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WAR DIARY

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PLACE	DATE & TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
BALIKPAPAN	1 Jul 0700	25 Bde afloat off BALIKPAPAN.	
	1245	Bde Comd (Brig K W EATHER), BM (Maj G E LYON), SC (Capt R A PRIOL) and majority of Bde HQ came ashore from WESTRALIA, landed on YELLOW BEACH and moved to 596595.	
	1600	CO 2/25 Bn and alternative Bde HQ came ashore from MANOORA, landed at YELLOW BEACH and joined Bde HQ at 596595.	
	1920	Infm received from 7 Div that at 1900I comd of Task Force passed to GOC 7 Div ashore.	
	2000	Infm received from 7 Div that captured map shows enemy def posns at 597618 596615 595615 590616 591616 590615 589616 588614 598615 601615 601612 601611 599611 598611 599614.	
	2040	7 Div requested CGT that 25 Bde Bns land by 020800L. Natives report few if any enemy in PENADJAM area. Native reports, air observation, and enemy demolition of dock installations indicate probable intention to withdraw to BATOCHAMPAR area.	
	2 Jul 0745	Bns commenced landing on GREEN BEACH. 2/33 Bn landed first followed by 2/31 Bn and 2/25 Bn less two Coys. 2/33 Bn moved to RECORD, 2/31 Bn to RATION, and 2/25 less two Coys to PARKES PLUG area.	
	0800	COs 2/33 Bn & 2/31 Bn called on Bde Comd.	
	0915	Bde Comd & BM accompanied GOC 7 Div to 18 Bde HQ.	
	0930	Bde HQ adv party left for proposed conc area, which was found to be unsuitable as jeeps could NOT reach there.	
	1100	Instr received from 7 Div:- readjustment Bde bdys to become effective by arrangements between Bdes. 2/6 Cdo Sqn and C Coy 2/1 MG Bn less one Pl to revert <del>to</del> from 25 Bde comd to div res. 25 Bde to place one Bn (2/25 Bn) in Div res present conc area. 25 Bde less one Bn to be responsible for area bounded by all incl HOBSON'S RD-Hill 89-ORANGE from 21 Bde, and from all incl PLUG-BLYTHE'S JUNC-NEWSREEL from 18 Bde. RAA 7 Div to allot FOOs to 25 Bde. Armd & RAE sp 25 Bde by arrangement with 18 Bde.	
	1100	Bde HQ left for conc area, now changed to 589599, arriving 1205I.	
	1210	2/31 Bn reported capture of 1 PW badly wounded. 2/31 Bn locations - BHQ 594601 A Coy 593602 B 593601 C 593603 D 593601.	
	1300	2/25 Bn locations - B Coy on PLUG with 2 pls on PARKES, C Coy on feature 588600, HQ Coy 589601 with BHQ 589602, A & D Coys still at sea. Two pls on PARKES ready to sp attack by 2/12 Bn on PORTEE if required. 2/33 Bn locations - BHQ 59406030 A Coy 592613 B 593605 C 595605 D 596605.	
	1400	2/33 Bn reported 1 OR killed by sniper. Patrol to BLYTHE'S JUNC located mine at 59256055 and two booby traps same area. Other booby traps covered by vegetation were observed at side of track.	
	1440	Bde Comd watched successful attack on PORTEE by 2/12 Bn.	
	1500	2/33 Bn patrol to BLYTHE'S JUNC contacted 18 Bde tps and returned. 1 OR wounded by sniper in C Coy's area.	

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B'PAPAN	2 Jul 1510	2/31 Bn sec patrol left to move via house 596604 to RAVENSHOE thence to contact 2/16 Bn via house 598607 and return by SW rd.	
	1530	BM visited Comd 21 Bde and discussed on behalf of Bde Comd relief of 2/16 Bn by 2/33 Bn in area ONTONG-ORANGE-MURPHY'S JUNC-89 feature.	
	1600	Bde Comd issued warning order to 2/33 Bn to begin mov for relief of 2/16 Bn at 1700I. Recce party to move immediately.	
	1600	Det 2/4 Fd Coy arrived Bde HQ and was ordered to place a det with 2/31 & 2/33 Bns. 2/31 Bn reported that sec patrol had contacted 2/16 Bn at 598607.	
	1630	2/4 Fd Coy dets moved out to 2/31 & 2/33 Bns.	
	1700	Two OPOs from 8 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt arrived Bde HQ and moved, one to 2/31 Bn and one to 2/33 Bn. 2/25 Bn reported standing patrol of pl str est at BLYTHE'S JUNC. Patrol captured 2 PW.	
	1710	2/25 Bn reported considerable enemy mov seen on NAIL at 1630I - believed enemy gun posn. An OP has now been est on PLUG. Standing patrol reported 3 mines in their area.	
	1900	C Coy 2/31 Bn now on RESORT ? remainder Bn NO change. 2/25 Bn NO change. 2/33 Bn moved 1700I and completed relief of 2/16 Bn on OWEN ONTONG ORANGE & Hill 89 by 1900I. Own cas 1 KIA 1 WIA.	
	2030	Bde Comd held conference and outlined plan for ops 3 Jul as contained in OO No.3 issued by phone at 2015I. Infm :- Report suggests enemy withdrawn from OPUS. Estimated 100 JAPS on OPERATOR. Possible enemy gun (NOT heard since 021200I) on contour 60 at 599622. Additional tps under comd:- 2 & 4 Tps 1 Aust Armd Regt, two dets 2/4 Fd Coy, one pl C Coy 2/1 MG Bn, and in sp one Bty 2/4 Fd Regt. Intention:- to secure line ORANGE-MURPHY'S JUNC-CHILTON'RD-NEWSREEL as early as possible on 3 Jul. Method:- on right 2/33 Bn with det RAE, FOO, and ASP, on left 2/31 Bn with same att tps. One Coy of each Bn NOT to be committed or moved without approval of Bde Comd. Start time - 0730I. Action on capture of objective:- 2/33 Bn - to patrol to and if clear of enemy hold by standing patrol OCTOBER -OXYGEN-OPERATOR-OPUS and search for enemy in Bn sector. 2/31 Bn - to patrol to NOBODY and if clear hold by strong standing patrol and search for enemy in Bn sector. Inter Bn bdy incl to 2/33 Bn OPERATOR-OPUS-MURPHY'S JUNC.	
	2100	PW surrendered to 2/33 Bn.	
	2125	Instr from 7 Div:- Tps now permitted to mention in correspondence that they have landed at BALIKPAPAN.	
	2130	From 7 Div:- amendment of Bde bdys. 25 Bde also to be responsible for all incl NURSE-NAIL-br 573627. Bde cas to date:- Own - KIA 1 WIA 1; Enemy - Counted dead (CD) 10 PW 3.	
	3 Jul 0600	During night some enemy mov on RATION in 2/31 Bn area. In 2/33 Bn area sniper active but NO cas. 2/25 Bn - at 022350I two grenades thrown into B Coy's area on PARKES - NO cas. Two grenades also thrown into patrol at BLYTHE'S JUNC - NO cas. At 0315I small party enemy approached patrol posn 2 were killed 1 escaped.	
	0630	One PW captured by 2/31 Bn in RECORD area.	

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	0830	2/33 Bn reported OPUS probably occupied by enemy.	
	0855	Orders issued to 2/31 Bn:- On securing CHILTON'S RD-NEWSREEL to patrol to NURSE NAIL & br at 574628. To move to buildings in area 582626 and if unoccupied hold by standing patrol. Change of bdys:- Bde left bdy incl 2/31 Bn br 574628-NAIL-NURSE-NEWSREEL. Inter Bn bdy incl 2/33 Bn LAVERTON-LETTER-rd & track junc 588626-OPERATOR-OPUS. Right flank Bde bdy remains 60 grid. 2/12 Bn (18 Bde) is to move to town area.	
	0930	2/33 Bn reported B Coy patrol killed sniper 593617 and pushed on to OPUS encountering 4 enemy. Sighted enemy OP at 591617. Estimated 30 JAPS on OPUS. B Coy occupied lower end of OPUS-OPERATOR ridge with one pl on reverse slopes OPUS. A sec patrol from C Coy patrolled to track junc 598613 and up re-entrant to NE then returned to feature 89 without contacting enemy.	
	0945	2/31 Bn now holding line NEWSREEL-CHILTON'S RD after overcoming slight opposition. 5 JAPS killed.	
	1125	Infm received from 7 Div that a PW had stated that enemy intention was to withdraw and make a stand in def posns 6267 6266 6367 6366 & 6368.	
	1128	A Coy 2/33 Bn moving via OCTOBER to attack OXYGEN. Occupied OXYGEN by 1200I.	
	1200	2/31 Bn CP now on NEWSREEL 584617. D Coy moving on to NURSE encountered fire from 2 LMGs, SMG & sniper. One PW taken. A Coy moving towards NOBODY overcame lt opposition in timber at 587618.	
	1330	Bde Comd & BM left to visit 2/33 Bn.	
	1340	From 7 Div:- 2/4 Fd Regt with u/c one "short" Bty 2/5 Fd Regt to <del>supply</del> sp 18 & 25 Bdes from all incl MALANG to word HIGHWAY in sq 6166.	
	1345	2/33 Bn:- A Coy on OXYGEN waiting to attack OPERATOR. 2/31 Bn adv on NOBODY also held up by fire from OPERATOR. Arty and mortar conc to be brought down on OPERATOR. Shoot to begin 1400I.	
	1450	2/31 Bn reports:- enemy in str with 2 HMGs on NURSE held up full scale attack by D Coy - our cas 6 KIA 20 WIA. Coy taking up def posn at 584620. A Coy have one pl on NOBODY at house 586624 being engaged by enemy from NORTH portion of same feature. Coy preparing to attack.	
	1500	From 7 Div:- one AUSTER AC operating from SEPINGGANG strip now available for sorties for arty sp.	
	1600	2/31 Bn report enemy est with 4 HMGs in timber NE end of NURSE 584621. D Coy attacked unsuccessfully. Captured 2 HMGs but forced to abandon them. Coy withdrew to NE end of NEWSREEL 585618. A Coy awaiting arrival of FOO & MG pl to attack NOBODY. By 1600I 2/33 Bn by a combined pincer mov with A & B Coys had secured OPUS & OPERATOR and ridge running EAST from OPERATOR towards OXYGEN - enemy cas 20 CD, estimated additional (EA) 25 - own cas KIA 6 WIA 8. On capture of OPERATOR A Coy 2/31 Bn adv towards NOBODY and encountered strong opposition incl 5 MGs. Coy est at 587622 by 1730I.	
	1730	2/25 Bn - standing patrol moving to RATION. Standing patrol pl str moving to BLYTHE'S JUNC to protect tks.	
	1830	C Coy 2/1 MG Bn cease to be Div res and come u/c 25 Bde.	
	1950	2/25 Bn report JAP gun on NAIL firing over PORTEE feature and towards beach.	

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B'PAPAN	3 Jul 2000	Bde disposns for night:- Bde HQ 589599; 2/25 Bn less two Coys PARKES-PLUG area with one Pl at BLYTHE'S JUNC; 2/31 Bn NEWSREEL-NAVIGATE-OXLEY with A Coy 587622 and D Coy 585618; 2/33 Bn ORANGE OCTOBER-OXYGEN-OPERATOR-OPUS-MURPHY'S JUNC. Bde cas to date:- Own - KIA 2 & 19 WIA 2 & 52 Missing; 1. Enemy CD 60 EA 75 PW 6.	
	4 Jul 0630	Quiet night on all fronts. Enemy activity confined to lt probing and sporadic fire from NOBODY & NURSE. During night our arty, MGs, and 3" mortars poured fire on to known enemy posns.	
	0700	2/31 Bn patrolling to NURSE & NOBODY.	
	0715	Bde Comd & BM left to visit 2/31 Bn and later 2/33 Bn accompanied by GOC 7 Div.	
	0730	B Coy 2/33 Bn advancing towards LEWIS & LETTER via 592620.	
	0750	A Coy (2/31 Bn) patrol found NOBODY deserted and Coy now moving to occupy feature. D Coy pat found NURSE also deserted and Coy now moving to occupy. Enemy dead counted on features 68.	
	1130	Arty OPs now est on NAIL & OXYGEN. Registering area 591639 and also area to sp attack by B Coy 2/33 Bn on area 593625. Situation:- 2/31 Bn - C Coy relieved 2/12 Bn on NAIL and now patrolling fwd to ORR'S JUNC; other Coys NO change; 2/33 Bn - B Coy reached 593630 without opposition, other Coys NO change; 2/25 Bn A & D Coys now ashore - A Coy 54 feature & 592604, D Coy 593604, other Coys NO change.	
	1215	Bde HQ began move to new location.	
	1257	2/25 Bn patrol to RATION reported 75mm gun complete with amn in posn 591607.	
	1330	Bde Comd held conference at Bde HQ. Present - BM, SC, IO, CO 2/25 Bn, 2 i/c 2/31 Bn, G III Air, OC ASP, and representatives from 2/4 Fd Regt, 2/2 Tk A Regt, C Coy 2/1 MG Bn, & 2/1 Armd Regt. Bde to continue adv NORTH on three Bn front. Each Bn has on call 2/4 Fd Regt. 2/33 Bn has u/c one Pl MG Coy; 2/31 u/c C Coy 2/1 MG Bn less one Pl, ALP, det 2/2 Tk A Regt with 1 x 6pdr gun, one Tp 2/1 Armd Regt, one Pl NEI Coy; 2/25 u/c ALP, NEI Coy less one pl, det 2/2 Tk A Regt with 6 pdr gun. 2/25 Bn to move 050730I and take over NURSE & NAIL from 2/31 Bn. Intention to seal off from ORR'S JUNC WEST to coastline and clear enclosed area to 18 Bde NORTH bdy. Bns then to move fwd slowly making utmost use of sp arms.	
	1400	Bde HQ closes present location and re-opens 587616.	
	1430	B Coy 2/33 Bn reached LETTER & LEWIS without opposition. From 7 Div:- two Tps MATILDA tks, one Tp FROGS available in sp 25 Bde. NO bulldozers or br layers available.	
	1445	BM held conference of all Bde HQ Offrs and outlined Bde policy set out above.	
	1500	2/31 Bn now disposed as follows:- CP on NAIL with HQ Coy & C Coy less one pl, one Pl C Coy LODGE other Coys NO change. Sec patrol moving towards LUNCH shelled by our arty causing 2 cas. Patrol reports enemy mov on LAVERTON. Between 1415/1430I five shells fell vic NAIL apparently from Mountain Gun. 2/33 Bn - D Coy moving to occupy LEWIS. 2/25 Bn & 2/6 Cdo Sqn cease to be Div res and come u/c 25 Bde.	
	1600	2x6 pdr guns transferred from u/c 18 Bde to 25 Bde.	
	1630	COs 2/31 & 2/33 Bns called on Bde Comd.	

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B'PAPAN	4 Jul 1800	D Coy 2/1 MG Bn less one pl now u/c 25 Bde. Bde disposns for night:- Bde HQ 587616; 2/25 Bn PARKES-PLUG area; 2/31 Bn BHQ & C Coy less pl NAIL, A Coy NOBODY, B NEWSREEL, D NURSE, one Pl C Coy standing patrol LODGE; 2/33 Bn BHQ OPUS, A Coy OPERATOR, B LETTER, C ORANGE-OCTOBER-contour 599622, D LEWIS; 2/6 Cdo Sqn 595595; C Coy MG Bn 588616. Bde cas to date:- Own - KIA 2& 21 WIA 2 & 54 Missing 1; Enemy CD 152 EA 30 PW 6.	
	1800	2/33 Bn reported that patrol from C Coy adv to within few hundred yds of MACKAY at 598641 by 1730I. NO contact. Patrol met native chief who spoke ENGLISH and volunteered infm that gun on MACKAY abandoned, gun on METAL knocked out, NO JAPS within 5 Kilos of MACKAY - all villages in that area occupied by natives.	
	2130	One grenade thrown and one shot fired into D Coy 2/31 Bn on NURSE. NO cas.	
5 Jul	0415	One JAP entered 2/6 Cdo Sqn lines and was taken PW.	
	0630	Quiet night on all fronts.	
	0745	2/31 Bn report NO enemy mov apparent on LIVERPOOL & LINERTY. C Coy secured LODGE. Further 11 enemy dead found on NURSE and also uncounted enemy dead in tunnel on that feature which could NOT be entered on account of stench. These dead NOT estimated or incl in Bde total cas. Rd to LODGE now clear of enemy and open for traffic. 2/33 Bn report enemy appears to be moving WEST.	
	0800	One SFCP & two ALPs transferred from 18 Bde to 25 Bde. 2/33 Bn reports finding party of 6 dead natives decomposed and obviously executed - hands tied behind backs and blindfolded.	
	0900	2/25 Bn completed relief 2/31 Bn on NAIL & NURSE with A Coy. C Coy moving to LUNCH, B Coy to seal peninsula from 572643 to 572638. D Coy in res ORR'S JUNC.	
	1115	C Coy 2/25 now occupy LUNCH. B Coy holds feature at 573640 and patrolling WEST to Barracks, NORTH to swamp, and SOUTH to sea. D Coy moving to take 577637. BHQ at 578639.	
	1130	C Coy 2/33 Bn occupied MACKAY and B Coy MODERN without opposition. D Coy 595640, BHQ 596634, A Coy NO change. B Coy patrolling to POLGLAZE TRACK. OP on MACKAY reports LIBERATOR crashed approx 3 miles NE. OP on MODERN reported crash on bearing 8° magnetic. OP on LUNCH 579641 report bearing of gun which shot down plane 51° mag, placing gun on JUSTICE. Patrols now out to locate plane. 1035I B Coy patrol to MUFFLE encountered enemy fire. Feature then heavily mortared.	
	1200	2/25 Bn - C Coy NO change, B Coy 574640 having patrolled to Barracks without contact, D Coy 577640, A Coy NO change. Gun previously reported 595644 still firing. D Coy found 2x127mm guns at 579633. 2/31 Bn - After relief on NAIL & NURSE, A Coy moved to LODGE, B to LETTER, and D to LEWIS. C Coy secured LIVERPOOL after short engagement.	
	1220	During morning 2/6 Sqn moved through 2/25 Bn and now occupy DUTCH BARRACKS without opposition.	
	1235	From 7 Div:- Inter Bde bdy 21 & 25 Bdes is extended to all incl 25 Bde MUFFLE-feature 39-ETON-ECHO-EDIT-COCCA.	
	1300	J Tp 2/6 Sqn cleared Barracks and is moving towards LOCK. 2/25 B Coy patrol now withdrawn from this area.	

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B'PAPAN	5 Jul 1340	Enemy HMG on METAL fired bursts into 2/31 Bn CP 585645 wounding Adjut, IO, & 2 ORs. Sec patrol from D Coy 2/25 Bn to 571637 found 6 dead JAPS and another sec patrol to 574624-578631 found 12 dead JAPS and dummy Float Planes.	
	1415	Tp 2/6 Sqn reached LOCK & LABEL without contact and now exploiting to KNOT & KING.	
	1425	Patrol from C Coy 2/25 Bn moving to LOWOOD to hold feature until arrival of A Coy. Patrol from HQ Coy to 575630 killed 1 JAP.	
	1445	2/6 Sqn HQ & J Tp now on LOCK. G Tp securing KNOT with patrol fwd to KING. H Tp patrolling flanks LOCK. NO contact.	
	1530	2/6 Sqn reports whole of BAROE PENINSULA clear of enemy. Patrols report good condition of CD installations. Two twin barrel dual purpose guns only slightly damaged and one 5' diameter S/L with power installation intact were found. Natives in area in very bad condition. For patrol report see Appendix "A".	Appx "A"
	1630	2/31 Bn reports BHQ & A Coy 585645, B Coy WEST of MILFORD HIGHWAY from track junc 589645-593647, C Coy LIVERPOOL, D LODGE. C Coy patrol NW to HUON & Pipe Line saw NO enemy. From 1615-1645I enemy shelled CP. Enemy guns pinpointed at 592655 & 596653 - probably 75mm. FOO moving to B Coy to engage these posns with arty fire.	
	1700	NEI Coy less one pl came u/c 25 Bde.	
	1705	Enemy gun fired 30 rds over 2/31 Bn posns. Arty fire brought down on gun posns with unascertained results.	
		2/33 Bn reports during afternoon B & C Coys occupied MARGIN MUTUAL MARSHALL without opposition but were under fire from METAL & JOINT. By 1600I D Coy was on SOUTH end of METAL after meeting some opposition. A sec patrol from MARSHALL to MUFFLE reported area clear of enemy. Timbered area from METAL & EAST along rd was heavily engaged by Bn mortars & MMGs during afternoon. 600 rds 3" mortar fired.	
	1735	2/25 Bn reported A Coy now occupying LOWOOD & LINERTY, B Coy 574640, D 577640, C LUNCH, CP 577637. At approx 1700I a barge was sighted moving up SOEMBER River carrying 5 people. 1715I twelve air burst shells exploded fwd of C Coy on LUNCH.	
	1830	BM held conference to explain Bde Comd's intention for 6 Jul. Present - SC, IO, G III Air, and representatives from 2/1 Aust Armd Regt, 2/2 Tk A Regt, 2/1 MG Bn, 2/6 Cdo Sqn, 2/4 Fd Coy, 2/4 Fd Regt, & NEI Coy. Intention:- To probe fwd NE on two Bn front with 2/25 Bn on left, 2/33 on right. Inter Bn bdy MILFORD HWY incl to 2/33 Bn. NEI to relieve 2/6 Sqn on BAROE PENINSULA and Sqn to fall back to LOWOOD & LINERTY. After 2/25 Bn has adv 2/6 Sqn to move through to FREIGHT & FILTER. One MG Pl with Sqn, two Pls with 2/25 Bn, one with 2/33 Bn. Air strike arranged for 060800I on JUSTICE.	
	1835	2/6 Sqn reports only practicable crossing of SOEMBER R from BAROE PENINSULA is by boat. Rd from BAROE (W) to BAROE believed to be mined.	
	1950	2/6 Sqn reports G Tp patrol contacted & killed 1 JAP BAROE HELOE area.	
	2200	Disposns for night:- Bde HQ 587616; 2/25 Bn BHQ 577637, A Coy LOWOOD & LINERTY, B 574640, C LUNCH, D 577640; 2/31 Bn BHQ & A Coy 584643, B 589646, C LIVERPOOL, D LODGE; 2/33 Bn BHQ 596634,	

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B'PAPAN	5 Jul 2200	(contd) A Coy MACKAY, B MARSHALL with pl on MUTUAL, C MARGIN with pl on MUTUAL, D METAL; 2/6 Sqn LOCK with one Tp on KNOT. Cas for day: Own KIA 2 & 7 WIA 2 & 11; Enemy CD 31 PW 2. Cas to date: Own KIA 4 & 28 WIA 4 & 65 Missing 1; Enemy CD 183 EA 30 PW 8.	
	2345	From 7 Div:- Readjustment of Bde bdys WEF 061800I - 25 Bde all incl grid 63 to KLANDASAN BESAR to POLGLAZE TRACK 608637 thence all incl MUFFLE Hill 39 ETON ECHO EDIT COCOA.	
	6 Jul 0630	Arty fire in sp of Bde during night 1040 rds HF on JUSTICE JOINT KAPAK 599659 & 612663. During night small parties of enemy tried to infiltrate 2/25 Bn (causing cas KIA 1 WIA 5, 1 JAP killed) and also 2/31 Bn (causing 2 cas).	
	0800	2/25 Bn - C Coy moving to LIVERPOOL, B to HUON. 2/6 Sqn moving from LOCK to LUNCH. 2/33 Bn A Coy patrol towards MUFFLE.	
	0905	Airstrike on JUSTICE. Six LIBERATORS each dropped 19x250lb bombs. All bombs fell in target area.	
	0930	2/6 Sqn reports HQ & one Tp now on LUNCH, two Tps on LOWOOD & LINERTY.	
	1000	2/33 Bn - D Coy now occupy all METAL. A Coy patrol to MUFFLE killed 3 enemy. B Coy patrolling to JUDGE. 2/25 Bn - B Coy now on HUON, C Coy 589649-589652 patrolling to CULTIVATION sq 5965. 2/31 Bn - Bde res. 2/6 Sqn relieved by NEI.	
	1145	Message received from 2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt (u/c 21 Bde) that det from F Tp 2/5 Cdo Sqn pinned down at 613636 by hy enemy fire from approx 30 JAPS with 3" mortar, 2 LMGs, & rifles on spur running SOUTH from MUFFLE over POLGLAZE TRACK. 2/33 Bn informed and are now mortaring enemy to <del>enable</del> enable Cdo tps to withdraw.	
	1230	Enemy gun located on JOINT reported by 2/33 Bn. 2/25 Bn B Coy patrolling along Pipe Line towards RETREAT. 2/31 Bn now disposed - BHQ & one Coy 585645 with Coys LIVERPOOL, & LODGE, and 589644 to 591647. 2/33 Bn - B Coy patrol towards JUDGE reached 611647 where they came under fire from JAPS occupying JUDGE.	
	1350	D Coy 2/31 Bn now on LAVERTON with secMMG and sec 2 pdr. FOO with each Coy. Covering 2/33 rear.	
	1500	Airstrike by 3 LIBERATORS on JOINT. 45x50lb bombs dropped - 60% in target area.	
	1545	2/33 Bn CP on METAL shelled by enemy gun on JOINT - cas incl CO. BM arrived at 2/33 Bn shortly shelling and assumed comd of Bn.	
	1630	From 7 Div:- WEF from 061600I arty sp for 25 Bde comprises 2/4 Fd Regt with u/c one Tp 2/5 Fd Regt. WEF 8 Jul 4 Sqdns B24s available on 24 hrs call. P40s now available from TARAkan at rate of 8 sorties per day. 2/25 Bn - during afternoon A Coy joined B Coy on HUON. B Coy patrol from HUON reached 588664 and returned without contact. Reports Stores area 589666 occupied. D Coy relieved C Coy 2/31 Bn on LIVERPOOL. 2/33 Bn - A Coy taking up posn on MODERN for night. NEI Coy patrolling PENINSULA.	
	1700	2/6 Sqn moving to occupy LETTER & LEWIS. NEI - during late afternoon were fired on from across SOEMBER R.	
	1900	A/BM held conference attended by SC, IO, LOs, G III Air, G III CW, and representatives from NEI Coy, Tk A Regt, and Arty. Resumé of days activities. Bde Comd's intention 7 Jul:- Air strike on JOINT between 0830 & 0930I. To make full use of sp arms to clear features on Bde front.	7.5.45



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B'PAPAN	6 Jul 1900	Disposns for night:- Bde HQ 587616; 2/25 Bn BHQ & D Coy 582648, A & B Coys HUON, C Coy 589649; 2/31 Bn BHQ & A Coy 585645, B Coy 589646, C 593637, D LAVERTON; 2/33 Bn BHQ 589643, A MODERN, B MARGIN-MUTUAL, C MARSHALL, D METAL; 2/6 Cdo Sqn HQ & H Tp LEWIS, G & J Tps LETTER; NEI Coy BAROE PENINSULA with HQ on KNOT. Bde cas:- Day's - Own KIA 2 ORs WIA 2 & 30; Enemy CD 20 EA 5 PW 3; Totals - Own KIA 4 & 30 WIA 6 & 95, Missing 1; Enemy CD 203 EA 35 PW 11.	
	7 Jul 0630	quiet night except for 1 JAP who was killed attempting to enter D Coy 2/31 Bn lines carrying explosives. Before first light patrol from NEI crossed SOEMBER <del>KIRI</del> River and landed at 561662.	
	0730	2/25 Bn patrol reported enemy still in occupation of JUSTICE & JAM. MG & Arty bringing HF down on these features.	
	0830	2/25 Bn - B Coy sec patrol left for 589658 thence to 588662. Sec patrols left C Coy 0830I, one to 594652, other to contact 2/33 Bn on METAL.	
	0900	Air strike on JOINT by 5 B24s. Dropped 75x250lb bombs, all fell in target area. One pilot reported flak at 6000 ft from 4 guns located at 603661 605661 607662 609661. NEI patrol across SOEMBER R reached 568666 by 0900I and came under fire from EDITION. NO further report yet.	
	0930	<del>NEI patrol</del> Bde Comd & BM left for 2/25 Bn. Arrived 0955I.	
	1000	2/33 Bn observed enemy patrol moving 609646 SE of JUDGE. Patrol from C Coy reached fwd slopes of MUFFLE - found fresh tracks but NO contact. A Coy patrol reports mov seen on MUFFLE & 39 feature. Estimated 50 enemy on MUFFLE. 2/25 Bn patrols from C Coy <del>to</del> returned 1000I without making contact.	
	1030	Bde Comd & BM left 2/25 Bn for 2/33.	
	1200	Airburst over 2/31 Bn on LAVERTON caused 5 cas.	
	1215	Bde Comd & BM returned to Bde HQ.	
	1230	2/25 Bn reports that B Coy patrol returned after reaching approx 589658 and finding feature unoccupied. NEI reports patrol reached HAY and came under lt fire from EDITION & 570669, now proceeding towards <del>MEMO</del> EMBUS.	
	1500	Air strike on JUSTICE had to be diverted on account of low cloud. Alternative target - 4 gun posns reported above - was bombed by 6 B24s each dropping 15x250lb bombs. Result unobserved.	
	1530	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - B Coy building up on pl in posn 589658. NO other change in disposns. NEI - patrol reached SOEMBER TENGAH. Other units NO change.	
	1600	2/25 & 2/33 LOB gps landed today and Bn 2 i/cs visited Bde Comd.	
	1630	CO 2/4 Fd Regt with CP now est on Bde HQ.	
	1710	Bde Comd, A/BM, & Hyg O left to inspect proposed new Bde HQ camp site on DOUGHERTY'S RD.	
	1730	Situation:- 2/33 Bn - C Coy patrol moving from MUFFLE towards MODERN reports JAPS still in occupation. Bn reports enemy still occupying JOINT JUDGE MUFFLE JUSTICE. Intermittent fire from 75mm AA gun & HMG on Bn area caused some cas in B Coy posn on MARGIN & MUTUAL.	
	2015	2/25 Bn A Coy patrol from 589658 to JAM reports still occupied by enemy.	

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B'PAPAN	7 Jul 2015	NEI reports SOEMBER TENGAH clear of enemy. Patrol moved on to ELASTIC & EPIDEMIC without meeting opposition and now occupies posn SOEMBER TENGAH-EPIDEMIC. Disposns for night:- Bde HQ, 2/31 & 2/33 Bns, 2/6 Cdo Sqn - NO change; 2/25 Bn BHQ 582645, A Coy 589657, B HUON, C 589648, D LIVERPOOL; NEI HQ on KNOT, patrol SOEMBER TENGAH. During day 2/4 Fd Regt supported 2/25 & 2/33 Bns engaging hostile guns, bunkers and def posns on their immediate fronts. 2480 rds HE fired. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 1 & 4 WIA 1 & 19; Enemy CD 5. Totals - Own KIA 5 & 37 WIA 7 & 111 Missing 1 (Note 3 DOW transferred from WIA to KIA); Enemy CD 208 EA 35 PW 11.	
	8 Jul 0630	Night activity:- 2/25 Bn - B Coy fired on small party of JAPS attempting to infiltrate and caused some cas. 2/31 Bn - small enemy parties attempted infiltration B & C Coy areas - 6 enemy killed. 2/33 Bn - 12-16 enemy infiltrated Bn area and attacked BHQ. Party had moved down MILFORD HWY and was armed with rifles, LMG, spears, 75mm shells & grenades. Own cas KIA 1 WIA 3 Enemy 3 Offrs and 9 ORs. Enemy cut lines to METAL.	
	0730	2/6 Cdo Sqn moving through 2/25 Bn to JOB.	
	0800	D Coy 2/25 Bn moving to join A Coy 589658, posn dominates STORES area.	
	0830	2/33 Bn D Coy patrol towards JUSTICE reported enemy still in occupation.	
	0845	5 B24s dropped 75x250lb bombs on MUFFLE. 70% fell in target area.	
	0900	SC(L), Hyg O and working party moved to new camp site to prepare it for occupation.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - D Coy now in posn with A Coy area 588661 and patrolling towards STORES area 590664. A Coy patrol towards JAM reached timber edge 592658. 2/33 Bn - C Coy patrolling towards JUDGE & MUFFLE to observe damage done by air strike. 2/6 Sqn reached western slopes LIVERPOOL by 0900I and continuing NORTH. Otherwise NO change.	
	1030	NEI reports patrol going by canoe to investigate posns at 530665. Another patrol moving SOUTH of GANG. Third patrol crossing WAIN BESAR from BAROE PENINSULA.	
	1055	NEI ordered NOT to patrol NORTH of WAIN BESAR or WEST of easting grid \$5.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - D Coy in CULTIVATION area 587662, A Coy CULT area and 589658. Patrols from A Coy towards JAM were fired on by enemy on JUSTICE. 2/6 Sqn - now in posn 587663, reports area mined and one mine set off caused cas. 2/33 Bn - patrol from A Coy reached fwd slopes MUFFLE and was grenaded and fired on by LMG. One enemy LMG pit cleared 4 JAPS being killed. C Coy patrol to JUDGE sighted 7 JAPS with rifles & satchels moving NORTH from JUDGE and arty fire was brought to bear on this mov. Otherwise NO change.	
	1237	NEI reports patrol to 530665 recalled and now returning.	
	1300	BM returned from 2/33 Bn to Bde HQ. 2 i/c (Maj G L BENNETT) now adm comd 2/33 Bn.	
	1330	NEI patrol now returned. Reports posns NOT investigated but natives informed patrol NO JAPS on posn 530665.	
	1400	Air strike on JOINT diverted on account of low cloud. One Pl D Coy 2/25 Bn reached JOB.	
	1500	One Tp 2/6 Sqn relieved D Coy pl on JOB. Pl rejoined Coy at 588662.	

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B'PAPAN	8 Jul 1600	NO change disposns except 2/6 Sqn less one Tp in STORES area 590664 patrolling NORTH & NE. 2/33 Bn - A Coy patrol to ORDERLY & 617632 - made NO contact with 2/16 Bn. NO enemy contact, day old tracks found leading towards MUFFLE. Patrol from C Coy to 609640 reports enemy mov in that area and is investigating.	
	1630	Mortar & arty fire being put down on JAM.	
	1740	2/6 Sqn reports mines at 587663 & 588664.	
	2030	2/33 Bn - BHQ now est 589640, other Coys NO change. Patrol to 609640 located small enemy party firing on A Coy posns. Patrol returned to Coy and engaged enemy with MG & mortars. 2/25 Bn - BHQ 582645, A Coy 589658, B HUON, C two pls LIVERPOOL two secs 588649 one sec LUNCH, D Coy 588662. 2/6 Sqn - Patrols from STORES area were fired on by snipers from FILTER & 588669. Whole Sqn now on JOB. NEI Coy - HQ KNOT with two secs EMPIRE. Bde HQ, 2/31 Bn - NO change. During day 2/4 Fd Regt fired 4600 rds HE in sp 25 Bde. Hy conc on JAM JUDGE JOINT & JUSTICE. Three enemy guns visible to FOOs were engaged with hy fire and direct hits scored. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 1 & 16; Enemy CD 28 EA 4. Totals - Own KIA 5 & 37 WIA 8 & 127 Missing 1 OR; Enemy CD 236 EA 39 PW 11.	
	9 Jul 0630	During night small enemy party attempted to infiltrate B & C Coys area 2/31 Bn - were fired on and withdrew. Similar activity on 2/6 Sqn front - 1 enemy wounded.	
	0710	2/31 Bn reported MT moving to & from posns JAM to JUSTICE. 2/33 Bn reports loud explosion heard from behind JUSTICE.	
	0715	2/25 Bn reports pl patrol from A Coy reached JAM without opposition and is proceeding to JUSTICE. 2/33 Bn reports patrols moving to MUFFLE JOINT JUDGE & JUSTICE.	
	0830	2/6 Sqn reports G Tp moving to secure FREIGHT & FILTER after arty on those features. At 0845I sec patrol leaving for 594664.	
	0845	Bde Comd & BM left for 2/33 Bn.	
	0907	6 B24s accurately bombed enemy stores & pers area 617666 to 617670. 30x1000lb bombs dropped.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/33 Bn - patrol towards JUSTICE found NO enemy occupation. Contacted 2/25 Bn A Coy patrol already on feature. 0745I patrol towards JUDGE reported enemy still on that feature. Patrol towards MUFFLE came under fire from enemy occupying that feature, on which extensive mov was observed. B Coy patrol to JOINT reached posn 150 yds from top of feature - enemy mov seen and patrol reported diggings on fwd slopes appeared to be mined & booby trapped. 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/25 Bn - A Coy now occupy JAM. D Coy moving to relieve 2/6 Sqn on JOB. Remainder Bn NO change. 2/6 Sqn - NO change. NEI - patrolling from EMPIRE to EVICT & ENROL.	
	1200	Situation - 2/33 Bn - A Coy occupied MUFFLE by 1130I after mortar & arty fire brought down. Now patrolling towards 39 feature 617648. At 1145I patrol from C Coy pushing towards JUDGE met NO opposition but reported loud explosion from behind McDONALD'S feature. By 1100I patrol from D Coy had reached 603658 and Coy is now building up on that patrol. B Coy NO change. BHQ 59456460. 2/25 Bn - A Coy on JAM with pl on JUSTICE, B Coy 589658-588662, D Coy JOB, C Coy NO change. 2/6 Sqn - By 1110I had reached 597667 and patrolling towards CULT 600669. Reported large fires in STORES area sq 6166, believed result of air strike. NEI - NO change.	75w

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B'PAPAN	9 Jul 1600	Situation:- 2/33 Bn - A Coy after fighting a fire secured feature 39. Preliminary reports indicate hy cas among enemy; large quantity eqpt captured and 1 PW. Coy patrolling fwd to MCDONALD'S TRACK. C Coy adv under lt fire and captured 613653. Number of cas inflicted on enemy NOT yet counted. D Coy secured MCDONALD'S RIDGE from 612658 to incl MILFORD HWY. Enemy withdrew leaving bodies 1 Offr & 4 ORs. B Coy moved fwd to JOINT. 2/25 Bn - Throughout afternoon Bn followed up retreating enemy and by 1600I had secured SOEMBER <del>KANAN</del> KANAN from excl MILFORD HWY to 607675 with one Coy. Two Coys engaged in burying JAP dead on WHITING'S RD and collecting captured eqpt. C Coy moving fwd from LIVERPOOL to 609668. 2/31 Bn - In process of passing through fwd tps astride MILFORD HWY reached 611663. Forty ft gap in rd at 602659 being spanned by BAILEY BR. 2/6 Sqn - One Tp STORES 603679 sighted 1 enemy. Remainder of Sqn moving to FLY & FORGE. NEI - report patrols reached BUNDABERG & BIAS NMS. Numbers of natives incl ex NEI soldiers passed through Bns during day. They report 500 JAPS moved out of JUSTICE & JAM night 8/9 Jul. Preliminary examination of guns on JOINT indicate both guns received direct hits.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/31 Bn - In moving fwd with MILFORD HWY as axis of adv, A Coy secured JUNIOR against slight opposition, C Coy occupied 614664 by 1630I without contact. B Coy pl reached rd & track junc 621667 after passing through area 700 yds long mined with 1000lb bombs connected by electric wire. Wires were cut as Pl adv but just before reaching end of area remaining few bombs were detonated by enemy causing casualties. Pl regained contact with main body. D Coy secured STORES area 617673 - NMS. Pl patrol to FALLEN TIMBER 6367 reported JAPS in posn NORTH on HWY. Patrol re-joined Coy 617665 - NO contact. Adv for day halted 1900I. 2/33 Bn - Patrol located crashed B24 and bodies of crew 60356555. 2/6 Sqn - 1700I H Tp on FLY was fired on by LMG & rifles from SOEMBER KIRI area. Enemy posn <del>XXXX</del> engaged with arty fire and silenced. Patrols directly afterwards reached rd junc 602692 and reported area clear of enemy. Disposns for night:- Bde HQ NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ 601659, A 600661, B 605660, C 609668, D 602674; 2/31 Bn - BHQ B C & D Coys area junc MILFORD HWY-PHILLIPSON'S RD, A Coy astride rd at 622668; 2/33 Bn - BHQ & B Coy JOINT, A 618652, C 613653, D 608661; 2/6 Sqn - HQ, H & J Tps FLY. G Tp FORGE; NEI - HQ KNOT, pats at BUNDABERG & BIAS. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 3 ORs WIA 5 ORs 15 ORs affected by blast; Enemy CD77 EA 29 PW 1. Totals - Own KIA 5 & 40 WIA 8 & 132 Missing 1; Enemy CD 313 EA 68 PW 12. Results of arty sp were revealed on inspection of features captured today. On JAM & JUSTICE there were direct hits on many bunkers & constructed OPs. On JOINT 2 dual purpose 75mm guns had been knocked out. Two amm dumps had been destroyed, several pits occupied by gunners blown out, and a tunnel demolished. Shell holes on MUFFLE JOINT JUSTICE & JAM were approx 5 yds apart. Some 10000 rds HE were fired from 7-9 Jul.	
	1910	C Coy 2/1 MG Bn in sp 25 Bde now under comd WEF 091800I.	
	10 Jul 0700	During night slight enemy activity between A & D Coys 2/31 Bn. Some cas were inflicted on enemy. Otherwise sitnor.	75m

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B'PAPAN	10 Jul 0700	Patrol from C Coy 2/25 Bn left to contact 2/31 Bn via PHILLIPSON'S RD. 2/33 Bn patrol along MCDONALD'S TRACK to report suitability for jeeps. Patrols from 2/6 Sqn (1) to clear SOEMBER KIRI area then WEST to Pipe Line to contact NEI then NORTH along Pipe Line to PUMPING STATION sq 5873. (2) to clear Logging Area sq 6070 (3) to move EAST along POPE'S TRACK to contact 2/31 Bn on HWY.	
	0730	2/31 Bn continued adv along HWY.	
	1000	Bde Comd & BM left for 2/31 Bn. C Coy 2/25 Bn now est pl PHILLIPSON'S RD. D Coy patrolling PHILLIPSON'S RD to contact 2/6 Sqn. B Coy establishing standing patrol MILFORD HWY to patrol fwd to contact 2/31 Bn.	
	1030	2/6 Sqn patrol to PUMPING STA contacted 4 JAPS SOEMBER KIRI area. Killed 2.	
	1130	2/6 Sqn reports H & J Tps on FLY, G Tp FORGE. Patrol to junc MILFORD HWY - PHILLIPSON'S RD reported sniper vic 613667 firing on to rd about 1 mile behind 2/31 Bn. Patrol to CULT NE of FLY reports area clear. Patrol to WAIN proceeding satisfactorily. H Tp patrol to POPE'S TRACK killed 2 JAPS wounded 2 at SOEMBER KIRI.	
	1155	2/25 Bn reports C Coy patrol to 2/31 Bn made NO contact. C Coy now patrolling to FUNERAL.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/31 Bn continued adv with C Coy. Enemy IMG & rifle fire met at ERODE and after arty fire had been brought down, enemy were engaged and driven from feature with 4 cas. By 1000I fwd elements had reached 627670 and pushed on to CELLO. By 1130I had occupied CELLO with D Coy. C Coy & CP ERODE, A Coy 620667, B 615667. Explosion of 3 mines at 628671 between fwd pl and following pl caused cas 2 wounded. 2/6 Sqn reports mines at 607682. 2/25 Bn - A Coy patrol found medical stores dump 599659. Patrol captured 1 FW. C Coy standing patrol 614670 - otherwise NO change.	
	1230	Report from 2/6 Sqn - Natives report enemy ambush POPE'S TRACK also cannon NORTH of SOEMBER KIRI. Patrols investigating.	
	1430	D Coy 2/31 Bn sp by tks, arty, 4.2" & 3" mortars, & 6 pdr gun adv in the face of hy fire from HMGs & IMGs.	
	1500	2/25 Bn - 1 JAP entered C Coy lines 611668 and was killed after wounding 3 with grenade. C Coy patrol to FUNERAL reports NO enemy. JAP has been using area for timber cutting.	
	1530	2/6 Sqn reports that POPE'S TRACK patrol contacted 20 enemy 608697. Cas - own 1 KIA 1 WIA 1 Missing; Enemy 8 killed.	
	1600	By 1600I D Coy 2/31 Bn adv had reached 637673. Preliminary count of enemy dead 25. A Coy now moving fwd through D Coy to attack enemy posn on high ground 637675. C Coy on CELLO, B ERODE. 2/25 Bn - Patrols of sec str from B Coy est 609663-613664-616666. 2/33 Bn - NO change. NO report yet from A Coy patrol along MCDONALD'S TRACK. 2/6 Sqn - Moved to SOEMBER KIRI and est patrol base. NEI - NO report.	
	1800	Situation:- 2/31 Bn - A Coy sp by tks, flame throwers, arty, mortars, & 6 pdr pressed fwd through D Coy on left of HWY and reached pt 636675 where they contacted strong enemy posns 638675 & 636677. Enemy heavily armed with MMGs which developed a very hy volume of fire. Some enemy cas inflicted, own cas so far NOT known. Full details of attack NOT available as strict silence after dark prevented infm being sent back. 2/25 Bn - NO change. 2/33 Bn - A Coy patrol returned, report is attached as Appendix <del>III</del> "B".	73w Appx "B"

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B'PAPAN	10 Jul 1800	(Situation contd) 2/6 Sqn - Patrol on reaching Logging Area in sq 6070 met friendly natives who reported area clear of enemy. Patrol then moved WEST of Pipe Line and contacted NEI Tps at 1400I. Continued NORTH and approx 1000 yds from PUMPING STA sq 5873 saw 8 JAPS and fired on them. JAPS set fire to store containing coconut oil and withdrew by boat up river. When 800 yds from PUMP STA patrol observed enemy mov in STA area and owing to late hr returned SOEMBER KIRI. POPE'S TRACK patrol returned with additional info of a timber rly running along gen line POPE'S TRACK. NEI - During day moved fwd and occupied FORGE & FLY. 2/4 Fd Regt - during morning sp 2/31 Bn attack on CELLO with hy conc. One twin barrel 20mm gun, which had caused many cas firing from MCDONALD'S RIDGE, was found knocked out by direct hit. Bunkers, amn dumps, & living quarters in vic of gun were also destroyed. Disposns for night:- Bde HQ, 2/25 Bn, 2/33 Bn NO change. 2/31 Bn astride MILFORD HWY from 637673 to 635674. 2/6 Sqn SOEMBER KIRI. NEI partially conc FORGE-FLY area. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 8 ORs WIA 1 & 43 Missing believed killed 11; Enemy CD 83 EA 2 PW 1. Totals - Own KIA 5 & 49 WIA 9 & 175 Missing 11 (Note 1 OR previously missing found dead); Enemy CD 427 EA 45 PW 13 (Note amended totals for 9 Jul ADD 31 CD, DEDUCT 25 EA). For summary of Air Sp to 10 Jul see Appx "C".	
	11 Jul 0630	Some enemy firing during night on 2/31 Bn front caused cas 1 WIA. Otherwise sitnor. Hy arty & mortar fire on enemy posns during night.	
	0730	2/25 Bn B Coy moving to ERODE, A Coy moving to junc PHILLIPSON'S RD - MILFORD HWY.	
	0810	B Coy reached ERODE, patrol fwd to contact 2/31 Bn.	
	0900	2/6 Sqn patrols:- (1) str 2 & 22 along POPE'S TRACK to ABASH and high ground to CHARM and return via POPE'S TRACK (2) str 1 & 25 to WAIN PUMP STA via CARNAVON-COAL.	
	1000	2/31 Bn reports that patrols moving along right & left of HWY under covering fire from tks have reached 636675 & 635677 respectively. Further 20 enemy dead counted but complete figures NOT yet available. Other units NO change. From 1000-1200I Bde Comd & BM attended conference at 7 Div HQ. Gen discussion of adm matters.	
	1045	2/6 Sqn - Patrol (1) made contact 610697 and killed 4 without loss. Patrol continuing.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/31 Bn - Disposns NO change. Patrols along HWY contacted enemy astride rd from 634677 to 636677. Patrols returned and posns being engaged by arty & mortars. Other units NO change except Bde HQ moving to new location on DOUGHERTY'S RD.	
	1400	Bde HQ closes old location and reopens 587626.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/31, 2/33 Bns NO change. 2/25 Bn - A C & D Coys NO change. B Coy moving along HWY to contact 2/31 Bn rear. 2/6 Sqn - patrol (1) reached CADDY 1445I moving EAST to cut HWY. Patrol (2) contacted enemy at PUMP STA and engaged them inflicting some cas. Enemy withdrew EAST.	
	1800	Situation:- 2/31 Bn in contact with enemy well dug in and well armed with LMGs, MMGs, & mortars. During afternoon enemy posns were heavily shelled by arty, 3" & 4.2" mortars firing WP bombs. Cas from 091800 to 111800I KIA 9 ORs WIA 2 & 50 Missing believed killed 11. Enemy for same period CD 74. 2/25 Bn - local protective patrolling throughout day. One patrol killed 2 JAPS vic 592665.	Appx "C"

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B'PAPAN	11 Jul 1800	(contd) 2/33 Bn - NO ops. Standing patrol sec str protecting BAILEY BR 602665. 2/6 Sqn - CADDY patrol reached HWY in rear of 2/31 Bn. Patrol staged night with 2/31 Bn. NEI - patrols counted 3 enemy dead and took 1 PW. Disposns:- Bde HQ 587626; 2/25 Bn - A Coy junc MILFORD HWY - PHILLIPSON'S RD, B ERODE, otherwise NO change; 2/31 2/33 Bns, 2/6 Sqn, NEI - NO change. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 1 & 10; Enemy CD 59 PW 3. Totals - Own KIA 5 & 49 WIA 10 & 185 Missing 11; Enemy CD 486 EA 45 PW 16.	
	12 Jul 0630	One JAP entered 2/25 Bn C Coy lines during night, threw grenade & withdrew. NO cas. Otherwise Sitnor.	
	0800	2/31 Bn fwd posns ineffectively shelled by enemy mortar. NO cas.	
	0820	2/6 Sqn patrol pl str left for PUMP STA via COAL then NORTH up Pipe Line. Patrol which staged night with 2/31 Bn left 0800I to move via CADDY to CHARM and thence to cut MILFORD HWY.	
	0900	2/6 Sqn est ambush of 1 & 8 on POPE'S TRACK 609697.	
	1015	Situation:- 2/31 Bn - By 1015I patrol fwd on left of rd reached 632678 and were continuing to investigate CHAIR. Patrol on right of rd reached 642676. 2/25 & 2/33 Bns - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - NO reports from patrols yet. NEI - NO change.	
	1200	Sitnor.	
	1305	2/6 Sqn reports WAIN patrol at 585734. Arty firing on enemy posns in PUMP STA area.	
	1345	Patrol occupied PUMP STA without opposition. NO enemy but signs of recent enemy activity & new patrolling tracks in vic. Patrolling fwd from STA.	
	1400	Orders issued - 2/31 Bn and tps u/c to be relieved by 2/25 Bn & tps u/c NOT before 131100I. 2 & 4 Tps 2/1 Armd Regt, 4.2" mortar Tp and det 6 pdrs at present in sp 2/31 Bn will sp 2/25.	
	1430	CO 2/25 Bn conferred with Bde Comd. . .	
	1600	NO change.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/31 Bn - Throughout day intermittent enemy mortar fire caused a few cas. Our mortars replied. 2/25 & 2/33 Bns - local protective patrols only. 2/6 Sqn - Patrol which left 2/31 Bn worked round right flank of enemy posns and on to NW end of CHARM ridge thence SE along a well used track on this ridge and by 1715I had reached a pt overlooking HWY. Enemy mov seen on HWY consisted of a party of approx 30 carrying stretchers SOUTH towards FDLs. Another party of approx 30 seen carrying stores & supplies in same direction. Enemy party of 20 then approached our & unobserved posn from HWY. Patrol moved back along track and set ambush killing 6 and estimated additional 3 - enemy scattered. Large volume of fire then heard on both flanks - def fire from extensive enemy posns. Patrol moved about 600 yds back along CHARM ridge observing store huts approx every 200 yds with appearance of being well used. A thick cable running along this track was cut and patrol then moved SOUTH outflanking the enemy and returned to 2/31 Bn. Patrol to WAIN returned 1830I without having made any contact. Disposns:- NO change. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 1 & 2 WIA 12 ORs; Enemy CD 11 EA 15. Totals - Own KIA 6 & 51 WIA 10 & 197 Missing 11. Enemy CD 497 EA 60 PW 16.	

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B'PAPAN	13 Jul 0630	NO enemy activity during night. Sitnor.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn in process of relieving 2/31 Bn. 2/33 Bn NO change. 2/6 Sqn patrol left 0950I to investigate POPE'S TRACK & ABASH. Otherwise NO change. GOC 7 Div visited Bde Comd.	
	1055	G Tp 2/6 Sqn contacted LMG fire & 2 mines 609697. Mines exploded killing 3 & wounding 3. Enemy cas CD 6 EA 4. Enemy withdrew after arty fire brought down. Patrol then moved NORTH and occupied CLONCURRY.	
	1100	Bde Comd and GOC 7 Div left for 2/25 Bn.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn completed relief 2/31 Bn by 1145I. CP 2/25 Bn located 63066705. Coy disposns same as 2/31 Bn. 2/31 Bn moved to posns formerly occupied by 2/25 Bn. 2/31 Bn patrol which returned during relief reported enemy still in occupation astride HWY on CHAIR & NW end of COKE.	
	1245	Bde Comd returned from 2/25 Bn.	
	1430	CO 2/31 Bn called on Bde Comd.	
	1445	NEI now in SOEMBER KIRI area. Pl patrol to PUMP STA found it unoccupied.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn, 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/33 Bn - Patrol from A Coy moved via GLOVE-GENT to ENVOY & ELOPE where it contacted 2/3 Cdo Sqn (u/c 21 Bde) at 1115I. Patrol moved on to EDIT and reached HWY 634671 at 1400I. NO contact. For patrol report see Appendix "D". NEI - Pl now est at PUMP STA. 2/6 Sqn - Patrol left 2/25 Bn area 1300I to move NW to ABASH then WEST along POPE'S TRACK to contact G Tp vic CLONCURRY. NO report yet. Sqn HQ and two Tps leaving for CLONCURRY. Bde Comd & BM left for 2/25 Bn. 2/25 Bn A Coy captured 2 PW and killed 1 JAP.	Appx "D"
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - During afternoon by arty & mortar fire brought down on enemy without reply. Local protective patrols only during day. 2/31 & 2/33 Bns - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - moved to CLONCURRY. NEI - NO change. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/33 Bn - NO change; 2/25 Bn in close perimeter astride MILFORD HWY 636672 with CP 63066705; 2/31 Bn - BHQ & D Coy 618666, A 608669, B 601674, C 626667; 2/6 Sqn - CLONCURRY. NEI - SOEMBER KIRI with one Pl PUMP STA. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 6 ORs; Enemy CD 7 EA 4 PW 2. Totals - Own KIA <del>6</del> 6 & 51 WIA 10 & 204 (Note WIA incl 1 previously missing now returned); Missing 10. Enemy CD 504 EA 64 PW 18.	
	14 Jul 0630	NO enemy activity during night. Sitnor. In sp 2/25 Bn arty fired HF tasks on track junc 639688, 627697, 633712 0300-0500I.	
	0730	NEI reports that patrol to SOENGAI WAIN found enemy encampment about 1 day old approx 600710. Could accommodate a Coy. Tracks leading from camp in NNE direction towards MILFORD HWY. Camp well concealed from air. Natives area 592722 report NO enemy seen in area for last few days.	
	0730	2/6 Sqn patrols:- (1) sec to ABASH & 625695 (2) sec to contact NEI 604696 via POPE'S TRACK (3) sec to NEI via 604704 (4) str 6 to track 616697.	
	0900	2/25 Bn patrols out from all Coys probing enemy posns.	
	1000	Situation:- NO change 2/31 & 2/33 Bns and NEI. NO reports yet from 2/25 Bn patrols. 2/6 Sqn patrol (1) reached 624697 by 0945I.	

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B'PAPAN	14 Jul	1115	NEI killed 1 JAP approx 605697.
		1120	2/6 Sqn patrol reports ABASH clear, HQ, G & H Tps moving to occupy.
		1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - patrols out (1) via EDIFY-EMERY-CASE-COVE-CUP-DADO to ascertain if any jeep track exists (2) via COKE-COCOA-CANE to CART (3) via ck junc 630676 to 622677 thence NORTH to CAGE SW to CALM & CHAIR. 2/33 Bn & 2/31 Bn - NO change.
		1300	2/6 Sqn less J Tp now 625697. J Tp CLONCURRY. Sqn patrol surprised JAP ambush of 4 on POPE'S track and killed 3 without loss.
		1400	3 enemy mortar shells fell in 2/25 Bn D Coy fwd posns wounding 5. Patrol (2) reports going hard through thick timber & undergrowth. 9 JAPS seen area 644674 moving NW. NO contact. Returned via COCK & COKE - in at 1335I. Patrol (3) now on CAGE and moving to CALM. Patrol (1) reached 653674 pushing fwd through hy undergrowth to COVE.
		1510	2/25 Bn B Coy warned to move to CART 1600I, A Coy warned to move to CALM 1630I.
		1525	NEI reports PUMP STA out of commission and requires extensive repairs.
		1600	2/25 Bn patrol contacted 2/3 Cdo Sqn and 2/33 Bn patrols on ELBOW 1200I. Returning via HWY 627670 reports stores in area 629667. Patrol being sent to investigate. Patrol (3) reached CALM 1515I. NO enemy seen.
		1610	B Coy 2/25 Bn moving to CART.
		1630	A Coy 2/25 Bn moving to CALM.
		1930	Situation:- 2/25 Bn-1730I party of 10 JAPS approached D Coy posns and threw some of our Type 36 grenades. Our cas NIL, enemy 2 killed. Another enemy party which approached posns vacated by B Coy at 1800I were driven off by hy MG fire. Cas unknown. Patrol (1) reported back 1800I having reached DADO after hard going through dense undergrowth. NO contact. Patrol (3) reported in 1930I. A Coy reached and occupied CHAIR and B Coy COCOA by 1900I. 2/33 Bn - 1700I A Coy in posn vacated by A & B Coys 2/25 Bn; 627670. C Coy at rear of 2/25 Bn posns. Otherwise NO change. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/31 Bn, NEI - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ, C & D Coys NO change, A Coy CHAIR; B Coy COCOA; 2/33 Bn - BHQ, B & D Coys NO change, A 629671, C 636674; 2/6 Sqn - ABASH; An air strike which had been arranged for today on CHAIR, cancelled because planes could NOT take off from TARAKAN strip. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 7 ORs; Enemy CD 7 EA 7. Totals - Own KIA 6 & 51 WIA 10 & 211 Missing 10; Enemy CD 511 EA 71 PW 18. Accommodation Plan for 25 Bde Gp issued. See Appendix "E". For patrols for 14 Jul see sketch Appendix "F".
		15 Jul	0630 2/25 Bn A Coy killed 1 JAP during night. Otherwise sitnor.
		0800	2/25 Bn reports that line to B Coy was cut soon after laying 142130I. Patrols leaving (1) B Coy NE to DADO EAST to track junc 639689 (2) A Coy towards CALM (3) C Coy patrols to A & B Coys. 2/6 Sqn patrols:- (1) via AUNT to cut HWY at 634702 and est ambush (2) to ABIDE & return (3) WEST along POPE'S TRACK to est ambush. 2/31 Bn - A Coy patrol NW along PHILLIPSON'S RD to junc 607683 then via FILE FLINDERS FABRIC FUNERAL & return.
		1000	CO 2/33 Bn visited Bde Comd. CO now returning to resume comd 2/33 Bn.

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B*PAPAN	15 Jul 1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn NO change. 2/33 Bn - CP moved to new posn with C Coy 629671. 2/31 Bn - protective patrols out. 2/6 Sqn - patrol (3) killed 2 JAPS, one moving WEST carrying rations, one moving towards HWY. Otherwise NO change.	
	1200	Brig I N DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Bde, visited Bde Comd. Situation:- 2/25 Bn - patrol (2) followed old track running NW from CHAIR for approx 1000 yds and returned. During morning enemy mortar shells fell in D Coy's area causing cas 2 WIA. Other units NO change.	
	1335	Orders issued to 2/25 Bn:- B Coy to move from COCOA to CART, A Coy remains CHAIR, D Coy & BHQ to CALM, C Coy to 40 contour 629691.	
	1430	2/6 Sqn reports pat (3) est 2 ambush parties at 616696 & 620696; one JAP killed while moving to these posns. Patrol (1) reached 634702 and est ambush on HWY by 1300I. Met small enemy party killing 3 wounding 2.	
	1450	2/6 Sqn reports patrol (2) reached ABIDE 1300I without contact. On return sprung enemy ambush at 630695 killing 1.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - moving according to orders issued 1335I. 2/33 Bn - CO resumed comd 1600I. D & B Coys relieved D & C Coys 2/25 Bn astride HWY in FALLEN TIMBER area. Coys in posn by 1530I. BHQ 631671, A & C Coys NO change. 2/31 Bn - patrols report NO contact. 2/6 Sqn - patrol (1) returned 1535I, reported QF gun vic 633704 and a number of natives with personal belongings moving NORTH along HWY. 1530I 5 enemy approached posn on ABASH, 4 killed & 1 probable. Patrol reports for day are att see Appendix "G".	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - BHQ & D Coy in posn on CALM 1830I; C Coy reached unnamed feature NORTH of CAGE 1545I & took up posn for night; B Coy NO report since leaving COCOA. 2/33 Bn NO change. 2/31 Bn - patrol to FUNERAL located crashed B24 vic 617678 (for report see Appendix "H"). Other patrols NO contact. 2/6 Sqn - NO change. NEI - protective patrols during day killed 2 JAPS. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/31 Bn, 2/6 Sqn, NEI - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ & D Coy CALM, C Coy 625686, A Coy CHAIR, B Coy moving to CART posn NOT known (Note 2/25 Bn disposns as given proved to be wrong see 16 Jul); 2/33 Bn - BHQ 636671, A Coy CELLO, B 637675, C 637674, D 637676. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 2 ORs; Enemy CD 20 EA 4. Prog Totals - Own KIA 6 & 51 WIA 10 & 213 Missing 10; Enemy CD 531 EA 75 PW 18.	Appx "G"
	16 Jul 0630	During night enemy were active around C Coy 2/25 Bn posns (actually CALM). Our cas KIA 3 WIA 3 - one caused by spear, another by sword cut. Enemy cas CD 13 and at least 16 wounded. In D Coy's area (actually CHAIR) slight infiltration was attempted. Own cas WIA 3, enemy unknown. 2/6 Sqn slight enemy activity set off booby traps - cas unknown. One man wounded by sniper 151930I.	
	0715	2/6 Sqn ambush est on POPE'S TRACK 626695.	
	0815	Ambush killed 6 JAPS. Own cas 1 WIA.	
	0930	2/31 Bn patrols:- (1) 0900I from B Coy via SOEMBER KIRI to CHAIN FILE and return via PHILLIPSON'S RD (2) 0930I from A Coy with NICA & RAE representatives to investigate crashed AC 617678. (3) From C Coy along MCDONALD'S TRACK <del>626695</del> to contact 2/25 Bn on CELLO.	75

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B'PAPAN	16 Jul 1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - A Coy sending fwd strong patrol to est conn to C Coy. B Coy now on CART is to be relieved by B Coy 2/33 Bn by 1400I. 2/33 Bn - NO change. Patrols probing to locate enemy posns. 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - Second ambush to be est 633702 and patrol base one Tp str on ABATE. Patrol via CLONCURRY to contact NEI at SOEMBER KIRI.	
	1020	BM & LO I left for NEI. LO I to remain there.	
	1200	2/4 Fd Regt in sp 25 Bde relieved by 2/6 Fd Regt. Bde Comd has restricted air activity to NORTH of 80 grid.	
		Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO further reports. 2/33 Bn - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - patrol base now est on ABATE - patrol fwd to investigate Barracks area sq 6369 and est ambush on HWY 633702. 2/31 Bn - D Coy standing patrol JUNIOR killed 1 JAP.	
	1300	2/25 Bn reports patrol left C Coy for CADDY, and another to 629690 at 1230I.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - A Coy patrol to C Coy reached posn without contact approx 1330I. NO infm yet from C Coy patrols. 2/33 Bn - B Coy relieved B Coy 2/25 Bn on CART at 644681 by 1445I. A Coy occupied posn vacated by B Coy 637675. Patrol from D Coy moved to 641677 and observed effect of arty fire on ridge 637678, then moved to 638679 and saw 1 JAP mortar & 12 JAPS in pits. Patrol was seen and returned. Patrol from C Coy 1230I to move via EDIFY EDIT ELBOW to 646663 contacted 2/3 Cdo Sqn. 2/31 Bn - All patrols above returned above 1430I - NO contact except patrol (3) which had 1 WIA by sniper vic 634667. 2/6 Sqn - Found prepared charge on POPE'S TRACK 12"x4" filled with approx 5lbs HE, detonator & fuse. Ambushed enemy 3 ton truck moving SOUTH on HWY at 634701 - killed 2 - truck damaged and left on side of rd. Ambushed 20 JAPS also moving SOUTH 5 killed 3 probable. 5 enemy moving SOUTH ambushed at 633700. 3 killed. NEI - Patrol observed 7 JAPS digging in approx 616735, engaged them killing 1. Patrol was fired on from 619748.	
	1700	2/6 Sqn reports J Tp now 628699 moving to ABATE.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Owing to difficult terrain and limited visibility difficulty has been experienced in pin-pointing Coy posns. From patrol infm and study of ground it now appears that locations are as set out below. Patrol from C Coy (on CALM) to 40 contour feature 628690 returned by 1630I and reported reaching approx 630687 where it found an extensive unoccupied def posn. C Coy patrol to CADDY returned 1700I having reached 626687 without contact. 2/33 Bn - C Coy patrol returned 1700I. 1525I hy spigot type mortar shell fell in D Coy's area wounding 3. B Coy reports enemy force unknown str occupied COCOA during late afternoon cutting Coy's L of C. 1900I mortar shell fell in B Coy's area killing 2 wounding 4. 2/31 - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - J Tp now est on ABATE. OP est at 632708 and remaining until night 17 Jul. Ambush parties from POPE'S TRACK & MILFORD HWY returned 1730I having killed 8 & 10 respectively during day. NEI - reported 15-16 JAPS blew up 2 huts SOEMBER KIRI area.	
		Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/31 Bn, NEI - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ & D Coy CHAIR, A 632678, B Coy staging night with 2/33 Bn, C Coy CALM; 2/33 Bn - BHQ 631671, A Coy 637675, B CART, C 636673, D 637676. 2/6 Sqn - HQ, G & H Tps ABASH, J Tp ABATE;	
		Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 5 ORs WIA 1 & 20; Enemy CD 32 EA 9. Totals - Own KIA 6 & 56 WIA WIA 11 & 233 Missing 10; Enemy CD 563 EA 84 PW 18. Att is report of interrogation of native who reached 2/33 Bn lines 161600I. See Appendix "J". For patrol reports for day see Appendix "K".	

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B'PAPAN	17 Jul 0630	During night enemy attacked NEI pl at WAIN PUMP STA. Attack was beaten off but pl moved to more suitable posn at 589722. At 0530I enemy attacked in 2/33 Bn HQ area causing 5 cas. 2/25 Bn - small enemy party approached D Coy area and threw grenades but caused NO cas. 2/6 Sqn - OP on ARCH reported single enemy MT mov on HWY NORTH & SOUTH at approx half hour intervals (OP report att as Appendix "L").	Appx "L"
	0830	2/25 - B Coy moving to relieve D Coy on CHAIR.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - 0930I B Coy occupied CHAIR, D Coy left for CHARM with patrol fwd. Arty conc being brought down on CHARM 0900I. Patrols (1) 0910I A Coy sec to HWY 635677 - at 0950I contacted pl of JAPS dug in 635678 astride track with 1 HMG 2 LMGs. Patrol fired on enemy killing 2 and withdrew to 635677. (2) A Coy 1 & 12 at 1000I via CHAIR CALM NE approx 300 yds then on bearing 115° up spur 634682 and return (3) C Coy NCO & 3 1000I SW 1000 yds - NE 1000 yds from CAGE. 2/33 Bn - 0900I C Coy moved to cut track via COKE in as direct a route as possible to CART. 2/31 Bn - By 0930I B & C Coys had occupied posn vacated by C Coy 2/33 Bn. 2/6 Sqn - NO change except 0845I ambush at 625695 killed 1 JAP. Arty conc at 0945I on areas 639688 to 637691 and Barracks sq 6369. Shoot based on infm given by native. (Appx "J").	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - D Coy by 1145I had reached 632686 without contact. C Coy patrol to CAGE found 4 huts 40'x30' on CAGE. 2/33 Bn - B Coy patrol along old L of C via COCK COCOA reached COCOA without contact and found line NOT cut up to that pt. C Coy by 1145I had reached 639674. A Coy now sending patrol EAST along L of C to COCOA. 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - On completion of arty conc patrol left ABATE at 1000I. Set ambush on HWY 633701. Another patrol moved SE to try to find an OP for further shoots on Barracks area. 1130I patrol contacted enemy ambush 617696 and killed 3. NEI - NO reports. 1200I 6 SPITFIRES strafed enemy in posn 636677 with approx 1000 rds 20 mm. Lt return fire on first run only. Results unknown. <del>2/25 Bn - B Coy sec on CHAIR patrol fwd from 636685 to recce track NNE and observed 3 huts EAST from POPE'S TRACK junc 639689. Heard mov of cars on HWY and saw party of 20 JAPS moving towards them. Patrol withdrew to 636685 and set ambush killing 6 and estimated additional cas caused by grenades. Patrol withdrew to Coy 630684. D Coy now moving on to CHARM. 1330I C Coy patrol returned having shot 1 JAP on CAGE.</del>	
	1445	2/25 D Coy sec on CHARM patrol fwd from 636685 to recce track NNE and observed 3 huts EAST from POPE'S TRACK junc 639689. Heard mov of cars on HWY and saw party of 20 JAPS moving towards them. Patrol withdrew to 636685 and set ambush killing 6 and estimated additional cas caused by grenades. Patrol withdrew to Coy 630684. D Coy now moving on to CHARM. 1330I C Coy patrol returned having shot 1 JAP on CAGE. 2/6 Sqn patrol looking for OP reached 619697, unable to find suitable posn. Observed and brought arty fire down on unknown number enemy 636695. Estimated 4 probably killed. Ambush patrol on HWY 633701 was observed by enemy and 2 trucks off loaded approx 40 enemy 200 yds NORTH of ambush posn and attempted to outflank it. Patrol withdrew to ABATE.	
	1500	2/31 Bn captured 2 PW at 618678.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - After patrol clash 1445I (above) D Coy moved up and occupied CHARM by 1600I. B Coy moving to join D Coy. 2/33 Bn - C Coy contacted B Coy on CART 1545I. En route killed 2 JAPS 644649 and sighted party of 5 on right flank who dispersed. A Coy patrol along L of C to B Coy found 6' of wire missing at 640670 and further 4 cuts between 642670 & 645670. Patrol set ambush at 640670. D Coy at 1450I heard loud explosion in enemy posn & saw limbs & torso flying through air. Thought one of our mortars landed in JAP mortar pit. 2/6 Sqn - NO change.	73m

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B' PAPAN	17 Jul 1630	2/6 Sqn - ambush vic ABASH killed 3 JAPS.	
	1730	Orders issued by Bde Comd:- NEI to continue to watch PUMP STA and any mov that area. 2/6 Sqn to patrol in str against HWY from NORTH of POPE'S TRACK junc. 2/25 Bn - If possible to cut HWY where it crosses CHARM. 2/31 Bn relieves 2/33 Bn astride HWY with 3 Coys. One Coy to remain astride PHILLIPSON'S RD to prevent possible penetration from NW. 2/33 Bn - A & D Coys to cut track which runs EAST from POPE'S junc in sq 6468.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - 1520I patrol from A Coy to 634680 found enemy still in occupation, were fired on & returned to Coy by 1650I. 1830I B Coy joined D on CHARM. 2/33 Bn - Ambush 640670 saw NO enemy & returned by 1800I. 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - NO change. NEI - WAIN pl reports <del>6</del> JAPS in posns 585737-585735. Natives report 6 dead JAPS in PUMP STA area after enemy attack night 16/17 Jul. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/6 Sqn - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ & A Coy CHAIR, B & D CHARM, C CALM; 2/33 Bn - BHQ 631671, A 637675, B & C CART, D 637676; 2/31 Bn - BHQ, A & D Coys NO change, B & C 636673; NEI HQ & pne pl SOEMBER KIRI, one Pl 589722. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 1 & 2 WIA 1 & 7; Enemy CD 24 EA 8 PW 2. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 59 WIA 12 & 239 Missing 10 (Note 1 DOW transferred from WIA to KIA); Enemy CD 587 EA 92 PW 20.	
	18 Jul 0630	During night enemy reacted violently to gradual encirclement of his posns and attacked B & D Coys 2/25 Bn and BHQ 2/33 Bn during early hrs of morning. Cas 2/25 Bn - Own KIA 3 WIA 5, Enemy 53 CD EA 16; 2/33 Bn - Own KIA 4 WIA 7 and 4.2" mortar knocked out by demolition charge, Enemy CD 5. 2/31 Bn - native threw grenade thought to contain picric acid & HE into D Coy perimeter. Caused minor cas.	
	0800	2/33 Bn - D Coy patrol reports enemy still at 638679.	
	0845	Bde Comd, BM, left for 2/31 Bn.	
	0915	6 SPITFIRES strafed enemy L of C along HWY sq 6371. Some vehs & mov seen. Unable to assess damage.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/31 Bn has now taken over rd block from 2/33 Bn with 3 Coys at CELLO. Relief completed 1000I. A Coy 2/31 Bn NO change. 2/6 Sqn - OP est on ARCH for day - patrol towards HWY from ABASH. 2/25 Bn - Sec patrol out from A Coy est near HWY 635677. D Coy patrol to ring contour on HWY 637686 to est OP if possible. 2/33 Bn - A & D Coys begin move to CALM.	
	1140	Bde Comd & BM returned.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Local protective patrols. 2/33 Bn - NO reports from A & D Coys. 2/31 Bn - CP now 632671. 2/6 Sqn - patrols to HWY held up until after air strike 1200 hrs. NEI - Estimated str of JAPS in PUMP STA area 100. Patrol moving from SOEMBER KIRI NORTH along ck from 603695 to word SOEMBER in sq 6173 to probe between HWY & PUMP STA. 1200I, 8 P40s bombed & strafed along HWY destroying 2 camouflaged vehs & causing explosion. 16x250lb bombs dropped.	
	1230	2/31 Bn reports patrol from A Coy via PHILLIPSON'S RD - FUNERAL-FABRIC-622676-618673 found 8 u/i graves 618671 and 1 dead JAP 614674.	
	1300	2/33 Bn reports A & D Coys reached CART 1230I and continued NORTH. BHQ now on CART. 2/25 Bn reports A Coy patrol contacted enemy pl str at 635678. Own cas 1 WIA Enemy unknown.	
	1430	2/25 Bn A Coy patrol left towards 634680.	

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B <sup>o</sup> PAPAN	18 Jul 1430	2/33 Bn reports <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> C Coy killed 6 JAPS. A Coy heard chopping & mov on left of present posn 644687. B Coy now 644681, C Coy 64256785 with Pl 64306795, D Coy 643685 and forming a block there.	
	1445	2/25 Bn D Coy patrol found 6 huts and possible amn dump 633683. Moved EAST to 636683 where members of patrol <del>where</del> were fired on while crossing rd. Patrol then withdrew to Coy posn.	
	1600	2/6 Sqn patrol to 632705 contacted 6 enemy and LMG which fired on patrol. Fire returned - enemy withdrew. NO cas. 1 dead JAP found on POPE'S TRACK.	
	1645	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO change. 2/33 Bn - B Coy killed 1 enemy vic present posn. A Coy fwd pl contacted enemy party str 10 645688 killing 2. A Coy now 644687 pushing pl to cut track at 647689.	
	1700	2/31 Bn, 2/6 Sqn - NO change. NEI - patrol from SOMBER KIRI reached 627727 without contact and reported dense undergrowth & NO tracks. WAIN pl fired on by LMG from enemy unknown str in posn 586733. Tac/R this morning reported 12 JAPS in logs 636684, 40 JAPS moving NORTH along HWY 636680-639689 incl 2 stretcher cases & 3 being carried pick-a-back. At 638687 open revetment and trench system leading into timber.	
	1715	2/6 Sqn line party contacted 2 enemy 626700 wounding 1.	
	1900	2/33 Bn reports A Coy found 5 bunkers & 18 enemy 645688. Patrol was NOT observed. Coy is investigating possibility of engaging with mortars & arty. Intention to engage with 2" mortars tonight.	
		2/25 Bn A Coy patrol found hut & telephone 632681. Moved EAST towards 634680 and saw enemy digging in on reverse slopes. Patrol was seen and withdrew, returning by 1700I.	
		Situation:- 2/25; 2/31, 2/33 Bns - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - patrol to 629695 contacted 3 enemy 1700I, killed 1 wounded 1. 3 JAPS contacted on POPE'S TRACK near ABASH were killed. NEI - NO change.	
		Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/25 Bn, 2/6 Sqn, NEI - NO change; 2/33 Bn - BHQ CART, A & D 644687, B 644681, C 642678 with pl 645679; 2/31 Bn - BHQ & C 632671, A 618668, B 633671, D 636674.	
		Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 8 ORs WIA 15 ORs; Enemy CD 68 EA 17. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 68 WIA 12 & 253 Missing 10 (1 DOW transferred from WIA to KIA); Enemy CD 655 EA 109 PW 20.	
	19 Jul 0630	During night 2/25 D Coy heard sounds of digging & chopping fwd of their posn. 2/31 Bn dispersed small enemy parties outside perimeter with grenades causing some cas. 2/33 Bn A & D Coys mortared with approx 24 shells about 0300I only 1 cas. Arty DF brought down in reply. Small enemy parties were also active against C Coy, at least 3 enemy killed.	
	0730	2/25 Bn patrol (1) sec left B Coy moving SE.	
	0800	2/33 Bn - Patrol (1) left B Coy to move via CLOWN COMET CORD & return. Patrol (2) via CANE to COVE.	
	0830	2/25 Bn patrol (2) sec from B Coy to ABIDE. 2/33 Bn patrol (3) from A Coy to cut track 647688. Bde Comd & BM left for 2/31 Bn.	
	0900	2/6 Sqn patrol (1) moved along POPE'S TRACK.	
	0930	2/33 Bn patrol (4) left D Coy moving WEST.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - patrol (1) reported 6 huts once used as barracks 635686. Patrol contacted party of 9 burying dead and killed 5. Badges of rank on dead reveal both Army & Navy pers. Patrol (3) left D Coy and set ambush <del>636683</del> 63646839. 2/31 & 2/33 Bns NO change. 2/6 Sqn - patrolling HWY 634700-634708 (Patrol (2)). Patrol (3) SE to 633694 with FOO. Patrol (4) to investigate Barracks area 635697. OP still on ARCH.	25/

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B'PAPAN	19 Jul 1000	(contd) NEI - Lone survivor of party of 64 natives brought in with bad sword cut wounds. Reported JAPS had killed remainder of party and had withdrawn about 200 yds during arty barrage on HWY 17 Jul. For report of interrogation see Appendix "N". Two FORMOSAN PW surrendered to 2/6 Sqn OP on ARCH.	Appx "N"
	1015	4 SPITFIRES strafed staging area 633714.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO change. 2/33 Bn - patrol (4) reached 640686 and was fired on. Killed 1 enemy & withdrew. Moved via ck to 641687 and was again fired on. Patrol decided to return. Patrol (3) had cut track at 649692 and was investigating lower slopes of ACID, found vacated enemy posn 646688. Patrol (4) reported enemy str 30 in prepared posns vic 639687. Another patrol (5) left A Coy to cut track at 647688 and investigate ACID. Patrol (6) to spur running EAST from CHAIR at 640685 reports enemy in this area. 2/31 Bn - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - OP on ARCH returned 1200I, report att as Appendix "M". NEI - Patrol laying line to WAIN completed task 1130I.	Appx "M"
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Patrol (2) reached ABIDE - NO contact - moved to track junc 632694 and remained for half hr without sighting enemy. 1530I patrol left D Coy to relieve patrol at ambush at 636684 and remain overnight. 1300I A Coy standing patrol 634677 was fired on by 3 LMGs cas 2 KIA. 2/33 Bn - 1400I patrol (5) reported enemy in str in bunkers 647691. Patrol killed 3 wounded 1. 1400I patrol (1) returned NMS. 1415I patrol (2) returned NMS. 2/31 Bn - 1330I C Coy preceded by tks and sp by arty moved fwd to 637676 without opposition. Track blown off 1 tk by contact mine. NO cas suffered. Limited patrols fwd. 2/6 Sqn - patrol from ABATE 1500I contacted 12 enemy 635697. Cas enemy 12 killed, own NIL. Patrol (1) reached 609697 returned 1400I NMS. Aerial bomb found at 621697 also wires & battery. Ambush on HWY 634705 from 1200-1400I - only mov seen 1 enemy. Pl returned to ABATE without <del>xxxxx</del> contact but sig line cut.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - A Coy in course of protective patrolling killed 5 enemy. 2/31 Bn - Limited patrols fwd of C Coy made NO contact. Bodies of 10 men previously reported missing were recovered after adv by C Coy. 2/33 Bn, 2/6 Sqn, NO change. NEI - Patrol to PUMP STA estimates 20 enemy there. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/25 & 2/33 Bns, 2/6 Sqn, NEI - NO change. 2/31 Bn - BHQ & A Coy 632671, B Coy 633671, C 637676, D 636674. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 3 ORs WIA 2 ORs; Enemy CD 34 EA 11 PW 2. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 82 WIA 12 & 254 (Note) 1 DOW transferred from WIA to KIA, 10 missing now KIA.) Enemy CD 689 EA 120 PW 22. 25 Bde Routine Orders issued. See Appendix "O". Patrol reports for 19 Jul see Appendix "P".	Appx "O" Appx "P"
	20 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	
	0800	Morning patrols:- 2/25 Bn - (1) 0730I A Coy patrol reports enemy still in posn 635677 (2) 0900I from C Coy str 2 & 16 through ABIDE to track 634694 SE to junc 639689. 2/6 Sqn - (1) 2 & 18 to junc 633694 EAST to Barracks area - out 0830I (2) 0830I 1 & 12 from ABATE to HWY. (3) Standing patrol to be est on POPE'S TRACK SOUTH of ABATE. 2/33 Bn - (1) 0845I A Coy patrol left to investigate 649691 and ACID (2) from C Coy to spur 639679 (3) from B Coy 0900I to COMET via CLOWN, another patrol to CART CANE CASE, another to CART COCK COCOA. (4) 0850I standing patrol est on POPE'S TRACK 645688. (5) from D Coy to BOOT area 640686.	

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B'PAPAN	20 Jul 1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Ambush patrol out overnight reports that at 191915I 19 enemy moved SOUTH along HWY, 10 riflemen & 9 carrying stores, thence EAST from 636684, probable destination spur 637677. B & D Coys clearing small enemy pockets CHARM area. 2/33 Bn - NO change. 2/31 Bn - 0930I one pl of D Coy moved through C Coy and took up posn on 60 contour feature 637677 without opposition. Pl reports well used track running NNE. 2/6 Sqn - Patrol (3) contacted enemy booby traps POPE'S TRACK 626694 - cas 1 killed. 0930I Sqn moving from ABASH to ABATE.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - D Coy patrol on CHARM using flamethrower killed 4 and badly burned remainder of enemy party of 10. Killed 3 & wounded 6 of another party of 12. Further enemy mov seen in area. 2/31 Bn - D Coy now on feature 637677 and pl patrol left 1200I to move NORTH along well used track previously reported. NEI - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - HQ 630698, H & J Tps 628699, G Tp ABASH maintaining ambush on POPE'S TRACK.	
	1325	2/6 Sqn reports ambush in posn 634707. NO contact.	
	1350	2/25 Bn patrol (2) returned. Moved NORTH to ABIDE NW to track junc 632695 to junc 634694 and to A in ABIDE. Killed 1 JAP 634692, fired on by IMG & withdrew through CHARM. Reported ABIDE clear.	
	1520	2/25 Bn - C Coy moved to occupy ABIDE and relieve pl of B Coy which had left to occupy feature at 1500I.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO change. 2/31 Bn - D Coy pl patrol contacted JAP estimated pl str 637685. Arty & 3" mortar <del>xxxxxx</del> engaged and pl moved to 637683. 2/33 Bn - locations now A Coy 645687, B 645681, C 642678 with pl 643679, D 645687, HQ 644681. Patrol (5) to 640686 was fired on, moved SOUTH then EAST to contact B Coy on CART. Patrol (1) contacted enemy 646692 at 1300I and was fired on. Killed 2 JAPS. Patrol found 2 dead enemy - one with hands tied behind back in area 648692. Set ambush at 648688, killed 2 and withdrew. Reported booby traps in area 648689. B Coy patrols NO contact. Patrol (2) to 639679 contacted enemy and withdrew after killing 1. Patrol (5) fired on from 640686. Killed 1 JAP.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Pl A Coy now on CALM. C Coy occupied ABIDE by 1700I. 1330I D Coy patrol blew up enemy amn dump 635684 (report att see Appendix "Q"). 2/25 Bn reports that arty fire directed by AUSTER engaged 20 enemy moving NORTH along HWY 638688 and reported 5 hits on tps in open and 2 hits on log behind which JAPS took cover. Cas unknown. 2/33 Bn - NO change. 2/31 Bn disposns changed as below. During afternoon two pls A Coy moved fwd and occupied posn astride rd 637674. 2/6 Sqn - Ambush at 634707 patrolled along HWY to Barracks sq 6371. NMS.-Between 1000 & 1600I. Patrol cut sig wire at 634705. Returned 1830I. At 1530I patrol (1) contacted enemy posn at 633695 and engaged it killing 3. Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/33 Bn, NEI - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ & A Coy less pl CHAIR, pl A Coy CALM, B & D Coys CHARM, C ABIDE; 2/31 Bn - BHQ & one pl A Coy 633671, A less pl astride rd 637674, B 637677, C 638677, D less pl 636678, pl D Coy 637683; 2/6 Sqn - HQ & J Tp 630698, H Tp 628699, G Tp ABASH.	Appx "Q"
	1945	2/25 Bn - D Coy ambush at 636684 saw approx 20 JAPS moving SOUTH along HWY carrying supplies. Engaged them with BREN, & OSMG, & grenades. Estimated 17 killed. Enemy posns NORTH & SOUTH of CHARM then opened fire, sent up red flare, and ignited drums of oil along HWY. Muffled explosions heard in enemy posns for some time afterwards. Own cas 2 WIA.	75



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B'PAPAN	20 Jul	Cas: Day's - KIA 2 WIA 4; Enemy CD 11 EA 7. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 84 WIA 12 & 258; Enemy CD 700 EA 127 PW 22. Patrol reports for day see Appendix "R".	Appx "R"
	21 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	
	0800	2/31 Bn - patrols fwd on both sides of HWY found enemy still in same posns.	
	0840	2/6 Sqn - patrols - (1) to recce & harass Barracks area sq 6371 (2) to contact C Coy 2/25 Bn on ABIDE, via ABATE, 628694, approaching ABIDE from WEST (3) standing patrol to be left at POPE'S TRACK 624695 (4) sec with OPO to recce Barracks sq 6369. Time out 1030I.	
	0845	Bde Comd & BM left for 2/25 & 2/31 Bns.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO change - protective patrols out. 2/33 Bn - signs of enemy discovered on perimeter BHQ & B Coy areas following explosion of booby traps during night. Patrols to move to COSY, CASE, and via CLOWN to spur & NORTH to 648687 after air strike at 1130I. 2/31 Bn, NEI - NO change. 2/6 Sqn - Ambush est on POPE'S TRACK at ABASH.	
	1030	2/6 Sqn patrol (1) reached 629707. NMS - proceeding.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn, 2/31 & 2/33 Bns, NO change. 2/6 Sqn - NO further reports. NEI - WAIN pl reports enemy still in occupation PUMP STA. OPO with pl engaging with arty. 1130-1200I 8 P40s bombed & strafed ACID. 16x250 lb bombs dropped, 14 in target area.	
	1230	Bde Comd & BM returned. 2/33 Bn reports air strike appeared successful, patrol from A Coy moving to NORTH side ACID spur to investigate.	
	1300	2/33 Bn - B & C Coys in process of exchanging their posns. Patrol to CLOWN reports NMS.	
	1515	2/6 Sqn reports patrol surprised enemy ambush str 13 with 2 LMGs and killed 5 area 628695. Patrol reports POPE'S TRACK clear from 625695 WEST to SOMBER KIRI.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 & 2/33 Bns NO change. 2/31 Bn - Following <del>successful</del> successful arty shoot plus mortars on 636681 from 1445-1535I patrols moving fwd to investigate results. 2/6 Sqn & NEI NO change.	
	1630	2/6 Sqn - OP est 633711 to remain out overnight. 1300I patrol (4) contacted concealed enemy posn covering approaches to 634697. Arty fire brought down knocking out 1 pillbox & killing at least 1.	
	1900	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Patrols during day est that enemy is still occupying spur 639689 with LMG posns 635691 634687 634688. Enemy on spur 635680 <del>engaged</del> engaged with mortar fire directed by AUSTER with satisfactory results. Tree top OPs being constructed on CHAIR, & CHARM, & ABIDE. 2/33 Bn - Patrols to COSY, CLOWN, CASE, & 648687 report NMS. Patrol to ACID was fired on from SOUTH side of spur running EAST from ACID. Patrol unable to investigate result of air strike. B Coy relieved C Coy by 1500I. 2/31 Bn - Patrols fwd on HWY found enemy had pulled back short distance but still covered vacated posns by fire. Patrols counted 26 dead. 2/6 Sqn - patrol (1) reached 633711 sighting only 1 sentry in Barracks area. Reports of gun firing from approx 634717. Returned 1600I. Pat returned from 634707 - NMS on HWY 1000-1600I. NEI - patrol from WAIN pl along track from 587724 to 600730, NE along track NOT marked on map, to cut HWY at 613746 where they were sniped at. Patrol returned to base. During afternoon arty ranged on PUMP STA dispersing enemy in that area.	75

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B'PAPAN	21 Jul 1900	Disposns:- Bde HQ, 2/25 Bn, 2/6 Sqn, NEI - NO change; 2/31 Bn - BHQ & C Coy 638676, A 637674, B 638678 with pl 638679, D 637678; 2/33 Bn - BHQ & C Coy 644681, B 640679 with pl 642682, A & D Coys NO change. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 1 & 3; Enemy CD 32 EA 18. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 85 WIA 13 & 260 (1 DOW transferred from WIA to KIA); Enemy CD 732 EA 145 PW 22. Patrol reports for day attached - see Appendix "S". As from today spur running NORTH & SOUTH at 634681 will henceforth be known as CABLE within Bde.	Appx "S"
	22 Jul 0630	2/25 Bn reported explosions heard from vic CABLE 212150I & 220250I. Mov also heard on HWY vic CHARM, engaged by arty. 2/33 Bn reported loud explosions on B Coy front 0300I. Otherwise sitnor.	
	0800	Bde Comd & BM accompanied by BGS left to visit 2/31 Bn.	
	0830	Patrols:- 2/25 Bn - (1) 0815I D Coy 1 & 12 to 637685 (2) 0900I C Coy 1 & 12 NW to track junc 632694 to 628695 NORTH to contact 2/6 Sqn (3) A Coy patrol to 635677 occupied enemy posn without opposition and now waiting to contact 2/31 Bn. (4) 0930I 1 & 6 to investigate CABLE. 2/33 Bn - (1) B Coy WEST to 638678. 2/6 Sqn - (1) 0915I 1 & 19 from ABATE to clear POPE'S TRACK area 626695, outpost to remain there all day.	
	1000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - NO change. 2/33 Bn - B Coy patrol occupied old enemy posn 638678 without opposition. 2/31 Bn - patrol probing fwd astride rd to contact enemy posn. 2/6 Sqn - One Tp with OPO moving to clear posn 633697. NEI - patrols (1) from WAIN pl to PUMP STA 0900I (2) patrol from SOEMBER KIRI to move to area WAIN pl then NE to HWY to try locate QF gun reported yesterday.	
	1100	2/6 Sqn - OP reports posn of QF gun (25mm) 632716.	
	1200	Situation:- Enemy has withdrawn from posns astride HWY which has now been cleared to POPE'S TRACK junc. Units are now moving to following posns:- 2/25 Bn - AUNT ABASH ABATE ABIDE; 2/31 Bn - junc POPE'S TRACK - MILFORD HWY; 2/33 Bn - ABODE ACE ALONG; 2/6 Sqn - ARCH. NEI reports enemy withdrawn from PUMP STA.	
	1300	Bde Comd & BM returned.	
	1400	Bde Comd & BM left to visit 2/31 & 2/25 Bns.	
	1415	2/6 Sqn now at 630707 patrolling to Barracks sq 6371.	
	1600	Situation:- 2/25 & 2/33 Bns NOT yet in new posns. 2/31 Bn in posn - BHQ & A Coy 640693, B 639689, C 638697, D astride rd 635698. 2/6 Sqn now on ARCH. NEI - NO change.	
	1630	2/6 Sqn patrol reached 633714. Reports Barracks area clear. Tp patrol to leave 1645I to recce & clear HWY to 74 grid.	
	2000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - Throughout day pushed fwd without contact, except D Coy patrol along HWY to approx 73 grid where fired on by sniper. Patrol returned 1730I. 2/31 Bn - Disposns as above. Arm-ament factory found at 640688. 2/33 Bn - Moved fwd on right of HWY against slight opposition. Counted 5 enemy dead. 2/6 Sqn - Patrol reached approx 628732, saw 2 enemy, who dispersed on being fired on. Patrol adv further 300 yds. Saw 7 enemy - killed 1 estimated additional 2. Patrol re-turned 1930I. NEI - reports small enemy party still in PUMP STA, engaged them killing 1 estimated additional 1. 1 PW captured.	2/11

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B' PAPAN	22 Jul 2000	Disposns:- Bde HQ, NEI - NO change; 2/25 Bn - BHQ & D Coy 630700, A AUNT, B 629701, C ABIDE; 2/31 Bn - BHQ & A 640693, B 639689, C 633703, D 635698; 2/33 Bn - BHQ track junc 643692, A ACID, B 641697, C 643695, D ABODE; 2/6 Sqn - ARCH; Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 1; Enemy CD 14 EA 2. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 85 WIA 13 & 261; Enemy CD 754 EA 141 PW 22.	
	23 Jul 0630	During night 1 enemy killed on 2/33 Bn C Coy front otherwise sitnor.	
	0740	2/6 Sqn - Tp to move to sq 6174 and est base and patrol NORTH.	
	0830	Patrols:- 2/31 Bn (1) B Coy sec to 2/25 Bn on ABIDE and then to SOEMBER KIRI to NEI (2) A Coy sec to ABODE - track junc 637696 - 635697 and return along HWY (3) A Coy sec to C Coy 633703 (4) C Coy sec NORTH along HWY to contact 2/6 Sqn (5) sec patrol from house 636703 to 638709 WEST to main track and return. All out 0830I.	
	1000	Bde Comd & BM accompanied GOC 7 Div to all Bns.	
	1100	2/6 Sqn Tp patrol moved NORTH along HWY.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - C Coy moved from ABIDE to ABATE by 1100I. 2/31 Bn - patrol (1) contacted NEI 1115I. NO other reports. 2/33 Bn - A Coy patrol left ACID for ACE-ACRE to stay out night 23/24 Jul. Patrol contacted 13 natives 653706, reached ACTOR 1130I. NO enemy seen. Patrol to ABED found 4 dual purpose 75mm guns 638711. 2/6 Sqn - Sec patrol to ABED 1100I. NEI - patrol to WAIN reports PUMP STA clear.	
	1400	2/6 Sqn patrol reached 628731 - NMS - proceeding.	
	1600	Sitnor - NEI one sec now occupy PUMP STA.	
	1710	2/6 Sqn patrol on HWY at 1530I contacted 1 LMG, 3 riflemen, 612747. Our cas 2 WIA, enemy 2 WIA.	
	1800	AUSTER tac/R reports 0935/1030I - 2 JAPS seen 632725. Hastily constructed rd block 614745. 1 JAP 619762. Rd block 619767. Building 30' x 15', 4 weapon pits 656789. MG fire from here. Rd heavily used 634778. 11 trucks & staff cars destroyed or damaged between 630726-634778.	
	2000	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - local patrols during day NMS. 2/31 Bn - all patrols NMS. 2/33 Bn - all patrols NMS. Wireless sta found on ACID. 2/6 Sqn & NEI - NO further change. Disposns:- 2/25 Bn - C Coy 630699, otherwise NO change; Bde HQ, 2/31 & 2/33 Bns, NO change; 2/6 Sqn less one Tp 633708, one Tp out along HWY sq 6174; NEI - sec in PUMP STA, NO other change. WEF 1800I det 2/2 Tk A Regt in sp 25 Bde revert comd RAA 7 Div. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 2 WIA 2; Enemy CD 1 PW 1. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 87 WIA 13 & 263. Enemy CD 755 EA 141 PW 23.	
	24 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	
	0830	Protective patrols out from all units.	
	0945	A Coy 2/33 Bn patrol to ACRE 23 Jul now returned. Report see Appendix "T".	Appx "T"
	1000	2/6 Sqn patrol NORTH reached 618760 - NMS.	
	1030	Sitnor - 2/31 Bn C Coy found and buried bodies of 16 decapitated natives in Barracks area sq 6369.	
	1110	From 7 Div:- 7 Div now holds all ground over which it is proposed to operate in str. 25 Bde bdy - right bdy all incl 560644 to 624645 to track 642660 to DEAR 667677 to track junc 669701 to 650710 to 650788 - MILFORD HWY to 650827 thence NORTH to SAMARINDA rd. Left bdy all excl from 560644 NORTH along grid 56.	750

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B'PAPAN	24 Jul 1110	(contd) 25 Bde to maintain fwd Bn area junc MILFORD HWY-POPE'S TRACK. Local protective patrols to be maintained. Bde will patrol track to 669701 daily to contact 21 Bde and will maintain standing patrol at WAIN PUMP STA. Bde will undertake long range patrols to MT MENTAWIR 607890. All patrols initially recce may be followed by fighting patrols. NO fighting patrol will consist of more than one Coy plus att tps without approval Div HQ. Bde to have in sp 2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 2/6 Fd Regt, 2/5 Fd Coy, 4 ASP, 6,7,11 & 12 AL Secs.	
	1200	Sitnor.	
	1400	Bde Comd held conference at Bde HQ to discuss mov of units to semi-permanent areas for camp construction and Bde patrol policy. Present:- BM, SC, IO, Bn COs, COs 2/7 Cav Regt & 2/6 Fd Regt & 2/4 Fd Amb, COs 2/5 Fd Coy, 2/124 Fd Pk Coy, 2/124 Bde Wkshops, C Coy 2/1 MG Bn, 2/8 Tpt Pl.	
	1500	2/6 Sqn reports that patrol on HWY contacted 1 LMG, 5 rifles, 618760 approx 11001. NO further report. Other units sitnor.	
	1800	2 SPITFIRES strafed own tps in gen area POPE'S TRACK-MILFORD HWY junc inflicting cas 1 KIA 3 WIA (Arty pers). Several others wounded very slightly and remaining on duty, incl CO 2/25 Bn. Also knocked out 1 jeep and possibly 2 more.	
	2000	Situation:- Locations of units unchanged except NEI now conc vic WAIN PUMP STA. Local patrols from all units NO contact, except G Tp 2/6 Sqn at 618760, and 2/6 Sqn patrol which killed 1 JAP at 632716. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA NIL WIA 2; Enemy CD 5 EA 2. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 84 WIA 13 & 265; Enemy CD 760 EA 143 PW 23. 25 Bde OO No.1 issued. See Appendix "U".	Appx "U"
	25 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	
	1000	Bns now moving to take up posns in allotted areas and begin preparation of camp sites. 2/6 Sqn still NO report from G Tp patrol.	
	1200	During morning 4 JAPS carrying grenades approached fwd posns 2/31 Bn. 1 killed, remainder scattered.	
	1400	SFCP now unchanged u/c to accompany patrol 2/5 Sqn and direct shoot from HMAS "GASCOYNE". From 261000I GASCOYNE available to sp Bde with naval bombardment on targets designated.	
	1535	Standing patrol two pls HQ Coy 2/25 Bn now at WAIN 585737.	
	1550	2/6 Sqn reports that G Tp contacted 15 enemy at 628774 approx 241655I. Killed 4 estimated additional 1 without loss. Patrol line was cut in several places along rd. Patrol reports NO firm def posns along HWY up to sq 6277.	
	1645	G Tp returned from patrol.	
	1930	Locations:- 2/25 Bn - now conc sq 6068 with A & C Coys FORGE, B & D FLY, two pls HQ Coy WAIN; 2/31 Bn - NO change; 2/33 Bn - now conc vic PHILLIPSON'S RD-MILFORD HWY junc; 2/7 Regt RHQ 633716, 2/5 Sqn 630729, 2/6 Sqn less 1 Tp 631709 one Tp 634717; NEI & C Coy 2/1 MG Bn passed from comd 25 Bde WEF 251700I. Cas:- Day's - OWN NIL; Enemy CD 5 EA 1; Totals - Own KIA 7 & 87 WIA 13 & 265; Enemy CD 765 EA 144 PW 23.	
	26 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	

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B'PAPAN	26 Jul 1000	Patrols:- 2/25 Bn - (1) standing patrol WAIN (2) B Coy NCO & 6 0900I through SOEMBER KIRI 1400 yds along POPE'S TRACK and return on bearing 207°. (3) A Coy 1 & 9 1400I to 600692 WEST along rd to 589687 NORTH along pipe line to junc 592698 and return. 2/6 Sqn - (1) est & maintain standing patrol one sec at 628760 (2) sec 0830I to feature sq 6175 EAST to feature 6275 & 6475 SW to 632732 and return (3) along well worn foot track NW from RHQ posn. 2/5 Sqn - one sec to 604703 - 608745 - EAST to HWY and return. 2/31 Bn & 2/33 - local patrolling.	
	1135	2/6 Sqn patrol (1) contacted enemy at 615758 - enemy estimated pl str, 2 LMGs & riflemen WEST of rd, other JAPS EAST of rd. Enemy in freshly dug posns, believed occupied night 25/26 Jul. Apparent 250lb aerial bomb buried in rdway, fuse burnt but bomb failed to explode. Patrol took up def posn 615755.	
	1330	2/6 Sqn patrol now built up to pl str in same posn. Our cas 2 KIA 1 WIA. At 1340I three enemy tried to cross HWY in front of posn - 2 killed 1 wounded.	
	1400	2/5 Sqn moving to relieve J Tp 2/6 Sqn at 615755. Sqn will occupy def posn and prevent any enemy moving down rd. Arty OPO with on call one Tp guns to accompany Sqn.	
	1600	2/6 Sqn patrol (2) returned NMS. Found Barracks area approx 618747 and old Coy def posn on rd.	
	1630	2/5 Sqn completed relief J Tp. Reports under enemy mortar fire. Our arty engaging.	
	1930	Situation:- 2/25 Bn - BHQ 606683, Coys NO change; 2/31 Bn - HQ 641693, A Coy 643698, B 644692, C 643696, D less pl 643695, one pl for protection of arty tp 638697, HQ Coy 647691; 2/33 Bn - BHQ 614664, A 616667, B 611665, C 613663, D 617667; 2/7 Cav Regt - RHQ 633716, 2/5 Sqn 615755, 2/6 Sqn 634717. During day local patrols throughout unit zones of responsibility reported NMS - except 2/6 Sqn patrol along HWY. At 1900I enemy fired 6 rds believed 81mm mortar - inaccurate. Cas:- Day's - Own KIA 2 WIA 1; Enemy CD 3. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 89 WIA 13 & 266; Enemy CD 767 EA 144 PW 23. For day's patrols see sketch att as Appendix "V".	Appx "V"
	27 Jul 0730	2/5 Sqn reported that early patrols fwd on each side of rd saw NO sign of mortar which had fired previous night. Enemy still in posn. During night enemy cut line in several places between Regt & 2/5 Sqn. 1 JAP killed approaching from 615755. Other units sitnor.	
	0745	2/7 Cav Regt reported line cut between 2/6 & 2/5 Sqns. Line patrol & rd clearing patrols left 0730I.	
	1200	Situation:- 2/5 Sqn on return of patrols withdrew to enable arty conc to be brought down on enemy. Patrols out today - 2/25 Bn - (1) pls at WAIN protective patrols 2000 yds fwd (2) one sec C Coy 0900I through SOEMBER KIRI along POPE'S TRACK for 1400 yds & return on bearing 207°. 2/31 Bn - (1) A Coy sec via 649693 to contact 21 Bde patrol at 669701 at 1200I and return (2) B Coy sec NORTH along HWY to contact 2/7 Cav 629728 and to blow JAP arsenal dump at ABED (3) C Coy sec 0800I ABASH AUNT ABATE 634699 and return via HWY. 2/7 Cav Regt - 2/6 Sqn four sec patrols (1) & (2) to clear respectively EAST & WEST 150-200 yds along HWY to 2/5 Sqn and return - out 0730I (3) 0800I WEST and down spur 62736172 and across river to WAIN - return EAST to HWY and along rd to camp (4) 0800I along HWY to 632725 SE down spur 63726471 to 650714 SW up spur to 640706 and down to contact 2/31 Bn at Barracks and return along HWY. 2/33 Bn - sec patrols out from all Coys.	
	1320	2/5 Sqn reoccupied former posn after arty conc.	

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B'PAPAN	27 Jul 1445	2/5 Sqn patrols reached abandoned enemy posns at 616757 and deloused electrically wired aerial bomb in rdway. AUSTER reported rd block 618762.	
	1515	Sqn patrol on right flank reached shelter recently occupied by 20 JAPS at 618758. Patrol on left flank fired on 1 JAP 30 yds from rd 615753 but enemy escaped.	
	1600	Patrol left 2/5 Sqn to investigate rd block reported by AUSTER. Patrol sighted 10 enemy in posn behind rd block. Decomposed body with hands tied behind back found at 615755. NO identification. later patrol reports enemy reoccupied posn approx 618758. 2/6 Sqn patrol reports amn dump 613748 on left side of rd - incl 6 cases JAVANESE explosive, 2 cases HERCULES (USA) powder, 6 cases 20mm, 1 case 7.7mm.	
	1900	All patrols during day completed allotted tasks - NMS except 2/33 Bn D Coy patrol which killed 1 JAP at 613673. Dispositions NO change. Cas:- Day's - Own NIL Enemy CD 2. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 89 WIA 13 & 266; Enemy CD 769 EA 144 FW 23. For day's patrols see Sketch att as Appendix "W".	Appx "W"
	28 Jul 0630	During night arty brought down HF on enemy posns 618758. All units - sitnor.	
	0730	2/5 Sqn patrols out towards JAP posns and to overlook rd block. 2/6 Sqn - rd clearing patrols to 2/5 Sqn.	
	1000	2/5 Sqn - patrol out to recover bodies of 2 killed 26 Jul.	
	1100	2/5 Sqn at 615755 patrol reports <del>xxxxxx</del> 1030I approx 300 yds fwd on left flank met enemy fire - at least 2 LMGs & rifles extending over 150 yds. Patrol on right flank sighted 4 enemy and heard further enemy mov. Fired on enemy with unknown results.	
	1200	Patrols out in unit zones of responsibility. For details see trace att as Appendix "X". 2/5 Sqn patrols withdrew and arty fire to be brought down on enemy posns during afternoon, directed by AUSTER.	Appx "X"
	1300	Message received from Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD congratulating Bde Comd on his appointment to GOC 11 Aust Div.	
	1730	2/7 Cav Regt reports that patrol fwd on right flank from 2/5 Sqn at 1630I encountered enemy fire from rd block posn. Patrol to recover bodies found them moved NORTH and covered by enemy fire. At 1600I 1 JAP sentry killed on right of rd at 619761.	
	1900	Unit locations - NO change. All patrols except 2/5 Sqn NMS. Approx 1800I exchange of LMG fire between fwd sec 2/5 Sqn on left of rd 615755 and enemy. Our cas 1 WIA, enemy unknown. Cas:- Day's - Own WIA 1; Enemy CD 1. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 89 WIA 13 & 267; Enemy CD 768 EA 144 FW 23. Att is Interrogation report of native picked up by 2/5 Sqn. See Appx "Y".	Appx "Y"
	29 Jul 0630	Sitnor.	
	0830	For unit patrols see trace att as Appendix "Z".	Appx "Z"
	0900	Bde Comd (Maj Gen K W EATHER) and BM left to visit Bns. Bde Comd gave short farewell address to each Bn.	

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B'PAPAN	29 Jul 1230	2/7 Cav Regt reports corrected posns of enemy and 2/5 Sqn. Enemy LMG at 618755 - 614756 with rifle-men in between. Enemy also approx 617756-618758. Weapons encountered incl both sides of HWY, 2 LMGs 1 HMG, rifles, 1 81mm mortar - latter fired 6 rds 26 Jul and has NOT fired since. 2/5 Sqn - F Tp 616754, HQ, D & E Tps 617753. After some activity in early morning 1 JAP leading seaman killed 618753, 3 other enemy with him escaped. Enemy mov perceived fwd of Sqn and towards both flanks. LMG fire engaging.	
	1500	CO 2/25 Bn (Lt-col R H MARSON) became Adm Comd 25 Bde. Maj Gen EATHER addressed first batch of men leaving today pursuant to 5 Years Service Plan. 2/5 Sqn killed 1 JAP 617754.	
	1730	2/6 Sqn patrol contacted enemy apparently in ambush posn 628722. Str unknown but believed small. Our patrol combing area.	
	1800	This patrol killed 1 JAP 629722 and saw 3 more heading WEST.	
	1900	Unit locations - NO change except 2/5 Sqn corrected as above. All patrols during day NMS except Cav patrols already mentioned. During day AUSTER directed arty shoots on enemy posns. Cas:- Day's - Own NIL; Enemy CD 3 EA 2. Totals - OWN NO change; Enemy CD 773 EA 146 PW 23.	
30 Jul	0630	Sitnor.	
	0800	2/6 Sqn rd clearing patrols to 2/5 Sqn. 2/5 Sqn patrols probing fwd. All units patrolling zones of responsibility - See trace Appendix "AA".	Appx "AA"
	0930	Approx 613747 own tps 7 ORs (Cav) in jeep moving to est standing patrol at above reference were fired on by rifles, LMG, & Grenades. Prepared charge rolled down bank on to rd. Jeep adv towards 2/5 Sqn. Cas WIA 1. Tp from 2/6 Sqn and patrol from 2/5 Sqn investigating.	
	1225	2/6 Sqn Tp patrol to ambush posn found signs of LMG and demolition charges. Proceeded to 2/5 Sqn without contact and now returning.	
	1330	2/5 Sqn patrol killed 1 JAP who had previously tried to infiltrate their posns. JAP had haversack full of grenades - type fired from mortar.	
	1500	Maj Gen EATHER gave farewell address to parade of Bde HQ.	
	1600	2/7 Cav Regt reports 2/5 Sqn ambush on right flank fired on enemy party 1530I result unknown.	
	1900	Unit locations - NO change. All patrols except those specified above report NMS. 2/33 Bn patrol located crashed AC at 623661. For report see Appendix "BB". During afternoon enemy fired appar- ent type 89 grenade inaccurately into 2/5 Sqn area. Approx 1830I 1 JAP killed 615756. Cas:- Day's - KIA 1 WIA 1 & 2; Enemy CD 1 PW 1. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 90 WIA 14 & 269; Enemy CD 774 EA 146 PW 24.	Appx "BB"
31 Jul	0530	Maj Gen EATHER left to assume comd 11 Aust Div in NEW BRITAIN.	
	0630	Sitnor.	
	0800	Rd clearing patrols from 2/6 Sqn, probing patrols from 2/5 Sqn, usual unit patrols - Appendix "CC".	Appx "CC"
	1030	GOC 7 Div, Bde Adm Comd, BM, left for 2/7 Cav Regt. 2/7 Cav Regt reports - 2/6 Sqn - rd clear to 2/5 Sqn. 2/5 Sqn - engaging suspected enemy sniper on front. 1000I 4 enemy approached 2/5 Sqn perimeter and were pinned by fire. Patrol moving after them.	

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PLACE	DATE & TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
B'PAPAN	31 Jul 1030	(contd) At 0830I patrol left 2/6 Sqn to make track from HWY 622635 NORTH to feature sq 6275 to est base for offensive patrols to enemy rear.	
	1100	2/5 Sqn patrol at 618754 killed 2 of 4 enemy reported above. Another 1 seen at 613757 was wounded and disappeared into jungle. At 1100I at 616753 patrol from 2/3 Sqn killed 1 JAP.	
	1110	1110-1130I 4 SPITFIRES & 4 P40s accurately strafed enemy posn 616755.	
	1530	From 7 Div:- WEF 311800I 2/7 Cav Regt less one Tp of 2/3 Sqn comes under comd 25 Bde. Two dets 3" mortars from 2/2 Pnr Bn also come u/c.	
	1745	From 7 Div:- 25 Bde to maintain standing patrol at track junc 668701 from 011200I.	
	1800	2/7 Cav Regt reports that at approx 1000I 2/6 Sqn killed 1 JAP at 626754. JAP armed with 4 BALIKPAPAN grenades, 1 KISKA, and 1 prepared charge. At 1500I at 613748 2 JAPS approached our rd patrol. One wounded but both escaped.	
	1900	Locations - NO change. All unit patrols except Cav - NMS. Cas:- Day's - Own NIL; Enemy CD 3. Totals - Own KIA 7 & 90 WIA 14 & 269; Enemy CD 777 EA 146 PW 24.	
		Att as Appendix "DD" are sketches showing nightly disposns of Bde Tps.	Appx "DD"
		Att as " " "EE" are Daily Operation Report Letters for each day of July.	Appx "EE"
		Att as " " "FF" is MAES report for month.	Appx "FF"
		Att as " " "GG" is list of enemy arms & eqpt captured or recovered by Bde.	Appx "GG"

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