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TO

NEW GUINEA FORCES

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

KANGA FORCE

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SITREP 266 TO 2330L/17 (.) MULO AREA (.) ENEMY DISPOSNS HOLDING
 SADDLE AREA STRENGTH ESTIMATED 300 (.) BY MORTAR IN POSN LABABIA
 TRACK 800 YDS FROM SADDLE SMALL PATROLS LABABIA SIDE BUISIVAL R
 ALSO SMALL PATROLS XXX WAIWALI TRACK (.) OUR DISPOSNS ONE SUB SEC
 5 LND COY COVERING LOWER GUADACASEL TRACK TWO SUB SECS OCCUPYING
 DET POSN FWD HOUSE BANANA MAIN BODY VICINITY HOUSE BANANA

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Originator's Number
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In Reply to Number

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SITREP 267 TO 1000L/18 (.) LAE O.P. REPORTS 0800L/18 ONLY SLIGHT BARGE ACTIVITY
MAYBE MAINTENANCE STAFF AFTER TERRIFIC STORM LAST NIGHT (.) SALAMUA O.P.
NOTHING TO REPORT (.) MUBO AREA NO REPORT (.) WAU (.) 0912L/18 DOUGLAS PLANE
NO. 138667 CRASHED APPROX. 2/300 YARDS N.E. WAU DROME

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TO: NEW GUINEA FORCE

FROM: KALOA FORCE

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DATE: 18

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6577

Date

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SITREP 269 to 1900L/18 (.) LAE OP report (.) 0955L/18 ALLIED PLANES OVER LAE (.) 1200L/18 A 195 AND SEVEN BOMBERS RAIDED LAE (BOMBS LANDED AREA TERRACE AND SOUTH TO SEA (.) ONE THIRD BOMBS DROPPED FELL IN SEA (.) DUMP NW END DRONE SET ON FIRE NO OTHER DAMAGE VISIBLE (.) BARGES STILL PARKED REF LAE LOCALITY MAP WHARFS 121 124 DO NOT APPEAR TO BE DAMAGED (.) SUGGEST PLANES APPROACH FROM NE OVER TARGET WOULD GET BETTER RESULTS (.) 1355L/18 FOUR TRANSPORT PLANES ESCORT SIX ZEKES PATROLLING LANDED LAE DRONE (.) TPTS AND ESCORT LEFT 1415L/18 (.) 1320 and 1420L/18 FIVE CANOES SAILED UP MARKHAM R (.) SALAMUA OP REPORTS 1100L/18 ALLIED PLANES OVER KOMIATUM AREA (.) 1110L/18 LT BOMBING AND MG FIRE HEARD (.) ONE PLANE LOW OVER SALAMUA ONE BURST MG FIRE HEARD (.) 1015L/18 RIGHT

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ P 38 A/C OBSERVED HEADING DIRECTION LAE (.) MUBO AREA (.) NO CHANGE (.)
A COY 2/6 BN BALLANS (.) B COY 2/6 BN SKINDIVAL (.) NO REPORT FROM D COY
2/6 BN EN ROUTE TO TILBE (.) NO REPORT FROM 15 PL C COY 2/6 BN
AT BLACKCAT REF MAP WAU 4 ml L(W)4979

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FROM

KANGA FORCE

Originator's Number

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Date

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SITREP 270 TO LOOCL/19(.) LAE OP REPORTS CANOE ACTIVITY MOUTH OF
 MARKHAM RIVER TO LABU HIDEOUTS ON THE BANK OF MARKHAM RIVER REF MAPS
 MARKHAM STRAT 4 ML VICINITY L(R) 5843 (.) 1830L/18 NO PLANES KNOWN TO BE
 ON DROME (.) SALAMUA OP REPORTS 1630L/18 OBSERVED TWO SOLDIERS
 WALKING ALONG ISTHMUS APPEARED DRESSED COMPLETELY IN WHITE UNIFORMS(.)
 0600 to 0800L/19 NOTHING TO REPORT (.) 2/6 BN NOTHING TO REPORT

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SITREP 271 to 1402/19 (.) MUBO AREA (.) NO ENEMY MOVEMENT OBSERVED FWD OF SADDLE (.) OWN DISPOSITIONS ONE SEC 7 IND COY IN STRONG AMBUSH POSN HOUSE MAMBU REF MAP WAU 4 ML STRAT L(W) 6782 (.) ONE SEC 7 IND COY AT EACH OF FOLLOWING PLACES (.) HOUSE BANANA L(W) 6601 (.) HOUSE STAIRS L(W) 6580 (.) BUTBAINING L(W) 6684 (.) REMAINDER 7 IND COY B COY 2/6 BN AND 5 IND COY SKINDINAI (.) 15 PL C COY 2/6 BN PATROLLING AREA L(W) 4882 to L(W) 5183 (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ D COY 2/6 BN EN ROUTE TO STAIRS

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In Reply to Number

G 584

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SITREP 272 TO 1800L/19 (.) LAE OP REPORTS (.) 0940L/19 SEVEN ALLIED A/C BOMBED LAE ALL BOMBS LANDED MALAHANG PLANTATION DAMAGE NOT VISIBLE (.) VERY HY AA FROM TERRACE (.) NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS DROME ALSO FROM BETWEEN WEBBS REF LAE LOCALITY MAP 53 AND BUMBU R (.) 1400L/19 ONE ALLIED BOMBER BOMBED STRANDED TPT MALAHANG (.) ALL BOMBS MISSED TARGET (.) SALAMUA OP NOTHING TO REPORT (.) MUBO AREA (.) NO CHANGE (.) WAU (.) SITNOR

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**SITREP 273 TO 0900L/20 (.) LAE OP REPORTS (.) 1830 TO 1930L/19 BARGE ACTIVITY
 LAE TO MALAHANG AND LAE TO LABU (.) VISIBILITY POOR (.) 0600 TO 0800L/20
 NOTHING TO REPORT (.) SALAMAUA OP NOTHING TO REPORT (.) MUBO AREA AND WAU
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SITREP 274 TO 1900L/20 (.) LAE OP REPORTS (.) 0840L/20 ALLIEDA/C BOMBED LAE SCORING DIRECT HITS ON BLDGS AND M3 POSNS ON TERRACE (.) BOMBS ALSO DROPPED OTHERSIDE TERRACE TOWARD MALAHANG (.) 1130 TO 1500L/20 OP CLOSED IN BY MIST (.) SALAMUA OP REPORTS (.) 0930L/20 TWO PINNACES OBSERVED MOVING DIRECTION KONG POINT (.) PINNACES NOT RETURNED SALAMUA BY 1600 HRS (.) A/C ACTIVITY NIL (.) MUDO ABRA (.) NO CHANGE (.) FURTHER ENEMY EQPT AND DOCUMENTS CAPTURED GARRISON HILL 12 JAN BEING FWD'D BY AIR 21 JAN (.) WAU SITREP

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**XXE SITREP 275 TO 0900L/21 (.) LAE OP NO REPORT (.) SALAMAUA OP REPORTS (.)
2310L/20 ONE A/C APPROACHED SALAMAUA FROM DIRECTION FINSCHAFEN CIRCLED
SALAMAUA AND OUR OP-THEN FLEW BACK TOWARDS LAE (.) MUBO AREA NO REPORT**

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SITREP 276 TO 1600L/21 (.) LAE OP 1600 TO 2000L/20 AND 0600 TO 0745L/21
 NOTHING TO REPORT (.) 0800 HRS ALLIED PLANES RAIDED LAE BOMBS LANDED EAST
 SIDE MALAHANG PLANTATION TOWARDS SEA (.) 1600L/21 NOTHING TO REPORT (.)
 NEW AA POSNS LAE REF MAP LAE LOCALITY 3323 AT LEAST ONE AA GUN (.) MAP REF
 4706 AT LEAST THREE AA GUNS AND MG WHERE ONLY ONE IS SHOWN (.) FOUR HY AA GUNS
 SHOWN SW END DROME APPEAR TO BE NO LONGER IN ACTION (.) NEW HY AA GUN POSN
 SITED SE LOCATION REF 53 APPROX MIDWAY BETWEEN 53 AND BUTIBUM R (.) AA ON
 TERRACE ALSO REINFORCED BUT PROBABLY SOME DESTROYED RESULT YESTERDAYS RAID (.)
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SALAMAUA OP REPORTS (.) 1000L/21 FOUR MED BOMBERS OVER SALAMAUA X 3000 FT
(.) ALL BOMBS SEEN TO DROP ON ISTHMUS (.) LT AA FIRE USUAL INACCURACY (.)
NO FIRMS OBSERVED AFTER RAID (.) MUBO AREA NO REPORT

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SITREP 277 TO 1000L/22 (.) LAE AND SALAMAUA OPS NOTHING TO REPORT (.)
 MUBO AREA (.) 1600L/21 OUR RECCE PATROL BUININING REF MAP WAU STRAT
 4 ML L(W) 6684 OBSERVED ENEMY PATROL OF APPROX FIFTY MOVING FROM BITOI
 R TOWARDS BLACKCAT TRACK ON BEARING OF 280 DEGREES FROM BUIBINING ALSO
 FIFTEEN JAP OBSERVED BATHING IN BITOI R NEAR BUIBINING (.) FIGHTING
 PATROL OF FIFTY FIVE LEFT SKINDIWAI FIRST LIGHT 22 JAN CONTACT RECCE
 PATROL FOR LATEST INFM AND ACT ON INITIATIVE (.) RECCE PATROL ALSO

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SENT LALIBU L (W) 6685	ASCERTAIN	ROUTE TAKEN	NUMBER OF ENEMY AND IF	FURTHER ENEMY IN AREA (.) RECCE PATROL OUR TPS MOVING FWD TO HOUSE
COPPER L (W) 5984	FROM BLACKCAT	22 JAN	all	informed

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**SITREP 273 TO 1700L/22 (.) LAE OF REPORTS (.) 0805L/22 SEVEN ALLIED PLANES
 RAIDED LAE BOMBS LANDED IN BUSH NW SIDE DROME ALSO ON TERRACE AND DISTRICT OFFICE
 CONSIDERED SOME DAMAGE TO BLDGS ON TERRACE (.) 0900 HRS FIRES OBSERVED BUTIDUM
 VILLAGE THOUGHT TO BE COOKHOUSES ALSO FIRES SEEN NEXT B PS STORE AND IN BUSH
 NEAR POINT EAST OF STRANDED TPT (.) 1245L/22 PLANES HEARD PATROLLING LAE
 NO AA APPEAR TO BE JAP (.) 1310 HRS FOUR PLANES TOOK OFF HEADED EAST (.)
 VISIBILITY POOR ALL DAY (.) 1820 HRS VISIBILITY NIL NOTHING KNOWN RE
 POSN A/C ON DROME (.) SALAMUA OF NOTHING TO REPORT (.) MUDO AREA (.)
 OUR RECCE PATROL SADDLE AREA REPORT SADDLE OCCUPIED APPROX THIRTY ENEMY SEEN (.)
 OUR RECCE PATROL BULBAINING OBSERVED ENEMY MOVING TOWARDS BLACKCAT BETWEEN**

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1300 AND 1400L/22 (.) PATROL WATCHING FOR ENEMY MVT DIRECTION WAIPALI (.)
NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM REGGE PATROL LALIBU (.) ALL INFORMED

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SITREP 280 TO 1700L/23 (.) LAE OP REPORTS (.) 0930 TO 1530L/23 OCCASIONAL GLIMPSES LAE ONLY (.) 1100 TO 1120 HRS ALLIED PLANES BOMBED LAE (.) AA IN ACTION (.) NO VISIBILITY (.) SALAMAUA OP REPORTS (.) 0805L/23 FOUR ALLIED A/C OVER LOGUI AREA (.) 1025 HRS ONE ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVED LEAVING DROME HEADED DIRECTION PINSCHAVEN (.) 1300 HRS TWO ALLIED A/C OVER SALAMAUA KOMIATUM AREA BY MG FIRE HEARD (.) MUBO AREA (.) OUR RECCE PATROL BUIBINING REPORTS EIGHT MORE ENEMY OBSERVED MOVING TOWARDS BLACKCAT AT APPROX 1155L/23 (.) MUBO HEAVILY BOMBED AND STRAFED AT 1300L/23 DETAILS NOT YET TO HAND (.) REF SITREP 279 (.) REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED BLACKCAT FROM WAU AT 1300 HRS (.) BENA BENA (.) BENA FORCE

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TO **WGP RPTD FLEAY FORCE 2/6 BN**

FROM **KANGA FORCE**

Originator's Number
G 609

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 281 TO 100CL/24 (.) LACK OF NOTHING TO REPORT (.) SALAMAUA OF REPORTS (.) TWO NEW HOUSES NOT PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED ARE LOCATED UNDER COCONUT PALMS REF MAP SALAMAUA HARBOUR 1/26000 7930CL (.) MUDO AREA (.) NOW CONSIDERED ENEMY TPS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MOVING TOWARDS BLACKCAT CAMPED IN BULIMING AREA (.) ONE PL 2/6 BN SENT PWD 24 JAN REINFORCE FIGHTING PATROL FIFTY FIVE STRONG SENT PWD FIRST LIGHT 22 JAN (.) NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT (.) ALL INFORMED

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KANGA FORCE

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 282 TO 1900L/24 (.) LAE OP REPORTS (.) 1722L/23 VISIBILITY IMPROVED (.) COOKING FIRES HAVE BEEN NOTICED RECENTLY BUTIUM VILLAGE SUGGESTING ENEMY OCCUPATION (.) SMOKE ALSO OBSERVED AT FOLLOWING PLACES (.) REF MAP LAE LOCALITY LOCATION REF NUMBERS 102 (.) 103 (.) 106 (.) 74 (.) AND 64 TO 70 INCLUSIVE (.) 1110L/24 ONE U/I A/C OVER AREA FOR TWENTY MINUTES (.) 1200 HRS SEVEN ALLIED PLANES RAIDED LAE (.) BOMBS DROPPED ON TERRACE (.) NO AA FROM THIS QUARTER BUT SOME FROM POSNS NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS DRONE ALSO HEARD (.) 1545 HRS LOW LEVEL ATTACK ON LAE BY ALPS (.) UNABLE OBSERVE RESULTS OWING MIST (.) 1800 HRS NOTHING TO REPORT (.) BEMA BEMA (.) SITUATION UNCHANGED (.) NO REPORT FROM KAINANTU (.) BUREAU REPORT (.) ALL INFORMATION

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TO NGF rptd 2/5 2/6 BNS FLAY

FROM KANGA ✓

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 288 to 1000L/27 (.) LAE OP REPORTS 1600 to 2000L/26 SITNOR (.) 0615L/27
TWO ALLIED A/C RAIDED LAE BOMBS DROPPED (.) AA IN ACTION (.) DAMAGE NOT KNOWN
(.) SALAMAUA OP REPORTS (.) 0500L/27 A/C HEARD ONCE AREA NO BOMBS DROPPED (.)
MUBO AREA (.) 1900L/26 RECCE PATROL DISTANTLY OBSERVED BOMBING STRAFING MUBO
26 JAN 35 MINUTES DURATION (.) SADDLE AREA SITNIL (.) BENA FORCE (.) 0840L/27
SITNOR

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SIGNED *Thang Capt.*

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TO *N&F rptd 2/5 2/6 BNS FLEET FORCE*

FROM *KANGA*

Originator's Number *G 649* Date *27* In Reply to Number

<i>Sitrep</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>2000 4/27</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>LAE</i>
<i>0 1/2</i>	<i>reports</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>damage</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>raid</i>
<i>0615 4/27</i>	<i>apparently</i>		<i>fires</i>	<i>started</i>	<i>PINNACE</i>
<i>JETTY</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>70825</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>further</i>	<i>raid</i>
<i>by</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>F19s</i>	<i>A/C</i>	<i>strapped</i>	<i>pooms</i>
<i>LAFBU</i>	<i>SUGARLOFF</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1100</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>seven</i>
<i>bombers</i>	<i>escorted</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>P38s</i>	<i>raided</i>	<i>LAE</i>

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○ bombs dropped east side MALAHANG
PLANTATION parallel BUSU R ○ damage
NOT known STALMAUA o/p reports ○ 1100
to 1145/27 two bombs four fighters
over area ○ one burst MG fire
heard direction KOMIATUM also number
bombs dropped ○ BLACKCAT SIT NOR

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(C) WANDUMI area (C) 1215-1/27 own - recce
 patrol opened fire on 12 japs
 laying booby traps on track approx
 one mile NORTH WANDUMI (C)
 patrolling continues (C) BENNA FORCE 2030-1/26
 japs direction sign obtained from
 BUMBUM area translated MAVHVI (C)

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*of rd leading to AIYQUA and
KAINANTU strenght of parties unknown @
BENA retreat at KAINANTU can harass
and delay only 08404/27 situation
unchanged*

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 PLANTATION parallel BUSU R O damage
 NOT known STAMMAVA opp reports O 1100
 to 1145/37 two bombers four fighters
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*of rd heading to RIYRUH and
KAMANTU strength of
BENA station at
and delay only
unchanged*

*KAMANTU - can be seen
0840/27 situation*

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WCF rptd 2/5 2/7 DNS PLAY FORCE ADV TO 2/5 IN

FROM

KANGA

Originator's Number

6 659

Date

18

In Reply to Number

REPORT 293 TO 1800/18 (.) LAE OF REPORTS 1855/17 ONE U/I A/C
HEARD FROM EAST THROUGHT LANDED LAE (.) 1800 TO 1800/17 NO VISIBILITY
(.) SALAMUA SIGNAL (.) BLACKCAT AREA (.) 0600/18 (.) PATROL 2/6 BN
LEFT BLACKCAT FOR WANDONI (.) WANDONI AREA (.) 0845/18 JAPS APPROACHED
TO WITHIN 50 YDS OUR POSNS WANDONI (.) 0445 TO 0545 HRS OUR POSNS
SUBJECT TO ME AND HEAVY FIRE (.) 0530 HRS ENEMY MOVED ROUND OUR
RIGHT FLANK FORCING MOVE BETTER POSN GREAT RIDGE APPROX 500 YDS SOUTH
WANDONI IN NEW POSN 0600 HRS (.) 0945 HRS UNKNOWN NUMBER ENEMY
OBSERVED MOVING DOWN RE-ENTRANCE ON OUR LEFT FLANK DIRECTION CRYSTAL
CK REF MAP MAU 4 ND SCAL 1:100,000 4472 (.) TRACK WANDONI CRYSTAL CR

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COVERED BY SMALL STANDING PATROL ONE AND HALF MILES ALONG TRACK
FROM CRISTAL CK (.) 1810 HRS FURTHER NO ENEMY OBSERVED MOVING
DOWN THE-STREAM ON OUR LEFT FLANK (.) 1900 HRS ONE PL B COE 2/5 BN
ON WAY REINFORCE OUR TPS VANDONI REPORTED MIDWAY KALISIK VANDONI
(.) NO ESTIMATE ENEMY CASUALTIES RECEIVED TO DATE BUT MORTARS AND
GRENADES USED TO GREAT EFFECT OUR CASUALTIES ONE KILLED &
WOUNDED & (.) MINDO AREA (.) 1800/27 B COE 2/5 BN LEFT BUILDING
FOR HOUSE COPPER CUT OFF JAP RETREAT (.) SEA FORCE (.) REPORT OUR
PATROL AT VANDONI (.) 1800 HRS VANDONI AREA 1800 HRS

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RAINANTU BENABINA (.) 17 JAN SHOTS HEARD VICINITY MARKHAM R REF MAP
MARKHAM 4 ML STRAT L(Q) 9854 (.) 19 JAN SMOKE OBSERVED KALAPIT (.)
MAIN BLDGS STILL INTACT POSSIBLY GRASS FIRE (.) WAMPUR (.) NATIVES
REPORT RAINANTU EVACUATED (.) NO ENEMY IN OCCUPATION WAMPUR KALAPITU
(.) UNABLE OBTAIN CARRIERS RAINANTU BENABINA (.) ALL INFORMED

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NGF RPTD 2/5 2/6 BNS PLEAY FORCE

FROM

KANGA

Originator's Number

G 669

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 291 TO 1600L/28 (.) LAE OP REPORT (.) 0810 TO 1015L/28 10/12
 JAPS IN PARTIES OF TWOS AND THREES APPEARED ENTER HEATHS (.) 1100
 HRS COOKING FIRES STARTED OVER WIDESPREAD AREA STILL GOING 1340 HRS
 (.) 1335 HRS 4 TPT PLANES LANDED LAE TOOK OFF 1345 HRS NE (.) 2 TRUCKS
 APPEARED COLLECT CARGO AND MOVE OFF ONE IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION
 OTHER UNKNOWN (.) SAME TIME ONE BARGE LEFT LABU HEADED LAE (.)
 2 BARGES USUALLY MOORED PINNACLE JETTY NO LONGER VISIBLE APPEAR TO
 HAVE BEEN MOVED DURING NIGHT (.) SALAMAU OP (.) NOTHING TO REPORT
 (.) BLACKCAT 1230L/28 OUR PATROL BLACKCAT WANDUMI NEAR WANDUMI REPORT
 NO CONTACT OUR TFS OR ENEMY (.) 1437 HRS PATROL REPORTED JAP TK 10

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FELT WIDE RUNNING EAST AND WEST REF MAP WAU 4 ML STRAT L(W) 4878
(.) 1447 HRS PATROL IN CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY (.)
WANDUMI AREA (.) 1310 HRS BLINFT PL FROM BALLAMS ARRIVED WANDUMI
(.) 1330 HRS RECCO PATROLS MOVED OUT WESTWARD FROM SUMMIT BALLAMS
KALSINIK TO LOCATE ENEMY AND REPORT (.) 1445 HRS HY ENEMY ATTACK
ON OUR POSNS SOUTH OF WANDUMI (.) 1510 HRS ONE OF OUR PVD PLS
OVERRUN (.) IMMEDIATE COUNTER ATTACK RECAPTURED ORIGINAL POSN AT
1540 HRS (.) OUR POSN DESPERATE (.) 1456 HRS REMAINING TPS WAU
ONE COY STRONG MOVED PVD REINFORCE OUR TPS WANDUMI (.) 1708 HRS
NUMBER U/I TPS OBSERVED MOVING TOWARDS WANDUMI FROM TRIG PT (.)

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1745 HRS ELEMENTS REINETS BK WAD ARRIVED OUR POSN AND IN ACTION
(.) 1750 HRS LARGE NUMBERS ENEMY MOVING TOWARDS WANDUMI FROM
TRIG PT (.) NO ACCURATE ESTIMATE BUT MORE THAN 100 (.) 1745 HRS
BM TOOK OVER COMD ALL TPS WANDUMI AREA

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FROM KANGA
292 TO

Originator's Number
G 679

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In Reply to Number

SITREP 1000L/29 (.) WANDUMI AREA (.) 0300L/29 OWN TPS HOLDING SLIPPERY RIDGE
(.) 2(W)4572 (.) CROSSING BULOLO RIVER BETWEEN HERE AND CRYSTAL CK BEING
HEAVILY BOMBED BY JAP MORTARS (.) RIVER AT PRESENT IN FLOOD IMPOSSIBLE EVACUATE
WOUNDED (.) 0930 HRS OPPOSING ENEMY FORCE ESTIMATED 3/500 ALSO LARGE NUMBERS
ENEMY BY PASSING OUR POSN (.) INSUFFICIENT FORCE PREVENT THIS MOVE BY ENEMY (.)
BLACKCAT (.) 0215L/29 NO COMMUNICATION WITH WANDUMI PATROL (.) HOLDING TRACK
JUNC REF MAP WAU 4 ML STRAT L(W) 2680 WITH ONE SEC (.) ONE COY HOUSE COPPER
(.) BLACKCAT ONE PL AND TWO SECS PLUS THREE DETS MORTARS (.) WAU AREA (.)
2250L/28 OUR TPS HOLDING LINE BIG WAU CK COVERING DROME (.) NIGHT QUIET TILL
0615 HRS WHEN ENEMY OPENED FIRE WITH RIFLE AND MORTARS INTERMITTENT FIRE

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CONTINUED UNTIL 0815 HRS (.) SALAMAUA OP(.) NOTHING TO REPORT (.) LAE OP
1815L/28 (.) OP COVERED BY MIST 1400 to 1730L/28 NO PLANES KNOWN TO BE ON
DROME THEN (.) ALL INFORMED

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TO *NGF rptd 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS FLEET FORCE*

FROM *KANCA*

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

*Sitrep 293 to 2100 1/29 @ LAE O/P reports @ 1905 1/25
two barges left. LAE headed east appeared headed FINCH HAVEN
@ low cloud obscured visibility @ 1050 1/29 one A19 reced
LABU then flew off SE @ visibility poor due mists @ SAITAMAU
O/P NO report @ WANDUM area 0930 1/29 enemy force
3/500 lbs on car front also large numbers moved to
left by-passing our posns @ as attack fwd would*

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mean attack uphill each ridge overlooked by another it
was decided to withdraw to WAD side BOLLO R. © Since 0930 L/P
NO communication with WANDOMI AREA © our casualties
believed to be heavy © WAD area 0950 L/P 29 first of 1st planes
arrived © in all 60 planes flew in during day bringing total
814 L/Ps one of our fighters H/c parachuted on ground © immediately
on arrival D coy 3/5 Bn moved to assist B coy 3/5 in defence

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of drome @ A coy 2/7 On move [redacted] out along track
to CRYSTAL CK @ remainder 2/7 remain in WAO as reserve
1630 2/29 A coy 2/7 bn contacted enemy vicinity LEANS FARMS
ref map HUON GOLF 4 ML (L) IN H174 @ strength unknown @
enemy using mortar and two M.M.C.S. @ A coy moved forward
to ridge on left flank @ est. enemy casualties 16 @
BLACK CAT @ BLACK CAT - WANDUM patrol arrived WAO today

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① leaving for BLACKHAT 30 Jan ① HOUSE COPPER 0950 1/29
coy 76 Bn struck opposition BITOI side of house COPPER ①
enemy strength unknown ① enemy casualties 1000 on
1 killed 6 wounded ① 1407 1/29 forced withdrawal ①
one pl now WAB FINING remainder moving WAB FINING ①
all informed

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*Setup 294 to 0730 4/30 @ during afternoon 29
Jan our WANDUM bay overrun @ enemy
in considerable strength now in crystal
ch area @ 0630 hrs enemy commenced
strong attack on WFO dome @ attack
continuing*

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TO NGF 2/5 2/6 2/7 (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
A TP 2/1 FO REGT BNS I LAY FORCE 2/5 2/7 1WO COYS 2/9 FO COY

FROM KANGA	Originator's Number 0709	Date 30	In Reply to Number
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Sitrep	295	to	1500 L/30	⊙	BLACKCAT
⊙	our	recee	patrol	WANDUM	29
JAN	not	yet	returned	⊙	WAW
⊙	1200 L/30	A	and	B	coys
2/7	br	holding	area	one	mile
CRYSTAL	OK	⊙	2/5	br	responsible
for	defensive	⊙	dioms	⊙	one

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rd	TUNG		whaps	WAV	west
one	in ch		one	mile	362722
in	action	1345	his	ⓐ	250
JAPS	incl	LT-COL	KIT MURA	and	mat
his	staff	killed	ⓐ	our	casualties
light	ex det	numbers	not	known	ⓐ

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LAE	OP	⊙	0530 L/30	raid	allied
planes	bombs	and	AA	damage	not
known	further	raid	0640	low	flying
A/c	machine	gunned	AA	from	on
terrace	and	particularly	these	north	and
drome	⊙	SALAMAVA	OP	to	0800 L/30
⊙	A/c	direction	LAE	0515	⊙ all informed

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FROM

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*Sitrep 276 to 0500 1/30 @ LHE O/P closed in by mist-
No plans known to be on down @ Salamana 1600g
nothing to report @ reliable intel information
received that Jap forces at 1430 intend line in
pinnares and barges hidden in mangroves in
lagoon @ LHE 1915/30 @ last report LHE states
SUBMARINE sighted off LHE heading ESE @ WNO area see 0717*

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LANGA

Originator's Number

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For General Herring (.) POSN WANDUMI YESTERDAY OBSCURE (.) REPORT FROM STRAGGLER SINCE RECEIVED INDICATED A COY 2/6 BN AT WANDUMI WERE ATTACKED NIGHT 28 AND SUFFERED VERY HT CASUALTIES (.) BEFORE LOSING CONTACT THIS HQ CAPT SHERLOCK ADVISED THAT ENEMY MOVING DOWN TO BULOLO RIVER BY LARGE RE-ENTRANT 1 MILE TO HIS LEFT (.) MAJ DUFFY 2/5 BN AND COMPOSITE COY WENT OUT WITH MAJ MUIR BN TO STOP THIS INFILTRATION AND SURVIVOR REPORTS THIS PARTY MADE CONTACT WITH SHERLOCK BUT ALL WERE SUBSEQUENTLY OVERWHELMED BY JAPS BETWEEN WANDUMI AND BULOLO RIVER (.) TWO SURVIVORS ONLY TO DATE (.) JAP PARTY NOW BELIEVED TO BE 5 OD REGT LEFT MING ABOUT 19 JAN REACHED WANDUMI BY A NEWLY CUT TK WITH STAYING CAMPS ERECTED AT END OF EACH DAYS

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MARCH (.) THEY ATTACKED WAW AT 2250 ON 28TH WITH FIRE ONLY THIN WERE QUIET
UNTIL 0615 29TH WHEN FIRING COMMENCED AND AGAIN STOPPED AT 0815 (.) 2/7
and 2/5 BNS DEPLOYED FOR DEFENCE OF DROME (.) DETERMINED ATTACK THIS
MORNING WAS HELD AND DRIVEN BACK BY COUNTER ATTACK OF 2/7 BN (.) BY
CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON ENEMY NOT LESS THAN 300 KILLED INCL LT COL KITAHARA
REGT COMD AND FOUR OF HIS STAFF OFFRS (.) ARTY MOST EFFECTIVE AS ALSO
DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (.) MORALE EFFECT ON OUR TFS GRAND (.) INDICATIONS
TONIGHT ARE THAT JAPS ARE WORKING ALONG BULOLO CR IN NW DIRECTION BY MG
FIRE ON AREA OCCUPIED TODAY BY OUR GUNS COMMENCED AT DUSK BUT GUNS
WITHDRAWN INSIDE PERIMETER AFTER DARK (.) TWO COYS 2/6 BN STILL IN

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BLACKCAT AREA (.) TWO PLS BULWA DROME ONE PL BULWA (.) ONE COY AT
SKINDWAI LESS ONE PL AT BALLANS REOCCUPIED TONIGHT (.) 7 IND COY AT
WAIPALI AREA AND DETS 5 IND COY AT BOBS (.) OUR CASUALTIES TODAY LIGHT (.)
IN VIEW OF STRENGTH OF OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED BY PRESENT FORCE INADEQUATE
FOR THE TASK (.) LOSSES AND VULNERABLE DETS MAKE EFFECTIVE STRENGTH
HERE 2 BNS TO HOLD LARGE PERIMETER AND TO KEEP ENEMY BEYOND EFFECTIVE
RANGE OF DROME (.) CONSIDER ONE ADDITIONAL BN AND ONE COY MORE NECESSARY
TO HOLD PRESENT OPPOSITION (.) ONLY VULNERABLE ENEMY L OF C FOR AIR
ATTACK BETWEEN MUBO AND SALAMADA (.) HIS SUPPLY PROBLEM MUST BE ACUTE (.)
IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ENEMY POSNS OWING TO DENSE TIMBER UNLESS HE

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**ATTACKS (.) PROPOSE TOMORROW ACT DEFENSIVELY WITH INTENSIVE PATROL (.)
ADVISE MDTEN**

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Sitrep	297	to	1800 4/31	⊙	WALL
area	⊙	night	quiet	except	for
isolated	bursts	of	in g	fire	from
vicinity	rep	map	WALL	west	one
is an	399700	and	intermittent	fire	from
area	NE	chrome	⊙	our	disposition
unchanged	⊙	all	units	commenced	patrolling

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ford	from	perimeter	first	light	31
JAN	pinpoint	enemy	directions	10	result
Enemy	concentration	located	area	east	drome
389915	⊙	three	enemy	killed	east
banks	BIG	WAW	CK	389709	enemy
mg	post	one	high	ground	31701
neutralized	⊙	15'	enemy	killed	over

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casualties	one	⊙	patrol	2/7	BN
to	BULOLO	river	area	ENE	drone
400715	encountered	ambush	30 ppc	Jan	⊙
our	conditions	one	wounded	⊙	area
shelter	by	mortar	⊙	company	concentration
area	394700	WANDUMI	village	shelled	by
our	arty	⊙	2/3	IND	Coy

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arrived	JAN	bivouac	night	31	JAN
1	tbl	area	west	chrome	BLACKCAT
⊙	house	corner	patrol	arrived	BLACKCAT
1610 L/31	⊙	piece	patrol	WANDUMI	reports
enemy	appear	in	some	strength	between
JAP	th	and	WANDUMI	⊙	SKINDIWA
reports	our	casualties	A	Coy	7/6 BN

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BLACKCAT

track

28

30

SAN

killed

5

wounded

28

0

LAE

on

0

1150 L/31

Six

fighters

strapped

down

three

miles

point

LABU

village

0

addition

tents

met

ref

LAE

locality

map

78

0

SALAMANA

ON

nothing

to

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0

BENA

FORCE

no

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