME IN 1700 hrs

STRENGTH 1 v 35

PATROL COMD

Lieut Stanham KE

MAP USED

DUMPU 1"

OBJECT

To go to favourable posn and observe ENEMY activities on high feature, noticed by 4 pl yesterday and see if ENEMY posn entered by 4 pl yesterday had been re-occupied.

ANSWER

Good posn for observation was obtained + maintained for three hrs. No activity could be seen in vacated ENEMY posn.

ENEMY

Between the hrs 0930 + 1500 hrs ENEMY were seen in two posn being mostly skyline on highest feature in area approx. 455540. They appeared to be digging in what resembled a field piece. Three men were seen on one posn at the one time + 6 seen working for two hrs on supposed gun emplacement in another posn.

ROUTE OUT

Practically the same as yesterday's patrol

REMARKS

Most of our attention was centered on the possible gun emplacement on which they were working for two hrs. Our planes flew over this ENEMY position at 1350 hrs, the Jap then suddenly withdrew the black object, re-producing it after planes left.

TIME 1440 hrs

DATE 10 Oct

Signed by
L John Pte

INT SEC 2/14 BN

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Reece Report

10-12 OCT.

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Time out 1400 hrs 10 Oct Thau Coy B.H.Q. Time in 1450 Through Coy 1 M.V.

Strength 10 Off 28 OR Patrol Comd Lieut Avery Map. DUMPO 1 inch to 1 mile

Object. Topographical & track locations up WRIA RIVER for a dist
Answer of about 1 1/2 miles

Topographical data observed & sketched.
Every disposition were plotted

ENEMY.

Seen taking up Posn MR 708576 on high Kumai feature at 0900 hrs
approx thought 13 men with 2 MG & ? Mortar

Country

River really follows the gorge and is practically impossible
to reach high ground except in very few places

Vegetation

KUMAI on spur & rain forest on creek with a few
patches of wild sugar cane on river flats

Tracks.

The track follows the river crossing & recrossing some
several times. A New track was observed M.R. & is
shown on sketch

River

Is very fast flowing but fordable in most places
for MR 716586 to KUMBARIN there is a fall of about 350 ft
the banks are steep & mostly inaccessible. There are one
or two small flats, covered in boulders, on the river
The river bottom is very rocky

Time 0900

Date 13 Oct is Signed E. Enck

NOTES

The enemy appear to be using tracks to the west of our
posn for the direction of KP 2
Japs opened fire on us at approx 0915 hrs with
LMG from their O.P. and also from posn about 200 yds
to our west. Private Pascope was shot in leg at 0930 hrs
Cpl Mehan suffered a cheek graze. We returned
fire with unobtrusive results. Enemy in the meantime
are ~~being~~ under fire from arty. Most shots landed
low & in front as did most of the 3" Mortars.
At 1700 hrs (approx) An attack under cover of Arty Mortar
& MMG fire was made on Jap posn Pakiers Hill which
we observed to be successful. In the meantime
our O.P. (MR 713577) was under fire from Jap posn near
us. One Jap was seen & shot killed trying to infiltrate
us. We moved from our posn & took up another
600 yds down creek with orders to destroy any enemy
coming up URIA CK. Dups pl dug in & spent a quiet
night our relief reported in at 1300 hrs.

F B' bay Summary of Events

From 1500 L 11 to 1300 L 15 Oct.

(FIRI B Coy code name)

DATE	TIME	REMARKS
11	1500L	11PI. 'FIRI' moved up to take up position on 'KINGS' HILL'
	1830	11PI. 'FIRI' moved over to take up position on 'PALLIERS' HILL'
12	0600	Reveille. Quiet night NIL report.
	0830	'FIRI' less 11PI. moved out of Bn area to take up posn. on 'KINGS' HILL'
	1100	'FIRI' arrived on top of 'KINGS' HILL' and took up defensive posn.
	1230	10PI. moved out as escort to carriers train proceeding to 'GUYS POST'
	1530	LIMU 10(A) visited 'FIRI' HQ.
	1630	LIMU 10(A) departed 'FIRI' HQ.
	1830	Warning order received for 'FIRI' to move from area and proceed to 'GUYS POST'
	1900	'FIRI' moved out of area proceeded over 'PALLIERS HILL' and along 'FARIA RIVER'. Going difficult owing to heavy rain and darkness.
	2340	'FIRI' less 10PI. arrived 'GUYS POST' and settled down for remainder of night.
13	0930	'FIRI' less 3 section 10PI. moved out to proceed to 'BEVERAGES POST' thence to clear ridge between 'BEVERAGES POST' and 'HIMI' fwd.
	1200	'FIRI' reached 'BEVERAGES POST'. Lunched
	1300	'FIRI' moved up along ridge then cut down along side of ridge to 'HIMI' fwd.
	1730	'FIRI' reached 'HIMI' fwd and moved round to high ground overlooking ridge. Patrol of 'HIMI' sent fwd. to clear track to 'FIRI'S' proposed posn.
	1800	'HIMI' patrol fired on by ENEMY. Three wounded including LT. PAINE of 'HIMI' since died.
	1830	'FIRI' settled in posn. and dug in fwd of 'B' bay 'HIMI', 'C' Coy 'HIMI' right flank.

B' Coy Summary of Events. Cont.

DATE	TIME	REMARKS
14	0600	Reveille. Quiet night.
	0700	12 PI, 10 PI and part of Coy HQ moved out as fighting patrol to clear ridge between HIMI and BEVERAGES POST. 11 PI to stay in posn and give fire support together with 3" mortar section of HIMI, where possible.
	0845	ENEMY Mountain Gun opened fire on FIRIS posn two shells landed in FIRIS HQ killing C.S.M. A/WO E. MCLENNAN F.F. Other shells landing in Coy area doing NO damage.
	0915	Small ENEMY Patrol (approx strength 3 to 4) sighted on high ground rear of FIRIS' posn. Section of HIMI moved up to high ground but ENEMY had gone.
	0930	11 PI prepared to move out on ridge.
	0945	11 PI received prearranged signal from D.C. FIRI indicating that they had reached unoccupied JAP. O.P. and were moving back and clearing ridge.
	1100	FIRI arrived back to defensive posn. C.S.M. MCLENNAN'S body taken out and buried by Padre HIMI.
	1110	FIRI moved fwd and occupied vacated ENEMY posn.
	1330	DADI moved through FIRIS' area to take over posn from HIMI.
	1540	FIRI moved out of area proceeding back to GUYS' POST.
	1705	FIRI arrived BEVERAGES POST.
	1810	FIRI arrived GUYS POST after heavy going through torrential rain. Settled down for night.
15	0845	FIRI moved out from GUYS POST proceeding back to LIMUS area.
	1300	FIRI arrived LIMUS area.

Harry Grant

Recce Patrol Report

By. DUPO (1 section)

DATE 11 OCT 43

Time Out 0830 hrsTime in 1600 hrsStrength 1 Cpl 7 ptes (~~includ one I sect~~)
Patrol Comd Cpl WAKEFIELD
MAP USED DUMPU 1 inchOBJECT To find and investigate a probable tracks from KUMBARUM to BOGANAN and to 4100 ft feature at 742545, also to see if there was any feature along east bank of URITA RIVER.ANSWER Two well used tracks found going in direction of BOGANAN and hill feature, also observed large high spur running parallel to URITA RIVER.Nature of Country From URITA RIVER to objective very difficult with two re-entrants to cross otherwise heavy climbing.Vegetation Heavy cane for first hours march then into heavy Kunai GrassTracks NO made tracks on any of days march so had to cut our own as we wentRemarks Patrol proceeded along side of re-entrant to 727581 and looking east could see well used track coming out of timber on creek 739580 and going up feature at 40 degrees to top of feature at 734573 where it divided one going due EAST the other going SOUTH along ridge in direction of high feature at 742545. Also observed what appeared to be seven pillboxes at point where track leaves creek bed. They appeared to be unoccupied.

Patrol then proceeded to high feature at 739593 where leading scout was shot at. One shot being fired.

Patrol then pulled back and proceeded around crest of hill to posn at 743596 where two native huts were found. The huts were

OVER.

empty when found but appeared to be used quite recently. While there the patrol was again fired on. Three shots being fired from that position could observe high feature running parallel to URU RIVER. also could see plateau on N bank of river at 727000 also five native huts on ^{NORTH} end of plateau.

Objective was reached at approx 1300 hrs and observations were carried out till 1345 when patrol started back.

On return journey patrol stopped at 733592 and watched tracks that were seen previously.

A party of two whites and three natives all carrying arms were observed projecting up track from creek bed and disappeared behind ridge. Five minutes later same party returned and disappeared into bush on creek bed.

After observing track for 1/2 hour patrol then returned same way as went out.

Reached camp at approx 1600 hrs.

W. Dawes
INT SECT

H OFFENSIVE PATROL REPORT
MADE BY A. COY

DATE 15 Oct 43

TIME OUT 0830/15'

TIME IN 1730/16

STRENGTH 2 + 87

PTL COMD Capt. M. Jones

MAP DUMPU 1"

OBJECT Move North keeping on high ground WEST OF URIA R.
ENGAGE any ENEMY force we can handle, look for tracks
& contact the 16th, returning to camp via the FARIA RIVER.

ANSWER. The patrol kept to the high ground, partly following
old JAP tracks. Passed through two vacated ENEMY positions.
But failed to contact the 16th. NO contact with ENEMY.

ENEMY. No ENEMY were seen. Patrol found more
documents in old ENEMY position below PALLIER'S HILL. The
second position REF 718608 had been of about section strength.
A large fire was observed at 2000 hrs in area of
supposed JAP KEY POINT 3.

NATURE OF COUNTRY

Mostly steep, at times difficult
to climb or descend.

VEGETATION

Mostly timbered with Kunai grass on the high
features. Track making was slow through vines in places.

TRACKS JAP tracks, though numerous in places, were hard
to follow. I think they will mostly link up with main
JAP Log 6 running East to West below the main high
features.

WATER COURSE No new watercourses

TIME 10+0

DATE 23 Oct 43

SIGNED

J. Jones 2/14
I see

II

RECCE PATROL REPORT

MADE BY A COY

APPX 1 (1)

DATE 17/18 OCT

TIME OUT 0800 L/17

TIME IN 1330 L/18

STRENGTH

1 & 6

PTL COMD

Lieut N. Young

MAP DUMPU 1"

OBJECT

Starting from the 16th posn - proceed down Tap
Lo/C going EAST to URIA RIVER. Ascertain if there was any alternative
route leading of this track going N. Contact the 31st & return down URIA RIVER

ANSWER

At REF 724613 there was a little used track going N. Contacted
Lieut Sutherland's pl at REF 74617 & returned down URIA RIVER. At
REF 718612 there were 5 well built ^{huts} partly sawn timber, indicating a
strong key point.

ENEMY

Footprints of Tap shot by 16th patrol that morning were visible.
Evidence of ENEMY movement along track approx over a week old

NATURE OF COUNTRY

There were no steep hills, good walking
through a saddle

VEGETATION

Fairly heavily timbered all the way.

TRACKS

The Tap Lo/C was a well worn, wide but very muddy track

WATER COURSES

Small creek found near REF 718612

TIME

0900

DATE

23 Oct.

SIGNED

Spang Lint

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS
	21 Oct	0830	Capt HAMILTON and party left 2/14 to proceed towards 2/16 Area.	
		1130	Party halted on FARIA River to eat while OC and I man went forward to try and locate new track from FARIA River to 2/16. Track could not be located so I man went forward to contact 2/27 and get position of track	
		1305	Patrol moved off and started climbing up BUFFALO RIDGE. Going up track was very difficult and in places men had to pull themselves up steep slippery banks with roots et c.	
		1600	Patrol reached top of BUFFALO RIDGE and OC went forward to contact 2/16 B n	
		1630	Moved through 2/16 area and moved along Jap mule track to a position approx 1000 yds from their area	
		1730	Reached position and relieved SP of 2/16 at village 723613. Through night voices and movement were heard down gully below our positions NOT identified.	
OCT 22		0830	Patrol moved out along from position along mule track running approx East. Mule track very muddy in places with stray pieces of harness and Jap Equip. along track.	
		0900	Party halted 734614 near old Jap, position and while investigating positions OC found well definite track recently used foot running off NW from mule track. Further investigations found track leading South to new track crossed mule track. Four men sent out to investigate North track with 1/4 hour out and on returning reported that track appeared to lead on to high feature North of 2/16 positions. Movement along track slow owing to heavy going and also keeping a good lookout by forward scouts.	
		1105	Head of patrol reached FARIA River and OC immediately sent out recon parties to establish if the area was KP3. Small bridge over river. 2i/c and Pl	

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS
	22	1105	were to leave OC at the point and proceed along track running South. Patrol was sent forward to try and find track and report back to 2 i/c that track was found.	
		1330	2i/c and Pl left to proceed along track but track went along for about 500 yards then petered out, so party returned and again sent out recon parties to try and locate track. Patrols were not successful. One patrol proceeded down river for approx 1 mile but returned without having found track.	
		1430	Section patrol under Cpl REICHMAN sent along mule track to try and find and investigate any tracks and also to investigate enemy positions which were sighted earlier by one of 2 i.c.'s patrols. Section Patrol sent back along track to DADI to establish line communications.	
		1600	Cpl REICHMAN'S Patrol returned and reported having found deserted Jap Positions at point Ref 751621 Positions were well dug in with boxes of grenades and ammunition stacked along side fox holes. Jap grave was also found which appeared to be only 4 to 5 days old.	
		1930	Patrol establishing line communications returned but wire was found to be too short to reach our positions.	
	23	0830	Cpl HAMPTON and section patrolled back along mule track to investigate track leading North discovered previous day. Sgt MILLER and 4 ORs patrolled forward along mule track to find and investigate possible Jap Track leading North from Mule Track. A Patrol of 4 moved North along River from KP3.	
		0900	Cpl TURNLEY and 4 ORs contacted 2/16 Bn in an endeavour to obtain extra wire for line communications. All patrols were late starting this morning owing to lack of communications with BHQ, Sigs experiencing difficulty in making contact during night.	

1545 Cpl HAMPTON'S Patrol returned reporting that

positions were dug all along track and at approx 1000 yards fresh Jap footprints were noticed in mud. Footprints were leading down track, were estimated to have been made by 6 men, then turned back. Patrol proceeded along track climbing all the way and reached a point where Japs had recently camped. Fires were still hot so position had apparently been vacated just before our troops arrived. Footprints were lost here, patrol searched for possible track leading from position without success and Patrol Leader assumed that Japs had scattered into the bush. Position probably used as Observation Post as it commanded view of 2/14, 2/16 and 2/27 Bns. No enemy sighted.

1615 Sgt MILLER and patrol returned but they could not find track.

Oct 24 0800 Capt HAMILTON and party went out on patrol along mule track to KP4 to try and find possible track leading North.

0830 Sgt MILLER and section patrolled back along track previously investigated by Capt HAMILTON to confirm if place was used as OP. Map Ref 730623.

1545 Sgt MILLER and patrol returned and reported same as previous patrol and he also tried to pinpoint position on map.

1745 Capt HAMILTON returned and reported that he had found possible second L of C of Japs. After patrol started they came across a very big dumping point at 7560 and considered that possibly KP4. Many large dumps and huts were in the area. From that point a track runs East for 1000 yds then turns North and another runs approx S.E. about 500 yds further on. At this point OC patrol met 2 i/c patrol. 2 i/c patrol went along South track and OC went along east track.

TRACK REPORT OF JAP L O F G FROM URIA RIVER TO SULAMAI RIVER2/14 Aust Inf Bn
26 OCT 43VOL XLII
Appx 6MAP USED DUMPU: 1" - 1 MilePATROL STRENGTH 1 Offr 30 ORs and 11 CarriersTIME TAKEN Left URIA RIVER 1500L/23
Reached SULAMAI RIVER 1130L/25TRACK REPORTYOUNG'S TO MOTO'S POST

TIME TAKEN 2 hrs
NATURE Muddy with little drainage - mud 6" deep.
GRADIENTS Varying from 1 in 4 to 1 in 10 over steep hill for 400 yards, followed by level ground for 800 yards then a steep descent of 1 in 4 to MOTO'S POST.
OBSTACLES Numerous trees left standing in middle of track also logs lying across it.
WIDTH Averaging 6'.
RIVER CROSSINGS URIA Left Fork - good bridge 5' wide made of logs covered partly with soil. 4' above water. 12' long. Right Fork - Similar 13' log bridge. On East side of bridge wooden steps lead up steep bank to MOTO'S POST.

MOTO'S POST TO LEVETT'S POST

TIME TAKEN 6½ hours.
NATURE Rough muddy track, very little drainage in parts. Track condition generally bad, mud 6" deep slope of ranges.
GRADIENTS Immediately after leaving MOTO'S POST track goes up steep hill of approx 1 in three for 700 yards and to LEVETT'S POST it leads mostly this side of range.
OBSTACLES Numerous trees and small watercourses across it.
WIDTH 8' maximum - 3' minimum
RIVER CROSSINGS Approx 300 yards West LEVETT'S POST track crosses river 6' wide small wooden bridge over it.

LEVETT'S POST TO KP5

TIME TAKEN 2½ hours.
NATURE Heavy mud knee deep for 800 yards, further along track improves.
GRADIENTS 1 in 6 downhill.
OBSTACLES Three dried watercourses with wooden bridges across 5' wide 6' long.

KP5 to SULAMAI

TIME TAKEN 3½ hours.
NATURE SIMILAR to LEVETT'S POST TO KP5.
GRADIENTS " " " " "
OBSTACLES Track leads along above West Bank of river and a landslide has broken it for a distance of approx 100 Yards.
RIVER CROSSINGS Bridge across SULAMAI partly blown. River is 15 yards wide, 4' deep. Very Strong current.

SULAMAI TO DUMPU

TIME TAKEN 4 hours.
NATURE Very flat and servicable.

NOTE: At 736549 two graves were passed one of them being marked with unit identity (2/33 Bn)

GENERAL

1. I consider the track to be totally unsuitable to be made into a jeep track.
2. At kunai clearing Ref: 803558 numerous 2" Mortar Bombs and 36 Grenades had been left. Also about 8 large shovels.
3. Gear left at the KPs by the Japanese consisted mainly of Respirators Grenades Ammunition and clothing.
4. I found several diaries and maps which have been handed into I.O. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
5. There was no evidence of any recent Jap movement along this L of C.

.....Lieut
(V X35782)
Patrol Comd

— APPENDIX TO LEVETTS REPORT —

1:63560

JAP L of C

PATROLLED 23-25 OCT



LEGEND

- JAP L of C
- ==== JEEP TRACK
- OTHER TRACKS
- NB * TRACK CONSIDERED JEEPALE TO THIS POINT.

SUPERIMPOSE
DUMPU 1 INCH

26 OCT 43
INT SEC
2/14 BN

OBJECT - **K**

Appx 1 (K)

To recce track followed by 2/33 Bn and to find out whether it is suitable for jeep track.

Ref DUMPU 1" 1 mile

Patrol Comd Lieut P LEVETT

TIME	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
1130	23 Oct	Arrived at UR IA RIVER - 746618 Sgt's GORE'S section recce'd KP 3. Position looked as though it had not been occupied for about a week. It consisted of well built fox-holes and huts Respirators were disgarged and a good deal of Ammo left lying about.
1200		Reported area clear of Japs, Two ors and Int. Guide moved up track for about 900 yds to look for a branch track to the right going in a Southern direction. 2/33 Bn were supposed to have gone due South from KP3
1230-1300		Lunch at river.
1330		Pl moved along L of C for approx 1 mile but as track still followed Easterly direction returned to UR IA River
1430 -1700		Area vicinity 746618 was scoured for sign of track. 3 Rec ce patrols were sent out without success.
1730		Decided to stay in area for night.
0900	24 Oct 43	Sgt's GORE'S section with Int guide sent out on patrol along L of C - Object to, move along track for approx 1 1/2 hour and try to find track branching to south.
1230		Returned to B ivouac area no success.
1330		By this time a line was sent through from 2/16 Bn positions. A message was received from the Adjt that track may be three or four hours ahead along L of C
1345		The Pl moved off along track again.
1700		Arrived at an other KP on river shown on map This was as far as the patrol had gone in the morning It was thought that this was really KP 3 as it was bigger than previous KP. Made camp for tonight.
1900		Scouted area in case track left this posn. Amule was seen in area.

DATE TIME SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION

25 0630 Reveille

0800 Moved off - track very muddy and steep during morning.

1200 Lunch near KP4. Boong and dog tracks were seen during morning.

At lunch time a native was seen running into bush. A patrol was sent out to try and find him but was unsuccessful. In this area a horse in bad condition was found.

1315 Moved off - s ruck track branching off to the right. Here I.O. was met, gave information about track. Here the L of C took a distinct turn to South.

1415 KP4 Reached. Very dirty. No sign of Japs. Good track leading North from here patrolled by Capt HA MILTON.

1420 Track very muddy, now going downhill. Going difficult, track still
1600 going South.

1700 Stopped at 792585 for night.

26 0630 26 Reveille

0800 Moved off

0900 Reached another KP, dirty state

0915 Track improved considerably. Reached 2/33 Bn Cemetery at 801554.

0930 Passed a dump of 3" Mortar bombs

0935 Passed dump of 20 grenades, tin hats left by 2/33 Bn

0945 Reached clearing - old Jap defensive position. 4 bridges crossed.

1030 Sighted SURINAM RIVER.

1145 Crossed river 785532 - Lunch
1300

1315 Moved off, followed track along river

1600 Recrossed river 738498

1715 Reached DUMPU. Here Pl was left for night. OC returned to unit
by Jeep.

LIEUT DE VETT'S REPORT

Jap L of C unsuitable for jeeps.

R ECCE REPORT

Appx 1 (4)

DATE: 28 OCT 43

STRENGTH: 16 Pl. Strength 15 under Comd Lt AVERY.. Time out: 0800 hrs
Time In: 1700 hrs.

OBJECT: Ascertain direction, condition and other information concerning track from HAMILTON'S POST Easterly to vicinity of SURINAM RIVER.

ANSWER: Track reced to a point about 1½ miles Easterly on high spur.

ENEMY: About 1½ miles along track Jap was seen up a tree distance 600 yards across gorge, who on seeing our movement disappeared.

TRACK: Small foot pad, steep gradients and leads onto various creeks which are tributaries of the SURINAM RIVER (which runs SE) About one mile from HAMILTON'S POST the track headed ENE (Approx) up a high spur. This track is not shown on map. A mile an hour would be good travelling for men lightly equipped.

WATERCOURSES: All are fordable and fast running in a NE to E direction.

TIME: 1000 hrs
30 OCT 43

G C GOSSCHALK Pte
Int Sec DUPO

No map references can be given until further information concerning accuracy of map used is ascertained.

Track appears to be original native pad connecting various localities.

RECCO REPORT

Appx 1 (M)

M BY DUPO 16 and 17 Pls FROM LEVETT'S POST.

TIME OUT: 0845 hrs 28 OCT 43

TIME IN: 1630 hrs 31 OCT 43

STRENGTH: 1 Offr 2 Sigs 2 ORs 2 Carriers. Pl Comd: Lieut AVERY
MAP USED: DUMPU 1" to 1 mile

OBJECT: To ascertain the direction, condition and nature of track leading to North and approx 1 3/4 miles West from LEVETT'S POST along L of C to 2/16 Bn

ANSWER Found to be main KANKIRYO Mule Track in good condition and going approx North.

ENEMY 4 stray Japs encountered near KANKIRYO Turn-off who promptly went bush.

TRACK Is definitely a mule track with extensive side cuttings and numerous bridges crossing main creeks. The track is in good condition as it has not been used for a few weeks. There is evidence of a hurried retreat by Japs along track by the presence of dumped equipment. The track continues North to a point about 1 1/2 miles where a Jap Staging Camp had been erected but now burnt down. The track would become very muddy and difficult with extensive usage. One or two fairly steep gradients are encountered to this Jap Staging Camp and two native gardens are passed through to this stage. The largest bridge on track towards staging Camp has been destroyed by Japs and at one or two points it would appear that the Japs have fallen two or three large trees across track to impede our movements. From a ~~point~~ point about 1 1/2 miles from the main turn-off and where the burnt huts are already described the track continues for about 1 1/3rd miles going up a fairly steep grade. Another track leading North was noticed about 1 mile from Jap burnt Camp and not far from the place reached before Pl had to return, a mule track going West towards (presumed) 2/16 Bn area. On the return journey past the Jap burnt camp it was noticed that another small foot bridge had been destroyed while the patrol was forward.

WATERCOURSES - Various small and three fairly large creeks, all fordable were crossed - running to the SW (URIA RIVER).

TIME: 0000 hrs
2 NOV 43

G C GOOSCHALK Pte
Int Section DUPO Coy

PATROL REPORT

STRENGTH

1-30
1 Boong Carrier

DATE

27 Oct 43

Patrol Comd Lieut N YOUNG
Map used DUMPU 1.63360

TIME OUT - 0830L/25

TIME IN - 1730L/ 27

ROUTE OUT -

Up URIA River following right tributary to WATSON'S TRACK
hence to, LEVETT'S POST.

ROUTE IN -

Returning same way.

COMMUNICATION -

Wire was laid by party of Sigs and Boong Carriers, travelling
with patrol, to LEVETT'S POST. Contact was maintained within
the patrol with two 108 Sets.

OBJECT.-

To leave one section as base at LEVETT'S POST and proceed with
two sections up HAMILTON'S TRACK going NNE and recessaid track
over The DIVIDE. The time to be two days out and two days back
from LEVETT'S POST.

ANSWER -

Owing to patrol meeting Enemy within LEVETT'S POST. I was
ordered on the morning of the 26th to occupy The DIVIDE
top Map Ref 778608 now known as YOUNG'S SADDLE (HAMILTONS
RIDGE). This was done by 1200L /26. On being relieved
by 16 Pl to return to LEVETT'S POST and contact the balance
of D Coy. This was done by 1100L/27. Returned to camp
1730L/27.

ENEMY -

A party of Japs were met 10 minutes out from LEVETT'S POST
conservative estimated strength 10 to 15 although forward
scouts claim there were 20 to 30. No shots were fired and ~~xxxx~~
evidently Japs dispersed to the low ground west of track
Single Japs were seen around LEVETT'S POST and another
observed from YOUNG'S SADDLE about 20 minutes up track.
The Japs were probably of the same party encountered early
along the track. One Jap was killed by patrol within LEVETT'S
POST This Jap was evidently not one of the force met.

NATURE OF COUNTRY -

Mostly hilly to steep and climbing nearly all the way
From YOUNG'S SADDLE one looks down on all but the highest

NATURE OF COUNTRY -

features and looking NE across about a 900 ft gorge into very precipitous, rugged country, possibly the watershed to the BANAGA RIVER.

TRACKS -

The track up, from the URIA River proved to be fairly hard going for fully loaded troops. Total time up was 7 hours, including halts - 4 hours from the river. The track up from LEVETT'S POST up to YOUNG'S SADDLE was an easy grade approx 3/4 a mile taking 1 hour. Returning we found the URIA RIVER in part flood and difficult to ford. Taking three hours along river to camp.

VEGETATION -

Mostly timbered with occasional KUNAI spurs.

WATER COURSES -

Apart from small creeks running towards URIA RIVER nothing of ^{note} ~~note~~.

REMARKS -

In my opinion LEVETT'S POST and the approach along well used tracks over YOUNG'S SADDLE is of strategic value and occupied by us in time to forestall the same move by the Japs. That of the re-occupying this area. Japs encountered probably slept at LEVETT'S POST area on the night of the 25 Oct 43.

Signed N H YOUNG

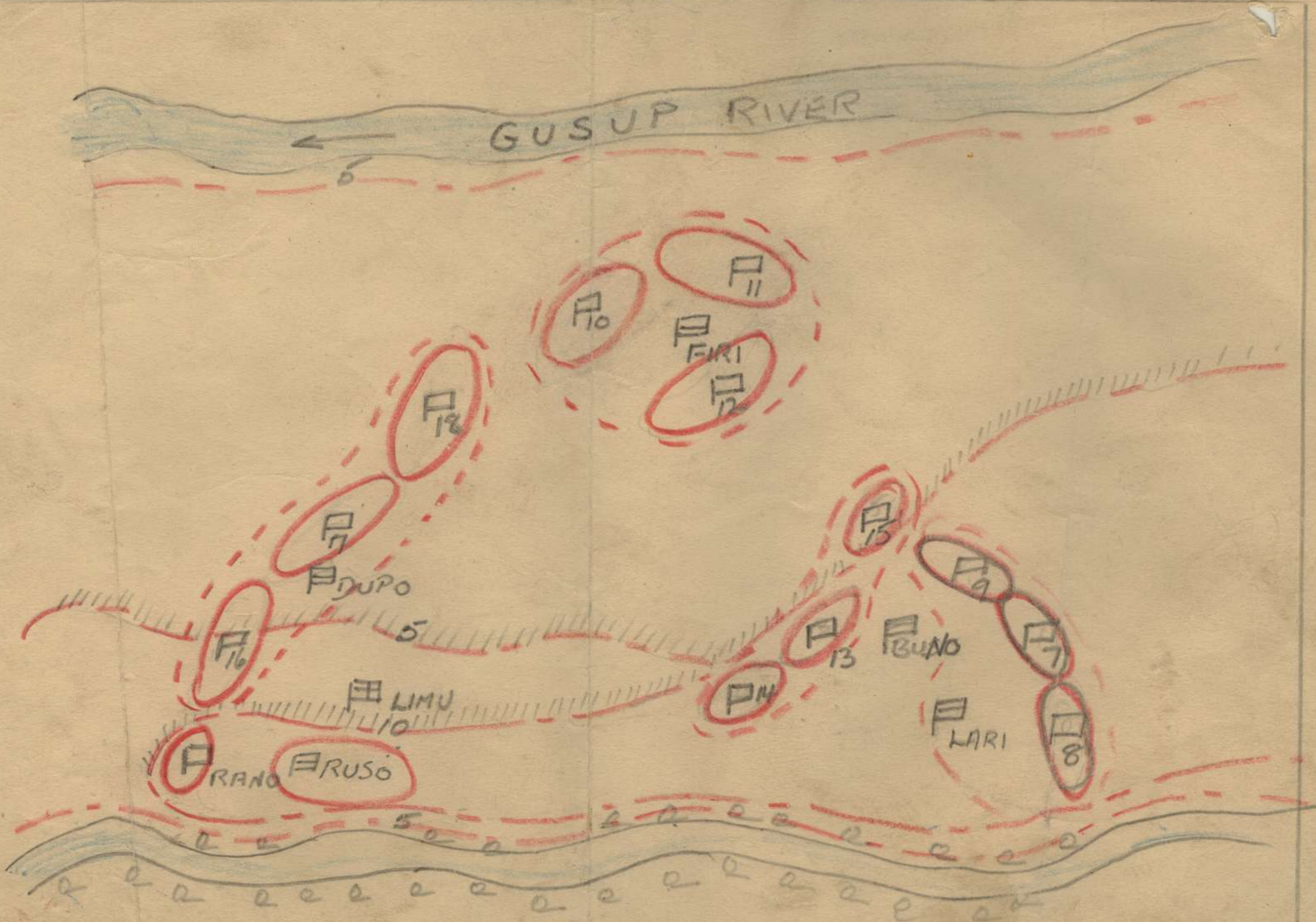
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LIMU DISPOSITIONS. 2-3 OCT 43

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2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
WAR DIARY
XLII APP. 2A



Scale 1" to 110'

V.I. 5'

Date 2 OCT 43
 Visibility Good
 Bearings Compass
 Distances Paces
 Time taken 1 HR
 HW Fielding

KUMBARUM AREA

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APPENDIX 2(C)

ENLARGED FROM DUMPU SHEET 1"

POSNS OCCUPIED BY 2/14 BN
70 — FROM 10 OCT 71 TO OCT — 72



* HIGH FEATURE

← DAILY PATROLS ESCORTING CARRIERS

AVERY'S POST (STANDING PATROL)

THREE PIMPLE HILL

PALLYERS HILL

KINGS HILL

TWO SECS PROTECTING ARTY

THIS SEC POST FROM 13 TO 18 OCT

SILVER HILL

COY AREAS

SCALE 1" TO 440 YDS

V.I. 100'

NOTE (1) POSNS OF COYS ON HIGH FEATURES AND STANDING PATROLS INTERCHANGED EVERY 48 HOURS

(2) B.H.Q. & H.Q. COY AREAS CONSTANT

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EYE SKETCH of FARIA RIVER and URIA RIVER WATERSHED

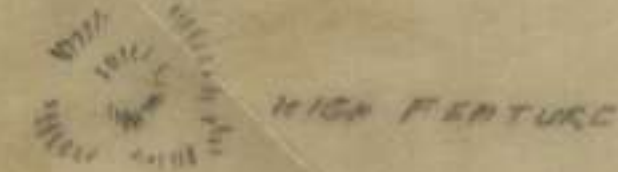
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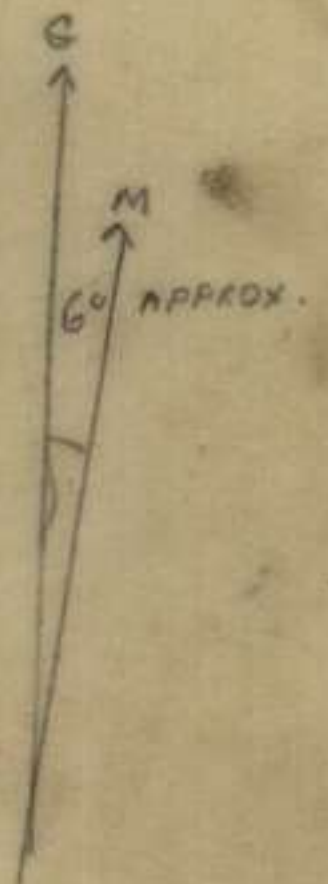
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PROVISIONAL MAP

DUMPU SHEET 1 INCH to 1 MILE



HIGH FEATURE



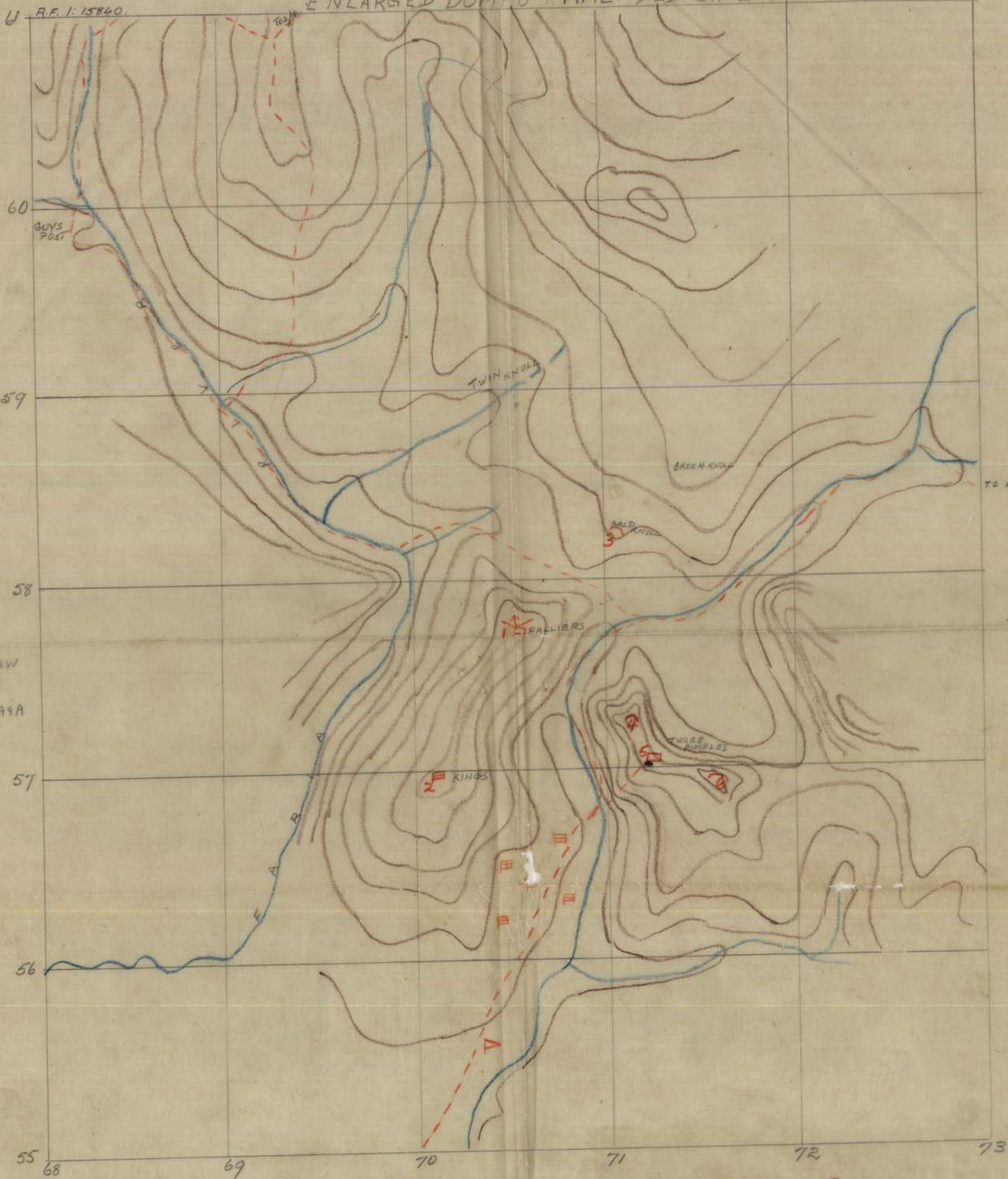
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--- PROBABLE TRACKS

SCALE 1 INCH to 880 yds.

DATE	18 Oct '43
TIME TAKEN	2 1/2 hrs.
BEARINGS	BAID
DISTANCES	APPROXIMATE
VISIBILITY	3000
HEIGHTS	APPROX
DRAWN BY	G. GOSCHALKI
TRACED BY	F. P. KNIBBE R.E.

KUMBARUM AREA
DISPOSITIONS MAP (ONE BN)

ENLARGED DUMPU AMENDED SHEET 1"



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07 SILVER'S HILL

Scale 4 Ins. to 1 Mile

V. 100'

- 1 2 SEC. 300 YDS. - P.M.A.
- 2 COY. HQ.
- 3 INCO + 6 OR'S
- 4 1 SEC. 1 PROTAGONIAN
- 5 P.F. HQ
- 6 1 SEC.
- 7 INCO + 6 OR'S

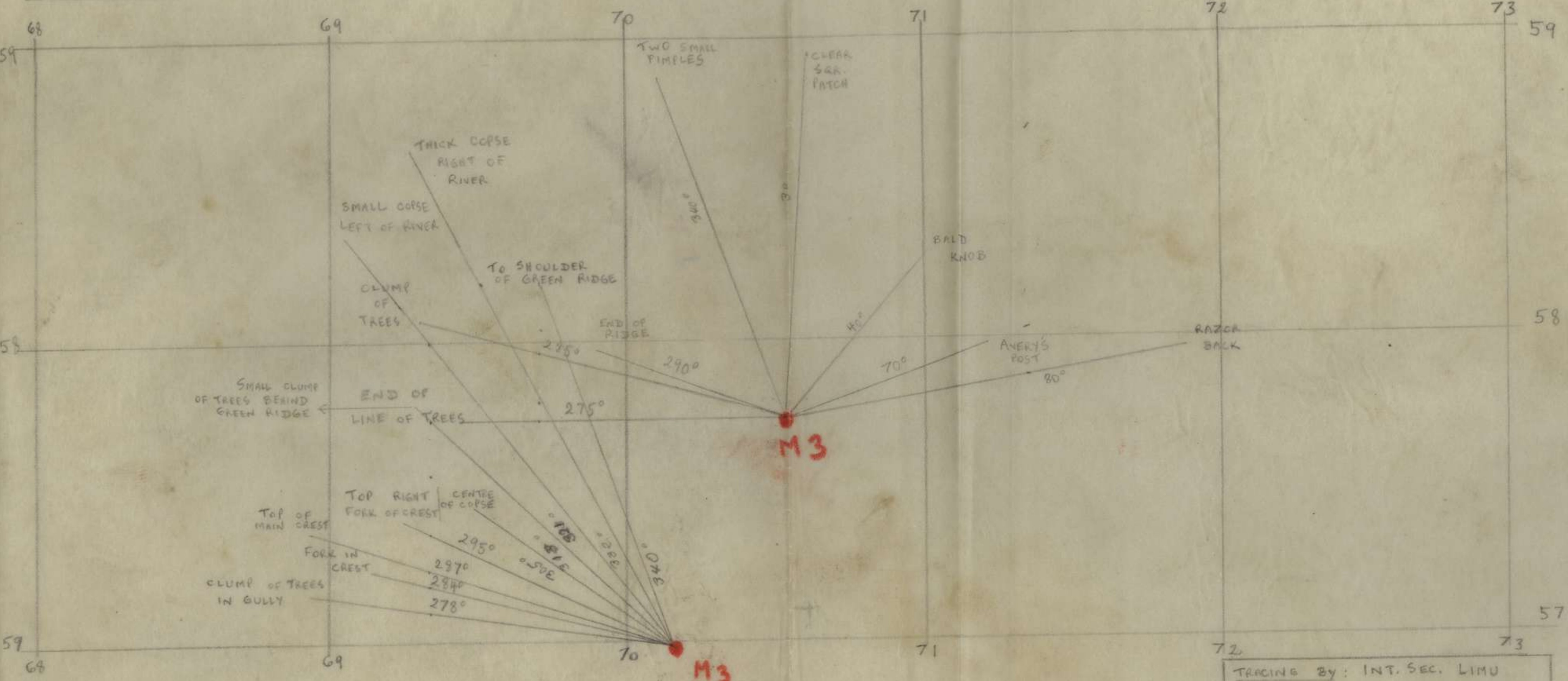
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DIRECTION: Compass
FORM LINES: Eye
COMPALED BY: Sgt J.C. LNU.

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LIMU MORTAR FIRE PLAN

SUPERIMPOSED ENLARGEMENT FROM DUMPY 1 INCH AMENDED SHEET

R.F. 1:15,840



SCALE: 4 INCHES TO 1 MILE

TRACING BY: INT. SEC. LIMU
COMPILED BY: N°3 (MORTAR) PL. LIMU
DATE: 6 NOV. 43
METHOD: COMPASS - RANGEFINDER

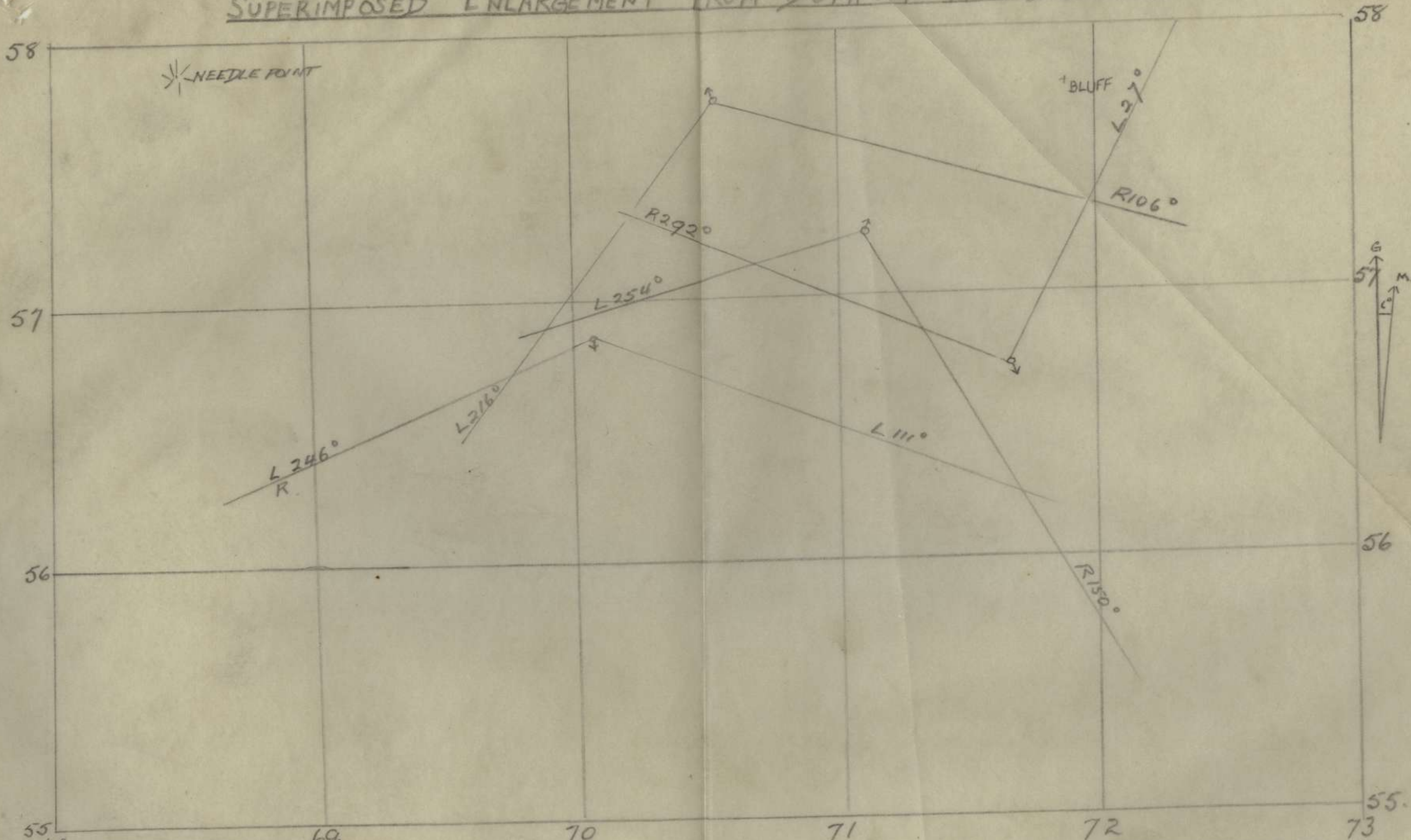
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2/14 AUST INF BN. MMG. FIRE PLAN

SUPERIMPOSED ENLARGEMENT FROM DUMPU 1" AMENDED SHEET



68 R - RIGHT OF ARC
 L - LEFT OF ARC.
 NOTE ALL BEARINGS TRUE.
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Scale 4" to 1 MILE

TRACED BY: INT SEC
 LIMU
 COMPILED BY: NO 2 PL, HQ COY.
 DATE: 6 NOV 43

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MONTH of OCTOBER '43.

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OUT

1 OCT. 43

ACTION TAKEN

ORIG. No	To	T.O. O	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN
A 23	all boys	0730	All boys to adv. to ARIFGAN CREEK at 0700 ^h as ordered. O Day to adv. under orders from IVAN when task completed	
A 23	all boys	1610	following disciplinary action measures to be made clear & enforced in all ranks. One. NO water to be consumed without sterilising, jump on habit of drinking from tin hats while on the move. Dress during all moves shirt, slacks tucked in garters. No smoking on move. When obstacles are met during adv. scout should receive alternative crossing so that long column is not delayed. O fire O water discipline must be observed. O disciplinary action must be taken against offenders. O breaches of good conduct will prevent proficiency pay being drawn for six months.	
A 24	all boys	1700	commencing 1800 ^h / two salt tablets per day to be consumed by all pers. O if heavy work or marching is being carried out four tablets per day	
A 25	IVAN	1705	unable to submit fd. return week ending 1 Sep owing to unavailability of forms for evacuation of clerk from REAR DETAILS	

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4 OCT 43

ACTION TAKEN

ORIG NO TO TOO.

130

TO
WANI

INFORMATION

Reached objective 1400L @ FIRI patrol up creek bed from
WANI PUN found at 814460 evacuated JAP posns with
fresh tracks leading into hills @ excreta in latrines
indicated that the Jap was there today.

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IN

DATE: 6-7-8
OCT. 43

UNIT: LIMU
PLACE: KUMBARUM

ACTION TAKEN

ORIGINATOR No	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	FROM	INFM RECEIVED	ACTION TAKEN
QX 30	1315/6	1400	IVAN	The following signal has been received from 7 Aust. Div - Records advises that casualties returns particularly with respect to battle casualties are not being rendered - Units will ensure that these returns are lodged as soon as possible	
QX 37	1510/6	-	do.	Recommendations for placing on R.S.L. of offrs evacuated to be submitted w/o delay - R.S.L. maybe anticipated if absence will be longer than 28 days - Requests to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 7 Oct 43	
QX 36	1530/6	1546	do.	C. in C. requires volunteer offrs for Parachute Bn - Capt or Lieut with experience in command of 2 1/2 coy and recommended for promotion to Capt required - recent experience not essential - signal full particulars and qualifications - any offr volunteering and recommended by you - NIL returns required - Returns to reach this HQ by 8 Oct. 43	
OR 1	-/7	-	do	QX 32278 Pte CARD B.W. was to 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. M.D.S. with dysentery 30 Sep.	
OR 2	0600/8	-	do.	Please advise total No of Japs killed by Unit - Advise again as figure increases - Advise total No of malarial or suspected malarial evacuations since Unit moved fwd - on back of each day's strength state where there are evacuations; under AY, note No of these evacuations which are malaria or suspected malaria - where the strength state shows reinforcements marched in under B, note on back of state how many of these are returns from hospital, who had previously been evacuated under AY - where state shows battle casualties, show on back of state type of casualty, e.g. K.I.A., W.I.A., etc.	
QX 49	1810/8	-	do.	Owing to limited availability of natives, units are requested to advise their requirements by 1700 hrs each night	

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DYES 6 OCT.

IN
OUT

Unit

A PLON TAKEN

ORIG NO	TCR	TO FROM	TOO	INFORMATION PROMULGATED	RECEIVED
T37		IVAN	1855	Situa to 1845 O C. Coy patrol to BEBEI contacted 2/2 patrol who reported RAMU Valley clear of enemy from KESTAWAI O BOOY patrol contacted HIMI and reported DUMPU - HAMBARUM track clear O One man accidentally killed.	
T36		IVAN	0735	SIT REP to 0600K/60 SIT NOIR	

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Date 7 Oct

IN
OUT

Unit

ORIG NO	TCR	TO FROM	TOO	INFORMATION PROMULGATED RECEIVED	ACTION TAKEN
638		IVAN 1815		SITREP No 1 to 18004/76 Section patrol to H1041 reported LOC to H1M1 clear @ Al patrol east to ref DUMI-V 1' 752515 reported reported tracks in high ground not visible @ patrol fired on by 6 gaps near SUHAMAI R. estimate 2 casualties on enemy @ own casualties 1 wounded	

UNIT : LIMU
PLACE : KUMBARUM

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DATE: 7-13
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ORIGIN No	TO	TO	INFM	PROMULGATED	REMARKS
A 24	1620/7	all Coy Bn HQ			1- coy comds to RV LIMU 1800 today - 2) utmost care and supervision must be maintained by all ranks in care against accidents from SMD's and Grenades, etc... mags NOT to be left on and grenades NOT thrown about unless at ENEMY
A 25	1125/8	do.			1) Coys must ensure that adequate security measures are maintained at all times - the JAP is known to have offensive patrols operating in the area and we must NOT be surprised - 2) subject to obligations such as parks, parks, etc every opportunity for rest, washing, shaving and observance of malarial discipline, bug drill and water discipline taken - 3) Itch in time makes none - scratches, tinea, sore feet, other minor ailments should be treated regularly when opportunity offers -
A 26	1130/8	IVAN			Return volunteers for subservive ops. Sent SARGENT and approx. 100 OR's
A 27	1245/10	DUPO			Standing patrol 48 hrs, strength one pl. to occupy log br. area at 718 589 and conduct small local patrols fwd - move from here with all gear, 2 days' hard rations 1330/L - one sig. to move with patrol and collate all infm regarding tracks, topo, ENEMY, etc. - Patrol stays in posn until relieved - will probably pass JONES returning - dek
A 28	1055/10	all coys			1) all pers to have pits or fox-holes - 2) area thoroughly cleaned and rubbish, old latrines covered over, new latrines, rubbish holes prepared - 3) all tents, etc. camouflaged - 4) infm. HIMI killed approx 20 JAPS 9 Oct - Bn attack on BOGANON 10 Oct - mail, etc. expected today - DUPO standing patrol at 718589 - Bnrs working on HIMI L of C - 5) Water discipline: NO bathing or washing between hrs 0700-0830 L.
A 29	1055/13	do.			Bn NGF order A 1390, Unit is unable to make stoppages for shortages submitted recently without the person responsible being charged - no action will be taken re shortages submitted - in future any person responsible for shortage will be charged

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DATE	TO FROM	TOO	IN	ACTION TAKEN
QX58	IVAN	1300/9	Most secret @ The attached signal received from 7 Aust Div is fwded for information	
A2605	7AUSTDIV	2335/8	Replenishment personnel 7 Aust Div @ Wastage fwd area to date from B6 and sick approx 850 @ Have 200 returned & lit in NOB group and approx 200 gen rnts vide order NE/237 of 2 Oct @ Request arrange despatch by air to NADZAB 400 personnel for units fwd area on priority above other th movement @ Please advise urgently @ Request N.G.F. pass copy NE/237 to LOTS group and arrange move rnts to ARTD to LOTS earliest	
QX59	IVAN	1610/9	SECRET @ The evacuations due to malaria since the bde arrived at NADZAB are far too high @ Units must ensure that anti malarial precautions are strictly adhered to at all times @ Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders	
QX60	IVAN	1610/9	Units are reminded that any immediate honours and awards for recent fighting must be forwarded as soon as possible	

Oct 8.

S/N	FROM	TO	INFORMATION RECEIVED
1411 201	BUND	1235	108. Not receiving very well. Relaying this through IVAN @ work will be completed FMT 11 Oct
065	IVAN	1430	Am very concerned at increase in malarial cases requires extreme disciplinary action must be taken against personnel. Not taking precautions
01	FIRI 10	1600	FIRI in position 1100 L @ dog adamant @ contacted IVAN @ re rations well advised me @ PG TROTTER will be coming down per jeep with fuel @ extra drums for cooking owing to carry for water would be appreciated @ suggest you check back on source of rations at time @ IVAN @ was NOT sure at time @ also if possible require extra R.A.P. load
INT. 64	IVAN	2130	SITREP to 2000 L/8 @ LIMU Patrol to SURINAM RIVER area located abandoned enemy posn at 755530 @ suspected enemy O.P. on feature 742546 @ HIMI D Coy attacked early hours 8 Oct at approx 693603 cas enemy 3 known killed own killed and two wounded @ patrol along VAIA river valley fired on approx 720593 2 Dns wounded BODI patrol moving to relieve HIMI platoon also fired on approx 105001 cas 10 killed 200 wounded @ enemy strength not known but carry L.M.G.'s GRENADE DISCHARGER @ 25 bde advise 1 by 2/33 bn will continue patrol up track 717527 9 Oct

Dates 8 Oct 51

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IVAN 0855

following pers. were evacuated from Lt. Sect. FD AMB
on 7 Oct 43 O VX 59874 Pte RWINE, OX 39699 Pte SMITH E

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coys

one of Coys must ensure that adequate security measures are maintained at all times. The Gap is known to have offensive patrols operating in the area and we must not be surprised. Two subject to obligations such as working parties, patrols etc every opportunity for rest, washing, shaving and observing of material precautions discipline, hygiene drill and water discipline taken. Three "stitch" in time saves nine, scratches, linea rosea feet & other minor ailments should be treated regularly while opportunity offers.

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IVAN 1855

SITREP 3 to 1900 W 80 FIRI moved to KUMBARUM 0730 hrs

C. Coy working on NO 2 strip D. Coy on creek crossing

Patrol from H. Coy moved up feature 4100 reported enemy movements at 743546 and found documents & equipment at 762522.

FIRI 2000

Return messenger Dogt MISTER to LIMU govt

9. Oct

FROM 100
1 VDN 2036

INFORMATION RECEIVED

SITREP to 2000K/9 @ LIMU patrol to 45535 report enemy construction of possible gun position at 742 545 @ Tac/R to observe morning 10 Oct DADI patrol reached posn 675610 @ HIMI in contact small enemy parties between 629603 and 718613 @ HIMI killed for night at 718613 astride track on high ground overlooking small village to KAST @ result opo today enemy 8 killed own casualties, killed 3 wounded @ BOOI NO report @ one Coy 2/33 Bn moving up well worn track to GORUMBU reached 797567 1010K/9

Date 9 Oct

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LARI
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1440

Voluntary church parades will be held in camp areas tomorrow at the following times LARI 0815 DUPO 0845 RUSO and BNHQ 0915

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139	LARI 1730 Dupo Bomo Dupo Tupo	TOO	Carly H Q will ensure that unit designation is exceeded from all rept all mail and Luent's everying designation NOT sufficient
138	LARA' 1330 FIRI Bomohit 1200 1170	TOO	one @ all pers to have pits or fore holes @ two @ Area thoroughly cleared and rubbish old latrines covered over new latrines rubbish holes prepared @ trees @ all pans tents etc camouflaged @ few @ infm @ HIMI killed approx 20 laps 9 Oct @ Bn attack on BOGANON 10 Oct @ mail etc expected today @ Dupo standing patrol at 71259 @ Pno working on HIMI of @ few @ water discipline, No bathing or washing between 0830 h 1100 h 1330 h 1700 h 1800 h
140	IXAN 1835	TOO	SITREP 1830 K/10 @ LIMU arrived KUMBARUM 0915 BUNO 1030 @ FIRI patrol took over from BODI patrol KING'S HILLS @ patrol up URIA river left 1130 h reached 730 594 No contact islandina patrol one pl seti fwd of HIMI on URIA river @ OP seti THREK PIMPLES 71250 @ section patrol to rear approach to track KUMBARUM BOGANAN @ found start possible back

10 Oct

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25 Bde

Qx41503 BRILEY NO died of wounds at GUSAP medical Post
No personal effects with man & identification by 3118

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143	IVAN	1909/12	Sitrep no 13. to 1800L/12 PL patrol to BUYS DUMP reported to JFC clear at 1245 hrs Section patrol plotted route to BUYS DUMP Standing patrol at 715580 relieved at 1330 hrs PL patrol to relieve HIMI guard at BUYS DUMP departed LIMU at 1400 hrs Section patrol on high feature SE LIMU.	
144	IVAN	0700/13	SITREP NO 14 to 0700L/13 FIRI arrived BUYS POST approx 2230 hrs Role of FIRI one pl fighting patrol high ground EAST FAKIA river one pl escort to HIMI carried train Platoon from RUSD now protection pl at BUYS DUMP.	
145	TOML COYS	1645/13	Sitrep to 1600L/13 12 Oct HIMI counted 92 Jap bodies in battle area HIMI casualties 7 killed 28 wounded 8 of which were stretcher cases 13 Oct DADI will relieve HIMI LIMU SITNORO 33 Bn unsuccessfully attacked this morning DOBBANAN area.	
29	All Coys	1055/13	by NCF order A390 unit is liable to make stoppages for shortages submitted without the person responsible being charged. No action will be taken re stoppages submitted. In future any pers responsible for shortage will be charged.	
31	All Coys	1357/13	Felt hats will be removed. Helmets still will be retained and used for op tasks. Coys will enforce that hats be dampened & correctly shaped & worn correctly.	
32	All Coys	1500/13	Coys to ensure inspection made of all chargers & amm in clips. These must be maintained in oiled & shatter condition grenades inspected. Report by 1500L 14 Oct stating if all amm in good condition and	
46	IVAN	1920/13	Sitrep 15 1500L/13 FIRI moved into position at BEVERIDG. Other will sit on.	

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DATE 14 OCT.

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A1	ALL COYS	1015	Immediate steps will be taken to clean area of this letter etc. The practice of digging shallow latrines will cease forthwith. Latrines will be five feet deep and not more than 18 inches wide. Steps will be taken to cover pit with bags and or wood. Hygiene Sgt will be around to-day to give advice.		Coys informed
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A2	ALL COYS	1315	All fox holes and slit trenches containing or liable to contain stagnant water will be filled in forthwith. This order applies to main LIMU area and NOT to three pimple hill KINGS hill or PALLIERS hill or standing patrol area		do
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T48	IVAN	1815	Sitrep 17 1800 4/14. AVERY'S patrol found vacated jap pens at 723587 otherwise SITNOR.		
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T49	ALL COYS	1820	Sitrep to 1800 4/14. HIMI relieved by DAD 14 OCT. Probable enemy killed now 145. Lieut Avery's patrol found vacated jap pens about THREE PIMPLES. 33 Bn relieved by 31 Bn report enemy broke contact 0330 4/14 contact not yet regained		
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A897	FROM MILBASEMENS	1730	VX51385 P. ADAMS. R. LIMU mother seriously ill not expected to live. Leave recommended. If circumstances permit advise urgently		<u>13 OCT.</u>
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A32	To AVERY	1405	Report suitability of A) - whether return route more suitable via YOUNG PATROL B) whether present O.P. post more suitable for est. of standing patrol than YOUNG post - query observation along URA river of ack	OUT	<u>14 OCT</u>
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A30	DADI	1140	IVAN rang asking us to advise you per JEEP D/R. DADI prepared to move immediately to GUYS' POST - NO 10 report in JEEP to IVAN for orders.		<u>13 OCT</u>
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Rt 74	IVAN	0924	Password is- 12004/15 all informed

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ORIG NO	TCR	TO FROM	TOO			
I51	-	KARI	1655	DADI reports ridge clear of enemy from present posn to EAST to URIFA river & they are patrolling that area		
I50	-	IVAN	0720	SITREP 16 to 0700H/15 @ SITNOR		
I50	-	ALL OFFICERS	1226	permission now given for mention in private correspondence of ops and place names involved in operations against KAR. Names of other units and formations will NOT be mentioned		
I52	-	IVAN	1753	SITREP 19 to 1800H/15 @ 0900H/15 KARI moved fwd on 3 day fighting patrol @ FIRI returned from fwd area 1230H/15		
688		MILITARY MGRS	1000	Discharge sgt Foreman not approved @ Your 140340 of 16 Sep. not approved		

ORIG No	TO	FROM	T.O.	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION TAKEN
int 74		IVAN	0840	Password 15 1200/4 15 all informed	
int 75		IVAN	1230	Permission now given for mention in private correspondence of ops and place names involved in operations against WAF. Names of other units and formations will NOT be mentioned	
Qx91		IVAN	1910	units must ensure that salvage is returned as soon as available. Carriers will be used when available for back loading. All informed	
int 76		IVAN	1930	Sgt report operations 1415 Oct. HIMI Coy patrol along West bank URIA river undisturbed. To intercept enemy withdrawing from 25 bde. DADCO extensive patrols to NORTH and NW across to L of b. Nothing reported alternative to NORTH. HIMI act. Coy's Post with Coy patrol on high ground to WEST of 25 bde. 2/21 bn at 7559 1230 h/15 pursuing enemy following contact made at 445808 15/15 @ 54 field B Coy New in support at 25 bde with gun posts 697344 696547 @ Engr enemy from documents captured by D Coy HIMI 12 Oct revealed 2 Bn 78 REGT plus one Coy 3 Bn were ordered attack HIMI post known as M Key point (3). Enemy elements now withdrawing to west opposed by 25 bde as one Bn 78 REGT. HQ 78 REGT thought to have been vicinity KAN KIRYO 11 Oct. All informed	
int 79		IVAN	2000/17	Intelligence report operations 17 Oct. DADCO Platoon moved along L of C to DAD and is now moving E to URIA river. Section patrolling N from LMC along gap blazed track no contact. DADCO Coy patrolling NNW along gap L of C. found unoccupied gap from at approx 709639 many fox holes well built bunkers gap approx 200 yds E of track. approx 15 gaps contacted 1000 yds NW these points gaps withdraw leaving 2 killed. HIMI patrolling along spur running N.W. in general direction KAN KIRYO. 25 Bde elements 2/21 Bn moved SOUTH down URIA river and contacted LMC. NO enemy contacts. All informed	

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ORIG	To	TOO	INFORMATION RECEIVED.
153	IVAN	0725	SITREP 20 to 0700 4/16 @ LARI report objective sighted at 0700 hrs ① Otherwise SITNOR.
154	LARI	1034	You will probably contact 3103m from your right and DAD on your left.
155	ALLCOYS	1540	Voluntary church service Sunday 0900 adjacent to SA tent @ Holy Communion at close of service
155	IVAN	1810	Sitrep 21 to 1800 4/16 @ LARI reported in from patrol 694584 with no contact.
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11295	D.R.O., NGF	1515	O'DEA, LANGTON and BACK - unofficially reported as battle casualties - no advice of casualty received this office - advise - urgent
MR 61	2/G.A.F.A	1455	"A" - QX41510 Pte POTTINGER A.A. 2/14 Dept. Inf. Bn. B.C. died 1420 hrs / 16 Oct. 43 OCT 16.
QX94	IVAN.	0930	Salvage will be dumped near the lines this HQ @ Salvage to be forwarded regularly
INT 74	IVAN	1935	Int ret @ 0716 Oct @ 2/14 Bn patrol N along URUA valley no report @ 9/16 now out 715607 @ patrol to FARIA they made contact enemy party strength unknown inflicting casualties 501 more killed own casualties NIL @ patrol to area 7363 report no enemy track no contact @ enemy at again shelled from vacated by 2/27 then no casualties own only effect not estimated @ 2/27 am no change @ 2500 hrs fired elements 2/31 located harness equipment one pack here located along route NO enemy contact NO contact made patrols 2/31 and 2/16 Bn
155	IVAN.	0725	Sitrep 22 to 0700 4/17 @ LARI OUT returned LIMU 1900 4/16 otherwise sitna 17 OCT.
155	ALLCOYS	1317	RC mass 1300 4/18 @ CofE communion 1800 4/18 LIMU area
155	IVAN	1806	Sitrep 23 to 1800 4/17 @ SITNOR
155	ALLCOYS	1806	Sitrep 1800 4/17 @ section patrol from LARI moved 0800 hrs to contact DAD, section patrol FIRI moved out 0930 hrs on three day patrol along fork track N of PALLIERS hill @ Int see guide to this patrol captured one Jap on track retained him as Ptd for interrogation

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ORIGINATOR'S No	T.O.R.	FROM	T.O.O.	INFM. RECEIVED	ACTION TAKEN
INT 81	0920	IVAN	0905	Password 91200 L/18 - all informed	
QX 101	1645	do.	1600	Bde Comd. advises that in view of pending ops, BREN TRIPODS may be returned to ord. - Contact BOWO before return of same	
QX 103	2000	do.	1800	Due to shortage of ord. stores units will endeavour to see that US articles are passed in for return & to salvage when issue such as clothing, boots, etc... are made to Hqs - It cannot be stressed too strongly the necessity of returning all salvageable articles via returning ration train.	
QX 104	do.	do.	1840	Units will arrange for all eqpt of evacuated personnel to be held at Unit "B" Echo. Personnel returning ex-MDS will be re-equipped in this manner - evacuated personnel will take with them haversacks containing personal gear, mosquito net and ground sheet	
INT 82	2015	do.	2005	Intelligence report - 2/14 Bn patrol moving EAST from 2/16 Bn contacted 2/31 Bn on URIA R. Report track followed well worn - 2/16 patrol NW to FARIA R. attacked ENEMY vicinity 709639 - JAP casualties NOT known own, one killed, one wounded - 2/27 Bn - patrol NO contact - arty sheet on suspected JAP Bn gun posn at 689659 A/c report 53 rds all in target area - 25 Bde - concentrating area around 610565. all informed	
A 2661	-	7AUST. DIV.	1015	PW cage established 670516 - all informed	
A 2662	-	do.	1016	Return of deficiencies of NGF orders as requested NGF Order A 384 is required by 20 Oct 43 - NIL returns NOT required - will assume NO deficiency in all cases where NO return received by above date.	

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ORI NO	PCR TIME OUT	TO FROM	TOO	INFORMATION PROMULGATED
I 59	0730	0720	IVAN	SITREP 24 to 0700 L/18. Pl. patrol investigating points NORTH of THREE PIMPLE HILL made NO contact - returned 2000 hrs.
I 60	842	do.	1825	SITREP 25 to 1800 L/18. SITNOR
A 33	1907	ALL COYS, BHQ	1855	DYSENTRY is becoming more prevalent and may become very serious - all ofrs will exercise maximum supervision over latrines each day - all open latrines will be closed immediately and latrines with cover constructed, these to be filled in regularly. dck
I 61	1930	do.	1918	To avoid possible crowding at the barret, coy comds will liaise with I.O. for times to use mosaic map of this area

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INFORMATION PROMULGATED RECEIVED

ORIG NO TCR TO FROM TOO
INT 84 IVAN 2045

Int report operation 19 Oct @ 2/14 Pm No changes @ 2/16 Pm @ C Coy received D Coy and patrolled fwd along gap L of C. to contact enemy posn vicinity 687637 @ 2/17 Pm continued patrol of high ground to NW of Support no contact @ C Coy shelled enemy posn in front D Coy @ 2/16 unable estimate effect of fire @ One pl B Coy PIB moving S day patrol from BEBEI North to high feature 681653 MT. PROTHERO @ No report progress yet received @ 25 Pm concentrated area 6156 with Coy patrol grid 5660 - 1100/9 2/2 Pm Bm concentrating BEBEI area @ Enemy interrogation P.W found @ 14 Pm URIA MINA area 17 Oct revealing effective strength 78 Regt approx 900 location 79 regt 3 Oct BOCAD SIM. but now possibly moving to support remnants 78 regt @ Confirmation enemy int to hold KAMKIR 40 area @ Topographic feature 681653 named PROTHERO @ Unit will amend DUMPV sheet in accordance with tracing issued 19 Oct. It is requested that all ^{parties} info be submitted as amendment to DUMPV 1 in only & this sheet be used for all refs @ All informed.

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1630: do. 1617

Telephone conversations are unnecessarily prolonged, causing congestion of traffic - conversations must be kept to bare essentials and messages forms used to a greater extent than at present in order to relieve the present situation

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DATE: 19 OCT. 43

No	T.O.O.	TO	INFM <i>manipulated</i>
I 62	0720	WAN	SITREP 26 to 0700 L/19 - SITNOR
M 1	1810	2/31 Com.	QX 20801 Pte TOWNSEND reported at RAP suffering from possible fracture of FIBULA - Have evacuated him to 2/6 MDS.
R 31	1410	allcoys	Dental treatment covering extractions, fillings, dentures, available at MDS - Personnel desiring treatment to report to R.A.P.
I 63	1815	IVAN	SITREP 27 to 1800 L/19 - SITNOR

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N ^o	T.O.R.	FROM	T.O.O.	INFM. RECEIVED
INT. -	2055	WAN	2010	<p>Int. report - Ops 20 Oct. - 2/14 Bn NO change - 2/16 Bn. - C coy made lt. contact. vicinity 6,856,25. Indication ENEMY have withdrawn this area - Patrol moving NW in direction MOUNT PROTHEROE now at 715650 - 2/27 Bn report ENEMY posn. vic. 668618 with foxholes bunkers in area - A and B coys operating in this area - P.I.B. patrols moving NORTH now at 664614 - 25 Bn. in area 6156 with one coy. 2/25 Bn fwd at KESAWAI NO3 to Recce area to N.E. - 2/2 Cav. Sqn. report track of URIGINA to JAPPA clear ENEMY but posn. contacted ashide track 490943 - 2/6 Cav. Sqn. moving from KESAWAI now to AMUBA no report. - 2/7 Cav. Sqn. patrolling track KESAWAI NO1 N.E. to AMUBA, No report. ENEMY infm - now confirmed 79 Regt. with 20 Div. H.Q. operating FINSCH HAFEN - This reduces ENEMY strength available BOGAJIM - RANKIRP area - all informed</p>

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I 64	0840	IVAN	0725	SITREP 28 to	0700 L/20 -	SITNOR
I 65	1850	do.	1805	SITREP 29 to	1800 L/20 -	SITNOR

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DATE: 21 Oct. 43

No	To	T.O.O.	INFM	Transmitted
I 66	IVAN	0730	SITREP 30	100700 4/21 @ SITNOR
I 67	do	1825	SITREP 31	161800 4/21 @ BUNO patrol passed through DADI 1700 hrs, moving EAST
A 34	7 DIV	1500	dojt LIMU	ack with thanks parcel - safely received

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N°	T.O.R.	FROM	TOO.	INFORMATION
INT. 86	20 25	IVAN	1950	<p>Int. report - Infm to 1900/21 - ops - LIMU patrol passed through DADI moving EAST along JAP L of C. now at 705615 - DADI patrol inflicted casualties on JAPD patrol upper FARIA River, own casualties NIL - HIMI - Arty fire directed on JAP pens at 668620, all rds in target area detailed effect NOT observed - P.I.B. patrol report terrain too difficult for most to mt. PROTHROE from SHAGGY RIDGE - 25 Bde - No change - Ref. int. report 20 Oct. - 2/7 Cav. Sqn. moving for DAUMOINA, NOT AMUBA - all informed</p>

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No	TO	T.O.D.	INFM promulgated
I 68	WAN	0745	SITREP 32 to 0700 L/22 - SITNOR
-	LEVETT	0820	Make every effort to find track and advise
I 69	WAN	1610	SITREP 33 to 1400 L/22 - BUNO found vacated. ENEMY swam area accommodated one Bin ref 742611 - receiving area for tracks
-	DISPENSER MDS	1925	Stores arrived intact this afternoon
-	C Coy	-	Party of 12 Australians moving NORTH up URIA passed through here 1330 hrs and may possibly arrive KP3 @ This party are probably on wrong track and may contact you

No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	IN (continued) INFM received
-	BUNO	-	1000	Patrol followed track up ridge, direction NORTH for approx. 70 yds - track well defined, but no light recast use. From point reached this spur seems to join another running NW-SE half-mile off - Will push on, then send half-day patrol to washgate further.
I W 5	BUNO	0900	0858	Am on crest of ridge at approx. 705613 - track very well defined, but swinging EAST to S.E. from last halt

No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	IN (continued) 22 Oct.
I W H 7	BUNO 10	-	1930	PHONE armed OK at 1930 hrs - cable gave out about 3/4 of a mile back - can you arrange DADI send me another mile to-morrow as will NOT have enough then for job when finished patrols are out unless Sevett remains here
QX 15	WAN	-	1800	LIMU RAP will be the collecting point for all evacuations in this area - Any unit having evacuations will contact LIMU R.A.P. who will coordinate the demands, personnel from P.I.B. need NOT report, but evacuations must be arranged through LIMU - all other personnel will report LIMU R.A.P. - Bro Cpl will arrange for Bro to report daily to AMO LIMU at 0745 hrs - He will arrange for all rpt through DIVAN T.O.

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NO	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
INT 27	IVAN	2010	1925	Int. report to 1900L/22 - Ops - 2/14 Bn patrol reached br. over URIA river approx 746617 located abandoned JAP staging camp in vic. - patrol forming base this area to patrol SE along track and locate alternate JAP L of C leading to NORTH - 2/16 Bn patrol to vic. 680627 made contact ENEMY party killing one off GOR's - our own casualties, one killed, 3 wounded - arty shelled this ENEMY position scoring possible direct hit on O.P. - All informed
IWH5	BUNO	0910	0855	Aim on crest of ridge at approx. 705613 - track very well defined but swinging EAST to SE. from last halt!
QX112	IVAN	0918	0910	Units are returning to SALV eqpt which has been found to contain amm both SAA andgrens. - this practice will cease immediately.
QX114	do.	1925	1810	Units will ensure that all pers. when evacuated to MED. posts or staging camps take with them all personal gear, ground sheets, mosquito nets and shelter-halves - Units will advise personnel of the importance of retaining all articles of ord. Issue which they take upon evacuation as the question of replacement at the present is serious. All informed
-	LEVETT	-	1910	Track JVSJ (33) does NOT come to base - did JVSJ (33) come through br. patrol if so, will move down river and pick up track - if NOT suggest remain with BUNO 10 to increase patrol - expect reply 0600 - Advise IVAN
QX118	IVAN	2018	1915	Units will ensure that amm is made up to the following scale - on the man, 100 rds .303, 200 rds per SMG, 250 rds per L.M.G. 12 rds per 2" MORT - 2 grenades per man - 1000 rds per MMG, 600 rds per 3" MOR - demand may be made through DID - this scale will be maintained at all times - Units will advise holdings in excess of these quantities by 1800L/23 - 2 rifle discharger cups were returned to SALV. today - these were difficult to obtain in MORESBY - Units will advise if these cups are required

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received	ACTION TAKEN
INT. 88	IVAN	1022	1015	Password 10 from 1200 L/23	All Coy's informed 1130/23
AX 121	do	1220	1135	2 Dist. Corps advise results of being obtained to bring No A 22 has to be submitted	Units to W.E. plus 8 - seen by adys & OR
iwH 8	C Coy	0955	0928	Your message read and understood and will be acted upon as soon as recon patrol sent out along L of C to EAST returns patrol due back track 1200 L.	Seen by Adys
QWH 9	C Coy	13N	1250	One patrol of LEVITT returned about 1230. his NO success. Detailed report furnished to 21 Bde. Phone line NOT yet arrived.	Seen by Adys
ant 89	21 Bde	2003	1955	Intelligence Report to 1900/23. Operations. 2/14 Bn patrol moved EAST of bridge over URIA R followed tracks for 3 hrs where deserted JAP camp found. Well formed track leads NORTH-SOUTH through then from Party also located freshly vacated JAP pon approx 729632. Murder scene being made both tracks. 2/15 Bn area ENEMY arty fired one round before TAP/R. A/c Direct own arty on gun from. No further fire from ENEMY gun. 2/27 Bn report NMS ENEMY pon under observation at approx 668620. patrol to investigate the pon at dusk. No report flanking units. All reported.	Seen by I.O. Adys C.O. All Coy informed 0900/24.
DR 11029	NGF DIST. REC.	1450	1211	HISCOX, JOHN - no record - copy fwded reply direct	DIST. REC. SYDNEY -

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No	To From	T.O.O.	INFM, promulgated
A 32	BUNO	0835	1) DADI finding balance of line - 2) providing LEVETT's recce for JVV track leading Southerly direction proved non-existent, LEVETT to continue and carry out original task - now believed JVV track must move for some distance EAST along JAP L of C before swinging towards SULAMAI - main branch URIA believed approx. one mile along L of C, EAST your posn, therefore KP 3 probably correctly marked on map - LEVETT to make rough traverse of progress.
N 70	21 Bde	0730	SITREP 34 to 0700/23 @ SITNOR
J. F. 3	All Coys	1200	PROTESTANT Church service SUNDAY 24 th 0900 hrs in B.H.Q. Area followed by Holy Communion
N 71	21 Bde	1810	SITREP 35 to 1800/23 @ SITNOR
A 34	All Coys B.H.Q.	2050	PATROLS @ Coys will adopt following procedure for all future patrols @ Now roll of all patrol personnel left with B.H.Q. @ All papers, diaries, anything liable to disclose UNIT identity removed from personnel @ ACK

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No.	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
0100	WAN	2350	2330	<p>In light of recent ops, replies to the following questions required by 1200/24.</p> <p>A) Are lamps, electric, No 2 satisfactory</p> <p>B) Are double mags for Owen Guns desirable</p> <p>C) Are weapon chests necessary</p> <p>D) How many Owen mags are needed</p> <p>E) Are Owen mag boxes necessary</p> <p>F) Would waterproof double-sided map-cases with zip fastener be desirable</p> <p>G) Are Aust. pattern two-man tents satisfactory</p> <p>H) Are axes, hand required</p> <p>I) Would canvas two-gal. water bags replace tins 2 gal</p> <p>J) Would U.S. pattern mess gear be desirable</p> <p>K) Are tree climbing spikes needed</p> <p>L) Would a shorter U.S. pattern garter replace ankle web</p> <p>M) Are U.S. lt. shovels better than Aust?</p> <p>N) Are jungle carts satisfactory</p> <p>O) Which type boot spring is best</p> <p>P) Would hydro burners be of use</p> <p>Q) Are other changes required</p>

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No	To	T.O.D.	INFM promulgated
I72	IVAN	0710	SITREP 36 to 0700 L/23 - SITNOR
A35	All coys, etc.	0820	Conference at 1030 L today to discuss points raised in att. message.
I73	IVAN	1820	SITREP 37 to 1800 L/24 - BUNO patrols moved EAST along JAP L of C from KP 3 - Reports from BUNO patrols NOT yet consolidated - otherwise SITNOR

No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM. received
INT 91	IVAN	2105	2010	<p>Int. report to 2000 L/25 - ops. <u>2/14 Bn.</u> - 6 day patrol reached KP4 SQ 7659 to continue recce of JAP track leading NE. - Sine comm. established to KP4 - 1800 L/25 report of possible ENEMY movement observed on feature overlooking L of C at 7105 83 patrol clearing this area - <u>air strike 2/16</u> area very successful but detailed investigation prevented by ENEMY action - <u>2/27 Bn.</u> area. supply train fired on in FARIA valley NORTH of GUYS POST - no casualties - <u>25 Bde.</u> - coy patrol in upper EVAPIA RIVER to harass ENEMY L of C PAI PA area. <u>2/6 Cav. Sqn.</u> patrolling YOKOPIA area. <u>2/7 Cav. Sqn.</u> patrolling BOKU River area -</p> <p>- <u>2/16 Bn.</u> patrol crossed FARIA RIVER to raid ENEMY pens following air strike - heavy opposition encountered from ENEMY estimated strength 2 coys - ENEMY casualties NOT known, own one killed four wounded one missing believed killed - Topography - Aerial. photos of this area will be taken 26 Oct, weather permitting, these to be basis for new maps replace present sheets - all informed</p>
QX 126	do.	2150	2100	The practice of cutting down trousers JG into shorts is forbidden - disciplinary action will be taken against offenders - where clothing is US it will be returned to SALV and will NOT be used for making shorts
F 7553	F.O. Military Brisbane	1435	1425	For Coy Sgt - QX 38585 SHAWCROSS, Ref. our memo 7 Sep., have WF CO's been completed
PRO W 1746	MIL. BASE MELBOURNE	1310	1130	VX 16505 Pte VAGELAE - is this member still AWL your unit - please verify urgent

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No	TO	TOO.	INFM promulgated
I 74	WAN	0740	SITREP 38 to 0700 L/25 - SITNOR
I 75	do.	1800	SITREP 39 to 1800 L/25 - YOUNG'S PATROL reached K.P. 4 at 1700 hrs - Line comm. established to K.P. 4 at this time

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
QX 123	IVAN	1830	1750	Parcels may now be sent from this area, marked "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE" but recipient will pay normal army postage - personnel are asked to advise addresses in order to cause NO misunderstanding
INT. 94	do.	2025	1950	Int. report - Infm to 1900 L/26 - ops - LIMU - patrol moving NE, along track from 765598, contacted approx. 15 JAPS who withdrew NORTH - one JAP killed, town casualties NIL - "D" Coy moving to approx. square 7760 - DADI - ENEMY casualties 25 Oct, conservative estimate: 10 killed - HIMI - BEVERIDGE'S POST relieved by DADI - HIMI standing patrol pl. strength on PLATEAU WEST bank FARIA River approx 68660Z - other units no change - all informed
-	YOUNG'S PATROL	-	1832	Location 778608 - JAP footprints do NOT continue along track to present posns - first JAP party located NE K.P.4 approx. 5 min., but have taken one of numerous by tracks leading off main track - one JAP killed, evidently NOT of this party, as his boots were dry - Would advise extreme caution moving from and around K.P.4 - JAPS may have other track leading into main track - one JAP - hear them talking
QX -	IVAN	-	-	Malarial precautions are NOT being carried out in this area - Japs are NOT A) wearing gaiters - B) rolling sleeves down - C) applying mosquito lotion - Units will police own area and vigorously enforce all precautions
M 999	2/5 AGH	-	2200	Placed on seriously ill list 26 Oct, NX 89695. Pte COLEY K. 2/14 Aust. Inf Bn - clinical scrub typhus

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No	To	To O.	
I 76	IVAN	0730	SITREP 40 to 0700 L/26 - Patrol investigated area of suspected ENEMY movement above L of C ref 708583 - No JAPS seen
JF4	All cays. B.H.Q.	1620	R.C. mass and C. of E. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 1800 hrs, Wed. 27 Oct in Bm. H.Q. area
I 77	IVAN	1815	SITREP 41 to 1800 L/26. YOUNG'S patrol contacted ENEMY patrol approx .15 N.E. of LEVETT'S POST - one ENEMY killed, own casualties NIL - 1110 YOUNG est. posn. on HAMILTON'S ridge - 1300. DUPO moved out to HAMILTON'S RIDGE, have NOT reached same yet

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
QX 129	IVAN	1207	1105	Insect repellent lotion will be used as repellent against mite until such time as a more effective repellent is issued - personnel are advised to use it around ankles, wristband and other likely lodging places of typhus mite
QX 132	—do.	1645	1600	Ref. NGF order A 407 - NO action will be taken whilst in this area to comply with the order, pending advice from higher authority - all informed
A 1456	MIL. BASE. MELBOURNE	1900	1630	Request reply my A 897, 13 Oct re- VX 51385 ADAMS R.R.
INT. 95	IVAN	1840(?)	1831	Minds will ensure that R/T Code is used in all R/T w/T comm - List of current key words following under secret cover - all informed
INT. 97	do.	2155	2025	Int. report to 2000 4/27 - ops - LIMU coy patrol established at LEVETT'S POST, track junc. 7761 - DADI patrol clash area 693636 resulted ENEMY two killed, one wounded - own NIL - ENEMY arty fired five rds on ck junc 690633 - no casualties - HIMI area - our arty shelled ENEMY posns SHAGGY RIDGE 6763 - patrol "B" coy P.I.B. returned from upper EVAPIA RIVER area, report this approach to JAP L of C impractical - 25 Bde - coy 2/25 Bm now in area 6266, estimated 3 more days reach JAP L of C - terrain very difficult - 2/7 Cav. Sqn. in DAUMOINA area, report ENEMY patrols active WEST of L of C - TAC R reports ENEMY development of track KETOBA to ISARIBA - All informed
INT. 96	do	-	1845	SECRET - current keyword for R/T code NO2 MAUVE DORCHIDS/H - ack. all inf
INT. 98	do.	-	2035	SECRET - following additional unit code names are advised - 8 Bty LEVA 54 Bty. LQ10 2/2 pnc. Bm. HAFO - Bcoy P.I.B. KIPO - ack. all informed
Q 134	do.	1749	1740	As from 30 Oct, all evacuations will go to 2/4 MDS, situated near BEBEI - all informed
M 1008	2/5 A.G.H.	-	1930	Removed from seriously ill list, 27 Oct, VX 90485, Bde WHEELER T, 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. - scrub typhus
M 1707	2/9 A.G.H.	-	1600	QX 41868 Bde NOTT N.W. 2/14 INF. BN. admitted 25 Oct 43 - diagnosis: clinical scrub typhus, malaria NOT confirmed - Not K NOT matched

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No	To	T.O.O.	
R	all cogs	1050	Parcels may now be sent from this area, marked "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE", but recipient will pay normal army postage. - personnel are asked to advise addressee in order to cause NO misunderstanding
I 79	IVAN	1815	SITREP 43 to 1800 L/27 - DUPO relieved YOUNG 1215 hrs at LEVETT'S POST - YOUNG returned LIMU 1745 hrs - nothing to report
I 78	do.	0745	SITREP 42 to 0700 L/27 - SITNOR

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
0 III	IVAN	2105	1955	Units will in future submit SITREPS to reach this HQ by 0800 and 1800 hrs daily - all informed
QX134	do.	2318	2310	Return is required at this HQ by 1300 L/29 stating (a) n° of bootmakers in area (b) No of bootmakers' kills
QX135	do.	2345	2310	Return is required showing amm holdings, excluding scale down as ON THE MAN - to be at this HQ by 1800 L/30
INT. 99	do.	2100	2005	Int. Report - to 2000 L/28 - <u>Op.</u> - <u>2/14 Bn</u> patrol along track N.E. from LEVETT'S POST, 790598 observed JAP look-out in tree approx 810620. Three natives from BERRINGGE found being held for interrogation - <u>2/16 Bn.</u> ENEMY arty gun 1630 fired 12 hds, fell harmlessly in area 719013. <u>2/27 Bn</u> pushed fwd SHAGGY RIDGE, occupying ENEMY pl. posn. - JAPS now occupying two highest wooded peaks SHAGGY RIDGE - <u>2/2 Bns Bn</u> at KUMBARUM, night 28/29 Oct moving to LEVETT'S POST area - <u>other formations</u> and <u>TAC. R.</u> - NO reports - <u>Topography</u> - trace showing further amendments to DUMPU sheet will be issued 30 Oct - attempt to aerial photography this area, now considered impractical owing cloud conditions - <u>ENEMY infm</u> - identification from paper sign on tree found by 2/14 Bn N.E. LEVETT'S POST, confirms No 1 Pl. 78 Regt signals coy possibly att. 1 Bn in above area - all informed
A 2730	7 AVST DIV	29 OCT	1150	NO action will be taken to implement N6F orders A407 and A408 until further instrs are issued by this HQ
PAY 6630	F.O MILITARY MELB	28 OCT	1230	VX51866 PARKER refer own pay 4215 obtain amm dtd WE 8 from 19 Aug 42 allot mother cancelled same date vide 3/2424 43 urgent advise by signal

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No	TO	T.O.O.	INFM promulgated
I 80	IVAN	0735	Sitrep 44 to 0700 4/27 - SITNOR
I 81	do.	0810	Ok your INT 96 and INT. 98
A 36	all coys, Bn. H.Q.	1000	Cutting down of JG stacks into shorts or semi-shorts is an offence and the practice will be discontinued immediately - U.S. clothing will be returned to saws, and will NOT be used for other purposes
R	all coys	1020	Names of all NCO's who have completed the following schools, to be submitted to this HQ by 1500 hrs today - MEW/TS - AIF W/T SCHOOL M.E. - BONEGILLA W/T SCHOOL
A 38	all coys, Bn. H.Q., Q.M.	1105	Owing to several different supply lines having to be maintained, it is essential that ESCORTS for various NATIVE TRAINS be on time - ack
A 39	all coys Q.M., R.M.O., Bn. H.Q.	1105	INSECT repellent lotion to be used as preventative and cure against mite - pers. should use it around ankles, waistband and other likely lodging places
A 40	all coys, Bn. H.Q., R.M.O., Padre, Q.M., R.S.M.	1325	A few cases are still occurring of pers. being evacuated without mosquito net, tent, personal haversack and groundsheet & coys will ensure all evacuations go out with prescribed gear
I 81(?)	DUPO	1620	Units will ensure that R/T Code is used in R/T W/T comm.
I 82	IVAN	1805	Sitrep 45 to 1800 4/28 - patrol from DUPO confirmed well defined track branching off JAP L of C two hrs WEST of LEVETT'S POST, investigating further tomorrow - patrol operating along track to N.E. sighted JAP look-out in tree on main divide 810 0620, approx - 3 natives from BORRINGE captured and held at LEVETT'S POST 1630 4/28

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No	FROM	T. o. R.	T. O. O.	
QX39	IVAN	1841	1740	As from 30 Oct. all evacuations will go to 2/4 MDS situated near BEBEI - all informed
INT. 100	do.	2035	2005	INT. REPORT to 2000 L/29 <u>LIMU</u> patrol located well worn ENEMY track leading NORTH from approx. 762604 to 761624 - abandoned eqpt. along track - further piece of track being made - <u>DA/DI</u> report NO ENEMY activity FARIY area - <u>HIMI</u> made recon. fwd. for attack on ENEMY from highest feature SHAGGY RIDGE - report early fire this pm, accurate, inflicting some casualties - <u>HIFO</u> moving to LEVETT'S post area - <u>B. Bly</u> <u>LOJO</u> with six guns now in spt. This Bde. 25 Bde coy in upper EVAPIA RIVER area returning from unsuccessful attempt reach JAP L of C - all informed
M 31	III C. C. S. WA NADZAB	2025	1700	NX 146419 DR. TINDALL G. - 2/14 Bn - admitted 18 Oct, suffering QUO Query SCRUB TYPHUS - placed DI sist 28 Oct, died 1605 hrs / 29 Oct

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No	To	T.O.D	
I 83	IVAN	0745	SITREP 46 to 0730 L/29 - SITNOR
A 41	All Coy, Bn. H.A., R.S.M.	0900	Coy will observe the following points - although coy and pl. strengths have considerably decreased during recent weeks, the basic pl. organisation must still be maintained - e.g. 2" mor per pl., L.M.6, S.M.6, rifle and grenade discharger with sec of only 4 strong
QL 1	IVAN	1200	Ref. your signal QX154 of 28 Oct - (a) 4 bootmakers (b) 1 bootmaker's kit
GRAY 16	F.O. Mil. Brisbane	1525	QX138585 SHAWCROSS W.F. 10's have been fudged
I 84	IVAN	1750	SITREP 47 to 1730 L/29 - DUPO patrol moving along BISSET'S TRACK starting from 763604 NORTH to 761627 report it a well made mule track, better condition than KP track - three brs. second br. demolished - track continues NORTH from 761627 where there is large clearing, burnt out huts and one JAP track seven hrs old

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received	
I 101	21 Bde	2245	2140	<p>INT REPORT @ Information to 1900 L/30 @ Ops @ 2/14 Bn @ Patrol following JAP track N.W. from June. approx 765604 by Amendment Dump sheet @ TRANSLATION Jap sign at June read KANKIRYO MULE TRAIL @ Recce proceeding @ 2/16 Bn shelled by ENEMY Arty, estimated four 75MM approx 50 rds fired @ TAC/R attempting locate guns missing @ 2/27 Bn maintained contact @ ENEMY still holding high peaks SHAGGY RIDGE @ 2/2 PWR BN now in posn approx 7660 @ OTHER UNITS @ 2/6 CAV Squad report ENEMY posn approx 585725 otherwise NO change @ all informed</p>	PROMULGATED TO ALL RANKS
O 117	21 Bde	2245	2150	<p>MOST SECRET @ SWPA AIR/GROUND PANEL CODE @ Following key number sequences are effective for the period 0130 L/1 NOV to 0130 L/1 DEC @ 26 9 22 29 23 15 27 7 12 25 13 11 20 10 17 28 24 1 5 18 6 3 8 21 4 19 2 14 16 30 31 32 @ Ack @ all informed</p>	ENTERED ON PANEL CODES
PROV. 201	MILBASE MELBOURNE	1810	1649	<p>VX 25802 Plt BERRY K.G. - is this member still AWL your unit - please verify urgent</p>	

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No	To	T.O.O.	
I 85	IVAN	0755	SITREP 48 to 0730 L/30 - SITNOR
PAY 17	FO Military SYDNEY	0810	NX 141901 THOMAS D.W. - Cancel allotment ten shillings and one penny
PAY 18	do.	1745	NX 111695 ALPEN C.P. - Cancel allotment three shillings and sixpence
JF 4	All Coys Bn. H.Q.	0900	PADRE will conduct voluntary Protestant service at 0900 SUNDAY 31 in Bn. H.Q. Area - Holy communion to follow service
I 86	IVAN	1755	SITREP 49 to 1730 L/30 - DUPO patrol contacted four JAPS between BISSETTS JUNC and LEVETT'S POST - The JAPS fled - their tracks later picked up on L of C after HAFO passed through
-	KING'S, PALLER'S & PIMPLES, HIHO.	2050	BOOMERANG TAC/R plane on recce over ENEMY TERRITORY 1700 hrs today, failed to return to base - all OP's keep sharp look-out for any possible signal

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No	FROM	T.O.R.	T.O.O.	INFM received
INT. 102	IVAN	1455	1350	As an aid to establishing location of points in area EAST of URIA RIVER, HAFO will fire two white mortar flares to enable bearings to be taken as follows: Ref. DUMPU Amended sheet - LEVETTS, 787600, 1200 L/1 - Track junc. 765605, 1215 L/1 - YOUNG'S 741610 1230 L/1 - two flares will be fired at one minute interval from each point - time will be synchronized
INT. 106	do.	2100	2017	Int. Rep. to 2000 L/31 - <u>Ops</u> - <u>2/14 Bn</u> patrol followed KANKIRYO MULE TRAIL to area 7464 in NW direction - <u>2/2 Pm. Bn</u> to continue recce. this track - <u>2/16 Bn</u> maintained contact ENEMY FARRIA VALLEY - patrol killed 3 JAPS this area - ENEMY arty fired 10 rds into Pm. area NO casualties - 14 day patrol reached 683662 nothing to report - <u>2/27 Bn</u> harassed ENEMY posn. 150 yds distant on SHAGGY RIDGE - <u>2/2 Pm. Bn</u> established area LEVETT'S with patrols at MOTO'S track junc 765605, one pl. at 782607 on BEVERIDGE'S TRACK - <u>TAC/R</u> reports posn ENEMY gun possibly at 67674, air strike this area to follow - all informed
OR 2	IVAN	-	1930	following pers. absc. deficient in eqpt as shown - QX 27417 Pte DREW R.W. (tent) - VX 118620 Pte DODDS F.W. (mosquito net) - SX 18999 Pte POBKE J.A. (ground sheet)

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No	TO	T.O.O.	
I 87	IVAN	0735	SITREP 50 to 0730 L/31 - SITNOR
I 88	do.	1745	SITREP 51 to 1730 L/31 - AVERY reached KUMBARUM 1630L - patrol reached square 7464 good track all the way - track running off WEST 3/4 of distance - heavy clunking from clearing
A 42	LAKI FIRI BUNO DUPO RUSO LIMU	0925	<p>Coys. when occupying prepping and standing patrol posts are failing in two respects -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) PALLIER'S HILL - trees are being thrown over cliff - strict hygiene discipline must be maintained and all tins, rubbish, etc... buried 2) on occupying posts, every tp must be put fully into the picture, topography explained and dispensed of own and ENEMY tps pointed out, every man must know the reason why he is occupying that post - OP must be maintained 24hrs of the day and OP logs maintained, and I.O. kept fully advised - etc

Information from P.W.'s & Captured Documents.

21 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn. ✓
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2/27 " " "
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2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
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Extracts from Interrogation Report - P.W. 271

Name KIMURA Yoshikazu

Rank Superior Plt Unit 20 Div 78 Regt 1 Bn 2 Coy 1 pl.

How Captured P.W.'s unit met our troops on, he believes, 15 Oct. P.W. was member of an advance party of 6. P.W. remembers having fallen down a cliff and injured his hip and then became unconscious. He was found unconscious by our troops at 710675 (DUMPU sheet)

Strengths 78 Regt is at less than half strength
3 Bn and att: a total of 200 troops relieved from fwd of WAMPUN made up as follows:
3 Bn HQ: annihilated
3 Coy: 40 (went to rescue adv gd: 2 pls annihilated)
11 Coy: annihilated
5 Coy 80 Regt: 20
Indep Engrs: 10
The rest of the 200 comprised other Coys P.W. does not remember
4 Coy 1 Bn: was ordered to fight to last in SURINAM area and P.W. believes it was annihilated.

Intentions 78 Regt was to go to KANKIRYO to make a stand.

Morale P.W. states that prior to battle his unit was on 1/3 rations and many were down with malnourishment. Personnel were weak when time of battle arrived. P.W. states there is much confusion in Comds; specially between the joint regt Comds and the indep det Comds. Ordinarily soldiers are quite disgusted because they are kept in ignorance of the situation and allowed only the minimum knowledge to function. P.W. believes that Jap troops are demoralised and on the retreat.

They are spiritually and physically unable to attack and press the issue. P.W. states that he and his comrades believe that the war is lost in H. G. and will not last long. He was told by superior officers, he would be unable to return to his home in Japan if captured. His treatment as a P.W. would depend upon the individual CO of Aust unit concerned. He states he was surprised to receive such kindly and humane treatment and believes that if his comrades could know the type of treatment he is now receiving as a P.W. they would ground arms and surrender.

Tactics. P.W. states that Jap units are usually on high ground. He recommends that our troops, instead of moving along riverbeds should advance just below tops of ridges with the object of encircling Japs on heights.

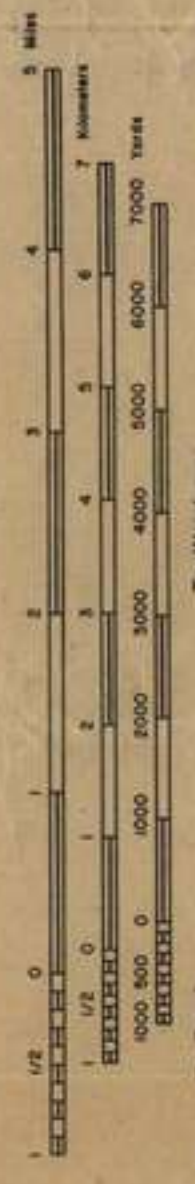
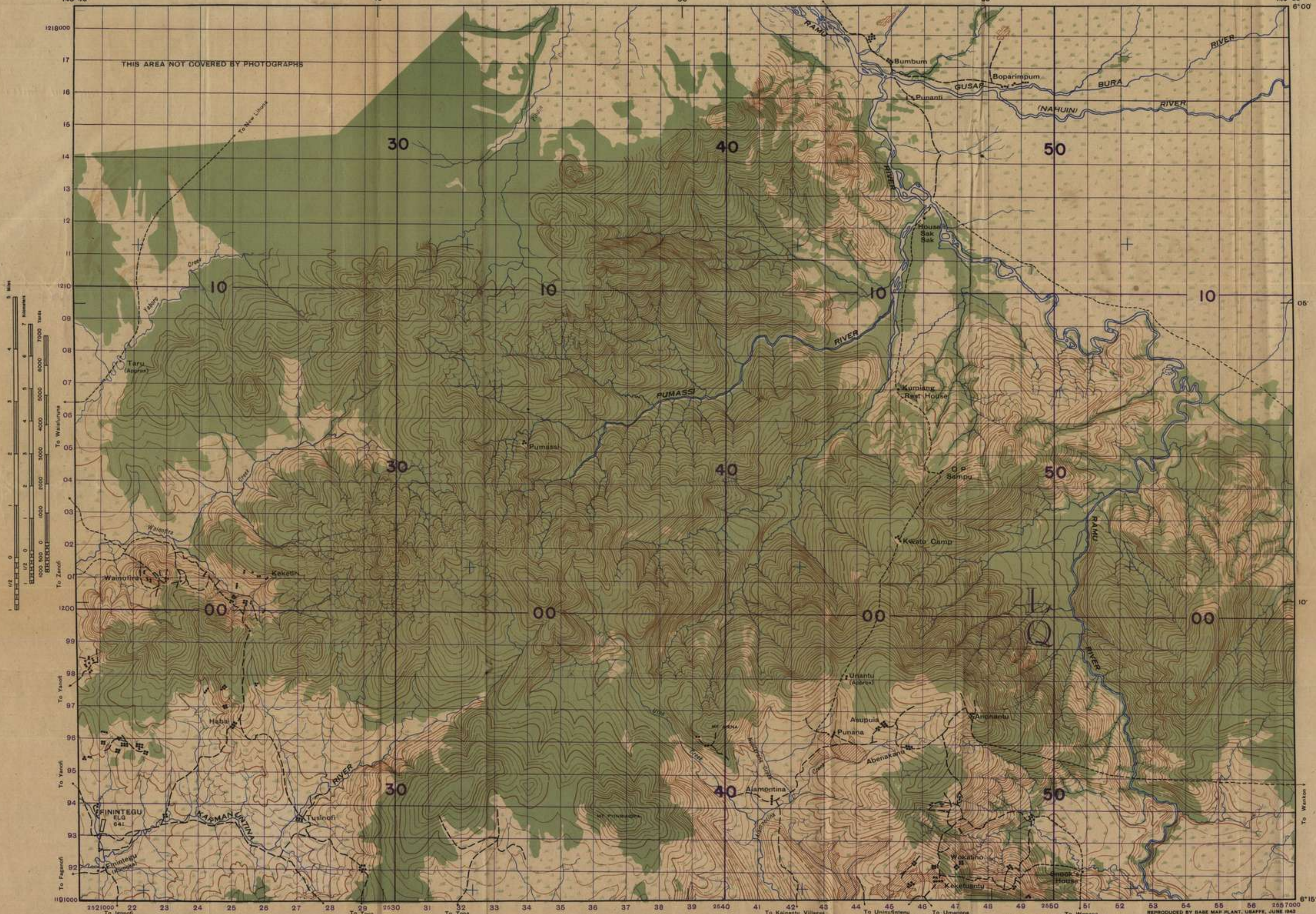
- SUMMARY -

Identifications: - All P.W.s captured in the area to date have been part of 78 Regt, and captured documents have not disclosed the presence of any other units. P.W.s have all been ready to supply any info they can and captured documents continue to reveal much valuable info.

Japanese Maps For the main these have not been accurate and it is interesting to note that wherever possible the Japs continue to copy our maps, in particular the 4 mile to one inch series.

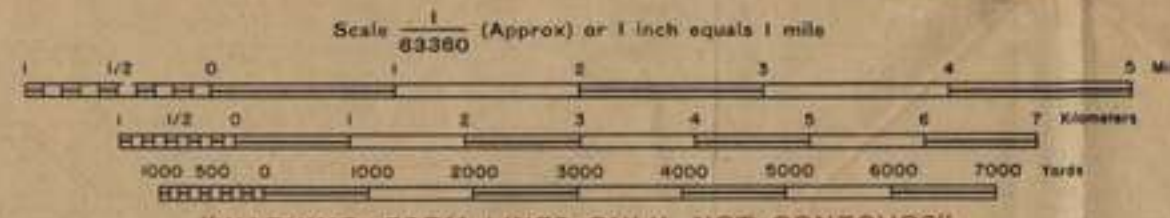
Robert H. Rose
Capt.

Int Sec 21 Aust Int Bde.



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- LEGEND
- Secondary roads
 - Trails
 - Trails, probable
 - Streams, intermittent
 - Streams
 - Swamp
 - Jungle
 - Grassland
 - Form lines, interval approx 100 ft.
 - Native encampments
 - Emergency landing ground
 - E. L. G.



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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE
Origin of grid: Lat 0° Long 150°E, whose coordinates
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The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates
referred to the origin of the grid zone.
Nearest similar reference on this grid is 500 km distant.
ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving reference on this
grid.
Blue ticks within map indicate 10 km grid of Equatorial zone.
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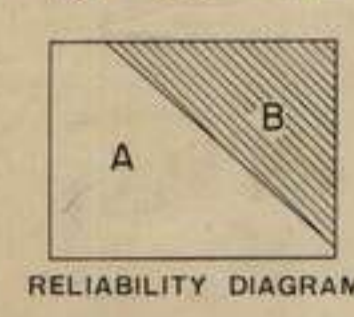
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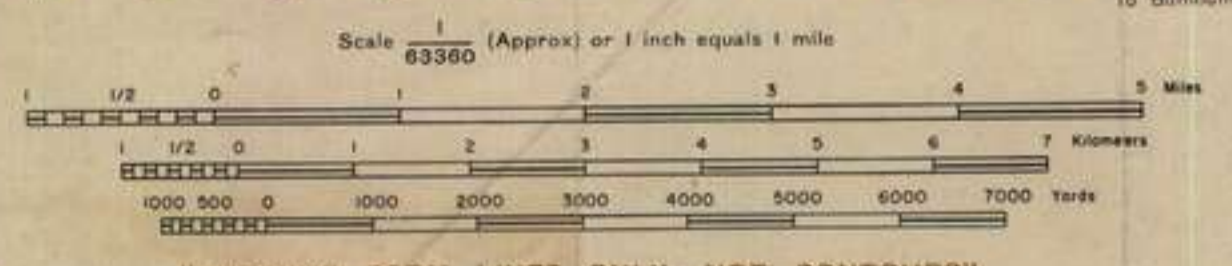
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- LEGEND**
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 - Trails, intermittent
 - Streams, intermittent
 - Swamps
 - Jungles
 - Plantations
 - Cleared areas
 - Farm lines, interval approx 100 ft.
 - Native gardens



RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
A-From vertical and oblique photography.
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NOTE: OFFICERS USING THIS MAP WILL MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS AND
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BENA BENA	FININTEGU	AMARI

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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N. S. 1. EQUATORIAL ZONE
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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12/4/70 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 2/14 Aust (Unit)

W.E. 11/12 OFFRS. 38 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	2	3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.N.S.	1						
	2	3	33			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.	34									34
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
HK127205	Lieut	JONES, D.A.	Hospital	28/9/43	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lieut-Col	VX15	HONNER	R	C.O.	Yes		
T/Maj	VX14682	IANDALE	W.G.A.	2 i/c	Yes		
Capt	VX14032	HAMILTON	I.W.	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX46497	McINNES	C.L.	do	Yes		
Capt	VX13846	BEGGS	G.	Coy 2 i/c	Yes		
Capt	VX14035	RUSSELL	W.B.	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX14097	O'DAY	G.O.	do	Yes		
Capt	VX14038	CHRISTOPHERSON	F.A.	do	Yes		
Capt	VX21199	BISSET	S.Y.	Adjnt	Yes		
T/Capt	VX52879	McGLINCHEY	T.J.	QM	Yes		
T/Capt	VX15289	SCHWIND	L.C.J.	Coy 2 i/c	No	Det 7 Aust Div Drome Co	29/8/43
Lieut	VX14028	EVANS	K.A.	P1 Comd	Yes		
Lieut	VX17093	LAING	W.B.	Coy 2 i/c	Yes		
Lieut	VX38847	GREENWOOD	J.R.	do	No	Det 21 Aust Inf Bde	14/9/43
Lieut	VX14272	RAINEY	D.W.	P1 Comd	Yes		
Lieut	VX35782	LEVETT	P.M.I.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX52840	HOWARD	L.W.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	VX48739	SIMMONS	T.Mc.C.	P1 Comd	Yes		
Lieut	VX30930	CLARKE	E.R.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX17954	THOMPSON	R.N.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX15290	SARGENT	A.L.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX16157	YOUNG	N.H.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX14628	DREDGE	R.A.	do	Yes		
Lieut	NX113732	DAVIES	W.M.	do	Yes		
Lieut	NX142877	PALLIER	N.W.T.	do	Yes		
Lieut	NX115856	NOLAN	T.	do	Yes		
A/Lieut	VX15522	WATSON	R.R.	IO	Yes		
A/Lieut	VX15794	THOMPSON	A.W.	P1 Comd	Yes		
Lieut	NX165210	JACKSON	E.E.	P1 Comd	Yes		
Lieut	NX129489	RYAN	D	do	Yes	ATTACHED PENDING	
Lieut	NX140910	THOMAS	D.W.	Supntry	Yes	AUTHORITY FOR	
Lieut	NX127205	JONES	D.A.	P1 Comd	Yes	POSTING	
Lieut	NX139849	GARNHAM	K.E.	do	Yes		
Lieut	VX39721	McILROY	R.M.		No	Instr LHQ JW Sch Canungra as att	7/6/43
AAMC ATTACHED WITHIN WE							
Capt	VX91439	STEVENSON	H.Mc	L.RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap 4 CI	VX113073	FINLAY J.A.	AACHD	11/2/43	Chaplain
Lieut	VX27688	SHONE W.L.	1 ARTB JW	27/6/43	for Trg
A/Lieut	VX17772	AVERY A.R.	(Gen)	2/7/43	Comd 16 P1 AG&MS List 80
A/Lieut	VX15269	THOMPSON R.V.	(Reinfts)	20/8/43	Comd 11 P1 AG&MS List 126

2 Oct 43

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt for LT Col
Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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12.4.79 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 OCT /1943 2/14 Aust. Inf. (Unit)
Bn

W.E. 11 / 12 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	1 2		1 8 21 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1										
	3	2	31			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	B.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										32		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX17616	A. Lieut	STIRLING J	C. omissions AG & MS List	18 SEP 43 179	Posted to Unit List At present in MDS (Evac 6 OCT 43)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 15	T. Lt-Col	HONNER R	MDS	4 OCT 43	GSW
NX129849	Lieut	RYAN D	MDS	5 OCT 43	(Evac O/Causes)

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

2/14 Aust Inf Bn Unit

12.4./79 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 OCT /1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T. Maj	VX 14682	LANDALE	W G A	2 i.c	YES	-- (Adm. Comd)	
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON	I W	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 46497	McLUNES	E L	do	YES		
Capt	VX 13846	BEGGS	C C	Coy 2 i.c	YES		
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL	W R	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY	G O	do	YES		
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN	F A	do	YES		
Capt	VX 21199	BISSET	S Y	Adjt	YES		
T. Capt	VX 52879	McGLINCHAY	T J	Q.M.	YES		
T. Capt	VX 15289	SCHWIND	L G J	Coy 2 i.c	NO	- Det 7 Aust Div Drome	
Lieut	VX 14028	EVANS	K A	Pl Comd	YES	Gp. 29 AIG 43	
Lieut	VX 17093	LAING	W B	Coy 2 i.c	YES		
Lieut	VX 38247	GREENWOOD	J R	do	NO	- Det as L.O. 21 Bde HQ	
Lieut	VX 14272	LAINLY	D W	Pl Comd	YES		14.9.43
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT	P M	I do	YES		
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD	L W	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX 48739	SIMMONS	T McC	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE	E R	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON	R N	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 15290	SARGENT	A L	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 16157	YOUNG	N H	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE	R A	do	YES		
Lieut	VX113732	DAVIES	W M	do	YES		
Lieut	VX142877	PALLIER	N W T	do	YES		
Lieut	VX115836	NOLAN	T	do	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15522	WATSON	R R	I.O.	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15794	THOMSON	A W	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX163210	JACKSON	E E	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX140910	THOMAS	D W	do	YES		
Lieut	VX157205	JONES	D A	do	YES		
Lieut	VX139849	GARNHAM	K E	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 39721	McILROY	R M		No	- Instr LHQ JW Sch Canungra as att. 7 JUN 43.	
<u>A/MO Attached within WE</u>							
Capt	VX 91439	STEVENSON	H McL	RMO	YES		
T. Lt-Col	VX 15	HOMER	R	CO	NO	vac MDS GSW 4 OCT 43	
Lieut	VX129849	RYAN	D	Pl Comd	NO	vac MDS 5 OCT 43	
A. Lieut	VX 17516	STIRLING	J	do	NO	vac MDS 6 OCT 43	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap 4 C1	VX113073	FINLAY J A	AAC HD	11.2.43	Chaplain
A. Lieut	VX 17772	AVERY A R	GEN	2.7.43	Comd 16 Pl AG & MS List 80
A. Lieut	VX 15269	THOMPSON R V	RE INETS	20.8. 43	Comd 11 Pl AG&MS List 26

9 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

Adm. Comd
Signature of Commander

Wendell
T. Maj
Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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12. 4. 80 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **16 OCT /1943** **2/14 Aust Inf Unit Bn**

W.E. **11/120/2** OFFRS. **320** O.R.'s **739** + OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s **34** ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1 2		1 8 19 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAAC	1							
	3		29			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.V.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		30									30
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SK2917	Maj	LME A J	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	11.10.43	-- Adm Comd., as att.
VX17616	A.Lieut	SPURLING J	MDS	12.10.43	- Reinst Offr att under AG&MS List 179

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NK 142877	Lieut	PALLIER H W T	MDS	11 OCT 43	- GS.V.
NY 183210	Lieut	JACKSON E E	MDS	15 OCT 43	- Evac Other Causes

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (ORR) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 OCT/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T. Maj	VX 14682	LANDALE	W G A	2 i.c	YES		
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON	I V	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 46497	McINNES	G L	do	YES		
Capt	VX 13846	BEGGS	G	Coy 2 i.c	YES		
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL	W B	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY	G O	do	YES		
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN	F A	do	YES		
Capt	VX 21199	BISSET	S Y	Adjt	YES		
T. Capt	VX 52879	McGLINCHEY	T J	O.N.	YES		
T. Capt	VX 15289	SCHWIND	L C J	Coy 2 i.c	YES	NO - Detached 7 Aust Div	
Lieut	VX 14028	EVANS	K A	Pl Comd	YES	Drome Gp	29.8.43
Lieut	VX 17093	LAING	W B	Coy 2 i.c	YES		
Lieut	VX 38847	GREENWOOD	J R	do	NO	- I.O. 21 Bde HQ	14.9.43
Lieut	NX140910	THOMAS	D W	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 14272	RAINEY	D W	do	YES		
Lieut	NX139849	GARRHAM	K E	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT	P M I	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD	L W	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX 48739	SIMMONS	T	MoC Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	NX127205	JONES	D A	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE	E R	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON	R N	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 15290	SARGENT	A L	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 16157	YOUNG	N H	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE	R A	do	YES		
Lieut	NX113732	DAVIES	W M	do	YES		
Lieut	NX115836	NOLAN	T	do	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15522	WATSON	R R	I.O.	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15794	THOMSON	A W	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 39721	McILROY	R H	-	NO	- Detached Instr HQ JW Sch	
						CANU GRA as att. 7.6.43.	
						On Unit X List	
AAMC ATTACHED WITHIN WE:							
Capt	VX 91439	STEVENSON	H M O L	RMO	YES		
T. Lt-Col	NX 15	HONNER	R	CO	NO	Evac MDS GSW	4 OCT 43
Lieut	NX129849	RYAN	D	Pl Comd	NO	Evac MDS	5 OCT 43
Lieut	NX142877	PALLIER	N W T	do	NO	Evac MDS GSW	11 OCT 43
Lieut	NX163210	JACKSON	E E	do	NO	Evac MDS	15 OCT 43

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap & Cl	VX113073	FINLAY J A	AACHD	11.2.43	Chaplain
A. Lieut	VX 17772	AVERT A R	Gen Rnft	2.7.43	Comd 16 Pl AGAMS List 80
A. Lieut	VX 15269	THOMPSON R V	do	20.8.43	Comd 11 Pl AGAMS List 126
Maj	NX 2917	LEE A J	2/16 Bn	11.10.43	Adm/Comd
A. Lieut	VX 17616	STIRLING J	Gen Rnft	12.10.43	Comd 14 Pl AGAMS List 179

16 OCT 43

Date of Despatch

A. Lee
Maj
Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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12.4.81 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **23 OCT 1943** **2/14 Aust Inf (Unit)**

W.E. **11** / **2** OFFRS. **32** O.R.'s. **739** + OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **34** ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1 1		2 8 20 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1							
	2	1	31			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		32									32
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX17772	A.Lieut	AVERY A R	Gen Re infts		Posted to unit strength to date as from 20 JUL 43 Now ceases to be attached
VX14250	T.Maj	RHODES P E	21 Aust Inf Tr g Bn	21 OCT 43	Cessation of secondment Now Adm/ Comd
VX39721	Lieut	McILROY R M	LHQ JW Trg Sch CANUN GRA	15 OCT 43	Cessation of detachment

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 139849	Lieut	GARNHAM K E	To MDS	16 OCT 43	- Evac Hosp
SX2917	T.Maj	LEE A J	2/16 Bn	22 OCT 43	- Cessation of attachment
VX 17616	A.Lieut	STIRLING J	MDS	17 OCT 43	- Evac Hosp from Att List

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 OCT./1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T. Maj	VX 14250	RHODEN	P E		YES	Adm/Comd	
T. Maj	VX 14682	LANDALE	W G A	2 i.c	YES		
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON	I W	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 46497	McINNES	C L	do	YES		
Capt	VX 13846	BEGGS	G	Coy 21st	YES		
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL	W B	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY	G O	do	YES		
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN	F A	do	YES		
Capt	VX 21199	BISSET	S Y	Adjt	YES		
T. Capt	VX 52879	McGLINCHEY	T J	O.N.	YES		
T. Capt	VX 15289	SCHWIND	L C J	Coy 21st	NO	Det 7 Aust Div Drome Gp	29.8.43
Lieut	VX 14023	EVANS	K A	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 17093	LAING	W B	Coy 21st	YES		
Lieut	VX 38847	GREENWOOD	J R	do	NO	L.O. 21 Bde HQ	14.9.43
Lieut	NX140910	THOMAS	D W	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 14272	RAINEY	D W	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT	P M I	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD	L W	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX 39721	McILROY	R M	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 48739	SIMMONS	T Mc C	do	YES		
Lieut	NX127205	JONES	D A	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE	E R	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON	R N	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 15290	SARGENT	A L	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 16157	YOUNG	N H	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE	R A	do	YES		
Lieut	NX113732	DAVIES	W M	do	YES		
Lieut	NX115836	NOLAN	T	do	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15522	WATSON	R R	I.O.	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 17772	AVERY	A R	Pl Comd	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15794	THOMSON	A W	do	YES		
AAMC ATTACHED WITHIN WE							
Capt	VX 91439	STEVENSON	H Mc L	RMO	YES		
Lt-Col	VX 15	HONNER	R	CO	NO	Evac MDS GSW	4 OCT 43
Lieut	NX129849	RYAN	D	Pl Comd	NO	Evac MDS	5 OCT 43
Lieut	NX142877	PALLIER	N W T	do	NO	Evac MDS GSW	11 OCT 43
Lieut	NX163210	JACKSON	E E	do	NO	Evac MDS	15 OCT 43
Lieut	NX139849	GARNHAM	K E	do	NO	Evac MDS	16 OCT 43

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Up 4 Cl	VX133078	FINLAY J A	AACHD	11.2.43	Chaplain
Lieut	VX 15269	THOMPSON R V	G EN	20.8.43	Comd 11 Pl AG&MS List 12
			R RINPT		

23 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

P. C. Rhoden
Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

12.5.43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 OCT 1943 3/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.													
					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	1 1	2	2 8 21 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
	2	2	32			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.		33								33		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 139849	Lieut	GARNHAM K E	2/6 Fl & Amb	26 OCT 43	RTL ex Hosp
VX 17616	A.Lieut	STIRLING J	Hospital	27 OCT 43	TOS by LOB Gp as attachment under AG&MS List 179

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX15290	Lieut	SARGENT A L	Det Special Duty	24 OCT 43	Authority: 7 Aust Div

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /..... /194.....

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 OCT/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T. Maj	VX 14250	RHODEN	P E	Adm Comd	YES		
T. Maj	VX 14682	LANDALE	W G A	2 i.e	YES		
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON	I W	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 46497	McINNES	C L	do	YES		
Capt	VX 13846	BEGGS	G	Coy 2i.e	NO	L.O.B. Group	15 SEP 43
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL	W B	Coy Comd	YES		
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY	G O	do	YES		
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN	F A	do	YES		
Capt	VX 21199	BISSET	S Y	Adjt	YES		
T. Capt	VX 52879	McGLINCHEY	T J	Q.M.	YES		
T. Capt	VX 15289	SCHWIND	I C J	Coy 2i.e	NO	L.O.B. Group	15 SEP 43
Lieut	VX 14028	EVANS	K A	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 17093	LAING	W B	Coy 2i.e	YES		
Lieut	VX 38847	GREENWOOD	J R	do	NO	L.O. 21 Bde HQ	14 SEP 43
Lieut	NX140910	THOMAS	D W	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 14272	RAINEY	D W	do	YES		
Lieut	NX139849	GARNHAM	K E	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT	P M I	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD	L W	T.O.	NO	L.O.B. Group	15 SEP 43
Lieut	VX 39721	McILROY	R M	Pl Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX 48739	SIMMONS	T McC	do	YES		
Lieut	NX127205	JONES	D A	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE	E R	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON	R N	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 15290	SARGENT	A L	do	NO	Det Special Duty	24 OCT 43
Lieut	VX 16157	YOUNG	N H	do	YES		
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE	R A	do	YES		
Lieut	NX113732	DAVIES	W M	do	YES		
Lieut	NX115836	NOLAN	T	do	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15522	WATSON	R R	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX 17772	AVERY	A R	Pl Comd	YES		
A. Lieut	VX 15794	THOMSON	A W	do	YES		
AAMC ATTACHED WITHIN WE:							
Capt	VX 91439	STEVENSON	H McL	RMO	YES		
T. Lt-Col	VX 15	HONNER	R	CO	NO	EVAC MDS GSW	4 OCT 43
Lieut	NX129849	RYAN	D	Pl Comd	NO	EVAC MDS	5 OCT 43
Lieut	NX142877	PALLIER	N W T	do	NO	EVAC MDS GSW	11 OCT 43
Lieut	NX163210	JACKSON	E E	do	NO	EVAC MDS	15 OCT 43
Lieut	SK 4130	DAIBY	H		NO	Trfd to Unit Regtl List	
Lieut	VX 16042	MORTIMORE	H E		NO	from 39 Aust Inf Bn.	
Lieut	NG 821	TUCKEY	P A		NO	Authority: 1 Aust Corps MS/93/57/2. Have not as yet joined unit.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap 4 Cl	VX133073	FINLAY J A	AACHD	11.2.43	Chaplain
A. Lieut	VX 15269	THOMPSON R V	Gen Rnft	20.8.43	Comd AG&MS List 126 11 Pl.
A. Lieut	VX 17616	STIRLING J	do	27.10.43	AG&MS List 179 Det IOB Gp

30 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 2/10/1945
PART E Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

SUMMARY SURPLUS NCOs

1 S.Sgt Unit Records Sgt at DRO. WE provides for Sgt only.

8 Sgts 1 Sgt Clerk (Required for Field Service)
1 Mortar Sgt
6 Pl Sgts - Riflemen

6 Cpls 1 Cpl Tailor - promoted under old WE present WE allows for Pte only

1 Cpl Mortar
1 Cpl Tk/A
1 Cpl M.M.G.
2 Section Ldrs Riflemen

Category	Quantity	Remarks
1 S.Sgt Unit Records	1	Sgt at DRO. WE provides for Sgt only.
8 Sgts	8	1 Sgt Clerk (Required for Field Service) 1 Mortar Sgt 6 Pl Sgts - Riflemen
6 Cpls	6	1 Cpl Tailor - promoted under old WE present WE allows for Pte only
1 Cpl Mortar	1	
1 Cpl Tk/A	1	
1 Cpl M.M.G.	1	
2 Section Ldrs Riflemen	2	

Carried Forward 13 M
Carried Forward 30 34
Total of surplus 34

Signature of Commander
Date of Report
14 Aug 45

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 /OCT /1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		1		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	1		NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Spec N COs	15	17	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mortars	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		MGs	26	22	4
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Tk.A	18	18	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				NCOs	92	104	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Dut's	504	410	95
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	8		Coach Trimmers				Coln 1	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				2	13	14	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				3	30	34	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Sub Total	739	659	99
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AANC	4	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAPC	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		AME	3	3	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AA Post C	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAC	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC	23	18	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	13	14		CARRIED FORWARD	30	34		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	686	99

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

REMARKS ON BACK HEREOF

9 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

T. Maj
A dm/ Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

19.3.52

Part A of Army Form W.3009

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 9 Oct 1952

SUMMARY SURPLUS WCOs

1 S/Sgt	Unit Records Sgt at DRO: WE Provides for Sgt only.
7 Sgts	1 Sgt Clerk (Required for Field Ser vice) 1 Mortar Sgt 5 Pl Sgts (Ri flomen)
7 Cpls	1 Cpl Tailor - promoted under old WE not allowed under new WE 1 Cpl Mortars 1 Cpl Tk/a 1 Cpl MMF 3 Section Ldr s. Riflemen.

1/10/52

Grade	Present	Reinforcements	Total	Remarks
Sgt	1	1	2	
Cpl	1	1	2	
Pl	5	5	10	
Tk/a	1	1	2	
MMF	1	1	2	
Section Ldr s.	3	3	6	
Tailor	1	1	2	
Mortars	1	1	2	
Clerk	1	1	2	
Unit Records	1	1	2	
Total	20	20	40	

Part A of Army Form W.3009

19.3.52

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16 OCT /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		1		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	1		NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Spec NCOs	15	17	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mortars	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2		MMGs	26	22	4
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Tk.A	18	18	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				NCOs	92	94	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	504	391	116
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	8		Coach Trimmers				Coln 1	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Coln 2	13	14	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Coln 3	30	35	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Sub Total	739	631	120
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAAC	4	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAFC	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		AAIME	3	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AA Post C	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AAC C	23	19	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	13	14		CARRIED FORWARD	30	35		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	659	120

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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16 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

Adj
Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3002 at 0800 Hours Saturday 16 Feb 1943

SUMMARY SURPLUS NCOs		SUMMARY NCO DEFICIENCIES	
1 S/Sgt	Unit Recor ds NCO - WE Provides for Sgt only.	1 WO II	- Coy CSM (Batt le C asualty KIA)
2 Sgts	1 Sgt Cler k (Required for Field Service) 1 MG Sgt	1 S/Sgt	- COMB (Hospital evacuation)
3 Cpls	1 Cpl Tail or - promoted under old WE. New WE provides for Pte. 2 Cpl Mort ars		

NOTE - (a) If total strength shown in Part A is insufficient to provide for the requirements shown in Part E, the deficiency should be shown in Part E. (b) Where a W.A.S. or A.S.W.S. is shown in Part A, it should be shown in Part E. (c) Where a W.A.S. or A.S.W.S. is shown in Part E, it should be shown in Part A. (d) Where a W.A.S. or A.S.W.S. is shown in Part A and Part E, it should be shown in Part E.

Signature of Commander
Date of Report

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23 OCT /194 3.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Weiders				Painters		1		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	1		
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Spec NCOs	15	17	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mortars	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2		MIGs	26	22	4
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Tk/ A	18	18	
Grinder, Precision				Helo Operator				Clerks, Supply				NCOs	92	92	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	504	360	148
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	8		Coach Trimmers				Coln 1	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Coln 2	13	14	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Coln 3	30	34	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Sub Total	739	597	152
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC	4	3	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAPC	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		AAOC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AA Post C	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AEME	3	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACG	23	21	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	13	14		CARRIED FORWARD	30	34		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	627	152

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REMARKS ON BACK HEREOF

23 OCT 43

Date of Despatch

Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Position of Personnel as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23 Oct 1945.

1 S/Sgt

Unit Records Representative at DRO 020.

3 Sgts

WE Provide for Sgt only.
1 Sgt Clerk, required for field service
1 MMG Sgt
1 Pl Sgt - Rifleman

SUMMARY NCO D EFFICIENCIES

1 W/II

Coy CSM - X List replacement due for immediate return to Bn

1 Cpl

Section Leader - Rifleman

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Table with columns for Personnel, Position, and Efficiency. Includes rows for various ranks and positions such as Pl Sgt, CSM, Cpl, and various technical roles. Includes a 'CARRIED FORWARD' section at the bottom.

REMARKS ON BACK

NOTE - (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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25 OCT 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NOTES PART A COLNS 6-10

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

POSTED STRENGTH

WAR ESTABLISHMENT		POSTED STRENGTH	
10	9	8	7
AA POST C	1 Sgt		1
AANC	2 Sgts		3
	1 Cpl		1
	1 Pte		
AACC	1 Cpl Shoemaker		1
AAPC	1 Sgt		1
	1 Cpl		1
ARME	1 Sgt Armourer		1
	1 Cfn do		1
	1 Fitters Gun		1
AACC	1 WOII Gaterer		1
	5 Sgt Cooks		5
	5 Cpl Cooks		4
	12 ORs		9
TOTAL	34		30

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units				Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units			
Number of ORs	Unit to which detached	Number of ORs	Unit to which attached	Number of ORs	Unit to which attached	Number of ORs	Unit to which attached
1	1 Div Coy						
3	3 Div Coy						
4	4 Div Coy						
1	1 Div Coy						
3	3 Div Coy						
3	3 Div Coy						
3	3 Div Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested			
Rank	Name and Initials	Remarks (e.g. former whereabouts if known)	Reason for request

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 /OCT/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	3
			Welders			Painters	1		Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
	1	1				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
		1				Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Biggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	3	3
			Armourers			Signallers	24	24	Tailors	1	
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			SPEC NCOs	15	14
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			MORTARS	32	32
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	2	MGCs	26	20
			Height Taker			Clerks	4	3	Tk/ A	18	18
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			NCOs	92	96
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Gen Duty	504	341
			Intelligence Duties	7	7	Coach Trimmers			Coln 1	1	2
			Joiners			Concretors			Coln 2	13	13
			Lineman			Cooks			Coln 3	30	34
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Sub Total	739	576
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AAMC	4	4
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AAPC	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics	3		AAOC	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AA POST C	1	1
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AEME	3	3
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	AACC	23	19
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	13	CARRIED FORWARD	30	34	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	606
										172	172

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REMARKS ON BACK HEREOF

30 OCT 43

Date of Despatch

Adm/Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

SUMMARY SURPLUS NCOs

Group	Rank	Number	Remarks
1	S/Sgt	1	Unit Records NCO at DRO O2E: WE Provides for Sgt only
2	Sgts	2	1 Sgt Clerk: Required for field service 1 Pl Sgt - Rifleman
GROUP II			
GROUP III			
GROUP IV			
GROUP V			
GROUP VI			
GROUP VII			
GROUP VIII			
GROUP IX			
GROUP X			
GROUP XI			
GROUP XII			
GROUP XIII			
GROUP XIV			
GROUP XV			
GROUP XVI			
GROUP XVII			
GROUP XVIII			
GROUP XIX			
GROUP XX			
GROUP XXI			
GROUP XXII			
GROUP XXIII			
GROUP XXIV			
GROUP XXV			
GROUP XXVI			
GROUP XXVII			
GROUP XXVIII			
GROUP XXIX			
GROUP XXX			
GROUP XXXI			
GROUP XXXII			
GROUP XXXIII			
GROUP XXXIV			
GROUP XXXV			
GROUP XXXVI			
GROUP XXXVII			
GROUP XXXVIII			
GROUP XXXIX			
GROUP XL			
GROUP XLI			
GROUP XLII			
GROUP XLIII			
GROUP XLIV			
GROUP XLV			
GROUP XLVI			
GROUP XLVII			
GROUP XLVIII			
GROUP XLIX			
GROUP L			

Carried Forward 1 2
 Carried Forward 13 13
 Carried Forward 30 34

Date of Report

Signature of Commander

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OCTOBER 1943

ORIGINAL

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
POM-POM VALLEY	1		Fine day. No training - camp duties only.
	2	0900 1330	Fine morning - rained during afternoon. Lieut SHONE visited unit personnel in 113 Con Depot KOITAKI; distributed mail and canteen goods. VX 27688 Lieut W L SHONE marched out 1400 hrs to NEW GUINEA DETAILS DEPOT for return to CANUNGRA (Ceased to be attached)
	3		Voluntary church parade - few starters.
	4	AM PM	Fine day. Weapon training. Sport
	5		Day fine. Route march, Capt BEGGS in charge.
	6	2030	30 ^x range practice all LOB and attached personnel. Practice included firing rifle from the hip. Lieut R A DREDGE in charge. Detachment of Major W G A LANDALE to 21 Bde LOB Gp as OC terminated today-to proceed forward. WARNING ORDER for movement of plane-loads M831-M834 (Tk/A pl and other "X"-list - balance of original planes) during night. Embussed 0230 hrs.
	7	1100 1800	Fine - windy afternoon. Major W G A LANDALE emplaned this morning - got through. Planes M831-M834 returned to lines 1330 hrs. Planes took off twice but failed to get through to NADZAB because of heavy clouds. 12 general reinforcements marched in ex MURRAY BARRACKS today. WARNING ORDER. Plane loads to move to Plane Marshalling Yards by 0830 hrs 8 Oct 43.
	8	0800 1200 2245	Fine and cloudy. Plane parties departed for drome. Plane parties returned to lines, did not emplane. WARNING ORDER - Plane loads to report to Marshalling Yards by 0830 hrs 9 Oct 43.
	9	0810 1300 2000	Fine and cloudy. Plane loads departed for drome. Plane loads returned to lines, did not emplane. WARNING ORDER. Plane loads M831-M834 PLUS all available "X"-list personnel to be ready to move by 0330 hrs 10 Oct 43.
	10		Fine and clear. All plane loads (1 Offr and 78 ORs) got through. Voluntary church parades 25 and 18 Bde lines. Informed Lt-col R HONNER patient in 2/5 AGH being admitted as Lieut HONNER. Search by Capt BEGGS failed to locate him. LOB personnel played 2/2 Pnr Bn cricket but were defeated.
	11		Fine day. Rifles zeroed 30 ^x range in "GARDEN VALLEY" (rear of unit lines) Lieut G F X BROWN (ANGAU) visited officers.

WAR DIARY - 2/14 AUST INF BN LOB GROUP

OCTOBER 1943 (Contd)

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
POM-POM VALLEY	12		Fine day. Swimming parade to BOOTLESS INLET during afternoon.
	13		Fine day, cool breeze. Lieut L W HOWARD on leave to RIGO.
	14		Fine. Pte MOORE J T ("I" sec) accidently burnt whilst burning rubbish. Evacuated to hospital.
	15		Fine. Strong SE breeze during afternoon. Lieut R M McILROY marched in ex LHQ (JW) Trg Centre GANUNGRA. Secondment terminated.
	16	AM PM	Fine and hot. Troops employed on working parties. Scratch cricket match.
	17	1015 1345 1600	Fine. Compulsory Church Parade 2/2 Pnr LOB lines. Capt BRADLEY officiated. Capt G BEGGS and Lieut R M McILROY visited Lieut N W T PALLIER and men in 2/9 AGH. Major P E RHODEN visited unit. Arrived by plane this morning and is at MURRAY BARRACKS awaiting movement forward. Completely outfitted here but NOT taken on strength.
	18	PM	Fine morning. Rained heavily 1800-2000 hrs. Many tents flooded. Major RHODEN failed to emplane. Is staying here pending movement. Troops route marched to BOOTLESS INLET for swim.
	19	PM	Fine but heavy clouds on mountains. Major RHODEN again failed to get away. All troops excluding essential duties on route march.
	20	0830 - 1330	Fine day. Major RHODEN got through by carrier plane to LAE this AM. Major A MOORE (our old SA representative) had lunch with us. 1100 Route march. 1300 30 ^x range practice for "X"-list. Informed Staff Captain 21 Bde LOB Group has arranged for trucks to visit AGH's each afternoon (one each AGH) commencing today. Unit representatives detailed. Representatives to date have done good work delivering mail and kit - also distributing canteen goods to all unit patients.
	21	AM PM 1815	Fine and very hot. Weapon training. Scratch cricket match. 15 ORs attended 50/50 Concert at MURRAY BARRACKS.
	22	AM PM	Fine day. Weapon training. Cricket match versus 21 Bde LOB. We won by over an innings. Major MOORE (SA) at match, distributed iced cordial.
	23	AM	Fine Range practice - OSMG.

WAR DIARY - 2/14 AUST INF BN LOB GROUP

OCTOBER 1943 (Contd)

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
POM-POM VALLEY	23 (contd)	PM	Make and mend. Talkies in 2/25 Aust Inf Bn LOB lines tonight. To be a weekly fixture (i.e. Saturday nights)
	24		Fine.
		0945	Compulsory church parade 2/2 Pnr LOB lines. Capt BRADLEY officiated. RC Mass 2/12 0930 hrs.
		1645	Bde warning order, calling for plane tables for all available troops. Submitted for 1 and 22 - later amended to 1 and 19.
		1900	"X"-list and reinforcements warned for movement early in morning.
	25	0600	Bde message - plane party to reach Div Marshalling Area by 0830 hrs (second flight) Plane party got through. Our strength now 2 Officers and 51 ORs (incl 3 "X"-list ORs)
		1900	Lieut A L SARGENT called in for kit - held at MURRAY BARRACKS. He and 3 ORs left forward unit this morning (on special duty).
		1945	WO II GLAVIN and 9 ORs ("X"-list) marched in from NEW GUINEA DETAILS DEPOT ex mainland. 2 members (Ptes MASON A E and LEES R G) under close arrest on AWL charges. Changed to open arrest on arrival here. Training.
		AM	Weapon training.
		PM	Cricket practice.
	26		Fine and hotter than usual. Training.
		AM	Weapon training in area.
		PM	Cricket match against 2/16 Aust Inf Bn LOB on our pitch. We won by 16 runs. Lieut SARGENT looked in during afternoon, expects to leave for AUSTRALIA 28 Oct 43. A/Lieut J STIRLING marched in ex hospital, strained achilles tendon. ID for some time.
	27		Fine morning. Light showers during afternoon and night. Training.
		AM	Weapon training.
		PM	Softball scratch match.
		1330	Bandsmen left to play at 2/5 AGH with 2/33 Band. Received note from Lt-col R HONNER today, written from 2/11 AGH.
	28		Fine day with cool breeze in afternoon. Light showers commencing 1545 hrs. Training.
		AM	Weapon training.
		PM	Route march.
		1500	Capt L C J SCHWIND and batman returned from WARD's DROME Group. Duty as ALO terminated. Are to move forward by plane in morning.
	29		Overcast. Heavy rain 1210-1300 hrs. Intermittent showers all afternoon. Capt SCHWIND and batman left for Airfield but returned to lines 1230 hrs. Capt BEGGS away for morning visiting AMMN DEPOT and our DID. Training.
		AM	Weapon training.

WAR DIARY - 2/14 AUST INF BN LOB GROUP

OCTOBER 1943 (Contd)

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
POM-POM VALLEY	29 (contd)	PM	Make and mend. All ranks completed requisitions for Xmas book "Khaki and Green" (requisitions received this morning)
		0930	All day cricket match against 2/27 Aust Inf Bn LOB commenced. Abandoned approximately 1100 hrs because of rain.
	30		Damp morning, fined up later on.
		AM	Route march to hill overlooking 7 MILE DROME.
		PM	Cricket match versus 21 Aust Inf Bde LOB. We won by 112 to 95 runs.
		0815	OC's orderly room (2 cases)
		2000	Talkies 25 Aust Inf Bde LOB lines.
	31		Fine and pleasant. Strong SE winds during afternoon. Compulsory church parade 2/2 Pnr LOB lines. Capt BRADLEY officiated.
			RC Mass 2/12 Aust Inf Bn lines.

*George Dege Capt
O.C. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
LOB. G.D.*