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17 Infantry Brigade

December 1942, Log Diary
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281 ✓	7	2/9 Bn Field to W.T. School		1320		51	weapon trg course no 3 commenced 10 Dec @ students support 1600 hrs course adjt at 973004 north EANEANE village on 9 Dec @ two vacancies reserved your in 9 nominations this HQ 1200 hrs 8 Dec	
282 ✓	7		MAC COY	1300/7	1402	2	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
283	7		2/5 AUST FLD REGT		1545	A44	Reference milne force G 211 of 4 dec 420 Capt W.R.D. STEVENSON will give all three lectures on 12, 13, 14, Dec 42	one copy BM (4)
284 ✓	7	MILNE FORCE		1600		52	approval requested for 2/6 Bn to construct FIELD FIRING RANGE at 034029 direction of fire 470 grid into steep sided mountain @ sentries posted to command all approaches @ also request reply to our 54 of 2 dec regarding AFTK rifle range	
285 ✓	7		MAC COY	1445/7	1645	3	MCLAREN KING left WEDAU 1400 hrs for BANJARAX	one copy BM (4) filed to FORCE 204/7
286 ✓	7		2/5 Bn	1725		PHONE	Sitnor	
287 ✓	7		2/6 BN	1702	1725	204	SITREP @ SITNOR	
288 ✓	7		2/7 BN	1701	1725	202	ref map MB 2nd edition 2 inches to 1 mile area area 02T042 no 13 and 15 pls E Coy moved out on 2 day exercise @ 16 17 18 pls D Coy moved out on 2 day exercise map ref 985044 otherwise SITNOR	Copy of BML's Marked as BML's map. Sitrep, map. ref 985044 otherwise SITNOR
289 ✓	7	MAC Coy	2/5 BN	1715		5	mail received today @	Logged for information

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290	7		MAC coy	1700	1758	5	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
291	7	FORCE 7 18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1800		205	Sitrep @. ref map MB prov No 2 @ 13 and 15 pls C Coy 2/7 bn moved out to 02704 on two day exercise @ 16 17 18 pls D Coy 2/7 bn moved out on two day exercise in area 985044 otherwise NORMAL @ all informed	
292	7		7 B, de	1930	1940/7	I164	SITREP TO 1800 hrs L/7 @ SITNOR	
293	7		MILNE FORCE	1700	2100/7	I302	from 8. de safe hand mail for NG F closes sig. office milne bay at 1200 hrs daily. all informed	all offices informed
294	7		MILNE FORCE	2130/7	2200	01093	A/TK rifle range not approved.	one copy BIM(L)
295	7	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 17 Bde W.T. SEL BDE OFFERS RAAF 37 RADIS STN		0700		201	password from 1800/8 to 1800/9 LIFE LESS	
296	7		2/5 BN	0700		PHONE	Sitnor	
297	7		DAQ ME MILNE FORCE	0350		PHONE	TUESDAY conference for PROTESTANT PADRES has been cancelled.	uptd to all BNS
298	8		2/6 bn	0645	0745	201	Sitnor	
299	8		2/7 bn	0715	0745	201	Sitnor	
300	8	MILNE FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0755		202	Sitnor	
301	8	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0732		203	TUESDAY conference for PROTESTANT PADRES has been cancelled.	

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302 ✓	8	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns.		0809		1	Ref Milneforce G 211 of 4 Dec 07 Capt W.R.D. STEVENSON will give all three lectures on 12, 13, 14 Dec 42	
303 ✓	8		MAC Coy	0800	0845	1	Sitrep (C) Sitmor.	
304 ✓	8		2/6 Bw	0820	0905	126	Ref Milne Force Orders 458 (C) Pil return.	
305 ✓	8		2/7 Bw	1130	1215	177	Ref blood group (C) 1 OR.	
306 ✓	8		2/7 Bw	1145	1215	178	Ref int course MILNE FORCE (C) nominations as following (C) WX. 14736 SMITH D.R. WX. 14516 McILLROY C.W. SMITH NX. 36031 LEAN F. VX. 44709 WILLIAMS BR. VX. 57610 HAMILTON S.	
307 ✓	8		Force H.Q.	1140	1250	I-304	nominational roll students MILNE FORCE attending 17 bde. int course NX 84273, A.N.D. PERIMEL Sgt. NX 83089 J.R. HUMPHREY to from 2/12 A.L. Sec. (C) NX 110843 G.N. JOHNSTON. to from I. SEC.	copy to I.O.
309 ✓	8		2/6 Bw.	1200	1306	127	ref. map M.B. 2" (C) ref. your trip instr. 22 para 3 b (C) desire send fl. B. bay area ITALIDUM 056039 (C) time out 0800 hrs 9 dec. time in 1200 hrs. 11 dec. (C) intercom 102 ut. will move with fl. (C) please advise if approved.	copy to B.M. (L) J. H. [Signature] [Signature]

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309	8		MAC COY	1300/8	1330	2	Sitrep @ sitmor	
310	8	2/6 Bw	—	1352	—	52	approval of 127.	
311	8	Force HQ. rpld 7 Bde.	—	1350	—	51	ref. M. B. 2" @ one pl. B. bay 2/6 Bw. moving on exercise ITALIDUM area 056039 @ time out 0800 hrs. 9 Dec. time in 1200 hrs 11 Dec. @ intercomm by 108 set @ all informed.	
312	8	2/6 Bw.	2/6 Bw.	1455	1605	129	ref. unit fd. firing range @ permission requested fire 9, 10, 15 Dec.	copy to B.M.(L)
313	8		2/5 Bw.	1630	1630	PHONE	Sitmor.	
314	8	2/6 Bw.	—	1633	1633	PHONE	approval of 129.	
315	8		MAC COY	1530	1712	3	could 2000 rds. 303 and 400 rds .45 and 6 bombs 2" mortar 10 Grenades 36 be made available for practice shoot and sent by next boat TAUPOTA @ excellent range prepared	copy to B.M.(L)
316	8		Force HQ.	1734	1734	PHONE	Searchlights of "A" Coy. Bty will be used during first few hours of darkness tonight.	

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317	8		2/6 Bn	1700	1755	204	Sitrep @ Sitmor	
318	8		2/7 Bn	1701	1755	202	Sitrep @ C and D Coys returned from 2 day exercise otherwise sitmor	Reptd in Sitrep from Bde <i>AB</i>
319	8	MILNE FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1810		204	Sitrep C and D coys 2/7 Bn returned to unit lines otherwise normal @ all informed.	<i>AB</i>
320	8	2/7 Bn. rtd 2/5 2/6 Bns. (IMPORTANT)	—	1950		3	2/7 Bn. will relieve 2/9 Bn. GURNEY HERODROME with one coy and two det's mortars by 1200 hrs 9 Dec. @ land over by mutual arrangement @ ack.	
321	8		MIAC Coy.	1700	1855	4	Sitrep @ sitmor	
322	8	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.	—	1855		53	ref. 17 AUST INF BDE. T.E.W.T. No 3. @ discussion of appreciation this A.Q. 2000 hrs 10 Dec @ remainder of T.E.W.T. afternoon of 12 Dec. further details later.	<i>copy to</i> <i>SMI (G)</i> <i>AB</i>
323	8		MIAC Coy	—	1929	5	JENK arrived WEDAU 1600 hrs from HARRA BAY @ leaving for SIKI at midnight	<i>copy to</i> <i>SMI (G)</i> <i>AB</i>

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324 ✓	8	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 hrs	—	2000	—	54	ref. W. tug course & location as for present course @ 2/6, and 2/7 need not send extra two CR's for plequet duty @ 2/5 only @ all informed	
325 ✓	8	H.Q. base		2004	—	205	TEAM L arrived WEDAV 1600 hrs from AURA BAY @ leaving for Gili-Gili 2400 hrs. night 8/9 Dec.	
326 ✓	8		7 BOE.	1940	2041	I-137	status & situation	
327 ✓	8		2/6 hrs	1955	2109	135	ref. lide W. TNE. course no 3 @ desire substitute 1x57618 L/Cpl. McNAUGHTON. S.A. for L/Cpl. FORSTER, required by Marine Ill. MILNE FORCE.	Copy to B.M. (L).
328 ✓	8		MHC Coy.	2115	2133	7	brilliant very light observed to rise and fall 2010 hrs. @ well out to sea @ bearing from TAUPOTA. 27° magnetic.	B.M. advised rptd to force.
329 ✓	8	H.Q. Milne Force		2215	—	206	brilliant very light observed to rise and fall well out to sea on a magnetic bearing of 27 degrees. @ no colour given.	from Taupota

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330 ✓	8	—	Cap. McBlair	2235	—	PHONE	Padre WERRIN to report GURNEY FIELD 0900 hrs. 10 Dec.	POORE HERBERT INFORMED
331 ✓	8	—	H.Q. bilue force	1945	2210	0702	17 Bde. will arrange for 2/1 Lw. to take over defence of No. 1. Strip from 2/9 Lw. @ relief to be completed by 1200 hrs. 9 Dec. ack.	relief arranged by B.M. at 1750 hrs
332 ✓	8	H.Q. force	—	2216	—	207	ack to 01702.	
334 ✓	8	MAC COY (INTERCEPT)	WEDAU	2018	2258	F.134	McLaren KING, arrived WEDAU from BANIFRA leaving for GILI-GILI 0600 hrs 9 Dec. evacuating Sgt BELL also Sgt. DRUMMOND for your examination.	iftd to force
335 ✓	8	H.Q. force	—	2300	—	209	McLAREN KING, arrived WEDAU from BANIFRA @ leaving for GILI GILI 0600 hrs 9 Dec.	
336 ✓	9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns. W/TMC. COURSE 37 RADIO. STA. BOE OFFERS.	—	0700	—	201	password from 1800H/9 to 1800H/10 CONTROL @ ack.	
337 ✓	9	—	2/5 Bn	0650	0650	PHONE	status	
338 ✓	9	—	2/9 Bn	0745	—	PHONE	ADJY. cancelled nominations for "I" and "W.T." schools, also range practice	B.M.(L) informed

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339	9		2/6 BN	0645	0750	201	Sitrep @ sitnor	
340	9		2/7 BN	0715	0750	201	SITNOR	
341	9	FORCE HQ 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1815		202	SITNOR all informed	
342	9	FORCE HQ		1125		51	request issue 2000 rds 303 with 400 rds 45 and 6 bombs 2 inch mortar 10 grenades 36 for tng MAC coy TAUPOTA @ they have constructed own range.	
343	9		MAC coy	1040	1125	2	McLaren King arrived Taupota 0955 hrs left for GILI 1035 hrs	upta to force 1130/9/SER 343(A)
344	9		2/7 BN	1145	1202	179	relief GUERNEY FD effected 1140 hrs 9 Dec by D coy	upta to FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 BNS 203/9 SER 344(A)
345	9		2/6 BN	1125	1245	130	ref pde weapon TNG course No 3, desire substitute via 19306 L/cpl QUINN P.J. for L/Sgt WIALSH @ person illness	copy to BME
346	9		MAC coy	1300	1305	4	Sitnor	
347	9		2/5 BN		1650	PHONE	Sitnor	
348	9		Mac coy		1750	5	Sitnor	No too
349	9		2/7 BN	1701	1807	202	SITREP @ Sitnor D coy relieved D coy 2/9 in GURNEY FIELD 1200 hrs 9 Dec.	already upta to FORCE 7-18, BDES 2/5 2/6 BNS
350	9		2/6 BN	1740	1820	205	SITNOR	
351	9	FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1821		205	SITNOR @ all informed	
352	9				2025	6	KELTON leaving WEDAU 0600 hrs Dec 10 for GILI GW	upta to FORCE 1168/9/353 Ser

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✓ 353	9		7 BDE	1950	2025	I 168	SITREP to 1800 hrs 4/9 SITNOR	D
✓ 354	10		2/5 Bn	0700	0701	PHONE	SITNOR.	
✓ 355	10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns WEAPON COURSE RAAF NO 57 R/STA BDE OFFRS		0700		201	password 1800/10 to 1800/11 OLDFIELD.	AD Mike
✓ 356	10		2/6 Bn	0645	0756	201	Sitnor	
✓ 357	10		2/6 Bn	0745	0814	202	Log. Location (C) Ref map MILNE BAY NO 2 (C) one pl B Coy live out and train exercise area ITALIDUM 057039 for 10 and 11 Dec.	copy to B.M(L)
✓ 358	10		2/7 Bn	0755	1819	201	Sitrep (C) Sitnor	
✓ 359	10	MILNE FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0820		202	Sitnor (C) all informed.	
✓ 360	10	H.R. FORCE		0823		52	approval requested A TK rifle range 2/6 bn 031031 direction of fire 27 degrees mag into hill 300 feet high gradient light in one in reentrant	
✓ 361	10		M.A.C Coy	0803	0833	1	Sitnor	
✓ 362	10		M.A.C Coy	0830	0924	2	Lunch leaving TAUPOTA 0830 hrs believed to be KELTON HEAD.	Copy to I.O. reptd to FORCE Ser 362 - 203/10
✓ 363	10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns Bde Balfour Officers		0943		204	Subject censorship (C) unit welfare officers will NOT censor troops mail (C) they may censor their own mail ONLY.	Copy in D.T.M.

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370 ✓	10		MILNE FORCE	1245	1435	01719.	J. th 3 A/TK Bty will move from present location to vicinity HQ. 3 A/TK Bty on orders that Bty (C) J th will be available to 3 A/TK Bty for brig purposes (C) Adm by 3 A/TK Bty (C) th remains as FORCE reserve and to be prepared move at short notice to area vicinity 2/5 bty if required (C) Ack	Copy to BM(L) Ack. 1443 hrs 207/10.
✓	10		2/5 Bn.		1640	Phone	Sitnor	
371 ✓	10	2/5 2/6 2/7 hrs		1620		56	Units will submit by 1200 hrs 13 Dec name of one app to attend N.G.F. by CENTRE CAMFLG WING 20 Dec - 2 Jan. (C) usual details to include civil occupation next of kin previous schools.	
372 ✓	10	2/6 Bn	2/6 Bn	1700	1735	204	Sitnor	
373 ✓	10		2/7 Bn	1700	1735	202	Sitnor	
374 ✓	10		MAC coy	1700	1806	6	Sitnor	
375 ✓	10	MILNE FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 hrs		1830		207	Sitnor (C) all informed,	

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376 ✓	10		MAC Coy	1810	1856	7	in view of recent appreciation and information gained by Lieut. TOONE please advise re work on WEDAW strip	Copy to BM
377 ✓	10		7 BDE	1940	2030	T 169	Sitrep to 1800 hrs c) Sitnor	
378 ✓	10		MILNE FORCE	2045	2145	01780	confirming conversation with Lt Col Staw c) it is in order to allow 2/5 bn to use American sets on loan to 17 Bde on 11 Dec	copy to BM (L)
379 ✓	11 Dec	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 17 BDE W/COURSE NO 37 RAAF R/STA BDE S/OFFERS.		0700		201	password from 1800/11 to 1800/12 LOYALTY.	UT:
380 ✓	11		2/5 BN		0710	PHONE	Sitnor	DM
381 ✓	11		2/6 BN	0635	1945	201	Sitnor	
382 ✓	11		2/7 BN	0715	1945	201	Sitnor	
383 ✓	10 Dec	MAC Coy		2200		1	Hold work pending inspection strip by authorities	
384 ✓	11 Dec	Milne Force - 7 Bde - 18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0805		202	Sitnor c) all informed	
385 ✓	11		Mac Coy	0800	0830	1	Sitnor	

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386 ✓	11 Dec	2/5 Bn		0855		203	5 th 3 a/fk Bty will move from present location to vicinity HQ 3 a/fk Bty on orders that Bty 0 they will cease to be under adm comd 2/5 Bn on move.	
387 ✓	11			0930			Re 52/10 Verbal approval given by G2(L) request for a/fk rifle range by 2/6 bn	
388 ✓	11		2/6 Bn	0900	0945	126	Nomination NGF TRG CENTRE jungle fighting course no. 3 0 VX 56473 A/cpl BEAVIS A.H.O. statement service following	} Passed to HQ 51/11
389 ✓	11		2/5 Bn	0925	0950	1	Nominations this unit for COURSE No 3 0 VX 3237 Cpl LITTLE L	
390 ✓	11		2/7 Bn	0945	1010	176	VX 7125 LIEUT FIETZ WH. (in reply to 53/10)	None
391 ✓	11	2/5 Bn (IMPORTANT)		1215		2	2/5 bn will prepare to take over area now occupied by 2/9 bn on order from this HQ 0 contact 2/9 immediately and arrange to take over all maps plans and orders possibly carriers 0 detailed order will be issued	
392 ✓	11	MAC coy		1217		3	anticipate eight vessels passing you today	AB
393 ✓	11		7 Bde	1235	1335	0755	Application for use 7 Bde rifle range must be made to this HQ 7 days in advance 0 2/6 Bn 17 Bde patrol pass danger area and time must be allowed for due warning to be given the patrol 0 applications will be received 7 Bde from 15 Dec 0 ack	ack 20/11
394 ✓	11	Mac Coy		1300	1335	4	Sitnot	

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395 ✓	11 Dec		Milne Force	1230	1625	01741	The following have been selected to attend LHQ inf officers trg school course no. 29 for potential officers 20 Dec to 20 Jan 43 ① VX 13395 A/WO2 LOW NE 2/7 Aust Inf Bn ① VX 37486 Sgt CAMERON CF 25 Aust Inf Bn ① VX 34831 R/Sgt HOBAN-REID JK 2/6 Aust Inf Bn ① QX 36054 WO2 BALDWIN NE 61 Aust Inf Bn ① Q16143 Sgt CLARK K 9 Aust Inf Bn ① Q21629 A/Sgt BELL HE 25 Aust Inf Bn ① Q movement Milne Force will arrange movement.	
396 ✓	11		2/5 BN		1655	Phone	SITNOR	
397 ✓	11		2/7 BN.	1703	1737	9	Ref map M.B. prov No 2 ① C Coy moved out on two day exercise with one pl. A Coy as enemy ① Will bivouac for night in area 975 050 ① Sitnor.	Reptd in Sitrap to FORCE.
398 ✓	11		2/6 Bn.	1715	1737	204	Sitnor.	
399 ✓	11		MAC Coy	1700	1750	6	Sitnor	
400 ✓	11	MILNE FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		1750		205	ref map MILNE BAY PROV NO 2 ① C Coy and one pl. A Coy on two day exercise ① bivouac area 975 050 ① Sitnor ① all informed.	

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✓ 401	11		Milne Force	1015	2241	AQ 1773	Following temporary re-postings of chaplains will take effect immediately ① Chaplain PHILLIPS from 2/9 bn to 2/10 bn ② Chaplain KEEFE from 10 CCS to 2/7 bn ③ Chaplain Phillips will report to 2/9 bn repeat 2/9 bn by 0900 L/12 Dec	D.O. infmd 2/7 bn 2245/11
✓ 402	12 Dec		2/5 BN		0700	phone	SITNOR	
✓ 403	11 Dec		Milne Force	2359 11	0048 12	01458	2/5 Bn will relieve 2/9 Bn 12 Dec Arrangements for relief made mutually between 17 Bde 2/9 bn & 17 Bde will advise HQ Milne Force when relief completed Existing defense No 1 Strip remains responsibility 2/7 bn Ack	ack 202/12
✓ 404	12		2/6 BN	0645	0705	20	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
✓ 405	12		2/7 BN	0715	0730	201	SITNOR	
✓ 406	12	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bde off WPTNG JC		0700		201	Password from 1800/12 to 1800/13 LENGTH	
✓ 407	12	HQ Force 7918 Bde 2/5 4/0 2/7 Bns		0755		203	SITNOR @ all informed	
✓ 408	12		MAC coy	0800	0905	1	SITNOR	
✓ 409	12		TP Bde	0825	0905	170	SITREP to 1800 hrs L/11 @ SITNOR	
✓ 410	12	MACCOY FROM WEDAU		1010	1106	F148	unidentified ship north east heading east	
✓ 411	12		MACCOY	1040	1130	2	unidentified ship north east of WEDAU heading east	

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✓ 412	12	HQ Mili Force		1135		204	Unidentified ship to north east of WEDAU heading east	
✓ 413	12		MAC Coy	1200	1325	3	SITNOR	
✓ 414			2/5 BN		1640		SITNOR	
✓ 415	12		2/6 Bn	1700	1710	202	Sitnor	
✓ 416	12		MAC Coy	1700	1735	4	Sitnor	
✓ 417	12		2/7 Bn	1704	1743	202	C Coy and one pl. A Coy returned from 2 day exercise @ sitnor	ifta to FORCE.
✓ 418	12	HQ Force 7/18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1805		206	SITREPO C Coy and 1st A Coy 2/7 Bn returned from exercise otherwise sitnor @ all informed	
✓ 419	12		7 Bde	1943	2030	1171	SITREP to 1800 hrs 2/12 @ SITNOR	
✓ 420	12	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		2045		207	ref map MB 2 inch @ 5th 3 by 2/1 ALIST A/TR REGT ceases to be under comd 2/5 ALIST INF BN at 1400 hrs today @ new location 031009	
✓ 420 (A)				2200			AIR RAID REP ALL CLEAR 2210	
✓ 420 (B)		1/5 Bn + 1/8 Fd Coy		2000		Bn	Phone. 1/5 Bn may withdraw patrol of one pl at WAGAMI area after liaison with 1/8 Fd Coy who are to be prepared on order to send det of equivalent of one pl to each post now covered by 1/5 Bn pl.	
✓ 420 (C)	13		1st Bde	0605			Fire at Field Bakery.	Send Cpl to awaken 1st Bde personnel & instruct to give what assistance they could to subdue outbreak. 1st Bde Mil/Sec advised 0620.

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✓ 421	13		2/6 BN	0650		201	SITNOR	Phone
✓ 422	13	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns BDE OFFRS WEAPON COURSE 37 R/ STA RAAF		0730		201	password from 1800/13 to 1800/14 ALL W'WOOL	
✓ 423	13		2/7 BN	0715	0758	201	Sitnor	
✓ 424	13		MAC Coy	0900	0840	1	SITNOR	
✓ 425	13	MILNE FORCE 7 18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		0935		202	SITNOR @ all informed	
✓ 426	13		2/6. Bw.	1005	1035	202	ref. your message 207/12 @ ref map NIB. No. 2. @ message states J Tp 3 Bty. 2/1. AUST A/TK. REGT. saw location 081009 @ is this correct.	207/12. read new location 031009. message returned to sigs. to rectify
✓ 427	13		Milne force.	0935	1125	0.1769	all A/TK guns except J. TR 3 Bty 2/1 A/TK REGT are under comd. of 7 Bde. @ J. TP. 3. BTY 2/1. A/TK. REGT. constitute milne force reserve.	copy to B.M.
✓ 428	13	FORCE I.Q.		1202		51.	approval requested following range practice 464992 rifle 14/17 dec. 2/5 bn. 18/20 dec. 8 fighter cp. 1/2 @ 922999 032021 rifle 14/15 dec. 2/5 bn. 16. dec. 709. CA. AA. BTY. 18 dec. 2/6 A.S.C. @ 057018 rifle 2/7 bn. 14 dec. @ 15/17 dec. 100 sqn RAAF. 18/19 dec. 43 CP. Base 20 dec. 2/7 bn. @ 334029 fd. firing 15 dec. 2/6. bn.	

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429	13		MAC COY.	1300	1327	2.	SITNOR.	
430	13		MILNE FORCE	1351	1425	0774	ref. 51/3. @ range practice approved.	copy to B.M(L)
431	13		2/5 Bn.	1501	1501.	PHONE	2/5 Bn patrols at NOWLA, GWENA GWENA RENA, and COMONI FORD have been relieved by 2/8 FD COY.	I.O. advised
432	13		2/7 Bn.	1701	1706	202	SITNOR.	
433	13		2/5 Bn.	1500	1706 1706	202	SITNOR.	
434	13		2/5 Bn.	1700	1706	201	location statement @ ref map M.B. 2" @ B.H.Q. 981992, HQ. Coy 980991 A.Coy 984992 B.Coy 983984 C.Coy 978905, 5 pl. EANEANENE @ D.Coy less 17 pl. TAUPOTA 2 (R/L 4158 17 pl. WEDAU (R) L1072.	
435	13		2/6 Bn	1700	1720	205	SITNOR	
436	13		MAC COY	1700	1730	3	SITNOR	
437	13	HQ Milne Force 7 Bde 18 Bde 2/6 2/7 & 2/8 Inf Bn		1800		202	Sitnor @ location statement @ M.B. 2 inch @ 2/5 2nd Inf Bn BHP 981992 HQ Coy 980991 A Coy 984992 B Coy 983984 C Coy 978905 5 pl EANEANENE @ ref map SAMARAI 4 inch @ 1 mile @ D Coy less 17 pl TAUPOTA (R) L1158 17 pl WEDAU (R) L1072 ref map WIRICANI 1 inch @ 2/5 Bn patrols at NOWLA 873 000 GWENA GWENA RENA 935045 COMINI-FORD 931920 relieved by 2/8 fd coy by 1500 hrs Today @ all informed	

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442 ✓	13		MAC Coy	2030	2151	4.	plane heard GOODENOUGH FERGUSON area for 10 minutes then flew west	B.M. advised rptd to FORCE.
443 ✓	13	FORCE H.Q. (IMPORTANT)	—	2155	—	205	plane heard GOODENOUGH FERGUSON area from 2020 hrs to 2030 hrs flying westerly direction	
444 ✓	14 Dec	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns, BDE. OFFRS. W/TNG. School 37 Radio STA.	—	0645	—	201	password from 15004/14 to 15004/15 "LAZINESS"	
445 ✓	14	—	2/5 BN	0700	0700	Phone	Sitnor	
446 ✓	14		2/7 BN	0716	0755	201	Sitnor	
447 ✓	14		2/6 BN	0650	0755	201	Sitnor	
448 ✓	14	Milne Force 7 Bde 18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0800		202	Sitnor	
449 ✓	17		MAC Coy	0800	0840	1	SITNOR	
450 ✓	14		MAC coy	0800	0940	2	Increased str activity heard over GOODENOUGH nights 11-12 12-13 13-14 @ last night planes heard 2030 hrs from 0200 to 0530 hrs and 0800 hrs same area planes unidentified	rptd to force. 203/0930 Ser 450(A) shown to BM + BM (L)

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451 ✓	14	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1030		51	17 AUST INF BDE JUN LEADERS COURSE No 1 commences Mon 21 Dec e for jun NCO's and prospective NCO's vacancies 12 per unit and 3 for 2/8 fd coy @ nominal rolls here 1200 hrs 17 Dec @ Students report 20 Dec.	OT
452 ✓	14	MAC COY (INTERCEPT)	WEDAU	0930	1032	F156	Suspicious plane circling high over WEDAU since 0845 hrs	Rang 6111 (I) FORCE (INTERCEPT) →
453 ✓	14		MAC Coy X	1010	1130	3	Suspicious plane circling over WEDAU since 0845 hrs @ 100 WEDAU 0930 hrs.	→
454 ✓	14		MAC COY	1300	1315	4	SITNOR	
455 ✓	14	MAC COY		1415		52	SGT BELL will leave by first available means to take up duty as instructor 17 Bde junior leaders course	
456 ✓	14		2/5 BN	1713	1714	PHONE	SITNOR	
457 ✓	14		2/7 BN	1703	1717	202	Sitnor	
458 ✓	14	WEDAU and MAC COY		1740		204	Any sightings or enemy movements to be reported direct to this HQ immediately direct as well as to MAC COY	
459 ✓	14		MILNE FORCE	1555	1740	01783	Ref volunteers for special unit @ following will report with personal gear and equipment to cplay McLEOD MCO PONTON WHARF 0700 L/15 for transport to mainland @ QX17085 Pte BROWN LR 9 Bn QX 37488 Pte MEWING JF 2/5 Bn Q28979 a/cpl WEDB.A.E 61 Bn QX36043 Pte HARM. C. 61 Bn VX5976 Pte JEFFS JE 2/7 Bn VX5191 cpl ANDERSON J 2/6 Bn VX32641 Pte WARD L 2/7 Bn	

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Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig ⁿ	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
460	14		MAC Coy	1700	1750	5	Sitnor	
461	14	FORCE 7 18 Bns 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1815		205	SITNOR @ all informed	
462	14		7 BDE	2025	2150	I 172	SITREP to 1800 hrs L/14 A and B Coy 25 Bn withdrawn @ 7 Bde front now held by 9 Bn RIGHT @ 1 Bn LEFT @ Inter Bn point of pine mouth AWADUMA CR incl 9 Bn @ 9 Bn defns unchanged @ Under comd 9 Bn in case emergency D Coy 2/1 PIONEERS will move to areas vacated by C Coy 25 Bn @ 6/1 Bn B and C Coy unchanged D Coy in pos area vacated by A and B coys 25 Bn incl LAULAI 15 @ A Coy moving to area vacated by D Coy 25 Bn @ under comd 6/1 Bn in emergency 2/16 1st Coy in area vacated by D Coy 6/1 Bn.	Shown to 1.0 BM. Rptd to 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 0840/15
463	14		MOV'T CONTROL.	1100	1105	PHONE	S/Sgt MORPHY 2/5 Bn who has been granted 3 days leave to get married to report to Maj McLeod. Portion wharf at 0530/15 to embark for mainland.	2/5 advised
464	15		2/5 Bn	0700	0710	Phone	Sitnor	
465	15		2/7 Bn.	0716	0750	201	Sitnor	
466	15		2/6 Bn.	0640	0750	201	Sitnor.	

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Ref Map M.B. (Prov) 2" = 1 mile.

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467	15	MILNE FORCE 7-18 Bdes 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0812		202	Sitnor (C) All informed	
468	15		2/6 BN.	0650	0750	202	Loc stat (C) Ref map MILNE BAY prov. 2 ins to 1 mile sec edition (C) B HQ. 034011 H.Q. Coy 034010 B ech 034014 A Coy. 028014 B Coy less 1 sec 033012 C Coy 056026 D Coy 034007 1 sec B Coy STANDING PATROL MAPD 027041	On Sitmap
469	15		2/6 BN	0640	0750	203	Ing. loc (C) Ref map MILNE BAY prov. 2" to 1 mile sec edition (C) 16 pl D Coy ITALIDUM 056039 from 1400 hrs 14 dec to 0900 hrs 16 dec B Coy in ITALIDUM 065039 1300 hrs 15 dec to 0900 hrs 16 dec.	Marked on trig map. Reported by phone to G.II 2250 hrs Ally.
470	15		MAC Coy.	0800	0825	1	Sitnor	
471	15	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0910		203	Serial 462 reptd to 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns	
472	15		MAE Coy	0850	1100	2	Recce Patrol. CSM 3 ORS left TAUPOTA 0500 hrs WEDALIA goat track TOPURA PERI PERI RINA WEDAU expect arrive Wedau tomorrow P.M.	Copy to BM (L) Patrol arrived WEDALI 2016/16 hms
473	15	2/5 2/6 2/7 17 Bde w/Trng S. No 37 R/Stn.		1130	*	201	password from 1800/15 to 1800/16 LIBERTY LOAN.	

Ref Map M.B. (Prov) 2" = 1 mile

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Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
474	15		2/6 Bn	0915	1115	204	Location (C) ref map GGW 1 inch to 1 mile (C) prev pl detached 10 CCS 950993.	
475	15	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1215		51	following names have been submitted for school of MI & FSS wing 2/5 bn LT LANGLANDS L/CPL REDMOND @ JUN WING LT MORSE 2/6 LT MARSDEN @ 2/7 SGT FYFE HQ BDE SGT CARROLL @ duration FSS 5 JAN 18 JAN @ JUN wing 5 JAN 15 FEB	
476	15		WEDAU (INTERCEPT)	1320	1440	F165	two unidentified boats heading west between BOODENOUGH and FERGUSON islands	Shown to BM (C) and reptd MILNE FORCE 1445/15 confirmed by MAC Coy 1510/15
477	15	2/5 2/7 bn		1420 1420		1	personnel detached with 2/7 bn carriers pl will be transferred to 2/7 bn from 2/5 bn whose carrier pl will then be brought up to strength (C) on return these personnel may be transferred back	
478	15		MAC Coy	1300	1440	3	Sitron	
479	15		2/5 Bn		1650	Phone	Sitron	
480	15		MAC Coy	1400 1600	1708	7	From Jaupota 3 destroyers visible through MORESBY STRAIT 1555 hrs heading east	Mtd to FORCE 206/1712 SER 480000 TOO cannot be correct J to MAC Coy CAPT SCOTT. SIG HOLLAND ADVISED TOO SHOULD READ 1600. MISTAKE BY ORIGINATOR

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Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 481	15		2/7 bn	1704	1715	202	Sitnor	
✓ 482	15		MAC COY	1700	1815	8	Sitnor	
✓ 483	15		2/6 Bn	1700	1825	206	Sitnor	
✓ 484	15	MILNE Force 7-18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1830		205	Sitnor (C) all informed	
✓ 485	15		7 Bde	1940	2025	2176	sitrep to 1800 L/15 (C) sitnor	
✓ 486	16		MAC COY	025 2105/15	0255	11	Plane heard flying over 6000 FERGUSON area 2045 to 2100 hrs disappeared west.	✓ advised Duty Officer G Bde MILNE FORCE
✓ 487	16		MAC COY	2015/15	0255	10	Sgt BELL undergoing treatment TAUPOTA will proceed GILIGILI first boat.	2/5 Bn advised
✓ 488	16		MAC COY	2010/15	0310	9	Could one mile cable Two D 5 sets or remote control be made available for O.P. TAUPOTA by next boat.	under consideration D
✓ 489	16	2/5 2/6 2/7 NO 37 R/STA 17 BDE W/T/S BDE OFFERS		0700		201	password from 1800/16 to 1800/17 LIBELLOUS.	
✓ 490	16		2/5 bn	0725	0725	Phone	Sitnor	

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Ref Map MILNE BAY PROV 2" = 1 MILE

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Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
491	16		2/6 Bn	0645	0747		Sitnos	
492	16		2/6 Bn	0645	0800	202	Lang loc @ ref map MILNE BAY PROV 2" @ one pl A Coy live out and train exercise area ITALIDUM 056039 time out 1400 hrs 16 Dec time in 1200 hrs 18 Dec	
493	16		2/4 Bn	0715	0815	202	Sitnos	
494	16	Milne Force 7-18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7bn		0830		202	SITREP @ Ref map MB prov 2 nd edition @ one pl A Coy 2/6 Bn will live out and train exercise area ITALIDUM 056039 time out 1400/16 time in 1200/18 @ SITNOR	
495	16		MAC Coy	0800	0852	1	Sitnos	
496	16		MAC Coy	0925	1020	5	Sketch off PUNI PUNI heading WEST under sail.	Copy to BM (L) reptel force 1025/16
497	16	2/5 2/4 2/7		1035		51	Weapon Lang course no 3 finishes 22 Dec @ unit that reports for students 1000 hrs @ course no 4 commences 28 Dec students report 1400 hrs 27 Dec new location north FANEANENE village.	
498	16		NRPAU	1210	1310	FISO	Three bursts heavy calibre machine gun fire approx 10 miles bearing 45 degrees 10 minute period at 1150 hrs nothing sighted	Rpts to Milne Force 204/16

Ref Map Milne Bay prov 2"-1m

Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R Orig No	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
499 ✓	16 Dec		Mac Coy	1300	1337 4	Sitnot	
500 ✓	16	2/5 2/4 2/7 bn		1515	52	pack lft course due commence Mon 21 will now commence Sun 20 students report Sat 19 at 1400 hrs @ will conclude 24 Dec lft report 1400 hrs allow students return units for Xmas day	
501 ✓	16		2/5 Bnd		1650 phone	Sitnot	
502 ✓	16		MAC Coy	1700	1747 5	Sitnot	
503 ✓	16		2/7 Bn	1705	1747 203	Sitnot	FILE
504 ✓	16		2/6 Bn		1850 phone	Sitnot	
505 ✓	16	Force HQ 7 Bde 18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		1855	1855 205	Sitnot	
506 ✓	16		7 Bde	1845	1935 1179	SITREP to 1800 L/16 @ B. C. and HQ Coy 25 bn embarked 1600 hrs @ otherwise SITNOR	
507 ✓	16		Rear HQ 18 Bde	1715	2030 I600	new location REAR HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde MAP REF 960987 @ all informed	
508 ✓	16		Milne Force	1630	2030 01805	limited number ATM 15 available @ advise if any are required for units	
509 ✓	16	2/5 bn		2100	1	try eleven days ending 27 Dec @ refn infra 22 para 3 (b) three pls will do one three days exercise in rotation @ ref para 2 three day coy try will be held	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO of Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
510 ✓	16		Milne Force	2130	2230	01804	following nominated to attend N&F CAMFLG school N.G.F trg centre 20 Dec- 2 Jan @ NX 44883 Capt ANTILL R.M. B Sqn 2/6 Aust Armd Regt @ VX 22253 Lieut CRAWFORD H.L. Sp HQ A.A. @ NX 58921 Lieut HORAN P.L. 2/5 Aust Fd Regt @ SX 3083 Lieut VINEY W.M. 9 Aust Inf Bn @ Q.X. 40833 Lieut SWAN P.T. 9 Aust Inf Bn @ QX 19919 Lieut ROBINSON H.D. 41 Aust Inf Bn @ VX 31106 Lieut ROBINSON B.D. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn @ VX 4456 Lieut St JOHN E.R. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn @ VX 21825 Lieut SEARES F.C. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn @ Units will forward 2 copies movement order direct to move- ment MILNE FORCE as per movement control instr no 1 issued 11 Dec	
511 ✓	17		2/6 BN	0645	0700	201	SITNOR	
512 ✓	17		2/5 BN		0715	phone	SITNOR	
513 ✓	17		2/7 Bn	0730	0805	201	SITNOR	
514 ✓	17	HQ Force 7-18 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn		0820		202	SITNOR @ all informed	
515 ✓	17	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn		0835		51	following off will attend N&F CAMFLG course 20 Dec-2 JAN @ 2/5 Bn LT ROBINSON 2/6 Bn LT ST JOHN 2/7 Bn LT SEARES @ units send 2 copies movement order to STAFF CAPT Gordhaigh	
516 ✓	17		MAC Coy	0800	0845		Ref our 2/15 Party arrived MEDALI 2015/16 Setnor	Copy to BM(L)

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517	17	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns Bell off Bell Weapon Eng Source 27 Radar Sta		0730		201	Password from 1800/17 to 1800/18 LABEL	
517A	17		2/6 Bn	0855	0930	202	Loc skt @ ref map MB Grossmond 2 edition D cog. exercise area ITALIUM 057039 @ time out 1300 hrs 17 Dec to return 0900 hrs 18 Dec	
518	17		MAC Coy	1300	1335	L	Sitnor	
519	17		MAC Coy	1420	1515	F176	Unidentified ship bearing 68° heading GOODENOUGH	up to Force
520	17		2/6 BN	1700	1704	204	Sitnor	
521	17		2/7 BN	1701	1705	202	Sitnor	
522	17		MAC Coy	1700	1725	4	Sitnor	
523	17		2/5 BN	1755	1755	Phone	Sitnor	
524	17	MILN FORCE 7-18 BDES 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1800		204	Sitnor @ all informed	
525	17		WEDAU	1640	1800	F178	Ref F176 ship now identified as MATOMR destination apparently BANARA	Repld to Force 1800/17.
526	17	INTERCEPT	WEDAU TAUPOTA	1750	1905	F179	Lugger CULKOO arrived WEDAU 1700 hrs	
527	17	2/7 Bn		2120		2	dup GURNEY FO cog area are NOT considered very sound or well constructed @ please review immediately and make recommendations to this HQ for redispersion or improvement @ NOT proposed to extend beyond present area	Important Kly Eng

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO of Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 528	18		2/5 Bn	0700	Phone		Situar	
✓ 529	18		2/6 Bn	0645	0715	201	Situar	
✓ 530	18	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bus, Rde. OFFES, W/TNCI, COURSE, 37 RADIO STA,	—	0700	—	201	password from 1500/18 to 1500/19 "LATELY"	
✓ 531	19	—	2/7 Bn.	0730	0755	201	Situar	
✓ 532	18	force split 7, 8 Rdes, 2/5, 2/6 2/7. Bus.	—	0756	—	202	Situar	
✓ 533	18		MAC Coy.	0800	0900	1.	Situar	
✓ 534	18	2/6. Bn.	—	0840	0912	202	Locstat @ ref. map M.B. provisional 2nd edition @ the pl. B. Coy. line out and train service ITALIUM 0560390 time out 0830 hrs. 19 dec return 0900 hrs. 19 dec. @ A. Coy. service ITALIUM. time out 200 hrs 17 dec. time in 0900 hrs. 19 dec.	copy to I.O. B.M. (H)'s map.
✓ 535	18	—	7 Aust. Inf. Bde.	0902	0925	I180	itreq to 1500/217 @ A Coy. 4. Q. 61. Bn. now in posn. 066-097 @ ref. map M.B. 2" 1102. @ otherwise situar	MARKED ON LOC. MAP. Copy to I.O.
✓ 536	18	—	2/6. Bn.	1045	1115	126.	permission requested use M. 3" range 0900 hrs 28 1500 hrs 29 dec incl night 28/29 dec.	

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537	18		Milne Force	1140	1246	01916	Authorisation immediately issued 176 Pl weapon TNG SCHOOL @ 2000 rds -303 1000 rds TSMG 1000 9mm @ Junior leaders course 1000 rds -303 1000 rds TSMG	
538	18	2/5 2/6 2/7		1255		51	ref proposed new def lines units with signal by 1730 hrs to-day number of scrub slashers and axes held	
539	18	MILNE FORCE	—	1305	—	52.	approval requested for 30° range at 968018 direct fire 302° firing into mound 8' high flanked by dense jungle also fd. firing range 968021 direct fire 47° into dense jungle length 400' picquets both sides on track @ both ranges for JUN. LEADERS COURSE.	
540	18	—	2/5 Bw.	1345	1400	1.	the following held @ scrub-slashers 250 @ axes filling 32 @ machetes 30.	Message to B.M.(L)
541	19	2/1 C.C.S.	—	1437	—	51	cpl. HARE 2/7 Bn. will pick up gear for Jun. leaders course tomorrow instead of Sun. at approx 1000hrs.	
542	18	—	2/7 Bw.	1500	1545	176.	nominalibus pack TPT. School VX 7804 SGT. ROBSON, F, VX 50403 Ptes. MCGINTY G. WK 13499. EDWARDS G.W. LIEUT MACLIE	copy to B.M.(L)

Ref Map MILNE BAY. 2" (PRGV) 2ND EDITION

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543 ✓	18		MAC COY	1300	1600	4	SITNOR.	
544 ✓	18	—	2/7 Bn.	1558	1618	102	scrib. markers held 460 @ acres held 16	in reply to 51/18 copy to B.M.(L)
545 ✓	18	—	2/6 Bn.	1620	1650	151	scrib. markers held 380 @ acres held 32 this includes 20 acres on loan from hde.	copy to B.M.(L)
546 ✓	18	—	WEDAU.	1000	1730	F.182	"Cuckoo" left for WANEGELLA 0700 hrs. @ B25 bomber made emergency landing 0845 hrs. advise 38 th Bomber Gp. Kable that B.T. 25 plane NO. 112902 Pilot KELLER landed safely WEDAU MISSION NOT in condition to take off strip 2000 ft new wing injured await orders @ and the twin engine bomber unloaded bombs @ miles N.E. WEDAU 0950 hrs and flew east along coast.	copy to B.M. rptd to Force IMPORTANT 204/1745/Ser. 546(B) Inquiries note delay rptd to 38 Bomber Gp. 208/1900/SER. 551 JLK [initials]
547 ✓	18		WEDAU	1430	1805	F184	MATOMA due N heading for CAPE FRERE	Rptd to Force 200/18
548 ✓	18		MAC COY	1400	1820	5	Sitnor	
549 ✓	18		2/6 BN	1780	1805	203	Sitnor	
550 ✓	18		2/7 BN	1715	1800	202	Sitnor	
551 ✓	18	FORCE H.Q., rftd 760E, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.	—	1945	—	207	Sitnor	

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551 ✓	18	38 Bomber. Cp. MAPLE.	—	1900	—	208	B.25 bomber made emergency landing 0845 hrs @ B.T.25 plane NO. 112902. landed safely. WEDAU MISSION @ pilot KELLER and crew uninjured @ plane NOT in condition to take off @ crew awaiting orders @ twin-engined bomber unloaded bombs 8 miles N.E. WEDAU 0950 hrs and flew east along coast.	"IMMEDIATE" By B.M.
552 ✓	18		7 Bde.	1925	2000	I.171.	litrep to 1800 hrs. 2/18 SITNOR.	
553 ✓	18	MAC COY.	—	2015	—	209	enemy force of two cruisers three destroyers two transports sighted 225 miles NORTH of MADANG. 1040 hrs 18 Dec. @ course SSE @ MADANG II ON NEW GUINEA coast approx. 500 miles N.W. of TAUPOTA.	
554 ✓	18		MAC COY.	1845	2028	6.	unidentified motor vessel well out toward FERGISSON make heading east at good speed.	reptd to FORCE By PHONE.
555 ✓	18		FORCE H.Q.	2330	2330	PHONE	LIEUT. ROBINSON. 2/5 Bn. to report freight office GURNEY FIELD 0930 hrs. 19 Dec.	2/5 Bn. ADVISED.
556 ✓	19	2/6, 2/6, 2/7 Bus. 26 GWS. W/TRQ. @ J.M. LARS. COURSE. 37 RADIO. STA.	—	0645	—	201	password from 1800/19 to 1800/20 "MELLOW."	

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557 ✓	19		2/6 Bw.	0645	0715	201	SITNOR.	
558 ✓	19		2/5 Bw	0730	0730	PHONE	SITNOR.	
559 ✓	19		2/7 Bw.	0716	0736	201	SITNOR	
560 ✓	19	FORCE H.Q. with 7 BDE, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 BNS.	—	0745	—	202	SITNOR & all informed	
561 ✓	19	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		0858		1	Warning order to this bde is to construct def line area ROUTE 16 @ clearing starts MONDAY @ 2/6 by duty unit from MONDAY incl until 2/5 and 2/6 hrs finish area @ one coy 2/7 hrs starts burning grassland EAST of GURNEY ED and second coy plus coy 2/5 hrs start clearing ends ROUTE 16 @ detailed instrs later @ anticipate stop tag when all coys on job @ A Coy 2/5 hrs continues improve burn area.	originated by BN priority IMPORTANT 2/7 instead of 2/6 extra area being cleared @ 2/6 hrs rang to check this message.
562 ✓	19		MAC Coy.	0900	0910	1	Sitnor	
563 ✓	19		MAC Coy	1020	1122	2	MIENAA arrived TAUPOTA 0940 hrs left for GIW GILI 1015 hrs @ Sgt BELL aboard 1 OR evacuated	first flight into to force 203/1123 Ser 563(A) TNG Centre notified about Sgt BELL 1125 hrs 2/5 BN notified of letter half of message
564 ✓	19		2/6 Bw	1135	1325	128	ref pack that course no 6 @ desire substitute VX/4572 Sgt WEATE PG. for S/sgt DE Hugard	Down to Bm @ copy to clerks
565 ✓	19		MAC Coy	1300	1345	4	Sitnor	
566 ✓	19	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1435		51	notice has been received that N G F Tng centre leaders being course No 6 is extended to 10	

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567	19		WEDIAU	1535	1625	F190	A 24 plane landed 1450 hrs took off at 1530 hrs for PORT MORESBY	reptd to FORCE	1628/16 Ser 567(A)
✓	19		2/5 BN	1645	1645	Phone	Sitnor		
568	19		2/6 BN	1700	1720	203	Sitnor		
569	19		M/AC Coy	1700	1720	5	Sitnor		
570	19		2/7 BN	1730	1750	202	Sitnor		
571	19	MILNE FORCE 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7		1753		205	Sitnor @ all informed		
572	19		2/6 BN	1815	1850	204	LOCSTAT @ 5 pl returned unit line 1810 hrs 19 Dec.	reptd to FORCE	7 Bde 2/5 2/7 hrs 206/1910/572(A)
573	19		7 BDE	1840	1925	I 208	Sitnor @		
574	19		Movement Control		0900	PHONE	Acct ROBINSON 2/5 bn will report to freight office No 1 Strip 0300 hrs 20/12 and Lieut Beard & Sgt John at 0845 hrs same place	Bns notified	by Capt TUTT
575	20		2/5 BN	0650	0753	PHONE	Sitnor		
576	20		2/6 BN	0635	0731	201	Sitnor		
577	20	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns JNR Leaders Comm W/Tng School Bde Offs.		0645		201	password from 1800/20 to 1800/21 LANOLINE		

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578 ✓	20	MILNE FORCE 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn		0800		202	sitnor (C) all informed		
579 ✓	20		2/7 Bn	0714	0800	201	sitnor		
580 ✓	20		WEDAU	0700	0811	R193	Can you bring mission mail from ANGAU.	Copy to SC(L)	
581 ✓	20		MAC Coy	0800	0835	1	Plane heard 0400 to 0600 hrs over FERGEUSON area then flew EAST sitnor.	reptd to FORCE att. 0837/20 Serial 581(A)	
582 ✓	20	FORCE HQ	—	0905	—	51	approval requested following practices @ 964992 rifle 22 dec. W/TNA course @ 007018 2/7 Bn. @ 997030 ft firing 21 to 23 dec. 2/7 Bn.		
583 ✓	20	FORCE HQ	—	1045	—	52	additional range booking requested @ 032021 rifle 2/22 dec. AA Cp. @ 007018 rifle 27/28 dec. AA Cp.		
584 ✓	20		2/6 Bn.	1100	1254	127	ref nominations bde junior Leaders Course (C) desire substitute V.R. 41079 Pte SUMMER C R for Pte SIMEON owing to illness.	Copy to BM(L)	
585 ✓	20		MAC Coy	1300	1340	2	sitnor		


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586	20		2/5 Bn		1635	Phone	Sitnor		
587	20		MAC Coy	1700	1753	4	Sitnor		
588	20		2/7 Bn	1701	1753	202	Sitnor		
589	20		2/6 Bn	1715	1753	203	Sitnor		
590	20	Hockliffe Force TBell 2/5 2/6 2/7		1800	5	204	Sitnor @ all informed		
591	20		7 AUST BDE	1840	1940	[182]	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 2/20 @ sitnor		
592	20		MILNE FORCE	1720	1950	01832	In reply to 51/52/20 (C) Range practices approved.	Copy to BM(L)	
593	20		MILNE FORCE	1700	1950	019401	Following nominated attend No 7 Course L.H.Q. school of M.I. commencing 5 Jan (C) F.S. wing (C) VX. 53952 Lieut LANGLANDS C.R. VX 56394 2/cpl REDMOND M.R. both 2/5 bn (C) junior Wing (C) VX. 3952 Sgt CARROLL L.R. H.Q. 17 Bde VX. 5228 LIEUT MORSE S L 2/5 bn. VX. 7586 Lieut MARSDEN H. McL. 2/6 bn. NX. 52108 Sgt FYFE S. 2/7 Bn. QX. 37937 Sgt DIRKDECK D.L. 9 Bn. Q. 29696 LIEUT TOMLINSON C.B. 61 Bn. Q. 28788 2/cpl BENNETT. H. 61 Bn (C) Units will arrange movement direct with Q movements in accordance with movement instr No 1.	copy to Bn(L)	

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 R. G. King
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594	20		MILNE FORCE	1713	2005	01844	In reply to 52/18 (C) 30 yard range approved (C) location field firing range approved provided direction of fire altered to between 250 degrees and 360 degrees time as arranged with Maj Norris A.M. today (C) Please advise final direction of fire decided on	Copy to BM (L)
595	20		MILNE FORCE	2120	2305	01834	ref our letter 20 dec demonstration M.2. tanks cancelled.	Copy to BM (L)
596	20		MOVEMENT Control Force		2300	Phone	Sgt CARROLL 17 Bde H.Q. A/Sgt FYFE 2/7 less A/Cpl THURLEY 2/5 Bn will report to MARINE sec RAAF 0500 hrs 21 dec. 42 (C) maximum gear including person 220 lbs	Personnel advised through adjts. per Phone.
	21		2/5 Bn.		0650	Phone	Sitnot	
597	21	2/5 2/6 2/7 17 BDE W/Tng S. 17 BDE Tng Centre NO37 RAAF R/STA BDE OFFRS.		0700		201	password from 1800/21 to 1800/22 TELEGRAM.	
598	21		2/6 Bn	0645	0810	201	Sitnot	
599	21		2/7 Bn	0720	0810	201	Sitref (C) ref map MB 2 inch (C) one sec C Coy 9850 hrs relieved by B. Coy (C) Sitnot	

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600	21 Dec		Mac Coy	0800	0822	1			
601	21	2/5 2/6 2/7		0821		51	ref LHQ School of M.I. following students selected to attend FSS wing 2/5 bn Lt LANGLANDS REOMOND JUN NING 2/5 Lt MORSE 2/6 Lt MARSDEN 2/7 Sgt FYFF movement orders to S.C. Gorthwith		
602	21	Milne Totel 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		0830		202	SITREP ref map M.B. 2 inch one sec C coy 2/7 bn received by one sec B coy 2/7 bn at 985044 SITNOR all informed		
603	21		2/6 BN	0925	1020	127	Movement order Lieut MARSDEN funded Bde HQ 17 Dec		
604	21		Mac Coy	1300	1305	2	Sitnet		
605	21		WFOAU	1315	1405	F199	Ship 9000 tons apparently TANKER passing GOODENOUGH leading TAUPOTA 1300 hrs	Rpta to force 20/21	
606	21		2/5 bn		1715	phone	Sitnet		
607	21		2/4 bn	1700	1730	204	Sitnet		
608	21		Mac Coy	1700	1735	3	Sitnet		
609	21		2/7 Bn	1707	1825	202	Sitnet		

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610	21	Hq Melb Force 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7		1840		204	Sitnor @ all informed	
611	21	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1955		52	fw'd by 1400 hrs 22 Dec present hold- ings all amm less try amm.	R
612	22 Dec		2/5 Bn	0655		phone	Sitnor	AG
613	22		2/7 Bn	0735	0805	201	Sitnor	
614	22		2/6 Bn	0655	0805	201	Sitnor	
615	22	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 37 RAAF BDE OFF 17 BDE TROOP		0700		201	Password from 1800/22 to 1800/23 "OLD FAITHFUL"	NT
616	22	Hq Force 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0700		201	SITNOR @ all informed	
617	22		MAC Coy	0800	0855	1	Sitnor	
618	22		Melb Force	1125	1150	AQ 3147	Three days leave excluding travelling time approved for Cpl KR WALKER 2/7 Bn	SC (Advise)
619	22		Melb Force	1220		51	approval requested for firing range at 963019 direction fire 205 then 315°	R
620	22		MAC Coy	1300	1330	3	Sitnor	
621	22	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1405		202	subject student draughtsman & following personnel will report this HQ by 1500 hrs 23 Dec 2/5 Bn N 45937 Pte CANNORS @ 2/6 Bn VK 57448 Pte LLEWELLYN VM C 2/7 Bn Pte DEMPSEY AA @ personnel to be shown as detached	
622	22		2/6 Bn	1700	1710	202	SITNOR	
623	22		MAC Coy	1700	1950	6	Sitnor	

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624	22		MAC Coy	1620	1800	5	TIERYO arrived TAUPOTA 1615 hrs leaving for WEDAU when loaded	
625	22		2/7 Bn	1735	1800	202	SITREP @ SITNOR	
626	22		Wedau	1655	1830	F204	25 ton trawler towing (being) boat heading east doing approx 10 knots.	rptd to force 204/1960/ser 626. (B)
627	22		2/5 bn		1800	VERBAL	SITNOR	
628	22	MILNIE FORCE 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1800		203	Sitrep @ MAC Coy reports TIERYO arrived TAUPOTA 1615 hrs leaving when loaded for WEDAU @ otherwise Sitrep @ all informed	
629	22		7 Bde	1935	2017	F184	SITREP to 1800 hrs 4/22 @ SITNOR	
630	22	WEDAU	TO MAC Coy	2011	2154	F265	FOLEY and party arrived safely WEDAU 2000 hrs	INTERCEPT
631	22		MAC Coy	2130	2221	7	TIERYO leaving 0600/23 for WEDAU	I.O. rptd to Force
632	23 DEC		2/6 BN	0645	0740	201	Sitnor	
633	23		2/5 BN		0730	phone	Sitnor	
634	23		2/7 BN	0735	0800	201	Sitnor	
635	23	Milne Force 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0820		202	Sitnor	
636	23		Mac Coy	0800	0840	1	Tieryo left 0730 hrs	Rptd to Force 4/2/58
637	23	ADMS Milne Force	RMO Taupota	0800	0850	2	RMO left for WEDAU per TIERYO 0730 hrs returning GILI GILI for TIERYO	Rptd to ADMS Milne Force

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638 ✓	23.	61 bn. up to 17 Bde 2/6 bn	7 BDE.	0930	0930 1020	296.	your memo 42/151/A450 date 22 re/ map MILNE BAY prov. No. 2. @ MILNE FORCE operational. M.M.G. practice afternoon 23 Dec. from 2/6 bn. posns 048033 bearing 307 and 048027 bearing 337 @ safety responsibility 2/6 bn.	copy to B.M.(L).
639 ✓	23.		NAC COY	0930	1020	3	motor trawler passing TAUPOTA 0930 hrs well out to sea heading east	up'd to force copy to B.M.
640 ✓	23	HQ MILNE FORCE		1032	-	205	motor trawler passed TAUPOTA 0930 hrs. well out to sea heading east.	
641 ✓	23	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.		1050	-	51	a very limited supply of text books may be available early in NEW YEAR @ units will submit by 1200 26 Dec a minimum list of requirements	<i>[Handwritten signatures]</i>
642 ✓	23		Force.	1200	1300	1857	fd. firing range approved.	Copy to B.M.(L)
643 ✓	23	WEDAV	TO NAC COY	1315	1215	F207	TIERYO arrived 1130 hrs today otherwise Subnor	up'd to force. Serial 643a

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644	23		MAC COY.	1300	1340	4.	Sitnor	
644	23		MAC COY	1415	1510	5	gypsy moth type plane flew west 1412 hrs over TAUPOTA U.S. markings	uptd to fare serial 644 ^A Orig. NO. 207
645	23		2/5 Bw.	1655	—	PHONE	SITNOR.	
646	23		WEDAU.	1545	1659	F209	TIERYO left for BANAIRA at 1320 hrs moth plane banded WEDAU 1445 hrs left 1540 hrs for GILI GILI otherwise sitnor	uptd to fare serial 646 ^A Orig. NO. 208
647	23		2/7 Bw.	1700	1715	202	SITNOR.	
648	23		2/6 Bw.	1700	1715	204	SITNOR.	
649	23	40 MILNE FORCE uptd 7 Rde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bw.	—	1720	—	208	SITNOR.	
650	23		Mac Coy	1700	1750	6	Sitnor	
651	23		WEDAU.	1800	1940	F210	* launch arrived WEDAU 1730 hrs leaving for GILI GILI at midnight taken on strength SGT. MORGAN Ltg DRUMMOND Pte RUTHERFORD Pte JENKINS.	* corrupt awaiting check* copy to B.M.

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652	23.		7 BOC.	2025	2125	F.126.	Sitrep to 1800 hrs L/23 @ Sitnor.	
	24						Air Raid "RED" at 0520 hrs	
	24						"All clear" at 0555 hrs.	
653	24	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns. 37 Radio 3LA Bde. off. 17Ade. Sig. Centre	—	0650	—	201	password from 1800 L/24 to 1800 L/25 "LAZINESS"	
654	24		2/5 Bn.	0706	0706	PHOTO	SITNOR.	
655	24		2/6 Bn	0645	0745	201	SITNOR	
656	24		2/7 Bn	0615	0800	201	SITNOR	
657	24		MAC Coy	0800	0830	1	SITNOR	
658	24	Hq Milne Force 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 B		0815		202	SITREPO SITNOR @ all-informed	
659	24	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0930		51	Shirts and slacks are available on re-submission of indents @ also small quantity dye and salt @ units with ensure are personnel are in possession of two sets shirts and slacks correctly dyed in accordance with MILNE FORCE GS INSTN No 21	
660	24		WEDAU	1010	1132	F 212	TIERYO bathed WEDAU 0400 hrs left for TAUPOTA 1005 hrs @ Moth plane landed WEDAU 0835	Show to BML rptd to force 203/1134 /ser 660(A)
661	24		WEDAU	1158	1300	F 214	Is advice of all plane landings necessary.	
662	24	WEDAU RPTD MAC COY		1303		204	(In reply to F 214) YES	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 663	24		MAC Coy	1200	1332	3	flying fortres flying very low over one destroyer heading east & two unidentified vessels heading west south of and close to FERGUSSON intermittent cannon fire approx 20 bursts heard	B.M.C. rptd to Force 1333 hrs original 205 IMPORTANT
✓ 664	24		MAC Coy	1300	1332	4	Sitnot	
✓ 665	24		2/5 BN		1630	PHONE	Sitnot	
✓ 666	24		MAC coy	1505	1620	5	TIERYS arrived TAUDOTA 1410 hrs left 1500 hrs with CAPT WILLIAMS stopping EAST CAPE overnight ETA GILI 1200 hrs 25 Dec.	This was also to ADMS MILNE FORCE rptd to FORCE via CAPT WILLIAMS. 206/100/666(A)
✓ 667	24		WEDAU	1540	1712	F215	boats sighted NINE from WEDAU & MOTH plane landed WEDAU 1525 hrs otherwise sitnot	these messages arrived together rptd to FORCE
✓ 668	24		WEDAU	1615	1712	F216	MOTH left for MORESBY 1615 hrs	207/1715/668(A)
✓ 669	24		2/6 BN	1700	1712	203	Sitnot	
✓ 670	24		MAC coy	1700	1730	6	Sitnot	
✓ 671	24		2/7	1710	1730	202	Sitnot	
✓ 672	24	Milne Force 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bno		1730		208	Sitnot @ merry Xmas @ all informed	
✓ 673	24		G III I			PHONE	flying fortress clearing guns also kguns 2 warships and one motor torpedo boat in this vicinity	Rptd to MAC Coy 209/1845/SEA 673(A)
✓ 674	24		WEDAU	1945	2200	F217	MARGARET THWAITES landed WEDAU 1930 hrs from GILI proceeding to WANIGELA 0300 hrs 25 Dec	Rptd to Force 210/24

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 673	25 Dec		2/5		0702	PHONE	Sitnot	
✓ 674	25		2/7	0715	0755	201	SITNOR @ Merry Xmas	
✓ 677	25		2/6	0800	0830	201	SITNOR	
✓ 678	25	Milns Force 7 Bde. 2/5 2/6 2/4 Bns		0835		202	SITNOR @ all informed	
✓ 679	25	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		0840		51	for present No 9 mm SMG amm available for trng @ units will retain temporarily these SMG on loan to them	
✓ 680	25		Mac Coy	0800	0940	1	pack marked 1 SMITH "B" Coy on TIERVO please collect and return TAUPOTA @ otherwise Sitnot	2/5 Bn. advised.
✓ 681	25		Mac Coy	0945	1035	2	2 naval craft possibly destroyers manoeuvring just south of GOODENOUGH	Rptd to Force 203/25
✓ 682	25		WEPAU	0945	1103	3	unidentified ship heading east @ MOTN plane landed WEPAU 0840 hrs leaving for GILI 1000 hrs	Rptd to Force 204/25 MLC
✓ 683	25		MAC COY	1300	1355		Sitnot	
✓ 684	25		WEPAU	1325	1325	5	MOTN plane landed WEPAU 1320 hrs left immediately for GILI GILI	Rptd to Force 205/25
✓ 685	25		2/5		1650	Verbal	Sitnot	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
684 ✓	25 Dec		2/6	1700	1730	phone 203	Sitnet	
687 ✓	25		2/7	1701	1755	202	Sitnet	
688 ✓	25		Mac Coy	1700	1755	7	Sitnet	
689 ✓	25	MILNE FORCE 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1803		204	Sitnet @ all informed.	
690 ✓	25		7 Bde	2040	2131	1187	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/25 @ Sitnet	Handwritten signature
691 ✓	26 Dec		2/5 Bn		0700	phone	Sitnet	
692 ✓	26	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 17 BDE TNG LENTH 37 R/STA. 17 BDE OFFRS.		0735		201	password from 1800/26 to 1800/27 LUSTFUL	
693 ✓	26		2/6 Bn.	0645	0800	201	Sitnet	
694 ✓	26		2/7 Bn	0740	0800	201	Sitrep @ Sitnet	
695 ✓	26	MILNE FORCE 7 BDE 2/6 2/5 2/7 Bns		0805		202	sitnet @ all informed	
696 ✓	26		MAC Coy	0800	0830	1	sitnet.	

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697 ✓	26	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns.		0945		51	Weapon training course commencing tomorrow will include a 3 inch mortar using (C) 2/5 BN three 2/6 Bn two 2/7 Bn. three (C) potential instructors preferably N.C.O. (C) 2/6 Bn will supply one good cook's officer to course report with students	
698 ✓	26		11 Aust Div	1005	1100	0788	MILNE FORCE now 11 Aust Div (C) Redesignation certain units notified later.	copy shown to Comd B.M. B.M.(L) I.O. ref'd all bns 19/26 203/26
699 ✓	26		2/7 BN.	1045	1120	178	for Park TPT SCHOOL (C) V.X. 22904 Cpl HALL A.B. V.X. 5692 sig. chaplain L.S.E. V.X. 10150 Pte Barrass W.F.C. V.X. 36310 Pte Robertson H.G.	Copy to B.M.(L) and Chief Clerk.
700 ✓	26		MAC Coy.	1300	1335	2	Sitros	
701 ✓	26		2/5 Fd Regt.	1230	1530	I 33	MILNE FORCE NOW ref map Milne Bay 2"=1 mile (C) 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will conduct shooting practice on 28/29/30/31 Dec commencing 0900 hrs each day till 1800 hrs (C) Gun posn 05/9014 vicinity Stephens house target area between eastings gridline 08 and 14 northings 99 and 05 (C) bearing of line of fire 90 degrees (C) all informed.	copy to I.O. ref'd to 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns. Serial 701(A) 203/26

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig. No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 702	26		2/5 bn	1645	1733	Phone 203	Sitnor	
✓ 703	26		2/6 BN	1400	1805	3	Sitnor	nm
✓ 704	26		Mac Coy	1745	1830	202	Sitnor	
✓ 705	26	HA. 11 AUST DIV 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1840		203	Sitnor @ all informed	
✓ 706	26		7 Bde.	1850	1933	I 188	Sitrep to 1800 L 26 @ sitnor	
✓ 707	26	MILNE FORCE MOVEMENTS. TOWNSVILLE IMPORTANT.		1321	1933	PMI 1039	pass 17 Aust Inf Bde @ signal authority immediately if you require hint. GORDON sent on from here by air	copy to B.M. AME of nm
✓ 708	27		2/5 BN		0710	Phone	Sitnor	
✓ 709	27	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 17 BDE TNGEN. 37 RAFF R/STC 17 Bde OFFIS		0700		201	password from 1800/27 to 1800/28 LENGTH.	vt. T ms ms
✓ 710	27		2/6 BN.	0645	0817	201	SITNOR	
✓ 711	27		2/7 BN.	0745	0817	201	SITNOR.	

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Ref Map MILNE BAY (PROV) 2" to 1" 2ND EDITION.

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig. No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
712 ✓	27	11 Aust. Div aptd 7 Aust. Inf. Bde 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns.		0800	-	202	SITNOR.	
713 ✓	27	2/5, 2/7 Bns.	-	0830	-	51	batmen of padres will be transferred to strength of these H.Q.'s and detached to unit for duty	
714 ✓	27		MACCOY	0800	0830.	1.	SITNOR.	
715 ✓	27	FORCE H.Q.		1050	-	52.	following range practice requested rifle 964992 lat. 2 Jan 2/6. ray H.S.C. 0007018 rifle 29/30 Dec. 43 OP. RAGE VICKERS practice 0032015 3" mortar 28/29 Dec. including mt. of darkness 2/6 Bns.	
716 ✓	27		2/7 Bns.	1015	1050	176	ref. your S/G/15 of 25 Dec. 42 nominations as follows MUDIE W. VX 35736 SIG. SWEET. H, VX 3755 SIG. BUCHANAN A, VX 3755 L/Cpl. NIXON	copy to Chief Clerk.
717 ✓	27		2/6 Bns.	1300	1320	128	ref. W/Trg. course NO. 4. VX 39792 lat. GRAY J. G. replaced capt. LYNDON evacuated hospital.	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig. No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 718	27		MAC Coy	1300	1415	3	SITNOR	
✓ 719	27		11 Aust. Div.	1200	1420	1897	range practices approved.	copy to B.M.(L) reply to 50/27.
✓ 720	27		INEDAU	1340	1525	4	MOTH plane landed 1220 hrs leaving for Cih Cih 1430 hrs.	B.M.(L) advised 1912
✓ 721	27		2/5 FD. REGT.	1445	1640	I.34.	ref. map. MILNE BAY. (PROV) 2" of the area of regt. practice shoot on dec. 28 to 31 incl. has been extended to easting grid line 18 all informed	B.M.(L) advised uptd to 2/5/26 2/7 Bus. SERIAL NO. 721A
✓ 722	27		2/5 Bn.	1645	-	PHONE	SITNOR.	
✓ 723	27		Mac Coy	1700	1745	6	Sitnor	
✓ 724	27		2/6 Bn	1700	1745	203	Sitnor	
✓ 725	27		2/7 Bn.	1745	1750	205	Sitnor	
✓ 726	27	11 Aust. Div. uptd 7 Bde. 2/5, 2/6 2/7 Bus.		1750	-	204	Sitnor all informed	filed. Uek. Orig No 205
✓ 727	27		11 Aust. Div	1600	1943	I.378	passwords for 24 hrs. commencing 1800 hrs. 29 dec. serial 13, 30 dec 15, 31 dec serial 20, 1 Jan. serial 18 2 Jan serial 3, 3 Jan serial 4, 4 Jan serial 17. all ack.	

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Map Blue Bay (prov) 2 to 1 bl.

Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
SERIAL DATE							
728/27		1 Bde.	1938	2015	1189	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/27 SITNORI.	
729/28		2/5 bn.	0650	-	Phone	Situar	
730/28	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns, Bde Office TRC, Centre 37 Radio Sta	-	0655	-	201	password from 1800/28 to 1800/29 "Wooloomooloo"	
731/28	11 Post. Div Ntd 7 Bde 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		0815		202	Sitnos @ all informed.	UT.
732/28		2/6 Bn.	0645	0720	201	Situar	
733/28		2/7 Bn	0745	0805	201	Sitnos	
734/28		Mac Coy	0800	0823	1	Sitnos	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC of Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 735	28		MAC COY	0845	0935	2	Ketch south of FER GUSSON heading west	reptd to 11 DIV (13M) 203/0930/SER 735(A)
✓ 736	28		WEDAUI	1035	1205	3	Ketch sighted NE from WEDAUI heading east	Shown to 1.0 reptd to 11 Aust Div 204/1206/SER 736(A)
✓ 737	28		MAC COY	1300	1340	4	Sitnor	
✓ 738	28		2/5 BN	1630	1635	PHONE	SITNOR	
✓ 738(A)	28	2/5 2/6 2/7		1655		1	GRO 6240 is rptd for info @ the use of locally improvised forms of ammo or stow containing explosive matter for trig purposes is strictly forbidden.	Priority Important (BM) Ser 739 Priority Important (SE)
✓ 739	28	trig centre		1655		2		
✓ 739(A)	28	CI PACK TPT COURSE		1658		3		
✓ 740	28		WEDAUI	1555	1658	5	ANSON landed 1345 hrs left for GILI GILI 1445 hrs @ MOTI4 landed 1415 hrs left for GILI GILI 1530 hrs	Shown to 1.0 reptd to force 1700/205 Ser 740(A)
✓ 741	28	CI Pack	MAC COY	1630	1722	5	Ketch under sail south of GOODENOUGH heading east.	reptd to 11 Div. Serial 741(A) 206/28.
✓ 742	28		MAC COY	1700	1811	6	Sitnor	
✓ 743	28		2/7 BN	1701	1811	202	SITNOR	
✓ 744	28		2/6 BN		1830	PHONE	SITNOR	
✓ 745	28	11 Aust Div 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BN		1830		207	SITNOR @ all informed	reptd in signal from 1847 hrs <i>Ang</i> <i>1702</i>

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746 ✓	28		2/6 BN	1727	1847	127	M 3" in practice concluded @ will NOT be continued tonight and tomorrow as previously arranged	Show to BM Copy to BDE for action.
747 ✓	28		MAC Coy	1908	1958	7	DESTROYER south of NORMANDY heading west	Show to BM (L) Rptd to 11 Aust Div (IMPORTANT) 208/1959/SER 747 (A)
748 ✓	28		7 BDE	2005	2100	F190	SITREP @ 1800 HRS L/28 @ SITNOR	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>
749 ✓	28		2/5 BN		0710	PHONE	SITNOR	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>
750 ✓	29	2/5 2/6 2/7 17 BDE TNG CEN 37 R/STA. 17 BDE OFFIS.		0700		201	password from 1800/29 to 1800/30 LEGAL	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>
751 ✓	29		2/6 BN	0645	0800	201	sitnor	
752 ✓	29		2/7 BN	0725	0800	201	sitrep @ sitnor	
753 ✓	29	11 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0800		202	sitnor @ all informed	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>
754 ✓	29		MAC Coy	0800	0830	1	Sitnor	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>
755 ✓	29		WEDAU	0845	0945	2	MOTH plane landed WEDAU 0800 hrs left for WANIGELA at 0810 hrs	Rptd 11 AUST DIV 0950/29 Serial 755A
756 ✓	29	MAC Coy	MAC Coy	1155	1250	204	sketch heading WEST off NORMANDY	Rptd 11 Aust Div 1250/29 756 (A)

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757	29		MAC COY	1228	1345	4	large merchant vessel south of GOODENOUGH heading EAST	reftd to 11 Aust Div 1347/29.
758	29		MAC COY	1300	1350	3	TAUPOTA requires more tracing paper	I.O. informed.
759	29		11 AUST DIV	1508	1540	01917	No release to H.Q. 17 AUST INF BDE following amm (C) 455 revolver 100 rds (C) 45 TSMG. 1000 rds.	BM(L) informed.
760	29		MAC COY	1545	1630	4	two destroyers in MORESBY strait heading EAST	reftd H Div 1637/29.
	29		2/5 BN		1650	Phone	Sitmor.	
761	29		2/7 BN	1700	1710	202	Sitmor	
762	29		WEDAU	1600	1725	4	Sitrep (C) MOTH landed 1445 hrs (C) A 24 landed 1530 hrs both leaving for Gili immediately (C) have some mail for you	First part reftd 11 Div 1740/29. Serial 762 (A).
763	29		2/6 BN	1700	1740	202	Sitmor	
764	29		MAC COY	1700	1740	5	Sitmor	
765	29	11 Aust Div 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1750		208	Sitmor @ all informed	
766	29		7 BDE	1937	2025	194	Sitmor.	
767	29	2/5 2/6 Bns		2055		2	Please include this H.Q. on distribution list for Unit R.Os.	

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768 ✓	29		11 AUST DIV	2145	0019/30	01918	As from 1430 1/29 Brig M J MOTEN assumed comd admin 11 AUST DIV C7 all informed	
769 ✓	30		2/5 lens		0710	Phone	sitrep	
770 ✓	30	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 17 Bde Tng Cen. NO 37 RTSTR. 17 BDE OFFRS.		0700		201	password from 1800/30 to 1800/31 CONTROL all informed	PT. MVE D
771 ✓	30		2/7 Bn	0745	0811	201	Sitrep @ Sitrep	
772 ✓	30		2/6 "		0820	201	Sitrep.	
773 ✓	30	11 AUST DIV, 7 BDE 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		0820		202	Sitrep @ all informed.	
774 ✓	30		MAC Coy		0900	1	Sitrep.	
775 ✓	30	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns CI Packs 1st Course OC 17 AUST INF BDE TRG. CENTER.		0940		1	As from 1430, 29 DEC Brig M. J. MOTEN assumes adm comd 11 AUST DIV and Lt Col H. G. GUINN. of 17 AUST INF BDE.	
776 ✓	30		11 Aust Div		1405	01922	EBUMA is vicinity Samarai (ref Admiralty chart 2123 1036 1/5 150 39 E) declared aerial bombing range, practice bombing commences 30 DEC. @ all informed.	1.0. & BML rep 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 203/1428/30.
777 ✓	30		MAC Coy		1405	2	Sitrep.	
778 ✓	30	2/5 2/7 Bns.		1707		205	In view of progress made work in ROUTE 16 que will cease 1200hrs 31 Dec @ Half day will be devoted to admin and troops washing @ work recommence 2 Jan 43.	

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779	30		4/6 BN		1725	203	Sitnor.	
780	30		4/5 BN		1735	PHONE	Sitnor.	
781	30		2/7 BN		1750	202	Sitrep @ one sec A coy received one sec B Coy 985044 at 1200 hrs @ Sitnor.	
782	30	MAC Coy		1750		1	G.R.O 626 is kept for info @ the use of locally improvised forms of ammo or stores containing explosive matter for trig purposes is strictly forbidden @ack	
783	30	11 AUST DIV 7 BDE 2/5 4/6 4/7 BNS		1750		204	Sitnor @ all informed.	
784	30		MAC Coy		2000	3	Sitnor	
785	30		7 AUST INF BDE		2043	2194	Sitrep to 1800 hrs L/30 @ Sitnor.	
786	31	2/5 2/6 2/7 BN 17 BDE TRG GEN 31 D/BTR 17 BDE OFFRS			0655	201	Password from 1800/31 DEC to 1800/1 JAN "LIFELESS". All informed.	
787	31		2/5 BN		0720	PHONE	Sitnor.	
788	31		2/7 BN.	0750	0800	201	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
789	31		2/6 BN.	0645	0820	201	Sitnor.	
790	31	11 AUST Div 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		0825		202	SITNOR @ all informed	
791	31		MAC Coy.	0800	0835	2.	SITNOR	
792	31		MAC Coy.	0742	0845	1	2 small unidentified boats south of FERGISSON heading west at good speed. A/cpt BARCLAY ill @ diagnosis expected by wherry GILI by plane first opportunity @ will notify time due to arrive	
793	31		WIEDAU					

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794	31		MAC COY	1040	1125	3	2 large merchant vessels south of FERGOSON heading west	nftd to 11 DIV 204/1130 see T94(A)
795	31		MAC COY	1045	1155	4	ack - (in reply to 1/30)	
796	31		MAC COY	1115	1215	5	large merchant vessel south of NORMANBY heading west	nftd to 11 DIV 205/1217 see T94(A)
797	31		MAC COY	1300	1325		Sitmor	
798	31		2/6 BN		1420	PHONE	BM(L) received call notifying Lt Col. Wood had been evacuated to hospital. Maj Jones is administering comd 2/6 bn.	
799	31		WEDAU	1415	1550	4	MOTH plane landed 1335 hrs evacuating cpl BAR CLAY @ will arrive GHI approx 1445 hrs	to see for action
800	31		2/6 BN	1700	1730	203	Sitmor.	
801	31		MAC COY		1745	7	Sitmor.	
802	31		MAC COY		1745	5	Sitrep. MULCRA arrived WEDAU 1500 hrs from MILNE BAY leaving early tomorrow morning @ Cpl HARROWFIELD and party returned 1530 hrs	nftd to FORCE 1st Laff.
803	31		2/6 BN	1700	1745	203	Locstat @ W map MILNE BAY from 2 miles to 1st Lt HQ 034011 HQ Coy 034010 B Ech 034014 A Coy less one sec 028014 D Coy 034007 @ one sec. A Coy standing patrol MAPO 027041	Rang 2/6 BN to inquire where B & C cays are. 2/6 bn omitted. nftd these cays are being new layout
804	31		2/5 BN		1810	PHONE	SITNOR	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
824	JAN 1		Mae Coy	1300	1330	9	Sitnot	
825	1		2/6 Bn	1205	1350	126	Ref this HQ memo SC/7/14 @ Death substitute VX9520 Sgt ANDREWS J T for Pte BURNS pack left course No. 8	
826	1		Mae Coy	1325	1411	6	Motor trawler south of NORMANBY heading WEST	Rptd to Div 204/1
827	1		Wedau	1540	1650	11	Sitrep @ MOTH plane landed WEDAU 1020 hrs left for GILI 1120 hrs	Rptd to Div 204
828	1		Mae Coy	1545	1650	7	Launch approaching HIOGE from west possibly WEDAU Mission Launch	Rptd to Div 204
829	1		2/5 Bn		1710	phone	Sitnot	
830	1		2/6 Bn	1700	1725	203	Sitnot	
831	1		2/7 Bn	1701	1750	203	Sitnot	
832	1		Mae Coy	1700	1800	8	Tranche AS 50X arrived TAUPOTA 1645 hrs sitnot	Rptd to force 209/1/1801
833	1	Aust Div td 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7		1750		208	SIT NOR	
834	1		7 Bde	1920	1955	196	Sitrep to 1800 hrs R/1 @ Sitnot	
835	1		Wedau	2005	2238	5	supply ship AS 16 arrived WEDAU 1745 hrs leaving for WANIGELA at daybreak	

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805	31		2/7 BN	1730	1805	202	SITREP @ SITNOR	
806	31	11 Aust Div 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1830		205	SITNOR @ happy new year @ all informed	
807	31	F BODGER	FROM MAC coy	1730	1840	8	PAUL RAUTAMARA mauled by phant @ can you send medical aid immediately to HIOGE	<u>INTERCEPT</u> x
808	31		2/6 BN	1830	1920	204	Locstat @ B Coy 033012 C Coy 056036	To be read with Serial 803
809	31		7 AUST INF BDE			1195	SITREP to 1800 hml 31 @ SITNOR	
810	31		MAC coy	1935	2030	9	worship possibly destroyed railway between PUNI and NORMANBY leading west	to 1.0 Mtd to 11 Aust Div 207/2032/SER 80(A)
811	1/43 Jan		2/5 BN				SITNOR	MAE [initials]
812	1	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 37 R/STA 17 Bde Tng CEN 17 Bde Offs		0730		201	password from 1800/1 to 1800/2 LOYALTY.	[initials]
813	1		2/7 Bns	0725	0805	201	Sitnor	
814	1		2/4 BN	0645	0835	201	Sitnor	
815	1		WEDAU	0720	0835	1	Sitrep MULCRA left for GILI 0645 hrs @ VX18058 JENKINS SK 2/5 BN. also @ 10324 SHANLEY II of 25 BN to return to unit.	

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805	31		2/7 BN	1730	1805	202	SITREP @ SITNOR	
806	31	11 Aust Div 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1830		205	SITNOR @ happy new year @ all informed	
807	31	F BODGER	FROM MAC coy	1730	1840	8	PAUL RAUTAMARA mauled by shark @ can you send medical aid immediately to H 106F	INTERCEPT X
808	31		2/6 BN	1830	1920	204	Locstat @ B Coy 033012 C Coy 056026	To be read with Serial 803
809	31		7 AUST INF BDE			1195	SITREP to 1800 hUL 31 @ SITNOR	
810	31		MAC coy	1935	2030	9	warship possibly destroyed midway between PUNI and NORMANBY heading west	to 1.0 Mtd to 11 Aust Div 207/2032 Ser 810(A)
811	1/43 JAN		2/5 BN		0715		SITNOR	make [unclear]
812	1	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 35 R/STA. 17 Bde Eng Cent. 77 Bde Office		0730		201	password from 1800/1 to 1800/2 LD YALTA.	[unclear]
813	1		2/7 Bns	0725	0805	201	Sitnor	
814	1		2/4 BN	0645	0835	201	Sitnor	
815	1		WEDA U	0720	0835	1	Sitrep MULCRA left for GILI 0645 hrs @ VX 48058 JENKINS. SH 2/5 BN also & 10324 SHANLEY II of 25 BN to return to unit.	[unclear]

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814	1 JAN		Mac Coy	0800	0840	1	Sitnor	
817	1		2/7 Bn	0830	0848	202	Location Statement 2400 hrs 31 Dec @ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 000008 A Coy less 1 sec 003011 B Coy 006006 C Coy 007006 D Coy 904998 HQ Coy 999007 1 sec A Coy standing patrol 985044	
818	1	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 3/6 + 2/7 Bns		0845		202	SITREP @ WEDAU reports MULCRA left for GILI 0645 hrs @ SITNOR	
819	1		Mac Coy	0805	0855	2	merchant vessel possibly MULCRA mid way between TAUPOTA and GOODENOUGH heading east	Rptd to Div 203/1
820	1		WEDAU	0930	1030	2	MOTH plane landed WEDAU 0855 hrs left for GILI 0925 hrs	Rptd to Div 204/1
821	1		2/7 Bn	1035	1110	146	Nominations for Pack Art School O VX5189 S/Sgt Cox VX57214 R/Cpl OBORM N VX 34590 Pte Kennedy L J VX 24422 Pte NUGENT J H	
822	1		Mac Coy	1000	1115	3	patch between PUNI and NORMANBY heading West	Rptd to Div 205/1
823	1		Mac Coy	1035	1100	4	small merchant vessel south of NORMANBY heading west	Rptd to Div 205/1

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
814	1 JAN		Mac Coy	0800	0840	1	Sitnor	
817	1		2/7 Bn	0830	0848	202	Location Statement 2400 hrs 31 Dec @ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 000008 A Coy less 1 sec 003011 B Coy 006006 C Coy 007806 D Coy 904998 HQ Coy 999007 1 sec A Coy standing patrol 985044	
818	1	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 + 2/7 Bns		0845		202	SITREP @ WEDAU reports MULCRA left for GILI 0645 hrs @ SITNOR	
819	1		Mac Coy	0805	0855	2	merchant vessel possibly MULCRA mid way between TAUPOTA and GOODENOUGH heading east	Rptd to Div 203/1 <i>[Signature]</i>
820	1		WEDAU	0930	1035	2	MOTH plane landed WEDAU 0855 hrs left for GILI 0925 hrs.	Rptd to Div 204/1 <i>[Signature]</i>
821	1		2/7 Bn	1035	1110	146	Nominations for Pack Sgt School @ VX5189 S/Sgt COX VX54214 R/Cpl OBORM N VX 34590 Pte Kennedy L J VX 24422 Pte NUGENT J H	<i>[Signature]</i> <i>[Signature]</i>
822	1		Mac Coy	1000	1115	3	hetch between PUNI and NORMANBY heading West	Rptd to Div 205/1
823	1		Mac Coy	1035	1100	4	small merchant vessel south of NORMANBY heading west	Rptd to Div 205/1 <i>[Signature]</i>

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
824	1 JAN		Mac Coy	1300	1330	9	Sitnot	
825	1		2/6 Bn	1205	1350	126	Ref this HQ memo SC/7/14 @ Desire substitute VX9520 Sgt ANDREWS J T for Pte BURNS track by course No. 8	JAN
826	1		Mac Coy	1325	1411	6	Motor trawler south of NORMANBY heading WEST	Rptd to Div 204/1 JAN
827	1		Wedau	1540	1650	4	Sitref @ MOTH plane landed WEDAU 1020 hrs left for GILI 1420 hrs	Rptd to Div 204/1
828	1		Mac Coy	1545	1650	7	Launch approaching HIOGE from west possibly WEDAU mission launch	Rptd to Div 204/1
829	1		2/5 Bn		1710	phone	Sitnot	
830	1		2/6 Bn	1700	1725	203	Sitnot	
831	1		2/7 Bn	1701	1750	203	Sitnot	
832	1		MAC coy	1700	1800	8	trawler AS 6 arrived TAUPOTA 1645 hrs sitnot.	Rptd to force 209/1/1801
833	1	11 Aust Div rptd 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7		1750		208	SIT NOR	
834	1		7 Bde	1920	1955	196	Sitref to 1800 hrs R/1 @ Sitnot	
835	1		Nedau	2005	2230	5	supply ship AS 16 arrived WEDAU 1945 hrs leaving for WANIGELA at daybreak	Rptd to Div 209/1 JAN

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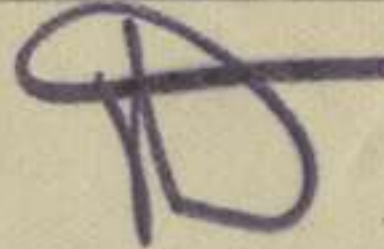
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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig. No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
836	1		Mae Coy	2130	2300	9	Trawler AS6 staying TAUPOTA @ ETD for WEDAU 0600 hrs @ PARSONS KR on board @ calling HIOGE for shark victim	
837	1	HQ 11 Div spld 2/5 Bn		2205		210	Mae Coy reports trawler G56 staying TAUPOTA @ ETD for WEDAU 0600 hrs @ calling HIOGE for native shark victim	
838	2 JAN		2/5 Bn		0705		Phone Sitras	fly Jacobs
839	2		2/4 Bn	0645	0800	201	Sitras	
840	2		2/7 Bn	0745	0800	201	Sitras	
841	2	11 Aust Div T Bde 2/5 2/4 2/7 Bns		0800		202	Sitras @ all informed	
842	2		WEDAU	0640	0840	1	AS16 left for WANIGELA 0600 hrs otherwise nothing to report.	reptd 11 Aust Div 19825/2 to S.C.
843	2		MAL Coy	0700	0830	1	1 merchant vessel 2 smaller unidentified vessels south of and close to GOODE NOUGA heading west	reptd 11 Div 204/2. BMG.
844	2		MAL Coy	0800	0930	2	AS6 left for WEDAU 0740 hrs @ our 1/2 should read heading EAST	reptd 11 Div 205/2.
845	2		MAL Coy	0945	1035	4	Destroyer type vessel south of FERGUSON heading east at speed	Reptd Div 206/2.

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC of Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
836	1		Mac Coy	2130	2300	9	trawler AS6 staying TAUPOTA @ ETD for WEDAU 0600 hrs @ PARSONS KR on board @ calling HIOGE for shark victim	
837	1	HQ 11 Div Hqs 2/5 Bn		2305		210	Mac Coy reports trawler AS6 staying TAUPOTA @ ETD for WEDAU 0600 hrs @ calling HIOGE for native shark victim	
838	2 JAN		2/5 BN		0705	Phone	Sitnos	fly 1903 Hqs
839	2		2/6 BN	0645	0800	201	Sitnos	
840	2		2/7 BN	0745	0800	201	Sitnos	
841	2	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/4 2/7 Bno		0800		202	Sitnos @ all informed	
842	2		WEDAU	0650	0800	1	AS16 left for WANIGELA 0600 hrs otherwise nothing to report.	reptd 11 Aust Div 10825/2 to S.C.
843	2		MAC Coy	0700	0830	1	1 merchant vessel 2 smaller unidentified vessels south of and close to GOODE NOBLE heading west.	reptd 11 Div 204/2. B.M.C.
844	2		MAC Coy	0800	0930	2	AS6 left for WEDAU 0740 hrs @ our 1/2 should read heading EAST.	reptd 11 Div 205/2
845	2		MAC Coy	0945	1035	4	destroyer type vessel south of FERGUSON heading east at speed	Reptd Div 206/2. C.O.

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6	2	2/7 BN.		1108		51	ref DFM course you will supply one man for cooks officers duties for duration of school reporting and returning with students	
847	2		MAC Coy	1300	1330	5	ketch midway between MORIVIVISY and Puni heading west otherwise situate	of B Reptd to 110 207/2
848	2	11 Aust Div		1410		52	Approval requested following range practices @ 964992 rifle 3 Jan 17 Bde HQ 4 Jan 7 Bde Def Pt. @ 032021 TSNG 2 Jan 1500 hrs 2/6 BN @ 968019 for firing 4 Jan W. Trig course	
849	2		MAC. Coy.	1315	1412	6	AS6 arrived WEDAU 1120 hrs @ large merchant vessel and CORVETTE type south of MORESBY STRAIT heading east.	Reptd 11 AUST 208/2
850	2	reptd 17 Bde Trig Centre	11 Aust Div	1417	1545	01943	please release 3000 rds 305 SAA ctr. arriv to 17 Bde Trig Centre	Copy to 15 ML
851	2		WEDAU	1440	1625	4	unidentified ship passing FERBUSON island heading east at 1250 hrs @ A 6 left WEDAU for GOODENOUGH 1430 hrs.	Reptd 11 Div 209/2

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846	2	2/7 BN.		1108		51	ref DFM course you will supply one man for cooks offside duties for duration of school reporting and returning with students.	
847	2		MAC Coy	1300	1330	5	ketch midway between NORMANBY and Puni heading west otherwise sitnos	Reptd to 11 Div 207/2
848	2	11 Aust Div		1410		52	Approval requested following range practices @ 964992 rifle 3 Jan 17 Bde HQ. 4 Jan 7 Bde Def Pl. @ 032021 TSNG 2 Jan 1500 hrs 2/6 BN @ 968019 for firing 4 Jan W. Trng course	
849	2		MAC. Coy.	1315	1412	6	AS6 arrived WEDAU 1120 hrs @ large merchant vessel and CORVETTE type south of MORESBY STRAIT heading east.	Reptd 11 AUST DIV 208/2.
850	2	reptd 17 Bde Trng Centre	11 Aust Div	1417	1545	0.1943	please release 3000 rds 303 SAA ctr. arriv to 17 Bde Trng Centre	Copy to 15 MG
851	2		WEDAU	1440	1625	4	unidentified ship passing FERBUSON island heading east at 1250 hrs @ A6 left WEDAU for GOODENOUGH 1430 hrs.	Reptd 11 Div 209/2

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
852.	2		2/5 BN.			1725 Home	Sitmor	
853	2		MAL Coy.	0830	0945	3	dental treatment required by MALFARLANE and 2 ORs (C) propose walking to GILL leaving early Jan 3 returning Jan 5 (C) gear submission required.	Copy to B
854	2	MAL Coy		1710		1	In reply to 3/2 (C) hold pending later advice.	
855	2		2/6 BN	1705	1730	203	Sitmor	
856	2		MAL Coy	1700	1730	7	Sitmor.	
857	2		2/7 BDE	1900	1920	197	Ship on at 1800 hrs 4/2 (C) sitmor	
858	2		2/7 BN		1900	Home	Sitmor	
859	2	1 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS.		1905		210	Sitmor (C) all informed	
860	2		MAL Coy	1800	1940	8	large merchant vessel north of NORMANBY heading west	Rptd 11 Div 211/2
861	2		WEDAU	1840	1919	6	MCLAREN KING berthed WEDAU 1825 hrs (C) leaving for SAMARAI Monday	Rptd 11 Div 212/2
862	2		11 Aust Div	2125	2145	01446	In reply to 52/2 (C) Range practices approved.	Copy to B/M(L).

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852	2		2/5 BN.		1825	Phone	Sitnor	
853	2		MIAC Coy.	0830	0945	3	dental treatment required by NACFARLINE and 2 ORs (C) propose walking to GILI leaving early Jan 3 returning Jan 5 (C) your permission requested.	Copy to BM
854	2	MIAC Coy.		1710		1	In reply to 3/2 (C) hold pending later advice.	
855	2		2/6 BN	1705	1730	203	Sitnor	
856	2		MIAC Coy	1700	1730	7	Sitnot.	
857	2		2/7 BDE	1900	1920	1197	Sitrep as at 1800 hrs 1/2 (C) sitnor	
858	2		2/7 BN		1900	Phone	Sitnor	
859	2	11 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS.		1905		210	Sitnor (C) all informed	
860	2		MIAC Coy	1800	1940	8	large merchant vessel south of NORMANBY heading west	Rptd 11 Div 211/2
861	2		WEDAU	1840	1919	6	MCLAREN KING berthed WEDAU 1825 hrs (C) leaving for SAMARAI Monday	Rptd 11 Div 212/2
862	2		11 Aust Div	2125	2145	01946	In reply to 52/2 (C) Range practices approved.	Copy to BM

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. A T	
863	3		2/5 Bw			0704	Phone Sitnor		
864	3	1/5 2/6 7/10 17 Rdc Log Centre 27 R/STA. 11 Bae offis		0700		0750	201	Password from 1800/3 to 1800/4. LANDLINE.	
865	3		2/7 Bw	0750		0800	201	Sitrep @ Sitnor.	
866	3		MAC Coy			0820	1	Sitnor	
867	3		2/6 Bw			0900	201	Sitnor	
868	3	1 AUST Div. 7 Bde 1/5 2/6 2/7 BWS		0900			202	Sitnor @ All informed.	
869	3		Mae Coy	0830		0930	2	Destroyer type vessel south of and close to FERGUSON heading WEST	Rptd to Div 203/3
870	3		Sigs			1100	phone	TAUPOTA W/T set off air since 1000/3 Sigs will notify when it comes on.	
871			Sigs			1120	phone	TAUPOTA W/T on the air again	
872	3		Mae Coy	1300		1335	3	Small merchant vessel south of DAWSON STRAIT 1245 hrs heading WEST @ SITNOR	
873	3		Mae Coy	1350		1445	4	Motor trawler towing barge like craft south of and near FERGUSON heading west	Rptd to Div 203/3
874	3		2/5 Bw			1650	phone	Sitnor	
874	3		2/6 Bw			1705	phone	Sitnor	
875	3		2/7 Bw	1715		1810	203	Sitnor	

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876	3		WEDAU		1640	1810	4 MCLAREN KING leaving daybreak calling TAUPOTA for sick man proceeding to BILL	Rptd 11 & 206/3.
877	3	11 AUST DIV. 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS			1815	287	sitnot () All informed	
878	3	2/5 Bn			825	51	ref exercise with tanks 2" mortar smoke NOT to be used () 12 smoke generators may be drawn tonight from ADDS upon receipt of signal from 11 Aust Div this signal will suffice as authority () No unprepared blank amm to be used	
879	3		Mac Coy		1800	1855	2 small merchant vessel south of and near NORMANBY heading westerly	Rptd Div 208/3
880	3		7 Bde		2015	2015	1198 Sitrep to 1800 hrs L/3 () Sitnot	
881	3		2/5 Bn		2225	2245	3 Ack (in reply to 3)	
882	3		2/7 Bn		2245	2300	204 Ack (in reply to 3/3)	
883	3		11 Aust Div		2120	2330	01952 AIR warning and coast watching system () 11 Aust Div G 269 A of 23/12 () Personnel nominated will report HQ sigs 11 Aust Div 1400 4/5/1	
884	4		2/4		0655	phone	Sitnot	message 201 TOR 0130 confirmed this.
885	4		2/5		0705	phone	Sitnot	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Act Tal
863	3		2/5 Bn		0704	Phone	Sitnor	
864	3	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns 17 Bde Coy Centre 37 R/STA. 17 Bde office		0900	0950	201	Password from 1800/3 to 1800/4 LANDLINE.	
865	3		2/7 Bn	0750	0800	201	Sitrep @ Sitnor.	
866	3		MAC Coy		0820	1	Sitnor	
867	3		2/6 Bn		0900	201	Sitnor	
868	3	11 AUST Div. 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		0900		202	Sitnor @ All informed.	
869	3		Mac Coy	0830	0930	2	Destroyer type vessel south of and close to FERGUSSON heading WEST	Rptd to Div 203/3
870	3		Sigs		1100	phone	TAUPOTA W/T set off air since 1000/3 Sigs will notify when it comes on.	
871			Sigs		1120	phone	TAUPOTA W/T on the air again	
872	3		Mac Coy	1300	1335	3	Small merchant vessel south of DAWSON STRAIT 1245 hrs heading WEST @ SITNOR	
873	3		Mac Coy	1350	1445	4	Motor trawler towing barge like craft south of and near FERGUSSON heading west	Rptd to Div 205/3
874	3		2/5 Bn		1650	phone	Sitnor	
874	3		2/6 Bn		1705	phone	Sitnor	
875	3		2/7 Bn	1715	1810	203	Sitnor	

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876	3		WEDAY	1640	1810	4	MCLAREN KING leaving daybreak calling TAUPOTA for sick man proceeding to BILII	Reftd 11 Div. 206/3.
877	3	11 AUST DIV. 7 BDE 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS		1815		287	sitnov (C) All informed	
878	3	2/5 BN.		1825		51	ref exercise with tanks 2" mortar smoke NOT to be used (C) 12 smoke generators may be drawn tonight from ADOS upon receipt of signal from 11 Aust Div this signal will suffice as authority (C) No improvised blank amm to be used	
879	3		Mac Coy	1800	1855	Z	small merchant vessel south of and near NORMANBY heading westerly	Reftd Div 208/3
880	3		7 Bde	2015	2045	I198	Sitref to 1800 hrs L/3 (C) Sitnov	
881	3		2/5 Bn	2225	2245	3	Ack (in reply to 3)	
882	3		2/7 Bn	2245	2300	204	ack (in reply to 3/3)	
883	3		11 Aust Div	2120	2330	01952	AIR warning and coast watching system (C) 11 Aust Div G269 A of 23/12 (C) Personnel nominated will report HQ sigs 11 Aust Div 1400 4/5/1	
884	4		2/4		0655	phone 201	Sitnov	message 201/0730 confirms this per 884
885	4		2/5		0705	phone	Sitnov	



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886	4	2/5 2/6 2/7 DNS 17 BDE TNG CENTRE 37 R/STA. BDE OFF		0700		201	password from 1800/4 to 1800/5 OLDFIELD	✓
887	4		2/7 Bn	0730	0750	201	Sitno	
888	4	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 3/4 2/7 Bno		0800		202	Sitno @ all informed	
889	4		Wedau	0710	0820	1	Sitno McLaren King left Wedau 0610 hrs for GILI via Taupota	Rptd to Div 203/4
890	4		Mac Coy	0800	0830	1	Sitno	
891	4	11 Aust Div		0910		51	additional range practices requested @ 964992 rifle 10 Adv Amn Depot 5 fan @ 032021 rifle 1/8 fan inclusive 2/6 bn @ 007018 rifle 6/7 fan 1/3 OP Base @ 034029 fd firing 1/8 fan incl 2/6 bn @ 032015 mortar three inch 1/8 fan 2/4 Bn 9/10 fan 2/5 and 2/4 Bno	
892	4		Mac Coy	1000	1145	2	MCLAREN KING arrived TAUPOTA 0935 hrs left for GILI 0955 hrs @ evacuated 2 ORs @ 0940 hrs crucial type vessel south of DAWSON STRAIT heading WEST	Rptd first & last phases to Div 204/4
893	4	2/5 2/7 + 7 Bde		1150		52	Pack off course cancelled @ unit left report to course at 1415 hrs 5 fan fuel up students instructors tentage & stores on loan @ R/Cpl NORQREN 2/6 Bn Cpl BAGULEY 25 Bn and 3 ORs from 2/4 bn remaining for hand over	

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894	4 JAN		Wedau	1140	1315	2	MOTH plane landed WEDAU 0900 hrs left for GILI 1000 hrs @ B25 bomber landed 0930 hrs expected to leave this afternoon	Rptd to Div 205/H
895	H		11 Aust Div	1313	1337	01954	range practice approved (in reply to 51/H)	
896	H		Mac Coy	1300	1355	H	Sitnor	
897	H		Wedau	1325	1425	3	B25 left WEDAU for MORESBY 1324 hrs	Rptd to Div 206/H
898	H	HQ 11 Aust Div		1555		208	Ref your loc stat 1 JAN ack	
899	H	2/5 2/6 2/7		1512		53	ref AIR WARNING and coast watching personnel @ students nominated by units will report LHQ Sigis 11 Aust Div 1400 hrs 5 Jan with all gear	
900	H		2/5		1650	phone	Sitnor	
901	H		2/6		1715	phone	Sitnor	
902	H		2/7	1700	1720	204	Sitnor	
903	H	HQ 11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 hrs		1730		209	SITNOR @ all informed	
904	H		Mac Coy	1700	1740	7	SITNOR	
905	H		Wedau	1615	1740	4	SITREP MOTH plane landed 1435 hrs left for GILI 1500 hrs @ reply to 5/Hack	From Mac Coy rptd 17 Bde 1st para rptd Div 210/H
906	H			1835	1910	1199	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/4.0 Sitnor	

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907	4		11 Aust Div	2013	2107	01959	All OWEN guns associated stores and 9mm amm at present on issue to 17 Aust Inf Bde will be returned to ADOS 11 Aust Div forthwith	Sig to SC for action
908	4	Mae Coy		2110		127	Please advise by 0800 L/S any changes nominal roll of coy since departure from G1110 names and initials only	
909	4	2/5 2/4 2/7		2115		128	All Owen guns and associated stores and 9mm amm will be returned to ADOS 11 Div forthwith. All informed	
910	4	1/7				111	YIP... ARMY... all informed	
911	5		2/4		0650	phone	Sitnet	
912	5		2/5		0710	phone	Sitnet	
913	5	11 Aust Div		0820		51	ref NG.F. TRG CENTRE JUN LEADERS COURSE WING COURSE 7 @ nil.	
914	5		MAC Coy	0850	0850	2	sitnet	
915			2/7 BN		0850	Phone	sitnet	
916	5	11 Aust Div 786 2/5-2/6 2/7 Bns		0845		202	sitnet c) all informed	

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917	5	2/5 2/4 2/7		0945		52	one 3 ton or equivalent reports 1400 hrs to-day tng centre for jim leaders students and stores & two three tonners @ Jan 1330 hrs same location wed from tng students and remainder stores	
918	5		Mac Coy	0830	1033	3	ref weekly report 27 Dec due on 3 Jan NOT rpt NOT filed @ will be sent next boat	Seen by BM
919	5	HQ 11 Aust Div		1115		202	ack (in reply to 1407/4)	
920	5		Mac Coy	1200	1320	3	Moth plane landed 1020 hrs	Rptd to Div 204/5
921	5		Mac Coy	1300	1340	5	Sitnot	
922	5		2/5 Bn		1615	phone	Sitnot	
923	5		2/6 Bn		1715	phone	Sitnot	
924	5	HQ 11 Aust Div		1715		205	ref your locstat 1 JAN Copy No 26 ack	
925	5	MAC Coy		1755		206	congratulations on reports @ panorama excellent @ system of reference adopted forthwith.	
926	5		2/7 Bn	1715	1813	202	sitno	
927	5	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1835		207	Sitnot @ all informed	

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928	5		Wedau	1625	1910	H	SITREP DH DRAGON landed 1200 hrs leaving when weather cleared. MOTH plane left 1230 hrs got GILI 2 men left for TOPURA 1500 hrs conditions of tracks very bad cannot reach to night. Tools on hand 5 picks and 6 shovels	1st 2 paras split to Div 208/5
929	5		Mac Coy	1700	1920	6	Sitnet	
930	5		7 Bde	1920	2020	1201	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/5. Sitnet	
931	5		11 Aust Div	2012	2240	01942	file release following amm 3 in mortar bombs HE 240 bombs each to 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns	
932	5		F/L HODKINSON WEDAUI	2100	2315	6	landed WEDAUI 1200 hrs will proceed w/ weather permitting	
933	4		2/6 Bn		0705	phone	sitnet	
934	6		2/5 Bn		0717	phone	sitnet	
935	6		2/7 Bn		0750	201	sitnet	
936	6	11 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0815		202	sitrep 3D HAGITA bridge open to one way traffic creek fordable. Sitnet. All informed.	
937	6		Mac Coy	0800	0830	1	Sitnet	

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
938	6		Mac Coy	0835	0930	2	ketch under sail C19 heading east	Rptd to Div 203/6 C19 = off FERGUSSON IS
939	5		32 Aust Emfr Coy	0900	1045	1/54	17 Aust Inf Bde Junior Eds Course No 20 Meswith nominal roll from this unit N 217998 Cpl LYNN A.J. S 52687 L/Cpl BALL M.J.	advised Not continue - See p 11
940	6	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bno		1050		51	Draw 240 rds 3 inch HE mortar from ADOS quoting authority signal 01942 of 5 Jan from Div to ADOB	emp to
941	6	32 Aust Emfr Coy		1145		52	Regret jim leaders course cancelled	APK
942	6		Mac Coy	1300	1525	4	Sitnor	Alie
943	6		2/7 bn	1400	1445	203	Sitnor	
944	6		2/5 bn		1715		Sitnor	
945	6		2/6 bn	1749	17		Sitnor	
946	6	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		1800		205	Sitnor all informed	
947	6		Nedau	1850	2112	4	SITREP 2 boats north of NEDAU heading west 1420 hrs BH DRAGON left NEDAU 1420 hrs heading NW	Rptd to Div 204/6 (should read DH DRAGON)
948	6		Mac Coy	1700	2118	5	Sitnor	
949	6		7 Bde	2035	2118	I202	SITREP to 1800 hrs L/6 @ SITNOR	

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950	6	Mac Coy		2310		207	JAP convoy sighted in waters between GASMATA and SAHAMAU last seen heading WEST	<i>D</i>
951	7		2/6 bn		0610	phone	Sitnoi	
952	7		2/5 bn		0400	phone	Sitnoi	
953	7		Lieut PENNY 5 BN	1600/6	0612/7	S19855	Self Lieut ASHTON and 75 ORs X list attached held up advise awaiting your unit cannot make headway can as priority for self and ASHTON be changed	<i>JACPR AM M Bos</i>
954	7		2/7 BN	0742	0755	201	sitnoi	
955	7	11 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0805		202	sitnoi c) all informed.	
956	7		2/6 BN.	1505/6	0755/7	126	Ref 11 AUST Div memo A.Q. ①A Q 156 of 5 Jan Cpl MURREL a patient located 102 A.G.H.	<i>P.</i>
957	7	Mac Coy		0800	0930	1	Sitnoi	
958	7	Mac Coy		1125	1325	2	Large vessel possibly merchant B14 heading NW @ ketch F24 heading West	B14 Majesty Sta F24 off Puni Puni rptd to Div 203/7
959	7	Nedau		1155	1402	3	Sitnoi MOTH plane landed 0930 hrs left for GIHI 1000 hrs ① men returned 0800 hrs from TOPURA with QUININE	<i>AM M Bos</i>

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960	7		Mac Coy	1500	1630	5	Large merchant vessel B13 (Moreauy Str) heading east	Rptd to Div 204/7	
961	7		Mac Coy	1420	1640	4	destroyer type vessel D21 (Dawson Str) heading east @ AM 3 arrived TAUPOTA 1415 hrs engine trouble	Rptd to Div 205/7	
962	7		2/7 Bn	1630	1645	147	ref vacancy for coast watching sta @ nomination @ VX 36388 Pte MURIE LB	10/6	
963	7		Mac Coy	1515	1707	6	ack (in reply to 51/7)		
964	7		2/6 Bn		1710	phone	Sitnor		
965	7		Mac Coy	1300	1717	3	Sitnor		
966	7		2/7 Bn	1700	1740	203	Sitnor		
967	7		Mac Coy	1700	1808	6	Sitnor		
968	7		2/5 Bn		1800	phone	Sitnor		
969	7	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1920		204	Sitnor @ all informed		
970	7		7 Bde	2000	2055	I203	SITREP to 1800 hrs 1/7 @ SITNOR		
971	8		2/6 Bn		0700	phone	Sitnor		
972	8		2/5 Bn		0707	phone	Sitnor		

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973	8		2/7 Bn	0745	0800	201	sitnor	
974	8	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0805		202	sitnor (D) all informed	
975	8		2/6 Bn	0800	0808	126	ref 17 Bde OP instr No-11 (D) ack.	
976	8		Nedau	0710		1	Sitrep AM 3 left 0655 hrs	ack Rptd to Div 204/8
977	8		Mac Coy	0800	0930	1	Sitnor	
978	8		Mac Coy	1105	1220	3	Destroyer C11 (off Goodenough Is) heading WEST	Rptd to Div 205/8
979	8		Mac Coy	1300	1515	4	Sitnor	
980	8		Nedau	1200	1625	2	ref your 5/4 ack SITREP MOTH plane landed, 0915 hrs (D) message 5/4 was acked by out 4/4	To Mac Coy of itel NR 17 Bell
981	8		2/5 Bn		1640	PHONE	SITNOR	
982	8		2/6 Bn		1645	PHONE	SITNOR	
983	8		2/7 Bn	1800	1815	202	sitnor	
984	8	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1845		206	sitnor (D) all informed	
985	8		Mac Coy	1700	1925	9	Sitnor	

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986	8		Wedau	1615	1925	3	ask reply to 5/8 we may have mail to-morrow SITREP MOTH plane left for G141 1030 hrs. @ damaged B25 Bomber left for G141 1300 hrs	Sitrep passed on to Div 204/8
987	8		7 Bde	1935	1955	1204	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 4/8 @ SITNOR	
991	9		2/6 Bn		0640	201 phone	Sitnos	confirmation recd. 0819 hrs./9.
	9		2/5 Bn		0700	phone	Sitnos	
989	9		2/7 Bn.	0700	0745	201	SITNOR.	
989	9	11 Aust Div 7 Bde. 2/5/2/6 2/7 Bde.		0745		202	SITNOR @ all informed	
990	9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns. 7 Bde 7 Bde. C/W, 37 Radio etc.		0700		201	forward from 1800L/9 to 1800L/10 "MELLOW."	
991	9		Mac Coy	0800	0852	1	Sitnos	
992	9		Wedau	0859	1000	2	Condition of STRIP good advise air operations	Rpts to Div 203/9 SPRO
993	9		Mac Coy	1300	1420	TNO	Press Sitnos	Evidently correct
994	9		Wedau	1150	1445	3	Strip now lengthened 50 yds river end bank partly levelled @ Sitnos	Rpts to Div 208/9 SRI

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986	9		2/5		1650	phone	Sitnoi	
987	9		2/7	1415	1455	203	Sitnoi	
988	9		Mac Coy	1700	1815	4	Sitnoi	
989	9		7 Bde	1916	2110	I205	Sitnoi to 1800 hrs 4/9 Sitnoi	
990	9		11 Aust Div	2025	2110	02019	BRIG FIELD adm comd 11 AUST DIV vici BRIG MOTEN this date @ all informed	Rptd to 2/5 2/6 2/7 211/9
991	9			2245		phone	AIR RAID YELLOW	
992	10		2/6 BN	0250		phone	1st flight left 2/6 hrs for wharf	
993	10	11 Div	4 Div	0600		151	18 offrs. 321 O.R.s 2/6 BN 1 offr 10 O.R.S 17 Bde HQ embarked by 0515 hrs @ Remainder 11 offrs 264 O.R.s returned 2/6 BN area 61: day rations required	
994	10		2/5 len		0705	phone	Sitnoi	
995	10	2/5 2/6 2/7 37 Radio Sigs 17 Bde Offrs		0700		201	password from 1800/10 to 1800/11 OLD FAITHFUL Rly	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>

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996	10 JAN		2/7 bn	0800	0839	201	Sitnet	
997	10	11 Aust Div iftd 7 Bde 2/5 2/4 2/7		0850		202	Sitnet @ all informed	
998	10		Mac Coy	0925	1100	2	destroyer type vessel D 31 (off Normanby Is) heading West	Rptd to Div 203/10
999	10		Mac Coy	1035	1148	3	torpedo boat type vessel E 22 (vicinity DAWSON STRAITS) heading WEST	Rptd to Div 204/10
1000	10		Wedau	1145	1300	2	Sitnet @ condition of strip good	Rptd to Div 205/10
1001	10				1435		AIR RAID REP ALL CLEAR AT 1455	
1002	10		Mac Coy	1300	1345	4	Sitnet	
1003	10		Mac Coy	1430	1530	5	large merchant vessel and destroyer B 16 (vicinity MORESBY STRAITS) heading east	Rptd to Div 206/10
1004	10		2/5 bn		1645	phone	Sitnet	
1005	10		2/6 bn		1655	phone	Sitnet @ BNQ - 3 4 5 4 file HQ Coy (less Coy HQ) = 4 13 14 file C Coy still in bn area	
1106	10		2/7 BN	1735	1745	203	Sitnet	
1107	10		MAC. Coy	1700	1815		Sitnet	

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1108	10	2/5 2/6 2/7		2020		156	Ascertain by 0900 hrs 11 Jan 43. personnel not inoculated for TET & TAB during past 12 months @ unit RMO. to consolidate returns before conference 1000 hrs.	
1109	10	2/5 2/6 2/7		2020		155	unit RMOs will report 2/2 Aust 4th ambulance HQ NOT later than 1000 hrs 11 Jan 43 @ instrs ref TET and TAB inoculations @ HCK.	
1110	10		2/7 BN	1900		176	157/10 HCK.	
1111	10		2/7 BN	2208		-	155/10 HCK.	
1112	10		2/7 BN	2200		-	156/10 HCK.	
1113	10		2/7 BN	2115		177	155/10 HCK.	
1114	11		2/5 Bn		0700	pho	Sitnet	
1115	11		2/7 Bn		0700 0810	201	Sitnet	
1116	11	2/5 2/6 2/7			0830	202	password from 1800/11 to 1800/12 WOOLOOMBOOLOO	
1117	11		MFC. Coy.		0700 0800	1	Sitnet	
1118	11		MFC. Coy.		1100 1115	2	large KETCH. or small merchant - vessel 9.17 heading west - (9.17 is NORTH of THUPOTH).	Reported to 11 Div (203)

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1119	11		Mac Coy	1300	1428	3	Sitnor		
1120	11		WEDAU	1600	1738	3	JEANYL arrived WEDAU 1430 hrs left immediately @ situation normal	retd to 11 Div 204/1740/1120(A)	
1121	11		2/7 BN	1700	1738	203	Sitnor		
1122	11		MAC COY	1700	1820	4	Sitnor		
1123	11		2/5 BN		1830	phone	Sitnor		
1124	11		7 BDE	1832	1900	1207	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ SITNOR		
1125	11		Mac Coy	1735	2215	65	unidentified vessel heading northwest	retd to Div 207/11	
1126	12		2/5		0716	phone	Sitnor		
1127	12		2/7	0715	0810	201	Sitnor		
1128	11		Mac Coy	1725	0710/12	5	unidentified vessel BH retd BH heading NW		
1129	12	11 Aust Div retd 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7		0830		201	SITNOR @ all informed		
1130	12		MAC COY	0800	0930	1	Ketch towing small open boat E 25 mph E.25 at 0735 hrs heading east @ Sitnor	retd to 11 Aust Div 202/0933/Ser 1130 (A) shown to S.C.	

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1131	12		WED AU	0915	1040	2	Strip only fair & weather doubtful	repta to 11 Aust Div 203/1045/ser 1131(A)
1132	12		WEDAU	1150	1345	4	SITREP @ Strip unserviceable rpt unserviceable	repta to 11 Div 204/1347/ser 1132(A)
1133	12		MAC COY	1200	1350	2	Sitrep	
1134	12	17 Bde Offs BSM Chief Clerk 2/5 2/7 Bns		1425		205	password from 1800/12 to 1800/13 LATELY	
1135	12	11 Aust Div		1615		206	ack (passwords)	
1136	12		2/5 Bn		1647	phone	Sitrep	
1137	12		Mac coy	1605	1723	3	ketch under sail F12 (off Goodenough Is) rpt F12 heading westerly	Repta to Div 207/12
1138	12		2/7 Bn	1725	1735	203	Sitrep @ portion advanced party 1st militia bn marched in to day otherwise sitrep	
1139	12		Mac coy	1730	1810	4	Situation normal	

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1131	12		WEDAU	0915	1040	2	Sitrep only fair @ weather doubtful	Report to 11 Aust Div 203/1040/Ser 1131(A)
1132	12		WEDAU	1150	1345	4	SITREP @ Sitrep insurmountable & untenable	Report to 11 Div 204/1347/Ser 1132(C)
1133	12		MAC Coy	1200	1350	2	Sitrep	
1134	12	17 Bde Offs BSM Chalk 2/5 2/7 Plns		1425		205	password from 1800/12 to 1800/13 LATELY	
1135	12	11 Aust Div		1615		206	ack (passwords)	
1136	12		2/5 Bn				1617 phone Sitrep	
1137	12		Mac Coy	1605	1723	3	Ketch under sail F12 (off Goodenough Is) apt F12 heading westward	Report to Div 207/13
1138	12		2/7 Bn	1725	1735	203	Sitrep @ portion advanced party 1st militia Bn marched in to day otherwise sitrep	
1139	12		Mac Coy	1700	1810	4	Situation normal	


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886	4	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 17 BDE TNG CENTRE 37 R/STA BDE OPS		0700			201 password from 1800/4 to 1800/5 OLDFIELD	
887	4		2/7 Bn	0730	0750		201 Sitros	
888	4	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0800			202 Sitros @ all informed	
889	4		Wedau	0710	0820	1	Sitros McLaren King left Wedau 0610 has for GILI see Taupota	Rptd to Div 203/4
890	4		Mac Coy	0800	0830	1	Sitros	
891	4	11 Aust Div		0910		51	additional range practices requested @ 964992 rpts 10 Ads Ann Defol 5 Jan 0 032021 rpts 1/8 Jan inclusive 2/6 Jan 0 007018 rpts 6/7 Jan 1/3 OP Bnd @ 034029 ft firing 1/8 Jan incl 2/6 Bn 0 032015 mortar three inch 1/8 Jan 2/6 Bn 9/10 Jan 2/5 and 2/7 Bns	
892	4		Mac Coy	1000	1145	2	McLAREN KING arrived TAUPOTA 0935 has left for GILI 0955 has @ evacuated 2 ORs @ 0940 has cruiser type vessel south of DAWSON STRAIT leading WEST	Rptd first last phase to Div 204/4
893	4	2/5 2/7 + 7 Bde		1150		52	Pack out course cancelled @ 1115 report to course at 1115 has 5 Jan pick up students instructors Centres + stores on loan @ L/Cpl NORRGEN 2/6 Bn Cpl BAGULEY 25 Bn and 3 ORs from 2/7 Bn remaining for hand over	

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894	4 JAN		Wedau	1140	1312	2	MOTN plane landed WEDAU 0900 hrs left for GILI 1000 hrs @ B25 lumber landed 0930 hrs expected to leave this afternoon	Rptd to Div 205/H	
895	H		11 Aust Div	1313	1337	01934	range practice approved (in reply to 51/H)		
896	H		Mae Coy	1300	1352	H	Sitnor		
897	H		Wedau	1325	1425	3	1325 left WEDAU for MORESBY 1324 hrs	Rptd to Div 206/H	
898	H	HQ 11 Aust Div		1555		208	Ref your ltr dated 1 JAN ask	N	
899	H	2/5 2/6 2/7		1512		55	ref AIR WARNING and coast watching personnel @ students nominated by units will report HQ Sigs. 11 Aust Div 1400 hrs 5 Jan with all gear		
900	H		2/5		1650	plane	Sitnor		
901	H		2/6		1712	plane	Sitnor		
902	H		2/7		1700	1720	204	Sitnor	
903	H	HQ 11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/4 2/7 hrs		1730		209	SITNOR @ all informed		
904	H		Mae Coy	1700	1740	7	SITNOR		
905	H		Wedau	1615	1740	1	SITREP MOTN plane landed 1435 hrs left for GILI 1800 hrs @ reply to 51/H	Rptd to Div 17/100 1st para of the Div	
906	H			1835	1910	199	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/40	Sitnor	

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907	A		11 Aust Div	2013	2107	01959	All OWEN guns associated stores and 9mm amm at present on issue to 17 Aust Inf Bde will be returned to ADOS 11 Aust Div forth with	Sig to SC for action
908	A	Mae Coy		2110		127	Please advise by 0800 w/s any changes nominal roll of Coy since departure from GILLO names and initials only	
909	A	3/5 2/4 2/7		2115		128	All Owen guns and associated stores and 9mm amm will be returned to ADOS 11 Div forth with. All informed	
910	A	2/5 2/7		2145			Informant will advise personnel will accompany units. All informed	
911	5		2/4		0650	phone Sitnos		
912	5		2/5		0710	phone Sitnos		
713	5	11 Aust Div		0820		51	17 NG-F TRG CENTRE JUN LEADERS COURSE WING COURSE 7 (-) nil	
914	5		MAC Coy	0830	0850	2	Sitnos	
915			2/7 3rd		0850	Phone Sitnos		
916	5	11 Aust Div 784 2/5-2/6 2/7 hrs		0845		202	Sitnos (C) all informed	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
917	2/5 2/4 2/7			0945		202	one 3 ton or equivalent reports 1400 hrs to day long central for jim leaders students and stores & two three tonnes 6 Jan 1830 hrs same location weathering students and remainder stores	
918			Mac Coy	0830	1033	3	ref weekly report 27 Dec dat on 3 Jan NOT fit! NOT foded! will be sent next boat	sent by DM
919		HQ 11 Aust Div		1115		202	ack (in reply to 1407/12)	
920			Mac Coy	1200	1320	3	moth plane landed 1020 hrs	Ref'd to Div 204/5
921			Mac Coy	1300	1340	5	Sitnot	
922			2/5 Bn				1615 phone Sitnot	
923			2/6 Bn				1715 phone Sitnot	
924		HQ 11 Aust Div		1715		205	ref your locostat 1 JAN Copy No 36 ack	
925		MAC Coy		1755		206	Congratulations on reports & panoramas excellent & systems of reference adopted forthwith.	
926			2/7 Bn	1715	1813	202	Sitnot	
927		11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1835		207	Sitnot & all informed	

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928	5		Wedau	1625	1910	H	SITREP ON DRAGON landed 1200 hrs leaving when weather clears @ MOTH plant left 1230 hrs for GINIO 2 men left for TOPURA 1500 hrs conditions of tracks very bad cannot reach to night. Tools on hand 3 picks and 2 shovels.	1st 2 pages filed to Div 208/5
929	5		Mac Coy	1700	1920	6	Sitrep	
930	5		7 Bde	1920	2020	1201	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 1/5 @ Sitrep	
931	5		11 Aust Div	2012	2240	0191	file release following arrival of 3 in mortar bombs HE @ 240 bombs each to 2/5 2/6 2/7 bns	
932	5		F/L HODKINSON WEDAU	2100	2315	6	landed WEDAU 1200 hrs will proceed w/ weather permitting	
933	6		2/6 Bn		0705	phone	sitrep	
934	6		2/5 Bn		0717	phone	sitrep	
935	6		2/7 Bn		0750	20	sitrep	
936	6	11 AUST DIV 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0815		202	strip @ HAGITHA bridge open to one way traffic except for 1st @ sitrep @ 1st informed	
937	6		Mac Coy	0800	0830	7	Sitrep	

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938	6		Mae Coy	0835	0930	2	Watch under sail C19 heading east	Rptd to Div 203/6 C19: off PERGUSSON IS
939	5		32 Aust Enfs Coy	0900	1045	1/54	11 Aust Inf Bde Junior Cites Course No 20 Here with nominal roll from this unit N 217998 Cpl LYNN A.J. S 32687 1/Cpl BALL M.S.	
940	6	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1050		51	Draw 240 rds 3 inch HE mortar from ADDS quoting authority signal 01942 of 5 Jan from Div to ADDS	
941	6	32 Aust Enfs Coy		1145		52	Regret for Leaders course cancelled	Wk Plan (B)
942	6		Mae Coy	1300	1525	4	Sitrep	
943	6		2/7 bn	1450	1745	203	Sitrep	
944	6		2/5 bn		1715		Sitrep	
945	6		2/6 bn	1709	17		Sitrep	
946	6	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 3/7 bns		1800		205	Sitrep all informed	
947	6		Nedau	1850	2112	4	SITREP 2 boats north of NEPAW heading west. 1420 hrs BH DRAGON left NEPAW 1420 hrs heading NW	Rptd to Div (should read)
948	6		Mae Coy	1700	2118	5	Sitrep	
949	6		7 Bde	2035	2118	1202	SITREP to 1800 hrs 1/4 @ SITNOR	

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
950	6	Mac Coy		2310		207	JAP convoy sighted in waters between GASHATA and SAHAMAU last seen heading WEST	
951	7		2/6 Bn		0640	phone	Sitron	
952	7		2/5 Bn		0700	phone	Sitron	
953	7		Lieut PENNY 5 Bn	1400/4	0612/7	5128515	Sgt Lieut ASHTON and 75 ORs & list attached held up advice awaiting you and cannot make headway from as priority for self and ASHTON be arranged	JACTY 1/11/41
954	7		2/7 Bn	0712	0755	201	Sitron	
955	7	14 Aust Div 9 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0805		102	Sitron () all informed.	
956	7		2/6 Bn	1505/6	0755/7	126	Ref 11 Aust Div memo A.Q. (DAQ) 156 of 5 June Cpl MURREL a patient located 102 AGH	
957	7		Mac Coy	0800	0930	1	Sitron	
958	7		Mac Coy	1125	1325	2	Large vessel possibly merchant ship heading NW/O betch F27 heading West	B14 Moseley St F27 off Pines Pines after to Div 20/7
959	7		Wedau	1155	1402	3	Sitron. MOTU plane landed 0930 hrs left for G11 1000 hrs @ men returned 0800 hrs from TOPURA with QUININE	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
960	7		Mae Coy	1500	1630	3	Large merchant vessel B13 (Moreby Is) heading east	Rptd to Dis 204/7
961	7		Mae Coy	1430	1640	4	destroyer type vessel D21 (Dunoon Is) heading east @ 11M3 arrived TAUPOTA 1415 hrs engine trouble	Rptd to Dis 205/7
962	7		2/7 Bn	1630	1645	117	ref vacancy for coast watching etc @ nomination O VX 36388 Pts AUDIS LB	10/6
963	7		Mae Coy	1515	1807	6	ack (in reply to 51/7)	
964	7		2/6 Bn		1710		phone Sitnor	
965	7		Mae Coy	1300	1717	3	Sitnor	
966	7		2/7 Bn	1700	1740	203	Sitnor	
967	7		Mae Coy	1700	1808	6	Sitnor	
968	7		2/5 Bn		1800		phone Sitnor	
969	7	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1920		204	Sitnor @ all informed	
970	7		1 Bde	2000	2055	1203	SITNOR to 1800 hrs 1/1 @ SITNOR	
971	8		2/4 Bn		0700		phone Sitnor	
972	8		2/5 Bn		0707		phone Sitnor	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
973	8		2/7 Bn	0745	0500	201	Sitnor	
974	8	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		0805		202	Sitnor (C) all informed	
975	8		2/6 Bn	0800	0808	126	ref 17 Bde OP instr. No-110 ask.	
976	8		Wedau	0710		1	Sitnor AM 3 left 0635 hrs	
977	8		Mac Coy	0800	0930	1	Sitnor	Rptd to Div 204/8
978	8		Mac Coy	1105	1220	3	Destroyer CH (off Goodenough Is) heading WEST	Rptd to Div 205/3
979	8		MAC Coy	1300	1515	4	Sitnor	
980	8		Wedau	1200	1625	2	ref your 2/4 ask SITREP MOTH plane landed 0915 hrs. O message 2/4 was asked by our 4/4	To Mac Coy rptd HQ 17 Bde
981	8		2/5 Bn			1641	PHONE SITNOR	
982	8		2/6 Bn			1641	PHONE SITNOR	
983	8		2/7 Bn	1800	1815	203	Sitnor	
984	8	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1845		206	Sitnor (C) all informed	
985	8		Mac Coy	1100	1933	9	Sitnor	

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786	8		Wedau	1615	1925	3	ack reply to 5/8 we may have mail to north SITREP MOTH plane left for G141 1030 hrs @ damaged B25. Number left for G141 1300 hrs	Strip fence fixed to Dis 20/10
787	8		1 Bde	1935	1955	1200	Strip to 1800 hrs 4/8 @ SITNOR	
991	9		2/6 Bn		0640	phone	Sitrep	confirmation read 0819 hrs/9.
	9		2/5 Bn		0700	phone	Sitrep	
789	9		2/7 Bn	0700	0745	201	SITNOR	
789	9	11 Aust Div 7 Bde 2/5/2/6 2/7 Bns	—	0745	—	202	SITNOR @ all informed	
790	9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns, 7 Bde 17 Bde, 57 Radar etc	—	0700	—	201	forward from 1800L/9 to 1800L/10 MELLOW	
791	9		Mae Coy	0800	0822	1	Sitrep	
792	9		Wedau	0859	1000	2	Condition of STRIP good advise our operations	Rptd to Dis 20/9
793	9		Mae Coy	1300	1420	TNO	4 hrs Sitrep	Evidently correct
794	9		Wedau	1150	1445	3	Strip now lengthened 50 yds river end bank partly levelled @ Sitrep	Rptd to Dis 20/9

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6	9		2/5			1450	phone Sitnas		
7	9		2/7	1715	1755	203	Sitnas		
8	9	Mac Coy		1700	1815	4	Sitnas		
9	9	7 Beds		1716	2110	1205	Sitnas to 1800 hrs 4/9 Sitnas		
10	9	11 Aust Div		2025	2110	02019	BRIG FIELD adm comd 11 Aust Div and BRIG MOTEN this date all informed	Reptd to 2/5 2/6 2/7 211/9	
11	9			2245			phone AIR RAID YELLOW		
12	10		2/6 BN	0150			phone 1st flight left 2/6 hrs for wharf		
13	10	11 Div	11 Div	0600		151	18 offrs 321 ORs 2/6 BN 1 offr 10 ORs 17 Beds HQ embarked by 0515 hrs Remainder 11 offrs 264 ORs returned 2/6 BN on a 11 day rotation required		
14	10		2/5 Com			0705	phone Sitnas		
15	10	2/5 2/6 2/7 3/ Radio 1/ Beds Office		0700		201	password from 1800/10 to 1800/11 OLD FAITHFUL		

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOC or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
996	10 JAN		2/7 bn	0800	0839	201	Sitmor	
997	10	11 Coast Div Htd T Bde 2/5 2/4 2/1		0850		202	Sitmor @ all informed	
998	10		Mac Coy	0925	1100	2	destroyer type vessel D 31 (off Normandy Is) heading West	Rptd to Div 203/10
999	10		Mac Coy	1035	1148	2	torpedo boat type vessel E 22 (vicinity DAWSON STRAITS) heading WEST	Rptd to Div 204/10
1000	10		Wedau	1145	1300	2	Sitmor @ condition of affairs good	Rptd to Div 205/10
1001	10				1435		AIR RAID REP ALL CLEAR AT 1455	
1002	10		Mac Coy	1300	1315	1	Sitmor	
1003	10		Mac Coy	1430	1530	2	large merchant vessel and destroyer B 16 (vicinity MORESBY STRAITS) heading east	Rptd to Div 206/10
1004	10		2/5 bn		1645	phone	Sitmor	
1005	10		2/6 bn		1655	phone	Sitmor @ B HQ - 3 A 5 4 file HQ Coy (also Coy HQ) - 13 14 file C Coy all in Coy area	
1106	10		2/7 BN	1735	1745	203	Sitmor	
1107	10		MAC COY	1730	1815	5	Sitmor	

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
1108	10	2/5 2/6 2/7		2020		156	ascertain by 0900 hrs if you are personnel not immobilized for TET & TMB during past 2 months. O unit RMO to consolidate returns before conference 1000 hrs	
1109	10	2/5 2/6 2/7		2020		155	unit RMOs will report 2/2 Aust for ambulance HQ NOT later than 1000 hrs if you are O incls of TET and TMB immobilizations O HCR	
110	10		2/7 BN	1900		76	157/10 HCR	
111	10		2/7 BN	208			155/10 HCR	
112	10		2/7 BN	2200			156/10 HCR	
113	10		2/7 BN	2115		157	155/10 HCR	
1114	11		2/5 Bn				0700 phone Sitnet	
1115	11		2/7 Bn				0700 0810 201 Sitnet	
1114	11	2/5 2/6 2/7		0830		202	password from 1800/11 to 1800/12 1001.001001.00	
117	11		MTC. Coy.	0710 0800		1	Sitnet	
118	11		MTC. Coy.	1100 1115		2	large KETCH. or small merchant - vessel of 17 heading W-est.	apt'd to H Div

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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO of Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
119	11		Mac Coy	1300	1428	3	Sitna	
120	11		WEDAU	1600	1738	3	Jeanie arrived WEDAU 1430 hrs left immediately & situation normal	uptd to 11 Div 201/1140/1120(A)
121	11		2/7 BN	1700	1738	203	Sitna	
122	11		MAC Coy	1700	220	4	Sitna	
123	11		2/5 BN		1830	None	Sitna	
124	11		7 BDE	1832	1900	207	Sitna to 1800 hrs @ SITNOR	
125	11		Mac Coy	1935	2315	65	unidentified vessel heading north west	uptd to Div 201/11
126	12		2/5		0710	phone	Sitna	
127	12		2/7	0715	0810	201	Sitna	
128	11		Mac Coy	1727	0710/2	2	unidentified vessel BA uptd BA heading NW	
129	12	11 Asst Div uptd 7 Bde 2/5 up 2/7		0820		201	SITNOR @ all informed	
130	12		MAC Coy	0800	0930	1	Ketch towing small open boat E 25 up at 0735 hrs heading east @ Sitna	uptd to 11 Asst Div 202/0930/2 in 1130 (A) Ship to S C

REPORT ON TRACKS

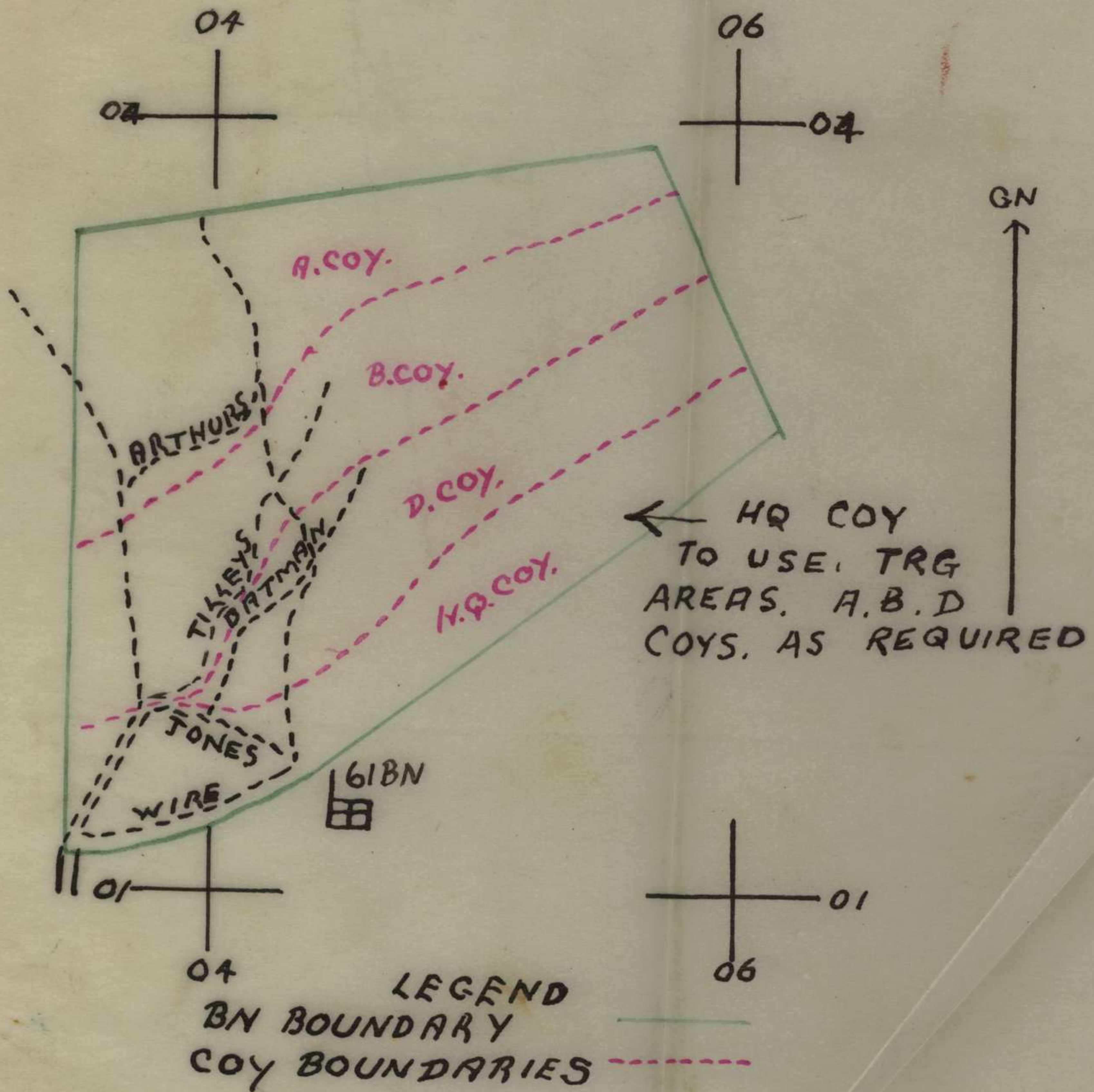
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Bn Ser No	Going From	Time To	Time if Route Dry	Time if Route Wet	Obstacles	Width of Track	Remarks.
Y3	036022 CREEK CROSSING	041031 (JOHNS)	35 mins	45 mins	AWADUMA CK at 036026 10ft wide 1ft deep.	Tps move in single file.	From ck crossing (036022) tk moves NORTH through coconuts to edge of AWADUMA CK 036026, crosses ck and proceeds through jungle up a very steep gradient for 300x then drops steep down other slope of feature for a further 250x into a native garden. After meeting WEHURIA CK continues along CK for 300x still in garden past 7 small huts on ck bank. From here moves in from ck to one single hut thence down to ck again at 049031 - entrance marked ARTHURS TRACK.
Y4	047019 (WEHURIA CREEK)	051029 (MOTOR TRACK)	40 mins	50 mins		Tps move in single file.	From WEHURIA CK, tk runs across dry ck bed thence into jungle and up gradient to tk junc 049021. Passes through sago swamp to village of GIHUA on hill. After fording ck (4 ft wide) tk passes through jungle for 600x and meets Motor tk at 051029.

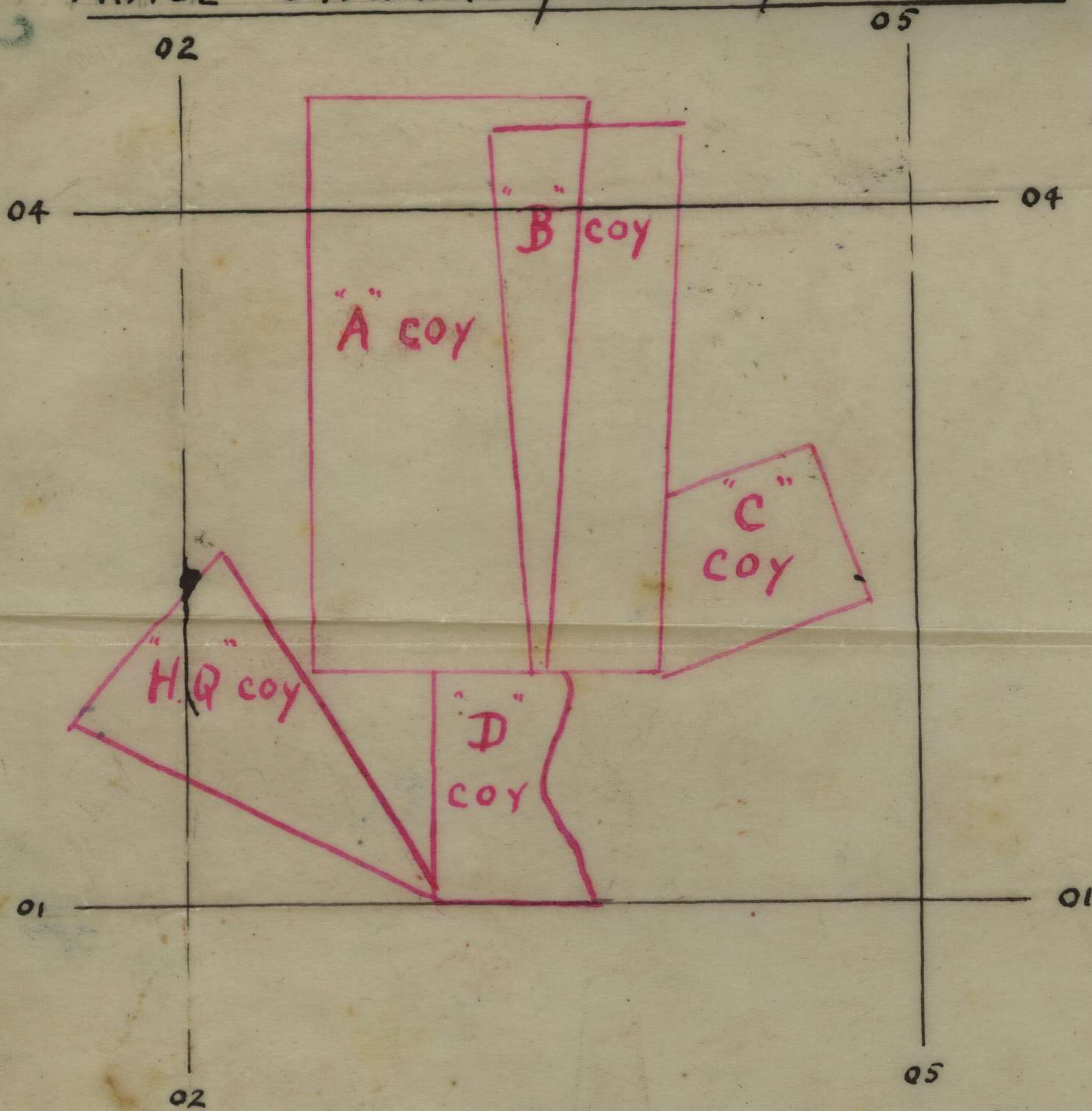
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TRACE SHOWING BN + COY TRG AREAS
FOR TWO WEEKS 7 TO 21 DEC INCL
REF MAP MILNE BAY PROV 2ND EDITION
TWO INCHES = ONE MILE



2/6 GN INT SEC.

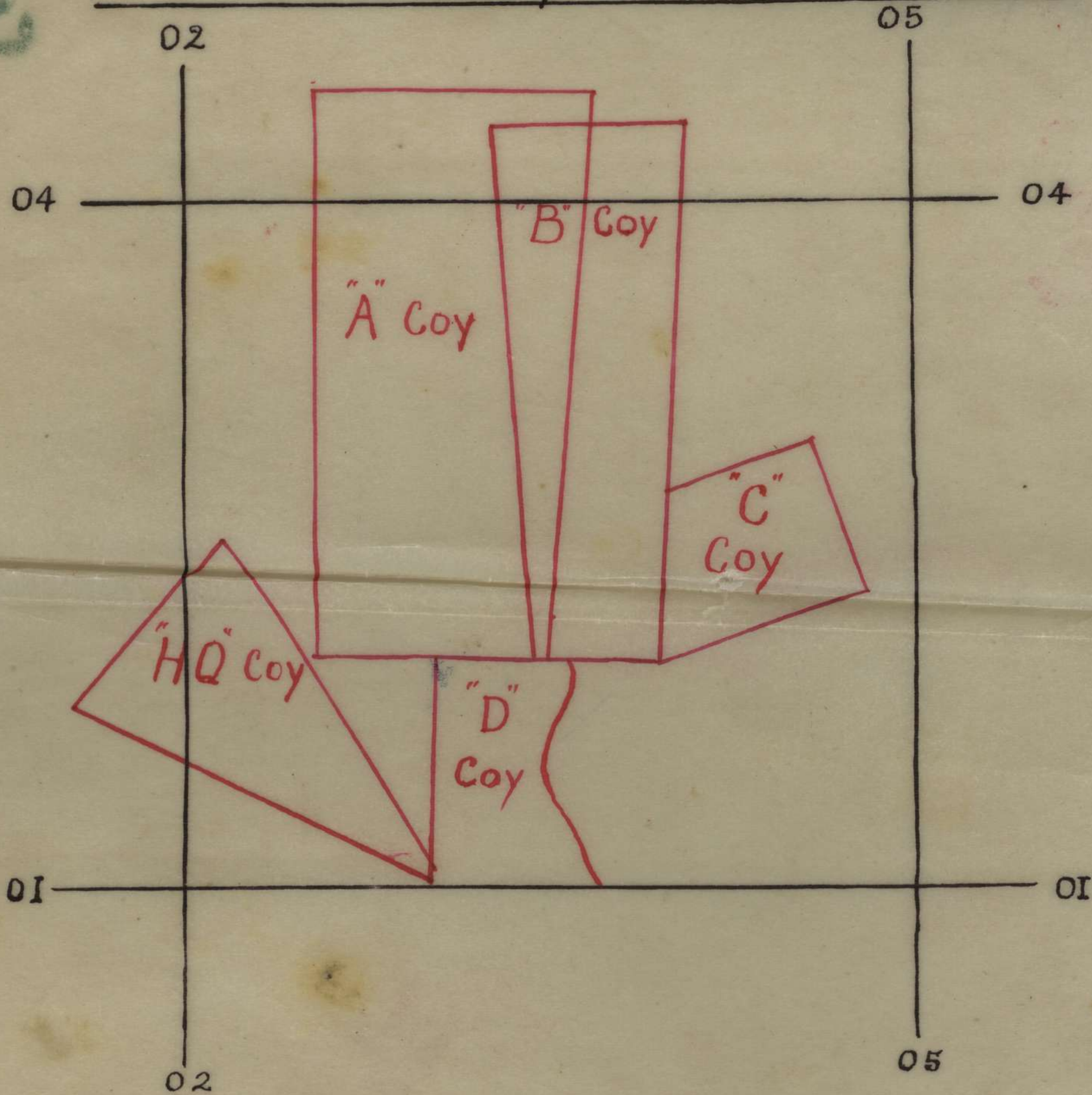
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MILNE BAY PROV 2" = 1 ML

TRACE SHOWING 2/6 BN Coy TNG AREAS

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Bn Ser No	Going From	Time To	Time if Route Dry	Time if Route Wet	Obstacles	Width of Track	Remarks
Y1	036021	042033 (BAD- ILLA)	45 mins	60 mins	WEHURIA ck crossing at 041027. Ck 25ft wide 1 ft deep. Rise of ck in hy rain would make this crossing unsafe for tps.	Tps move in single file(except for 150x along MOTOR Tk)	From entrance to pt 039022 tk passes through jungle and rises gradually. From this pt to 039025 the grade increases and a number of steps are encountered. At this pt, tk passes through fallen timber and a good view of TURNBULL Aerodrome can be obtained from here. After crossing the clearing, tk proceeds down into WEHURIA CK. After crossing ck follows on through jungle for a further 300-400x - along this stretch a single strand vine is placed on the rt hand side. The grade increases as the tk rises and passes through 150x of grasslands to meet MOTOR Tk. Following MOTOR Tk for 150x through grassland it leaves MOTOR Tk at 042032 swinging to the left, for another 200x to BADILLA(onehut). At entrance into jungle, tk has signpost-TILLEYS TRACK
Y2	039019 (From JONES TRACK) Tk named with signpost BATMAN AVE.	045026 (junc of VEHICLE Tk)	35 mins	45 mins	WEHURIA CK crossing at 043023. Ck 20ft wide 1ft deep. Rise of ck in hy rain would make this crossing unsafe for tps.	Tps moving in single file(except for 150x where JONES TK is built at 042023)	This tk leaves JONES Tk on top of small rise in a Native garden, proceeds through garden for 200x and then into jungle. From this pt the gradient is steep until top of feature is reached at 041022. On top of feature jungle has been cleared and TURNBULL Aerodrome can be seen. The tk passes down other side of feature to WEHURIA CK. 100x from ck it meets JONES Tk. After crossing river from JONES Tk, tk passes through native garden for 400x to VEHICLE tk.

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Bn Ser No	Going From	Time To	Time if Route Dry	Time if Route Wet	Obstacles	Width of Track	Remarks
Y1	036021	042033 (BAD- ILLA)	45 mins	60 mins	WEHURIA ck crossing at 041027. Ck 25ft wide 1 ft deep. Rise of ck in hy rain would make this crossing unsafe for tps.	Tps move in single file (except for 150x along MOTOR Tk)	From entrance to pt 039022 tk passes through jungle and rises gradually. From this pt to 039025 the grade increases and a number of steps are encountered. At this pt, tk passes through fallen timber and a good view of TURNBULL Aerodrome can be obtained from here. After crossing the clearing, tk proceeds down into WEHURIA CK. After crossing ck follows on through jungle for a further 300-400x - along this stretch a single strand vine is placed on the rt hand side. The grade increases as the tk rises and passes through 150x of grasslands to meet MOTOR Tk. Following MOTOR Tk for 150x through grassland it leaves MOTOR Tk at 042032 swinging to the left, for another 200x to BADILLA (onehut). At entrance into jungle, tk has signpost-TILLEY'S TRACK
Y2	039019 (From JONES TRACK) Tk named with signpost BATMAN AVE.	045026 (junc of VEHICLE Tk)	35 mins	45 mins	WEHURIA CK crossing at 043023. Ck 20ft wide 1ft deep. Rise of ck in hy rain would make this crossing unsafe for tps.	Tps moving in single file (except for 150x where JONES TK is built at 042023)	This tk leaves JONES Tk on top of small rise in a Native garden, proceeds through garden for 200x and then into jungle. From this pt the gradient is steep until top of feature is reached at 041022. On top of feature jungle has been cleared and TURNBULL Aerodrome can be seen. The tk passes down other side of feature to WEHURIA CK. 100x from ck it meets JONES Tk. After crossing river from JONES Tk, tk passes through native garden for 400x to VEHICLE

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BN SERIAL NO	GOING TIME		TIME IF	TIME IF	OBSTACLES	WIDTH OF TRACK	REMARKS
	FROM	TO	ROUTE DRY	ROUTE WET			
Y3	036022 CREEK CROSSING	049031 (JOHNS)	35 mins	45 mins	AWADUMA creek at 036026 10 ft wide 1 ft deep	This move in single file	from creek crossing (036022) track moves north through coconuts to edge of AWADUMA creek 036026, crosses creek and proceeds through jungle up a very steep gradient for 300 yds, then drops steeply down other slope of feature for a further 250 yds into a native garden after meeting NEHURIA creek continues along creek for 300 yds still in garden past 7 small huts on creek bank from here moves in from creek to one single hut thence down to creek again at 049031 - entrance marked ARTHURS TRACK
Y4	047019 (NEHURIA CREEK)	051029 (MOTOR TRACK)	40 mins	50 mins		This move in single file	from NEHURIA creek track runs across dry creek bed thence into jungle and up gradient to track point 049021 passes through sago swamp to village of GITHUA on hill. Thence down spur into creek, after foraging creek (4 ft wide) track passes through jungle for 600 yds and meets motor track at 051029.

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	FROM	TO					
Y1	036021	042033 (BADILLA)	45 mins	60 mins	WEHURIA creek crossing at 041027 creek 25 ft wide 1 ft deep. Rise of creek in heavy rain would make this crossing unsafe for the.	The move in single file (except for 150 yds along motor track)	From entrance to Pt 039022 track passes through jungle and rises gradually. From this pt to 039025 the grade increases and a number of steps are encountered. At this point track passes through fallen timber and a good view of TURNBULL aerodrome can be obtained from here. After crossing the clearing the track proceeds down into the WEHURIA creek. After crossing the creek follows on through jungle for a further 300 to 400 yds. - along this stretch a single strand of vine is placed on the right hand side. The grade increases as the track rises and passes through 150 yds of grass land to meet motor track. Following the motor track for 150 yds through grass land it leaves motor track at 042032 swinging to the left for another 200 yds to BADILLA (one hut) - AT Entrance into jungle - track has signpost - TILLEY'S TRACK
Y2	039019 (FROM JONES TRACK) TRACK named with signpost BATMAN AVE	045026 (junction of VEHICLE TRACK)	35 mins	45 mins	WEHURIA creek crossing at 043023 creek 20 ft wide 1 ft deep. Rise of creek in heavy rain would make this crossing unsafe for the.	No moving in single file (except for 150 yds where JONES track is built at 042023)	This track leaves JONES track on top of small rise in a NATIVE garden. Proceeds through garden for 200 yds and then into jungle. From this pt. the gradient is steep until top of feature is reached at 041022. On top of feature jungle has been cleared and TURNBULL aerodrome can be seen. The track passes down other side of feature to WEHURIA creek. 100 yds from creek it meets JONES track. After crossing river from JONES track, track passes through native garden for 400 yds to VEHICLE track.

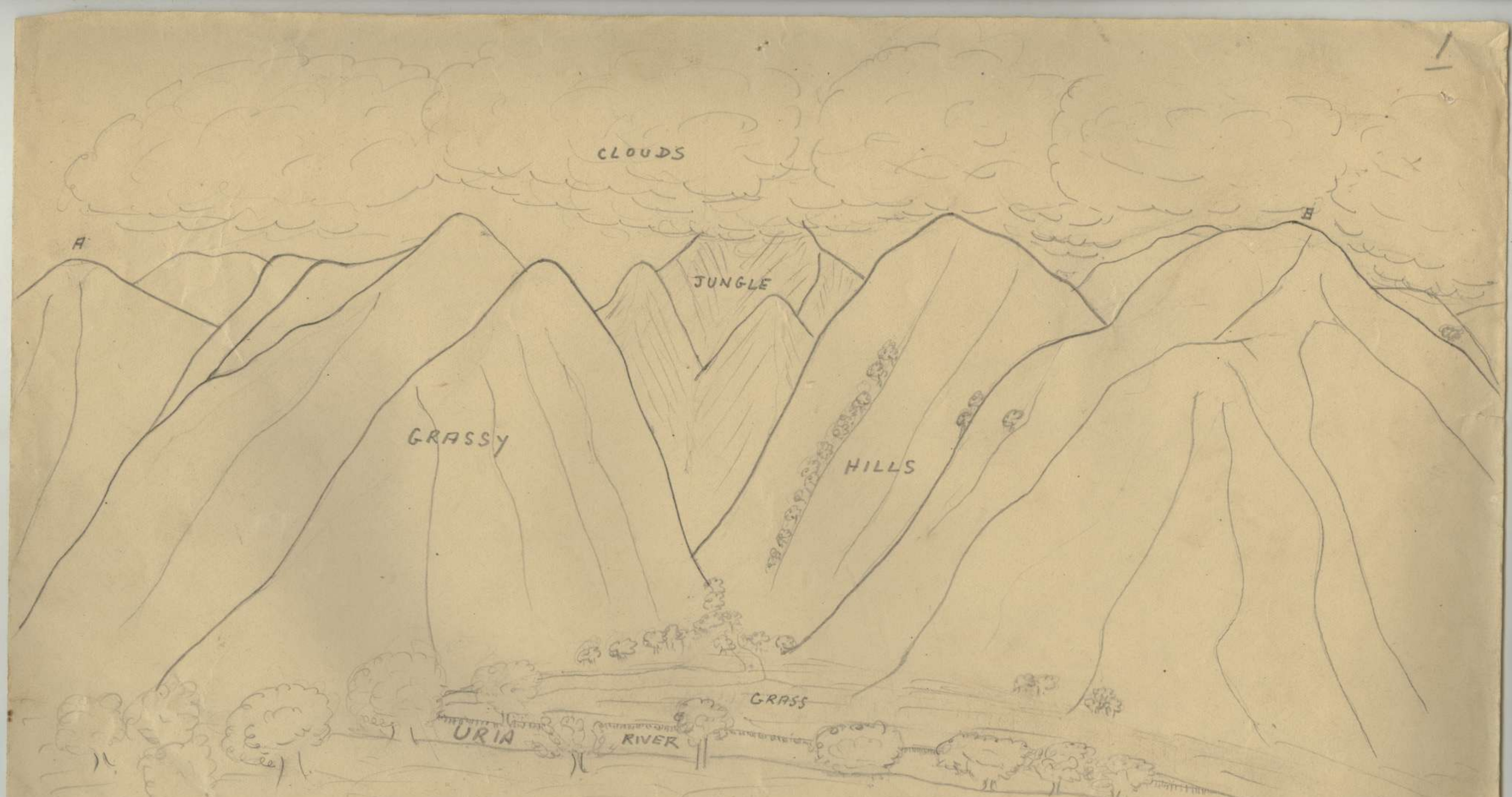
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Attached panoramic views are typical of the hills in this coastal area.

It will be noted that the hills are so similar that none is outstanding. The mountains behind the grassy hills have been obscured by clouds since our arrival.

An view of the above it is doubtful if the fixing of "high features" can be of any practical value, but it is suggested that the coastline and rivers so marked on the Jankola - Sedau Aerial map are the best landmarks.

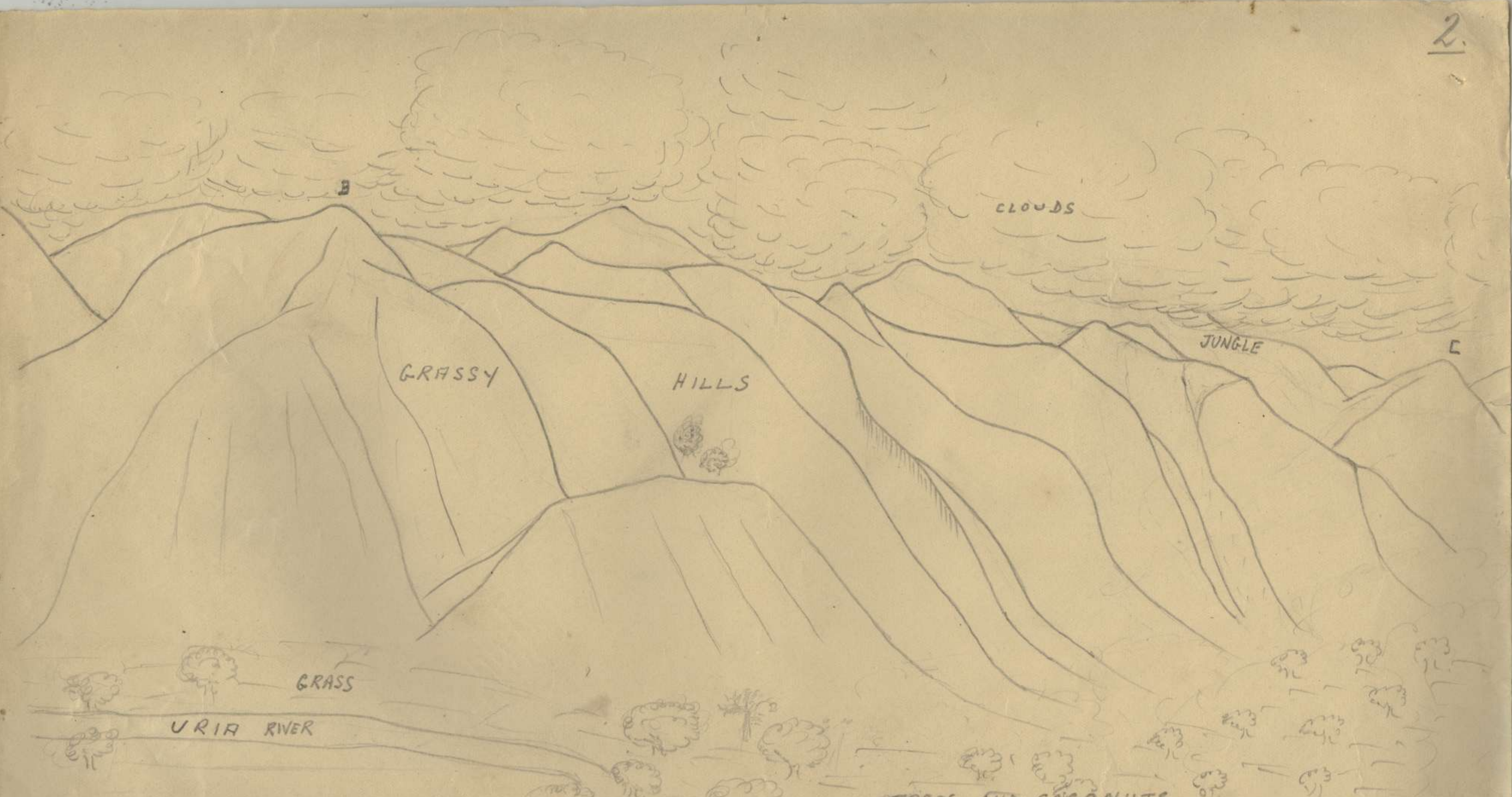
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PANORAMIC SKETCH FROM 200
YARDS WEST OF TRUPOTA MISSION.
BEARING TO 'A' 207° T, TO 'B' 223° T.

TIME: 1000 hrs
DATE: 9 NOV 42
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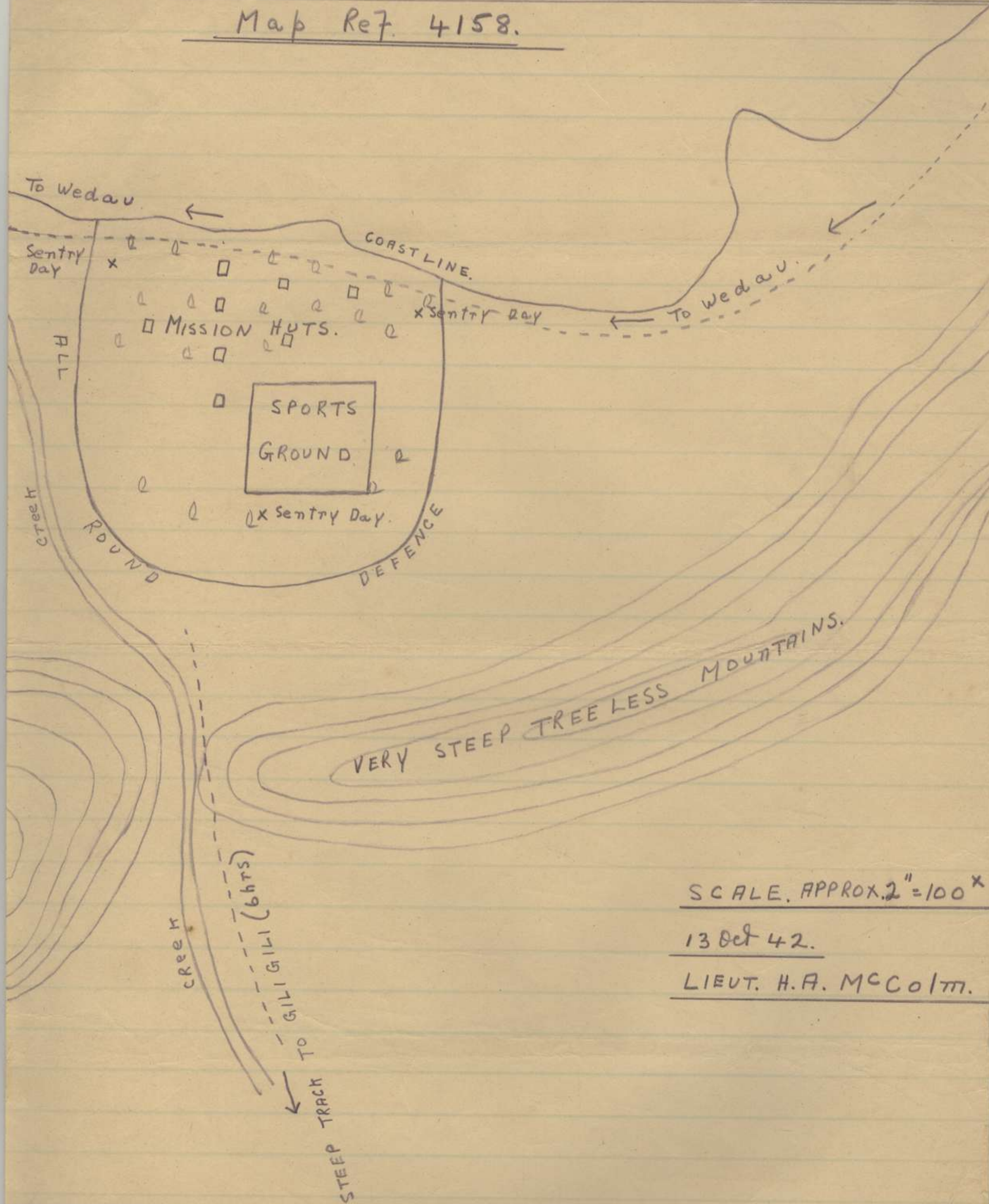
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PANORAMIC SKETCH FROM
 200 YARDS WEST OF TAUPOTA
 MISSION. BEARING TO 'B' 223° T, TO 'C' 275° T.

TIME: 1000 HRS
 DATE: 9 NOV. 42
 VISIBILITY: GOOD
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ROUGH SKETCH TAUPOTA AREA (16 Pl "D" Coy 2/9 Bn) Ref SAMARAI 1/253,440.

Map Ref. 4158.



SCALE. APPROX. 2" = 100'

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Water: Pure, free running creek. Never dry. 2 Defence: All round, but area too large for a platoon. Coy. area. 3 Concealment: Limited number of trees, but 16 Pl using native huts. 4 Tracks: Very poor footpath only in all directions. 5 Waterfront: About 30' depth 10' from shore. 6 Area drained naturally. 7 Hygiene: Area very clean. 8 Line of withdrawal track to Gili Gili. 9 Ample Fruit & Veggies available.