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17 Infantry Brigade

February 1943, Operations Diary
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726	25	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bn 2/3, 2/5, 2/7 INDEP COYS 2/8 Fd Coy, 1 Bn 2/1 Fd Regt 2/2 Fd AMB.		1545		013	Please find interim report following ① 10 brief statement JAP tactics to include new developments or special equipment noted ② 20 description of any attempt by JAPS to maintain secrecy & attain surprise ③ 30 deficiencies if any in our aircraft & suggestions to remedy discrepancy ④ 40 were any additional weapons or equipment to that authorized in WE used or substituted & reasons therefore ⑤ 50 Conclusions or lessons to be learned from this operation ⑥ 60 Any other facts or recommendations ⑦ ref at will reach KANGA by 1 MAR except in case 2/5 Bn, 2/3 IND Coy & 2/7 IND Coy who will send reports when possible ⑧ All informed ⑨ Friday	
727	25		BOBS	1400	1610	52	KHUT BOYLAND 2270R will arrive BUTWA 1500hrs Friday	
728	25		WAVU def	1525	1635	4	Sitrep ① Transit camp ② If met marched in 10hrs 2/7 IND Coy 20R 2/6 Bn ③ Marched out 10R 2/6 Bn to Hospital ④ otherwise sit on	
729	25		SHLAMHUAH OR	1600	1640	6191	Nil report	
730	25		TOJO	1550	1700	6651	planes heard over LAE at 1500 hrs presumed enemy but no visibility ② if not already done please check your Q221 700 11354/25.	
731	25					②2805	for MOTEN from CLEARND ③ Endeavoured to send special mission with DOL today but without result ④ First 6 loads 26 FEB P.O.L.	
732	25		WAVU defence	1628/24		3	Sitrep ① Transit camp ② If met ③ Marched in 20hrs US Army, 10hrs NGF 10hrs 130R 2/6 Bn 10R FSS, ④ Marched out 20hrs Mech & Enft Coy 30hrs RAAF 30hrs US Army the Corps 20hrs 2/2 Hual GRU to Moresby 10hrs 130R from 2/6 Bn to BUTOLO ⑤ Otherwise sit on	
733	25		16 Bde Cam Coy	1800		6154	Sit on	
734	25		food 2/5 Bn	1630	1814	0202	Sitrep 1630 ① add, A, C, D Coys Carrier pl sit on ② Remainder report later	
735	25		2/7 Bn	1800		203	Sit on patible sit on	
736	25		TOJO	1755	1850	6654	Nil report nests obscuring	
737	25		KANGA	1905		016	Sitrep 363 to 1800 1/25	
738	25	2/3 INDEP COY w/ld Rdo LITI		1845		014	Advise when pl arrives objective night 25 FEB our OG refers ① LITI will attempt gain wireless contact with you tomorrow morning ② LITI believe enemy along track between objective referred to & mine BITOI River B/L BACK ③ Probable time LITI with party 1030 1/26 ④ LITI will advise task for your pl.	
739	25	ado 2/5 Bn		1833		015	Awaiting further details your outline plan ⑤ If unable contact BAH1 by W/T we can relay your instrs ⑥ Arranging heavier bombing plan than requested	
740	25		2/3 IND COY	1945		012 BL 372	Composite pl move at objective ⑦ HQ & 2 pl will beat objectives 1000hrs 26 FEB ⑧ Please explain QUOTE probable time LITI B party 1030 1/26 unquote ⑨ Encountered LITI but next call 0700 1/26 ⑩ Can you advise our task & LITI plans tonight	
741	25		2/3 IND COY	1900	1922	BL 369	further to BL 346 1900hrs 24 FEB ⑪ extending supply line slowing down supply food & reserves now under 3 days ⑫ request repeated urgently for increased supplies ⑬ Also for mules to proceed to BLACKCAT MINE instead of GAP ⑭ track will be repaired.	

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711	25 (24)		2/5 Bn	1000/25	1125	0202	request air support 26 FEB as follows 06 BOSTONS to bomb a strip PISSA area between 1000 & 1030 hrs time limit 1030 hrs for PISSA area 0 On completion this task which request half bomb load of planes be used transfer ops immediately to strip WAIPALI GUADAGHSA SADDLE area 0 this programme essential to prevent reinf of PISSA area from other areas & desirable that bombing strip WAIPALI GUADAGHSA SADDLE area to be maintained throughout day 26 FEB 0 please advise details of support when arranged	
712	25		2/3 IND COY	1045	1100	BL356	Message 0940 hrs 25 FEB will reach TANCRED 1100 hrs.	
713	25	2/3 IND COY nftd 2/5 Bn		0940		09	Support attack with one pl 0 Objective for night 25 FEB BLACKCAT ridge 1 ml WEST of junction BITOI + BLACKCAT CR ref sketch map WAIPALI MUBO area 4 ml to ml 628819 0 ensure comms & sups 0 this pl should move by 1200 hrs 25 FEB 0 extent of fuel not BUIBHINING 0 further orders follow 0 ack	
714	25	2/3 IND COY nftd 2/5 Bn		1135		010	Ref our 09 BLACKCAT CR should read BALBI CR	
715	25		2/3 IND COY	1110	1118	BL358	Support to 1110 L/25 0 Still no infra to report	
716	25		2/5 Bn	2200/24	1109	-	Support 2100L/24 0 BUIBHINING OP up to no more enemy down BLACKCAT track from direction of HOUSE COPPER 24 FEB 0 Visibility good 0 3 explosions similar to blasting heard from enemy occupied PISSA area 1100 hrs 24 FEB 0 Obifours a forecast in our support 23 FEB 0 Conditite reced areas proposed attack BUIBHINING OP today 0 moto 25 FEB 0 reced patrols to junction BUIBHINING BLACKCAT tracks to HOUSE KIRP via HOUSE DOC BOYS to PISSA area below BUIBHINING 0 further reced by pl comds & motor personnel	
717	25		2/3 IND COY	1230	1245	BL362	INARFE contacted this find of HOUSE COPPER on BLACKCAT track 0 strong patrol following	
718	25		2/3 IND COY	1240	1341	BL364	TANCRED advises that he is giving effect to orders received in your 01 of 0940 25 FEB 0 Details to be advised later	
719	25		fuel 2/5 Bn	0830	1207	-	FLASH 0 am with PADDY 0 NOT returning until you instruct	
720	25		2/6 Bn	1330	1304	8	Eng Off to recd re BULOLO WAW has not reported 0 please advise time expected arrive here.	
721	25		obifos	0630		1	Sidon	
722	25		BOBS	1200	1350	SI	to MAJ TAYLOR 0 Recd radio that Capt GULLETT BULWA would relieve Partep 1 + Partep 2 0 No sign as yet 0 Can you obtain infra this relief.	
723	25	2/5 Bn nftd BAMI		1250		0011	Secret 0 ref my 09 to BAMI nftd 011 ordering BAMI to seize objective BLACKCAT RIDGE one mile West of junction BITOI + BAMBICKS with one pl by night 25/26 FEB 0 this pl BAMI will support your attack on 26 FEB 0 Advise urgently what objectives with drawings you desire pl BAMI to attack on 26 FEB	
724	25	2/5 Bn		1305		012	DUFFY reported to be returning in few days 0 ROWAN to remain here until present ops conclude & then to return to PT MORESBY for disposal.	
725	25		BENH	0940	1308	R64	Support BENH, KHINANTU unchanged.	

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691	24/2		5 HF	2215	phon	-	Will stage WAIPALI SADDLE to KOMIATUM Feb 25 @ will also bomb SHADDLE eneml NORTH of it @ FEB 26 will maximum effort with BOSTONS + B25s @ advise of concentration + targets for B25s on 26 FEB	
692	24		BPL 2/3 IND COY	2340	2350	BL 349	Re your 01 of 2300 hrs 24 feb requiring ONPL to hold JAP track in depth @ what suff of LITI attack 26 FEB is reqd + what will be extent of fuel movt.	reply 01
693	24		2/3 IND COY	2217	2330	BL 347	Re WARFE's moto @ 18 FEB departed GADO 19 FEB location WEST of AMBUSH CR @ 20/21 feb No contact @ 1500 hrs 22 FEB message recd extending estimating from 2 mls WEST HOUSE COPPER + ordering patrol from MENZIES Junc WEST to meet him @ 23 FEB message giving NO info @ 0926 hrs 24 FEB message advising waiting for relief @ possible that WARFE passed MENZIES Junc without recognizing it + without being obs. by our OP + then moved either EAST along BLACKCAT TR or across BLACKCAT TR + along BITOI TR which is alternative route to EAST @ Other pts @ 17 FEB OP established MENZIES JUNC @ from 21 FEB till now patrols MENZIES Junc HOUSE COPPER @ 19 FEB 582 JAPS moved EAST past MENZIES JUNC @ 19 FEB 23 JAPS moved WEST past MENZIES Junc @ 22 FEB WARFE reported killed 24 JAPS @ 1230 hrs 22 FEB patrol moved WEST from MENZIES JUNC + arrived AMBUSH CR 24 FEB without contacting WARFE or enemy @ patrols now searching along BITOI TR + east from HOUSE COPPER @ 1700/1800 hrs 24 FEB message broadcast to WARFE asking for info re certain if recd @ anticipate next contact @ 0800 hrs 25 FEB.	
694	24	2/3 IND COY + 1/1	2/5 Bn	2200		01	Secd @ consider that you are NOT holding JAP track in sufficient strength @ ensure you hold JAP track WEST of MENZIES Junc in depth with at least one pl @ 2 @ LITI attack take place 26 + 1 26 FEB @ ack.	
695	24		NGF	2228		02	for brig CLELAND from brig MOTEN @ Am sending FLEAY to MORESBY 24 FEB @ request he be granted leave in MUST @ please advise	
696	24		NGF	1810		0996	for Base Engr. US Hqs Base @ See message attached.	
697	25		NGF 2/5 Bn	0845		07	for STARR @ your ops order recd @ NO indication of strength of 3 parties given @ Presume you have given adequate consideration to principle of concentration.	
698	25		WARU def	0830		0148	Silva	
699	25		fw 2/5 Bn	0630	0846	020	Silva 0630 hrs @ HCD carrier pl Silva @ Remainder later.	
700	25		All units	0830		1009	Password	
701	25		DAWN	0800	0920	G190	Mal report.	
702	25		2/5 INDEP COY	0940		08	for Maj TAYLOR @ your reply re PIGGOTT mot to hand please expedite.	
703	25		2/3 IND COY	0820	0830	BL 352	Silva 100630 hrs 25 FEB @ NO change in situation to report since Silva 1630 hrs 24 @ awaiting info from TANCRED	
704	25		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Silva @ Patrols Silva.	
705	25		KHNG 12	0931		06	Silva 362 to 0800L/25	
706	24		NGF	1240	1045	FM 96	for KELLOCK @ bags 107, 108, 109, NOT safe hand bag @ Contents all ALS4 wrongly added to GSINGK @ ELS + HAS should be added Sigs NGF @ 2 Serial only for Int Sec @ Correspondence on matter following.	
707	24		NGF	1545	2030	Z1148	Chick SAMMUM OP @ Photos HEATHS already being obtained for LAE OP.	
708	25		2/6 Bn	1130	1015	107	SECRET @ password BUKOLO area 1800L/24 - 1800L/25	
709	25		2/6 Bn	0950	0934	113	Password BUKOLO night 25/26 feb	
710	25		2/3 IND COY	1000	1035	BL 353	Message from WARFE Quote dry air dropping have fairly 500yds SOUTH BITOI River 3000yds WEST HOUSE COPPER @ Will have JAP flags @ include cigs, matches, tea, sugar salt milk rations @ Important in quote @ NO other contact @ Location reported probably incorrect but plane could head for JAP flags.	

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FROM **KANGA**

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field	about	500	yards	wide	30
at	one	end	narrowing	to	35
about	two	hundred	at	other	40
end	needs	grass	cutting	only	45
for	parking	area	with	considerable	50
dispersion	local	labor	available	for	55
this	(.)	recommend	immediate	shipment	60
eleven	hundred	sheets	of	wire	65
mesh	with	accessories	to	cover	70
area	of	impact	by	landing	75
planes	this	should	be	extended	80
as	transportation	permits	to	total	85
of	thirty	six	hundred	sheets	90
(.)	local	labor	and	Australian	95
engineer	troops	available	for	this	100
work	estimate	initial	area	could	105
be	covered	in	not	more	110
than	three	days	after	arrival	115
of	materials	(.)	recommend	Capt	120
MacDONALD	arrive	with	first	shipment	125
to	advise	proper	method	of	130

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✓ 679	24/2		2/7 IND COY	1420	1735	110	BUISAVHAL OP reports SADDLE area bombs & shrapnel 24 FEB @ hits obs as follows FH624, FH825, FH025, F5826, F5528, F5329, are per air photo no 62 FH825 + FH025 good @ AIR F5 hits 400 far up LABRIB RIDGE	
✓ 680	24/2		2/6 Fd Coy	1800	1858	187	Sitel 1830 @ Nil report.	
✓ 681	24/2		2/7 IND COY	1425	1800	MO III	Paramount LULUMI BIANGI natives states several families reported by BUISAVHAL OP as now occupying NEW GUNDAGASAL village refer air photo no 94 - FH975 moved there from WANDUMI after enemy attack @ Route taken from area WURI WURI - PRWIN rivers to BULLDOG VALLEY @ 2 days easy marching time @ Have ordered WATSON to move NEW GUNDAGASAL inland after WHIPALI - BUIBAINING attack to evacuate these natives to WAU area @ Suggest recce from WAU end to locate that end of track @ SADDLE end of track covered by BUISAVHAL OP @ LULUMI also reports that LULUMI MAROS off present in WAU	
✓ 682	24/2		N&F	2000		IM 483	Three parcels obtained from plane 54 none contained.	
✓ 683	24/2		2/7 IND COY	1435	1820	F 40	SX 214692 MC KEOWN Sgt to replace KING nominated for OCTU	
✓ 684	24/2		KANGAH	1840		0997	Del B 6 MAY 1915 @ Please advise	
✓ 685	24/2		DAWN	1823	1935	4189	Sitel 361 to 1800/24	
✓ 686	24/2		2/7 IND COY	1915	2042	MO 112	3 Landing barges observed approaching Harbour SHAMMUA 1820hrs GUNDAGASAL op report only 1 enemy moved from WAIPALI towards MUBO on wutches unarmed with pack at 0930/24 @ 3 fires obs between WAIPALI GUNDAGASAL @ 2 A/C at 0900/24 made 4 runs over WAIPALI 3 over MUBO, 1 over KOMIATUM 3 over SADDLE dropping 8 bombs on SADDLE @ 1100/24 3 A/C made 3 runs over SADDLE dropping 7 bombs also 2 runs over GUNDAGASAL & 2 MUBO @ BUIBAINING, WAIPALI area over the preparing forms.	
✓ 687	24/2		2/3 IND COY	1717	1725	BL 345	Sitel to 1630/24 @ Hpl returning to BLACKCAT TRACK along HMBUSH CK @ Cpl plus MENZIES FORCE at MENZIES fire with standing patrol HOUSE COPPER & recce along BITOI TR & food HOUSE COPPER @ Patrol Cpl which moved west along JAP track to HMBUSH CK returning same route to confirm JAP TR clear @ 24 men holding BLACKCAT track 2 hrs WEST MENZIES JUNC @ Btl less 2 deers to join Cpl affore 1900hrs @ Tanned based at CARRS organizing commst & sups for possible food mt @ location WARFE still unknown @ HQ less H & Q now stationed at BLACKCAT MINE @ Standing patrols 2/6 on holding GULLETT fire & GAP	
✓ 688	24/2		BOBS	1615	2055	L3	for VERVIGAN from MURPHY @ grass fires vicinity TERERAN made by natives of CHIVSING hunting wild figs.	
✓ 689	24/2	2/6 Bn 2/8 Fd Coy		2204		0999	You will provide party not more than 50 men for work on rd BULOLO WAU under supervision 2/8 Fd Coy as from 26 FEB @ desirable several men to be included in party @ Engrs Off will report your HQ am 25 FEB arrange details @ detail one Off to proceed with engr Off on recce rd for indication tasks & number men reqd @ Men be prepared to live on task if necessary	
✓ 690	24/2	2/5 Bn		2240		08	following recd from 5AF @ 2 quote @ 11:00 See message 5AF on NO 691 @ unquote @ advise by emergency ops message targets for 26 FEB	

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✓ 661	24/2		WAFU def	0940		2	reporting small recce patrol 21/25 Camp Coy located several partly burnt JAP bodies at H12726 ref WAFU locality H" at Sawmill @ also small amount JAP equip.	
✓ 662	24/2		HNGAU Maj Verhigan	2440/23		D103	Police report conditions UPPER WATUT normal @ No reports other areas to explain lack reports from KYNGDON unless he has moved fwd & unable to send messenger back with report.	Unable
✓ 663	24/2		NGF	2250/23	0923	4279	Ref memo G20/1 undated @ Return Maj MT ROWEN 2/5 Bn approved @ Report HFG NGF on arrival.	
✓ 664	24/2	NGF		0930		I0081	duplicate sent Safe HAND Bag 10822 FEB. Left drone am 24 FEB as no flames previously @ plane 54 which carried original docs did dropping mission SKINDEWAI on return trip @ therefore request check whether any safehand or H/S bags recd from plane 54 on 21 FEB	Reply to L 1490
✓ 665	24/2		2/3IND COY	1105	1247	BL 346	patrol from MENZIES JUNC to AMBUSH CK without conducting WARFE or ENEMY @ patrol from AMBUSH CK to MENZIES JUNC to confirm JAP track clear @ in contact WARFE by wireless but location unknown @ sending patrol fwd of HOUSE COPPER to contact WARFE or ENEMY	
✓ 666	24/2	HLC units		1225		0993	It is intended to put the SHAWMILLS in order & it is forbidden for any type of material whatsoever to be removed from the SHAWMILLS area @ units will be responsible for promulgating this order to Hqs under Comd.	
✓ 667	24/2	HLC units		1225		0992	Sitrep 359 to 23 Feb amend.	
✓ 668	24/2		BENIT	0900	1570	R63	Sitrep BENA KIANUNTU unchanged	
✓ 669	24/2		2/6 Bn	1614	1616	111	Situa	
✓ 670	24/2		DIFO	1628	1637	3	Situa @ Transit Camp @ 4 mts. marched in 20 offrs US Army 10 off NGF 10 off 130Rs 2/6 Bn 10 off 10R FSS. @ Marched out 20 offrs mech equip Coy 3 offrs RAAF 30 offrs US Army this Coy 2 offrs 2/2 Aust Regt to MORESBY 10 off 130Rs from 2/6 Bn to BUKO O @ otherwise Situa.	
✓ 671	24/2		DAWN	1530	1610	919	2 Allied Medium bombers obs attacking target LOKHANU area 1055 hrs by firing heard direction MARKHAM 1230 hrs FEB 23.	
✓ 672	24/2		TOJO	1600	1700	6 647	Situa @ Raid at 0950 hrs on BUTIBUM - MALAHANG - BUSU area @ One amn dump hit @ Heavy HH & MG fire from usual focus also two focus east side of MT LONAMAN.	
✓ 673	24/2	NGF		1805		I0084	HNGAU police report conditions normal UPPER WATUT @ HNGAU unable explain lack of reports from KYNGDON unless has moved fwd & unable send message back @ MURPHY reports JAP concentration MUNUM this patrol strength only which since recd LFE @ KIRKLANDS SHELDONS now under obs. from NORTH of river @ patrol to MUNUM comes in MIT every WEDNESDAY along new motor rd running to MUNUM @ Large huts & conical tents obs air recd 18 FEB all GIBSONREK kunai huts @ MURPHY sending in fuller written report.	
✓ 674	24/2	NGF		1440		I0083	for GSI @ R Sec FSS arrived with verbal indus report to Maj WATSON @ Reason for mission unknown this HQ NO contact 10MT @ please advise	
✓ 675	24/2		fwd 2/5 Bn	1630	1812	202	Situa at 0630 @ Hdr 2/5, BCD, Carrier Plt Situa @ H Coy less 1 pl at SKINDEWAI 9 pl proceeding to HOUSE REDDISH @ otherwise normal	
✓ 676	24/2		2/7 Bn	1800	1812	204	Situa @ Patrols Situa	
✓ 677	24/2		16 Bde CARRIER COY	1800	1810	6147	Situa	
✓ 678	24/2		TOJO	1745	1815	6648	Null report.	

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649	23/2		Nds 2/5 Bn	1930	2000 0205	Sitrep 101800 hrs 23 FEB @ GUADAGASHAL op reports as follows 01800/22 162 enemy BUIBAINING through WAIPPAI towards SHDDLE area 64 unarmd others rifles @ No mot 23 Feb @ 0800 + 1420 hrs 22 Feb bombed + strafed BUIBAINING, WAIPPAI & SHDDLE area + strafed main track SHDDLE area to MUBO @ Bombing + strafing accurate @ no other reports @ mot 0930 hrs 23 FEB B Coy to track June BUIBAINING, WAIPPAI to SKINDEWAI Carrier pl 6 SUMMIT @ Comd 2/5 Bn Comd 2/7 IND Coy plus 2 dets motor to track June BUIBAINING WAIPPAI @ from 0900 hrs 23 Feb 2/7 IND temporarily at SKINDEWAI.	
650	23/2	2/3 IND COY	2/3 IND COY	2100		Ref our 0984 @ your task 24 Feb @ first destroy enemy elements JAP track reported by WARFE @ second consolidate your force MENZIES June + establish secure base @ third maintain standing patrol HOUSE COPPER area @ fourth organise your supplies & comms for probable fwd move 26 Feb @ THACRED retains comd 2/3 INDEP Coy until WARFE rejoins unit & in future.	
651	23/2	NGF		1940	0987	Weather report sent by Maj MARSHALL at 1810H/23 reads as follows @ WAFU weather no clouds ceiling over 10000ft, visibility 10 miles or more, no weather at sta @ trend no change @ weather in light @ North none, east thin scattered clouds on mountain, west none, south none @ trend clearing @ 1500 hrs @ Hg clouds appeared over mountains to south	Reply to Q 2770
652	23/2	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns 2/3, 2/5, 2/7 INDCoy NGF		2345	10082	ref enemy infm review number 1 fatal MUBO @ figures quoted based on last mot order & op orders less cas counted @ Totals are more & therefore misleading @ Actual figures considerably lower due uncounted deaths, sickness & rearwards evacuation beyond MUBO all informed.	
653	24/2	NGF		2153/23	02777 0235/24	Programme 24th FEB @ WAFU @ 12 DOUGLASS 1st mission 3rd & 2nd 11 @ 1st flight carries by eng equip + rations @ BUROLO @ 6 Douglas all missions @ 1 plane drop NOT report NOT before (1015 hrs?) @ Ensure usual 4 focus smoke sigs made.	
654	24/2	NGF		2200/23	02780 0245/24	Will endeavour 2 (available) planes drop at SKINDEWAI & BALLAMS already arranged which was not (dropped?) 22 FEB @ Will continue dropping as plane available until your request your Q200 satisfied @ To ensure action on any day now essential request for drop track this HQ by 1400 hrs previous day @ Same applies your request for (priorities &)	Reply to Q200
655	24/2	All units		0830		Password	
656	24/2		KANGA	0705	0991	Sitrep 101800/24	
657	24/2		2/3 IND COY	0820	0852 BL 341	Sitrep 101800 hrs 24 FEB @ Hpl standing patrol at AMBUSH CK @ patrol which was to have proceeded east along JUNG track unable locate AMBUSH CK @ JAP rd. to CHRRS DUMP @ Cpl less 1 sec plus MENZIES force consolidating at MENZIES June this force has sent strong patrol west along JAP track contact any enemy & WARFE @ Standing patrol to be sent fwd HOUSE COPPER area 24 FEB @ 24 men holding form 2 hrs west MENZIES June on BLACKCAT track @ Bpl less 2 sec approach 2 hrs along BLACKCAT track expect arrive MENZIES June 1900 hrs @ 15 men 1 hr along BLACKCAT track direction MENZIES June @ no comm WARFIES party @ Standing patrol 2/6 Bn GULLETT'S June.	
658	24/2		TOTO	0800	0646	Nil report	
659	24/2		DHANN	0800	G187	Nil report	
660	24/2		Nds 2/5 Bn	0630	0900 201	Sitrep 0630 hrs @ nds 2/5, H.C.D. Coys carrier pl sitrep @ MAKE report later	

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✓ 633	23	NGF		1400		I0079	SHAMAHU OP requests photo area HEATHS plantation @ Camb gridded prints be supplied @ OP requests permission use 6 figure ref LHE LOCALITY @ Have concurred provided target suitable & can plot accurately.	
✓ 634	23	SHAMAHU OP		1400		I0080	Gridded photos HEATHS requested from NGF @ 6 figure refs LHE locality provided you can plot with sufficient accuracy & target suitable	acceptable
✓ 635	23		MURPHY, WAMPIT			1915	Phone from KANGA 110 packages recovered plane at TIMNE @ will report condition later	
✓ 636	23		MURPHY	0845/23			Phone from KANGA reported JAP concentration at MUNUM was definitely patrol strength only, has returned LHE @ KIRKLANDS, SHELDONS now under JAP observation from north side of river @ MT road now to MUNUM and MT comes there every Wednesday with patrol @ 2 large huts + conical tents obs. from air about north side GABENSIS area all GABSONKEK Kuma native huts only @ reliability about 100% full report follows today.	
✓ 637	23		KANGA	2015		0988	Sitel 359 to 1800/23	
✓ 638	23		TOJO	1615	1810	6614	Sitel @ Raid at 1100hrs by medium Bombs on BUTIBUM - MARRANG BUSH area @ My HA from form dated in 6614 @ BOFORS type gun now in action LHE Locality ref. 5921	
✓ 639	23		TOJO	1805	2015	6614	What appeared to be a general inspection of LHE incl. gun forms by Staff Off took place during the afternoon @ 2 canoes fishing on LABU lagoon	
✓ 640	23		Hds 2/5 Bn	1630	1735	204	Sitel 1630 hrs @ HCD Coy carrier pl Silma @ MARRANG later	
✓ 641	23		NGF	1645	1945	I14	No cipher DOCS yet rec @ has duplicate set been fwded	
✓ 642	23		2/3 IND COY	1645	1720	BL 340	Sitel 1630 hrs 23 FEB @ A pl plus 1 sec CPL holding JAP tracks at WAMBUSH CR. @ Patrol 15 men this party moving east along JAP tk to contact WARFE @ Cpl less 1 sec plus MENZIES here holding MENZIES June @ Patrol 16 men this party moving west along JAP tk to contact WARFE @ 24 men holding BLACKCAT tk @ 2 hrs WEST MENZIES June @ No comm WARFE since Sitel 1108/23 @ B pl less 2 sec at GAF proceeding MENZIES June am 24 Feb @ expected arrive 1900hrs 24 Feb @ Capt THACRED moving along BLACKCAT tk to CAPRS DUMP @ 10 off 160Rs from WAV moving to BLACKCAT MINE tonight @ Standing patrol 17 men 2/6 Bn at GULLETT'S JUNC + BRENNANS.	Refer to I0073
✓ 643	23		2/3 IND COY	1710	1735	BL 340	Rec your 0906 @ relief completed 1500 hrs 23 FEB	
✓ 644	23		2/5 Bn	1200	1710	203	Mr Suff @ as notified our 202 23 FEB air SUPP for BUIBINING, WIRIPPA, PISSEK area not essential but if available can be used to advantage according to enemy movt immud. before & after our attack this area @ bombing & shuffling of GURDHGASHA + SHADDE before, during & after our attack on other area will be essential & request this task receives priority @ Can advise target & times bombing & shuffling re both areas NOT later than 2300/24 @ please advise.	
✓ 645	23		BIENH	1700	2000	62	following report recd by Lt MONTGOMERY from natives ARUMUM of AMURU near BOGITHAM escaped with ex SM SIMITA WARI from UNAM BH enemy at MADHNA shot of food raiding LAMHHA garden @ Gun at UNAM BH 800/100 shongo speed boat patrols along coast as far as LAMU river @ LAMPLPS taken from natives & destroyed NATIVES told grow beard & use (MARS)!	
✓ 646	23		2/5 Bn	2345		0990	HF will bomb & shafe WIRIPPA SHADDE areas early 24 FEB & repeat during day @ Observe & advise result.	
✓ 647	24		2/6 Bn	0650	0734	105	Sitel	
✓ 648	24		2/8 Fd Coy	0705	0711	180	Sitel	

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✓ 616	23		Relo 2/5 Bn	0915	0948	202	(BOTH) CRAWFORD & 1 from BPL 2/3 IND COY def BALLAMS 0930 for GAP via WANDUMI and BLACKCAT @ 2000 of BOTH def BALLAMS 0930 hrs on rece central ridge between JAP SKINDEWAI track towards HOUSE COPPER	
✓ 617	23	2/3 IND COY 2/7 Bn		1210		0996	2 pls 2/7 Bn now June GULLETT JAP tracks will be relieved by your forces this area @ On completion relief 2 pls 2/7 Bn events could 2/7 Bn + will return to unit via WANDUMI @ Advise time relief completed	
✓ 618	23	7MG, 16 C Coy 21/25 C Coy KANGA	WAVU Def	1125		1158	3 Commencing 0845 hrs 29 FEB carrier Coys will send INCO for VICKERS MMG on establishment report to HQ B Coy 7MG for training course @ Students will report daily at 0845 hrs @ Midday meal provided by 7MG @ Duration course 3 weeks @ Nominal rolls in duplicate of students to these HQs by 1500 hrs 29 FEB @ Syllabus later @ Hck @ Will inform	
✓ 619	23		Food 2/6 Bn	1125		1205	3 Comd stated 3 native patrols this area under our comd @ no knowledge of them this area @ Please advise their location & all other available info	
✓ 620	23		2/7 Bn	1500		1510	204 Pls BC Coys reported to Coy areas 1415 hrs @ relief 7 pl F Coy at area ref 399679 affected by 9 pl F Coy at 1500	
✓ 621	23		2/3 IND COY	1207		08133 1340	Report C pl no activity HOUSE COPPER @ No word from Recco patrol moving west JAP track from MENZIES JUNC to contact WARFE @ Comd of force in MENZIES June area of definite opinion JAPS holding west of JAP track @ if JUNC + CHARS dump to be held max strength available attach HOUSE COPPER @ beyond on 24 FEB is 35 @ request your permission move fwd myself to Comd fwd ops leave Capt HONCOCK comd GAP area @ Can 25 men B pl holding GULLETT June be relieved by 302/6 Bn personnel B pl then move fwd @ THANCRED	
✓ 622	23		2/3 IND COY	1130		210	- Relief to 1100 hrs 1/23 @ WARFE contacted nil report @ 2 pls from 2/7 Bn have held to their HQ	
✓ 623	23		2/3 IND COY	1025		1305	05132 Have recd NO reply to my 08123/22 to you @ Have ordered 2/7 Bn personnel along WANDUMI track to report over HQ @ Left GULLETT June 1000 hrs	
✓ 624	23		2/5 Bn	2030/21		1500 1/23	201 Could attack am 25 but very much doubt successful outcome @ BUIBHINING area grown beyond mere staging camp also most of force to that area would seriously jeopardize safety of main track @ Vade our relief	Reply to 0983/22
✓ 625	23		2/3 IND COY	1420		1430	1430 Situpa 201430 Situpa	
626	23		DIFO	1630		1643	4 Relief @ TRANSIT CAMPO @ of mot @ Marched out 3429 this mth Bty to WIRE ROPE BR. otherwise Sidra	
✓ 627	23		DANN	1520		1700	- Relief A/C over MUBO, KOMIHTUM area all morning no shuffling or bombing heard	
✓ 628			2/6 Bn	1510		104	104 Relief 0830A/23 3 Coy commenced taking over from 5 IND COY @ HQ WAMPITO 10 off 1800s leaving C Coy HQ BULWA 0800/24 to relieve patrol at KWOTOMINE KWSHANG & to post 4 men at Part 2 & 4 at Part 2 duration NOT less than 14 days @ BULDO area nil report	
✓ 629	23		BENA	0930		1445	R60 Relief @ BENA, KANHANTU unchanged	
✓ 630	23		2/3 IND COY	1050		1424	Ref line comm @ patrol active on line moving to river @ Fire scored many places by mule train	
✓ 631	23		2/5 Bn	1150		1614	202 GIRDONS instns just recd @ My 201 referred to attack on BUIBHINING area with view to holding which would be impracticable @ Am satisfied that by raid would succeed in inflicting considerable cas @ Probable date 26 @ Present resources adequate @ Assistance from air not essential @ Will advise HOPO re cooperation with BAMI if raid would be valuable in discovering enemy intentions SHIDLE area	
✓ 632	23		2/16 Fa Coy	1445		1620	0114 Men working on rd between KANINDU P.O. & EDDIE NOH @ Explosives are being used & this stretch is in dangerous condition due to landslides @ One vehicle over edge today was pulled back with difficulty @ It is suggested traffic on this stretch be limited to absolute min. until rd. cleared & br. strengthened	

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✓ 603	22/2		TOJO	1830	2045	641	must have observed obs. most of the day @ Recce planes over at 1500 hrs Air photo of HEATHS are would be very useful @ Can use use 6 figure refs on Map LAE LOCALITY	
✓ 604	23/2		N&F	0156	0535	2760	Program 23 FEB 1st mission WAU @ 6 DOUGLAS - 1st HUST nations @ BUKOLO @ 3 DOUGLAS HUST nations reports @ 3 DOUGLAS BUKOLO HUST nations @ 3rd Mission @ WAU 6 DOUGLAS native @ HUST nations @ BUKOLO @ 2 DOUGLAS HUST nations P.O. (C) BALLAMS 1 DOUGLAS blankets tents amm @ 4th mission WAU @ 6 DOUGLAS Misc store reports @ 6 DOUGLAS misc stores reports @ BUKOLO 3 DOUGLAS HUST nations @ 5th mission WAU @ 6 DOUGLAS Balance 1-seg Mdn Bdy 2/1 Fd Regt misc stores @ BUKOLO @ 3 DOUGLAS SMH @ 6th WAU @ 6 DOUGLAS misc stores HUST nations @ BUKOLO @ 3 DOUGLAS HUST nations	
✓ 605	23/2		2/6 Bn	1500	2032	312	Password BUKOLO area.	
✓ 606	23/2	All units		0830		IP07	Password	
✓ 607	23/2		KANGA	0945		0985	Citib 358 to 0800/13	
✓ 608	22/2		Hdo 2/5 Bn	2030	2330	0202	GUVDHGASHL OP reports 3H8 enemy moved from BUDHSHING through WAIPALI to SHADDLE area between 0900/22 & 1615/22 @ Carried 165 rifles 6 MMGs 107 unarmd @ 1 party of 160 included this total dispersed in timber in MUGO dia 1400hrs Coincidental with G/H/c were sighted & accurately bombed @ Some H/c made 6 runs along BUIBHINING, WAIPALI, GUVDHGASHL & SHADDLE tracks @ NO obs. of BLACKCAT track about BUIBHINING before 1200hrs @ Our H/c due to mist no aggressive action over BUIBHINING & WAIPALI @ now estimated MINIMUMO members enemy as follows @ BUIBHINING WAIPALI PISSER area 600/700 @ SHADDLE area 1300/1400 @ impossible establish with drawl further back than SHADDLE area @ present disforms @ 2/7 IND Coy @ H pl gunc BUIBHINING WAIPALI, BPL HOUSE BANANA area 4 food Cpl & coy HQ SKINDEWAI main camp 2/5 Bn @ 10 pl Bldg SKINDEWAI @ 4 coy 1 pl BALLAMS @ Mts 23 FEB @ 2/7 IND Coy @ B pl to SKINDEWAI Cpl to HOUSE BANANA area @ Comm LITI and 10 to BUIBHINING OP @ 24 FEB 2/7 IND Coy @ 2 sec Hpl to HOUSE REDDISH @ 2/5 Bn @ B Coy to gunc BUIBHINING WAIPALI tracks @ General @ Ops & some FDLS now 150 to 1000yds overlooking enemy camps BUIBHINING WAIPALI @ anticipate L/T comm with FDLS approx 25 FEB @ Daily patrols all areas fwd SUMMIT	
✓ 609	23/2		2/3 IND COY	2002/22	0202/23	08	Have contacted WARFE at 1500 hrs at 1500 hrs he was approx 24 hrs from GULIETTS JUNC @ METOP form filled 24 still pushing east on JHP track @ NO nations, exhausted dysentery @ Will order Cpl send strong force up JHP track to force way through to WARFE	
✓ 610	23/2		2/3 IND COY	1640/22	0130	525	Sitrep at 1600 hrs 22 FEB @ Bpl less 2 secs plus 2 fls 2/7 Bn at JHP WANDUMI track JUNC @ Hpl plus 25 men holding JHP track HUONGULF 5379 @ Cpl plus MENZIES four holding MENZIES JUNC reports JHP track clear for the West of MENZIES Junc @ 4 men moving west along JHP track @ 2/6 Bn det standing patrol at GAP & BLACKCAT MINE @ Intention for 23 FEB recce patrol moving WEST along JHP track to continue until contacts enemy or our holding force @ Recce patrol towards HOUSE COPPER	
✓ 611	23/2		2/6 Bn	0950	1040	2	Ref code names @ WIAK you allot code name 708 CA Bldg USA.	
✓ 612	23/2		DAWIN	0800	1030	6184	1 Relid H/c bombed KOMIATUM 0750 hrs	
✓ 613	23/2		Hdo 2/5 Bn	0630	0835	201	Sitrep H/C, Coy's carrier pe @ MARK report later	
✓ 614	23/2		16 Bde Carr	0830		6132	Sitrep	
✓ 615	23/2		TOJO	0800	0920	6642	Mil report	

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✓ 585	22/2		BENH	7550	1610	R 57	Friend EWING send on patrol ONGA area reports NO JAPS there and all clear since earlier crowd left in direction NHE ⊙ also 2 JAPS drowned & dead possibly sunstroke KHAPIT ⊙ Also 3 soldiers plus 3 missionaries from MHDANG area left ONGA village en route to WAFU FEB 13 ^{working} probably SMITH also ONGA area natives all over way ⊙ your info apparently unreliable natives	clear WORKIKWALL
✓ 586	22/2	KH	NGF.	1445	1720	I 1481	White cotton socks general issue army & navy. 40 ⊙ socks probably noticeable because they & eqpt in better condition than these at BENH ⊙ in view of cas in 102 Regt consider bulk of troops contacted in future will be SNAP.	more
✓ 587	22/2		KANGA	1920		0982	Sitrep 357 to 1800 2/22	
✓ 588	22/2		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		170	Sitrep.	
✓ 589	22/2		BENH	0930		R59	BENH unchanged KHEINANTU unchanged.	
✓ 590	22/2		2/7 Bn	1800		205	Sitrep.	
✓ 591	22/2	2/3 INDCoy				0981	Sitrep are reqd from you every three hours.	
✓ 592	22/2		NGF	1110	1345	I 1480	Refour 0650 of 7 FEB ⊙ Condition of MARAKAN R0669 shut ⊙ please fwd info available	
✓ 593	22/2	NGF.		2030		I 0078	recent native report through MURPHY that natives vicinity THARRAN burning off for hunting ⊙ Also patrol offer LUMB arranged similar signal for native warning JAP mot ⊙ Seeking further info from MARAKAN area.	THARRAN Reply to 1180
✓ 594	22/2		BOBS	2030		I 0077	This morn 7 FEB observed burning off area running NW S vicinity THARRAN ⊙ Understand LUMB arranged similar signal for native warning of JAP mot ⊙ Advise any knowledge enemy preparation landing ship this area.	vicinity
✓ 595	22/2		DAWN	1512	2015	G183	Ground cleared & tent erected on highest point of peninsula probably A/C spotting.	
✓ 596	22/2		DAWN	1510	2000	G182	Heard bombing direction NHE 1015 hrs ⊙ I heard A/C over KOMIATOM track RIMAS bus.	
✓ 597	22/2		NGF.	2230		06627	Please advise disports 5.0 calibre AA Bty ⊙ The animals available for howitzer ⊙ Do you require another Howitzer.	four 3.7
✓ 598	23/2		Ado 2/6 Bn	0655	0700	311	Sitrep.	
✓ 599	23/2		WAFU Def	0630	0704	1	Sitrep.	
✓ 600	23/2		2/8 FDCoy	0700	0710	171	Sitrep.	
✓ 601	22/2	food 2/5 Bn		2320/22		0983	In STARR from MOTEN ⊙ arranging bomb & shape SHADDE early 23 FEB & repeat during day ⊙ In view of withdrawal of enemy towards MUBO can you successfully clear up BUIBAINING staging camps on 24 FEB ⊙ BAH1 report no contact enemy HOUSE COPPER area today ⊙ Advise essential you hold MENXIES JUNC area with at least one pl & JAP tracks in depth ⊙ Patrol will push fwd to HOUSE COPPER area 23 FEB & gain contact or if no enemy this area remain as outpost but beware of our A/C strafing ⊙ ensure you have secure base MENXIES JUNC HOUSE COPPER area with sigs comm to both places ⊙ Organise sups in anticipation of fwd move on 24 FEB ⊙ further instrs on 23 FEB.	BLACKCAT
602	22/2	2/3 INDCoy repld Sign. Q.		2349/22		0984		

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✓ 567	22		2/5 IND COY	-	1445/22	-	Ref your 0979/22 KIRKLANDS INCO 9 ORs SHELDONS, INCO 9 ORs GUBANSIS 1 off INCO 13 ORs INAMPIT, 3 OFFrs 2 NCOs 22 ORs BOBS, 2 OFFrs TIME, 1 OR PARTUPI, 10 ORs PARTUPI INCO 30 ORs @ Total 40 OFFrs 6 NCOs 69 ORs @ these disposals subject to changes by Capt SHEPHERD during last week	Reply 0979
✓ 568	22		2/5 Bn	1930/21	OROH		GAUDAGASHL OP up to air follows 16 enemy only moved from BUIBHINING area towards MUBO @ Our A/C strafed & bombed WAIPIALI tracks WAIPIALI BUIBHINING, BLACKCAT @ H/A/C made 2 visits each making 12 runs over target area @ results observed 1 enemy occupied hut exploded burnt 2 shattered, 1 badly hit @ bombing & strafing appeared to be accurate @ SADDLE area not included no reports from BUIBHINING or BUISVIL ops.	
✓ 569	22	2/5 IND COY	0955			0979	advise composition your force at BOBS	
✓ 570	22	16421/25 Cam Coy of KANGA	WAV defence	0942		2	ref my WAV loc 4 inch @ confirming verbal order @ zones of responsibility now EASTERN ZONE lay running from intersection of fire lane with HOSPITAL CK at 385722 to LITTLE WAV creek bed at 372706 @ EASTERN ZONE has HOSP CK exclusive to LITTLE WAV CK inclusive @ MIKE reports for MIKE & COFFEE post accordingly @ Capt Edgar responsible reserve area WILDES FARM TRANSIT CAMP @ ack.	
✓ 571	22		WAV defence			3123	Sitmor	
✓ 572	22		DAWN	0800	0942	121	Sitmor rel report	
✓ 573	22		2/5 Bn			0201	Sitrep as at 0630 hrs @ Hqs 2/5 Bn, A, C, D Coys carrier pl - sitmor @ MAKE ref at later	
✓ 574	22		TOJO	0800	0903	4629	Sitrep @ 7 barges left LAE loaded for SALAMAVA at 1945 hrs 21 FEB	
✓ 575	22	NGF		1250		10074	Further to 10073 doc left WAV by plane 5th at 1430/21 @ Advise if recd	
✓ 576	22	2/5 IND Coy (EADIE CK)		1325		10075	urgently require sketch EADIE CK showing all buildings & sheds with capacity for stores in cubic feet & for personnel	
✓ 577	22	Hqs 2/5 Bn		0925		0979	for Lt Col STARR from Brig MOTEN @ your 0201 recd @ presume this message NOT sent with your concurrence as it implies criticism of use of franking priorities by this HQ @ please ensure Offr responsible for originating this message receives necessary instructions in tone to be adopted in communicating with Senior formations @ franking of KANGA messages referred to done with my full concurrence	
✓ 578	22	2/6 Bn		1345		10076	urgently require sketch BUKOKO showing all buildings sheds & huts with capacity for stores in cubic feet & for pers @ Some details also recd BUAWH	
✓ 579	22		Fwd 2/5 Bn	1215		1600	Buisaval OP report our A/C strafed & bombed GAUDAGASHL ridge & SADDLE area 1000 - 1600/21 result of air activity 285 enemy with dew from GAUDAGASHL ridge across SADDLE to MUBO side of SADDLE @ Suggest further air activity SADDLE area vital soon as possible	
✓ 580	22		near 2/6 Bn	0900		201	10th B Coy marched out to BUKOKO 0830 today	
✓ 581	22		WAV Def	1305		1320	H confirming the verbal orders @ you will organise forthwith 2 Anti-parachutist mobile parties able to engage and destroy any paratro landing within perimeter in area NOT covered by present defenses @ This does NOT relieve you of any reserve role @ Ack.	
✓ 582	22		2/6 Bn	1622		1643	314 Sitmor.	
✓ 583	22		2/6 Bn				Ref relief of 2/5 IND Coy @ Desire your authority return their Bedrolls for use MO BOBS @ please advise	
✓ 584	22		WAV Def	1625		5	Sitrep @ BLACKCAT @ 4 mot @ marched in 3 OFFrs RAHF, 1 Offr Capt Sufm, 2 OFFrs 2/2 GRU 1 Offr 11 ORs 1 Hqst Mountain Bty @ Otherwise sitmor.	

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✓ 549	21		2/3 IND COY	1705	1915	1K 19	Sitrep to 1630/21 @ Hfl 10fl 1600s moving EAST along JAP track @ B.P.L. less 2 secs moving towards WANDUMI from SUMMIT @ C.P.L. less 25 + MENZIES force holding west of June BLACKCAT JAP tracks report no enemy fl to join up with force on JAP track + hold posn @ B fl less 2 sec to move to GHP then BLACKCAT track @ C.P.L. + MENZIES FORCE to hold posn west of JUNE BLACKCAT JAP tracks @ Existing activity on 20 FEB @ 25 holding JAP track @ Standing patrols 2/7 Bn GULWITTS June + BRENNANS POST 51 men @ 2/6 Bn 10 men BLACKCAT mine 10fl 20 ORs GHP @ No contact with WARFE party @ INTENTION @ 22 FEB @ H standing patrols to be maintained.	
✓ 550	21	NGF		2150		I 0072	Observer GUNDAGHSHI SADDLE suggest enemy marries this area @ Proprietor one man in three of big build & wearing white shirt & socks @ NGVR @ flt att 5th adv. naval tps HEATHS plantation MAY 1942 wore light grey flannel shirt drab trousers puttees & davi @ Some wore white davi @ Similar tps contacted MUBO last JULY @ Request your comments white socks which one observer suggests possible white socks.	
✓ 551	21		KANGA	1930		0976	Sitrep to 1800/21	
✓ 552	22		2/6 Bn	0635	0745	308	Sitrep @ Sura local patrols 5 each of 2 men duration 1 day.	
✓ 553	22		WAVU Defence	0630		1	Sitrep	
✓ 554	22		2/6 Fd Coy	0710	0715	163	Sitrep	
✓ 555	21/2		NGF	1920	2110	0221	please advise by signal to reach us before 0500/22 serviceability of BURAO STRIP.	
✓ 556	21/2	NGF		2240		0977	BURAO strip much improved now OK for landing.	Reply to 06621
✓ 557	21/2		NGF	2205	2210	I 147	7 JAP after charts etc not rec'd yet @ Please inform of despatches	Reply to 0074
✓ 558	21/2	NGF		2255		2007	Docs sent A.S today @ duly despatched by sigs via Sta Comd WAVU @ duplicate ref held against such contingency will be despatched tomorrow @ Incident suggests need for sig course	Reply to 1477
✓ 559	21/2		NGF	1610	2250	SD 1525	please arrange return BEATRICE LONG NGF. as soon as WATON in picture.	
✓ 560	22/2	ALL units		0830		IP 06	Password	
✓ 561	22		KANGA	1000		0977	Sitrep 536 to 0800/22	
✓ 562	22		2/3 IND COY	0845	0907	1K 21	Sitrep to 0630 1/22 feb @ NO change dispositions our tps except 2 patrols EAST along HOUSE COPPER & WEST along JAP track @ Will move until contact is made with enemy @ Phone line held along track past BLACKCAT MINE	
✓ 563	22		2/7 Bn	0800	0824	201	Sitrep 0800/22 @ ref sitrep 20/20 20 men joined FIETZ force 150 hrs 20 FEB @ Local patrols nil report @ Patrols WANDUMI area No trace enemy mot.	
✓ 564	22		2/3 IND COY	0921	0948	1K 23	C pl recce patrols 21 FEB report @ Patrol along HOUSE COPPER track to 2 hrs from JUNE + patrol for 1 hr along JAP track from June no enemy contacted.	
✓ 565	22		WAVU Def	1115	1203	3	JUNE ops nil report @ WAVU locality 4 mil 1" @ Post at 387717 now responsibility H6LAD & comes under OC EASTERN ZONE @ To be known as SKINNERS @ MIKE to cooperate in construction of post	
✓ 566	22		BENA FORCE	1210/21	210	R 4/22 56	Sitrep BENA unchanged @ KINANTU LIEUT EWING reports no JAPS in ONGA KRIPIT or MERAWOSA area since last reports of JAPS heading forward LAE @ He reports JAPS did at KRIPIT @ Natives ONGA area our way 3 soldiers & 3 missionaries from MADANG area left ONGA FEB 12 en route WAVU.	

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✓ 528	21		TOJO	0815	0940	636	At 0730 hrs 2 barges passed LHBV going towards SHAMMAHA @ One barge appeared to catch fire & both went ashore @ ZERO in NO1, 1 in NO2 Blast BAYS	
✓ 529	21		DAWN	0900	1005	2179	Nal report	
✓ 530	21		WAV DEF	0630		1	Silva	
✓ 531	21	Hdr 2/6 Bn near 2/6 Bn with 2/5, 2/7 Bn	2/3/5 INDCOY	1235		0	Lt Col FGWOOD resumes comd 2/6 Bn as from 1200/22	
✓ 532	21		Hdr 2/5 Bn	1315	1329	204	Party of 10/15 of BPL 3rd INDCOY from SUMMIT left BELLEMS 1330 hrs 21 FEB on road GAP @ STAGING night 21/22 FEB WANDUMI @ ETA GAP 1800/22	
✓ 533	21		2/5 Bn	1330	1501	201	Identification @ Enemy troops SHADLE area considered to include MARINES @ proportion one in three enemy ops obs this area comparatively by wearing white shirts SOX common to MARINES.	
✓ 534	21		DAWN	1515	1645	180	4 Allied medium bombers shaped KOMIATUM LOGUI area 1000 hrs @ 1 Allied recce plane over same area 1215 hrs.	
✓ 535	21		NGF	1215	1550	536	from SURVEY @ Hierarchical sheets despatched today.	Reply to 10064
✓ 536	21		NGF	1200	1623	537	from SVY @ Refer to INDEX mentioned in WAV west revised @ Copies of last revised & BULOLO will be despatched on or before 23 FEB @ MOUNT SHAMMAHA should follow in 2 or 3 days @ will proceed immed. area north of BULOLO start with temporary edition @ Advise it satisfactory @ Expect FD SVY party move WAV when it available will work in areas as ordered by you.	WAV MISSIM to cover this Party
✓ 537	21		2/3 INDCOY	0912	1428	16	Silva 0630 1/21 @ Cpl Bas 25 men and MENZIES fire holding BLACKCAT track @ 25 men holding JAP tracks approx 8 hrs from June BLACKCAT JAP tracks @ If pl to move down JAP tracks this morning @ BPL no contact believed moving from SUMMIT to GAP @ 2/pls 2/6 Bn holding GULLETT'S June & BRENNAN'S pat & patrolling this area @ 1/6th 15 men 2/6 Bn at GAP @ 10 men 2/6 Bn stationed BLACKCAT MINE @ No comm WARFE party @ last contact 1200 hrs 19 FEB @ His intention then to push fwd to BLACKCAT JAP tracks June & join Cpl @ Nothing further to report.	
✓ 538	21		2/16 FD COY	0800	0811		Silva	
✓ 539	21		TOJO	1610	1630	663	Silva @ at 1330 party & long working on drone @ 1400 hrs long arrived then 5 men with packs went north along MIAKHAM	HEATHS
✓ 540	21		2/6 Bn	1629	1700	306	Silva	
✓ 541	21		2/16 FD COY	1800		109	Silva @ Patrol 5 mile west to SW BULOLO nil report	
✓ 542	21	See entry NO 398	2/16 FD COY	0800/19		111	BULOLO DRONE @ Clearing grass 2,000 yds clearing complete @ filling crater 5% @ 1st person job 90 minutes 10% @ remainder 1st drone defence & patrols @ 6 hrs assembling @ WAV work now handed over 26/2	
✓ 543	21		16 BDE STARRCO	1800		122	Silva	
✓ 544	21		BOBS	1705	1800	153	DEXTER taking over MORTAR, VICKERS 450 & 303 amm 7th sec grenades & MONOBEL	
✓ 545	21		WAV DEFENCE	1625	1630	3	Silva @ Transit Camp @ 2/6 mot @ Marched in 20 hrs mech capt Coy 2418, 1st Mt Mountain Bdy RHA @ Marched out 1428 2/6 Bn to BULOLO Fd Coy to EH DIECK, 20 R 2/6 Bn, 30 R Air Control evac to Hospital	100RS 2/6
✓ 546	21		TOJO	1820	1900	6638	Silva mist obscuring	
✓ 547	21		2/6 Bn	1825	1856	307	Password BULOLO	
✓ 548	21		2/7 Bn	1800	1815	206	Silva 1800/21 @ Sig sta closed WANDUMI 1355 @ Sigd protection sec held 1725 hrs @ C Coy patrol left WANDUMI 1300 hrs for JUNG JAP GULLETT track	B Coy Track

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509	20/2		NGF	1230	1755	CV 536 Bricced half medium tone copies of prints available AM 21 FEB 50 copies will be fwd @ Negatives on mainland cause 2 weeks delay obtained copies of actual photographs.	Reply to IO064
510	20/2	NGF		2145		I 0070 Secret @ Have secured JAP CIPHER CHARTS also many carbon copies of enciphered messages @ will fwd by first available plane	
511	21/2		2/7 IND COY	2045	2300	MO 108 GUADAGASHAL OP reports from 1700/19 @ 82 enemy moved from BUIBHINING through WHIPPHI towards MUBO of these 4 probably wounded & stragglers all with pack & arms @ from 0900 1825/30 total 390 enemy moved from BUI BHINING through WHIPPHI towards MUBO in groups of 1-14-2-125-16-2-3-2-2-41-3-2-3-11-14-125-14 of these 9 carried SMG, 4 MMG @ 310 apparently had ground sheets, 43 entrenching tools, all with packs @ 2 wounded @ 190 remained @ carrying rifles @ 4 numbers by camply with leaves @ BUISAVHAL OP reports 18 FEB slight mt SHADDE area @ the photo refs FH72 5 sub forms @ FH924 apparently cookhouse 19 FEB quite SHADDE area only 3 enemy obs. camply from AFC ACK fire held plainly direction SHADDE @ (Contd below)	
512	20/2	#	B RE 2/3 IND COY	1700	2135	BL 236 MCRRES party ret'd SUMMIT 20 FEB @ ALL troops less 4 sick will depart SUMMIT 0700 21 FEB and move through BATHAMS to arrive vicinity WANDUMI 1800 @ Since moving WANDUMI party will await them and whole total 1 off 27 ORs will move to BLACKHT 22 FEB	
513	21		2/7 Bn	0800	0847	201 Sitrep at 0800 4/21 @ 0321 FETZ 430 and June JAP-GUHETT tracks 1530, 20 FEB @ 82 facts 20 on from another PL }	
514	21		KHNGH	0945	0974	2974 Sitrep 354 100900 2/21 } you hear early 21 FEB @ face now under comd BHHI.	
515	21		2/5 Bn	0730	0854	201 Sitrep 0630 hrs @ Hds 2/5 Bn, H.B.C.D. Coys carrier PL Simon.	
516	21		16 Bde carrier Coy	0910	-	-	Simon.
517	21		2/6 Bn	0630	0736	304	Simon
518	21		B Coy 7 MG Bn	1945/20	1922	76	Ret.
519	20	2/3 IND COY		2140/20		969	Your 08112 & 08114 recd (-) presume you aware that your action in addressing messages to formations other than that under whose comd you serve constitutes serious breach of regulations @ This practice will cease forthwith @ above messages have been intercepted by this HQ & will NOT be sent on @ Aick.
520	21	DO, WAU, DOBODURA.	from HNGAU. HR.	1448/20	0221/21	1907/26	NGF 1907/26 Instruct patrols to warn natives where necessary that villages where concerned will be bombed & strafed where natives act adversely towards our troops or their mts & depots disclosed to the enemy.
521	21		HQ, HNGAU for DO WAU.			1907/25	NGF 1907/25 for DO WAU @ NG 2502 NEUT SHAND EDW. promoted T/capt 95 from 124 FEB 43 @ NX500HH 1 FEB @ Congrats.
522	21		NGF	2310A/20	0225/21	02738	Contd to see @ BRIG CLELAND DHAQMG & BRIG DISHER IDMS NGF arrive WAU 0800 hrs 21st FEB
523	21		NGF	2335A/20	1227/20	2740	Programme 21st FEB @ WAU @ 8 DOUGLAS 1st mission, 6-2nd miss, 6-3rd miss @ 1st flight by engines quit P.O.L. nations @ BUKOLO @ 10 DOUGLAS 1st mission carrying U.S. AA equip @ 2 planes drop SKINDEWHI number 2-3 planes drop BATHAMS 243 @ 243 missions @ Greater concentration of plane drops not possible. Each drop will contain proportion of items requested your Q153 & Q169.
524	21		2/6 FD COY	0705	HUX	156	Simon
525	21	All units		0830		1705	Password
526	21		LAE OP.	-	0945		2 enemy pinnaus leaving LAE at 0730 hrs @ This message has been sent to MORESBY.
527	21		2/5 Bn	0910	0945	202	H Coy sending patrol toward SUMMIT & BATHAMS @ Time out 0900A/21 IN 1200A/21
					511	Contd Buffet returned from recce SHADDE area 1700/20 & confirmed air photo refs reported from BUISAVHAL OP also mt LALEBHAISPUR & angles MUBO-GUADAGASHAL trackline @ could not estimate enemy strengths SHADDE then @ NO report NO straffing or bombing obs from GUADAGASHAL O.P. 20 FEB.	

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✓ 491	20/2		Rear HTI	1745	1745	Phone Sibun Nust	
✓ 492	20/2		2/5 Bn	1630	1411	208 Sibun as at 1630 hrs @ Advt HTI, (BADE) (DIBH) (SOCO) Sibun @ Carrier Pl less 1 Sec {A Coy} {C Coy} {D Coy}	
✓ 495	20/2		Rear 2/5 Bn	1105	1105	Phone 201. See attached	
✓ 496	20/2		2/3 IND Coy (Capt Jancud)	1630	1630	Phone Hpl returned to GAP in exhausted state + intended to (2) them at Gap for few days @ last news of Maj WARFE was from H Coy who saw him on JAP track at 1300A/19 @ Maj WARFE with 13 men said he would try + force way through along JAP track to join our 4th near JAP track BLACKCAT JAP track	
✓ 497	20/2		BENH FORCE	1005	1425	R54 Sibun BENH unchanged KHINANTU unchanged	
✓ 498	20/2		WAV Defence	1625	1800	5 Sibun @ Transit camp 4/ met 2459 2/6 Bn moved to BUKOKO @ 40 Rs 2/6 Bn to school @ 10 or 2/16 FD Coy red from BUKOKO otherwise sibun	
✓ 499	20/2		DAWN	1500	1630	G178 1 wpl H/c over this area 0930 hrs in vicinity approx 15 mins	
✓ 500	20/2		TOJO	1550	1700	G630 Sibun @ Ref mep LAF at 1220 hrs 3ZEROS took off heading NE @ 1232, 3ZEROS took off heading SW @ These were parked in blast bays 1, 2 + 3 @ Motor low activity vicinity location 100 suggests dump + long path @ HOUSE location (P) dismantled @ Large tree removed vicinity location 53	
✓ 501	20/2	NGF	2/3 IND Coy	1800	0069	I letter 16 FEB from SHAMMAH OP states craft appear to be entering SHAMMAH @ Craft NOT seen but lights obs out to sea after moonset @ Lights seen on occasions @ Last occasion bright light approx 500 yds NW BURNUNG pl between 0515 + 0600A/16 @ OP suggests possible submarine copy letter follows.	
✓ 502	20/2		2/7 Bn	1800	1844	210 Sibun as at 1800A/20 @ B+C Coys pl moved from WANDUMI area to ambush area 1200 hrs @ 1 Sec B Coy left Coy area 1930A/30 @ See moving to WANDUMI area as protection sigs terminal	
✓ 503	20/2		2/7 Bn		1845	Phone See for protection sig post WANDUMI arrived location 1820 maintaining contact with B Coy as long as visibility permits @ No word, other patrol.	
✓ 504	20/2		2/6 FD Coy	1835	NB X15	Sibun	
✓ 505	20/2		2/3 IND Coy	1654	1900	1K Sibun to 1630 @ Hpl at GAP @ Bpl less 2 secs reported BALLAMS moving GAP @ cpc plus MENZIES low junc BLACKCAT JAP track @ 1615 250Rs moving to JAP track to hold track @ WARFE NO com believed moving up JAP track @ 2 pls 2/7 Bn arrived at 1520 hrs junc WANDUMI JAP tracks @ Small parties of 2/6 Bn standing patrols at GULLETT junc + BLACKCAT MINE @ Intention 21 at FEB @ Develop defence in depth on BLACKCAT track + hold JAP track	
✓ 506	20/2		BPL 2/3 IND Coy	1645	1745	BL Combined patrol reports indicate that there are no routes between JAP tracks + BALLAMS SKINDIEWAI track above route through SKINDIEWAI NO5 + WANDUMI big point owing to steep walls of KOBIM gallery + that the only carrier carrier route would be through KHISINIK + WANDUMI @ This does not include BUIBHINING + WHIPKAI routes	
✓ 507	20/2	NGF	KANGH	0845	0967	Sibun as at 1800A/20	
✓ 508	20/2	NGF		2020	0069	I For Sig @ please advise policy for 14 series North of Shuts WAW.E + WAW.W @ BUKOKO first priority this area @ Ref mep HUON GULF Special suggest area from LW2084 TMS4 to LW2084 + north to LR 2010 @ If this suitable urgently require 100 copies	

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Date 20

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for	that	Bartram	urgent.	OP	BUIBAINING	reports	5
0820 hrs	20	feb	as follows	OP	approx	500 enemy	10
moved	down	BLACKCAT	track	afternoon	19	feb	15
this	means	in	last	week	approx		20
1400	hrs	moved	down	BLACKCAT	track	from	25
HOUSE	COPPER	1000	during	last	two	days	30
GUADALUPA	OP	has	observed	total	number		35
400	moving	back	by	GUADALUPA			40
therefore	assume	approx	1000	hrs			45
to be	BUIBAINING	area	otherwise	GUADALUPA			50
OP	would	have	observed	them	passing		55
along	track	towards	WAIPALI	MUBO			60
or	SADDLE	area	OP	BUIBAINING			65
also	report	camps	and	post	in	PASSER	70
or	valley	area	between	BUIBAINING	&	WAIPALI	75
over	much	greater	area	see	our	sketch	80
and	19	feb	consider	possible	further	hrs	85
along	BLACKCAT	track	from	HOUSE	COPPER	area	90
PASSER	area	as	being	used	as	staging	95
PINSHA	now	at	rear	MARCH	has	detailed	100
could	direct	to	target	BUIBAINING	PASSER	SADDLE	105
consider	first	priority	BUIBAINING	PASSER	area		110
second	SADDLE	area	for	by	bombing	and	115
stripping	if	possible	today	20	feb.		120

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✓ 475	20/2	NGF	2/3IND COY	1140	1245	0811	Urgent @ Send Luit Barry + as many men as possible @ Fwd WAFU.	
✓ 476	20/2	NGF	2/3IND COY	0900	1445	1K 13	Sitrep at 0900hrs @ A pl presumed at CHRRS DUMP @ B pl less 2 sec moving to JHP GHP @ C pl plus MENZIES force holding 600 yards west JHP BLACK CAT track @ 1 Offr 25 ORs to move JHP track @ 2 pls 2/7 Bn to hold GULLET JUNC JHP fine @ patrol tracks in that area @ telephone line being put down to CHRRS DUMP @ carrier line forced to CHRRS DUMP @ No contact with Maj WAREE	
✓ 477	20/2	NGF	2/6 Bn	1425	1510	201	2 pl, 3 pl HQ Coy B Coy HQ 11412 pl @ Total H and 97 marched out to BUKOLO today.	
✓ 478	20/2	NGF	2/5 Bn	1200	1610	206	Ref our 202 143 BAMI esc SUMMIT leaving BHALAMS 1330hrs ETA WANDUMI 1900hrs en route to Coy HQ.	
✓ 479	20/2	NGF	2/7 Bn	1507	1528	206	Relief of 16 pl of D Coy by 74 H Coy at 399679 effected 1500hrs @ 16 pl returned to def pos 391697.	
✓ 480	20/2	NGF	NGF	1200	1505	06615	Desire to know your intentions about enemy form JUNC BLACK CAT + JHP tracks @ Sending 1 pack HOWITZER earliest + WILTON who will report GSOI and advise on employment pack HOW.	
✓ 481	20/2	NGF	2/7 BN	1520		208	Patrol D Coy in Sq 3869 @ out 0900 in 1515 @ Route out Coy area @ MDS @ then south along BIG WAFU creek to area approx 381692 @ See them moved EAST through jungle to grassy spur running north south along EASTING 39 @ Patrol searched jungle thoroughly @ No trace of enemy occupation @ No trace buried weapons @ Patrol then retrd to Coy area via 16 pl area.	
✓ 482	20/2	NGF	2/5 Bn	1400	1537	203		
✓ 483	20/2	NGF	B pl 2/3 IND COY at 2/5 Bn	1330	1522	84 333	HQ 45 sec departed 13 vicinity WANDUMI 3rd of BHALAMS 16 SUMMIT @ Intention move to Coy HQ 1st party to arrive 1200/21 in view of 46 sec return to Coy HQ please confirm this move @ Well base stores also be moved @ Immediate reply reqd.	
✓ 484	20/2	NGF	NGF	1615		1006	For Coy @ Require 10 copies Memo Sheet B8 repeat B8.	
✓ 485	20/2	NGF	2/5 IND COY	1630		1006	Have you further details track BUKANTIM TIMNE reported by you 12 FEB	
✓ 486	20/2	NGF	2/6 Bn	1555	1640	303	Sitrep. @ C Coy at BULWH @ One Sgt, 24 ORs incl 3 guides moved out at 0930/19 for standing patrols PARTER 3, KWONTHAMINE, KWASHANG @ Local patrols will report very concerned at prevalent use of EM OPS franking @ further unnecessary use will render negative this priority @ Suggest full phones be reserved for ops messages only for BOTH now at 2/5 Bn @ You move confirmed @ leave base stores	
✓ 487	20/2	NGF	2/5 Bn	1405	1530	204	Carry out our instrs 0961 @ Recv Saddle if so desire @ Your whole force NOT available at present @ do NOT propose attack SHADDE until we can go beyond @ essential first BUIBAINING WAIPAI area to be cleared @ we propose 5 of the enemy this area daily strafing.	
✓ 488	20/2	NGF	Hdq 2/5 Bn	1645		0965		
✓ 489	20/2	NGF	Hdq 2/5 Bn	1650		0966		
✓ 490	20/2	NGF	NGF	1645		0964	See attached	

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sitrep	352	(.)	it	is	10
believed	that	enemy	were	in	15
strength	in	staging	camp	on	20
JAP	TRACK	near	junc	JAP	25
BLACKCAT	tracks	(.)	considered	that	30
activities	2/3	Indep	Coy	in	35
this	area	forced	large	number	40
of	enemy	to	withdraw	through	45
HOUSE	COPPER	to	BUIBAINING(WAIPALI	50
area	on	19	Feb	(.)	55
latest	estimate	from	2/5	Bn	60
indicates	approx	1000	enemy	in	65
BUIBAINING	WAIPALI	area	with	additional	70
700	enemy	in	SADDLE	area	75
(.)	situation	junc	BLACKCAT	JAP	80
tracks	still	obscure	and	appears	85
JAPS	still	in	some	strength	90
(.)	2/3	Indep	Coy	are	95
holding	both	tracks	WEST	of	100
track	junc	and	are	endeavouring	105
determine	enemy	location	and	strengths	110
by	aggressive	patrolling	(.)	intentions	115
(.)	to	hold	area	BLACKCAT	120
JAP	track	junc	with	etc	125
2/3	Indep	Coy	and	after	130

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several	days	intensive	air	strafing	5
of	HOUSE	COPPER	BUIBAINING	WAIPALI	10
area	to	attack	BUIBAINING	spur	15
from	the	SOUTH	employing	2/5	20
Bn	less	two	coys	and	25
portion	2/7	Indep	Coy	(.)	30
preparation	and	prior	recce	for	35
this	attack	now	under	way	40
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458	20		2/7 IND COY	2230/19	0810	MO 108	GADAGASAL OP reports 100 enemy reported camped WHIPALI night 18/18 moved towards BUIBHINING 1650/18 time of start indicates staying BUIBHINING area night 18/19. During 19 FEB 137 enemy moved through WHIPALI towards MUBO @ 157 as previously reported moved up BLACKCAT track @ thumbstuck farm was impossible as enemy holding fine BLACKCAT track BUIBHINING track @ BUISAVAL OP reports as follows Believe large concentration enemy forces in SADDLE area bounded by points F52W3 F57W8 F63W7 F57Y9 on air photo NO61 npt 61 @ Fides obs these areas daily 0700hrs these camps probably based on water as follows F56Y9 air photo 6 where meal parade 105 hrs obs BITOI River as bounded by areas given small spring F62W9 Air photo NO61 enemy still camped farms @ SADDLE then believed only small part of this force defending SADDLE area remainder neither area quoted in 5 Camps @ Consider forces of less than 700 @ Essential heavily bomb & straf this area @ Cannot find faint all GADAGASAL ridge forest as photos don't cover them suggest using DUSHEA guide-bombers in with WIRAFINAY @ contact DUNSHEA stream HQ MAKKA he will have detailed map of area by 1700/20.	Action taken.
459	20		KANGA	1020	0960		Sitet 352 to 1800 1/20	
460	20		2/5 B	0630	0935	0201	Sitet 20 at 0630hrs @ HAWITI, BADE, DIBH Sitet @ SOLO Call JAP 425698 1830/19 otherwise normal @ MAKKA report later.	
461	20		2/5 B	0935	1013	0202	Carrier pk LITI less 1 sec @ KHISINIK 0920hrs ETH BALLAMS 1100hrs @ BADE of LITI @ BALLAMS 0930hrs ETH summit 1330hrs + SKINDEWAI 1900 @ 16/30Rs BABI ETH BALLAMS from SUMMIT 1200hrs.	
462	20		DAWN	0800		94	Nil report	
463	20		DAWN	19/02/19	0920	6176	5 PINNACLES NOT observed during day now moving between KELA + SHLMAVAH only able to during break in fog.	1900hrs
464	20		TOJO	19/15/19	1015	6631	Planes heard over LFE at 1840hrs think they landed but no visibility	
465	20	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns 2/3, 2/5 INDEP COY WAV DEF HNGAV BENA FORCE RFA	KANGA	0925		0065	I Secret @ Infrm recd that JAP agent of CHINESE nationality may come into country as Chinese coolie & allow himself to be captured @ Care to be exercised in handling all Chinese prisoners also any Chinese settlers straggling from occupied points on NORTH Coast @ All informed.	
466	20	HAWITI npt 2/3 IND COY		1015		961	Secret @ In view increased enemy activity in SADDLE WHIPALI BUIBHINING HOUSE COPPER area postpone your attack until further orders @ ensure you hold both SADDLE SKINDEWAI + BUIBHINING SKINDEWAI tracks securely & in depth & limit your ops to active & aggressive patrolling @ Will endeavour maintain daily strafing on back HOUSE COPPER BUIBHINING WHIPALI & daily bombing & strafing SADDLE-MUBO KOMIATUM area @ Observe & report on results bombing & strafing @ Hite	
467	20		NGF	1215/19	06599		Sitet NO467 to 1000/18	
468	20		NGF	0035/19	06602		" NO468 to 2200/19	passed from Comd
469	20	All units		0830			IP04	Password
470	20	FND LITI, BANI, MAKKA		1100			0962	Refom 0958 strafe postponed to 1400/20.
471	20		TOJO	0900	1015	6632	Sitet @ nil report no visibility @ raining steadily.	
472	20		2/5 B	1445/19	1140	0207	Patrol BANI 80R BALLAMS 1740/19 from BLACKCAT @ departing 0830/20 ETH SUMMIT 1200hrs.	
473	20		TOJO		1255	1 plane	3 Enemy fighters left LFE heading S.W. at 1212 1/20	
474	20		TOJO	1150	1212	6633	2 Fighter planes parked in No2 Blast Bay & 1 fighter plane in No1 Blast Bay.	

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✓ H45		Conda				JAP OP believed JUNC @ Small party 2/6 Bn holding GULLETT JUNC + BLACKCAT MINE @ MO moving CARRS DUMP anticipate casualties Afl @ Intention 20 FEB @ Cyl hold. JUNC patrol forward to locate enemy forces in that area @ MENZIES FORCE to move to JUNC @ Afl remaining CARRS DUMP endeavour evacuate cas @ B PCHQ 41 sec moving from SUMMIT. @ WARREN intention unknown @ Will hold GULLETT JUNC + BLACKCAT MINE with small force 2/6 Bn @ carrier line of 23 to move to CARRS DUMP @ If men available will commence laying telephone line from BLACKCAT mine fwd to CARRS DUMP.
✓ H46	20		2/5 Bn	2100	0202	EMER SITREP @ Estimated 600/700 enemy @ concentrated SADDLE area @ other enemy units reported our side following @ Incl points faintly the photos NO 61 LIEUT DUSHER now at rear HQ MAH# has detailed knowledge area & can indicate essential targets SADDLE area from AIRCRAFT @ further info awaited which may affect decisions proposed attack @
✓ H47	20		2/7 IND Coy	2315/19	MO 108	GADAGASAL OP reports 100 enemy camped WAIPALI night 17/18 moved towards BUIBAINING 1650/19 line of starting indicates staying BUIBAINING area night 18/19 @ During 19 FEB 137 enemy moved through WAIPALI towards MUBO See entry H58
✓ H48	19	2/5 Bn 2/3 INDEP COY	2/7 INDEP COY	2230/19	0959	intend shape track HOUSE COPPER - BUIBAINING - WAIPALI at 1800/19 rft 12 02/20 @ ensure your ops clear this area @ 2/3 INDCoy reports 572 rft 572 JAPS passed June BLACKCAT JAP track between 1300 & 1530 L/19 moving towards MUBO.
✓ H49	19	2/5 Bn		2315/19	0959	5 AF advise daily shuffling & bombing SADDLE GADAGASAL area commencing 20 FEB
✓ H50	19	2/5 Bn rft 2/2 FD AMB		2220	0957	Capts McPherson + McCracken to combine at SKINDEWAI. to form fwd medical post @ what urgent surgical supplies & what extra medical supplies do you need @ fwd staging post will be established BALLAMS 20 FEB @ Advise by EMOPS message.
✓ H51	19		NGF	1730/19	2142	11459 @ FOR GSI @ NO enemy info received will be issued for 24 hrs to 1700/19
✓ H52	20		NGF	2335/19	0500	1715 @ programme 20 FEB @ WAHU @ 8 DOUGLAS 1st mission 5, 2nd 11 3rd @ 1st flight carries heavy eng equip @ further planes carrying AH equip operating BULOLO admission ref you @ 153 + 156 @ 2 planes drop at each SKINDEWAI + BALLAMS NOT before 1000 hrs @ 2 planes drop at each SKINDEWAI + BALLAMS NOT 1300 hrs @ ensure smoke signals made when planes appear.
✓ H53	20		Rear HITI		0815	Phone Simon
✓ H54	20		2/7 Bn Ado HQ	0800	0925	201 Sitrep as at 0800 hrs @ Ref HOPO intakes to SHBH re fwd patrol WANDUMI area @ intakes passed by cypher to our patrol @ No comm since 2300 hrs @ Local patrol return
✓ H55	20		2/6 Bn	0630	301	Simon
✓ H56	20		WAHU defn	0630	0740	1 Sitrep @ TRANSIT CAMP @ marched in 10 ft 2/5 IND Coy from KANGA 20 R 2/6 Bn from HOSPITAL @ Otherwise Simon
✓ H57	20		2/3 IND COY	0905	0930	1K11 Confirm report CPL @ 582 rft 582 enemy passed June moving EAST PM 19 FEB.

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✓ H32	19/2		2/5 B	1330	1741 204	1300s MAKA passed through BALLAMS 1330/19 ETH WANDUMI 1800
✓ H33	19/2		KANGA	1930	0958	Sitrep NO351 to 1800/19
✓ H34	19/2	2/3 IND COY w/td 2/5 B		1950	0956	SECRET @ further to my 0951 & 2/7 IND COY MOLOY @ In view report additional enemy HOUSE COPPER area 2/3 IND COY will adopt defensive forms in depth on both BLACKCAT & JHP tracks in vicinity June BLACKCAT JHP tracks @ Task 20 FEB active & aggressive patrolling in June BLACKCAT & JHP tracks & HOUSE COPPER area & formulation of plans for possible attack this area on 21 FEB @ AEM.
✓ H35	19		16 B DECA. COY.	1800	2000	- sitrep sitnor.
✓ H36	19		TOTO	1830	1900 5630	Sitrep @ nothing to report @ musts obscuring.
✓ H37	19		2/5 BN	1800	0208	Sitrep at 1800 hrs @ situation normal @ MAKA report later
✓ H38	19		2/6 BN	1700	202	2 offrs 1700s B Coy marched on 1500 hr today
✓ H39	19		2/7 BN	1800	208	Sitrep sitnor @ B&C Coy. patrols contacted 1730 HRS no report.
✓ H40	19	BENA BENA	BENA BENA	0805	0954	send direct to Staff duties military history see 2nd Aust base P.O.
✓ H41	19		TOTO	1630	1762 5629	Ref your 0935 FEB 19 @ Arrived at 1035 hr lasted 10 mins @ 1143 hr LAE AA fired on 4 bombers which were JAPS these bombers then landed ref our Y 259 1440 hrs ref our X 239 1345 hrs @ Activity at HEATHS refers to about of men about house & adjacent roads @ this occurs daily see 6619 @ ref map LAE locality @ from 10.55 hrs 3 allied bombers patrolled MARKHAM area until 1105 hrs when 12 bombers with fighter escort made low level attack on MALAHANG-BUTIBUM area @ fighters then patrolled LAE-SALAMAWA area until left 1405 @ very little AA from location 53 terrace @ ref 4407 @ defence appeared surprised & bewildered by low attack @ located flag ref 5721 & MV after parked close by @ suggest use of 6 figure map refs for greater accuracy.
✓ H42	19		2/3 IND COY	1945	05 105	CPL reported 572 JAPS passed June between 1300 & 1500 hrs today moving towards MUBO @ 23 carrying 7 MGS past June at 1112 hrs moving towards WANDUMI this report repeated twice see above figure @ endeavoured to check figure with Cpl BUTT failed to contact again.
✓ H43	19		R. 2/5 BN	1800.		Sitnor.
✓ H44	19	N&F		2225	3006	4 For DUNSTAN @ Require urgently min. 20 guided copies ea. of prints 31R w/td 31R & 33R w/td 33R of photo run 30X WAU to BAYERN BHY. 31 JAN 3 105X 6 inch FL 154 mm 1645'0ft 8 photo exp 18-39 @ Guiding reqd with very fine lines to preserve detail @ please advise very earliest delivery for use forthcoming ops.
✓ H45	19		2/3 IND COY		2022 05 104	Sitrep do 1630 hrs @ No contact A pl but pressure at CHRS DUMP this pl killed 8 JAPS 18 FEB not previously reported @ B/L HQ and 1 sec to leave SUMMIT tonight for GAPC, 2 secs B/L 425 near BHQ (MENXIES FORCE) this fast BLACKCAT mine moving in direction JUNC @ Cpl June area @ recce patrol this pl endeavoured by pass JAP pos on JHP track but met strong opposition & ret'd pl HQ 1200 hrs JHP killed @ Patrol endeavouring contact WARFE on JHP track @ Enemy holding in strength slightly w/td JHP track from JUNC

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✓ H17	19		2/5 BN	1130	- 0203	ack also ack message too 0800/19	
✓ H18	19		1 Coy 2/2 Fd AMB	1505 4/19	- M87	Ref your 0937/18 @ NO repeated NO cases of malaria have been admitted to hospital from this unit since arrival in this locality @ strict anti-malarial precautions will be observed.	in reply 0925
✓ H19	19		BENA FORCE	1045 4/19	1225 A52	advise whether war diary despatches can be sent to unit at KAN 917 defensive posts completed notify air force that camouflage of drums will be completed 23 FEB @ Have plan for coordinating intelligence reports RAMU MAAKHAM valley awaiting return BLACK DO RAMU before submitting details @ native labour available to construct road BENA KAINANTU suitable TEEPS what is your policy in this regard	
✓ H20	19		2/6 IND			Ref your 0933 received this HQ 1240 4/19 @ sent Piggott proceeding you HQ all speed this P.M.	
✓ H21	19	Hdw 2/5 B	ADV 2/5 BN	1500 4/19	0950	sent @ further to my 0948 @ I @ your defns map received @ 3 @ 2/3 IND COY reports that bulk of Coy will be in area June JAP-BLACK CAT track by NIGHT 19 FEB @ if possible will coordinate an attack by this unit to coincide with yours @ 3 @ will attempt obtain air support for your OPS as required but essential you give early notice of targets and times @ air support can only be given on a timed programme @ targets if possible should be pinpointed on gridded air photo @ unlikely air support will be available before 1000 hrs daily @ advise targets & times urgently.	
✓ H22	19	BOBS.		1630	- 10063	secret @ JIM MURPHY & NIALL @ air Rec 18 FEB reported large new native huts 4 miles below NAZAB on river road @ new grass huts NOASAWAMPUM & MUNUM @ track from MUNUM much used possibly by JAP. @ KHAKI pyramed tents among trees one mile SE NAZAB with grass huts nearby @ possible landing grounds one mile NNW WAHAT definite evidence grading and filling.	
✓ H23	19		DAWN	1500	1550 G	believed A/C bombed SALAMUA 0910 @ Obs smoke rising from crest above quarry to left of O'Dear's house.	
✓ H24	19		2/6 Fd Coy	1630	145	Situa	
✓ H25	19		2/7 IND Coy	1535	1700 M0	BUI BAINING O.P. report 156 enemy moved up BLACKCAT track from BUI BAINING towards HOUSE COPPER 1230/19 @ further detailed mot enemy following.	
✓ H26	19	2/5 Bn Hdq		1445	0949	See attached.	
✓ H27	19	2/3 IND COY		1545	0951	SECRET @ 2/5 Bn planning attack BUI BAINING WAIPALI area at time date to be notified @ You will cooperate by attacking enemy June BLACKCAT JAP the HOUSE COPPER area at time to coincide 2/5 Bn attack & unfold along the HOUSE COPPER WAIPALI towards WAIPALI	
✓ H28	19		2/3 IND COY	1410	1425	C pl report JAPS holding JUNE slightly WEST of JAP track in strength @ impossible force way up JAP track to contact WARFE @ A pl believed to have struck BLACKCAT track near CARRS very badly exhausted state.	
✓ H29	19		near 2/5 Bn		1800	phone Situa	
✓ H30	19		2/6 Bn	1615	1645 300	Situa	
✓ H31	19		WFO def	1630	7650 H	Situa @ Trained Camp @ Marched in 38 ORs 2/6 Bn from BLACKCAT TORS 2/6 Bn from BUKOLO @ 4 ORs 2/6 Fd Coy from Moresby @ Marched out 1416 from 2/6 Bn to BUKOLO @ Otherwise Situa	

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2/3	ind	coy	reports	(.)	5
A	pl	contacted	enemy	junc	10
BLACKCAT	JAP	TK	and	forced	15
to	break	bush	presumably	towards	20
BLACKCAT	TK	(.)	TK two	secs	25
B	pl	plus	to	bren	30
men	coy	HQ	to	move	35
down	BLACKCAT	TK	and	hold	40
junc	BLACKCAT	JAP	TK	(.)	45
C	pl	ordered	move	back	50
from	junc	BLACKCAT	JAP	TK direction	55
WANDUMI	clear	force	that	A	60
to	met	(.)	B	Pl	65
pl	and	remaining	see	B	70
HQ	moving	rejoin	coy	H	75
pl	possible	route	(.)	message	80
quickest	received	states	(.)	C	85
just	reports	JAPS	holding	junc	90
pl	WEST	up	JAP	tk	95
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✓ 395	19/2		16 Bde Com Coy	0830	0850		Sitrep		
✓ 396	19/2		2/3 IND Coy	0820	0950	05 88	Sitrep to 0800 1/19 @ Hfl nations almost exhausted moving to CARPH Dump 5 hrs down BLACKCAT MINE HOUSE COPPER from BLACKCAT MINE @ Remainder as by Sitrep PMLX18		
✓ 397	19/2		2/16 FD Coy	0800	0930	0R/112	Sitrep		
✓ 398	19/2		2/16 FD Coy	0800	0845	0R 111	BUOLOLO Drone @ clearing grass 2000 yds @ clearing complete @ Filling craters 50% @ Spies on job 90 Natives 101 @ remainder Spies drone def & patrols @ 6 Spies assembling at WAHU @ work now handed over to 2/6 Bn @ 13th Coy moving to EADIE CK @ Hdc HQ will open EADIE CK 19, 1200 hrs Rear HQ will close BUOLOLO 1800/19		
✓ 399	19/2	NGF		0915		0942	BUOLOLO Drone @ 2000 yds clearing complete @ filling craters 50%		
✓ 400	19/2		2/3 IND Coy	0948	0957	05 92	at 1730 hrs 1/18 further party of 19 with Armed JAPS seen at mine. BLACKCAT JAP WANDUMI tracks		
✓ 401	19/2		2/5 Bn			1010	TALAH & DENI party 19 ea totalling 38 left BALLAMIS 0920 ETH WAHU 1730/19		
✓ 402	19/2		2/7 Bn	0945	1015	203	fighting patrols from B+C Coy to WANDUMI area moved out 0900 hrs.		
✓ 403	19/2		DAWH	0800	1030	5174	Nal report		
✓ 404	19/2		2/6 Bn	0755	0924	201	Sitrep		
✓ 405	19/2		2/5 Bn	0800	1000	201	Sitrep as at 0900 hrs @ LITI, BADE, DIBA, SOCO, Sitrep @ MAKKA report later		
✓ 406	19/2	(See also 387)	2/5 Bn	2215/18	0937	210	Consider essential bombing shafting GADAGMSAL RIDGE & SADDLE during Ops time to be ratified later @ End of 5 parts		
✓ 407	19/2		TOJO	0800	0928	6627	Sitrep the 3 fighters left LAHE heading NE at 0711 hrs.		
✓ 408	19/2	ADV ADV 2/5 & 2/6 BNS 2/7 BN. 2/3 IND 2/5 BNS WAHU DEF 2/1 KAF.		1300/19		0946	cancel our 0929 @ strips will be fwd HOPO as at 0630 and 1630 hrs daily @ all informed.		
✓ 409	19		BENA FORCE	0940/19	1045/19	051	Sitrep BENA unchanged KAINANTU unchanged.		
✓ 410	19		2/3 IND Coy	1100		0595	Investigation reveals all sec @ sub secs have been carrying atabrin @ these have been taken daily under supervision of sub unit comd. @ names of offenders admitted to hospital recently could be supplied severe action will be taken on their return to unit.		
✓ 411	18		2/5 BN	1125/18	1500/19	0204	Message ptd. @ unit code names A Coy BADE @ B Coy CAMO @ C Coy DIBA @ D Coy SOCO @ carrier Pt. KADI @ aca.		
✓ 412	19		2/6 FD Coy	1500		-	7 out 0921/18 aca.		
✓ 413	19	Hdc 2/5 Bn	ADV 2/5 Bn	1319/19		0947	2/3 IND Coy reports party 19 well armed JAPS seen at SUNE BLACKCAT - WANDUMI TKS moving east at 1730 hrs.		
✓ 414	19	2/5 Bn	2/5 Bn	1325/19		0948	ref part 5 @ pinpoint target for bombing on grid photo @ give make possible warning before OPs commenced to enable us arrange air support.		
✓ 415	18		B Coy MB BN				in reply 0937 @ atabrin taken each night under supervision of PL Comd.		
✓ 416	19		NGF	1030/19	1328/19	06603	Sitrep 469 to 1000/19 @		

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381	Continued						BLACKCAT JAP track gone push strong patrols fwd HOUSE COPPER area @ two sec BPL present here move fwd BLACKCAT MINE in afternoon camp there @ push fwd following day to join force HOUSE COPPER area @ one sec BPL stationed SUMMIT to patrol SUMMIT area @ will send approx 40 carriers to fwd dump @ existing standing patrols to be maintained	
382	18		BENA	1830 ⁴ / ₁₉	1915	RSO	EWING going to investigate HOPO report enemy at ONGA will report earliest opportunity	
383	18	NGF		2245		10062	BENA reports EWING going to investigate enemy activity ONGA @ NO further report from KYNGDON this subject @ following from EWING through BENA @ Police boys searching for DOTT returned search apparently hopeless @ Police met Police who were previously with FREYBERG & LINDER @ apparently FREYBURG went BILIRU for stores & was captured by JAPS @ message from FREYBURG to LINDER advising surrender @ LINDER says JAPS collected all LUTHERANS AMELE AMARON KRANKET & BOYATI	
384	18		2/7 IND COY	1530	1905	100	Ref your 0924 Telegram reads MAKH will be patrolling CRYSTAL CK area, 18, 19, 20 FEB @ 2. wired word MAKH @ Please explain.	
385	19		NGF.	2245 ⁷ / ₁₉	2345 ¹¹ / ₁₉	1313	Programme 19 FEB @ WAU @ 11 Douglas first mission 6 Douglas 2nd 3rd missions @ 1st flight carried by engine stores & misc. @ BUHOKO @ 6 Douglas 1st mission 3 Douglas 2, 3rd missions @ 1st flight ration @ Drops shown outline plan 18 FEB successful @ Distribute Douglas to BENA BENA 19 FEB	
386	19		NGF.	2245 ⁷ / ₁₉	0140 ⁰ / ₁₉	0600	please rpt all air flash messages recd from fwd OPs by air flash from your HQ. @ reason for this inability hear fwd sets regularly	
387	19		2/5 Bn	0745	0745	0210	Sitrep. See attached	
388	19		2/5 Bn	0745	0745	08	Request your permission move Bpl HQ + one sec at present SUMMIT	
389	19		2/3 IND COY	0815	0825	087	area to this area to be used in HOUSE COPPER area as situation demands	
390	19		2/7 Bn	0745	0808	202	Sitrep.	
391	19		2/6 Bn	0740	0800	207	Sitrep.	
392	19	RRR WAU Area		0830		1903	Password	
393	19		WAU def.	0815		1	Sitrep @ Marched into transit camp 18 FEB 2412 mot control + 6 ORs 2/16 Fd Coy. 3490 of 2/6 Bn remain @ mot today 20 ORs 2/6 Bn do BUHOKO incl 6 from transit camp @ permission again requested for 2/16 Fd Coy personnel to move to BUHOKO @ WAU def @ Patrol 2/25 carrier Coy captured 1 JAP very weak dysentery at ROSSITERS 404737 at 1730 4/18 otherwise Sitrep.	
394	19		KANGA	0930	0941		Sitrep	

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No change in dispositions (.) SITREP
1800 hrs (.) (BADEDI SIKADA?) repeats
situation normal (.) SOCO reports 1
prisoner CRYSTAL CREEK area 1500 hrs
otherwise normal
MAKA reports 24 enemy moved
to WAIPALI 20 full egypt moved
WAIPALI to BUIBAINING (.) 1700/18 mist
lifted revealing 100 full egypt camped
WAIPALI

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Did not come from BlackCAT maybe
from MUBO (.) (re?) important enemy
moves SADDLE GRADAGASAL (.) ambush point
placed BlackCAT TRACK at foot BUIBAINING
spur (.) intention (.) will begin moving
supplies
for ops BUIBAINING area 0800 hrs
comd LITI moves SKINDEWAI arrives approx
1100 hrs Feb 19 (.) LITI
remains Ballings

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Consider essential bombing strafing GRADAGASAL
RIDGE and SADDLE during operations Time
to be ratified later (.) End
of 5 parts

memo Lt 1007/19

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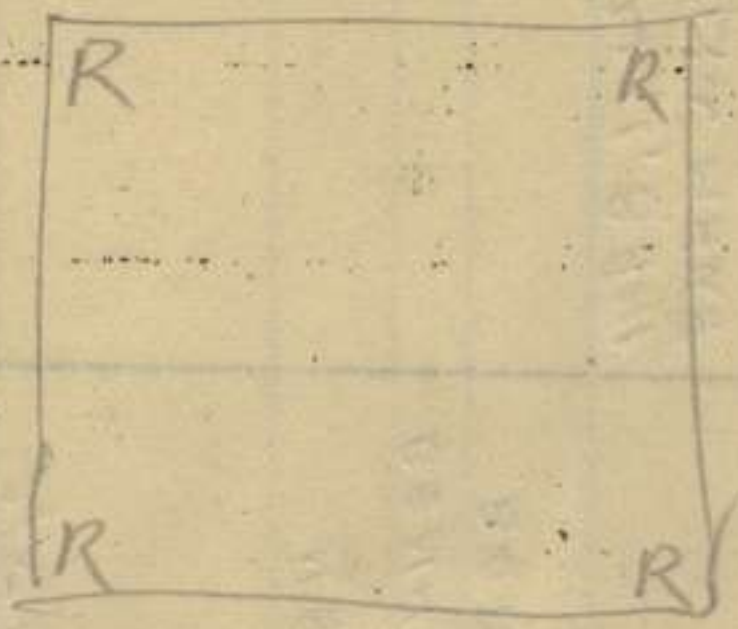
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✓ 366	18/2		2/16 FD Coy	1800	1813	OR 108	Sitmor @ Patrol 5 mile WEST to SWEST BULOLO mil report		
✓ 367	18/2		2/5 Bn	1025		0	Unit Code names A Coy BADE @ B Coy KAMO @ C Coy DIBH @ D Coy SOCO @ Carrier PL KADI @ ACK		
✓ 368	18/2		2/7 Bn	1745	1830	204	Sitmor @ Patrol report @ B Coy recce patrol strength 1 and 21 report & unused tracks leading south from 406691 otherwise mil report Time out 0945 In 1330		
✓ 369	18/2		WAU DEF	1730		6	Sitmor		
✓ 370	18/2		Rear HQ 2/6 Bn	1800	1810	201	Sitmor @ MAJ JONES 3 ORs marched in from SKINDEWAI @ 500Rs marched out to BULWAI area		
✓ 371	18/2		2/6 Bn	1725	1726	201	Sitmor		
✓ 372	18/2		WAU DEF	0825	1810	1	Sitmor @ 1412 of 2/6 Aust Coy Regt marching out to SUNSHINE 0745 hrs @ 500Rs 2/6 Bn marching out BULOLO at 0830 hrs @ 3490 2/6 Bn remaining NATIVE HOSPITAL @ NO 2/5 IND Coy in this area otherwise Sitmor.		
✓ 373	18/2	2/7 IND COY		1745		10061	are compiling a enlargement of fwd area & require urgently any available traverses tracks SKINDEWAI to house MAMBU & general vicinity @ Hld require details JAP camps MUBO & other info from fwd OP. @ Advise expected time delivery		
✓ 374	18/2		TOJO	1630	1737	6	Sitmor @ 1050 hrs # planes strafed LABU bush area @ MG fire from LABU raid lasted 10 mins @ usual activity around HEATHS from 0800 hrs @ 1430 hrs # bombers raid # fired on them @ 1545 bombers left heading South		
✓ 375	18/2		KANSA	1153		0932	Sitmor 349 to 1800/18		
✓ 376	18/2		TOJO	1905	1930	G 627	3 fighters parked in 1 @ 2 @ 3 @ blast bays.		
✓ 377	18/2		TOJO	1845			3 enemy fighters landed LAE drone at 1830		
✓ 378	18/2		BENH FORCE	1625	1725	R 49	EWING reports that Police Scouts sent search for DOTT returned after meeting police of BOYAN left with FREYBERG LINDER @ Police said FREYBERG gone BILIAU for stores was caught by JAPS advised LINDER who returned to surrender LINDER said JAPS collected all LUTHERHAIS AMELE AMARON KRANKET BOGATI @ Apparently hopeless find DOTT @ NO news yet re ONGA situation.		
✓ 379	18/2		2/6 FD Coy			NBX 138/9	Sitmor to 1800/18 Hch 0921/18		
✓ 380	18/2		16 Bde Cam Coy	O.P. 1800			Sitmor		
✓ 381	18		2/3 IND COY	1940		0583	Retreat to 1800/18 @ APL NO contact today believed BLACKCAT JAP tracks JUNCO 2 see BPL returns this HQ 1700 hrs unable to force track between JAP track @ SUMMIT men exhausted @ remaining see HQ SUMMIT area @ CPL holding this afternoon half hour from BLACKCAT JAP tracks June along JAP track at 1500 hrs this PL observed 42 JAPS well armed heavily laden at BLACKCAT JAP track June moving along JAP track direction WANDUMI @ Ambush prepared @ 1630 hrs same PL observed 50 JAPS at TUNE moving direction MUBO @ presumption that sight of JAPS warned this party that a large force was awaiting them at JAP track & they consequently withdrew @ WARFE & party bhrs down JAP track from GULLET TUNE @ standing patrols JAP WANDUMI th June, BRENNANS front BLACKCAT MINE nothing to report @ Have established fuel ration dump 5-hrs fwd BLACKCAT MINE house COPPERTK. @ 2 hrs maintained by 3 men @ INTENDED 19 FEB APL CPL hold		

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✓ 352	18/2		2/5 Bn	0845	1200	0 201	Intend indicate serious supply difficulties arise if more Hs moved into fwd area action HOUSE COPPER area also situation undertake offensive action BUIBAINING area without delay evidence to show enemy Hs WAIPALI & GDAGASAL garrisons were not part of WAFU attacking force	Will undertake offensive action BUIBAINING area without delay. Hs WAIPALI & GDAGASAL garrisons were not part of WAFU attacking force.	
✓ 353	18/2		2/5 Bn	1000	200	0 203	Infon indicates enemy reinforcing areas SADDLE GAUDAGASAL, WAIPALI BUIBAINING Attack on any one requires holding forces at other which would empty SKINDENAI Request permission move H Coy temporarily SKINDENAI fwd Carrier Pl BALLAMS.		
✓ 354	18/2		NGF	0930	1130	0 659	Intentions or future OPS will NOT be mentioned in SITREPS such infon may be passed by secret message. All informed.		
✓ 355	18/2		BENH FORCE	1000	1125	R48	Sitrep BENH unchanged. Hwaiting report from KAINANTU re ONGA situation.		
✓ 356	18/2		BOBS	1000	1215	J 519	Ref your 0917 MAJ TAYLOR left this AM will arrive SUNSHINE at time stated in your radio.		
✓ 357	18/2	LITI, BAHU Hd MAKH		1105		0 924	MAKH will be patrolling WANDUMI TRIG PT area 18-19-20 FEB. Patrol leaves CRYSTAL CK 2 am 18 FEB & proceeds up remnants to north of CRYSTAL CK WANDUMI track arriving WANDUMI PM 18 FEB. Patrol WANDUMI TRIG PT area during 19 FEB & returns AM 20 FEB by KOBIAK CK arriving back CRYSTAL CK midday 20 FEB. Hck.		
✓ 358	18/2		HOSPITAL	0800	1345	M 79	Ref Maj WAUWEST (revied) 1:63360 2 OFs 21 ORs arrived north end BUKOKO GORGE 332801 evening 17 to establish HDS. Code name HDS BUKOKO to be DOG1. 1 ofr 1 OR to be attached DENI today.		
✓ 359	18/2		BOBS	1230	1347	J 521	ref your message 0925 our J520 in reply sent 1100 H/18. Hck delay.		
✓ 360	18/2		WAFU DEFENCE	1455	1504	2	Infon mts. MAJ JONES & 3 ORs marching in from BALLAMS. Anticipate 2 and 25 B Coy 2/6 Bn will arrive AM tomorrow. 1 and 4 of 2/5 Bn moving BALLAMS tomorrow. 2 ORs to CRYSTAL CK.		
✓ 361	18/2	OUTWARDS	MAJ LITI, DENI, SHBA BAHU, TALA, MAKH, WISE, DIFO, TATA, REGA	1315		0 929	Sitreps will be fwd this HQ as at 0800 + 1800 hrs daily. All informed.		
✓ 362	18/2		DHWN	1500	1545	G173	Large fire obs ISTHMUS. Hx bombing & HH heard direction LHE 1435.		
✓ 363	18/2		TOJO	1445	1555		Enemy bombers left LHE heading South.		
✓ 364	18/2	Rear LITI, RANDENI, SHBA DIFO NUBO, QCITO CARI		1545			The raid signals area follows. This raid rec series of short blasts on siren. The raid clear & long blasts with interval of 5 secs. please ensure all Hs under your command are notified. Hck.		
✓ 365	18/2	All Units		0900		0921	Code names for following units will come into use forthwith. WAFU FXD DEF. DIFO. 16 BDE CARRIER Coy. NOKO. 2/6 BUST Svy BTY. HORA. Hck all informed.		



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335	17/2		2/7 IND COY	2110/17	0110	17	Ref your Sitrep 1920/17 @ usual signal will be HT 18 FEB
336	17/2		2/7 IND COY	2050/17	0020	MO	GREEN notified KENT 2/6Bn and WINNING 2/5 IND COY locality of Booby traps (.) Location of traps are 2 at end of race leading to MISSIM track approx 45 mins from house(.) 136 grenades unprinted WEST 90 mins of house(.) BUKA native boy your area has knowledge of traps also(.) Trap which caused casualties NOT laid by GREEN'S Party.
337	17/2		Hds 2/5 Bn	2345	0050	0	Sitrep as at 2100hrs(.) A?C?D Coys, rear HQ situation normal(.) MAKA report GADAGASAL OP reports 20 enemy fully equiped moved from WAIPALI towards BUIBAINING 1515/17.(.) warned BUIBAINING(.) 5 enemy repairing KANAKA hut West GADAGASAL ridge above OP this probably for living Qtrs enemy Garr(.) BUISASAW OP reports 51 enemy moved across SADDLE from direction GADAGASAL 1430/15(.) 12 without arms with heavy packs(.) 15 FEB enemy campg posn on SADDLE(.) 0700L/16 enemy party dragging brush direction main MUBO track LABOBIA(.) Meal pde 0800/16 vicinity S53 Z4 air photo 62(.) 0715 to 1200/16 25 enemy moved across saddle in small gps from direction GADAGASAL(.) 1200 to 1600/16 36 enemy moved same ridge 6 without arms(.) 19 enemy moved from SADDLE up GADAGASAL ridge 1500/16 8 without arms this party returned SADDLE 0730L/17(.) route used going and coming was for 300 yds along main track towards SKINDEWAI then turned right up ridge(.) Final posn approx F47 Z4 Air photo 62 (.) at point where these parties leave main track are 2 weapons pits 30 yds apart(.) from 1 to 3 sentries left in this posn all day(.) Personnel without arms considered to be gun crews for MG on GADAGASAL ridge(.) enemy HQ SADDLE area at F64 Z5 air photo 62(.) BABA reports 1 Oppr killed 1 OR wounded BLACKCAT area by booby traps & enquired if trap by MAKA (.) trap NOT made by MAKA(.) Location trap BLACKCAT area made by MAKA given to KENT of DINI and WINNING of TALA during early ops in area(.) these locations rptd BABA.
338	17/2		2/5 Bn	1830	2145	0	Present posns and relative strength(.) own tps(.) BUIBAINING WAIPALI track junc 55 house REDDISH NEALS CREEK 20 SKINDEWAI 180 STAIRS 30 HOUSE BANANA 30 Fwd ambush posn 10 GUADAGASAL OP 2 BALLAMS 199 KAISINIK 30(.) ENEMY(.) HOUSE COPPER(.) 3 Staging camps BLACKCAT tk between HOUSE COPPER and BUIBAINING/tkxjunc tk junc BUIBAINING(.) Dr BOFS? house(.) WAIPALI(.) valley between WAIPALI and BUIBAINING(.) GADAGASEL(.) SADDLE(.) MUBO(.) and further north(.) A Pl strength unknown(.) Latest infm(.) 152 enemy reported our SITREP 16 FEB moving through WAIPALI towards MUBO on 16 FEB included in number 68 completely fresh and well equipt tps(.) these considered part HOUSE COPPER garr possibly withdrawing but confirmation awaited(.) All tasks being carried out securing collating infm(.) Difficult determine where offensive action most effective(.) Further infm HOUSE COPPER area essential prelim any offensive action BUIBAINING WAIPALI area(.) Arrangements possible raid SADDLE area but impossible hold with present available tps(.) Plan(.) Propose continue present role seeking infm enemy dispositions mvts strength until supply difficulties overcome by improvement comms which will release required tps ops fwd area (.) Ack.

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324	17/2	BENH		1445			If possible would appreciate reliable estimate BLACK or MARH DAN number of enemy ONGA area. Other sources suggest large party crossed MARH DAN some remaining ONGA area whilst others proceeded TARRAN		
325	17/2	MURPHY		1100	1300	2530	Native agents returned MARH DAN report native TALK that JAPS are still in ONGA & at GURUH. MARH DAN natives evacuating. This report re JAPS at ONGA & GURUH is unconfirmed by other confidential report. LIEUT KINGDON has seen 4 to SUNSHINE		
326	17/2	2/7 Bn		1700		204	16 pl as from 1145, 17 FEB located at 399 679. 17 pl reformed & occupying previous 16 pl location.		
327	17/2	BENH		1450	1715	R46	Patrol from IWAM BASE reports no recent enemy activity. DON ARU & URGINA up till 12 FEB.		
328	17/2	KANGA		1845		0916	Sitrep 347 to 1800 1/17.		
329	17/2	DAWN		1400	1532	49	Line under WHITE arrived thanks for comforts weather code & MMR. After recd.		
330	17/2	Rear 2/5 Bn		1829	1829		Sitrep.		
331	17/2	WAV Def		1800	1940		Sitrep.		
332	17/2	TOJO		1600	1980	624	Ref map LAF locality. 1025 hrs 5 BIEUFIGHTERS strafed LABU and targets in bush area 1 mile SSW of vicinity. Raid lasted 25 mins & most attention given to bush area. West targets in bush area. Ref your 0900 FEB 16. Consider buildings & activity in area at foot of TERRACE TROOPS quarters. Consider best bombing run from EAST to WEST from J53 to 91. Capt STOUT M.O. considers Sgt RUSSEL & WEST should be relieved as soon as possible.		
333	17/2	B=BS		2200		0917	Suggest MAJ TAYLOR arrive SUNSHINE 1200 1/19 FEB. If it will be available. Advise if arrangement satisfactory.		
334	17/2	2/3 INDCOY		2105	2215	0880	Sitrep 2000. B pl SUMMIT area no contact. A pl vicinity HOUSE COPPER killed 36 JAPS. Our casualties nil have not contacted CPL vicinity BLACKCAT JAP tracks fine nil report. HOLDING force GUNNETT fine killed 1 JAP 1 location dog. Recce patrol from HQ report unknown track unused see Sitrep 16 FEB. Patrol from BLACKCAT MINE dog area along track nil report. Recce patrol from HQ recommitted site for MMG from NORTH of GAP area with crew to possible defence of this area. GUNNETT track HOLDING force engaged burying enemy dead JAP track. Lieut GRANT 2/6 Bn 16 ORs departed GAP area for 2/6 Bn near HQ at 1430 hrs. Sgt BARCLAIR 2/3 INDCOY now BLACKCAT MINE routine patrols. INTENTION 18 FEB. B pl patrol from SUMMIT area towards HOUSE COPPER BUIBRING. H pl and C pl join HOUSE COPPER area patrol fwd direction WAIPALI. Burying of dead to continue. Party under MAJ WARFE incl ARTY FOO patrol JAP tracks 2 days. Need vitiation obs. of situation at HOUSE COPPER area.		

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✓	302	16		BENH FORCE	1630	2115	R43	Forward lists submitted to you HQ to NGF all misc stores 42 MMGs & spares ordered 23 JAN reqd. urgently @ w/i plane approached from South at 1000 hrs circled BENH & flew south at 1007 hrs plane not sighted @ NO JAP activity WEISO or WHIMERIBG area complete report later.		
✓	304	16	NGF		2235	2005	7	Docs recd today include OKHBE orders dated 17+18 JAN	See attached.	
✓	305	17		Rear LIT		0745		Phone. change from @ D Coy leaves for CRYSTAL CREEK 0900 H Coy leaves present form for Ado HQ. 0900 6 PIONEERS also moving to Ado HQ. Sitrep Sitron.		
✓	306	17		WAU DEFENCE	0830			Sitron.		
✓	307	17		2/7 Bn	0745	201		Sitron.		
✓	308	17	All Bns etc		0830	1901		password.		
✓	309	17		KRNGH	0910	0912		Sitrep 346 100800Z/17		
✓	310	17	2/5 IND COY		1000	0914		20 Personnel TARA from SKINDEWAI arrive WAU 18 FEB for onward move EHDIE CK		
✓	311	17	2/16 FD COY		1000	0913		REGH will vacate present HQ in house at BUKOLO by 1100 hrs 17 FEB @ HQ DEWI will be located this house.		
✓	312	17		Salamana OP		0937	G170	Nel report		
✓	313	17		MURPHY	2100/16	15	2538	Ref my 2535 expected confirmation not to hand @ Agent now going to area @ Floods holding up arrival other agents		
✓	314	17		SUNSHINE	1130	1232	1230	Small bridge near BULWA collapsing @ Patrol wanted to transport timber for repairs @ URGENT.		
✓	315	17		BENH FORCE	1000	1230	R44	Sitrep @ patrol returned from WESA WHIMERIBH @ Area clear of enemy BENH unchanged KHINANTU & BUNDING further reports.		
✓	316	17		2/7 Bn	1232	1237	202	change of location @ 2 pl to read 387708 instead of 394697		
✓	317	17		TOJO	1310	1325	G623	50 enemy have come north along MARKHAM road & entered HEATHS		
✓	318	17		2/6 Bn	1445	1502	290	Ado HQ closed present location 1900/17 opens BUKOLO same time @ Rear HQ remains WINDS @ all informed.		
✓	319	17		TOJO	0800	1500	G622	1 large submarine anchored 200 yds SE. of old wreck in LAE Harbour at 1930 hrs 16 FEB @ moved about wharf area till 2200 hrs.		
✓	320	17		WAU DEFENCE	1515	1545	3	HQ. reffer NATIVE HOSPITAL 1500 hrs.		
✓	321	17		2/3 INDEP COY	1530	1565	05	for Capt WINNING @ One Offr killed one man wounded this coy by booby trap on tracks 400 yds north BLACKCHT MINE house have been informed this booby trap set by you recently @ please inform immed if you know any others in area @ WARFE		
✓	322	17		SALAMANA OP	1500	1545	G171	Nel report		
✓	323	17		BOTA PL 2/3 INDEP COY	1505	1603	DL 320	Interim report 2 secs under order BAHE returning SUMMIT via JHP TRACK then across country to SKINDEWAI @ 1 Sec in two patrols operating NE WANDUMI as originally @ Expect recd complete report to you on 19 FEB		

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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TO **NGF**

FROM **KANGA**

Originator's Number
I 0057

Date
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In Reply to Number
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Documents received today include OKABE orders dated 17 and 18 JAN (.) First document states dets OKABE GP to take by force ^{KUI} and ZAKA and reinforce BUNA branch unit at MAMBARE (.) Units to leave SALAMAUA 19 Jan and onwards ~~(ix) Movement~~ in two echelons (.) Composition first echelon (.) 8 coy 102 regt (.) NANKAI det personnel (.) two W/T secs (.) Det engr unit with collapsible boats (.) Indep engr pl less det ^{plus} with five MLCs (.) Composition 2nd echelon (.) 2 coy 102 regt and det indep engr pl with 4 MLC (.) Movement (.) First echelon to leave SALAMAUA 19 Jan establish base at KUI leaving 15 personnel NANKAI det plus one W/T sec (.) To take ZAKA by force and establish ZAKA base unit with main body NANKAI det personnel and one W/T sec to protect 15 small landing craft and secretly hidden base (.) To be joined ^{ZAKA} by 2nd echelon leaving SALAMAUA 20 Jan and both proceeding MAMBARE where come under comd CO BUNA branch unit (.) When comms established KUI and ZAKA to come under comd MAMBARE (.) MLC to carry 12 collapsible boats 10 days fuel each and 20 tons provisions of which 1 1/2 tons KUI and 12 tons ZAKA (.) Balance of provisions to be delivered to CO base unit KUMSI river on arrival there (.) end of first document (.) second operation order regarding signal net has diagram attached showing following links (.) ZAKA and KUI connected with SALAMAUA and MAMBARE and also with OKABE branch unit wireless sec (.) in body of order KUI station shown as det 102 regt sigs and ZAKA station as det 51 bde sigs (.) However ^{both} appear in diagram as possible ~~xx~~ 144 regt sigs (.) remaining orders included in this file being translated and appear signal instructions (.) LANG will deliver originals and translations by first plane but weather very thick tonight

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✓ 295	16		KANGA	1525	0905	Sitrep 345 to 1800/16			
✓ 296	16	WAFU def FORCE LTI afid TATH		1845	0907	D Coy 2/5 Bn will move to CRYSTAL CREEK area AM 17 FEB & revert to comd 2/5 Bn ① Will carry out burials CRYSTAL CK & thereafter work under engr supervision on rd CRYSTAL CK BULLANS.			
✓ 297	16	NGF		1900	2005	MURPHY native agent reports JAP making supply dump NEW MUNUM and natives making rafts and canoes ① Agent says JAP intention is to track BUHRIP G#BENSIS probably starting THURSDAY & continuing ① MURPHY considers report reliable will confirm PM 17 FEB & suggests drafting to disperse native helpers ① BUHRIP ref HUON GULF Special 1R4554 ① Message from KYNGDON originated 14/15 FEB stated no report received enemy advance towards PESEN			
✓ 298	16	BOBS afid SC.		1915	0908	Maj TAYLOR will return forthwith to WAFU in order arrange reception & reorganisation TATH.			
✓ 299	16		TOJO.	1600	1815	Nil report mist obscuring.			
✓ 300	16	DIENI, TATH, BOBS REGA, CARI, TOJO afid NUGO SC		1950	0909	LTCOL N FLEHY assumes Comd DIENI as from 1200 17 FEB all Hqs in the area BUKOD & WAMPIT VALLEY come under Comd DIENI as from 1200 hrs 17 FEB			
✓ 301	16		BAMI 2/3 IND COY	1907	1920	08 73.	Sitrep PM 16 FEB ① 2/3 IND COY ① B pl HQ plus 1 sec SUMMIT area ① nil report patrols ① See Sitrep PM 16 FEB ① 2 Secs B pl searching for H pl abandoned ambush men moving fwd along JAP track direction HOUSE COPPER ① Concentrating BLACKCAT JAP tracks fine ① GHP area 2/3 IND COY HQ plus 1 sec 2/6 Bn carrier pl holding fast ① 2 Secs 2/6 Bn carrier pl holding base ① 2 Secs 2/6 Bn carrier pl holding GULLETT fine ① 1 sec 2/6 Bn carrier pl holding BRINNANS POST ① LIEUT GRAN plus 12 men 2/6 Bn holding BLACKCAT MINE well patrol to unknown track report JAP OP unoccupied during last few days overlooking BLACKCAT track to the fwd of GHP ① hitherto unsuspected ① patrol proceeding ① intention 17 FEB ① Holding party BLACKCAT MINE patrol back track to GHP ① H pl & c pl push fwd clear HOUSE COPPER area ① B pl continue advised patrol activity.		
✓ 302	16		BOBS	1645	1905	516	Last Sentence on 1537 should read cannot give STRAT ref regret error.		

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OPERATIONAL PLAN

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✓ 280	16/2		2/3 IND COY	0725	0800 0870	2 day patrol 4 men to investigate track leading due north from this camp swinging east beyond BLACKCAT mine joining main track midway HOUSE COPPER WAIPALI @ No yet No reports on this track to hand.		
✓ 281	16		ado KITI		1215	request A Coy move to BALLAMS as soon as possible. This Lt-Col Sther reported JONES Coy 2/6 Bn now moving through SKINDEWAI to WAU @ also requested mosaic of SADDLE-MUBO-KOMIATUM BUIBUIVING-WAIPALI-SKINDEWAI area - 8000' (action) ordered MAJ ROWAN by phone to despatch A Coy to BALLAMS earliest @ MAJ. ROWAN to advise time departure.		
✓ 282	16		D KYNGDON phoned by SHAND.	0730		Phone. No report of any further enemy advance to DISON during past 15 hrs. Natives in ONGH are said to be still in villages although JAPS raping women.		
✓ 283	16		BEN A FORCE	1030	1050 R42	Sitrep BEN A unchanged KAINANTU unchanged.		
✓ 284	16	ALL Bns		1140	7005	Password.		
✓ 285	16		WAU DEFENCE	0735	1	Sitrep		
✓ 286	16		KANGA	1154	0903	Sitrep 344 to 14004/16		
✓ 287	16		2/3 IND COY	1325	1335 0369	HQ. Btl remaining on SUMMIT as base @ 16 FEB party left SUMMIT cutting north to JAP track @ Another party left for SKINDEWAI + KOBIAK then across KOBIAK + up track on WINDUMI ridge @ Upper KHAISENIK already faholled.		
✓ 288	16		SHAMMAH OP.	1500	1532 G169	2 bombs dropped on SHAMMAH 1145 both up both fell into sea.		
✓ 289	16		SHAMMAH OP.	1500	1530 W47	1800/15 Vis nil @ 0600/16 Vis good CUMULUS 15,000 @ 0900/1200 ditto 0600 1800 Vis nil heavy rain.		
✓ 290	16		2/5 Bn	1415	1520	2/5 IND Coy arrives WAU approx 1500 hrs FEB 16 @ 30 all ranks JONES Coy leaves SKINDEWAI FEB 19 arrives WAU FEB 21		
✓ 291	16		BOBS	1515	1620 Z537	FROM MURPHY @ BUALIP is not on that map but is small village south bank of MARKHAM approx north of LAKE WANIMO @ New MUMUM settlement of north bank MARKHAM approx 1 mile east of NARRAKAPUA plantation @ BEN is code name for GABANSIS @ Cannot give map refs.		20054
✓ 292	16	NGF		1805	0906	as from 17 FEB sitreps will be faxed as at 0800 hrs + 1800 hrs daily.		
✓ 293	16		2/7 Bn	1745	1804 203	Sitrep Sitrep @ Local patrols sitrep.		
✓ 294	16		TOJO	1545	1655 0619	from 0835 hrs to 0915 planes heard NW of LAE H/H opened on 2 occasions from TERRACE + DROME @ Air raid at 1136 heavy H/H fire mist area obscured obs. @ ref your 0900 FEB 16 on STRAFING suggestion referred to HEATHS only @ Ht HEATHS guards changed 0800 hrs not around HOUSE + along MARKHAM, yesterday noticeable between 0800 hrs and 0905 hrs @ Will check TERRACE STRIP when visibility permits.		

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274	16		ado 5 B	2200/15	0800	0202	Subj to 2200 hrs. Ref map sketch WAO-MOBO area 1" @ H.B.C.D. Coy. OP at 161126 obs. patrol over the moving northerly direction NORTH of 147138 16454/15 @ OP 204159 reports 6 enemy seen moving towards 199160 from 144150. 10004/15 + firing heard 199160 area 16004/15 @ Expectation the in action no report expected from them before 08004/160 Total enemy seen moving through 199160 15 FEB 167 @ Own the unable ambush these due to strong enemy covering force 199160 @ Ordered own the attacks these focus today @ Total number enemy moved from 144150 to 199160 now 228 @ BUIS AVHL OP reports enemy movement SHDDLE 12 JAPS seen cutting scrub 14004/15 @ 2 MG Posts located SHDDLE ref Air photo N062 F6226, F4824, F5124 @ Request bombing & strafing these points @ Other dispositions MACH unchanged		
275	16		MURPHY	21004/15	1000	I535	for VERTIGAN @ reliable native agent number 41 reports JAPS making supply dump MUNUM natives making raft & canoes @ Agent says intention to see BURRIP to BEN back + thinks on Thursday or following onwards @ Suggest MUNUM area be heavily strafed to disperse native helpers @ regard as reliable but will confirm tomorrow afternoon.		
276	16	2/5 Bn		01137		0902	please advise estimated time arrival JONES Coy & date 2/5 INDEP Coy at WAO.		
277	16		TOSO			668	please send sig 'X' books + another copy SYLLABIC key @ Vessel no longer visible		
278	16	MURPHY		1135		2005	do you mean new or old MUNUM @ Where is BURRIP and BEN @ Can you give refs on Strat map		I535
279	16	2/5 Bn + field 2/3 IND Coy.		1130		0701	Secret @ Dispos 2/3 INDEP Coy as follows @ One sec C pl total 17 men at gunc BLACKCAT JAP tracks @ C pl less 1 sec total approx 25 men left BLACKCAT HM 16 FEB to move up BLACKCAT track to join sec at gunc BLACKCAT JAP tracks @ H pl total 45 men left gunc JAP WANDUMI tracks HM 16 FEB to move up to new JAP tracks towards HOUSE COPPER @ 2 sec B pl moving from BLACKCAT via WANDUMI to SUMMIT HM 16 FEB @ B pl less 2 secs at SUMMIT @ Can pl 46 Bn in area GULLETT'S track + gunc WANDUMI JAP tracks @ HQ. 2/3 IND Coy BLACKCAT @ enemy reported to be holding HOUSE COPPER in some strength with a total original strength 40 men moving down JAP track towards WANDUMI @ This patrol was engaged twice by our forces on 14/15 FEB + has suffered at least 16 killed + was reported approx 5 hrs march from WANDUMI track JAP track gunc 10004/16 @ H pl is preparing ambush @ essential enemy be destroyed HOUSE COPPER WHIPHI area without delay + that JAP is denied freedom of movt in area South of line BITO1, R. GUADAGASHAL SHDDLE @ Please report feasibility this proposal using the under your command + give brief outline plan urgently @ 2/3 IND Coy will coordinate their Ops as desired by you.		

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259	15		2/3 IND COY	1945	0568	STEPHEN HOUSE COPPER area encountered enemy patrol estimated forty moving direction WAU killed eight @ our casualties one killed one missing date of action 15 00 hrs 14 FEB. @ 13/14 FEB STEPHENS section encountered & killed twenty seven JAPS additional to above @ section broke bush now BLACKCAT with remainder CPL @ BPL HQ plus one see patrolled along track 3 hrs from SUMMIT killed 9 Japs @ Camping their tonight @ recon patrol located JAP OP on gap track thousand yds north East JAP GUNNET June, @ good PANONAMIC view of western WAU valley GAP Camp & BLACK CAT track signs of recent occupation by JAPS evident @ dead JAP WO in OP one wounded killed @ JAP phone found fifty yds south west of O.P. @ three JAP L.M.B. found on gap track vicinity gap GUNNET June @ one Jap killed June WANDUMI gap track @ Recon by artillery FOO between June gap WANDUMI tracks & WANDUMI village indicated large number of weapons pits throughout JAP camp area @ Large quantity Jap maps & diaries collected also 1 book & one D mark 5 telephone @ Bodies of LIEUT PARK 2/6 BN gunner DAVENPORT 2/1 fd regt pte CURRIE 2/6 BN CPL Copper 2/3 IND COY found all bodies badly mutilated @ intentions 16 FEB @ CPL moving morning 16 FEB from BLACKCAT to HOUSE COPPER area @ two sets B PL to move down gap track with view to finding track through to SUMMIT @ if this not found will make track @ June JAP WANDUMI track and June GUNNET JAP track being held by strong standing patrols tonight @ Recon patrols to be sent out at first light.	
260	15		REAR 2/5 BN	2136	1	ACK.	
261	15		REAR 2/5 BN	2201/15	3	all ths under command vicinity aerodrome advised @ message repeated FWD LITI who will advise ths under comd.	
262	15		N.G.F.	2323 1/10	0658	part 1 of utch No. 462. to 2200 7/15 @	
263	16		HQ WAU DEFENCE FORCE	0735	1	Sitrep @ sitnor	
264	16	TOJO		0825	0899	MALAHANG & BUTIBUM	
265	16		2/6 FWD.	-	0203	2 MB POSTS located SADDLE ref air photo NO 62 F 6226 F 4824 F 5124 @ Request bombing & strafing these points 16 FEB.	
266	16		2/7 BN	0745	201	Sitrep @ sitnor @ normal patrols sitnor	
267	16		2/5	0800	0201	Sitrep 0800 hrs @ A C & D Coy nothing to report @ MAK report later.	
268	16		WAU DEFENCE	0837		Sitrep @ sitnor	
269	16		SALAMAUH OP.	0800	099A G168	Large beam of light approx 600 yds long, obs. coming from behind CAPE PARSEE remaining parallel to MAINHAVIS between 0515 hrs & 0600 hrs	
270	16		LAE O.P.	0800	091A G647	vessel possibly SUBMARINE heading SE. about 4 miles off LAE	
271	16		2/16 Fd Coy	0800	1000 OR71	BUKULO DROME @ clearing grass 13700 sq yds dry @ clearing field work on drone @ 63 sfs on job @ with 87 natives @ natives unloading planes part time @ 34 sfs drone defence and patrol @ 2 JEEPS arrived but no trailers.	
272	16	TOJO		0950	0900	the strikes arranged HEATHS within next few days @ you suggest strafing new buildings ref 4922 are these store dumps etc more info ref @ check locations new ship at base of TERRACE	
273	16		KHNGH	1015	0898	Sitrep 343 to 0800 L/13	

in reply
← 0897/15

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✓ 245	15		BOBS	1500 ⁴ / ₁₅	1635 BL 104	A99 B&C D ref BL103 no change.		
✓ 246	15		2/7 Bn	1745	1757 203	Sitrep @ Local patrol Sitrep.		
✓ 247	14		NGF	2135	1424	propose sending you INCO 300 from Q see FSS @ Do you agree		
✓ 248	15		DAWN	1600	8167	observed heavy AA from SAHAMAUA firing on 1 allied heavy bomber 0930 hrs @ Land guns previously reported in our 6162 of 13 th now identified as AA guns not land guns.		
✓ 249	15		N.G.F.	1130 ⁴ / ₁₅	CE/A 1115	for 2/8 FD Coy CE @ understand you took delivery stores including ABNEY believed title correct @ consigned ECCLESTONE WAU @ ensure that these are handed over to ECCLESTONE or representative man at EDIE creek @ ACK		
✓ 250	15		NGF	1425	0895	sitrep 341 at 1400 HRS.		
✓ 251	15		NGF		0897	342 sitrep to 1500/16		
✓ 252			WISE COMDPAT			1843 hrs received report from BALLAINS OP that BECKLEY & party had arrived safely at destination no messages as yet @		
✓ 253	15		TOTO	1600 ⁴ / ₁₅	1725 8614	Sitrep @ Ref map LAE locality @ 1010 hrs bombers raided LAE in 3 waves all bombs dropped in BUSU river area @ 1st AA encountered from vicinity localities 32 @ 33 @ 34 @ 53 @ 104 and max refs 4408 @ 2828 @ 8414 @ NB firing from post 40 yds NNE of HEATHS HOUSE @ NO damage visible 2 houses 7 & 8 have been dismantled @ Erection of 7 & 8 appear to be made of old iron @ not tents @ HEATHS still occupied by enemy who take NO cover during raids @ suggest target for strapping new buildings erected map ref 4922 @ enemy appear to be building stock at base of terrace from location 100 to 106 presumably this considered safer from bombing		
✓ 254	15		11 AUST DIV WANGA Ad RAE 11 AUST DIV BULLDOG.	1332 ⁴ / ₁₅	1840 0658	1. @ 2/1 AUST FD Coy 2/25 FD PK Coy will come under comd 12 AUST CRE from 1600 hrs 15 th @ 2. @ HQ RAE 11 AUST DIV will come under comd NGF from 1600 hrs 15 th @ 3. @ 2/16 FD Coy will come under comd HQ RAE 11 AUST DIV from 0600 hrs 18 FEB.		
✓ 255	15		WAU DEFENCE			Sitrep @ sitrep.		
✓ 256	15		TOTO	1830 ⁴ / ₁₅	1920 8615	what are AIR FORCE targets BUSU area @ NO air activity to report.		
✓ 257	15		LITI	1800	0210	Location statement as of 1800 hrs @ ref map SKETCH MAP WAU M430 @ 1 inch @ adv. B.H.Q 161126, B Coy 183142 @ otherwise unchanged.		
✓ 258			2/7 INCO	1855 ⁴ / ₁₅	1748 A 25	ref your 0894 @ KING at SKINDEWAI leaving 16 FEB will report your HQ 17 FEB.		

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234			KYNDON (ANTAN) (SUNSHINE)	1500 4/12	2045	phone	a native UNNUS the doctor boy of PENSEN reported that yesterday men of PENSEN now living HUNAN & WDMIRA on old patrol road (not cattle route) came to PENSEN during night with news of arrival of TAPS at HUNAN. It appears that a large party of TAPS come from NIADANG to ONGA where they camped. They are said to have killed 4 holders and one KAP atonga. They arrived on Monday. They are said to be camped in all villages south of MARKHAM from ONGA, GURUF and HUNAN. Some have gone down to TARARAN on NORTH of MARKHAM. It is uncertain whether any TAPS are at KAIAPITO. Have sent word to all (to leave villages) and hide as directed. HUNAN is about 1 1/2 days march from PENSEN. PENSEN is 29 hrs march from SUNSHINE. PENSEN is 8 hrs from MARILANON which is really the beginning of WATUT ROAD. We cannot go further than vicinity PENSEN until certain as we may be cut off and unable send back information.	
235		Rel Bus.				1005	password	
236	15		2/3 IND COY	1120			C PL HQ plus one section ambushed NO casualties. Breaking back direction BLACKCAT exploded booby traps. LIEUT MAYOR killed pte COFFE injured in legs. Details in approx 1 hr. A PL combing for tracks find BULLET JUNE. B. PL two sections toward WANDUMI track junction.	
237	15		2/3 IND	1210		0867	near junction BLACKCAT JAP track HOUSE COPPER area C PL HQ plus one section ambushed by JAP patrol estimated 40 moving direction WMAU 1300 hrs 14 FEB. JAP casualties none dead. Our casualties nil. C PL HQ plus two sections BLACKCAT mine proceeding direct JAP track combing area direction HOUSE COPPER. Third sec C. PL. LIEUT STEPHENS HOUSE COPPER area no contact. Heavy firing heard C PL evening 14 FEB.	
238	15		NORRIS 2/6 BN	1215		265	HQ 2/6 closes present location 1400 4/15 reopens WILDES 383715 some time	
239	15		2/14 FD COY	0800		OK 82	BULOHO drome clearing 12200 sq yds day. Third JUNKERS cleared. 60 sappers on job with 82 natives. 32 of natives spent 2 1/2 hrs unloading planes. 31 sappers drome defence. Col DOYLE instructed to extend one steel cradle.	
240	15		BENA FORCE 1 PL 7th BN	1205 4/15		R41	Sitrep BENA unchanged KAINANTU unchanged. As previously reported total no TAPS NIADANG KAIAPIT 70 to 100. In close touch with BLACK MACADAM & EWING.	
241	15		N.G.F.	1055 4/15	1405	06581	Sitrep H61 to 1000 4/15	
242	15		SUTT OP.			1417	1300 hrs sitrep. TEXT no message received from DAVIS party since they arrived at JAP track junction. Contact with WIRRAWAY maintained throughout flight and he reported no observation of arranged very pistol light. Plane now returned to base. Report from party IND by fouling booby traps with casualties other party retaining patrol & going toward MUBO along JAP track. Situation otherwise unchanged.	
243	15		N.G.F.	1080	1425	1427	our records show following enemy killed from midnight 2 1/28 Jan to 1800 4/14. Minimum 976 maximum 1020	in reply I0057
244	15		2/3 IND COY	1445		0H66	one sec 3 PL arrived 1430 hrs 15 FEB track combed no enemy contacted remaining sec expected approx 1700 hrs 15 FEB both camping here tonight. Will notify later their talk tomorrow.	

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✓ 217	14		ANGAU	1246 1/4		NGA 1804/14	For district offr WAU @ NG.2321 WOII BELL W/T to report this HQ earliest for letter		
✓ 218	14	2/5 BN (car) 2/6 (car) 2/7 (adv) 2/8 FD Coy		0140 1/4		0889	Confirming verbal instrs @ from pts 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns & det Bm. Pt 2/6 BN are available to 2/8 FD Coy for engr. work WAU area as from 0800 1/15 until further orders @ ack @ all informed.		
✓ 219	14		TOJO	1800 1/4	880 1/14	612	nothing to report.		
✓ 220	14	2/7 IND Coy		2130 1/4		0888	@ Coy 2/5 BN leave BAHAMIS for SKIN DEWAI 15 FEB.		
✓ 221	14		NGF	2135 1/4		11424	Propose sending you 1 NCO 3 ORs from @ see FSS @ do you agree		
✓ 222	14		2/7 BN	2145		205	1 B Coy patrol to 393673 @ nothing to report 2nd patrol to 399679 thence 391083 @ 5 JAP graves & one dead Jap between last two points.		
✓ 223	14	NGF of 2/6 BN copy to SC		2254		890	Regret cannot concur attachment BENNETT to 1AUST Chem warfare Coy @ BENNETT is senior subaltern 2/5 BN and in view lack of experienced offrs & possibility BENNETT may be required to command a Coy it is requested that he be returned to this unit as soon as possible		
✓ 224	14		NGF	2317 1/4		06579	sitrep 460 complete.		
✓ 225	14		NGF	2240 1/4		2616	Staff for duty as station, as station comd WAU comprising MAT BARRON Capt JULIANE & 12 ORs arrive WAU 16 Feb. @ will take over duties at time & date suitable KANGA @ details by liaison offr.		
✓ 226	14		NGF	2315 1/4	0410	2620	Program 15 FEB 9 DOUGLAS operating WAU @ 1st flight carries reliefs & returns @ 16 DOUGLAS operating Bulolo carrying AA personnel & left 4 JEEPS POW rations 2 JEEPS & amm @ after first mission some planes may be switched Bulolo to WAU		
✓ 227	15		2/6 fd Coy	0800		0851	Buloh drone clearing 3600 sq yds day @ removing steel from dump on drone @ 60 sappers drone defence & patrol.		
✓ 228	15		2/7 BN	0745		201	sitrep sitnor @ normal patrol sitnor		
✓ 229			2/6 BN	0600		264	sitrep sitnor		
✓ 230	15		HQ WAU defence force.	0745		1	one detach 2/8 fd Coy killed 1 enemy have 1 prisoner at CRYSTAL CR 1400 1/4 @ otherwise sitnor		
✓ 231	15		DAWN	0800 1/15		2166	1 Bomber over area 0801 light AA @ MG, fire heard from MAUBO & KOMIATUMI areas		
✓ 232	15		TOJO	0700 1/15	0853	613	NIL report LITTLE JOHN has relieved LIEUT SIMMONS. LATER has left for Base.		
✓ 233		NGF.		0835			sitrep to 0800 1/15 @		

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✓ 207	14/2		2/6 Bn	1645	1705	261	Sitrep @ WANDUMI track reported clear @ LEWIN moving north has contacted our force @ LEWIN killed 20 JAPS today @ Our force moving south toward WANDUMI killed 13 @ LEWIN has combed thoroughly area between WANDUMI and JUNE JAP WANDUMI tracks.		
✓ 208	14	BENH		1735		I 0050	No reply recd our IOCHI @ In view native reports that very large number JAPS reached LAE from MADANG urgently require estimate total number JAPS who passed through KATAPIT @ The you in touch with BLACK MADAM & LEWIN.		
✓ 209	14	NGF		1705		I 0049	Unit concerned identified enemy as marines because of exceptional size of men @ NO further evidence yet @ Two PW captured independently today both state 200 marines in MUBO but none came forward @ One PW states no unit composed entirely of big men although large men scattered throughout units.		I 1418
✓ 210	14		NGF	2230/19		06524	Sitrep 450 parts 1, 11 & 111.		
✓ 211	14		KANGH	1940		0887	Sitrep 339 to 1800/14.		
✓ 212	14		2/6 Bn		1817	263	Sitrep @ Area bounded by JAP GULLETT and WANDUMI tracks will be held by our force tonight 14/15 FEB @ Patrols in this area will be maintained until dark @ Intention push fighting patrol along JAP track towards HOUSE COPPER first light 15 FEB @ This patrol from 2/3 IND COY @ 2/6 Bn will patrol WANDUMI trig JAP CAMP and area north.		
✓ 213	14		2/7 Bn		1818	203	Sitrep @ Patrols @ local patrol reports fresh footprints believed single JAP moving East approx 1497/17 @ Other patrols sitrep.		
✓ 214	14	NGF		2030		0051	Estimate of enemy casualties from night 27/28 JAN to 1800/14 is 836 incl 753 counted dead @ Does this agree your record		
✓ 215	14		Fwd 2/5 Bn		2030	phone	Sitrep 2000 hrs @ All locations unchanged @ All patrols report no contact @ Otherwise normal.		
✓ 216	14		2/7 IND COY	1125		MO 998	OP reports 98 presumed ENEMY seen moving down BLACKCAT track towards WAIPALI 1400/13 expect this force remain BITOI staging camp night 13/14 @ sent pl 2/6 Bn reinforce BUIBAINING WAIPALI area 12 FEB @ expect engaging this ENEMY force WAIPALI area 14 FEB will advise result @ Pl 2/6 Bn at junction of SUMMIT TK - BUIBAINING TK recalled 13 FEB SKINDEWAI @ otherwise our dispos unchanged routine patrols continuing @ pl 2/6 Bn BUIBAINING-WAIPALI area move 1 day march from SKINDEWAI will require day rest here before proceeding WAD @ please advise probable date of movement B Coy 2/6 Bn party 2/5 Bn under comd DIDDEN arrived BHAFFMS 13 FEB will arrive SKINDEWAI 15 FEB extra accommodation 84 beds now completed SKINDEWAI @ Eng party 2/7 IND COY began recce TK BHAFFMS SUMMIT 13 FEB to cut off before timber when bridge & culverts reqd @ evacuated 4 wounded by stretcher 13 FEB 13 walking wounded 14 FEB 2 further stretcher cases remaining SKINDEWAI until natives available @ DEMEYRICK will report HQ KANGH 1900/14.		

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✓ 186	14/2		DAVIS OP. (Sawmill area)	1105			1000 hrs about 10 unidentified Japs observed moving along WANDUMI track near crest @ they went to top of crest and then came back again will let you know whether we can identify them @		
✓ 187	14	NGF				0884	Intend appointing LT COL FLEAY to temporarily comd 2/6 Bn during absence of LT COL WOOD (1) GOC concerns.		
✓ 188	14	NGF		1050		0885	BUNOLO DROME @ Clearing to 12200 sq yds today @ 3rd JUNKERS cleared from Drome.		
✓ 189	14		2/6 Bn		1140	256	Sitrep @ Enemy in occupation of forest south fine JAP WANDUMI tracks & paddling area.		
✓ 190	14		NGF			0540	Sitrep part 1 411411 NOV 58		
✓ 191	14		2/6 Bn		1317	257	Sitrep @ Sound of sustained fire coming from ^{area} tracks fine WANDUMI JAP tracks 1306 still continuing no details to hand.		
✓ 192	14		BENH		1300	RH1	Sitrep BENH unchanged KAHANTU unchanged.		
✓ 193	14	KANGA HQ		1045			Password		
✓ 194	14		WFO DEF			1	Silence		
✓ 195	14		NGF	0900	1500	1418	has definite identification SNLP personnel killed yesterday, yet been established @ suggest they may be KURIE det NOT MAIZURE @ Would appreciate your comments.		
✓ 196	14		2/6 Bn		1501	258	Sitrep @ Our force attacked JAP form @ Our force engaged by MG forms South fine JAP WANDUMI tracks @ One MG post captured enemy on post moved direction HOUSE COPPER @ Our casualties 3 wounded @ Intention @ Attack other MG posts this P.M.		
✓ 197	14		KANGA	1435		0885	Sitrep 328 to 1400A/14		
✓ 198	14	2/5, 2/6 Bns 2/3, 2/5, 2/7 IND Cops with 2/7 Bn 2/8 FAC			1450	0886	Secret @ 2/5 Bn assumes command all Japs on CRYSTAL CREEK BALLAMS SKINDEWAI, WAIPILI track as from 2359 A/14 @ This includes 2/7 IND Coy also deto 2/5 IND Coy 2/6 Bn this area but excludes Bpl 2/3 IND Coy at SUMMIT @ A Pl 2/3 IND Coy remains under comd 2/6 Bn @ HQ 2/5 Bn moves BALLAMS PM IN FEB @ Hck.		
✓ 199	14		2/6 Bn		1800	259	Sitrep @ Enemy casualties in our last attack <u>20 killed</u> @ searching JAP dead and will forward any documents found.		
✓ 200	14		2/6 Bn	1615		I 0048	Ref your report 10 FEB that party JAPS moving towards HOUSE COPPER took 20 mins to pass a point @ will you subsequently able make any estimate size and intentions this force.		
✓ 201	14		2/6 Bn	1515		I 0047	Ref your 2444 & 2447 @ Has further identification been obtained @ Request that reasons accompany future deductions enemy identifications your front.		
✓ 202	14	SALAMAU	SALAMAU OP.				1 ALLIED A/C over this area 1130 hrs LT A/A from SALAMAU.		
✓ 203	14		2/6 Bn		1621		9886 Hck.		
✓ 204	14		NGF	1113	1413		Sitrep H59 to 1000 A/14 O.No 06571		
✓ 205	14		INAV DEF		1845		Silence		
✓ 206	14		TOJO		1719	G611	0915 hrs ALLIED planes raided drome Bombs landed across drome from West to East towards drome holding drome @ Stick also landed West side of drome runway A/A from NW end to A/A from SW end @ Very busy today @ 1050 hrs one plane thought ALLIED recce plane heard @ Slight JAP activity visible		
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✓ 164	13/2		NGF	1200	1754/109	MS 6254 27 JAN which reads as follows:- signal recd from LHA message starts derived at 143977 BENNETT 2/5 JUST INF BN 46.1. Advise CW Coy pending return EM HOSKING & Advise urgently if you can. BENNETT held pending your reply	LIEN LIEN	
✓ 165	13		MARHAM	1200	1840/1534	From MURPHY @ Estimate of numbers in my own based on area of gd and number of houses occupied & native description @ Reliability in regard to most 75%		
✓ 166	13	FRONTANGAU By phone	D Coy 2/6 Bn Capt Mal		1930	From KYNGDON @ No indication of any enemy action or propaganda in the LOWER WATUT as far as MARILINAN		
✓ 167	13		2/6 Bn	2050	2125/251	Sitrep @ LEWIN contacted by WIT 1930 hrs @ Static too bad for message recd @ 1 208 set sent fwd to BLACKCANT MINE by contact CPL area HOU	Job E COPPER	
✓ 168	13	2/7 IND COY		2250	0880	Capt HEALTH CW Offr will accompany MARKE patrol en WAU 0745/14 SKINDIWI @ please give him every assistance.		
✓ 169	13	NGF		2245	0879	Ref appointment WEST to RMC & SS @ request urgent despatch @ Staff to replace WEST this H.Q.		
✓ 170	13	NGF		2235	L 0042	MURPHY replies to our query re 1500 JAPS North of MARHAM quote @ Message from MURPHY 2534 Bur 165		
✓ 171	14		2/5 Bn		0801/0201	Sitrep as at 0900 hrs @ C Coy sending patrol to WINIMA 0900 hrs @ HCC reorganising @ Otherwise situation normal.	Coy	
✓ 172	14		2/6 Bn		0716/252	Sitrep @ Sound of cutting heard South of JAP-WANDUMI track fine. Otherwise Nil.		
✓ 173	14		WAU DEF		0800	Sitrep		
✓ 174	14		WAU DEF		0835	Reporting two shots heard on bridge approx 145° from this creek at this morning 14th otherwise normal.	0800	
✓ 175	14		2/7 Bn		0820	Sitrep Sitrep @ local patrols sitrep		
✓ 176	14		NGF	2242/03	0810/1400	Col SHEEHAN will visit you for 2 days arriving 14 FEB. re despatches.		
✓ 177	14		RUBA 2/2 PFLY	0845		Sitrep 337 100800/14		
✓ 178	14		KANGA		0881			
✓ 179	14		NGF	0025/14	0500/2605	Program 14 FEB @ 10 Douglas operating WAU @ 1st flight receipts miss stores @ 10 Douglas operating @ BULO 2 flights @ personnel & equip followed by JEEPS POL ann @ Some planes may be switched BULO-WAU after first mission		
✓ 180	14		near 2/5 Bn		0840/201	Sitrep		
✓ 181	14		LAE OP.	0800	0905/664	Sitrep		
✓ 182	14		TOTO	0900	0915/611	Sitrep		
✓ 183	14		NORRIS 2/6 BN	0915	254	Sitrep to 0900 Hrs. @ Recce patrols fwd to JAP WANDUMI TUNE. & JAP GULLET TUNE 0615 HRS. @ Patrol to JAP GULLET TUNE reports 2 enemy wearing our ground sheets @ Patrol to JAP WANDUMI TUNE reports number of enemy looking down track towards the GAP @ also enemy post situated KNOLL 30 yds south of JAP WANDUMI TUNE @ sound of chopping between Junc & Jap Camb 0630 hrs @ NO report CPL or APL 2/3 IND COY.		
✓ 184	13		NGF	2130	11412	your daily weather Report required by RAAF & 5-AIRFORCE only @ our copy goes direct to RAAF.		
✓ 185	14	NGF		1050 1/14	0883	BULO DROME @ Clearing to 12200 29 yds today @ Third TUNKERS cleared from drome.		

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✓ 150	13/7		BENA	1430	1550 R36	No news DOTT yet @ Police from KIAMANTU searching WEISO patrol on lookout @ Infirm indicates DOTT would probably cross western RAI coast LUTHERAN FREYBERG who is being evacuated.	
✓ 151	13		LAE OP.	1600	G163	Nil report.	
✓ 152	13	NGF		1625	0044	BENA advises no news DOTT but patrols on lookout @ Infirm indicates DOTT would probably cross WESTERN FINISTIERRES endeavour contact Lutheran FREYBERG on RAI coast.	
✓ 153	13		NGF 2/6 B	1625	0656	Sitrep to 1000 4/13.	
✓ 154	13		2/6 B	1651	247	Evidence based on exceptional size of mess @ NO identifications obtained @ Making further investigations	
✓ 155	13		TOJO	1530	1747 G607	0900 hrs one Allied recon plane over LAE @ NO action @ 0945 hrs 5 MED Bombers raided LAE @ Bombs dropped MT LUNGMON area @ NO damage apparent @ Very heavy #/A pom poms & MULTIPLE POMPOMS heard @ MULTIPLE Pom Pom appeared based on LAE @ Unfortunately NO visibility @ 1000 hrs more barges than usual noticed anchorage @ 1030 recon plane over LAE appeared ALLIED @ No action @ 1120 hrs Buildings near 853 store notified being dismantled @ 1405 hrs planes apparently JAP patrolling LAE left heading East approx 1420 hrs @ Thought some JAP planes landed @ NO visibility	
✓ 156	13		Fwd LITI	1935	203	Sitrep to 1700 Ref MAP Locality N 1 ml @ Patrol proceeded WIRE BR #82686 to 431 688 to 436 691 to track JUNE #44706 @ thence one sec to 450707 one sec 435704 @ Patrol returned same route @ 1 enemy killed #46707 in poor condition @ Considerable grandity gear between 435704 & 450707 @ 12 dead JAPS and many graves @ 1 Dead Australian @ Note books etc already fudged @ 1 Prisoner surrendered this HQ will be sent back @ Location statement being fudged Safe Hand.	
✓ 157	13		LITI 2/5 B	1741	202	Sitrep	
✓ 158	13		WAV DEF	1810		Sitrep	
✓ 159	13		2/7 B	1801	203	Sitrep 1745/13 sitrep @ local patrols Sitrep.	
✓ 160	13		TOJO	1835	2410	Nil report	
✓ 161	13		2/5 B	1700	202	Location statement as at 1700 hrs @ ref Map WAV LOCALITY N 1 ml @ 8 Coy at BALLAMS #79663 @ Carrier fl at KASINIK #57666 @ otherwise unchanged	
✓ 162	13		2/6 B	1853	240	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ Ambush party 2/6 killed 25 JAPS with drive to JUNE GULLETT WANDUMI tracks @ Fighting patrol 2/3 IND COY killed 12 area JUNE JAP WANDUMI track @ Recon patrol to south reported further JAP movement recon area JAP CAMP @ total JAPS obs moving north 90 all tall healthy carrying by packs @ Enemy now patrolling ambush zone and movement heard south of JUNE @ Our JAP perimeter for night June GULLETT WANDUMI tracks with widening foot JAP track @ No news LEWIN @ Shots heard 1610 hrs approx direction where JAP track joins track HOUSE COPPER but NO comm with sec Cpl 2/3 IND COY that area @ Ref our 243 two sec ordered move direction JAP camp forthwith @ Our known casualties 11 wounded @ Intention 14 FEB further ambush + fighting patrol.	
✓ 163	13		KANGA	1930		Sitrep	

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✓ 136	13/12		2/6 Bn	0850	242	Sitrep @ cpl less two secs moved 0800 hrs via JAP track to jungle track HOUSE COPPER as advised 237 @ Fighting patrol 20 fms & moved out 0830 hrs object contact LEWIN clear JAP track south to WANDUMI they FOO moving with party @ ambush party 2 secs in form June JAP GULLETT tracks @ Recce patrol reported tracks of JAPS moving south from June JAP WANDUMI tracks also voices approx 0800h/13.		
✓ 137	13	NGF		1007	0876	require eight mortars 3 inch		
✓ 138	13		2/7 IND COY	2130/12	0900	can you send W/T technicians SKINDIWAH in med @ Will need MULTITESTER @ BFO circuit 2 208 sets faulty @ Receiver equip NO 11 faulty @ See ELTHAM VALVES 208 MARSH re MULTITESTER.		SD1391
✓ 139	13		TOJO	0800	0950	8607 SITREP @ Heavy rains & misto visibility nil.		
✓ 140	13		SALAMUA OP.	0904	1035	862 MACDONNADS June and along beach for 200 yards towards LOGUI @ apparently firing towards KOMIYOM probably ranging.		
✓ 141	13		HQ WAU DEF	0830	1200	13 Sitrep		
✓ 142	13	NGF		1000	1130	1409 Anticipate 11 maps will be forwarded you early flight 13 FEB.		70037
✓ 143	13		2/6 Bn	1100	1205	243 Sitrep @ B pl 2/3 IND COY reported to be in summit area with one sec & HQ. @ One sec to push north JAP track through WANDUMI to JAP camp @ remaining sec to follow same route @ Fighting patrol from the JAP moving fwd to Japs JAP camp @ Fighting patrol to HOUSE COPPER passed through our ambush from June GULLETT JAP tracks 1040 hrs @ NO report this AM from JAP or patrol on patrol on BLACKCAT HOUSE COPPER tracks @ NO report from recce party on suspected JAP track @ Ref our Sitrep message NO 227 @ Enemy number unknown reported between ambush post & fighting patrol fwd towards JAP camp @ NO details to hand.		
✓ 144	13		BENA			R35 SITREP BENA unchanged @ KHINANTU unchanged		
✓ 145	13	NGF by H.L.S.		1230	1330	I for GSI @ AM reports from MURPHY 2 of which only just arrived @ #NO#U channels will probably send duplicates eventually @ Still awaiting reply source estimate 1500-2000 JAPS also BENA reply wether estimate 100 fms one or all three parties which met KHIPPIT		
✓ 146	13		2/6 Bn		1231	244 Sitrep @ Party faps ambushed June JAP GULLETT tracks @ between 20425 killed @ Party encircled our post @ difficult estimate numbers possibly 50/60 @ Ambush withdrawal to June GULLETT WANDUMI tracks @ Enemy probably MARINES @ Our casualties 3 wounded @ Fighting patrol astride JAP WANDUMI June @ KILLED 7 enemy @ Section moving fwd 600 yds @ This sec fwd another 300 yds to recce & report @ Further details later @ recce patrol on suspected JAP tracks reported no sign tracks further details later @ No report LEWIN		
✓ 147	13	WOOD 2/6		1450		I @ Advise reasons consider enemy marines @ if any docs or equip secured fwd urgently.		244
✓ 148	13		TOJO	1400	1455	608 Number planes patrolling LAE @ Drone 1405 hrs thought JAP Vinal.		
✓ 149	13		KRANGA	1515		0874 Sitrep 335 to 1400h/13		
✓ 150	13		2/6 Bn		1537	246 Sitrep @ fighting patrol just fwd June JAP WANDUMI track @ ambushed & killed further JAPS @ Recce patrol fwd to JAP camp @ written report at Pk BRATHWHITE on recce along JAP track being fwded today.		

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✓ 116	12/1	NGF		2040	0869	Junc GULLETT JHP track #73728, as mentioned in our sitrep 330 and joins BLACKCHAT WANDUMI track at 466729		66549
✓ 117	12		2/6 Bn		2006 289	Sitrep @ LEWIN fl one mile north WANDUMI @ PL exhausted cannot attack tonight will attack JHP camp first thing 13 FEB @ Ambush force ready Junc JHP GULLETT. tracks @ NO movement seen on JHP track throughout day @ Sec Cpl 2/3 IND COY 1/2 hr west Junc JHP HOUSE COPPER track @ Fwd recon patrol reports track not used since last patrol.		
✓ 118	12		NGF			Sitrep 455 to 1000 H/12. 2nd + last part		
✓ 119	12		SABA		Phon	Piequet reports rd glare 65° line bearing from this HQ. distance estimated 3000 yds @ time of reporting 2,115 hrs		
✓ 120	12	BENA		2150	I 0044	Does estimate of 100 refer total of three enemy patrols which met KHIPIT or only one patrol @ if one which one.		
✓ 121	12	NGF		2120	0870	BUKOLO DROME @ clearing taxiway and dispersal bays each side to 9300 sq yds today @ commenced widening strip with side @ crashed JUNKERS plane removed each side		
✓ 122	12		NGF	1410	1940 SM 1392	SECRET @ GOC visit postponed until 13/14 FEB (2 undecipherable gfs).		
✓ 123	12	MARKHAM V.O.P.	R.76 FJ52	2155	0871	DRo from 12 FEB you will be under comd KANGA FORCE @ Col WOOD wounded 12 FEB 430 MAF MORRIS now in comd 2/6 Bn @ current situation @ Enemy in WAW area has been defeated + is withdrawing back toward MUBO @ One tho are pursuing along the BLACKCHAT track + new JHP track which is between BLACKCHAT & SKINDENAI tracks @ 2/5 Bn no operating in CRYSTAL CREEK area with one coy at KASIKENIK @ 2/6 Bn plus det 2/5 IND coy plus 2/3 IND coy operating in BLACKCHAT WANDUMI HOUSE COPPER area @ 2/7 Bn operating KEAHS FARM FULLERS FARM and @ det of WAW & drone area being done by a composite force known as WAW 1st det 2/7 IND coy plus det 2/5 IND coy operating BUIBHINING, BAFHAMS area @ will arrange discussion with		FJ52
✓ 124	13	NGF	Hdo 2/5 Bn		0800 Phon	Sitna	ref KANGA FORCE later date	
✓ 125	13		2/6 Bn		0630 241	Sitna		
✓ 126	13		near 2/6 Bn		0735 201	Sitna		
✓ 127	13		2/7 Bn		0746 201	Sitna @ Local patrols Sitna @		
✓ 128	13		2/6 Bn		0101 240	Sitna		
✓ 129	13		near 2/5 Bn		0740 201	Sitna		
✓ 130	13		2/16 Fd Coy		0800 08 76	BUKOLO DROME @ clearing taxiway + dispersal bays + widening strip 10300 sq yds day 12 @ 2nd JUNKERS cleared, 3rd 40 percent @ 68 sps on job with 100 natives @ 31 sps drone defence @ New taxiway complete but await instructions re moving of cables & steel uprights which block taxiway @ Continuing with complete clearing of drone @ grass on original strip growing again @ Power mower necessary for double order.		
✓ 131	13		SALAMUA OP	0800	0845 6161	@ brewed line of lights on water approx 500 yds off LOGUI coast line 0500 hrs.		
✓ 132	12		2/7 IND COY	2130/12	0825 96	BUNDAGHZA OP reports 1415/12 14 JHPs moved from BUIBHINING - WHIPIKI thru probably MUBO of these without packs @ No arms visible remainder carried heavy packs @ visited cane patch above WHIPIKI from 1600/12 NO visibility @ Other areas nil report.		
✓ 133	12	MARKHAM V.O.P.		1920	I 0040	for MURPHY @ Ref your 1529 what degree reliability placed on reports 1500-2000 JHPs arrived LHE from MADANG		
✓ 134	12		NGF	2300	0840 0656	Sitrep 456 24 last part 2200/12.		
✓ 134	13		KANGA	0915	0874	Sitrep 334 to 0800 H/13		
✓ 135	13	KEE Bns			0925 0042	password		

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✓ 99	12/3		SHAMHUA OP		1605 G160	Hy gun fire heard direction MUBO throughout night of + morning of 12 FEB	
✓ 100	12		2/6 Bn		1601 237	JAP GULLETT tracks approx 1730hrs follow JFP track to June with track JAP GULLETT tracks approx 1730hrs follow JFP track to June with track at June patrol will join sec C pl already at June @ C pl less 2 sec will move along JFP track to June FM 13 FEB @ task C pl clear area HOUSE COPPER then send fighting patrol WAIPIALI @ Will see Ndm @ Its carrying 5 days rations @ Will see possible posns for dropping sups by air @ if area clear will send sups by line to HOUSE COPPER Intercomm W/T	HOUSE COPPER 0861
✓ 101	12		TOJO	0800/9	1606 G590	Sitrep.	
✓ 102	12		TOJO	1530/12	1700 G605	Sitrep. One upi plane over at 1420 hrs today otherwise all quiet	
✓ 103	12	BENH FORCE		1620		I Have you any further news of DOTTO @ his knowledge of JFPS intentions would assist us @ Should you contact him send fullest report immed.	
✓ 104	11		KANGA		0553	Sitrep 330 1800/11	
✓ 105	12		KANGA		0864	Sitrep 332 to 1400/12	
✓ 106	12		2/6 Bn		1701 238	Sitrep @ LEWIN reports he was approx one mile north WANDUMI 1600 hrs @ has been ordered press on toward June JAP WANDUMI tracks immed. Ambush arranged June JAP GULLETT tracks to catch JFPS moving North.	
✓ 107	12		17 Bde TRAPT		1800	Pho Situation normal	
✓ 108	12		near 2/5 Bn		1805 202	Sitrep	
✓ 109	12		2/7 Bn	1545	1748 206	Sitrep @ Sitrep @ Patrols @ Local patrol Sitrep @ C Coy patrol reldd Coy area by 1600 hrs less 1 sec @ Sec left standing patrol area 1600hrs.	
✓ 110	12		MARKHAM V. O.P.	1530	1815 F5 512	in view comp. absence of any Jps on who to fall back should enemy make strong effort to reach valley by way of MARKHAM or BOUANGS & in view recent discovery track before unknown from BULANTUM to TEMNI consider essential discuss situation Col WOODS @ is it possible meet Col WOODS some convenient place.	
✓ 111	12		KANGA			Sitrep 333 to 1800L/12	
✓ 112	12		TOJO		1810 G606	further upi planes over LAE 1620 hrs still no visibility	
✓ 113	12		2/7 Bn		1905 207	B Coy pl @ Out 0915 hrs @ In 1710 hrs @ Followed track to approx 400677 crossed KUHLO CK @ track ran to MAGNETIC CK approx 415655 then east toward CRYSTAL CK Patrolled down MAGNETIC CK toward + returned @ 3 dead JFPS @ approx 3000 yds scattered along track SQ 40 68 @ One JAP had committed suicide by shooting himself with rifle @ All JFPS obviously at starvation point.	
✓ 114	12		NGF	1635	2008 06529	Advise location GULLETT'S track	
✓ 115	12		Fwd 2/5 Bn		2000	Pho Sitrep 1900 hrs @ All locations unchanged @ C Coy patrols report NO contact @ 1 dead Australian found Map Ref 409 687 hands tied with Sig wire boots & rocks removed, eyes gaged out, identity discs removed, unrecognisable @ B Coy report no contact @ B patrol moved to Map Ref 469670 to investigate @ two fires @ Natives contacted at fires report more natives camped North of 469670 @ C Coy patrols report NO contact @ route of all patrols sent in by LO @ Situation otherwise normal.	

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80	12/12		2/7 IND COY	1000	H18	Necessary Fees OK.	Q104
81	12	2/6 Bn w/td 2/7 IND COY		1215	861	anticipate enemy remaining WANDUMI then only fairly small party cut off from General withdrawal. Essential you push strong fighting patrol up NEW JAP track aimed as far as HOUSE COPPER to destroy any enemy parties this area & clear track. On completion this task move strong patrol to contact 2/7 IND COY WAIPALI Area. Ensure your supply arrangements adequate for these parties. Hek	
82	12		2/5 Bn (FLASH)	1350	Ph	MILIES patrol killed one JAP. Collected enemy docs (MAPS)	
83	12		2/6 Bn	1349	234	Hek	0861
84	12		2/6 Bn	1331	232	No further news LEWIN since our reported message no 229. Reported in recumbent ref WAFU PHOTOMAP I150-I150	When 0862. (20960)
85	12		2/6 Bn	1346	233	Sibof. Kimbush party one sec 2/3 IND COY now in form since JAP tracks. No further reports patrol to HOUSE COPPER. Patrol fwd to 100yds south since JAP WANDUMI tracks returned 0930 has nothing to report.	GULLETT
86	12	2/6 Bn	2/6 B	1255	0862	Please give present location LEWINS PL.	
87	12		NGF		5D 1391	Regret cannot agree to request at present. Personnel reqd at MORESBY area. Do you require any of weapons asked for independently of personnel.	0833
88	12		2/7 IND COY	1115	MO 95	12 FEB BUIBHINING - WAIPALI rece patrol reports enemy still occupy camp at PISSER right of BUIBHINING village. O.P. BUIBHINING spur reports no movement BLACKCAT track or DOCTOR BOYS HUT. GUADAGAZAL O.P. report will follow.	
89	12		2/6 Bn		1357 235	Enemy docs picked up since JAP WANDUMI tracks 11 FEB being fwded today. Will be sent on from our rear HQ.	you
90	12	2/6 Bn		1500	0865	WANDUMI village ref H477110 WANDUMI TRIG area H51722 to H16724	228
91	12	NGF		1500	1003	Ref our 10026 require at earliest 4 inch to mile maps area H00750, H60640. Ref WAFU east and west 1 inch	560700
92	12		BENH FORCE		1324 1324 R34	SITREP. BENH unchanged. KAINANTU unchanged. No further JAP MUTS since earlier reports. Earlier patrol from KAIPT believed to be approx 100 strong.	this area
93	12	NGF		1545	1 0038	Duplication of daily weather reports by INT, SIGS + 5AF. Propose discontinue INT weather report. Can I get info from 5AF who expect 2 trained meteorologists shortly.	
94	12		2/5 Bn		1520 Ph	C Coy reported back from patrol along KOBIAK CK 1515 1/2 mile report proceeded as far as H55695 and to within 500 yds WANDUMI village. From H55695 patrol had obsn for 2000 yds N/E along CK. In this area timber is confined to creek bed.	
95	12	2/6 Bn		1535	0866	Please make every endeavour to contact LEWINS PL & advise urgently.	
96	12		MARKHAMV. OP		02100	No change	
97	12		SHL4M4UH OP		M8	Ref M7 my boys + MISSIM natives returned 11	
98		2/6 Bn w/td rear 2/6 Bn WAFU def force		1624	0 867	Carrier PL 2/6 Coy will move BLACKCAT 0800 13 FEB & come under comd 2/6 Bn on arrival	

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✓ 63	11/2	2/7 Ind Coy		2230	0958	for B PL 2/3 IND COY following extract from my 0324 of 9 FEB to all units as ifd for info quote 2/3 IND COY will despatch one pl with carrier line through to SUMMIT Camp PL to base itself on SUMMIT + patrol all track between CRYSTAL CK SUMMIT track + NEW JAP track unquote.		
✓ 64	12		Food 2/5 Bn		0900	Phone Sitrep 0800 @ B Coy killed 1 JAP at adjacent area @ all locations unchanged situation otherwise normal		
✓ 65	11		2/7 Bn		1005	Location State as at 0930 hrs @ Eschalon 383717 @ BHQ 387710 @ A Coy @ 7 PL 397695 @ 8 PL 398694, 9 PL 396698 @ B Coy @ 10 PL 402691, 11 PL 403693, 12 PL 403690 @ C Coy @ 13 PL 397705, 14 PL 401709, 15 PL 401707 @ HQ Coy @ 2 PL 394697, 4 PL 387709, 6 PL 387710 @ 2/7 AIC 386711		
✓ 66	12		2/16 FD Coy	0800	0833	082	BUKORO @ ROME @ clearing taxiway + disposal bays ea side strip 9300 sq yds day @ estimate complete night @ Commencing widening strip with side day 12 @ crashed plane (JUNKIE) removed each side @ 24 sps on clearing with 96 natives @ 31 Sps drone defence @ TP urgently required for filling in dema craters and low portions	
✓ 67	12	All informed		0945	0036	0036	Password for WAU down night 12/13 FEB @ REVOLVER @	
✓ 68	12		2/5 Bn (FLASH)		0945	Phone	Afternoon 11 FEB 1 JAP killed CRYSTAL CREEK @ Night 11/12 Sitmor	
✓ 69	12		2/6 Bn		0841	227	Sitrep @ Ambush party one see 2/3 IND COY moved out for fine JAP + GULLETT tracks 0730 hrs @ listening post fine JAP + GULLETT tracks nil up at @ local patrol 3 men to investigate suspect patrol near JAP track approx 2 ml NE fine JAP + GULLETT tracks @ Time out from JAP 0930 hrs	
✓ 70	12		2/6 Bn	0920	0930	228	Ref WAU WEST @ understand from WANDUMI incorrect @ please advise correct map of also ref of WANDUMI TRIG.	
✓ 71	12			0800	0930	6159	Light observed moving from ISTHMUS to KELTA from 1000 hrs to 1100 hrs	
✓ 72	11		TOJO	1800/11	1820/11	5601	Posn unchanged mist obscuring most of day	
✓ 73	12		WAU DEFENCE	0930	1030	1313	Sitmor	
✓ 74	12	2/6 Bn aptd 2/7 Ind Coy		0945		860	Coy # LIT1 moving AM 12 FEB from H 31688 along CK line to rd H 4670 to clear out enemy from wooded area and return @ BHI advise your APL.	
✓ 75	12		TOJO	1010	1050	6602	Sitmor.	
✓ 76	12		2/6 Bn		1010	229	Sitrep @ A pl 2/3 IND COY moving up rearward ref WAU PHOTO MAP 1/25,000 @ I 150 to I 750 1000 hrs	
✓ 77	12		2/6 Bn				REF WAU DEF FORCE of Order NO 1 @ Htz	
✓ 78	12		2/7 Bn	1052	1105	2044	Patrols HQ Coy 2 patrols reported back 0945 hrs NE report @ C Coy food at BUKORO R reports at 1030 hrs @ Patrols at rearward H 25712 + H 25708 nil report @ Patrols West side BUKORO. killed stray JAP + report NO fresh JAP tracks on River @ All these C Coy patrols report NO sign of fresh ENEMY met @ All local patrols Sitmor.	
✓ 79	12		2/5 Bn FLASH		1200	PL	C Coy moving along route KOBIAK CK to contact force seen withdrawing to that area @ Patrol leaving 17 Coy moving along route KUFFLI CK contact NELSON @ NELSONS sec approx Ref H 404687 then back along high rd immed West CRYSTAL CK @ MILES from 17 Coy at present Ref H 25699 returning direct route @ Firing heard this area 1125 hrs @ Beasley reports fairly 30-50 at WANDUMI TRIG 1050 hrs @ Htz own line cut KUFFLI area approx 1055 hrs @ Patrol A Coy 1300 hrs along NEW JAP track high rd returning same route.	

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✓ 46	11/2		2/7 Ind Coy	1427	1640	192	BUIBHINING OP. re-established 10 FEB (over?) looking BLACKCAT track @ MACKENZIE has party out ready to guide 2/3 IND Coy 1 pl @ GADAGAZAL O.P. reports 10 FEB visibility very bad, 1000 L/H enemy appeared from BUIBHINING passed through WHIPALI thousands MUBO first JAP using stick other 3 carrying packs all appeared totally rooted	
✓ 47	11		2/6 Bn	1530	1530	222	Sitrep	
✓ 48	11		NGF	1205	1745	0654	Sitrep H53 1000 L/H	
✓ 49	11		NGF	1205	1815	0654	Sitrep H53 Part II	
✓ 50	11	NGF		2110		0857	Message from MURPHY quoted. MURPHY only NO 533. Own Log NO 56.	
✓ 51	11		2/7 Bn		2012	209	Capt PAINGLES patrol at 423711 area @ in posn 2010 hrs.	
✓ 52	11		2/7 Bn		1940	207	7 PL H Coy reported movement 399693 @ On investigation 2 Wounded JAPS collected @ NOW at M.D.S.	
✓ 53	11		DAWN			0657	Nil Report	
✓ 54	11	2/7 Ind Coy	2/7 Ind Coy		2050	0856	AF strapping GUAD HCHASAL SADDLE MUBO KOMIATUM the time unknown owing to weather conditions @ Please see all the clear of area when attack takes place.	
✓ 55	11	2/7 Ind Coy			2100	0840	2/5 Bn reports 2000 L/HO oppose NO enemy seen moving down road from Suspension Br 431686 to KAISINIK @ warn KAISINIK.	
✓ 56	11		MURPHY	1230	1445	533	Infm re JAP overland party from MADANG to LHE as follows NO1 left MADANG with half cart and passed through GABSONKEK @ 2nd to GFEB say would attack through this L of C @ NO2 force left MODIDON PLANTN at MADANG for BOANA and then FISCH @ Not known if arrived @ NO3 force largest of all passed through GABSONKEK 10th with JAP INTPTR formerly diary RABHUL who said in presence of natives the were understood reinforce SHAMMAWA were carrying 2 JAPS drowned in KERON @ 3rd FORCE came from DUAI PLANTN area @ Refers my earlier reports	
✓ 57	11		2/5 Bn	2200	2230		Sit as at 2200 normal	
12/2 ✓ 58	12	NGF		0120		0635	if planes arrive this morning will dispatch following @ PWs JAPS 4 suspected JAP 1 Chinese & together with prelim Intel @ Sundry dearies & docs @ Ground air sig strips with sundry small films & other equip.	
✓ 59	12		near 2/5 Bn	0745	0750	201	Sitrep.	
✓ 60	12		2/7 Bn	0745	0754	201	Sitrep as at 0745 hrs @ Supplied at 2200 hrs 3 men MDS for guarding prisoners Patrol report @ B Coy despatching recon patrol to follow track HOOCTO across KHULI CR then follow track to place where it comes out @ Capt PRINGLES patrol to BURORO R with patrol @ HQ Coy One patrol 394718 at 1st light @ 2nd patrol to 396716 & contact patrol from C Coy at first light	
✓ 61	12		2/6 Bn		0605	226	Sitrep	
✓ 62	12		2/7 IND Coy	2020	2235	94	GAUDAGASAL op reports 1400-1700 L/H 28 enemy moved from BUIBHINING to WHIPALI apparently camping WHIPALI night 11/12 8 of them without packs or rifles further 3 walking wounded also obs @ owing to clouds & mists possible others moved under Ambush party 15 strength 2/6 Bn B Coy under comd IXTON leaving SKINDENAI 0700/12 to cover track to WANDUMI & SUMMIT off SKINDENAI-BUIBHINING track this party to remain in form till recalled Nil report BUIBHINING-WHIPALI area (1) GAUDAGASAL new O.P. across BOISAVAL in posn morning 12 FEB should be in form morning 12 FEB @ Dispositions unchanged @ Enemy obs in posn 2000 HCHASAL @ all appeared total wrecked	

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✓ 32	1/2		2/7 IND COY	1103	1405	1988	w/ party strength 10 crossed TRIG PT 0930/11 appeared to be carrying stretchers moved through WANDUMI 1020/11 towards CRYSTAL CK. Another w/ party appeared from timber above WANDUMI 1030/11 & moved towards TRIG PT. 6 of the party appeared to be carrying stretchers (C) Carried PL 2/5 Bn now located KAISINIK WANDUMI area	
✓ 33	11		NGF			06539	Sitrep 452 Part III.	
✓ 34	11		2/6 Bn	1500	1509	221	Sitrep. No report from APL 2/3 IND COY	
✓ 35	11	2/6 Bn		1622		0887	LEWINS pl reported WAFU this PM. LEWIN moving out again to carry out previous role as ordered. Parties left this seen moving from TRIG PT towards WANDUMI engaged by our arty. Report accurately form of your ltr.	
✓ 36	11		TOJO	1530	1650	G60	Sitrep. Nothing to report mists partially obscuring most of day	
✓ 37	11		DAWN	1555	1635	G158	Nile Report	
✓ 38	11		2/5 Bn	1500	1730	0212	Sitrep 1200 hrs.	
✓ 39	11	NGF		1730		0854	following recd from MURPHY HNGAU quote for VERTIGAN from MURPHY. Another JAP force arrived GABSONKEK overland from MADANG early in WED 10th left for LAE after dark same day. Native agent impressed by JAPS. JAPS moving only by night. Infm reliable. Native agent says force larger than first force reported.	
✓ 40	11	NGF		1750		0852	BULULO DROME. New Taxi Way 895 yds cleared. New loop 7500 yds cleared	
✓ 41	11		2/6 Bn	1730	1731	0852	Location fwd ltr. Two men recce patrol fwd JAP camp area 465 706. Listening post 4 men June JAP & GULLETT tracks. Standing patrol June GULLETT WANDUMI tracks.	
✓ 42	11		2/5 Bn		1750	203	Sitrep	
✓ 43	11		NGF	1450	1810	2563	for ROSS. 25 fdr amm. Your Q shows 3942 rds 1800 hrs 9. Your Q 92 shows 4700 rds 1800 hrs 10. There were NO deliveries 10. Explain & advise form	
✓ 44	11		2/7 Bn		1813	206	Sitrep. Patrol reports 11 FEB. 2 pls labelled to 396695 thence to 395692 + recd nothing to report. Local patrols from H.C. D. Coys Sitrep. C Coy sending patrol of 2 pls. Pls ea of 2 secs strength. Under Comd Capt Pringle with FOO att'd. Patrol left Coy area for 423711 at 1730 hrs. 1 pl to remain there as patrol HQ. Other pl proceed to 425709 both forms will be held as standing patrol. Listening posts in the entrance approx 425712 + 428708 resp. Secs will patrol to these points from PL HQ with first light. Intercomm by telephone from 423711 to BHQ. Patrols have been warned of 2/3 71C patrol due in area before dusk.	
✓ 45	11		2/6 Bn	1730	1731	223	document found June JAP + GULLETT track P.M. 11 FEB being fwd by CPL RANKIN Snt Sec. RANKIN moved out from the GAP 1645 hrs. Will reach you approx 2100 hrs.	

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✓ 19	11/1		Rear 2/5 Bn		1335	Phone	correction in message yesterday @ NOW pl did not take part in battle fd was 1 sec 1ND COY plus 1 pl H Coy.	X
✓ 20	11		NGIF	0250	0745	P653	Sitrep Part 4. 452.	Sitrep File
✓ 21	11		2/7 1ND Coy	1140	1300	M089	At least 100 upi tps moved across TRIG PT. 1140-1150/11 in direction WANDUMI ran for cover in timber on appearance of planes	X Message passed to WOOD MOSS
✓ 22	11	WOOD 2/c Bn		1345		0850	following from MANK quote @ at least 100 upi tps moved across trig pt 1140-1150/11 in direction WANDUMI ran for cover in timber on appearance of planes unquote @ advised urgently if you can identify these tps @ have you contacted pl 2/31ND Coy from WANDUMI.	X
✓ 23	11		TAL/R 44/CS	1340			Reca report 1130-1230 CRYSTAL CREEK.	X
✓ 24	11		ITP 156 LT AH			52/23	Rec'd your 0826 9 Message Form.	
✓ 25	11		2/7 Bn		1403	204	B Coy patrol report on KUHAI CK @ Killed one JAP @ One already dead @ Capt JAP in sick state @ Signs of small party leaving 10 FEB towards MAGNETIC CK @ Out 0915 in 1315 hrs	Message w/ Sgt Hannan
✓ 26	11	RAH	JAMES O.P.		1410		1400 H Coy patrol from WIRE BRIDGE area has returned @ encountered 10 JAPS killed 6 @ 2 or 4 escaped with auto weapons @ patrol went fwd to within 800 yds KHISINIK and contacted patrol of 2 men from B Coy B Coy at KHISINIK track now considered fairly clear @ Patrol from H Coy going down pass from CRYSTAL CK towards WITU on contact patrol	X
✓ 27	11		2/7 Bn		1430	M091	Party upi tps without equip or packs moved from timber above WANDUMI to BHWS above village there tps met by approx 12 carrying packs who moved up from village @ NO food dropped SKINDEWAI yet.	X
✓ 28	11		2/7 Bn		1300	M090	Further 60-70 tps crossing TRIG PT KUHAI patch following down WEST TRIG PT in recondant heading approx direction BAHAMS went to ground on appearance of WIRRHWAY and flying Fortress at 1218/11 @ 1220/11 (contact them?) begin again down recondant.	X
✓ 29	11		2/5 Bn		1137	Phone	GEAR'S patrol after crossing WIRE BR will move back along North side BUANO R. to 425700 thence to H @ GILBERT'S patrol @ H 0915 moved approx 428701 then moving up KUHAI CK distance 1/2 West left discussion GILBERT.	X
✓ 30	11	17th Bde Inf	Pt. (DIFO)	1230	1440	T2	Sitrep	
✓ 31	11		MURHAM V. O.P.	1000	1210	J572	Our 0835 @ Message appears to have originated from advise sent from SHERLOCK at WAMPIT to MCKEE at MUMENG @ Subject matter of message in sigs L527/8/9 (i) Purpose of advise to allow MCKEE taking precautionary measure with carriers @ Error appears to be at SUNSHINE or at MUMENG in passing on this info @ Suggest for check SUNSHINE	

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✓ 1	11/2		TOJO		0920 599	Sitrep	
✓ 2	10	MAKA		0905/11		Require more details of 4 unidentified tents observed NE of KAHINDI @ the they still there @ what is Magnetic Bearing from BILHAMSO URGENT	
✓ 3	11		NORRIS 2/6 Bn		0701 210	Sitrep @ One sec 2/3 Ind Coy moved out 0700 hrs from the GAP as recee patrol to HOUSE COPPER area. Two recee patrols from WANDUMI track form first to light 11 FEB @ One patrol moved via GULLETTO Other patrol to JUNG via WANDUMI track @ third site seen 2/3 Ind Coy moved from the GAP 0700 hrs carry out recee patrol JAP track WANDUMI track area. Endeavouring contact PL 2/3 Ind Coy WANDUMI by W/S.	pat track fine first
✓ 4	11	BIENH FORCE		1040	0	Expect two plane loads rations today. N&F advised us of them going in today.	
✓ 5	11		NORRIS 2/6 Bn	0100	0101 208	Sitrep	
✓ 6	11		2/6 Bn		0935 26	Nil Return	Q93/10.
✓ 7	11		2/6 Bn	1000	1001 212	Line broken your side BUKOLO RIVER three times in last three days @ please check laying of line particularly along MOTOR TRACK to BUKOLO River	X
✓ 8	11		2/7 Bn		0745 201	Sitrep 0745 H @ B Coy will clear enemy locked from KIRAH CK @ all normal dusk patrols sitrep @ all normal dusk patrols sitrep.	
✓ 9	11		2/6 Bn		1108 214	Ref your 0847 Sitrep 1120 For 2/3 Ind Coy less one fl arrived BLACK CAT read 2/3 Ind Coy less 2 fls arrived BLACK CAT	X Sitrep
✓ 10	11		2/5 Bn		0940 Phone	At first light GEAR'S fl left A moved wire bridge area now in contact approx 1130 688 so far one casualty @ one prisoner taken. CK area rank Sgt	X
✓ 11	11		2/5 Bn near HQ		0755 201	Sitrep C Coy moved from WAU drone area to Hdo BHR. HTI 0705/11 @ otherwise normal.	X
✓ 12	11		2/6 Bn		0845 209	Patrol reported no enemy seen near fine JAP and WANDUMI tracks 0800 hrs @ Further recee patrols now working along JAP track NE + South of JUNG	X
✓ 13	11		2/6 Bn		1107 213	Sitrep @ No report from A pl 2/3 Ind Coy @ Recee patrols being carried out as per our message 211 @ Nothing particular to report @ recee patrol one sec 2/3 ind Coy en route HOUSE COPPER arrived BLACK CAT 1105 hrs.	X
✓ 14	11		MURPHY (HNGHU)		1035 1531	Ref radio and report of fat force crossing MARKHAM DOONGH @ Suspect this force identical with that seen at GABSONKEK having recrossed MARKHAM @ Cannot confirm as yet	X
✓ 15	11		2/5 Bn		1200 Phone	1130 hrs GILBERTS patrol reported in @ patrol left track at 115697 moved up CK to 1114694 then to 111694 then down CK to A Coy @ found 2 JAP rifles. No sign of enemy but more fresh tracks @ GEAR'S patrol still out.	X
✓ 16	11		BIENH FORCE		1125 R35	BIENH unchanged KAHINANTU unchanged.	
✓ 17	11		2/6 Bn		1201 219	Sitrep @ Our fwd recee patrol sighted 4 JAP in two parties of two on JAP track between GULLETT and WANDUMI tracks enemy taking on precautions and moving towards HOUSE COPPER @ recee patrol watching further movements @ Further reports later	
✓ 18	11		Fwd 2/5 Bn		1315 Phone	1215 hrs GEAR reported fwd HTI HQ @ Says killed 5 JAPS at WIRE BRIDGE own car one wounded @ continued to 1147673 contacted B Coy then returned @ Also 1104 fl were at 1138667 moved this morning to join B Coy at K @ K track at present clear @ bearers now moving.	Sitrep
19	11		2/5 Bn		1335 Phone		

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485	10/2		2/7 1NO Coy	1950/10	0145/10	0808	your 0834 received 1530 ⁴ /10 disposition unchanged @ nothing to report BUIBAINING - WAI PALI @ MAMBU @ BUADAGASAL OP @ BALLAMS report 1830 ⁴ /10 slow firing type MG heard believed enemy weapon 1845 ⁴ /10 considerable movement on trig point un-identified the moving down into timber 1900/1930 ⁴ /10 further parties seen moving north of spur below WANDUMI toward CRYSTAL CK total number seen approx 100 some appeared to be carrying stretchers @ CAMERON 2/s on reports carrier pl. not yet arrived KIASENIK @ CAMERON sending 1 sect & one signaller along telephone line KIASENIK SUSPENSION BRIDGE. leaving 1800 ⁴ /10 @ approx 40 AUST TP unit unknown reported in KIASENIK native village 1815 ⁴ /10 the same TP seen later on KIASENIK-WANDUMI TK @ 3 snipers returned BALLAMS 1830 ⁴ /10 with captured equipment & reported having killed 2 enemy @ 4 unidentified tents observed morning 6 Feb NE of WAINDI	
486	10	Bobs & J Coy 2/6 Cnl.		1730 ⁴ /10		0835	message received from SUNSHINE 1500 ⁴ /10 @ quote @ message received this AM from SHERLOCK at MUMENG unconfirmed report that large party of Japs coming from KIAPIT destination unknown may come via TUNBU or YANTA or PARTEP 2 @ unquote @ please advise urgently with details of anything know of this force.	
487	10		ordance	1340			ack receipt of 0826 @	

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472	10		2/3 INO COY.	2105	2106	IK1	Sitrep @ 2/3 INO COY less 2 PLS eat THE GAP @ nothing to report @ no comms with PL on WANDUMI BLACKCAT track	
473	10		2/7 ind coy	1944	2030	MD8	Between 50 & 100 unidentified tps some carrying stretchers moved toward CRYSTALCK column spread out between trig point & spur below WANDUMI	
474	10		MAYNES BULL DOG.	-	-	X B 136	Awaiting reply X B 132 @ urgent.	
475	10		WOOD	2100	-	205	ACK.	
476	10	2/6 BN	-	2150/10	-	0842	essential you FWO urgently following info. @ 1 @ extent and location any gap defences in WANDUMI BLACKCAT new gap track area @ 2 @ extent of enemy activity on new gap track @ 3 @ movements of PL 2/3 INO COY which was ordered to move through WANDUMI to NEW JAP track.	
477	10	2/7 INO COY	-	2200	-	RA 1	BECKLEY FOO with LITZ KRAISENIK required to recall and prepare for repositioning JAP & MUDO track @ will you advise when @ suggest he moves BALT track forward. @ WISE will provide communication tomorrow.	
478	10	2/7 INO COY	-	2210 1/10	-	0843	plans unable to get through today 10 Feb. @ every endeavour being made for dropping 11 Feb.	
479	10		WOOD	2200	-	206	sitrep sitrep	
480	10		2/16 fd Coy.	2210	-	OR61	60 natives reported to drome 9 Feb & 80 natives today @ whereabouts of remainder not known as ANGAU representatives here as handling labour	Q 839
481	10		2/6 BN	2230	-	207	no prepared defences observed in gap camps along gap tracks @ cannot give any information WANDUMI @ movement today along gap track reported in our 203 @ no word PL ind coy since they left WANDUMI afternoon 9 Feb. @ suggest you contact rear H & ind coy @ patrols will be maintained tomorrow	0842
482	10		D Coy 2/6 BN	2330	-	-	nothing known of gap force @ Police boys questioned by SUNSHINE information received from native talk @ will contact SHERLOCK and forward any details.	
483	10		D Coy 2/6 BN	1825	1515	-	message received this AM from (VVOZ) SHERLOCK unconfirmed report that large party of gaps coming from KIAPIT destruction unknown may come via TUNGU or YANTA or PARTEP	
484	10		2/16 fd Coy	2055	-	0839	ref your OR56 @ you state you have only 60 natives @ Angau representatives states there are 120 natives at Butoto 20 of which he employed for his own use 10 Feb. @ where are the other 40 natives @ Please advise	

Ref map

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467 ✓	10	N&F.		1935	0838	Following message from Stenshure quote message received this AM from WO SHERLOCK unconfirmed report that large party of Japs coming from KIAPIT destination unknown may come VIA TUNGA or YANTA or PARTER 2100 1325 1/10 unquote SHERLOCK is AN 9AU rep stationed at MUMENG O am endeavouring obtain further particulars this INFM from all available sources.	
468 ✓	10	2/6 BN + HQ 2/3 INO COY		1945	0838	2/6 BN will remain BLACK CAT until situation clarified O 2/3 INO COY will come under comd 2/6 BN O orders for subsequent return 2/6 BN to WAU will be issued by KANGA O ACK.	
469 ✓	9		2/7 BN.	2030	2106 206	Patrol report O D COY out 0900 hrs. in 1840 hrs. O moved to grassy slope 391685 O no tracks to south or west O found 12 JAP graves 393685 O proceed track 90° to 398688 O found communal grave estimated 6 bodies O approx 7 coolies swords O 4 loaded with mixture clothing & gear etc O 2 tins containing 7 enemy mortar bombs approx 3 inch O many indications of the shelling in area O main track leads to East O took smaller track to 399690 O evidence of occupation O weapon pits etc O patrol returned O C COY patrol to 391685 from HQ COY area O No tracks to south or west O worked way through virgin country south then west then north to HQ COY	
470 ✓	9		WOOD	2035	2035 197	Set up O Recce patrol party returned to CAMERONS POZN 1830 hrs O Report that they reached scene after action and found 2 of mortar the dead O one live Jap seen in vicinity O none of our forces seen in area O WOODS still helmet found with bullet hole in side O standing patrol O remain O 10 ORS left in CAMERONS POZN O others withdrawn to POZN mentioned in our message NO 194 O OP left by HICKS on Jap track returned to the Jap returned 1900 hrs O Reported approx 30/40 Japs came past OP from direction WANDUINI O action seem as if setting Booby prior to camping for night	
471 ✓	10	N&F		1150	1845/134	from preliminary interrogation Chinese merchant impressed BRITISH Japs from Hong Kong brought LAE (?) definite 10 tanks off landed LAE area from ... from 1 vessel of enemy org Japs think similar number of tanks in other 4 vessels indicates tanks from photographs as M25 sets similar to B L 33 met first western desert campaign O 2/3. this tank vulnerable to MG & Boys ante. TK. rifle O definitely states 5/6000 the died starvation O sickness since onward move SAHANAU to WAU & retreat O unwilling place too much reliance this estimate number casualties but appear enemy comd appreciates difficulty to supply this area.	

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457		Continued					main hut in village apparently amn stone ablage terrific explosions from this hut @ enemy goes to ground when plane leave - drome @ nothing to report 1500 ^h /9 from BANANA BUNOAGASA OP or BUIBAINING @ suspects unchanged	
458	10		DAWN	1600 ^h /10	1644	156	Heard bombing direction of LAE 1010 hrs approx @ observed 3 Hy Bombers returning over SAKAMUA 1015 hrs LIGHT A/A observed from SAKAMUA.	
459	10		2/7 BN	1543/10	1700 ^h /10	203	Change in pl locations @ 16 Pl 390701 18 Pl 389697 @ HQ Coy has Lieut ROBERTSON PL 394697 @ Patrol report @ B Coy patrol out 0900 in 1315 strength 11 men @ from 12 Pl area to 402687 to 400683 to 402682 @ where observed JAP sentry in KUAI CK re-entrant murmur of voices in timber @ unable locate from strength believed same party as 9 Feb @ returned WEST KUAI re-entrant to Pl area	
460	9		DAWN	0800 ^h /9	1640 ^h /9	153	Bright orange light observed for 2 minutes in vicinity of but 200 yds further out from Buoy reported on 6149 at @ 20 hrs.	
461	10		2/7 BN.	1730	1800	620	Sitrep Sitnor @	
462	10		TOJO	1600	1735	659	Sitrep @ allied planes raided LAE 1035 hrs. A/A very heavy @ NO NO @ Loud explosions few minutes after raid suggesting either delayed action Bombs or ammunition dumps exploding but still no visibility @ 1100 hrs planes heard thought Japs appear landed LAE no visibility	
463	10		2/5 (A.H.R)	1745	1750	203	Sitrep Sitnor.	
464	10		VERTIGAN DISTRICT OFFICER MARKHAM	1800 ^h /10			Ref X B 132/7 from MAYNES BULLDOG to KANPA. the following is supplied to enable you to reply: - Col Reinhold left EDIE CK 25 Jan accompanied by WO JOHNSON with 21 carriers & Police @ ECCLESTONE joined later and accompanied until morning 6 Feb area @ (L) W 3458 and then returned WAO arriving 9 th @ Ecclestone met LEAHY who departed 8 th to follow Col REINHOLD @ very signals no connection with this party @ Col REINHOLD proposed to follow EHOA over anticipating arrival (L) W:3452 10 th @ Rations sufficient until and incl 10 th @ map 4ml. strat.	
465	10		TOJO	1800 ^h /10	1935 ^h /10	659	NOTHING known of aeroplanes on aerodrome must obscuring.	
466	10		NGF.	1320	1916	11400	further to our I 1397 @ Chinese merchant states that on board ship he assisted Japs packing parachutes complete with body harness in 20 large boxes @ it seems boxes measured 4x4x5 feet & therefore 20 boxes could carry 600 parachutes @ also on vessel were 100 members of parachute BN and they gave impression rest of unit already in LAE @ from markings on boxes to (by?) KAWAKAMI TAO.	

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450	10		BOBS	1030 4/10	1215 1/10	3811	Ref your 0797 fires vicinity TERERAN proved to be PIGHUNT by CHIVISING RANAKAS	
451	9		24/6 BN	1330		191	Sitrep @ enemy contacted in force @ own ops withdrawing under fire @ own known casualties 3 wounded @ enemy casualties unknown.	
452	10		BENA FORCE	0945	1440 1/10	R32	Sitrep BENA unchanged KIRANTU unchanged.	
453	10		NGF	1130 7/9		0657	Sitrep 449 to 1000 7/9 @	
454	7		2/7 ind	2207 7/10	1449 1/10	-	Disposition of the unchanged ref my NO 71 FEB 6. @ GREEK left BANANA 0700 7/7 GUADAGASAL New OP. to observe GUADAGASAL SADDLE & MUBO also Bombing of same will return 1800 7/8 @ will advise inf later @ nothing to Report @ BUIBAINING WAIPALI area	
455	10		TOJO	0741 4/10	1500 7/10	6594	0720 hrs ALLIED aeroplanes raided LAE A/A @ 0730 hrs unidentified aeroplanes patrolling LAE thought to be japs there NO visibility @ on approach ALLIED aero planes 0720 hrs raid JAP aerodrome took off from aerodrome @ nothing further (includes situation report)	
456	10		2/7 IND COY	1320 4/10	1600 1/10	MO 25	Ref your 082 there is no det. 2/7 IND COY at WAIPALI VILLAGE @ This det. is holding a posn based on June WAIPALI - BUIBAINING which is 1 hour march up hill from both villages except for ambush party fwd on bush tracks to fwd patrols & strong enemy force between this det. & Pt. 2/3 IND COY @ which is to establish contact @ The enemy party in the WAIPALI - BUIBAINING are estimated to be approx 100 strong it is believed to be an L of C party connected with the BLACK CAT - WAU OPS @ This party is established in the depression between the WAIPALI - BUIBAINING ridges and dispersed over a wide area in small parties which appear difficult to locate @ NO addition to this party have been observed the last week as the ops moving in have balanced the & wounded inflicted this area moving on to MUBO @ will send scout party up BLACK CAT track to meet Pt 2/3 IND COY if possible before they arrive pap posns.	
457			2/7 IND COY	1700 7/9		MO 61	McClaren & party with two days rations left BALLAMS 1500 7/9 to occupy ambush position between WANQUMI - CRYSTAL CK & to AMBUSH any further parties moving OP from that area this party will return to BALLAMS by 1800 7/9 Recce patrol from CRYSTAL CK. reports main track clear from KIPSI DIK to suspension BRIDGE @ Telephone line intact route used by enemy WANQUMI stakes main track at suspension bridge crosses bridge head up the slope on the left bank @ Recce patrol penetrated along left bank to within 500 yds in heavy scrub at 1730 7/9 a few bursts were exchanged @ our sniper party active this morning from 0800 1200 7/9 again 1030 shots heard about WANQUMI @ Enemy previously reported moved in several large groups fairly concentrated in single file number of stretchers were carried @ also what appeared to be boxes of stores or weapons @ it appears that boxes of stores or weapons @ it appears that equip personal weapons were being carried @ observation at 1620 7/9 of WANQUMI indicates that enemy have fired village probably using oil for destruction force moving into timber above WANQUMI.	

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✓ 441	8		TOJO	1615/9	1715 5589	only plane known to be on aerodrome parked location ref 119 ref map 1A locality ① thought to be damaged.	
✓ 442	9		MACA 2/7IND	1848	1925 1062	Arty have WADUMI ranged perfectly ① 3° LEFT & plus 500 yds will bring guns onto area while enemy believed dispersed part of enemy force still in that area waiting for darkness to cross to KUNAI strip show your dispositions would be help to understand your message ① MILLS left KAISENIK probably Jan 28 for WAU did he search there.	
✓ 443	9		TOJO	1820	1450 5593	no change in situation	
✓ 444	9		SABRE 2/7IND	1320	1325 203	11 B Coy fighting patrol out 0930 or 1240 ① track to BULLDOG area ① from 401697 crossed re-entrant NW to 398678 down re-entrant to B. Coy ① struck at 401697 observed 12 jobs moving NE down re-entrant ① followed truck to 398678 which leads up main feature	
✓ 445	9		2/5 BN	2040/9	0650	stripes at 2000 hrs ① D4 ACoy's general areas CRYSTAL CK but ① B Coy enroute KAISENIK ① BHQ same as 0800 hrs strip ① enemy believed 20/50 on slopes Bulolo R. CRYSTAL CK area will in hiding remainder counted estimated 2/5 BN with arty support & in infantry action alone killed at conservative estimate 160 gaps today ① one enemy from over run by -coy shows strong evidence of having run the HQ of the force which attacked WAU ① in this enemy was very well dug in & accommodation 6 tents were used as offices ① when D Coy attached gaps personnel blew up tents from within ① 2/5 BN today were out ① comd's intention conforming with KANGA force instr. 0824.	
✓ 446	9		TOJO	1545	1710 5591	more activity on drone repair works 1220 hrs large fires in area MAHANANG plantation thought to be clearing bush ① 1400 hrs raid by fighters & other A/C low level attack on north end MAHANANG plantation ① fires started in area KANKAMUN village also in Bush occupied end of MAHANANG PLANTATION ① thought stores fired in this area ① approx 6 large fires started as well as both sides of BUSU river being strafed total result of raid.	
✓ 447	10		2/16 3rd Coy	0830	0850	Buloho DROME ① 150 yds of road cleared for taxi way plus 50 yds loop correction with strip ① guides prepared for bridging large drain ① 30 sappers on job plus 60 natives remained of unit personnel & stores transported from WAU ① Colonel BODLE U.S. agr Force visited drone ① cancelled previous instructions & issued instruction for alternate lay out save time ① these instructions now being carried out ① require at least 200 natives on preliminary work.	
✓ 448	9		N.G.F.	2358/9	0850	Programme 10 Feb. ① 30 DOUGLAS to WAU in flight of 6 ① short flight carries reinforcement & miscellaneous persons & stores ① 3 DOUGLAS carrying 1 TAA personnel & eqpt to Buloho ① 1 PLANE (just ration) dropped SKINDOWN 9 FEB ① WILL attempt drop further 2 plane natives & 1 plane (just ration) 10 Feb.	
✓ 449			N.G.F.	2020/9	1134 119A	FOR G.S.I. ① give place & date of capture of 3 CHINESE P.W. please.	re. I 0030

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✓ H35	9		2/6 BN	1605			1554 hrs D Coy joined B Coy OC D Coy advises found pocket of gaps killed 25/30 no casualties D Coy also found occupied area with tents & cookhouse CK. June 9 D & B Coy mortars still being directed on area @ Leut Smith left at 1640 loud explosion WANDUMI village presume arty hit enemy dump @ Large column smoke observed.	
✓ H36	10		WOOD	1813		197	ACK	(in reply 0814)
✓ H37	8		MAKA			MO 77	Party as advised 1075 left BALLAMS 0730 CRYSTAL CK Patrol will return BALLAMS by 1200 7/9 will advise result @ snipers will return WANDUMI by 1800 7/11 @ OP reports 90 enemy with full packs arrived BUIBAINING area 1700 7/9 from direction MUBO this is first large enemy meet in that area since 34 enemy left area for MUBO 1030 7/9 @ shelling programme as advised in your 0779 not carried out 7 FEB @ OP reports 1106 7/8 single rifle shot BITOI below WAIPAKI spur 1225-1250 7/8 6 planes bombed & strafed MUBO NO bombing on SADDLE or GUADAGASAL ridge observed @ own dispositions now as BALLAMS under comd WATERSON 2/6 BN 2/5 IND COY 1 2/7 IND COY 23 2/6 BN 19 AASC 2 ANGAU 2 17 BDE SIGS total 69 SUMMIT 2/5 IND COY 31 ANGAU 1 2/7 IND COY 1 total 33 under comd. RIDLEY SKINDEWAI 2/5 IND COY 3 2/7 ind Coy 109: 2/6 BN 66 ANGAU 1 AASC 1 17 BDE CIPHERI KANGAR TOTAL 184 under comd MACADIE @ natives SKINDEWAI 60 @ BANANA 2/7 IND COY 21 under comd GREER MAMBU 7 OP 3 staves 21 total this area 52 all 2/7 ind Coy WAIPAKI - BUIBAINING JUNE 46 2/7 ind Coy KANGAI total 47 under comd MACKENZIE NEAKS CRK. June 2/5 IND COY 20 under comd DEMERICK @ alternate communication as from FEB 9-208 from SKINDEWAI to BALLAMS to WAU @ WAU to us 109 obtainable our SIG store FREQ 3400 as from 1100 7/9 then every hour.	
✓ H38	9		2/8 fd Coy	1705		NOY 77	ditref 18 to 1700 7/9 @ NIL	
✓ H39	9		DAWN	1600 7/9		G154	Nothing to Report.	
✓ H40	9		DIFI	1715		1735	—	setup sitnos.

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✓ 424	10		WOOD	1405	203	Patrol report @ Reice patrol on TAP TR states sound of cutting greatly diminished @ Party 6 enemy with rifles & bayonets fixed moved up Jap track towards HOUSECOPPER scouring bush on both sides of track @ enemy wearing our steel helmets @ this party followed by main body unable estimate numbers @ Party took 20 mins to pass our CP.	
✓ 425	10		TOJO	1230 ⁴ / ₁₀	1310 2596	unknown number enemy planes landed LAE drone 1155 hrs @ we are MISTED IN @ RAAF have been informed.	
✓ 426	10		KUNI	1000	1430 4/10	ACK.	
✓ 427	10				0833	Request consideration be given to dispatch to WAU Balance 16 and 21/25 BDE carrier Coys @ Believe 120 Tps available @ Require 18 MMGS 13 BENS 21 TSANG'S 8 1/2" mortar to accompany force @ Required to assist close defence WAU drone @ Please advise if available.	
✓ 428	10		2/5 BN	1417 ¹ / ₁₀	-	Three of N°4 PL returning from KAISINIK observed from 432684 approx 20 JAPS digging in at 430686 @ one PL Coy plus one see BAH1 now attacking.	
✓ 429	10		N.G.F.	2210 ⁴ / ₈	1445 0657	Ref C 54 Reply to our 06496 not now needed.	
✓ 430	10	N.G.F.	-	1505	1003	Ref my 10022 @ Three chinese coolies captured approx 1600 ⁴ / ₆ Ref map WAU west H18718 @ further chinese coolies captured approx 1130 ⁴ / ₁₀ Ref map WAU locality four inches to one mile 416694 @ will dispatch NCF first available plane @ Please arrange meet.	
✓ 431	10	MACA	A	1507 ⁴ / ₁₀	0834	Japs seen moving along TAP track to HOUSECOPPER @ numbers unknown but took 20 ^{min} to pass a point some wearing our steel helmets.	
✓ 432	9		2/5 BN	1905 ⁴ / ₉	-	N°4 PL expected to reach KAISINIK tonight @ BENNET evacuated hospital MAHARIA today @ use of one gun WANDUMI track appeared successful @ submitting I.O's sitrep later.	
✓ 433	9		WOOD	1757	1752 196	sitrep @ 2000 & 1000 reported to cameron from @ no knowledge of others of attacking force known @ Reice parties fwd to ascertain whereabouts of possible @ LAVER & cameron forces with draw at 1830. to map ref 467737 just rear of MOSS mortar posn & take up defensive posn for night.	
✓ 434	10		2/7 BN	1543	203	Change in PL location @ 16 PL 390701. 18 PL 389697 @ HQ Coy less PL ROBERTSON'S PL 388709 @ LT. ROBERTSON PL 394697 @ patrol report @ B Coy patrol out @ 0900 in 1315 strength 11 men @ from 12 PL area to 402687 to 400683 to 402682 @ where observed JAP sentry in KUALI CK re-entrant. murmur of voices in timber @ unable locate posn or strength believed same party as 9 Feb @ returned WEST KUALI re-entrant to PL area.	

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✓ 410	10		DIFFO	0730	0745	-	Sitrep sitnor.	
✓ 411	10		2/7 BN.	0745	-	201	Sitrep sitnor @ Patrol reports @ Local patrol of Coy areas @ at dusk 9 Feb. Sitnor @ first light 10 Feb @ sitnor @ B Coy will patrol up KUALI CK @ out 0900 Hrs. @ to seek out small JAP force heard 9 Feb.	
✓ 412	10		2/5 BN (R.H.Q)	0745	-	201	Sitrep @ sitnor.	
✓ 413	10		WOOD	0700	0750	199	Sitrep sitnor.	
✓ 414	10	N.G.F.	-	1000	-	0531	FOR AD SVY @ Ref plans for final design WAU SALAMAUA rd. now with AD SVY @ three print of each sheet urgently required for rd. construction @ Photo reduction to reduced scale will be suitable @ Please send in sections starting WAU end.	
✓ 415	10		2/5 BN	1025	1025	Phone	night quiet @ NO communication with B Coy since 1900 hrs @ 0800/10 three patrols left A Coy to comb CRYSTAL CK area @ one patrol WANDUMI th BULOHO R. junct then to area 421703 @ second patrol to 409694 down KUALI CK along rd to huts CRYSTAL CK 420684 down to BULOHO CK JUNCT @ 0900 hrs one PL apparently BAMI seen ref 440705	
✓ 416	10		2/5 BN	1110	-	Phone	at 1050 heavy firing heard WANDUMI area @ 1100 seven presumed crossing over Grey Point.	
✓ 417	9		MAKA	2130	1125	MO88	B Coy 2/5 BN arrived KIASINIK 2045 Hrs carrier PL 2/5 BN NOT yet arrived KIASINIK @ Have recalled McLAREN & ambush party @ LIGHT seen moving from WANDUMI along track to CRYSTAL CK 20-30 2045 Hrs	
✓ 418	10		2/5 BN	1200	1200	Phone	Patrol that went south from A & down to CRYSTAL CK. nothing of enemy @ Patrol that went to WANDUMI th BULOHO R. junct KILLED 12 JAPS half starved 1 gave very little resistance @ documents collected & being fwd to A Coy 2/5.	
✓ 419	10		2/8 Coy 3rd Coy Area	0820	-	NBX 83	ack.	
✓ 420	8		N.G.F.	2350	0835	I1389	Please indicate frequently @ how many P.W. have you on hand @ is BADGER incapable of handling them @ strongly recommend that PW be dispatched this HQ as quickly as possible giving them A/c priority on par with our stretcher cases.	0826/9 IN reply I0025 REPLY I0030 9/3/42 396
✓ 421	10		2/5 BN (RHQ)	1100	-	202	D Coy returned WAU drome area 1000 HRS @ present location fail ref drome map 1-7 200 1447190 @ otherwise unchanged.	
✓ 423			WOOD	1200	-	202	Sitrep @ unknown number of JAPS cutting cane and jungle over large area near junct pap WANDUMI TR. @ area extends from gap track to point just north of track junct @ Enemy guard wearing one of our steel helmets @ Recce patrol from our force watching enemy movements.	

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✓ 396	9	NGF.	-	1010	10030	Three Chinese coolies despatched NGF. by air today. Fourth being returned this AM by comd. This boy proving invaluable leading us to JAP hide outs. BADGER very capable handling situation well.	
✓ 397	9	-	2/5 BN	1040	1040	Phone 0900 hrs HQ 4 Pl. left B Coy ridge slipping towards KASINIK same track yesterday patrol. Casualties for yesterday. D Coy LIEUT FRY slightly wounded left leg. H killed 11 wounded. B Coy 2 killed 5 wounded. C Coy 3 wounded. Gory reports JAPS using our own grenades.	
✓ 398	9	-	2/5 BN	1050	1050	Phone Can still see Jap movement in lots 2 and 3 along track to WANDUMI	
✓ 399	9	-	2/5 BN	1210	1210	Phone LIEUT SMITH now at B Coy waiting report from small patrol to CRYSTAL CREEK area. Patrol left B Coy area approx 1130 hrs. Still waiting report from strong patrol KAISENIK.	
✓ 400	9	-	2/5 BN	1225	1225	Phone Small patrol A Coy to CRYSTAL CK 1130 hrs completed task 1220 hrs. report no enemy seen. D Coy moving toward Junct CK & Bukoko R. H2 H701. Object contact left flank B Coy.	
✓ 401	9	-	BENA FORCE	1110 1/9	1229 R31	Phone 0731 hrs to relieve KIDNANTU patrol. BENA unchanged. KIDNANTU unchanged.	
✓ 402	9	-	2/5 BN	1320	1325	Phone 1305 hrs to 1310 hrs distant firing heard think between WANDUMI & TRIG POINT. still isolated movement up Bukoko WANDUMI track. NO firing heard since D Coy started move to join B Coy.	
✓ 403	9	-	WOOD	1433	1434	Phone Sitrep. Recce patrol along Jap track contacted enemy 2 hrs from Junct. JAP WANDUMI tracks enemy seemed to standing patrol or ambush. O.P. est. 1 1/2 hrs from WANDUMI track where another track appeared to leave Jap track toward WANDUMI from this point. Both tracks appears to have been used lately. NICKS unable to return O.P. till join at JAP track Junct. changed.	
✓ 404	9	MACA	-	1545	0825	WOOD reports Japs by passed his force and are now withdrawing rapidly down NEW JAP track towards HOUSE COPPER.	
✓ 405	9	-	BOBS	1330 1/9	1655	5609 ref our T 508 8th. Please cancel & refer our L 529 from MURPHY	
✓ 406	9	MACA	-	2320 1/9	0828	air force straffing GAUDRESAL SADDLE MUDD KONTATUNI track 0800 1/10 to 0830 1/10. Please see all our this clear of this area during straffing period.	
✓ 407	10	-	2/6 BN (A HQ)	0905	0906	202 ACK. O	
✓ 408	10	MACA	-	0925	0830	air attack delayed. Keep this clear of saddle area.	in reply message 0826/9
✓ 409	10	-	DAWN	0800	0903	1155 nothing to report.	

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392	9		HOP1 (from) DIFO	0730		Phone	Sitrep sitnor	
396	9		SABA (2/7 BN)	0745	0900	LOI	Sitrep as at 0745 4/9 @ Sitnor @ Patrols @ A Coy rec'd patrol contact C Coy's return fighting patrol from Coy HQ to fwd PL. thence tracks on west and to B Coy @ B Coy fighting patrol one patrol due south to attempt locate BULLDOG TRACK out 0845 hrs @ C Coy rec'd patrol out first light 200 yds sld East along road contact A Coy @ Rec'd patrol out first light left flank to contact 2/3. No Coy @ fighting patrol one PL. to 394701 thence area Big WADU CK and return @ D Coy fighting patrol 1 PL to 390695 thence area 393687 thence W.P. through A & B Coys return along road @ C Coy fighting patrol one PL. fwd to 392694 thence patrol @ first light from Coy HQ to 390695 @ back @ patrol 390695 to 390690 @ back @ standing patrol out at 391698	
393	9		2/5 BN	0925	0930	Phone	Sitrep 0900 7/9 @ Coys same composition as yesterday except B Coy with 4 PL now under comd @ B Coy now engaged cleaning feature H 226988 NE to fah WANDUMI TR 424699 @ D Coy at 415703 @ A Coy 413699 engaged replenishing supplies to B Coy @ enemy parties, reliable, reported number approx 150 seen moving up WANDUMI track from 424699 since first light engaged by arty from BECKLEY OP @ B Coys captured JAPMG also by arty. @ consider enemy cas severe @ few snipers area 424699 being mopped up by B. Coy comd intention @ 2/5 BN to push to KAISENIK leaving one Coy CRYSTALCK area @	
394	9		NAKA (2/7 IND)	0900 1/9	0945 1/9	-	178 enemy seen moving out of WANDUMI toward dry from went to ground when aircraft arrived just above WANDUMI @ NO further movements seen yet.	
395	8		NAKA	-	1155	MO75	W/T set KUDTERU out of action requires ignition & coils for battery charger suggest dropping @ OP report following 1745 1/7 12 enemy from BUIBAINING entered WAIPAKI full tracks rifles spt. 1820 1/7 12 enemy leave WAIPAKI for MUBO 1905 1/7 @ Times observed below WAIPAKI 1905 1/7 approx 25 enemy entered WAIPAKI 1920-2005 1/7 @ 90 enemy moving toward BUIBAINING darkness prevented accurate check this party @ MACKENZIE has rec'd patrol out will help you ported @ REF MY MO73 @ Evaluate (action) leaving BATTAMS 0900 7/8 for four days not two days	

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381 381	7 8		N.G.F SABA	2215 4/7 2010	1910 4/8 2010	06508 286	B Coy report column smoke 4026840 Arty fired 15 rounds on target.	
382	8		N.G.F	1245 4/8	2025 4/8	06513	ref am 003577 dated 3 Feb 0 do not carry out patrols / local arrangements d and (e) 0 making other arrangements this end.	
383	7		N.G.F	2200 4/7	2040 4/8	02494	NG 4pt A/C to WAU 8 Feb 0 will drop SKIN-DEWAI early priority 9 Feb.	
384	7		MACADIE	2045 4/7	1825 4/8	-	dispos of fps unchanged ref my M 0 7 Feb 6 0 GREER left BANANA 0700 4/7 GUADALAZAL new O.P. to observe GUADALAZAL SADDLE and MUBO also bombing of same will return 1800 fps will advise infw later 0 nothing to report BUIBAINING WAIFALI AREA.	
385	9		WOOD	0030	0031	186	sitrep sitnor.	
386	9		LITE (REAR HQ 2/3 BN)	0735	-	201	sitrep 0 sitnor.	
387	9		2/7 BN	0745	0745	phone	D Coy have seen about 75-100 faps on WANDUMI TK moving down to WANDUMI 0 is it safe for fps in WANDUMI area to fire on these faps.	
388	9		2/3 ADV HQ	0750	0750	phone	0720 hrs party of faps moving WANDUMI track number estimated approx 150 0 arty fire estimated caused 50 casualties.	
389	9		2/3 IND COY	0800	0800	phone	from number 4 O.P. 0 fps observed on high ridge that arty shelled this morning 0 fps moving East on ridge.	
390	9		LITE (2/3 ADV HQ)	0740	0740	phone	0720 hrs party 30 faps seen by B. Coy moving up WANDUMI TK. Arty 0 ml fire being used 0 result so far unknown	
391	9		2/7 IND COY	0820	0820	phone	at least 150 faps moving into WANDUMI from CRYSTAL CREEK 0 suggest immediate shelling	

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373	8		MAKA	1410/48	-	1076	Am unable understand your X 805 7 Feb 0 Have NO list of code names @ where is 392689 and on what map	
374	9		2/5 BN	1445	1445	-	1320 hrs 4 pl cleared high gr night KAISENIK HQ still moving KAISENIK @ 1410 hrs mortar + SA fire for D Coy area @ 1445 hrs still spasmodic firing @ 1440 hrs Tac/R strafed isolated movement BULOLO RIVER - WANDUMI TR.	(By Phone)
375	9		2/5 BN	1605	1605	-	1554 hrs D Coy joined B Coy @ D Coy advises found pocket of JAPS Killed 25/30 no casualties @ D Coy also found occupied area with tents + cookhouse CR June @ D+B Coy mortars still firing being directed on area	(By phone)
376	9		2/5 BN	1615	1615	-	1610 hrs loud explosion WANDUMI VILLAGE @ presume ARTY hit enemy dump @ large column smoke observed.	(By Phone)
377	8	N.G.F.		2100	-	0818	constant air attack MUBO KUMIATUM HQ much appreciated @ consider these attacks have seriously disrupted Jap LQC + in consequence enemy WAU WANDUMI area now short of food + amm @ please convey appreciation to 5 air force.	
378	8	BOBS		2130	-	10028	for MURPHY @ ref your L 528 @ can you indicate source this infm @ did JAPS arrive by land route or by barge	
379	8		WOOD	2130	-	185	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
380	8	N.G.F.		2140	-	10029	report believed obtained native source @ MURPHY has been requested to state exact source and give other infm you require	

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360	8	NLF	-	1815	-	0.815	for gen BERRYMAN from MOTENO @ agree KELLOCK replace LANG @ many thanks for additional staff + parcels	In reply to S.D. 1384.
361	8		WOOD	1851	-	183	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
362	8		21/25	1910	1910	-	Location Statement @ 21/25 carrier Coy 122191 Ref was Drone Area 1"-200yds.	
363	9		WOOD	1047	1047	190	Am pushing Coy on to fig pt WANDUMI @ NO appear yet @ will endeavour to get to SOUTH of WANDUMI	
364	9		SABA	0850	0905	202	ref sitrep 0745 4/9 @ D Coy patrol @ 0655 to read 392694 @ C Coy patrol 392694 to read 390695	
365	8		BOBS	1515 4/8	1117 4/9	5506	A light cloud 3000 visible 20 @ B clear visible 100 CD+E light cloud 3000 visible 35 all day	
366	9		213A-1C	0956 4/9	-	0861	oppon E recce map photo map O.P.1 G 063 OP2 4063 4961 OP3 H 353 OP4 H 355 OP5 H 851	
367	9		4 AC Sqn	1020 4/9	1020 4/9	-	3 JAPS seen approaching huts on CRYSTAL CR. side of WANDUMI 194489	
368	9		MACADIE	1230 4/9	1245 4/9	M080	Your ranging shells have covered area	
369	9	KANGA		1130 4/9		10031	Password for WADU town only inight 9/10 Feb @ YELVETO all informed	
370	9		MAKA	1035 4/9	1100	M077	175 enemy seen leaving WANDUMI 0845 4/9 went to gn junc above WANDUMI when aircraft appeared further 10 enemy entered WANDUMI 1030 4/9 @ all appo apparently weaponless + carrying heavy packs.	
371	9		MAKA	1220 4/9		M079	rations dropped 1200 - 1220 4/9 @ will advise recovery later @ your shells landing O.K. WANDUMI	
372	9		MAKA DIPO	-	-	M079 121	movement obs around group of 8 huts on spur @ mag bearing 95° from fig pt.	

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353	8		DAWN	1600 ¹ / ₈	1730 ⁴ / ₈	M P	TUL TUL seen OBADU village came to station reports that BUSAMA native representing JAPS came to him & asked for carriers. He temporarily refused. Reports also that HOTE natives have on past occasions carried for Japs. HOTE natives have never admitted this. am stationing BRUNO at BOBADU to watch HOTE BOBADU track. suggest that ANGAU representative be stationed at BOBADU as I feel they are not to be trusted.	
354	8		DAWN	1600 ¹ / ₈	1750 ⁴ / ₈	3152	nothing to report.	
355	8	WOOD RPT. MACA		1805		0814	TA 2/R reveals series 16 holes seen at 426695 area around cleared @ own tps at 419699 and 427703 @ track through KUNAI patch at 432735 appears to be heavily used @ Pilot unable to see where track leads from east. or entrance to patch @ our tps engaged enemy moving NE from 419699 at 1600 hrs 8 Feb.	
356	8	WOOD		1820		0816	agree your plan.	
357	8		NCF.	1130 ⁴ / ₈	1824	06510	5 AUST DIV to 2000 ⁴ / ₇ sitrep (edref) 41 U.S. DIV Non report received @ KANGA to 1400 ⁴ / ₇ @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/6 BND Two patrols reached JUNCTION WANDUMI & JAP tracks @ intermittent firing heard but no opposition @ KAIN 0745/70 report missionary DOTT escaped from JAPS @ patrol sent out to contact him @ sitrep N° 447 too 100 ⁴ / ₇ all informed.	(in reply to 182)
358	8		TOSO	0530 ⁴ / ₈	1805 ⁴ / ₈	4588	nothing to report @ one recce plane over only @ no action	
359	8		SABA	1830	-	205	Sitrep at 1800 ⁴ / ₈ @ enemy casualties 4-8 Feb @ 8 killed @ patrol reports @ HQ Coy patrol reports Arty shoot 1900 hrs @ Feb most accurate @ Br sign constructed army biscuits with arrow pointing direction MDS map ref 390693 @ Coy reports 2 JAPS killed 394697 @ JAP graves noticed @ 1630 hrs @ Coy patrol gully to 390694 killed 2 JAPS @ crossed well defined rk running gully SW & NE @ proceeded NORTH side recent to 394695 track branches to D Coy @ 50 yds WEST unoccupied JAP encampment @ proceeded 392690 returned via CR FULLERS FARM.	

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339	7		N.G.F.	2345 ⁴ / ₇	-	06508	Part III of sitrep 446	
340	7		MAKA (2/7IND)	1100 ⁴ / ₇	-	H4	amount of rations at 1500 ⁴ / ₇	
341	8		WOOD 2/6BN	0330	-	187	Sitrep @ sitnor.	
342	8		WOOD	0630	-	188	Sitrep @ sitnor.	
343	7		MAKA	1630 ⁴ / ₇	1315 ⁴ / ₈	A5	Ref 071 no rations dropped SKINDAWI today @ rations urgently required @ sufficient only breakfast @ Feb @ Ref your ST 115 received 1530 ⁴ / ₇ @ return for 6 Feb sent you 1400 ⁴ / ₇ delay due to lengthy process of comm.	
344	8		BENA FORCE	1045 ⁴ / ₈	1445 ⁴ / ₈	R30	Sitrep BENA unchanged (message further contains inf of patrol of no account.)	
345	8		BOBS	1515 ⁴ / ₈	-	ORL 97	A104 remainder no change	
346	8		BOBS.	1515 ⁴ / ₈	-	J506	weather Report.	
347	8		BENA	1045 ⁴ / ₈	1518 ⁴ / ₈	-	Feb 1 arrived NIARA WASHA @ natives declared knew nothing of Jap movt. @ next morning said JAPS went through approx 60 strong 2 pack horses @ MADANG natives to LAE @ no reason probably strong neutrality talk by missionaries @ This confirms reports by Lieut Douglas recent months saw 2 Japs flying low to LAE @ natives report of Japs using RAMU MARKHAM VALLEY @ This may be alternate supply line MADANG LAE.	
348	8		N.G.F.	1330 ⁴ / ₈	1535 ⁴ / ₈	I1385	PARA II @ What source this report @ any ideas as to whether arrived via land route or Barge.	
349	8		BAHI (2/3IND)	-	-	-	Patrol activity in our area reports nil @ track reports following @ OP reports nil.	
350	7		N.G.F.	2330 ⁴ / ₇	1658 ⁴ / ₈	06508	Part I of sitrep 446.	
351	8		SABA (2/7BN)	1725	-	204	11 PL Coy strength 1 PL out 0830 on 1600 route through jungle to H17 693 to MAGNETIC CREEK 420690 found track leading in N.W. direction saw discarded BAENS @ track hit road at H13697 @ saw no enemy in whole of movement.	
352	8		DAWN	1600 ⁴ / ₈	1740 ⁴ / ₈	M7	3 MISSING natives went to WAU with 2 of my boys 25 th Jan imperative they are returned immediately.	

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333 ✓	8	HOPPO.	DFO		T2	T2	Sitrap Sitrap	
334 ✓	8		2/5		T2	1640 Phone	at 1215 B coy patrol of approx. 1 sec. crossed CRYSTAL CT. to H 943 & were joined on from 1042 @ returned to H 943 @ 1530 hrs. B coy. captured enemy posn. at H 644 @ one pl. from B coy. then moved to contact D Coy who had cleared out area creek. joined H 844 @ D Coy. now comms. th. to WANDUMI @ our casualties at least 8 w.w.	
335 ✓	8		WOOD			182	Enemy camp 500 yds. south track joined lightly held @ apparently areas cleared in fields of fire @ consider dawn attack by GULLETT's wd. be successful & clear area up @ please advise tonight if we will attack.	
336 ✓	8		2/5 Bn.	2030	2030		D Coy. struck stiff oppsn. at 1800 hrs. & had to draw back to their last night's posn. @ on their way back ran into ambush & had 12 cas.	
337 ✓	7			0020/8	1450/8	06508	Part II of sitrap 4460	
338 ✓	8		WOOD	1645		181	patrol from BLACKCAT mine sent across country established OP on jap track return after 52 hrs @ did not locate jap track @ Recce patrol 2/5 AND will leave first GULLETT's jap tracks first light 9 Feb. proceed N.E. along jap track approx six hrs established OP report enemy movement.	

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316	8	MACH	MABI	2141 4/7	1315 4/8	-2	MACH (reports?) states? arrived Ballams 1500 4/7 purpose send recon patrol to Ballams 0730 4/8 to report BALLAMS by 1200 4/8 with details enemy disposition and number that area. Purpose sending 5 rifles WANDYMI leaving BALLAMS 0900 4/8 for 2 days harassing and obscuring. Please advise before 0600 7/8 if these ops advisable. ACK.	
317	8		TOJO	1445		9585	One large recon plane over BDE 1207 hrs light 4/8 only. Working party still busy on drone.	
318	8	MA	3/5 Ldo (Lieut Godwin)	1543			Responsible at 1500 B Coy now at 4743 on same post under first H in Salsan 404 (Photo map). B Coy had occupied this position last night after an attack. 2 pts under. They moved from cleared patch 4746 south through bush just short of dets and then linked up with B Coy last night. 4 pts with dets moved back to 8th to rejoin rest of Coy. 3 pts into strongly entrenched positions at H 644 and H 645. These positions interminably supporting and covered by mps. Both positions on south of road. Japs mps reported south of B Coy area at 4842. D Coy commenced attack 1500 hrs against Jap position supported by fire from B Coy. D Coy same position.	
319	8		NGF	1500 4/7	1340 4/8	11522	for 9.51. Further identification 51st Inf 40 MOTO 2801 H 9 51st Inf 40 51st Inf 40 Command Maj Gen OKABE TURO. MOTO 2802 unknown Inf Regt Col HRAKI KATSUTOSHIO this unit is or was part 51st Inf 40. MOTO 2807 14 Jd Army Regt Eastern 40 slight indication MOTO 2810 51st Inf Regt part MOTO 2812 and 2814 is in NG. 50th AF Am Central 72.	
320	8		47 C 59 C		1615		TOR completed 1600 hrs 9 Feb. Series 10 holes running North to South in two rows one of 10 the other of 6 were seen at H 96431 holes appear freshly dug and area around them has been cleared apparent burned. Our Japs seen on ridge H 944 (0 of TO) all on ridge H 944. Track through tunnel patch at 1364 appears to be heavily used. These ras were buried several days ago and marks of usage seen that date most apparent. Pilot unable to see when rd leads from entrance or exit to patch.	
321	9	KANQA		1500		10025	repatch as earliest by air. Japanese interpreter required for interrogation prisoners also listening Jap R T T also operating this area.	

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311	8		BOBS	0900 4/8	1318 4/8	1506	your 0803 act @ am ordered by Boston depend two days @ TIM NI owing severe attack MARIANI @ leaving BOBS for TIM NI today will keep close contact	
312	8		N.G.F.	1500	1615	5195 1384	for Brig MOTED from BERRY MAN @ Prop sending following framed staff Maj Lt General Industries @ Cpl Draughtman. The types @ 1444/8 in N 9 @ months and originally dispatched WAW for rest @ if agreeable to you purpose upack him by Redlock experienced 930 please advise	
313	8		SABA	1433	1440	202	B Coy patrol @ traversed KUALI CR. to 395673 & returned @ no tracks or personnel seen @ impossible cross recentant from 404625 to 395673 owing precipitous sides @ H.Q. patrol reports 4 dead Japs @ Sgt. Kennedy found dead.	
314	8	MACA	KANGA			0812	Your message re BALLAMS patrol recd. 144454/8 @ have been harassing CRYSTAL CK. WANDUMI track of WANDUMI village during morning 8 Feb. @ arty now restricted firing 1000 yds. radius WANDUMI village & will fire CRYSTAL CK. area only on call of FOP at located targets @ advise urgently whether patrols have left @ small parties observed heavily laden during morning moving up track to WANDUMI.	
315	8	WOODS	KANGA	1530 4/8		0813	Understand MACADY MACADY sending patrol from BALLAMS to CRYSTAL CK. area & suppress WANDUMI area @ will advise of further developments @ arty now restricted from firing 1000 yds. radius WANDUMI village @ small parties heavily laden observed moving up track towards WANDUMI	

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299 ✓	8		WOOD	0900	-	178	lit Rep. lit nov	
300 ✓	8		2 1/2 Bn ADV	0930	0930	PHONE	Night quiet. At first light B Coy sighted 5 Japs moving from the river up the WANDUMI track. 1 a patrol has gone out from D Coy to time out 0930. 2 a patrol has gone out to creek junction +25699 to bring in listening post. main resistance now stems on North side BUKOLO R on WANDUMI track.	
301 ✓	8		2 1/2 Bn		0945/8	PHONE	at 0915 patrol from D Coy reports enemy digging in 425 699. D Coy with 2" mortar this area then attack. Enemy main concentration Hot area CRYSTAL CRICK along river to 427 694 (south side of river) arty shelled this area during night.	
302 ✓	8		16 ADV TRIG POINT.		0950	1	shelled in TRIG POINT SIT R/D SIT No 12	
303 ✓	8	N.G.F.		1130		10026	please fwd at earliest 100 copies WIA's locality + to 1 mile. would also welcome adjoining sheets on same scale if you have them.	
304 ✓	8	N.G.F.		1230		10027	One enemy units operating SW side of WADU CRYSTAL CR Road NOT carrying respirators. enemy units operating NE and east Rd to BUKOLO R carrying respirators. two all respirators appear the same type. three all respirators captured & dispatched N.G.F.	
305 ✓	8		WOOD		1330	180	enemy camp located approx 650 yds south from JAPAN and WANDUMI tracks. FOO now on recce to see if camp suitable target for arty. further details on completion of recce.	
306 ✓	8		WOOD	0620		177	lit Rep. lit Nov.	
307 ✓	8		TOJO			5586	only aeroplane known and drone started location range 119 by map. RE locality parties still at work maintaining same which appears engineers party daily survey.	
308 ✓	8		WOOD	1300		179	lit Rep lit Nov	
309 ✓	8		TOJO	4587	1300		Nothing to report. lit rep Feb 7	
310 ✓	8	DAWN		0800	1315	9151	2 lights observed rising from look out position above quarry on crest to left of DREAMS HOUSE at 0200 hrs.	

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292 ✓	8		WOOD	0020	—	174	Ref your 0807 ambushes suggested are arranged Other mob ops are concentrated north or back junction of the GAP area also being held Coy GUARRETT Coy 4 and 46 LAVAR Coy 2 and 48 Holding force at GAP 8 and 90 incl all Standing patrol BLACK CAT MINE 1 and 15 ref query REMAINDER should read REMAINDER do not consider GUARRETT Coy strong enough to leave isolated in this area ARNOLD returning this AM.	
293 ✓	8		WOOD	0100		175	Sit. Rep @ Litnor.	
294 ✓	8		WOOD	0345	0350	176	Sit Rep @ Litnor.	
295 ✓	8		WOOD	0620	0645	177	Sit Rep @ Litnor	
296 ✓	8		1/3 INDCoy	0645	0645	PHONE	Patrols will be active in our area finding and cutting tracks to river	
297 ✓	8	N.S.F.		0950/8		0810	One section 2/16 Td Coy arrived at BUHOLA 7 Feb @ remainder of Coy left WAU for BUHOLA first light today @ role construction work and def of drone area @ work commenced this morning	
298 ✓	8		SABA	0800 48		201	Litrep as at 074548 @ All map ref WAU locality has to 1 mile @ A Coy reports man tact definitely shot dead during night @ Patrol 8 Feb @ 0830 H Coy fighting patrol to move south west of present position to high ground 392 682 then east to area 396 682, return via spur to BEST FARM @ Role engage enemy capture prisoners @ Inspect area of Arby concentrated at 7 @ 0645 fighting patrol to COPSE east of H Coy H 9 moving down land contacting C Coy patrol at 396 704 @ Forward platoon will patrol COPSE area 399 697 @ During day will patrol in direction of endeavour establish contact @ B Coy fighting patrol south from forward platoon to 403 684 along the re- interference from 405 682 to MAGNETIC CK and the two now appose bearing north of west @ fighting patrol moving due east along area 69 contact flight plan B Coy 2/5 then north to CRYSTAL CRACK and return C Coy patrol creek bed to H Coy @ H 9 Coy 1800/8 standing patrol to 391 699 @ 0600/8 fighting patrol to approx 389 690 @ 0600 from Coy H 9 to 389 694 @ D Coy repatrol out 0900 patrol area gaps having positions	

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289 ✓	7	MACA 2/7/43		2205		0806	130 faps seen moving in various parties during day across SABA front constant direction from 392689 to 394686 heavily loaded @ thought to be making for CRYSTAL CK Bukoh RIVER area or BALLAMS @ owing to increase activity on LITI front they may have arrived there. @ warn BALLAMS.	
290 ✓	7	NGF.		12.46 7/8	1025 7/8	06572	second & last part of sitrep @	
291 ✓	7		MURPHY (AN9HU)	1200 7/8		WIDE TEXT	This is finish L527 @ reliability 60 per cent @ reported last night large patrol faps arrived GABSONKEK 2 miles N from MADANG VIA HARGEN BENABENA CHIMBU KAINANTU CHIVISING left for LAE at 6 th @ MALAY HALF CASTE from MANUS with FOLLOIT COHO killed KIAP. 1 soldier captured civilian HARGEN @ BENABENA escaped @ stated returned from LAE to push through here to WAU. @ reliability 80 per cent.	
6 ✓	8		SABA.	1433		202	B Coy traversed KUALI CK to 395673 & returned @ No tracks or personnel seen @ impossible to cross re-entrant from 404685 to 395673 owing to precipitous sides @ A Q patrol reports 4 dead faps @ sgt KENNEDY found dead.	
✓	8		SABA.	0800 7/8		201	Sitrep as at 0745 7/8 @ all map refs WAU locality 4 miles 1 mile @ A Coy reports one man accidentally shot died during night @ Patrol 83 at 0830 A Coy fighting patrol to move south west of present point to high ground. 392682 then East to area 396682 return via spur to LAES. FAAMA @ Re engage enemy capture prisoners @ inspect area of arty concentration. 8 Feb 7 @ 0645 hrs fighting patrol to COKE east of A Coy HQ @ moving down & contacting C Coy patrol at 396704 @ Forward Ph. will patrol COPE area 399697 @ during day will patrol in direction D Coy & endeavour est. contact @ B Coy fighting patrol south from fwd Ph to 403684 along the re-entrant from 405682 to MAGNETIC CK and then turn on approx bearing north of west @ fighting patrol moving due east along grid 69 contact right flank B Coy 2/5 BN then north to CRYSTAL CK and return @ C Coy patrol creek bed to A Coy HQ Coy 1800 7/8 standing patrol to 391698 @ 0600 7/8 fighting patrol fwd to approx 389690 @ 0600 from Coy HQ to 389694 @ D Coy recce patrol out 0900 patrol area faps dug holes.	

Messages which were mislaid found 11/2/43

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284	Continued						CRYSTAL CK track still held as it enters forest @ Coy in a very commanding form.	
285	7	WOOD		2125 ⁴ / ₇		0805	130 JAPS seen moving in various parties during day across SABA front constant direction from 392689 to 394686 heavily loaded @ thought to be making for CRYSTAL CK Bulchok R area on BALLARS @ owing to increased activity on LIPI front they may have there.	
286	7		WOOD	2130		173	strip return	
287	7		2/5 BN (ADV)	2150	2150	phone	2 PLS D Coy pushed through @ joined B Coy @ remaining PL & D Coy HQ stretchy stiff @ position @ Lieut Taylor killed @ Capt Scott in command @ forms at present B Coy as before & 2 PLS D Coy @ one PL D Coy & HQ with A Coy @ OP out @ Coy	
288	7		2/3 IND Coy	2200			<p>patrol report by 709 sec 2/3 IND left ref photomap G 0937 0720 hrs 7 Feb H3 moved north to creek ref H355 by foot track moved SE through KUNANG left timber H453 track reasonably easy going @ through easy going @ through open country @ breakfast @ and attempted comm with adv HQ failed arrive 0840 hrs dep 0900 hrs SW direction to H349 track steep but good condition open country had 1100 hrs bodies of superior files found 3 to 4 days dead S to SW direction to ref H446 track steep rough @ under complete cover @ average every 20-30 yds off shoots from tracks extending about 10 yds with cleared areas at end capable of accom- 3 to 4 men while comm attempted failed heard D Coy 2/5 BN could not establish contact ENE direction to ref H844 track very rough approx 2/3 of way in CK bed under complete cover at H846 cooke found that prisoner identified cooke as his friend shot by Japs for breach of censorship could hear voices of D Coy 2/5 BN in action very near track obviously passed through 2/5 BN lines who were at time in action against enemy who were presumably astride the track return H746 by same track on their return to camp through open country by jeep track to main rd to sawmill ref H353 to ref H146 to track as continuously used @ as well defined but only recently found set. 12 days old from there on well defined @ showing some degree of use by Japs general track through but 2/3 ft suggest that special precautions be taken @ see that all wireless sets start out with patrols are in excellent working condition.</p>	

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278 ✓	7		2/6 BN (REAR)	1835		Phone	Capt WINNING has arrived WAU with ① states LIEUT COL WOOD reached area bounded by gaps th. GULLET th. WANDUMI BLACKCAT TK. reported all clear ① now pushing along south along WANDUMI TK.	
279 ✓	7		BOBS.	1500 1/7	1900 1/7	J504	ref your message ① 797 ① ACK. ① matters requested in hand will send details within few days.	
280 ✓	7		WOOD	1800		170	Ref WAU WEST ① area from JAP camp 4772 to junct gap & WANDUMI TK. thoroughly searched from 1030 to 1500 hrs also recd patrols on gap track 2 mls towards HOUSE COPPER & 400 yds from junct toward WANDUMI ① no enemy seen ① ambush parties left on gap track NE of camp at junct ① later reported 4 enemy seen approx 300 yds WANDUMI side of junct. at 17.00 ① these may be from another camp ① remnants GULLETS coy bivouacking tonight on track approx 800 yds North of junct ① will recd towards WANDUMI tomorrow and will attack if enemy not too strong unless otherwise ordered by you ① general area searched capt many enemy dead burned ours left exposed ① boots removed ① sending pop documents by L.O. tomorrow.	
281 ✓	7		BOBS	1500 1/7	1900 1/7	BL96	Ref BL95 ① no change.	
282 ✓	7		WOOD	1955		171	further on 170 ① JAP track appears follow previously served route ① trees observed marked A.6.b NE junct JAP WANDUMI tracks to A70 ① A70 there is concrete bench mark on trig point ① several good OPS north of junct overlooking WAU BLACKCAT area.	
283 ✓	7		2/7 ADV	2020	2020	Phone	a further 15 gaps observed area 397682 moving east ① appeared heavily laden. ①	
284 ✓	7		2/5 BN (LITE)	2115		Phone	By development on coy front it is thought that gaps observed moving across 2/7 front have arrived CRYSTAL CK area ① POSNS are approx B coy plus two PLSD coy 400-500 yds south of hut crystal creek ① A coy plus 1 PL & COY HQD coy 200 yds in rear of D coys last night posn ① pocket of enemy between D & B coy heavily engaged D coy during past 1/2 to 1 hour of daylight ① arty engaging this pocket ① today known enemy killed 40 ① own casualties 1 offr 4000 wounded to date with more wounded coming out ① comd intention to push D coy back along same route as today with B coy if necessary to mop up and carry on at first light ①	

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274	7		NGF	1345 ^h	1910 ^h	06601	1st. From all facts available this H & originally considered attack WAU TOWRY made by 1 Jap Bn plus coy engineers @ captured order for attack gives following details @ 1 BN 102 REGT on left 2 BN 102 REGT on right inter-Bn boundary North south line west end WAU strip @ this appears strange as drive came along th from CRYSTAL CK. but it now seems that 1 BN failed to reach its starting line in time to participate & 2 Bn attached along line CRYSTAL CK supported by only 3 coy Engins. order further mentioned 1 coy plus mortar and one Bty REPTL ARTY presumably personnel only moving north along Bahoko valley as right flank guard @ consider present dispositions as follows @ 1 Bn (consisting of 3 coy. 4 Coy only in area between LITTLE WAU & BIG WAU CKs.	
275	7		2/5 Bn	1815	1815	Phone	D coy at 1700 hrs. cleared snipers by 3 inch mortars at 1740 hrs were at 427695 moving fwd toward CRYSTAL CK. Capt. MCFarlan evacuated not seriously wounded. B Coy 1725 unable to observe results arty fire but are engaging 2 enemy HMGs between their positions. B & D coys @ Posn of B Coy at 1740 427696 @ B Coy reports 30 Japs killed @ their casualties 1 killed 2 wounded @ one Jap dead had 3 stars mounted on gold & red & have plants of Sd. 1735 hrs patrols sent from A Coy with MO to meet D Coy wounded strip at 1800 @ 1518 hrs B Coy reports loud squeals from area shelled @ by mortar @ arty approx 393684 @ spasmodic firing from 2/5 Bn appears to come from direction MAGNETIC CK @ as from 1800 hrs using WAU locality map 4 mi to 1 mi. within 2/5 Bn @ patrols @ 1550 hrs 3 PL C Coy moved along ridge & followed Jap tracks to D Coy area @ no enemy but found Jap dug out fwd 50/60 men also MMB. pits approx 40 yds south of D Coy @ patrol from A Coy failed to make contact with D Coy	
276	7		SABA (2/5 Bn)	1815	-	209	following message from Babs received @ reports from natives therefore considered unreliable state Jap concentration GABSONKEK NGASA WAPUM MUMUM & YAPU if correct maybe preclude to attempt crossing of MARKHAM @ cannot prevent this if attempted @ after harassing @ will withdraw all out posts to WAMPIT @ have not received any intcons from you @ please radio immediately details move if above situation eventuates @	
277	7		WOOD	1825	-	179		

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269	6		MAKA (2/7INDCO)	2158 1/6	0400 1/7	M071	<p>WANDUMI recce patrol under McLAREN killed 3 enemy in WANDUMI village capture rifle 50 rounds amm 4 grenades 1 respirator one haversack containing KAUKAU & TARO Report no enemy in village but enemy strength unknown behind ridge 400 yds above WANDUMAI @ much mt. a noise this area @ suggest shelling 7 Feb. @ report mt small enemy party WAIPALI cutting cane @ BALLAMS @ air activity WAU. 7100/6 @ 1 enemy plane crashed & burnt WININA @ native carrier @ officer not reached BALLAMS 1900/6 @ choppers by 1600/7 will be as follows WAIPALI BUIBAINING 46 June DAHS CK BUIBAINING track 19 HOUSE BANANA 31 HOUSE WAKBUD GADAGASUL 3 HOUSE STAIRS 12 SKINDEWAI 182 SUMMIT 35 BALLAMS 62 BLAKES 11 @ propose reinforce fighting patrol WANDUMAI 8 Feb. @ as present nation strength sufficient until 8 Feb only @ wireless sets now unable function until arrival valves batteries & oil @ no signal stores yet landed by parachute BALLAMS @ comm from impossible @ am trying maintain comm via KUDJERU 2 phones transit involved 7</p>	
270	7		2/5 BN (ADV)	1430	1430	Phone	<p>at 1357 enemy HY.MG. opened fire 6 long bursts @ sound of its fire in front of B coy @ our 75MG's heard firing @ fire came contact made @ patrol of D coy returned to main body after clearing tops from fork @ D coy now moving fwd @ our cas this engagement 1 killed</p>	
271	7		2/5 BN (ADV)	1600	1600	Phone	<p>posns at 1600 hrs B coy on high ground approx 420-692 overlooking hut at crystal ch. maintain the point D coy moving fwd along west bank Bulolo River approx 427-695 A coy came from @ B coy overcame enemy resistance just west present location inflicting unknown casualties on pop captured one HMG one HMG & quantity of maps @ intention to bring down air concentrations on hut & crystal ch main track point over then attack with B & D coys @ our losses for 1 offr. (Capt McFarlane) one or wounded.</p>	
272	7		WOOD	1700		167	<p>strip strip</p>	
273	7		DOYLE	1705 1/7		-	<p>conversations reported by natives & Capt MURPHY ANGHU at GABSONKEK N GASAWARUM NEW MUNUMI & NEW YALU all vicinity NADZAB Huon gulf special map @ dress usual & photo recce this area also vicinity heath's house @ area unsafe for WIARAWAYS.</p>	

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262 ✓	7		2/5 BN (ADV)	1150	1150	Phone	B Coy now moving fwd to 420697 along T17 of Rd. O with them is FOO O D Coy is other side of rd. moving along river O patrol of approx one PL from A Coy have moved around to 422694 to clear island O from here they can see fwd of B Coy & give any support necessary H G & A still in same place.	
263 ✓	7		2/5 BN (ADV)	1245	1245	Phone	north of 424699 one PL D Coy O have cleaned out resistance struck in fork of rd. now moving back to main body D Coy at 425697 O B Coy now moving toward 424695 to date. have struck NO opposition O 1 PL A Coy who are moving to 422694 now just about there O two remaining PLs A Coy moving to 420700 O where PL of A Coy now moving to U 22694 will rejoin them when they can no longer support B Coy.	
264 ✓	7		2/7 BN (ADV)	1355	1355	Phone	Ref WAU 1" O 12 PL B Coy have observed party of gops moving around base of knoll in an easterly direction on bearing 245-050m approx 1400yds from 404690 O strength of enemy at least 64 carrying full packs & have ground strips laid out O can't reach with SAA & are now mortaring O assume they are retiring in general direction of BALKANS.	
265 ✓	7		CX	1320		86	1300 1/2 made contact with D Coy 2/5 BN H746 O ARTY shelling vicinity H844 D Coy wanting return patrol from area main road CRSTANCK before pushing on O small party our patrol moving along fap track to river check crossing used by gops.	
266 ✓	7		WOOD	1235	1330	164	sitrep O LAVER & GULLET reached fap track junction O intermittent firing heard O no further results.	
267 ✓		DAWN		1305		0800	your report 5 Feb confirms own appreciation and one of greatest value O fwd further info on these lines as available.	
268 ✓	7		WOOD	1350	1357	165	sitrep O LAVER & GULLET. Completed operations as ordered 1250 hrs. O no opposition O WOOD going fwd to track.	

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✓ 253	7	BOBS		1650 ⁴ / ₇		0803	maintain close Recce tracks leading from MARKHAM in your area © keep your patrols south of River as intend bomb & strafe enemy concentration reported in your message © if attached maintain your post as long as possible © if enemy pressure too strong withdraw to WHAN PIT © KEEP this HQ constantly informed of situation © address all messages KANGA © ACK.	
✓ 254	7	NGF	CX	1107		85	1100 47 patrol at H446 © found one dead jap soldier MOTO 2803 superior fit judge 4 days dead © pushing on © track appears lead southerly well worn.	
✓ 255	6		TOJO	1800 ⁴ / ₆	1107 ⁴ / ₇	6588	1 ZERO park ref map LAE LOCALITY location ref 119	
✓ 256	7		5 th SUPPORT AIR FORLE	0959	1110 ⁴ / ₇	-	will strafe tracks at 1600 © our troops GUADAGASAL MUBO at 1530	
✓ 257	6		NGF	2100 ⁴ / ₆	1115 ⁴ / ₇	62476	FOR DUCHATEL © advise present position back loading of MERCURY (sahafactory)	
✓ 258	7		TOJO	0750 ⁴ / ₇	1115	6584	nothing to report sitrep 7 FEB.	
✓ 259	7		SABA (2/7)	1230		204	A Coy reports one jap killed map ref 399693	
✓ 260	7		SABA	1350		206	B Coy fighting patrol one Pl strength out 0925 hrs in 1145 hrs © from 401671 in LEAH'S FARM re-entrant to near B Coy posn & back via SAWMILL © FROM Coy HQ bearing 200 degrees for 1000 yds © 230 degrees from BARD KNOLL observed small party JAPS approx 1000 yds © approx 200 yds from where JAPS seen this morning ref 203 Jap heard calling out © NO Japs observed	
✓ 261	7		SABA	1150	1150	203	B Coy recce patrol 3 men out 1000 hrs in 1120 hrs © 402693 to re-entrant 600 yds to 397695 & returned © Report in timber approx 397689 observed what thought to be man with pack & shovel © disappeared into jungle © A Coy informed.	

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245 ✓	7		BEANA FORCE	0800 4/7	1005 7/7	R29	Sitrep BENA unchanged @ KIANANTU report missionary DOTT escaped @ have instructed EWING also VAISO patrol to endeavour to contact him.	
246 ✓	7	BOBS		1006 4/7	-	0797	1 @ send recce patrols immediately to report on @ A @ state of nature th following south bank of MARKHAM R. from LABU to WAMPIT VALLEY th @ B @ enemy activity NAZDAB area particularly the preparation of landing strips and establishment of dumps @ C @ possible preparation in MARKHAM valley of crossings between NAZDAB & JUNE WATUT and MARKHAM R. @ 2 @ A/C report area at TAARKAY L (A) 0669 being burned off possibly for use as landing ground @ can you confirm from native sources @ 3 @ MURPHY & ANGAU reported 6 Feb that native infm indicates possibility enemy advancing on way from MARKHAM VIA PULWA @ can you amplify this report & state source & degree of reliability of infm. @ essential infm on all above points be received urgently @ ACK.	
247 ✓	7		NGF	1645	1040	06493	strip 443 to 1000 7/6 @	
248 ✓	6		ANGAU	1600/6	0940/7	NGA 1744/45	advised @ DARU (2) TUFU (3) WHU (4) BENA BENA (5) WENAK (6) MAJ GRAHAM SLAW DOBULURA mt. (7) DOS KOKORI (8) KAIKUKU (9) SAMARA (10) TROBRIANDS KANGAPLEASE PASS. 5 AUST DIV. Army urgently require 100 recruits monthly for P.I.B. @ FIRST 100 absolutely necessary by 21 Feb 43 grateful urge your utmost effort particularly TUFU, DARU SAMARA, MARAMBARE districts @ reply stating possibility.	
249 ✓			BAHI (2/3IND)	1045		1K3	patrol averaging 14 men moving to HO 60 TO E @ on Bulolo River.	
250 ✓	6		NGF	1415 4/6	1055 4/7	QL474	2 native labour overseers WO BATTIS & WO SIMANSON being sent earliest @ Balance will be sent when available @ extreme shortage at present	
251 ✓	7		DAWN	1600	1650	P750	nothing to report.	
252 ✓	7	NGF		1650		0802	MOST SECRET @ Ref my 0794 @ Ref Heon GWH special @ native reports indicate gap concentrations GABSON KEK L (R) H258 NGASAWAMPUM K (B) 4959 MUNUN L (R) 5258 (C) RELIABILITY OF REPORT UNKNOWN	

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235 ✓	7	N.G.F.		0010	-	10022	Four Chinese coolies approx 1600-1/2 at ref map WAW west 418718. Three awaiting our tpt MORESBY 7 Feb. Fourth being held indicate enemy main camp will be despatched 8 Feb. if air tpt. available. arrange meet.	
236 ✓	7	N.G.F.		0222 1/7	-	0795	for GOTTHALK from DOYLE. cancel mission scheduled for 1000 hrs 7 Feb.	(in reply 06498)
237 ✓	7		WOOD	0350		160	Sitnor	
238 ✓	7	S.M.P.	SABA (2/7BN)	0742		201	Sitrep as at 0745 1/7. 13 Pk Coy took over carrier from 389696 at 136046. carrier PL returned HQ area. our casualties killed one officer LEINT MCLINTOSH 30's. missing one. wounded 6. captured enemy LMG & M.M.G. patrol reports 7 Feb. HQ company patrol fwd of area to road then connect B Coy patrol. B Coy patrol from night flank connecting A Coy patrol. B Coy patrol B Coy sending patrol 0900 hrs SAWMIH area. C Coy patrol creek led to A Coy. Sitnor.	
239 ✓	7		WOOD	0700 1/7	0815 1/7	161	Sitrep. C Coy under Capt. Gullett one composite PL from HQ Coy under Capt. LAVER moved out for gap track 0745 hrs.	
240 ✓	7		WOOD	0830	-	162	Sitrep. C Coy under Capt. Gullett one composite PL from HQ Coy under Capt. LAVER moved out for gap track 0745 hrs.	
241 ✓	7	N.G.F.		0125 1/7	0840	06500	Ref our G 03577 para one d air recce b reports burning off at TARAKAN LROBB9 along strip NW, SE. this direction of prevailing wind and likely area for L.G. consider early recce essential.	
242 ✓	7		SABA (2/7BN)	0845		202	A Coy recce patrol out 0700 in 0845. Route out area 376695 along track to area 396696 and returned. area returned.	
243 ✓	7		DAWN	0800 1/7	0855 1/7	G149	(B Coy) observed 600 yds north burning front placed in position yesterday signalling lamp observed operating from ISTHMUS to KOANIA TUM. B being asked for will phone when received.	
244 ✓	7		CX	0922		84	Breakfast map ref H 449 nothing to report. pushing on.	

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226 ✓	/b		TOJO	1545	1700	582	Sitrep 1030 hrs 4-5 tracks on aerodrome near HQ 1100 hrs - 12.20 hrs ZEROS & dive Bombers continuously landing refuelling & taking off. heading SW @ 14-5 tracks operating as fuelling stations centre of drome opposite GA hangar next bed store @ 1225 hrs 6 LIGHTNINGS over LAE then flew off toward SALAMAU @ 1300 hrs 1310 hrs 2 ZERO landed & refuelled & took off @ 1325 hrs headed NW @ 1410 hrs 6 bombers with fighters escort dropped bombs 200 yds WEST side of aerodrome & run parallel to it from north to south @ 1427 hrs 3 BEAD fighters headed LAE shot up from at north end of drome & started fires @ 1 flew down MARKHAM over LABULBOON & then all 3 flew off toward SALAMAU	
227 ✓	/b		SABA (2/7BN)	1750	-	210	sitrep at 1800 hrs @ we respirators @ japs area west of road NOT carrying respirators @ japs area BUKHO CREEK & East of road wearing them @ Patrols @ re sitrep 2030 C coy patrols nothing to report. @ LIEUT TU DE shooting BDE. on return thru HQ @ ref carrier PL patrol.	
228 ✓	/b		WOOD	1815	1900	187	rece patrol reports @ three patrols & FOO returned 1800 hrs report area near Junet TAP & WANDUMI tracks appeared deserted patrol did not enter jap camp @ view of above suggest that aircraft & arty co-operation be postponed while we comb that area with A coy of area is clear we will leave ambush parties & send rece patrols along both tracks @ please advise at once so that we can get an early start	
229 ✓	/b	WOOD		1915	-	0793	agree your proposal @ am & arty co-op will be postponed pending your further reports.	
230 ✓	/b		KE9A	1930	-	OR40	ACK your message.	
231 ✓	/b		2/5 BN (REAR HQ)	1905	1945	205	ACK.	
232 ✓	/b		2/6 BN (REAR HQ)	1915	1945	203	ACK.	
233 ✓	/b		WOOD	1945	-	159	Sitrep @ sitnor	
234 ✓	/b		2/5 BN	2010	2010	Phone	Sitrep D coy H 844 @ B coy H 544 @ A coy H 645 @ HQ H 244 @ all coys dug in @ Arty concluded registration of target @ no contact with enemy since arty fire @ local patrols during night.	

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213 ✓	6	2/8 fd coy		1230		I 0019	ACK.	
214 ✓	6		TOJO	-	1345	phone	two enemy fighters left LAE heading NW 1330 ⁴ / ₆	
215 ✓	5		TOJO	1815 ⁴ / ₆	1025 ⁴ / ₆	6579	continued activity on drome filling holes Feb 5 ^o Barge mpts to MALANANG POINT increasing @ 1200 parked map ref LAE LOCALITY location ref NO 119 @ NO others visible	
216 ✓	6		TOJO	0800 ⁴ / ₆	1110 ⁴ / ₆	6580	sitrep 0620 hrs believed allied recon plane over LAE 08.10 hrs sound of engines believed plane on LAE drome unable to spot.	
217 ✓	6		TOJO	1200 ⁴ / ₆		6581	at least 10 bombers with 6 fighter escort landed and refueled LAE 1120 to 1150 then headed SE @ SW when leaving.	
218 ✓	6		MIMI	0800		JO1	sitrep 6 ^o Feb 4 3 sitmor.	
219 ✓	5		BERRY VIA NGF	0811	1040 ⁴ / ₆	A22	ANSON AX266 departed 0814 a/c.	
220 ✓	4		DFO MORESBY	1515 ⁴ / ₆	0140 ⁴ / ₆	F025	for pmn @ ref our NGF 311 apply to any unit G RO 222 @ 462 @ advise if not obtainable.	
221 ✓	6		ANBAU	2260	0150	NEA 727/46	30 days leave granted NG 2454 LIEUT R HICKS @ instruct him report MORESBY first opportunity.	
222 ✓	6		21/25 Bole CARR COY	1345		JT5	Personel left at rear detail 2/14-13N 2 NCO's 3 OR's 2/16 Bn; 7 NCO's 22 OR's 2/27 Bn 1 NCO 18 OR's; 2/31 Bn 6 NCO's 19 OR's; 2/33 Bn 10 NCO's 35 OR's; 2/25 Bn 1 NCO's 9 OR's total 28 NCO's 106 OR's. located at bml valley MORESBY area. weapons 21 BDE 34 VMG 40 LMG 2/25 Bde 36 VMG 24 LMG these weapons returned to RVS 10 ADD	
223 ✓	6			2300 ⁴ / ₆	0135 ⁴ / ₆	M072	ACK	
224 ✓	6		DAWN	1600 ⁴ / ₆	-	6148	4 ZERO's in vicinity 1245 hrs. @ observed 4 P38's approaching 1250 hrs @ dog fights heard but unable to observe results owing to heavy cloud at 1117 hrs. info MORESBY that enemy A/C were in vicinity of 1200/50	
225 ✓	6		WOOD	1620	1910	15-8	So 121 these articles were landed cpl HAWY at KANGA by LIEUT BUAKE on 1 Feb.	

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202	4	continued from sheet 27.					3147 medium Bomber presumed shot down over same area @ 9 miles south SALAMUA.	
203	4	2/5 2/7 BN 2/6 BN 2/3 AND COY		1300		0755 2/3 INDCOY attacking south end COPSE SE of NATIVE COMPOUND from WEST commencing 1400 1/4 @ attack preceded arty mortar. NANO fire @ intention after capturing obj letive to exploit north along general line of COPSE @ ACK		
204	4	ALL UNITS RPTD NG.F.		1725		0760 ref order of patrol 3 Feb 43 @ add serial 26 2/25 BDE carrier coy serial 27 deta 28 LOFC SAVAGE severl 28 deta 8 AAD		
205	5	N.G.F.		2030		0771 clerk from acute @ please arrange send three typists two clerks earliest @ please expedite return of VX5902 milroy F		
206	5	WOOD		1225		0774 ref your 141 @ please enlarge		
207	5	BENA FOREE		1445 1/5		0775 ref your R 26 @ inf gained from RV with BENA KAIWANTU patrol required at this HQ @ advise		
208	5	MACA		2150 1/5		0783 carrier line leaving here 0900 1/6 for your HQ		
209	6	MACA		1500 1/6		0789 intend bomb & a trafe track GUADAGASAL SADDLE MUBO KOMIATUM from 1500 to 1530 Hrs 7 Feb @ ensure your patrols clear this area by 1400 hrs & that patrols reoccupy forms vacated immediately following raid @ ACK		
210	6	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 2/5 2/5 INDCOYS 2/5 1/6 FD COYS		1130 1/6		10018 Ref our 10014 @ CO's will notify intention patrol time out & time in also route this HQ and flanking units @ all informed.		
211	6	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 2/3 2/5 INDCOYS @ 2/16 FD COYS B COYS 7 MCBN		1615 1/6		0791 message received from NGF @ quote @ definite indicators Japanese had 6 field gun @ 1 mountain gun at MUBO 20 pan @ inquire @ ack @ all informed.		
212	5	NGF		2305 1/5		- Bukoto drone now 1200 yds by 40 yds @ request test landing 6 Feb @ appreciate pilot land WAW after test landing to make report @ please advise.		

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194 ✓	5		MACADIE	2130 ⁴ / ₅	0230 ⁴ / ₆	M069	our BOMBING of WIKIWIKI 1500 ³ / ₅ wounded at least 3 natives no enemy has been seen in this area O have with drawn 2/5 IND COY. personal from WIPINING leaving 47 all ranks under comd CECIL KENZIE APL 2/7 IND COY in a defensive form Junct WAIBINING-WAIPAKI TK. enemy strength this area estimated probably 100 widely dispersed in small camps of which some have been located O consider attack this area very expensive & inadvisable when my role to hold main track O shortage of natives to maintain h of C. make evaluation of wounded almost impossible O reports enemy strength 10 cutting came WAIPAKI 1800 ⁵ / ₅ O sending rece patrol WANDUMI leaving BALLAARS 0700 ⁴ / ₆ O please advise possible date when h of C WAU-SKENDENAI open advisable evacuate some wounded as soon as possible O TONES now at SKENDENAI O TOBACCO SWEATERS etc received O please advise if rations being dropped to Feb O complete dispatch will be advised to Feb.	
195 ✓	6		MAKA	1140 ⁴ / ₆	1430 ⁴ / ₆	M070	unidentified plane circling MUBO 0700 hrs 5-8 Feb no bombs dropped consider possible enemy planes dropping supplies O BALLAARS some details air battle WAU 1100 ⁴ / ₆ including 1 enemy plane crashed and burnt near WIKIWIKI 1100 ⁴ / ₆ O no other enemy activity reported	
196 ✓	6		NGF	0235	0745	06490	will attempt landing test Feb 6 th	
197 ✓	4		BENA FORCE	1645 ⁴ / ₄		A 24	send tea & 60 blankets immediately.	
198 ✓	5		BENA FORCE	1015 ⁴ / ₅	1200 ⁴ / ₅	A 25	detret BENA unchanged O KIANANTU nothing further to report.	
199 ✓	5		BENA	1000 ⁴ / ₅	1245 ⁴ / ₅	R 26	as result infm gained from R.V. with BENA KAINANTU patrol at KUMOKA strongly recommend one coy inf be stationed at BENA O disposition of patrols one each BENA KAINANTU W.F.S.A. O this will enable us to secure valuable approaches to BENA & bases for fighting patrols against Jap in RAMU & MARKHAM valley O ACK	
200 ✓	6		BENA FORCE	1245 ⁴ / ₆	1420 ⁴ / ₆	B 28	detret BENA unchanged KIANANTU unchanged.	
201 ✓	6		DAWN	0800 ⁴ / ₆	0915 ⁴ / ₆	A 146	rece A/c over this area from 0600 to 0800 ⁴ / ₆	
202 ✓	6		DAWN	1200 ⁴ / ₆	1320 ⁴ / ₆	A 147	9 enemy bombers escorted by approx 12 fighters observed suggest heading WAU approx 1050 hrs warning under flashed to WAU & MORESBY from this OP O aircraft observed heading back towards MADANG approx 1115 hrs 1 ZERO shot down over sea. LOKANU area O 1 allied	

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✓ 190	b		SABA	0925		204	CRYSTALCK patrol reported back 1910 hrs @ bwoval for night 435683 sent out local patrols from here NO enemy seen WAINDUMI TK. area west of CRYSTALCK.	
✓ 191	b		SABA	1030		205	ref atrech 203 A coy return @ further report @ JAPS coming feed packs @ 300 P.M strong box @ 8 Japs killed @ 1150 hrs our raid @ 1 Jap plane down bearing 22 degrees approx 1000 yds.	
✓ 192	b		SABA	1420 ¹ / ₆		208	B coy patrol @ ref atrech 203 @ westerly 900 yds heard voices in gully to northwest proceed south to mining sluices heard firing from direction of voices previously heard @ to creek travelled west bank of creek @ creek has not been used as track since last rain @ on reaching sawmill searched found fox bay net belt & postcard using our rations in mill @ thence back through B coys east flank @ 50 yds from mill series of dead foxes all older than 3 days.	
✓ 193	b		2/7 BN	1620	1625	phone	Ref our atrech AAB 6 Feb patrol carrier pl clear picked enemy resistance made contact enemy 393694 @ 3 men killed incl 1 offr (Lt. Mac INTOSH) patrol cut off @ sending fwd on PEC coy 1600 ¹ / ₆ restore our from @ further infn when available	
✓ 194	H		MACA.	1500 ¹ / ₄	1200 ¹ / ₅	MO 68	18 enemy casualties in attack BUIBAINING 3 Feb @ our casualties 3 NOT 2 as reported MO 67 @ enemy strength BUIBAININ WAIPALI area approx 150 @ impossible attack enemy from except through WAIPALI & then up BLACKCAT track @ this may be expensive @ consider necessary to secure defense of this area and effectiveness of main track from @ defensive posts now being prepared from WAIPALI BUIBAINING TK as base for attack @ later on @ impossible to hold fwd in WAIPALI & BUIBAINING with part strength @ SADDLE patrol returned 2300/3 report SADDLE quiet one MB opened fire & burst on aeroplane morning 3 Feb @ many fires observed in bush between SADDLE & MUBO @ indicating enemy vacated MUBO from to avoid my bombing raids @ 1 fire seen top OBSERVATION HILL smoke of fire seen only for short time early this morning @ suggest send my report with bombs to show target @ urgently need OPON milk between the BUISVAL & BUYAWIN R. @ will establish @ Pl when W/T supplies are received @ am still without operational rations & rationing of patrols difficult request supply of chocolate which is not included in new rations	

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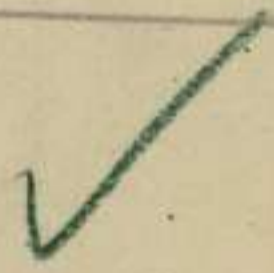
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186	/6		2/5 BN	1730	1730	phone	D coy H 945 in CK JUNE @ B coy H 745 fwd CK @ B coy reported approx 60 japs at H 943 @ D coy report in contact with strong gap force 1330 hrs @ some casualties approx 6 japs killed 9 wounded @ A coy 1730 1/2 moving into a horn from H 141 to H 647 @ will endeavour to contact D coy @ FOO went fwd to D coy 1710 hrs @ took phones @ H @ 2/5 BN now at H 244.	
187	/6		2/5 ADV H.Q.		1400	phone	from 2/5 BN 1340 B coy 1/2 mile west of houses CRYSTAL CK held up by opp. estimated 1 pl with 144 mortar grenade discharge & 1 M.G. @ coy has fixed opp with one PL & is encircling & attacking with other 2 pls @ D coy has crossed crystal ck, wide on the left flank B coy @ has struck opp. but situation & evacuation obscure @ patrol sent from B coy to D coy also struck opposition on way @ A 2/5 has taken up reserve astride track in rear B coy @ five japs killed unable to estimate number.	
188	/6		2/5 BN			phone	H 444 BHQ 2/5 one jap shot B coy at approx I 244 D coy on the left in same vicinity on N. of river @ our cas. 1 killed one wounded.	
189	/6	SABA		0755 1/2		203	sitrep as at 0745 5/6 @ 9 PL A coy reported enemy appeared from WEST down track area 396695. entangled in our BOOBY traps @ forced their attack for approx 15 mins on both wooded flanks @ 9 PL retaliated with grenade & 2 inch mortar @ enemy received casualties number unknown @ ref sitrep 1900 1/2 @ D coy wounded @ sgt died during night CRYSTAL CK @ on return sending further patrols sawmill area down re entrant past road & return @ C coy one patrol down creek bed @ one patrol link up 2/3 INO coy on left flank @ A 9 coy patrol out first light to man ref 369697 @ carrier PL patrol fwd toward D coy to clean up pocket of enemy	

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176	5		WOOD	1710 4/5	-	143	0779 B CK TPS, located 470768 @ 467758 @ 467753 @ patrols fwd as far as area 4671 which are returning 1900 hrs @ no. the FOOD protection will go fwd of 467753 until advised all clear	
177	5	WOOD		2325 1/5	-	0785	I intend bombs straff gap rest camp 7 apt 7 feb @ your task to clear this area immediately following our attack @ further details following @ (rest of order contained in 0785)	
178	6		WOOD	1602	-	156	check by I sec showing junc of WANDUNIB gap tracks to be approx 465715 not 465700 @ this would make gap camp approx 470720 @ track sketch being fwd.	
179	6		2/6 BN (near HQ)	1412	-	L1	Det 2/6 BN escorting carriers to BELLAMS returned here at 1600 hrs @ gap ambush on track reason for return	
180	6		WOOD	1500	-	155	sitrep sitnor.	
181	6		WOOD	1215	-	154	sitrep OP overlooking WAU valley established at 457776 @ connected with this HQ by phone	
182	4		LITE	1745	-	206	sitrep to 17454 @ B HQ H coy normal @ B coy now 127174 @ C coy now 140154 @ 2/6 BN normal 2/8 fd coy now ref map WAU west 371723 @ 2/16 FD coy normal @ 2/3 IND coy now ref map WAU WEST 399725 @ 2/5 IND coy normal.	
183	5		2/5 BN.	1410	-	206	no patrols reported in WAU chrome area for 2 feb.	
184	5		2/5 BN		-	201	sitrep 1300 hrs @ search completed area bounded by B19 WAU col & NIK G 6524 @ 644 both coys now moving east. B HQ G 6524	
185	5		2/5 BN	1530	-	phone	B HQ G 855 @ coys moving through H grid line 5-6 @ 57 of H grid line @ contacted on one flank @ C PL 2/3 sub. arty @ everything OK.	



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168 ✓	3		DAWN	1600 ⁴ / ₅	1605 ⁴ / ₅	145	nothing to report.
169 ✓	6	N.G.F.		1220 ⁴ / ₆		0787	1040 ⁴ / ₆ 9 enemy B. escorted. five ZEKES possibly WAU from NW ☉ 4 sticks bombs dropped ☉ one stick NE strip ☉ one stick NW drone near ARTY poms ☉ one stick LITTLE WAU re-entrant approx location ref map WAU west 368 701 one stick near KANGA HQ ☉ slight damage NE end strip one WIRRAWAY destroyed on drone ☉ 5 A.F. W/T str temporarily out action ☉ Result enemy losses one B certain one . 3 ZEKES certain shot down ☉ our losses one P39 seen disappeared in trees Ref map HUON GULF special 042088 ☉ our casualties to date 1 killed 3 ord inclusive US WT operator wounded one Aust one US offr ☉ six ord bombing stopped 1050 ⁴ / ₆ ☉ dog fight finished 1110 ⁴ / ₆
170 ✓	6	WOOD		1657		10021	Ref your 78 31 Jan ☉ sword map ☉ documents captured near HOUSE COPPER urgently awaited this HQ please expedite despatch.
171 ✓	4		WOOD	1753		130	Sitrep situation unchanged.
172 ✓	5		WOOD	1316		142	Sitrep recee patrol 70rs left 1015 hrs to make track into known camp approx 480710 this will enable an attack without passing probable ambush areas ☉ second task to discover route to JAP track east of grid 490 for ambush areas.
173 ✓	5		WOOD	0947		140	Have plan for attack on Jap camp East of track June ☉ please inform me of artillery fire plan at once ☉ I will need three hrs to cut a fresh track.
174 ✓	5		WOOD	1811	1817	144	Sitrep ☉ Sitnor ☉ recee patrol to Jap track returned ☉ did NOT sight enemy
175 ✓	6		WOOD	1005	-	152	Sitrep food & recee patrol move off to area 261595 ☉ recee patrol left BLACKBAT mine to cut JAP track & remain there period six days.

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159 ✓ 6	LOCAL UNITS WAU TOWN		1000 ⁷ / ₆		10017	password. all informed.
160 ✓ 6		2/5 BN (REAR HQ)	1015	1015	phone 201	two very lights observed from BHQ 1850/5 bearing 72°. MAG? one white flare observed from near H.Q. BLACKCAT area 2005 hrs bearing 5° N. Column smoke timber 85° M from 2/5 rear HQ.
161 ✓ 5		WOOD	1950		146	send all HQ coy personnel who are fit to fight and who are not on essential duties @ the position here is that we can muster 4 PHS who are fit for a mobile role
162 ✓ 5		WOOD	1920		145	sitrep rece patrol that gap camp at 470705 appears deserted @ tents are still there but there was no sign of life @ this may be a trap @ patrol from mine area could not find a route to gap track will try from nearer HOUSE COPPER tomorrow.
163 ✓ 5		WOOD	1811		144	sitrep @ sitnor @ rece patrol to gap track returned @ did NOT sight enemy.
164 ✓ 5		WOOD	1710 ⁴ / ₅	1745 ⁴ / ₅	143	0779 ack ths located 470768 @ 467758 @ 467753 @ patrols fwd as far as area 4671 which are returning 1900 hrs @ NO ths excepting FOO and protection will go fwd of 467753 until advised all clear
165 ✓ 5	DO RAMU VIA BENA FORCE		1645	1715 ⁴ / ₅	R 27	Report on BO91A enemy has full control BO91A coastal area & patrolling inland
166 ✓		2/5 BN (REAR)	1830	1855	phone	two very lights bearing 72° MAGNETIC, from near HQ 2/5 BN @ posn approx on top of hill @ followed by column of smoke
167 ✓ 5		TOJO	1530 ⁴ / ₅	1650 ⁴ / ₅	6578	sitrep @ 2 extra ZERO's ref our 6577 believed same those reported landed 1705 hrs Feb. 3 slight JAP activity HEATHS @ truck party still filling in holes on drome @ 1104 hrs 7 BEAU FIGHTERS over LABU along coast towards SALAMAU @ strafing near LABU no 3 village where from posn opened up after planes passed @ 2 allied rece planes during morning NO action @ 1400 hrs 1 ZERO towed from NO2 blast bay to dispersal bay ref map HAE locality location ref 119

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150 ✓	4		NGF	0015 ⁴ / ₅	1115 ⁷ / ₅	06482	Sitrep 440.
151 ✓	5	NGF		1845 ⁴ / ₅		0780	Sit rep 311 @ sentence D Coy 2/5 BN occupied COPSE 403726 should read D Coy 2/5 BN occupied Copse 397726
152 ✓	5		WOOD R/16	1600 ⁴ / ₅	1620 ⁴ / ₅	143	Sitrep @ carrier line arrived in area 1520 hrs @ 2hrs expected in 1 hrs time.
153 ✓	5		SABA 2/7 2/7	1110		207	B' Coy O.P. reports considerable smoke coming from reentrant beyond WANDUMI.
154 ✓	5		SABA 2/7 2/7	1545		206	Sitrep as at 1530 4/5 @ 0835 hrs B Coy sighted 5 JAPS moving in NE direction along WANDUMI TR @ 1208 hrs B Coy reports fire on bearing 103° from Coy HQ vicinity BELLAMS @ movement in precincts @ 1355 hrs carrier pl sent out 4 small local patrols @ 1449 hrs B' Coy patrol 700 yds along WANDUMI TR and returned @ reported number of HQ @ front member of 2/5 BN who had been out 6 days and brought him back @ A Coy patrol at map ref 393697 killed 6 JAPS and captured 2 LMG + amw @ C' Coy patrol along wooded area on left flank @ reports impossible penetrate woods for any great distance.
155 ✓	5		2/7 SABA TO HOPO	-	-	208	special sitrep as at 1700 hrs 5/2.
156 ✓	5		LITE B.H.Q.	0940	1012	Phone #	TO CO from Melbnde :- now located where crystal ck. TK first disappears into timber est 3/4 to huts crystal CK @ 2/7 BN patrol @ CRYSTAL CK WANDUMI TR JUNC. report no enemy area CRYSTAL CK @ patrol now withdrawn @ seems OK for B Coy to push fwd & hold high ground on left suspension bridge can see D Coy working in towards Buhoko. 2/7 BN one patrol to crystal CK.
157 ✓	6		2/3 IND COY		1020	phone	2/3 IND COY report that patrol which should have returned at 10.15 hrs encountered enemy at ref air photo map 4854? @ enemy casualties 5 killed 1 wounded @ own losses 11th sending hrs to investigate.
158 ✓	6		NGF	0730 ⁴ / ₆	1010 ⁴ / ₆	I 1372	Definite indications JAPANESE had 6 field guns and 1 mountain gun at MUBO 20 Jan.

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138	4		WOOD	1400		128	may Ashton & BENVINAN come with WINNING tomorrow & will harass enemy from with mortar fire.
139	4		2/3 IND COY	1340		0M77	this aches your 0755 of today.
140	4		BENA FORCE	1015	1540	R23	- sitrep @ BENA unchanged KAINANTU gap have left KHIA PIT direction LAE @ area from KAIGUKIN to KAI PIT now. OK @
141	3		BLACK DORAMU	1110	1540	J83	further to my JB2 @ area could be held by three mobile forces based KAINANTU BENA to CHIAEV
142	3		DEXTER 2/6 BN	1600 1/4	1910 1/4	D7	Ref BUKWA DRONE @ strip 800 yds 30 yds clear by 1200 hrs 4 Feb @ increasing width to 50 yds will take 2 days longer empty petrol drums placed as obstacles.
143	4		NGF	1215 1/4	1555 1/4	06477	setrep. mo 439
144	4		4 AC SQN	1930	1940	-	(1) Recce north bank Bukoko R NMS (2) own the observed E LEAMS farm 403694 LEAMS farm bldg burning 1245 1/4 (3) one dead body 300 yds W. WANDUMI dressed green shirt shorts @ (4) caps dropped BALLANS on burnt KUNUV patch behind BAHAMIS @ TIME 1135 12:35 G 62509 own the seen in hut 1530 hrs gun sighted 50500 2 Feb now removed @ Hut H 42525 much recent mount seen round hut @ time up 1445 to 1600 hrs low level recce mouth Bukoko R. NMS further supplies dropped BALLANS number brown tents observed from 459743 towards WANDUMI
145	4		2/6 BN	2255	2300	L3	ach. (Q51)
146	5	2/5 2/6 2/7 BN 2/3 2/5 IND COY 2/8 2/16 FD COY		1445		I0014	all units must notify to this HQ intention send out patrols by not later than 0745 hrs daily @ to incl route or area to be patrolled @ map ref to be used @ time out time in adjacent units notified @ on return a report will be fwd to this HQ @ a consolidated return of all patrols for day to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs daily @ all informed
147	5	2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 2/3 2/5 IND COY 2/8 2/16 FD COYS ATP 2/1 FD REGT		1450 1/2		I0015	2 new type gas respirators have been captured WAU area @ the following inf. required immediately are all enemy troops carrying respirators if not what percentage @ essential all captured documents and equipment fwd KANGA HQ without delay @ IO will ensure this is carried out @ all informed.
148	5	NGF		1535		I0016	all enemy respirators captured to date fwd B.S.I. (1) NGF @ endeavouring ascertain whether or not all enemy troops carrying respirators @ further captured equipment & documents by please today more tomorrow
149	4		NGF				2 gas respirator at KANGA today identified as new type following information required @ one are all gas carrying respirators @ are all respirators seen to date similar new type @ (3) are the 2 respirators sent as only ones found on any bodies.

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122		continued from sheet 18.					these parcels recovered from dropping 4 feb.
123	4		WOODS	2055	-	134	sitrep harassing mortar fire commenced 2030
124	5		WOOD	2359	-	135	sitrep no change.
125	5		WOOD	0720	0750	138	sitrep @ sitnor @ no result of mortar barrage known.
126	5		WOOD	0725	0745	139	ack. Q 51
127	5		WOOD	1140		141	sitrep @ rece patrol forward paper camp.
128	3/4		CAPT BLACK DO RAMU VIA NGF	2200 ³ / ₄	2105 ⁴ / ₄	J B 2	attention directed to food and labour resources in temperate malaria free climate at KAINANTU BENNABENNA ICHAMBU PLATEAU suitable for establishing ALLIED military forces within striking distance MADANG via BUNDEPASS & LAE via KAM BALDAM OXGA @ enemy if allowed to hold this area would rely on local food resources with little or no outside supply to support at least 1 enemy BDE with all food and labour requirements @ native population this area has been estimated at 200000
129	4		SABA TO HOPO	1845	2107	206	C coy moved new posn @ location @ 400712 396705 402706 @ consolidation to continue during night.
130	4		LITE	1945	1950	207	A coy patrol contacted 2/3 IND coy patrol who stated they had killed 2 enemy snipers vicinity WOODY ISLAND ref WYRU west 097719 at approx 1815 hrs
131			NGF	0902		0769	from DCGS @ Hope return today everything going well.
132	4	2/6 BN ATP 2/1 RD REGT. 2/5 IND COY 2/5 2/7 BN		1905 ⁴ / ₄		0764	following will move BLACKCAT commencing 0800 ⁴ / ₄ & come under comd 2/6 BN on arrival @ C coy & det HQ coy 2/6 BN @ op party 2/1 fd regt @ det 2/5 IND COY @ Capt WINNING will assume comd party until arrival BLACK CAT @ @ instns follow @ all informed.
133	4		NGF	2050 ⁴ / ₄		A2385	no rpt no return W 3006 & W 3007 received @ expectate
134	4		B COY 7 MGBN	1556	r	68	ack. (0763)
135	5		SABA TO HOPO	?		201	sitrep 0745 hrs @ B coy patrolling re-entrant on right flank @ Enemy cas @ 4 Feb. @ 13 killed.
136	4		NGF	1910 ⁴ / ₄		0643	secret @ for BCGS @ GDC intends depart 0800 hrs for MIKNEBAY & return morning 6 Feb @ are there any developments W/O OPS which will make these undesirable.
137	5		DAWN	0800 ⁷ / ₅	0902 ⁴ / ₅	0144	nothing to report.
138	4		2/7 BN	1545	1645	205	sitrep to 1530 ⁴ / ₄ @ patrol reports at 1400 hrs & gap observed 100 yds SE 408690

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107	5		SABA 2/7 BN	0821	0850	201	Sitrep @ 0745 hrs @ B Coy patrolling reentrant on right flank @ enemy casualties @ (JAY?) (DAY) 4 Feb 13 killed
108	5		SABA	0910	0940	202	In ref to sitrep 201 patrol 10 Pl B Coy out 0730 hrs in 0830 nil report.
109	5		SABA	1040		204	B Coy patrol area 405 696 to 403 687 nothing to report.
110	5		WISE			GA/4	parade state C 9 @ 76
111	5		WOOD	0225		126	Sitrep @ situation unchanged.
112	4		WOOD	0825		131	please send 20 ounces LINCTUS @ also advise when Cpl WILCOX will be
113	4		WOOD	1825		132	send 100 three inch mortar bombs HE on next line.
114	5		2/3 IND COY	0700/5		phone	Sitrep B HQ 17 situation same as yesterday ABC PHS with loss 2 killed & wounded & found 20 dead Japs could not confirm more about 30 seen digging 1000 yds N end of compound
115	5		2/5 IND COY	1120	1120	phone	A patrol 2/5 IND COY has reported here to 2/16 fd coy reported one of 2/5 BN men on BLACKBAT TRACK requires assistance
116	4		TOJO	1836	0955	G 575	1800 hrs one enemy fighter landed LAE parked 1834 1/4 loc ref III map LAE locality MORESBY notified direct 1835 1/4
117	4		TOJO	1900	0953	G 576	further to our G 575 of 4 Feb. it appears that a car and plane & collected pilot took him to wharf then by pinnace to MAHAHANG via wreck approx 1/2 ml.
118	5		TOJO	0900	1100	G 577	Sitrep 5 Feb @ ref our 576 dated 4 Feb @ PINNACE continued up coast passed SANGAUA & obscured @ 0730 hrs - 0740 3 Z subs left LAE drome headed S.W.
119	5	WOOD		1025		0773	arty FOO moving fwd to you today @ FOO will be with you on arrival.
120	4		2/6 BN	2255	2300	L 3	In reply Q 57 @ ack.
121	4		D Coy 2/6 BN	2100		204	BULKWA aerodrome is now cleared distance of 800' by 50'
122	4		FAS	1445/4	0028/5		following W/T stores vitally required to maintain communication from forces to L.P. to this HQ 12 208 set Batteries 12 valves type 1A7GT 6 valves 1D8GT also require all available stock from cable for traps @ please arrange drop by parachute BALLAMIS early as possible 5 Feb @ if these supplies NOT sent immediately will be out of communication by morning 6 Feb @ only 34 oz tobacco BALLAMIS 3 FEB @ need further supplies as soon as possible @ only one

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103	✓ 4		TOJO	1530/4		65-74	<p>sitrep feb. 4 @ 0925 hrs plane heard east explosion believed bomb no visibility @ 1230 hrs 6 bombers & Beaufighters with 4 light escort attached PAE @ Beaufighters came in low over A/A from NW end of drome strafed and continued right down drome out to sea @ sticks of bombs landed down from N to S least two small fires one near A/A from NW end & one area (?) dispersal bay @ 1405 to 1420 plane heard over area no A/A no visibility.</p>
104	✓ 4		2/7 BN	1545	1645	203	<p>sitrep to 1530/4 @ patrol reports at 1400 hrs 4 jobs observed 100yds SE 408690</p>
105	✓ 4		2/3 IND COY	1805		-	<p>1200 to 1400 hrs a party estimated 30 seen digging area 1000yds NE native compound ref map WAU WEST 399725' observer did not think they were australians</p>
106	✓ 3		MAKA	1930 1/3	1345 1/4	MO 67	<p>report from LADE 1630/3 indicates enemy attached LADES holding force 10 minutes before LADES striking force was to attack EWAI enemy town @ LADE still holding @ JONES and party 35' left SKIND for WAIBAINING 1610/3 with orders (counter attack) if Feb early as possible JONES to assume comd on arrival WAIBAINING @ section runner from JONES @ 200/4 @ HARE constant W/T. comd JONES daylight only @ LADE report 2 casualties own tp. 1 enemy @ RIGOOT 2/5 IND COY returned from WAIBAINING 1700/3 @ he will report WAU as soon as L.O.F.C. open with report for you @ his services no longer required @ ordered WATERSON send fighting patrol from BALLAMS to arrive SUMMIT by 2000/3 to prevent enemy from WANDUMI to SKINDEWAI by main trk @ this patrol encountered enemy strength unknown between BALLAMS & SUMMIT @ expect enemy small patrol only our patrol should arrive SUMMIT by 2200/3 @ no enemy between BALLAMS & WANDUMI @ WANDUMI natives still in occupation of GARDES @ will retain force at SUMMIT strength 20 @ enemy captured LUKUO (north) WAIPAKI near WANDUMI 27' far @ important JONES (capture?) WAIPAKI @ enemy can move WAIPAKI to main trk on SKINDEWAI side of HOUSE BANANA in 3 hrs @ have constant patrol main track pending capture WAIPAKI @ plane dropped urgent supplies BALLAMS 1700/3 including letter for me @ this letter should arrive SKINDEWAI by 2330/3 runner carrying letter also met enemy on track but escaped capture @ SHODLE patrol due HOUSE BANANA 2000/3 hrs report to follow</p>

SERIAL NO	DATE	Outwards To	Inwards From	T.O.O	T.O.R	ORIG NO	SUMMARY OF MESSAGE
88 (CON)	4		WOOD			126	(continuation) June when last heard of WINNING was on TR June when one pl was attacked by about 50 JAPS. This pl went bush after killing 2 JAPS. Firing heavy for about 20 minutes then spasmodic & considering that remainder of WINNING Coy and probably LAVERS have gone bush.
91	4		WOOD	1400	1420	128	Maj Ashton and Brennan come with WINNING tomorrow. Will harass enemy pos during night with mortar fire.
92	4		N4F	1515/4	1630	0.6480	Reply to 0756. Operational planes cannot take off WAU airdrome. Suggest use Wirraway. 5AF unable provide fighter cover.
93	4		WOOD	1610	-	129	Sitrep. Situation unchanged.
94	4		2/3 Ind Coy	1900	1915	-	2/3 Ind Coy less three pl at tennis court 200 yds NORTH drome. B+C pl left 1100 hrs assist A Pl gain objective "copse".
95	3		BLACK DORAMU (KORANLAU pld KANGA)	1110	1540	JB 3	further to my JB 2 area could be held by three mobile forces based KAINANTU BENA to CHIAEU.
96	3		N4F	2305	1540	SD 1259	Q will move by air 4 Feb following control stores released by DDOs JOIKANGA 521/9 533/216 557/12 558/120 573/4 and ejector 25-par.
97	3		N4F	-	1540/4	OE/N 536	In reply to 3. JO REINHOLD stores as requested less barometer being despatched 4 Feb. Barometer not available.
98	4		N4F	1110	1210/4	Q 2438	Transport A/C arriving WAU approx 1200-hrs is last flight for today.
99	4		LITE	1330/4		30A	Patrol 1 officer 9 ors left NORTH corner drome ref map WAU W 38728 1335-hrs bearing 50°M. On reaching BULOLO river will follow river for 1/2-mile NW. Will return by same route 1730-hrs.
100	4		2/6 AIB	1440		202	Reply to 0755/4 ACK
101	4	B Coy 2 Aust M G Bn A pld 2/7 Aust G Bn		1750/4		0.763	sec MG's att 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will come under comd temporarily and remain present pos until further orders. ACK
102	4		TOJO	1215/4	1455/4	6573	In reply to your 0757 feb. 3 ceased 1040 hrs feb. 4. NO activity heard or observed night 3/4 feb. Am checking posns planes drome as soon as visibility enables. Have RAAF copy of syllable codes or are we tied down to info on flash code only.

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83 ✓	4		DAVN	0535/4/4	1050 4/4	6142	KAINANTO 0 Japs have left KAIAPIT direction KAE 0 area from KAIBUKIN to KAIAPIT OK 0 all informed.
84 ✓	3		TOSO	1700 4/3	1050 4/4	6570	ref LR 1142 [DR] 300 NO further evidence to support 0 message sent as 3 lights west seen in HUON GULF and signalling lamps were being used from LOLOI HEADLAND
							Camp now completed 0 sufficient accomodation 15-20 men if necessary recommend that one intelligence personnel be sent to O.P. to have benefit of local residence Knowledge of area 0 failing this consider suitable at least one former resident area be stationed at O.P. as more suited for observation 0 respectfully request to be relieved to rejoin own unit 0 result of rece - no contact enemy native police boy inform natives making SAC-SAC 0 have returned one pair binoculars via WAMPLO ACR FLEAY from SIMMONS.
85 ✓	4		2/3 Aust Hd Coy	1340	1420	OM77	This acks your 0755 of today
86 ✓	4	2/6 Bn		1420		0.757	desire engage suspected JAP nest area 457743 rpt 457743 with arty afternoon 4 Feb 0 report urgently if our tps within 1000 yds this area
87 ✓	-	-	2/8 Fd Coy	1119	-	-	2/8 Fd Coy maning HQ. to 3717280 will advise when in ^{new} posn
88 ✓	4		WOOD	-	-	N6	Holding pl withdrawn to the LAP at 0930 hrs 0 three ambush parties left near TR junc 0 NO news of LAVER or WINNING since 1900 hrs 0 the plan was for LAVER to move towards WANDUMI while WINNING held TR junc 0 LAVER about 15 minutes past the TR.
89 ✓	4		NGF	1110	1210	2438	Jpt a/c arriving WAU approx 1200 hrs is last flight for day.
90 ✓	4		LITE	1345		205	In reply to 0.755 ACR

Summary of message.

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78 ✓	4		2/7 BN	0840	-	202	sitrep C coy report during night and early morning enemy made several determined attempts to break through C coy forward elements attacks repulsed no casualties.
79 ✓	4		2/7 BN	1430 1/4		204	Relief of C Coy by D Coy completed. 1430 1/4
80 ✓	4		2/5 BN.	1000		-	a patrol of 1 and 10 is leaving from the north end corner of drome WAU west 382718 grid bearing 40° from S.P. limit of patrol Bukolo R. sandy CK June 405747 from this patrol will move half mile each direction along Bukolo R. patrol will return from 405747 on the south side of B19 WAU CK being 220° time out 1000 hrs time in 1400 hrs another patrol of 1 and 10 is standing by will be going out later route to be decided particulars below leaving
81 ✓	4	2/5 BN 4/2/78		1731 1/4		0761	21/25 Inf com G.P. with under comd B Coy 7 Aust MG BN will assume responsible of close def WAU aerodrome area from 2/5 Aust inf Bn relief to be completed by 2000 1/4
82 ✓	4	NGF 2/52/6 2/7 BNS 2/3 2/5 IND COYS 2/8 2/16 FD COYS ATP 2/1 FOREST COY 7 MG 4 AC SQN 6 AIR SUPPORT COMD DET WAD				0762	sitrep 308 to 1600 1/4 ref WAU WEST 1 INCH WAU AREA during night 3/4 and early morning enemy made several determined attempts to break through fwd elements C coy 2/7 BN area 394696 all attacks repulsed our casualties nil 1030 1/4 party enemy estimated 15/20 sighted area 396093 enemy fired on two killed enemy retired into woods area later mortared results unknown 1500 1/4 2/3 ind coy supported by arty mortar and MG again attached COPSE 399725 objective reached 1525 1600 1/4 only intermitary fire this area BLACKCAT area 4 3rd more detailed infm this area shows LAVERS composite coy preceding WINNINGS coy to gap JUNE WANDUMI BLACKCAT thk 487783 WINNINGS coy remained that area LAVERS coy proceeded generally south along WANDUMI th. to area suspected enemy from meanwhile WINNINGS coy was ambushed by strong force enemy who came from NE along gap th. these were heavily armed with automatic weapons were using what appeared to be a mobile HY MG LAVERS also anticipated ambush both coy withdrew across country down general line BRENKE 19 HCK they arrived WAU 1200 1/4 our casualties 1 killed 2 wounded 4 missing enemy casualties estimated 15/20 own the remaining BLACKCAT approx 200 2/6 BN LAE OP report 0705 1/4 W 1 planes over WAE AA in action planes flew off SE BENA FORCE 1015 1/4 BENA unchanged.

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69	4	2/5 2/7 2/6 BN rpt 2/3 IND COY		1300		0755	2/3 IND COY attacking south end copse SE of NATIVE COMPOUND from west commencing 1400 1/4 @ attack proceeded by arty mortar MMG fire @ intention after capturing objective to exploit north along general line of COPSE @ ACK.
70	4	NGF RPTD 2/5 2/6 2/7 BNS 2/3 2/5 IND COYS 2/8 2/16 fd coy ATP 2/11 FD REGT B COY MMG 4 AC SQN 5 AF		1145 1/4		10013	Sitrep 307 to 0800 1/4 @ WAU area @ night quiet @ 2100 1/3 to 0500 1/4 arty carried out single gun HF task @ BLACKCAT area @ 1934 1/3 LAVERS composite coy 2/6 BN went through to objective gap track junction 487733 @ one Ph at the composite coy (WINNINGS) ambushed by enemy 30/50 strong who came in from north along gap th @ our casualties @ none known to date @ enemy reported armed with our weapons @ 0800 1/4 LAE NO REPORT @ 0800 1/4 SALAMAUAP area @ 2100 1/3 brilliant glow observed on WATER KEA @ 0720 1/4 allied A/C over KOMIATUM bomb dropped @ all informed.
71	4		WOOD	1010	1055	12	Sitrep @ no news LAVER and WINNING.
72	4		BENA FORCE	1015	1540	R 23	Sitrep @ BENA unchanged KAINANTU gaps have left KAIAPIT direction LAE @ area from KAIGULIN to KAIPIIT now OK.
73	4		TOJO	0750 1/4	1030 1/4	G 572	Sitrep 1800 hrs Feb 3 0700 hrs Feb 4 nothing to report 0705 hrs unidentified planes over LAE @ A/A @ planes flew off to SE
74	4		TOJO	1215 1/4	1455 1/4	G 573	in reply to your 0751 Feb 3 received 1040 hrs Feb 4 no activity heard or observed night 3/4 Feb @ am checking from planes on drone as soon as visibility enables @ have RAAF copy of syllabus code or are we tied down to info on flash code only
75	4		2/7 Bm	1200	1435	203	9 Ph A Coy reports partly estimated 15/20 SW Leys farm approx area 398693 @ enemy fired on 2 killed @ gaps retired into woods @ mortar from B Coy directed by 9 Ph brought fire to bear in area where gaps retired @ results unknown @ first time of sighting 1030z firing ceased area under observation
76	4		DAWN	1600	1720	G 143	Your 0749 gratefully received @ allied A/C bombed strafed KOMIATUM 0900 hrs HYAA
77	4		DAWN	1100 1/3	1455 1/4	A 28	Imperative two sets of head phones be sent immediately.

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55 ✓	4		NGF		0115 ^{1/4}	0245 ^{1/4} 06474	for BODLE @ urgent @ 5 AF require answer our 06467 before taking action	
56 ✓	4		NGF		0202 ^{1/4}	02434	programme 4 Feb @ 36 DOUGLASS in 6 flights operating @ outline plans with first flight @ Bde 4P. carrier Coy and one 2.5 Paa gun first flight	
57 ✓	4	NGF			0350	0753	from BODLE @ an unknown number enemy A/c landed LAE drone 1705 ^{1/3} ONO further details known.	
58 ✓	4	NGF			0100	0752	from BODLE @ LAE sightings 1705 ^{1/3} definitely A/c @ unable give further details due to mist.	
59 ✓	4	NGF			1315 ^{1/4}	0756	send plane today 4 Jan for GEN BERRYMAN and COL PATEN @	
60 ✓	4		LITE		0745	0832 201	sitrep to 0745 hrs @ BMG ABC & D Coys normal @ 2/6 Bn normal @ 2/8 fd coy normal @ 2/16 fd coy normal @ 2/5 IND coy normal @ otherwise normal	
61 ✓	4		2/5 BN TO UNITS VICINITY AERODROME		1130	203	papers letters portions of maps & other documents which may be of assistance to the enemy have been found left lying unguarded in various parts of aerodrome defensive area @ please arrange & conduct a thorough security search of unit areas & advise this HQ when completed	
62 ✓	4		TOJO		0750 ^{1/4}	1003 6572	sitrep @ 1800 hrs Feb 3 @ 0700 Feb 4 nothing to report @ 0705 hrs A/c planes over LAE @ A/A @ planes flew off to SE	
63 ✓	-		RAAF NGF		1220	1347	TP91 from 8 PA @ K 364 A 59 immediately	
64 ✓	4	WOODS			1355	10013	WINNINGS LAVERS PARKS party's returning you tomorrow @	
65 ✓	4	WOODS	WOODS		0300	0310 120	sitrep sitrep	
66 ✓		WOODS	WOODS		0735	0800 124	sitrep @ situation unchanged	
67 ✓	4		2/7 BN		0821	201	sitrep B Coy patrol sawmill area and area fwd & right of Coy no enemy activity seen.	
68 ✓	4		WOODS		1520	1540 128	own tps will be out of area NO later than 1600 hrs 4 Feb.	

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53 ✓	4		NGF	0020/4		06470	<p>PART I of sitrep H38 to 2200/3 @ 5 AUST DIV to 1200/3 @ sitnor @ 41 U.S. DIV @ to 1700 1/3 @ 6 Japs killed vicinity 159265 @ G Coy 163 Regt encountered enemy fort 100 yds south BAGUMBANI @ attempt to establish bridgehead over VIVEU at BAGUMBANI unsuccessful @ enemy strength unknown @ our casualties 1 missing 3 wounded @ PIB @ 31 Jap patrols killed 8 Japs destroyed 1 motor powered punt near MAMBAKE delta @ large body enemy encountered DEUNIA from SABARI 1600 1/2</p> <p>PART II native patrols now moving down coast to contact G Coy 163 US Regt @ 587 persons moved BUNA area by air @ KANGA to 1400 1/3 WAU area @ 1930 1/2 successful arty fire covered withdrawal 2/3 IND coy from COPSE 397725 @ 0750 1/3 LEAYS FARM neutralized by arty fire @ 0800 hrs B Coy 2/7 BN attached and occupied area at 0802 hrs @ 1015 1/3 PL 2/3 IND coy supported by arty and MMG fire reoccupied COPSE @ 1120 Hrs D Coy 2/7 BN moved to 387710 B Coy to 404696 @ MUBO @ Feb 1 patrol BUIBINING East reported several small enemy forts number 20/30 area BUIBINING WAPALI @ other small parties moving along BLACKCAT track above BUIBINING @ 0630 1/2 our patrols moved to GUADAGASEL saddle area @ reported 20 enemy cutting grass this area 1725 1/2 @ 1000 1/3 1 sec 2/7 IND coy moved to BUIBINING as reinforcements @ strength our patrol now 90 @ very strong enemy parties located area BUIBINING WAPALI</p>	
54 ✓	4		2/8 fd coy	1119		-	2/8 fd coy moving HQ to 371723 @ will advise when in new form.	

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		continued from page 9					3 different lines of JAPS reported passing through MARR WASA @ at KARIPIT JAPS told natives they intend stay there pending arrival of reinforcements @ then move WAU @ report 50 JAPS passed through URIGINA 145 30 E 06 355 14 Jan confirmed by visible signs and native talk @ large patrol also passed through YAUHA joined BRIGINA patrol at KARIPU 145 40 E 06 405 @ confirmed that LUTHER AND DOTT guiding Japs under compulsion @ all informed.	
50	2		NGF	2045 1/2	1024 1/3	Q2413	Essential you submit immediately strength & store statement as per code list taken by ROSS @ liaison officer @ statement to be sent daily @ must cover 2 P.M. and A.M. amn with guns and in reserve @ must cover all rations and other amn excluding unit holdings	
57	3		NGF	0935		Q417	further on Q 2413 of 2 Feb @ planning for air delivery 4 Feb being held up awaiting your signal quoting latest ration and amn position @ reply immediately.	
52	3		NGF	0030 1/3		06455	5 AUST DIV to 1200 1/2 atnwr @ 41 US DIV to 1700 1/2 PIB sighted 4 barges KURENADA crk and report 21 night BARGE activity continuing @ 30 Jan patrol CAPE WARD HUNT discovered grounded barge & encircled Japs on beach @ possibly barge claimed destroyed by P.I.B. off AM BASI PLUFF night 23 Jan or 1 of 2 barges claimed by P.I. boat nights 17 and 23 Jan @ KANGA to 1800 1/2 WAU area @ 2100 1/2 coy 2/7 Bm attached party enemy messing vicinity 400700 @ 15/20 enemy killed @ 2315 1/2 patrols returned with report area 396753 383731 414725 H 01709 clear of enemy @ 1412 to 1500 1/2 Arty shelled party enemy WANDUMI successfully.	

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45 ✓	2		LITE	0745		201	Sitrep to 0745 hrs @ BHQ & B Coy normal @ C Coy normal @ D Coy fired on figure in front of from 0230 hrs w/o result @ otherwise normal @ 2/16 FD Coy two rounds fired 0400 hrs into rock by 11 sec probably at noise otherwise normal @ 2/16 Bn normal @ 2/8 fd Coy heard HMG SE corner of drome 0130 hrs intermittent MG fire 0130 to 0715 hrs observed red very light SE corner of drome at 0130 hrs @ otherwise normal.	
46 ✓	3		2/8 AUST INF BN	1360		202	all units vicinity of drome must prepare today (1 Feb) slit trenches @ trenches must be finished by 1800 1/3	
47 ✓	2		NGF.	2200 1/2	0900 1/2	06456	3or BODIE @ air support request granted @ TOT after 0900 1/3	
48 ✓	2		NGF	2025 1/2	0910 1/3	06452	your sitrep 299 NOT received.	
49 ✓	2		NGF	1225		06438	Sitrep 436 LO 1000 1/2 (-2) to 2200 1/3 sitnor @ 41 US DIV to 1700 1/3 @ 1 COY 163 US REGT moving MOUTH KUMUSI river to secure that from @ patrol strength 1 P 186 US REGT also moving KUMUSI MOUTH via DONOWATUTU @ P.I.B. killed 19 TAPS SABATI 30 TAN @ count of Japs casualties through out entire BUNAGONA KOKODA IOR IBAIWA operation indicates at least 6350 killed 342 captured these figures include 169 stragglers killed and 21 captured since 41 US DIV took over forward area @ KANGA to 1800 1/3 @ day generally quiet our patrols active @ patrol reports enemy concentration approx 50 dug in with OP area 401719. (END PART I) (PART II) of sitrep 436 to 1000 1/2 @ our force BLACKCAT reports ambush prepared astride Jap track south of BLACKCAT @ patrol BALLAMS reports party 50 presumed enemy moving WANDUMI to trig point 46770H 2000 1/3 @ ref avo map @ BENNA FORCE to 1100 1/31 @	

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44 ✓	2		N 4 F	0006/2	0250/3	06436	<p>SITREP 435 to 2200 4/1 (Part 1) 5 Aust Div to 1200 4/1 @ SITNOR @ 41 US DIV to 0800 4/1 @ 43 JAPS killed including 39 on SABARI DEUNI MR @ Det PIB. moved to SABARI GONA MUR investigated @ Definitely identified as AYATON MARU @ LUTTED by fire and breaking up @ 6 3" AA guns less sights and breech blocks found but NO evidence WRECK used as O.P. Considerable salvage aboard (IWARIA mouth @ Further report states JAPS party up to 200 strong still SOUTH WARIA mouth vicinity KORO with some enemy living at ZAKA @ nighty reefs arriving by barge @ ICANGA to 0800/1 @ Slight enemy activity only during previous 24 hrs End PART 1 Part 2 follows.</p> <p>2nd last part SITREP 435 night 31/1 ANPARTY carried out harassing Japs BULOLO RIVER area @ 0715 4/1 fighting patrol moved NE BULOLO RIVER search for enemy concentration that area @ ref SITREP 432 further 27 survivors include 13M MAJOR MUIR from companies overwhelmed WANDUMI reached WAU PM 31st JAN @ AIR transport for FIRST FEB @ 53 aircraft landed WAU @ carried 266612 lbs including A' Coy 7 MG Pn and 50 reimp for 17 Bde @ Air operations @ 1620 4/51 enemy defences OBSERVATION HILL off MUBO bombed and shuffed @ RABAUL @ heavy early morning raid LAKUNIA DROME started - many fires suspected dump areas @ 0902 4/1 bombs dropped on out Post FINSCHAVEN village and run</p>	
				0210 4/2	0250 4/3			

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37		continued from previous sheet.					mule unit arrived BALLANS 1300/r carrying rations petrol kerosene @ tobacco sweaters etc Quinine urgently required.	
38	3		MACADIE	1515 ⁴ / ₃			LADE being attacked by enemy twice his strength @ am sending TONES to WAIBAINING immediately strength 60 @ BALLANS reports BEAU FIGHTERS strafing WURIWURI village bearing 140 degrees from BALLANS	
39	3		BOBS	1230 ⁴ / ₃		L525	ANGAU from MURPHY @ RYAN not well departure for yours delayed for one or two days.	
40	3		BOBS	1230 ⁴ / ₃		Bk 92	A105 for B & C refer Bk 91 25 TH no change @ amm report NO change	
41	3		WOOD	1804		118	SITREP situation unchanged	
42	2		2/7 Bn adv HQ.	1545		203	Sitrep @ 0825 hrs C Coy patrol fired on @ fwd pl ordered to clear fwd area has consolidated fwd posn on grassy slope @ our casualties one killed nine wounded @ Capt MENZIES LIEUT M. LILIVRAY wounded @ A Coy reports that at approx 1900 hrs 1 Feb opened fire on JAPS having meal at 39 9694 @ estimate 15 enemy casualties @ 1400 hrs 2/3 1nd Coy moved through our area to area 401719 @ two MMG's in posn @ 900 hrs 398701	
43	3		WOOD	1845		119	Sitrep @ heavy firing heard on JAP track @ firing has ceased @ NO report from fwd coys to hand.	

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33 ✓	3		WOOD	1010	1011	113	sitrep enemy pack wireless set from near WANDUMI has not been heard for past twenty hours.	
34 ✓	3		WOOD	1541		117	sitrep @ WINNING & LAVER Companies no moving fwd to objective both planes & mortar fire appeared to be on target	
35 ✓	3		WOOD	1546		203	SITREP sitnor	
36 ✓	2		MACADIE	1100 1/2	1533 1/2	MO 63	rece patrol close WANDUMI report shelling WANDUMI accurate (WITH LAMP COMM BALLAMS) shells falling right on village no sign enemy movement there.	
37 ✓	2		MACADIE	2000 1/2	0025 1/3	MO 64	BALLAMS reports 33 enemy moved from WANDUMI crossing trig point 1815/r @ LADE reports patrol clash with small enemy patrol @ 630/2 @ enemy withdrawn leaving 1 cas @ GADAGASCAL OP reports movements as follows today @ 20 enemy seen cutting cane tops WAIPALI 1400/r 13 enemy and 1 alsation dog same area 1550/r 28 enemy with empty packs arrived WAIPALI for BAIBAINING 1725/r this may (mean @) attack LADE tonight LADE planning attack this area 3 Feb @ am sending patrol from BALLAMS 0700/3 with 3 BREN guns to occupy from within range route crystal ckr WANDUMI to harass enemy most @ saddle patrol due house BANANA 1900/3 from BALLAMS toward CRYSTAL CRK for information (contn)	

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25 ✓	3		ADV. HQ 2/7 BN	0910	0910	Phone	B Coy have reached objective at 402693 and consolidating. Patrols are going out now to right & left flanks. Encountered light opposition during adv. from building LEAHS from Adv B HQ now moving to 9 PL A Coy area ref approx 395696		
26 ✓	3		2/7 BN	1545		203	Sitrep situar.		
27 ✓	3		TOJO	1545 ⁴ / ₃	1200 ⁴ / ₃	6567	Sitrep activity still continuing repairing aerodrome nothing further to report.		
28 ✓	3		DAWN	0800 ⁴ / ₃	1000 ⁴ / ₃	6193	nothing further to report.		
29 ✓	3		DAWN	1600 ⁴ / ₃	1625 ⁴ / ₃	5140	allied A/C strafed KOMIATUM over this area from 0945 to 1030 hrs.		
30 ✓	3		2/7 BN	1703		205	30rs 9 PL A Coy fired on by LMG in re-entrant area 393697. Two casualties party strength unknown from 9 PL went fwd to assist and engaged enemy. own further casualties include LT MAFC NALDO further report just received 1700 hrs. firing still heavy in re-entrant. received two further casualties. 2 stretchers Bearer hit on going fwd to assist wounded details later.		
31 ✓	3		TOJO	1800 ⁴ / ₃		6571	unknown number Jap planes landed LAE drome 1705. will try give target refs when local mist clears.		
32 ✓	3	5 AIR FORCE		1920		0748	request indirect air support. Bomb MUBO and KOMIATUM and strafe trhs as for today's task SALAMAU area.		

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15 ✓	3		B. COY 7 AUST MG BN	1110		B66	AMM for fwd GUNS being attended to immediately	
16 ✓	2	WAW AERODROME	AIR SUPPORT 5 th AIR FORCE AS AFF	2235 1/2	1020 1/3	S3V	3 BEAU FIGHTERS available for strafing @ indicate how WIAIRWAYS will designate target can rendezvous WAW 90 minutes after you advise	
17 ✓	3		WOOD	0802		111	all the withdrawn to the gap @ no the within 1000 ⁺ of 487733	
18 ✓	3		WOOD	1248		115	Sitrep @ after bomber attack will put mortars in @ Recce patrol last night found 2 enemy mutilated by mortar fire @ every thing prepared our end for bomber attack	
19 ✓	3		2/7 BN	1120		202	D coy will occupy immediately position vacated by B coy in area 387710 @ all informed	
20 ✓	2		BENA FORCE	1415 1/2	1550 1/2	R18	OC BENA FORCE arrived KUMOKA police station on KRIDONTU track 0800 hrs Feb 2 @ BENA unchanged	
21 ✓	3		BENA FORCE	0800 1/3	0835 1/3	R19	Patrol returned BUNDIE (VENING 6) Feb 1 from KULAU mission station BASSIN area via GUEIDI and SEPU crossing RAMU river and report NO gaps beyond AMFLE mission str towards RAMU @ LUTHERAN SCHOETTLER removed from his str	
22 ✓	3		IND BENA FORCE	0800 1/3	1105 1/3	R20	3 cases MALARIA treatment course finished and back to duty by 4 Feb general health of the excellent	
23 ✓	3		BENA FORCE	1100 1/3	1515 1/3	R22	Strip BENA unchanged KIANNANTU nothing to report.	
24 ✓	2		V.O. 2/5 BN.	1945	1945	PHONE	Patrol in search of reported sniper returned 1945 1/2 nil result @ further patrol will move through area SW drome first light 3 fav	

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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
7 ✓	3		DAWN	0800 4/3	1000 4/3	G139	nothing further to report	
8 ✓	2		DAWN	1000 4/3	1215 4/3	R1	ref (Column 6) N6 ① last consignment to us 150 rations received 4 gal ① food & petrol from now most serious 2 days rations on hand only then dependent on native food	
9 ✓	3		BENA FORCE	0800 4/3	1105 4/3	R21	requires 20 lbs bench nails and 20 lbs of 3 inch 2 rolls of window light.	
10 ✓	2		TOTO	1800 4/2	1030 4/3	G566	Pronounced enemy activity 1600 hrs onwards repairing & rolling drome runway observed inspection of blast bays by truck earlier this afternoon and this coupled with above suggests expected arrival of planes which may have bearing on your end	
11 ✓	3		TOTO	0745 4/3	1030 4/3	G567	Strep nothing further to report attention is drawn to ^{activity} reported in G566 as these were most pronounced	
12 ✓	3	N.G.F.		1145 4/3		G743	LAE OP reports ① pronounced enemy activity 1600 4/2 onwards repairing and rolling aerodrome runway ② observed inspection of blast bays by party in truck earlier this afternoon ③ suggests arrival of aircraft ④	
13 ✓	3	NGF.		1530		10010	For GSI (1) from LANG ① am doing all possible to clarify situation here for you ② have only one OFFR and one NCO to help ③ I took over I see KANGA night 31 TAN/1 Sub on inst of COMD ④ Request for personnel to NGF first plane ⑤ am compiling summary up 1200 4/4	
14 ✓	3	NGF		1400		0757A	Major WILSON BN evacuated MALARIA ① request replacement tomorrow ② plane experienced senior staff offr.	

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continued from sheet 1							20 mule loads rations BALLAMS today 20 mules will arrive summit 1300/2 will have native line carrying rations to SKINDEWAI by 1800/2 2	
2	2		MACA	1500 L/2	1805 L/2	M065	WAN-DUMI shoot very accurate 2 LADE has located very strong enemy parties in fixed form SWAIPALI-BUIBAINING area 2 necessary remove BLACKBAT track ambush to attack these points 2 Have ordered LADE attack as soon as possible 2 Expect NO action before 5 Feb 2 following troops now at BALLAMS under my command 1 offr. 20ORS 2/7 IND Coy 1 offr 17ORS 2/6 BN Lieut WHITTAKER and 19ORS 2/5 BN plus odd pers total all ranks 62 WHITTAKER COMD 9 PL of A Coy 2/5 BN based SUMMIT 27 JAN 2 informs me received orders move BALLAMS and arrived there 0130/28 where he heard he was to proceed WAI was fired on between KAISENIK and CRYSTAL CRK attempted to out flank resistance & got lost arrived BLAKES 31 JAN with 5 men missing 2 please advise HQ 2/5 BN 2 require SITREP immediately 2 PROSSER & KANGA records will be evacuated to BLAKES 3 Feb.	
3	3		WOOD	1226	1225	114	Sitrep situation unchanged	
4	2		DAWN	1600 L/2	1655 L/2	G138	0945 hrs allied A/C strafed KOMIATUM bombing heard direction MUBO 0955.	
5	2		DAWN	2152 L/2			Convoy at least 3 ships approaching SALAMUA or LAE from NE moving along north coast HUON GULF approx from north HOPOI	
6	2		DAWN	1600 L/2	1655 L/2	M6	native report that PIKIMANE village is erecting houses for use of our troops if correct please let me know these movements as supervision can be exercised.	

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1	1		Maca	2300L/1	1550L/2	MO62	<p>LADE reports having (seen?) several enemy posts BUIBAINING WAIPALI area and will attack them simultaneously (night?) 2nd Feb. Estimate enemy strength 20/30 but suspect more in BITOI area. 3 enemy observed moving along BLACK CAT track towards MUBO 1630/1. Party of 25 enemy observed high up BLACKCAT track 1730/1. No other enemy movt. reported. Recce for best route F patrol SADDLE unsuccessful today. BYRNE and GREEK left HOUSE BANANA 0630/2 on further recce SADDLE will report back 1800/2. DAVIS and sect 2/7 IND coy left SKINDEWAI for BUIBAINING 1000/1 to reinforce LADE. LADE strength now 90 plus 21 natives. Report HOUSE COPPER (ofms?) B Coy reached BUIBAINING 1700/27 began advance 1830 hrs contacted enemy estimated 1 pl about 2 for east HOUSE COPPER 1100/28. enemy had withdrawn and area secured by afternoon. Decided to withdraw owing to advice on nature of country ahead and presence enemy between us and T point west HOUSE COPPER. Troops all in exhausted by 12 hrs over very bad country. No rations or water and no means of evacuating stretcher cases other than by troops. Own total casualties 3 dead 4 wounded enemy casualties at least 20 nearly all believed killed. B Coy SKINDEWAI with WATERSON comd composite force at BALLANAS detailed report follows as soon as possible. Please advise HQ 2/6 BIV. No planes sighted this area today. Only rations were biscuits dehydrated potatoes & dried apples. (6) (6) WAKES send</p>	