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63 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

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12 Jeeps & Trailers 2x80 gal water tins were landed here ex MOROTAI.

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For various reasons M/T drivers

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have had to be replaced. Vacancy exists at present for 2 Drivers M.T.

BARGE SERVICE

With the establishment of a Coy in occupation at LAHA-ROEMAHUAGA means of supply was an immediate problem. Roads were impassable mostly therefore barges had to be utilized. 33 Aust Coy Bde conducted a barge ferry service to LAHA & return from GHAHEKE wharf.

As this did NOT allow of reasonable delivery of rations, fresh food, mail, evacuation of sick etc representations were made to Bde for three JAP barges. Request granted.

At present 2 barges are used for dumping purposes 1 for ferry service LAHA-ROEMAHUAGA. Time table is notified in Bde ADs. As found necessary, special barges are run to various points in Amson Harbour.

EQUIPMENT

This Unit sailed from MOROTAI approximately 93% equipped W.E. Jungle Scale. All weapons are in good order & condition. Ample controlled stores were issued.

Binoculars were secondhand & generally of poor quality, and showed signs of lack of maintenance at 1 Aust ARD.

Watches C.S. were new yet 30% have either been evacuated to wharfs or are awaiting Return to Ordnance defective.

All hand tools, tool kits, and general unit equipment is well maintained and cared for.

CLOTHING

When the Unit was formed most pers marched in from Aust APO with majority of clothing in bad condition.

This Unit has drawn and issued 1122 trousers and 976 shirts since 10 Sep 45. Most other items of scale 1511 in similar proportions.

The usage rate of boots, shirts and trousers has been abnormally high on account of "patrolling" ⁽²⁾ the Bde order prohibiting removal of shirts ⁽³⁾ the fact that many were NOT DPI on leaving MOROTAI consequently have been issued on AMBON. Even with this quantity of clothing having been issued, ~~the dress of the Unit is NOT~~ there are still many poorly dressed soldiers in evidence.

An abnormal number of "lost" reports have been submitted for articles of clothing. In many instances it has been proved that items have been given or traded to natives. Owing to acute shortage of supplies NO re issues can be made for articles "lost". It would appear that closer supervision of platoons, lines, quarters, and general activities of the men by Officers would throw much light on the "disappearance" of many articles.

ENGINEERS STORES

Since inception of Unit all engineers stores demanded have been supplied in full both at MOROTAI & AMBON. All tools etc drawn at MOROTAI were returned to 1 CRE (Wks) 26 Sep 45.

LOSSES & DAMAGE

Stock taking return on 7 Oct 45 revealed losses of various items as per list attached. An officer has been appointed to investigate the losses vide CR 3484. Indents have been submitted for replacement of all articles. These have been supplied.

AMMUNITION

Full WE requirements of amm are in hand, all amm has been checked maintained and safely stored. During practices held at Mokotui there were no reports of defective amm.

ADMINISTRATION

It is considered that in many instances misunderstandings, incorrect decisions, etc experienced by this section could have been entirely avoided had correct and timely information been submitted.

Sub units have been requested and instructed to deal with personal issues clothing & necessaries, yet every day men seek inform from R.Q. Stone about regarding trifling matters which could be adequately handled by PL Spts. This situation suggests again the necessity for direct ^{acting} supervision by PL ~~Co~~ + Coy Comdrs.

16 Nov 45

Raymond J. Lewis
 All Ours by Bow

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Medical Officer's Report:

During October the unit occupied Dutch Artillery Barracks, AMBON. On occupation the barracks were in a bad state from the hygiene point of view and the bn has been busy bringing it up to its present state.

Company detachments and patrols have been operating under mobile conditions and this has made the necessary the training of men for hygiene and water duties. These detachments have maintained a satisfactory standard of hygiene.

Also in view of detachments stretcher-bearers have been given intensified training in RAP Orderlies' duties and have acquitted themselves well with the detachments.

The sickness rate has been lower than last month. Skin diseases predominate. A small outbreak of Tonsillitis in the Bde affected the unit slightly. We had two cases.

Harold Davis Capt
RMO 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	1 OCT	0800	Bn parade - address by Lt-Col. ELLISON re movement to AMBON	
	2 OCT	-	Preparation for embarkation in progress.	
	3 OCT	1600	Bn sailed from MOROTAI on HMAS WESTRALIA.	
	4 OCT	-	At sea.	
	5 OCT	0830 1045	Arrived at AMBON, disembarkation commenced Disembarkation completed. Bn transported to Dutch Arty Barracks, BENTENG, MR AMBON 1:100000 - 139909.	
	6 OCT	- 0900 1400	Cleaning and repairing Bn area and barracks commenced. Bn Parade - addressed by Adjt Capt E.H.BROWN re area of operation and work to be performed. Volunteers for Occupation Force Japan marched out. Bn Orderly Room established.	
	7 OCT	-	Bn area being improved. Working parties Japanese PW assisting. Red Shield Recreation Hut erected and P.A. System installed I Office, Pay and Postal Offices established.	
	8 OCT	-	Bn INT SEC completed compass traverse of Bn area	
	9 OCT	1430 1600	Bn Parade taken over by Brigadier A.B.STEELE CBE Comd 33 Aust Inf Bde and addressed by him. Infm received re grave Pte DOOLAN, 2/21 Bn	see APPENDIX 4

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	10 OCT	1000	Unconfirmed report of Japanese in area SE of Bn barracks investigated by INT SEC - no evidence found. D Coy marched out to MR 146913. Took over duty guarding Jap dumps from A Coy 64 Aust Inf Bn. 2 personnel Int Sec detached to D Coy.	
	11 OCT	-	2 I/c Maj W.L.CHRISTIE making recce Bn area of responsibility LAITIMOR Peninsula.	
		1400	Report from native sources of Japanese in vicinity AMAHOESOE investigated by Int Sec. No evidence found. Report received of unknown Aust soldier KIA 42, body burnt by Japanese.	See APPENDIX 7
			I.O. inspected Japanese dumps and interviewed Sjt Major Van WALDYCK (Dutch Forces).	See APPENDIX 4
	12 OCT	1100	Pte HODGE Int Sec guided F.O.MILLER RAAF PW Enquiries Unit to crashed American aircraft for identification purposes.	See APPENDIX 4
	13 OCT		Lt-Col. ELLISON and recce group made reconnaissance by RAN small craft "THREE CHEERS" to LAHA and ROEMAHTIGA sections of Bn area of responsibility. Wireless communication maintained with Bn HQ.	
			Int Sec investigating Enemy Equipment AMAHOESOE area Capt E.H.BROWN - Adjut - marched out. Lt CARTER Acting Adjutant.	See APPENDIX 6

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	14 OCT		Bn Rest Day.	
		1100	Soft Ball match between Offrs & Sjts won by Sjts. Report received 18 pl D Coyguarding dumps in their area very efficiently.	
			Counting of Enemy Equipment in D Coy area completed - approx 1200 tons.	See APPENDIX 6
	15 OCT	0830	13 pl C Coy marched out for movement by 2 barges to ROEMAHTIGA.	
		1015	13 pl landed at ROEMAHTIGA and set up pl HQ adjacent wharf.	
		0900	B Coy marched out to occupy LAITIMOR Peninsula area. Lt GLUYAS (HQ COY) made reconnaissance of OERIMESING village & surroundings prior to HQ Coy occupation of this area.	
		2030	Bde advised location state of Bn at 151800 I.	See APPENDIX 9
	16 OCT	0900	Advice received that General Sir Thomas BLAMEY, C in C AMF will visit AMBON during the course of the next few days.	
		1100	A pl of HQ Coy moved out to OERIMESING for purpose of recce patrols and questioning of natives.	
		1500	First copy of 33 Aust Inf Bde newspaper "Ambon News" recd. Paper will be printed three times a week.	See APPENDIX 5
	17 OCT	-	BCD Coys carrying out patrols and questioning natives.	See APPENDIX 4
			O/C C Coy and QM visited 13 pl at ROEMAHTIGA and arranged for provision of transport and labour by Japanese for camp works, stores, dumping etc. Graves of Australian soldiers & PW located by B Coy.	See APPENDIX

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AMBON	18 OCT	-	B C D Coys carrying out patrols and questioning natives.	See APPENDIX 5
			B Coy rendered schedules of Enemy Equipment in 10 pl area. Lt J. BROWN marched out to NSW L'of C area for discharge.	See APPENDIX 6
			The following officers joined Bn:- Capt ROWAN from 53 Aust Comp A/A Regt Capt KENISON from 2/7 Aust Fd Regt Capt McDONALD from 2/3 Aust Pioneers Bn Lt BEDDOME from Aust Sub Area D D (ex 2/9 Aust Gen Hosp)	
	19 OCT		B C & D Coys carrying out patrols and questioning natives	See APPENDIX 5
			D Coy forwarded patrol reports. 2 Japanese 3 ton trucks came under control of Bn. C Coy rendered schedules of dumps checked at ROEMAHTIGA and LAHA.	See APPENDIX 5
		1400	B Coy rendered schedules of dumps checked at NOESANIVE. Guard of Honour for projected visit of C in C AMF training.	See APPENDIX 6 See Appendix 6
	20 OCT	1100	Guard of Honour left Bn area to receive General Sir Thomas BLAMEY C in C AMF	
		1400	C in C AMF took ^{inspired} 63 Bn Parade. In his address to the parade he congratulated all ranks on their steadiness on parade. Major General MILFORD accompanied C in C.	
		1530	C in C AMF left Bn area.	
		1730 2000	4 pl HQ Coy returned from patrolling OERIMESING area. Pte RILEY D Coy shot and wounded whilst on guard duty - inquiry held.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	21 OCT	-	Normal Rest Day for Bn.	
		1100	Remainder of C Coy - Coy HQ, 14 pl, 15 pl moved out to ROEMAHTIGA and LAHA areas for purpose of recce patrols and questioning of natives.	
	22 OCT		B C D Coys carrying out patrols and questioning natives in respective areas.	See APPENDIX 5
	23 OCT		Do. Do.	
	24 OCT	0900	HQ Coy patrol under comd Lt GLUYAS moved out to areas round SIKOELA and LAWA Rivers. Object of patrol is to gain information concerning missing Australian PW and soldiers in 1942.	
	25 OCT	0900	A Coy patrol under comd Capt WADDELL moved out to PASO - HITOELAMA area. Intention is to question natives and Japanese regarding disturbances in this area.	See APPENDIX 5
		1100	16 members of Bn marched out for return to Australia for discharge on occupational and compassionate grounds.	
	26 OCT	-	B C D Coys carrying out patrols in respective areas	See APPENDIX 5
		1100	Native report of mass graves in BATOEMERAH area referred to 64 Bn.	
		1200	Advice received airstrip at LAHA completely repaired and ready for examination.	
	0900	Recce party under orders from 33 Bde moved out by barge to carry out questioning of natives along the north coast of HITOE Peninsula. I.O.63 Bn accompanied party, also RAAF personnel who had previously been in this area.	See APPENDIX 5	
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AMBON	26 OCT	1400	Bde advice 62/2/798 - 63 Bn will reconnoitre the following areas in order of priority shown: (1) LAHA and NW to coast. (2) Area ASILOELOE to KAITETOE (3) ALLANG.	
	27 OCT	-	B & C Coys carrying out patrols and questioning natives D Coy commenced dumping of enemy equipment from "A" area into sea.	See APPENDIX 5
		1000 1700	8 pl A Coy moved out to NEGERILAMA for recce of area. 70 Japanese PW marched in to Bn compound. They will be used for working parties. A Coy supplied first guard.	
		2000	Bde recce party returned from tour north coast AMBON Island. Much valuable information was gained re movements of 2/21 Bn.	See APPENDIX 5
	28 OCT	0900	Normal Bn Rest Day. Inter unit sport conducted within the Bde.	
	29 OCT	0600 0900 0945	200 Japanese evacuated by barges from LAHA to CERAM. B Coy C Coy 8 pl A Coy 4 pl HQ Coy carrying out patrols and questioning of natives. First plane since Allied occupation landed on LAHA airstrip, a Netherlands "Douglas" transport. Crew were greeted by O/C C Coy in whose area of responsibility LAHA airstrip is.	See APPENDIX 5
		1630	Permission requested to divert proposed daily ferry to LAHA for purpose of transporting recce patrol to ALLANG.	
	30 OCT	0700	9 pl A Coy embarked by corvette HMAS GLENELG for PIROE (CERAM). Their task will be to assist Dutch officials in control of area and to supervise dumping operations.	
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6 jeeps, 4 trailers, 1 x 80 gal water, were transferred various units in Bde.

3 ton trucks have been available from Bde but this system has proved most unsatisfactory owing to the poor mechanical condition of all Jap vehs causing breakdowns. Seldom has the unit requirements of transport been met on any one day. Unit jeeps have been overworked in some cases during movements of Coys etc, yet only 2 have been actually grounded. All jeeps are now in operation.

For various reasons MT drivers have had to be replaced. Vacancy exists at present for 2 Drivers MT.

6. BARGE SERVICE: With the establishment of a Coy in occupation at LAHA-ROEMAGTIGA means of supply was an immediate problem. Roads were impassable mostly therefore barges had to be utilised. 33 Aust Inf Bde conducted a barge ferry service to LAHA and return from GLENELG Wharf.

As this did NOT allow of a reasonable delivery of rations, fresh food, mail, evacuation of sick etc, representations were made to Bde for three Jap barges. Request granted.

At present 2 barges are used for dumping purposes 1 for ferry service LAHA- ROEMAGTIGA. Time table is notified in Bde ROs. As found necessary, special barges are run to points in AMBON Harbour.

7. EQUIPMENT: This unit sailed from MOROTAI approximately 93% equipped WE Jungle Scale. All weapons are in good order and condition. Ample controlled stores were issued. Binoculars were second hand and generally of poor quality and showed signs of lack of maintenance at 1 Aust A.R.D. Watches GS were new yet 30% have either been evacuated to Wksp or are awaiting Return to Ord defective. All hand tools, tool kits, and general unit equipment is well maintained and cared for.

8. CLOTHING: When the Unit was formed most pers marched in from 1 Aust A.R.D. with majority of clothing in bad condition.

This Unit has drawn and issued 1122 Trousers and 976 Shirts since 10 Sep 45. Most other items of Scale 1511 in similar proportions.

The usage rate of boots, shirts and trousers has been abnormally high on account of

- (i) Patrolling.
- (ii) A Bde order prohibiting removal of shirts.
- (iii) The fact that many were NOT DPl on leaving MOROTAI, consequently have been issued on AMBON.

Even with this quantity of clothing having been issued, there are still many poorly dressed soldiers in evidence.

An abnormal number of "Lost" Reports have been submitted for articles of clothing. In many cases it has been proved that items have been given or traded to natives. Owing to acute shortage of supplies NO re-issues can be made for articles lost. It would appear that closer supervision of platoons, lines, quarters and general activities of the men by officers would throw much light on the "disappearance" of many articles.

9. ENGINEERS STORES: Since inception of Unit all engineers stores demanded have been supplied in full both at MOROTAI and AMBON. All tools etc drawn at MOROTAI were returned to 1 CRE (Wks) 26 Sep 45.
10. LOSSES & DAMAGE: Stock taking return on 7 Oct 45 revealed losses of various items as per list attached. An officer has been appointed to investigate the losses vide GRO 348/44. Indents have been submitted for replacement of all articles. These have been supplied.
11. AMMUNITION: Full WE requirements of amn are in hand, all amn has been checked, maintained and safely stored. During practices held at MOROTAI there were no reports of defective amn.
12. ADMINISTRATION: It is considered that in many instances misunderstandings, incorrect decisions etc experienced by this section could have been entirely avoided had correct and timely information been submitted.

Sub units have been requested and instructed to deal with personal issues, clothing and necessaries, yet every day men seek information from RQ store direct regarding trifling matters which could be adequately handled by Pl Sjts. This situation suggests again the necessity for direct active supervision by Pl and Coy Comds.

Geoff McKinnon Lt.
Q.M. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

WAR DIARY

63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

Medical Officer's Report:

During October the unit occupied Dutch Artillery Barracks, AMBON. On occupation the barracks were in a bad state from the hygiene point of view and the bn has been busy bringing it up to its present state.

Company detachments and patrols have been operating under mobile conditions and this has made the necessary the training of men for hygiene and water duties. These detachments have maintained a satisfactory standard of hygiene.

Also in view of detachments stretcher-bearers have been given intensified training in RAP Orderlies' duties and have acquitted themselves well with the detachments.

The sickness rate has been lower than last month. Skin diseases predominate. A small outbreak of Tonsillitis in the Bde affected the unit slightly. We had two cases.

Harold Lewis
Capt
RMO 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

W A R D I A R Y

63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

WAR GRAVES
MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
CRASHED AIRCRAFT
ACTION 2/21 BN - 1942

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23 OCT 45
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

MAP REF: AMBON SHEET 1:100000

Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave Markings	Source of Information	Method of escape & circumstances
1	7/10/45	MR128902 1 mile NE AMAHOESOE	VX 47876 L/cpl RICHMOND R.	VX47876 L/Cpl R.RICHMOND 2/21 Bn K.I.A. 1/2/42 Grave reported marked by natives	Ambonese - MYNAKE, GUSPA and FERNANDEZ Residents vicinity AMAHOESOE	May be confused with grave of Sjt. ROSS
4	17/10/45	MR168853 300 yds SOUTH of Cape NOESANIVE Rd.	Pte BALCOMBE R. VX 31626	VX31626 Pte BALCOMBE R. K.I.A. 2/2/42 2/21 Bn Grave reported marked by natives	Lt GREGSON O/c 10 Pl 63 Bn and native resident vicinity BATOELHALAT village.	Nil
2	17/10/45	No Location	Cpl MORRISON L/Cpl BELL 2/21 Bn (?)	-	Ambonese natives MYNAKE & GUSPA - See Case No. 1	These two Australians alleged to have escaped from vicinity of AMAHOESOE (approx 1 mile NE) in native prahu.
3	17/10/45	Alleged killed at MR127901 same day as Case No 1	Sjt "R.P." May be Sjt Ross	-	Ambonese natives MYNAKE, FERNANDEZ & GUSPA.	Natives allege Sjt "R.P." was shot - Ambonese attempted to bury body - Japs burned body but possible cremated remains were buried

REPORTED WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF WW AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

23 OCT 45
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave markings	Source of Information	Method of Escape & circumstances
5	17/10/45	MR 106859 50 yds NE of ERI village	VX 27263 Dvr ANDERSON A.T.	VX 27263 Dvr ANDERSON A.T. K.I.A. 2/2/42 2/21 Bn. Grave reported marked by natives. Two crosses on this grave - 1 wood, 1 tin.	B Coy 63 Bn. Natives resident ERI village	Nil
6	17/10/45	MR 127903 100 yds NORTH of grave of RICHMOND (Case No 1)	Multiple grave - probable 6 to 8 bodies buried here	Grave marked by rect- angular board 12"x 6" bearing words to the effect:-Grave of unknown soldiers	Cpl McDIARMID 63 Bn and Ambonese unnamed	Nil
7	17/10/45	-	"BILLY" BENBOW PETER SMITH FRED HARRIS Aust soldiers	-	CHRISTEN NUSSI	Native states these soldiers were captured at AMAHOESOE and removed to AMBON - later seen in working parties.
8	23/10/45	MR 095936 1 mile NW LATA in scrub. Multiple grave	VX 43876 Maj NEWBURY M.W.H. 2/21 Bn	In Memory VX 43876 Maj NEWBURY M.W.H. 2/21 Bn and unknown soldiers, believed 10	Ambonese native M.SIJATAWO - Lata and Jap Interpret- er at LAHA	No information regarding actual death of NEWBURY and party. SIJATAWO states that soldiers were buried in grave. Jap interpreter alleges bodies removed to a point 200 yards away. Further investigation in progress.

REPORTED WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

23 OCT 45
63 Aust Inf Bn (A),
AMBON

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Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave Markings	Source of Information	Method of escape & circumstances.
9	23/10/45	-	Possibly 2/21 Bn One member of party Sig Officer.	-	Ambonese native Johanna SILOEI - Amahoese.	Native alleges informed by Radjah at WERNAMA that 19 Aust- ralians arrived at WERNAMA (CERAM) from AMAHOESOE. Given larger boat & food from village 8 kilos EAST of WERNAMA. Set out for BOELA.
10		-	Cpl YOUNG (believed sig) Ptex MORRIS - SMITH	-	Ambonese native JAN WAAG - Amahoese	Native states these Australians were oper- ating switchboard in shanty near Radjah's house at AMAHOESOE. They were taken prisoners.
11		-	Lt or Capt JINKINS & 6 ORs possibly 2/21 Bn (incl a Sjt and 2 ORs known as "CAPTERR (CARTER?) and ALEC"	-	ISAAC TELUSSA and CORNELIUS TELUSSA - Nakoe. LOIS LATOHARIHARI and MARAKOESE TAHIA previously of HAROEKOE now resident MERDIKA AMBON Township with family BERLIMA	Brought from MT NONA to SERI thence to NAKOE. Proceeded to HAROEKOE - thence to AMAHAI and to SAUMLAKI (Tanimbar)

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23 OCT 45

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AMBON

Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave Markings	Source of Information	Method of escape & circumstances
12		-	Lt ELLIS	-	FILIPUS GICOLLI, resident at SIWANG	Captured on MT. NONA - taken to AMBON suffering from malaria. GICOLLI was eyewitness to incident.
13	10/10/45	-	Dutch: Capt V van DIM, Cpl VAN LILN Aust: Cpl. CROWTHER A.L. L/Cpl HORNER J.O., Spr GEDDIS J.N. Spr ROBERTS G.H.	-	W/O Van WALDYCK, resident BATOEMERAH & AMBON. Sjt TIMMER of ANAHOESOE	Last seen by Australians at LATERI 31 Mar 45. Withdrew to GALALA and went by prahu to ROEMAHTIGA. Not heard of since.
14		-	Cpl ELLIS	-	FRITZ HAWAI, resident KUDAMATI, AMBON.	Said to have been captured or killed at MT NONA action. May be identical with "LT" ELLIS.
15	22/10/45	-	BALCOMBE) see ANDERSON) cases 4 & 5 TIMMS) JOBS) JACK ARCHER) "BILL") Rfn LOCK) WALKER) RYAN) KELLY) CRAWFORD) JARVIS)	See cases 4 & 5	JOHANNIS WATTILETE, resident vicinity of ERI	All 44 listed were in vicinity of ERI and LATOEKOLANG in January 1942. WATTILETE knew these men and has their names in a small note book still. He states also that 19 Australians from vicinity of ERI went away in a sail boat (date not given, and it is believed they were some of those listed here WATTILETE has shown members this Bn the defences near ERI occupied by these men and the

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AMBON

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Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave Markings	Source of Information	Method of Escape & circumstances
15 (Contd)	-	-	HODJINS) TAILOR) WILLIAMS) COTEL (?COTTLE) Sjt ANDERSON) Lt JEFFREY) PETTY) BENTLEY) DOYLE) Mor- STACEY) tars Cpl JUDGE) O'KEIFE) JOHNSON) SMITH) LEDGER) LUIVEN) FORD) PLUNKETT) COWELL) MMG OSBORNE) DOUG) FINDLAY) ADAMS) Rfn HERIOD) Lt NORTON Sjt FINE Sjt CAMERON KINSTON O'BRIEN BOWAN Cpl BLANCHE PAINTER (Total 44)			following weapons buried by him to avoid discovery by Japanese have been recovered:- 2 Rifles (1 with Mag.full) 1 3" Mortar barrel 1 MMG Tripod A number of MMG rounds in belts. It is not known what has become of those listed except BALCOMBE and ANDERSON and possibly Lt JEFFREY, believed killed in air raid 15/2/43.

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AMBON

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Case No	Date	Location	No & Name	Grave Markings	Source of Information	Method of Escape & circumstances.
16	21/10/45	MR 121949 TANDJONG BATOS - 4 graves (SW of village)	2 Australians un- known. 2 Dutch: SIMON LEIVEN JOHAN VAN. There may have been an American as well	-	Native WIKI SISTENUM, resident of TANDJONG BATOS (information reliable)	
17	21/10/45	MR 100927 LATA takeover bridge (near- est to LATA) from ROMANTIGA turn right, well defined path	Unknown	Cross: In Memory Unknown soldier died Aug 44 (Cross put up by Japs 3 days ago)	-	-
18	21/10/45	PASO	BROOKS (RAAF)	Cross: In Memory Brooks RAAF MIA 25 May 44	Natives resident PASO	-
19	22/10/45	near PASO	U K Soldier	In Memory of U K Soldier died on 22.5.42	Natives resident PASO	Said to have been an airman - plane exploded.

Subject: WAR GRAVES AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON.

^{45/}
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63 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Attached for information and necessary action please, are ~~sent~~^{sent} reports concerning the above.
2. Further enquiries are in hand concerning Case Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and additional reports will be submitted when possible.

IM/IB

G. J. Allison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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CASE NO 1

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
VX47876 L/CPL RICHMOND R. 2/21 BN.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:50000: 128902
1 mile NE side AMAHOESOE Village, right
hand side of road.

Grave Markings:

VX 47876
L/CPL ~~XIX~~ R RICHMOND
2/21 Bn
A. I. A.
1/2/42

Grave reported marked by two natives with
crude cross and small cement strip.

Source of Information:

Lt R. MARSHALL, O/C B Coy 63 Bn.
Cpl McDIARMID GQ 63 Bn & Cpl BADGER 63 Bn
Ambonese natives MYNAKE, GUSPA and
FERNANDEZ, both resident vicinity
AMAHOESOE.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Natives say RICHMOND was shot by a
Japanese sniper. It is possible that
RICHMOND was in the company of a Cpl
MORRIS and a L/Cpl BELL. The last two
named are said to have escaped in a prahu
from the vicinity of RICHMOND'S grave;
destination unknown. It is further
reported that a battle at close quarters
between the Australians and the Japanese
in this area took place. The native
informers say that an Australian sergeant
was also killed in this battle, but
could only identify him as "R.P."
This soldier's grave has not been located.

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Lt
I O 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 2

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
CPL MORRIS & L/CPL BELL - 2/21 BN (?) 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

Ref map AMBON 1:50000 series vicinity AMAHOESOE Village.

Two Ambonese natives named MYNAKE and FERNANDEZ (see Case No 1) state that the above two soldiers were involved in the same pitched battle as L/Cpl RICHMOND and that they escaped from the vicinity of AMAHOESOE Village (approximately 1 mile NE) in a native prahu.

No definite information has yet been established concerning the destination of the prahu.

IM/ID

Sanneley Lt
I O 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 3

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
"SERGEANT R.P."

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

Location of Grave:

Unknown (not applicable).

Source of Information:

Cpl BADGER M. 63 Bn.
Ambonese natives MYNAKE, GUSPA and FERNANDEZ.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Natives state that the above Australian soldier was killed at MR AMBON 1:50000 127901 on the same day as L/Cpl RICHMOND R. (see Case No 1). He was shot by Japanese. The Ambonese attempted to take him away for burial but were kicked aside by the Japanese. They state that oil was poured on the sergeant's body and that it was burned. They do not know whether or not the cremated remains were buried. All three natives claim that the soldier's name was Sergeant "R.P." (Query whether soldier wore an armband marked "R.P.")

IM/ID

Jan Meecham Lt.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 3 4

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
VX31626 PTE BALCOMBE R. - 2/21 BN.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:50000: 108853
Approximately 800 yds SOUTH of CAPE
NOESANIVE ROAD.

Grave Markings:

VX 31626
PTE BALCOMBE R.
K.I.A.
2/2/42
2/21 Bn.
Grave reported marked by natives

Source of Information:

Lt GREGSON, O/C 10 Pl 63 Bn, and native
resident vicinity LATOEHALAT Village.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Nil

IM/ID

James W. Clay Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 5

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
VX27263 DVR ANDERSON A.T. - 2/21 Bn

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

Location of Grave: MR AMBON 1:50000: 106859
Approximately 50 yds NE of ERI Village.

Grave Markings: VX 27263
DVR ANDERSON A.T.
K.I.A.
2/2/42
2/21 Bn.

Grave reported marked by natives.

Source of Information: B Coy 63 Bn
Natives resident vicinity ERI Village.

Reported Circumstances
of Death: Nil

Note: There are two crosses on this grave, one of wood, the other of tin, differing only in date of death. One shows "K.I.A. 1/2/42" and the other "K.I.A. 2/2/42".

IM/ID

Sanwick Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
MULTIPLE GRAVE.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

17 Oct 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:50000: 127903
 Approximately 100 yards NORTH of grave
 of L/Cpl RICHMOND (see Case No 1).
 Adjacent to road.

Grave Markings:

Grave marked by rectangular board approx
 12" x 6" bearing words to the effect
 "Grave of unknown soldiers".

Source of Information:

Cpl McDIRAMID HQ 63 Bn, and Ambonese
 unnamed.

Reported Circumstances
 of Death:

Australian soldiers.
 Alleged to have been shot by Japanese
 snipers.

General:

It is not known whether the bodies were
 buried by Japanese or natives.

Natives say there are approximately
 6 to 8 bodies of Australian soldiers
 interred here.

IM/ID

Jan W. C. O'Connell Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 7

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
"BILLY" BUNBOW, PETER SMITH
FRED HARRIS-AUST SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

17 Oct 45

General:

An Ambonese named CHRISTEN NUSSI has reported to Sjt MEEHAN of A Coy 63 Bn that the abovenamed soldiers, presumably Australians, were captured by Japanese at AMANOBESOE Village and removed to AMBON. The date of capture is not accurately known.

CHRISTEN NUSSI also states that he and other natives later saw the same soldiers as members of working parties in or about AMBON TOWNSHIP.

IM/ID

Jan M. Choy Lt
I O 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: PW - BAROEKOE ISLAND

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON.

20 OCT 45.

1. It has been reported from two separate sources that contrary to previous belief the Japanese held and employed a number of Allied Prisoners of War at PELAUW North Coast of BAROEKOE ISLAND.

2. First informant is LATOEPARISSA Karel; Ambonese resident at BINTARO believed to be christian.

Second source of information SOIESA Simon and SOIESA Jack or Jacques now resident adjacent to such ARTILLERY BARRACKS AMBON. The last two named are natives of BAROEKOE ISLAND and are believed to be christians.

3. The statement of LATOEPARISSA Karel summarised is as follows:-

Shortly after Japanese occupation of AMBON approximately in the month of September 1942 he was taken by the Japanese to BAROEKOE ISLAND where he worked as a Coolie in the construction of *Pelauw Airfield.*

In October 1942 a number of Allied Prisoners of War arrived at PELAUW and were put to work on construction of the air field also. He says that the Japanese stated they were employing approximately 1500 PW by nationalities as follows:- and considers that having seen the PW on parade there were:-
AUSTRALIANS approx 200 AMERICANS approx 200
ENGLISH " 500 DUTCH AND INDONESIANS approx 500.
Sick and those employed on camp duties might possibly have accounted for the balance of the previously stated 1500.

He further states that the INDONESIAN Coolie gangs were not permitted to intermingle with the Allied PW and that his information as to identity of PW was largely hearsay from other INDONESIANS and JAVANESE, and obtained from words whispered by passing sections of Allied PW on their way to and from the air field. By these means he is fairly certain that the PW were made up as follows:-

AMERICANS; Navy Army and Air Force, BRITISH; mostly infantry, DUTCH; infantry and artillery, AUSTRALIANS; Army.

He is emphatic on the point that he does not know whence the PW came. On arrival the Allied PW were clad in what appeared to be Dutch uniforms and therefore had no visible means of identification other than racial and colour characteristics.

The Allied PW worked at blasting and loading rock for the air field, as truck and car drivers and for general duties. The air field gangs were issued with necessary picks and shovels.

Both Coolies and Allied PW worked daily during hours as follows:-
0730 - 0900 0910 - 1030 1040 - 1200 1400 - 1530 1540 - 1700.
The Coolie gangs worked for fourteen days and rested for fourteen days alternately. The Allied PW worked continuously without any rest days. The Japanese were frequently cruel to both Coolies and Allied PW, meting out beatings at the least provocation. The food supply was very limited and many of the prisoners became too ill to work with any degree of efficiency.

In July 1944 a considerable number of AMERICAN'S BRITISH and AUSTRALIANS were taken away from the island by ship, approximately 2 - 3 hundred of the number being ill.

Shortly after this event he, LATOEPARISSA, was taken to ANABAI (GEMAN) by the Japanese where he worked in an Army food supply organisation. After cessation of hostilities he was released and returned to AMBON by prehu.

3. The informant advises that further information will probably be available from the occupants of BUEMALICE village on BAROEKOE.

5. This informant also states that he knows of a number of ENGLISH graves at HARION on the North Coast of BAROKOE.

6. For information it is advised by unconfirmed reports from the present Radjah of LATORHALAT (AMBON) and an Indonesian named LEATONPESKY Marcus of the same village that a number of AUSTRALIANS (No. estimated at between 16 and 40) went by prahu to BAROKOE ISLAND and that some at least of these made their way thence to AMAHAI (GERAN). A native by name MUSTANU Selivianus of BAROKOE is said to have assisted some of the AUSTRALIANS when they arrived at the Island of BAROKOE. The informers believe that the AUSTRALIANS who made their escape from BAROKOE were taken to the DUTCH Controleur at AMAHAI but they have no further information as to their subsequent movement. They state that the AUSTRALIAN party or parties herein mentioned left LATORHALAT at sometime during the first three days of fighting in that vicinity.

7. The brothers SOISSA (referred to in para 2) have given information this day which is summarised as follows:-

They are both natives of BAROKOE village which is about four hours walk west of PELAOU.

From early in 1942 until the end of the war they were forced by the Japanese to labour as Coolies at PELAOU air strip. During that time they did not meet LATOEPARISSA (see para 3), nor did they know of his existence there.

To the best of their knowledge approximately 2000 Prisoners of War were employed at PELAOU air strip until three months prior to cessation of hostilities.

They say that AMERICANS ENGLISH and DUTCH made up the bulk of the PW and that the predominant number was ENGLISH. As far as they know there were no AUSTRALIANS imprisoned on the island, but admit that due to similarity of dress they would only have been able to distinguish between national types. The number of AMERICANS and DUTCH is said to have been "few".

When the war ended they were released and approximately three weeks ago made their way to AMBON in search of work. They say that approximately one week before their departure they were told by a Japanese soldier named TSURIKAWA and NCO of the TAKIMATSU BUTAI (believed still at XXXXX PELAOU) that three months prior to 15 Aug 45 all of the Allied PW who had not died were taken to sea in barges and thrown overboard off GAPS SIHA (GERAN - North of SAPARORA ISLAND).

They had noticed incidentally that there was a progressive decrease in the number of Allied PW during the progress of work at PELAOU, and that the AMERICAN Prisoners were taller than those they believed to have been BRITISH.

Both the informers admit as did LATOEPARISSA, that much of their evidence is circumstantial, having been gained during brief contact with other INDOONESIANS and some Allied PW in latreens and when passing one another on the road.

They state that they could identify a number of Japanese at PELAOU, and the names and descriptions of those they can immediately remember are appended hereto.

They also state that three weeks ago the Japanese Regiment (TAKIMATSU BUTAI) or what now remains of it, was guarding fuel dumps and repairing the air strip at PELAOU after Allied bombing. They believe that during the war there were 1000 Japanese approx ~~were~~ at PELAOU and that 400 remained when the war ended. It is thought that some 600 may have gone to GERAN by barges which run to TEROHALA, ROEMAHAI, and WAIINA RIVER. The last named place is said to be a headquarters for Japanese barges.

They suggest that for further information the Radjah of BAROKOE village - a young woman named MANOESAMA Yakceaina - should be interviewed.

They stated finally that the Japanese told them that the majority of the Allied PW were brought from SINGAPORE.

8. Japanese named MBN by informants are as follows:-

- (a) TAKIMATSU (CO of BUTAI Regiment) - during the war was a Colonel, after the war was appointed Maj-General.
Looks like a Dutchman, is short and very strong.
Black hair, no moustache or spectacles.
Round face and white teeth.
Has round eyes not usual almond shape, brown in colour, was not cruel personally to the prisoners.
- (b) TABARA : Colonel. Was in charge of food supplies for coolies. Said to have been very cruel. Personally beat PW
Had a mole on his left cheek bone.
Was tall had black hair no moustache and no spectacles.
He had a loud high pitched voice and a very brown coloured face.
Habitually carried a beating-stick.
Thought to be about thirty years of age.
- (c) MURI : Colonel. An administrator.
Was old and short did not wear spectacles.
Had a grey moustache but no other distinguishing marks.
It is not known whether he was cruel.
- (d) YAMATA : Warrant Officer.
- (e) NISHIO : Sergeant. SOIESA Simon states he was beaten MBN
Beaten by this NCO.
Note Both (d) and (e) were very cruel to the natives.
- (f) WATABE: NCO (Corporal ?) was in charge of a gardening gang of Coolies was very old, had a particularly dark face. Wore his hair cut very short had no gold teeth or spectacles was of medium size and was tall for a Japanese.
Habitually carried a stick and frequently beat natives but it is not known whether he ever killed any.
He never allowed rest periods.
This NCO is said to have forced the christian minister of ABORSE village and his wife to remove their clothes and walk naked about the town.
Note Joseph SAKIATORA a native of AMBN believes this minister may have been his Uncle whose name is KIKIJULUW Boe who was working in the village named when last heard of. It is believed that he still may be resident at ABORSE.
- (g) TSUBIKAWA: NCO of TAKIMATSU BUTAI section. (see para 7).
May still be at PELAOW.
Had a round face plump figure and was bow legged and tall for a Japanese (about 5ft 7 in).
Was approximately 25 years of age did not wear spectacles and bore no scars or tattoo marks.
Informant states he was frequently very cruel.

Jan McCloy Lt.
I O 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

IM/AET

Subject: PW - HAROKEHE ISLAND.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON.

45/1121

21 OCT 45.

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33 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Attached hereto for information is a report resulting from questions put to three native informers concerning the possibility that the Japanese employed Australian or Allied PW on HAROKEHE ISLAND.

[Signature]
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Lt-Col.

IE/ART

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Q FSS Sec^t (1)
War Diary (2) ✓
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Subject: REPORT OF INTERROGATION OF Marcus LEKATOMPESBY -
AMBON.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBTB

45/117
23 OCT 45.

63 Aust Inf Bde.

1. The abovesaid has stated that he was a member of the Dutch Home Guard prior to invasion. Says he was attached as guide to a Major WESTLEY and a Captain DANISH (? spelling both names) officers of 2/21 Inf Bn.

Facts given are as follows:-

- (i) Australians surrendered after 3 days fighting and naval bombardment in Letimere peninsula area.
- (ii) On day of surrender 16 Australians were taken by Ambonese in prahus to HARCEKOE ISLAND (point of embarkation not given) at HARCEKOE a native named Selivianus MUSTARD arranged transport for party to ANAHAI (Goram) where they reported to Dutch Controller. Later the party left ANAHAI, but destination is not known.
- (iii) 20 Australians did not surrender in Letimere peninsula fighting but retreated to the hills. Informant was contacted during Jul 42 by 5 members of this party about 1/2 mile from LATOSHALAT. Their names are given as:-
 - (a) Cpl McDONALD
 - (b) Cpl McLAUGHLIN
 - (c) Pte BUST
 - (d) "Bluey" ? 'Red Head'
 - (e) "Len"

Informant supplied party with food every 2 days, and in addition binoculars and compass (origin not stated). The party was armed with 4 rifles and one Thompson S.M.G.

Natives reported to Redjah of LATOSHALAT, Andreas SALHUTERU, having seen informant going to Aust place of hiding. Redjah threatened to hand informant over to Japanese, but he refused to give information. The Australian party meanwhile disappeared.

Later, on a trumped up charge concerning a local girl, informant was beaten by the Redjah, and still later was imprisoned on Redjah's evidence 3 months for having given food to Australians.

- (iv) Informant states that Redjah SALHUTERU handed over to the Japs the following women of Letoshalat for prostitution.

1. Nedinka LATUMETIM
2. Esther TERUSULA
3. Selomi REASA

- (v) The informer also states that two natives of Letoshalat named Edmond LATUMETEA and Gaspar LATUMETEA were members of the STOROBUTA (Ambonese pro-Jap political body), and that they went to New Guinea and fought for the Japs against the Australians.

W. P. G. G. G.
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

IM/AHT

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Subject: ESCAPED AUSTRALIANS - 2/21 BN

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

15/115
23 OCT 45.

33 Aust Inf Bde.

1. The Radjah of Amahoesoe village has given information as follows:-
That during first few days of Jan 1942 he personally supervised the embarkation of 54 Australians (definite figure given) at a beach immediately in front of his house.
They proceeded by prahu toward Laha. However Jap planes strafed the prahus and most of the occupants were killed.
It is believed that a few may have reached the far shore of the Bay.
2. Referred for information please.

W. J. Harrison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

IM/AHT

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War Diary

Subject: WAR GRAVES AND PRISONERS OF WAR
MULTIPLE GRAVE VX 42876 - MAJOR BRUCE M. G. B.
AND UNKNOWN SOLDIERS (RESERVED 10).

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

23 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bn

- 1. Attached hereto for information is report concerning grave of the above.
- 2. Further investigation is in progress.

W. G. Morrison
Lt. Col
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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PW G & H (1)
War Graves (1)
A PD Security sec (1)
War Diary (2) ✓
File (1)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & PW
 MULTIPLE GRAVE VX43876 MAJOR NEWBURY M.W.H.
 AND UNKNOWN SOLDIERS (BELIEVED 10).

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

23 OCT 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:100000 - 095936 - 1 mile
 NW of LATA Village, in scrub.

Grave Markings:

In Memory
 VX 43876
 Major Newbury M.W.H.
 2/21 Bn and unknown soldiers.

Source of Information:

LT P. KING O/c C Coy 63 Bn.
 SGT DALLINGRE, Int Sec.
 Ambonese native M. SIJATAWO - LATA, and
 Jap Interpreter at LAHA.

Reported Circumstances
 of Death:

No information has been obtained regarding
 actual death of Newbury and Unknown Soldier
 SIJATAWO states that Newbury with 10 others
 Australians were buried in the grave but
 Jap Interpreter states bodies were removed
 and buried 200 yards from actual grave site
 Further investigations in progress.

Jan W. Croy Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: INDONESIANS - FORMERLY S/SGT. JIP. NO.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AIDP

45/115
24 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bn

1. Johannes SIKOLI, Indonesian, son or close relative of Radjah at ~~AMBOHON~~ has given information relative to the above.

2. Information: 2 1/2 months after Jip leaving SIKOLI went to ~~AMBOHON~~, landed at ~~AMBOHON~~ near ~~AMBOHON~~.
Radjah of ~~AMBOHON~~ (name not given) enquired whether there were many Australians at ~~AMBOHON~~ (Amboin) and stated that several days previously 19 Australians had arrived by large praha from ~~AMBOHON~~ and asked for food and a larger boat to go to ~~AMBOHON~~. These were given at a village 8 miles east of ~~AMBOHON~~ and they set out.
The only additional information given was to the effect that one member of the party was a Sig Officer.

W.P. Ellison
Lt-Col
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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War Diary (2) ✓
File (1)

Subject: CAPTURE OF AUSTRALIANS

CASE NO 12

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

545/24
8 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. From information given by natives it is believed that the following australians were definitely captured by the Japanese.

2.	Name	Location	Informant	Circumstances
(i)	LT ELLIS	MT NONA	Filipus CICOLI resident at SIWANG	After action in this locality
(ii)	IED KINENDA ? VX61066 Pte KENNEDY L.E. ? Cpl LENDY	vicinity AMAHOESOE	Johanna SILOKI- AMAHOESOE	During action at AMAHOESOE
(iii)	2 Aust Soldiers	WAKASIROE	natives of village	Surrendered some time after Jap landing suffering from malaria
(iv)	L/Cpl BELL ? L/Cpl BELL VX 26912, Cpl MORRIS or MORRISON, (vide 63 Bn War Graves & PW of 16 Oct "Several hundred".	AMAHOESOE vicinity AMAHOESOE	SIBRANDUS MAURE, WILHELMUS SILOKI ANDRIES LECATOMPESSEI, JOHN WAAS, ABRAHAM LATOEMETEN, LAMBERTUS MYNAKI ADAM MYNAKI, FERDINANDUS SEMOL. All natives of AMAHOESOE	Surrendered in defence positions AMAHOESOE after several days. Taken to a church 100 metres from Residency (Ambon). After 7 days taken to TANTOEI. Mostly seen later in captivity.
(v)	"Mr" YOUNG or "Cpl" YOUNG	AMAHOESOE	AVERHARDUS MATATAPETTI of AMAHOESOE	After action at AMAHOESOE

IM/ID

W.P. Williams
Lt-Col
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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PW E & C (1)
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File (1)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/108
OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for information are a further series of reports, Nos 10 to 21 inclusive, concerning the above.

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G. P. Allison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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War Graves
PW E & C
War Diary (2) ✓
File

CASE NO 8

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
MULTIPLE GRAVE - VX43876 MAJOR NEWBURY M.W.H.
AND UNKNOWN SOLDIERS (BELIEVED 10)

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
20/8
28 OCT 45

Ref 63 Bn Case No 8 of 23 Oct 45 and 23 Aust Inf Bde
G2/2/932 of 25 Oct - Subject: Missing PW at LAHA (AMBON)
- Summary of Information Available.

Further to the above the following additional
information has been obtained:-

Source of Information: M.SIATAU (M.SIJATAWO) Ambonese and
Half-caste Jan LAKATUA - both of LAHA

Information: Both SIATAU and LAKATUA now state that
the bodies are buried at a point approx
50 yards west of marked grave site.
Sketch plan of area herewith

Sanwell Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT - HITOE LAMA AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
20/26
28 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached for information is report concerning the above.
2. It is possible above may be identical with the U.S. Catalina referred to in your G2/2/932 of 25 Oct 45, Subject: Missing PW at Laha (Ambon) - Summary of Information Available.

IM/ID

W. J. Ellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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QFSS
Legal
War Graves
PW E & C
RAAF Liaison Officer
War Diary (2) ✓
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CASE NO 10

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
CPL YOUNG (SIG), PTE MORRIS, PTE SMITH.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/101
24 OCT 45

Ref Map AMBON 1:50000 series - vicinity AMAHOESOE Village

Ambonese native Jan WAAS of AMAHOESOE village states that the above soldiers were taken prisoner at AMAHOESOE. Radjah of village alleged that the soldiers operated switchboard near his house.

No further information has been established, after their removal by Japanese.

WI/ID

Samuel Cloy Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: ESCAPE - CAPT JINKINS (?) AND 6 ORS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
45/108
OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. The following facts re the above have been disclosed by interrogation of natives.

2. Informers:
- ISAAC TELUSSA (I))
 - ISAAC TELUSSA (II))
 - CORNELIUS TELUSSA) of NAKOE
 - JULIUS TELUSSA)
 - JAKOBIS TELUSSA)
 - PETRUS DE FRETES)
 - JOHANNUS DE FRETES) of SERI
 - JANTJE WAAS) of NAKOE
 - GASPEZ (Radjah of NAKOE) now at NICA HQ.

3. Circumstances: Capt JINKINS and "ALEC" who were hiding in MT NONA area after action there, in March 1942 were taken by PETER TELUSSA to SERI thence to NAKOE. From NAKOE party proceeded to TANTOEI where party was joined by 5 others including CARTER ("CARTERR"), and tinned food was obtained. Party of 7 proceeded again to NAKOE and set out in 4 prahus, accompanied by PETER, CORNELIUS and ISAAC TELUSSA. Went to HAROEKOE village, HAROEKOE Island and assisted by female Radjah, left in 5 metre sail boat for AMAHAI (CERAM) - not then occupied. ISAAC & CORNELIUS TELUSSA left party at HAROEKOE and returned to NAKOE. It is said party may have picked up 2 more Australians at HAROEKOE.

On arrival at AMAHAI the Australians crossed the bay to LIANG, repaired a motor boat there and set out for Australia. PETER TELUSSA left party here and returned to NAKOE in July 42. He was later betrayed by ALEXANDER PESSUARISSA (resident now at NAKOE) and beheaded by the Japanese. It is not known if the Australians reached home, but documentary evidence signed by JINKINS and the Dutch Captain Consul (H.H.P. LEBENART) at SAUMLAKI (TANIMBAR) is held by CORNELIUS TELUSSA. A translation of the latter from Dutch is attached.

[Signature]
Lt-Col.
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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PW E & C
Legal
War Graves War Diary (2)
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TRANSLATION FROM DUTCH OF DOCUMENT HELD BY CORNELIUS TELUSSA

On this day Friday the First of May 1942, I, W. JINKINS, officer of the A.I.F., have given to Peter Telussa of the village of NAKOE? AMBON, a sailing boat named "Java" now at SAUMLAKI of which I am the owner, and to which the Assistant Resident of TUAL is witness on 4th. April 1942.

Signed at SAUMLAKI at above date

(Signed) - Jinkins

I, HUGO HERMANUS PANLUS LEENART, Consul Captain of the TANIMBAR ISLANDS at SAUMLAKI hereby declare that the abovementioned W. JINKINS has read and fully understood the contents of the above certificate and has signed it in my presence.

SAUMLAKI 1st. May 1942
Captain Consul

(Signed) H.H.P. Leenart

CASE NO 12

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
LT ELLIS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/07
21 OCT 45

1. The following information has been given concerning the abovesamed Officer - presumed to have been a member of 2/21 Bn.
2. Informant: Felipus GICOLLI - Ambonese resident at SIWANG.
3. Circumstances: Said to have been captured after the action in the vicinity of MT NONA. He was taken to AMBON suffering from malaria. GICOLLI was an eyewitness of the incident.

IM/ID

L. O. Sweeney Lt
L.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 13

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBOX

45/108
X OCT 45

1. Information is given concerning the above by:

W/O Van WALDYCK - Dutch Army, BATOKEMERAH, AMBON.
Sjt TIMMER - Dutch Army, AMAHOESOE.

2. The following soldiers were last seen at LATERI on 31 Jan 42:-

Australian: Cpl CROWTHER A.L.
L/Cpl HORNER J.O.
Spr CEDRIS J.W.
Spr ROBERTS G.H.

Dutch: Captain V. Van DIM
Cpl Van LILN

It is believed that the party went from GALALA to ROEMAGTIGA by praha but none have been heard of since.

IM/ID

Sanweck Lt.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 14

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
CPL ELLIS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/108
X OCT 45

1. Fritz HAWAI, resident of KUDA MATI, AMBON, has given the following information. He states that an Australian soldier by the name of Cpl ELLIS was either killed or captured in the Mt NORA action. This assumption he bases on information from other natives after the battle. He knew the soldier well and frequently visited the defence positions prior to Jap occupation.

2. It is possible that this Cpl ELLIS is being confused with the Lt ELLIS referred to in Case No 12 or vice versa.

IM/ID

Jan W. C. ... Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
44 NAMES

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/108
25 OCT 45

1. From information and documentary evidence supplied by Johannes WATTILETE, Ambonese resident vicinity KRI it is known that 44 soldiers whose names are given herein were deployed in the vicinity of KRI and LATOEKOLANG immediately prior to Jap occupation:-

BALCOMBE) see Cases	HODJINS)	LUIVEN)
ANDERSON) Nos 4 & 5	TAILOR)	FORD)
TIMMS)	WILLIAMS)	PLUNKETT) MMG
JOBS)	COTEL (?COTTE)	COWELL)
JACK ARCHER)	Sjt ANDERSON)	OSBORNE)
"BILL")	Lt JEFFREY)	DOUG)
LOCK) Rfn	PETTY) Mortars	
WALKER)	BENTLEY)	FINDLAY)
RYAN)	BOYLE)	ADAMS) Rfn
KELLY)	STACKY)	HERIOT)
CRAWFORD)	Cpl JUDGE)	
JARVIS)	O'KEIFE)	Lt NORTON
	JOHNSON)	Sjt FIFE
BOWAN	SMITH)	Sjt CAMERON
Cpl BLANCHE	LEDGER)	KINGSTON
PAINTER		O'BRIEN

2. WATTILETE was learning English from the soldier called TIMMS and has a list of the names of his other friends written in a small notebook which is still in his possession.

3. He also states that 19 Australians from this vicinity left the area in a sail boat or boats (date not given) but does not know what their intended destination was.

4. It is thought probable that the 19 were of those listed above and further enquiries are being made.

5. WATTILETE has led members of Int Sec & 10 Pl to the spot where he buried a number of Australian weapons after the action, to hide them from the Japanese, and the following items have been recovered:-

- 1 3" Mortar Barrel
- 1 MMG Tripod
- 2 Rifles (one with full magazine)

6. Informer does not know what finally became of those listed, with the exception of Pte BALCOMBE and Dvr ANDERSON whose graves he has seen. The Lt JEFFREY listed may be identical with the one (initials "I.G.") believed killed in an air raid 15 Feb 43.

IM/ID

J. McCloy Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
 2 DUTCH: SIMON LEIVEN and JOHAN VAN HENS
 2 UNKNOWN AUSTRALIANS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

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Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:100000 - 121949
 SW of TANDJOENG BATOE village near road.

Grave Markings:

Stony surface to grave. Markings alleged to have been removed by Japanese.

Source of Information:

Resident of TANDJOENGBATOE - WEMPI RISTERUM (Information reliable).

Reported Circumstances of Death:

RISTERUM states that burial took place Nov 1943. Possible that an American is also in grave.
 Further investigation in progress.

WI/ID

Ian McCloskey Lt.
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 17

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
UNKNOWN SOLDIER

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/108
w OCT 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:100000 - 100937
Vicinity LATA over bridge (nearest to LATA)
from ROEMANTIGA - turn right, well defined
path.

Grave Markings:

Cross
In Memory
Unknown Soldier
Died Aug 1944
(Cross put up by Japs 3 days ago).

Source of Information:

Residents of LATA conducted party of INT SEC
this Bn to grave site.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Nil

WI/ID

Sanmector, dt.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 15

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
BROOKS - RAAF

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/108
24 OCT 45

Location of Grave:

MR AMBON 1:100000 - 235996
Vicinity PASO.

Grave Markings:

Cross
In Memory of
BROOKS
RAAF
K.I.A.
25th May 1942

Source of Information:

Resident of PASO conducted party from
INT SEC this Bn to grave site.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

All

WI/IS

James E. St.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 19

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
"UK" SOLDIER

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMEON

45/108
24 OCT 45

Location of Grave: Vicinity PASO.

Grave Markings: In Memory
UK Soldier
Died 22.5.42

Source of Information: Resident of PASO conducted INT SEC personnel
of this Bn to grave site

Circumstances of Death: Soldier said to have been an airman - plane
exploded.

WI/ID

Lawrence Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 20

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
GRAVE OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
45/108
1 OCT 45

Location of Grave: MR AMBON 1:50000 - 125893

Grave Markings: Cross -
marked UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Source of Information: Anthony MAINAKI - Ambonese of AMANHOESOK

Reported Circumstances of Death: A small party of Australians was hard pressed in the vicinity of the MR given above. The ~~dead~~ soldier was injured in the action and left by the remainder of the party which made its escape and was later captured. The soldier died and 2 days after the action - approximately 3 Feb 1942 - the natives incl MAINAKI buried the body in a rubbish dump, thinking the Japanese would not search there for it. However, the Japs camped at the spot subsequently and dug a trench which revealed the body. They re-buried it at the end of the trench they had dug and it is believed to be still in this position.

IM/ID

Lawrence Lt.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
"I.G.J." BELIEVED LT I.G. JEFFREY

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

45/108
 25 OCT 45

1. Cornelius FERNANDES, Ambonese female of AMAHOESOM, has produced a leather wallet, and a handkerchief bearing the initials "I.G.J." These she stated were recovered after the action vicinity AMAHOESOM and given to her by another native who is at present being traced.
2. P W & C have advised that the only soldier on the missing and PW Lists with the initials I.G.J. is a Lt I.G. JEFFREY, NX 25422, who was killed in an air raid on 15 Feb 43.
3. By a coincidence pencilled writings on the wall of a house in the BENTENG area show the same number - NX 25422 - and a date 15/2/43.
4. Lt I.G. JEFFREY is a name also appearing in a list of 44 names recovered in the ERI area (vide 63 Aust Inf Bn Case No 15).
5. It is not yet known in what way the three circumstances are related.

IM/ID

Jan W. Clon Lt
 I.G. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: ACTION 2/21 BN - ERI AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

13/15/

OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bn

1. Information has been received relative to the above from a native Eduard LATUMETE of LATOEHALAT.
2. LATUMETE states that immediately after the Jap landing at AMBON he was sent at 0700 hrs by 10 pte soldiers stationed at LATOEHALAT, to Cape NOESANIVE, for purpose of reporting any Jap landing in the area. At 1500 hrs he saw 7 Jap barges landing and returning, told the Australians. The Australians sent him back to ERI where he saw a Dutch interpreter (named BUITENBOSCH) and an Australian Captain. The Captain, who is described as "5'10", thin, brown hair, blue eyes, between 30 and 35," sent him back with a message to the section at LATOEHALAT. On receipt of this message the 10 packed up and withdrew, blowing the bridge between LATOEHALAT and SILALE (MR 094836). He (LATUMETE) was left at LATOEHALAT to report the arrival of the Japs at that village, but was unable to do so when the time came on account of the rapidity of the Jap overland movement from AMBON.
3. Of the 10 soldiers at LATOEHALAT, 3 are described as follows:-
 - (a) "FREDDY" - a Pte, about 5'7", dark, straight hair, no moustache. About 25 yrs old.
 - (b) "HANK" --Small, no moustache, brown hair, brown eyes. About 25 yrs old.
 - (c) Name unknown - Very big and tall, looked very strong. Brown hair, slightly grey at temples, no moustache. One front tooth missing. Aged about 30 years.
4. It is believed by Lt EDMUNDS of 10 Pl, who interviewed LATUMETE, that the native was employed later by the Japanese in one of their political TAIS, and that he fought for the Japs in N.O.. If this should be so then it is difficult to gauge the reliability of the information, although it is likely that LATUMETE, fearing exposure, would try to "make his marble good" with the Australians by telling them all he knew.

IM/ID

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G. J. Bellison
Lt-Col
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBOEN
45/123
25 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde (1) ✓

1. It is reported by Anto RAPHAEL, Ambonese, of BENTENG, that a twin engined fighter carrying 2 bombs, was shot down by AA in 2nd week of May 1942.
2. Plane is said to have fallen into Bay of Ambon 300 metres from main wharf. The body of the pilot identified as Sjt JOHN FARNDARLAN was washed ashore 600 metres SW of wharf and was not burned although plane crashed in flames. The identity discs remained. The body was buried by Australian soldiers the following day, in Ambon Cemetery.

W.P. Williams
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: ACTION 2/21 BN - GUNONG NONI AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/122

X OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 63 Aust Inf Bn 45/122 of 25 Oct 45.

1. Further alleged facts concerning the above have been given by an Ambonese named Abraham KASTANIA resident at KUDA MATI, AMBON.
2. KASTANIA states that he watched the action from a hill east of the area and has given the following account:-

Jap force landed at PASO and shortly after occupied AMBON & BENTENG. Main body then spread along coast moving SW and a detachment of approximately 500 men moved SSE inland. This force reached a false crest on a line 80° (mag) from MR145900 and advanced south up the hills on a front of 600 yards towards MT NORA on right flank and point MR152874 on the left.

The Australians were defending a line from MR152894 to 142893, approximately, a front of about 1000 yards overlooking AMBON and battle was joined in these defences.

3. Lt COX, D Coy, has examined the area, found defence works rock walls etc and given the above references from ground indication by KASTANIA.
4. It would seem possible that the force mentioned in previous report was a platoon disposed in depth to the main body, which may have been one or more companies.
5. The natives of the area state that the Japanese removed all bodies after the action, and that there are no graves in the vicinity. Nor have any been found by thorough patrolling.

IM/ID

W.P. Harrison

Lt-Col.

C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
UNIDENTIFIED CRASHED AIRCRAFT - LATOEHALAT AREA
UNIDENTIFIED CRASHED AIRCRAFT AMAHOESOE AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

26 OCT 45

Location: MR AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series - 067823
Approximately 4 miles WSW of LATOEHALAT.

Source of Information: B Coy and L/Cpl TYNAN, Int Sec 63 Bn.

Description: Only parts of aircraft found were 3 mangled pieces of petrol tank and 2 splinters of steel each about 7" x 4" x $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Means of Identification: Nil

Reported Circumstances of Crash: Nil

Fate of Crew: Unknown

Location: MR AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series - 125898

Source of Infm: B Coy 63 Bn, L/Cpl TYNAN Int Sec 63 Bn
Ambonese resident AMAHOESOE

Description: Portions of aircraft discernible in water 15-20' deep at full tide, approximately 15 to 20 yards from shore. Portions of a wing are discernible. Further investigation may supply more detail.

Means of Identification: Nil

Reported Circumstances of Crash: Nil

Fate of Crew: Unknown.

Lawell Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

20/22
28 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for information are a further series of reports, Cases No. 22, 23 and 24 concerning the above.

IM/ID

G. B. G. Munro
Lt-Col
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
& UNKNOWN AUSTRALIANS - ESCAPED FROM TANTONI

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
20/22
28 OCT 45

Location of Graves: -

Source of Information: John TOULE - Ambonese, resident WAIANE.

Reported Circumstances: TOULE states that in Apr 45 two Australians escaped from TANTONI. One was recaptured vicinity HALONG, but fate of other is not known to informant.

Samuel Lt.
I.C. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 23

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
GRAVE OF UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN - LIMA AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

20/23
28 OCT 45

Location of Grave: MR: AMBON 1:100000 - vicinity 925984, LIMA
area.

Source of Information: John TOULE - Ambonese of WAIAMA.

Grave Markings: Not stated

Reported Circumstances
of Death: Nil.

Condition of Grave: -

IM/ID

Samuel Cloy Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
GRAVES OF 25 MEMBERS ALLIED SERVICES - WAIAME AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON
 20/24
 28 OCT 45

Location of Graves: MR AMBON: 1:100000 - 154962
 WAIAME . Along well defined path from
 ROEMAHTIGA - LAHA Road.

Source of Information: Pte SHEEHAN Int Sec 63 Bn, Ambonese named
 Enos DONINGA of WAIAME.

Grave Markings: as follow:-

R.W. HODGKINSON R.A.F. 1187290. Buried 21.8.44	R.N.DKX 97320 (No date)
H.P.LINT R.A.F. 1127054 Buried 3.8.44	J.E.DABBS R.A.F. 110005 Buried 10.9.44
A.S.GROOT R.A.F. 1451141 Buried 29.8.44	R.N. DKX 98106 (No date)
K.L.DENTCAND R.A.F. 111701 Buried 29.8.44	R.W. JOHNSON R.A.F. 1274758 Buried 14.9.44
A.ROOS R.A.F. 164409 Buried 31.8.44	R.A.F. 701771 (No date)
UNKNOWN AIRMAN R.A.F. 994852 Buried 31.8.44	R.A.F. 546670 (No date)
UNKNOWN R.A.F. 1250523 Buried 31.8.44	R.A.F. J.C.BERRY 1253994 Buried 14.9.44
P. ZWARTHOORD 106707 Buried 3.9.44	W.S.HANNAH 1820743 Buried 16.9.44
J.R. BOUWER 85653 Buried 6.9.44	R.A.F. 1103192 ("DORE" pencilled on back - no date)
N.E.I. VAN AMERONCEN 84640 (No date)	R.A.F. 622578 (No date)
A.HELDERMAN 244304 Buried 9.9.44	R.A.F. 74486 (?) (No date)
R.A. 1592426 (No date)	R.A.F. 1274299 (No date)
R.A.F. 511181 (No date)	

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Informant states all above died of illness
 the majority from malaria.
 Scattered through undergrowth on far side
 of Allied graves are some 70 odd graves
 said to be those of native labourers
 brought by Japanese from SOURABAYA. One
 of these graves is marked "HADIMALANG".

Condition of Graves: Not stated.

Samuel Day Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
MULTIPLE GRAVE - VX 43876 MAJOR NEWBURY M.W.H.
AND UNKNOWN SOLDIERS - (BELIEVED 10)

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
20/8
28 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 63 Bn Case No 8 of 23 Oct and 33 Aust Inf Bde G2/2/932
of 25 Oct - Subject: Missing PW at LAHA - Summary of
Information Available.

1. Attached is further information reported concerning the
above grave.
2. Also attached is sketch map of the area.

IM/ID

W. H. Ellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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CASE NO 25

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
2 AUST a/c - BAY OF BAGOEXALA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

^{20/25}
28 OCT 45

Location: MR AMBON 1:100000 - approx 285989
Bay of BAGOEXALA

Source of Information: John TOULE, Ambonese of WAIAME.

Description of A/C: Informant states that both planes were Aust.
bombers.

Date of crash: August 1942

Fate of Crew: Informant states that natives of SOELI and
PASO recovered two bodies.

Graves and personal effects: One is reported to be buried at SOELI and the
other at PASO.

IM/ID

Samuel Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT - HITOE LAMA AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

20/26
28 OCT 45

Location: MR AMBON 1:100000 - vicinity ~~14~~ 142029
HITOE LAMA area.

Source of Information: John TOULE, Ambonese of SAIANE.

Description of A/C: Informant states plane was an American
Bomber.

Date of Crash: -

Fate of Crew:

Informant states:- 2 were killed and probably
buried in vicinity. 2 surrendered to Japs at
POKA. 2 escaped via HILA IS to PIROE and
thence to Australia.

IM/ID

Sanwellby Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
2 AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT - BAY OF BAGOUEALA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

^{20/25}
28 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for information is report concerning the above.

IM/ia

G. B. Ellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/28/11

30 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for consideration are Cases 28, 29, 30, 31 relative to the above.

IM/ID

W. J. Morrison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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PW E & C
War Diary (2) ✓
File

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
AMERICAN NAMED "JOYCE".

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

29 / OCT 45

1. Location of Grave: Unknown.

Source of Information: Joseph SANILATUA - Batocemerah, AMBON.

Reported Circumstances
of Death:

Informant states that his uncle Leo HETARIA of OMA village HAROEKOE, learnt from Karel HALOESY, resident in Ambon, that an American soldier or airman named JOYCE had been executed after imprisonment in Dutch Arty Barracks.

HALOESY was also in same prison with JOYCE and states that he was executed for signalling to Allied A/C.

2. There is a possible grave at NW corner of 63 Bn Parade Ground in Dutch Arty Barracks, but no information can be obtained from natives which might connect the above two circumstances.

IM/ID

James W. Cloy Lt.
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: ESCAPES - AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

20/29/45
 29 OCT 45

1. Elias PELAPELAPON, Ambonese of NEGERI LAMA, AMBON, has given information concerning the above.
2. Informant knows a number of natives who have been in CERAM during the war and has reason to believe the following:-
 - (a) That Radjah of SEROEAWAN (near WARUH, CERAM) named Maaritz PENTURI and Radjah of KAMARIAN (SERAM) - name unknown gave assistance in 1942 to Australians escaping from AMBON.
 - (b) That Djen MOHAMMED, native of RIRING (SERAM) has a notebook containing names of Australian soldiers who passed through CESER en route for destinations south, and personal photos of some of the men and their families.
3. Informant says that MOHAMMED was in CESER at the outbreak of the war in AMBON and saw the Australians who escaped pass through.
 He has been told that there were a considerable number of escapees, and that they used native craft called Djoengkoos (capable of carrying 25) to make their escapes, during probably Mar and Apr 42.
 He does not know the intended destination of the Australians, but thinks that a number of them were survivors of the LAITIMOR PENINSULA battles.
4. Djen MOHAMMED was brought to AMBON as a Kempei Tai (HEI HO) police boy, worked in this capacity until the end of the war, was himself arrested by the Kempei Tai under suspicion of not having given the organisation full support, and sent back to CERAM on 15 Sep 45. He saw PELAPELAPON on the day of his departure for CERAM and told his story. He had not told the Japanese of his part in the Australian escapes, fearing death.
5. Regarding para 1, it is significant to note that the natives believe escapees from north coast of AMBON would, by travelling in a sail boat, only be able to reach vicinity of KAMARIAN (SERAM) during the hours of darkness of one night.

Santhelony Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Aug
 21 Oct 45

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
UNMARKED GRAVE - GUNONG NONA

63 Aust Inf Bn
 AMBON
 20/30/
 . OCT 45

Location of Grave: MR AMBON 1:100000 - 142886
Grave Markings: Nil
Source of Information: Albaser SOMPLANIT, Ambonese resident at
 AMAHORSOE.

Reported Circumstances
 of Death:

Informant states that the body was found decapitated in the slit trench by natives after the action on Mt NONA. When found, body had been lying in the open for 7 days and was therefore buried where it lay. Some natives say the soldier may have been Lt ELLIS (see Case No 12) who is thought to have been in command in the particular defence area.

Soldier is described as follows:-

Short
 Slight build
 Tanned face.

Round

IM/ID

Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

CASE NO 31

Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT
AMERICAN TWIN ENGINED PLANE - BINNEN BAY

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

20/31/
29 OCT 45

Location:

MR AMBON 1:100000 - approx 212993
BINNEN BAY.

Source of
Information:

Resident of WAMHEROS.

Description of A/C: American twin engined plane.

Date of Crash:

Not stated.

Circumstances:

Plane believed shot down into sea. Water at
this position too deep to be able to locate
exact position.

Fate of Crew:

It is believed that crew of six were taken
to HALONG.

WI/ID

James Clary Lt
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMEON

20/32/1

31 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. Herewith for consideration please, Cases 32, 33, 34 relative to the above.

IM/ID

Hop Mellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
ESCAPE FROM AMAHOESOE

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

20/32/
 30 OCT 45

Further to 63 Bn 45/115 of 23 Oct 45.

1. Source of Information: Eduard LATIMITI of LATOEHALAT.
2. Previous infm from Radjah of AMAHOESOE indicated that 54 Australians embarked by prahus at that village and set out for LAHA.
3. LATIMITI had heard the story of 19 Australians who arrived at LAHA - being the remainder of the 54 who set out from AMAHOESOE. He also heard that the 19 survivors had been captured and executed. He has now gone to LAHA and made enquiries among the natives with the following results:-

- (a) Of the 54 who left AMAHOESOE only 19 arrived at LAHA. From there they made their way to NEGGERI LIMA ~~LAHA~~. He can discover no news of either the further movements of the party ~~of~~ 19 or as to the fate of the balance of the 54. The female Radjah of ALANG is said to have hidden one Australian in her home right up till time of Jap surrender and he was then handed over to 1 of 4 destroyers that first arrived here. It is not known at present if he is one of the survivors of the AMAHOESOE party.
- (b) Japs landed or arrived at TAWIRI at 1600 hrs (day not stated).
- (c) They forced Johannus LAKATUA (now deceased) to guide their forces behind the Australian defence positions.
- (d) Anticipating this move, Australians went to the hills and after 5 days fighting 60 Australian and 2 Dutch soldiers surrendered and were taken to prison camp at TAWIRI. Johannus LAKATUA went into the hills.
- (e) Herman PADUA of LAHA (?) who worked as a cook for the Japs at LAHA, states that after 5 days in captivity the 60 Australians were beheaded and buried 200 metres from the Jap kitchen at TAWIRI. Informant is alleged to have stated he could identify the Japanese who committed the atrocity, but says that he does not know their names. The same informant has stated that 2 Australians were shot near TAWIRI and their bodies left unburned for 5 months. Shortly afterwards the bones were removed.

4. LATIMITI is available for further questioning and efforts are being made to locate the informer named as Herman PADUA.

Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
ESCAPE - 21 AUSTRALIANS FROM LATOEHALAT

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

20/33/
 30 OCT 45

Ref 63 Bn 45/117 of 23 Oct 45.

1. A further story having points of similarity with that of Marcus DEKATOMPESY has been received.
2. Informants: Ledrik RISAKOTTA - of SERI.
 Wadida BOEKOE - of " (Female)
3. Circumstances:
 5 days after Jap landing at AMBON, 21 Australians came to RISAKOTTA's home at SERI and asked for food. The following day, in the morning, the Australians took a large prahu (the property of Ode LAKANARI - since deceased) and departed for an unknown destination, taking with them a number of coconuts, 1 pistol, ten bayonets and machete.
4. RISAKOTTA states that the party was not wearing shirts, and that the man wearing the pistol appeared to be in charge.

IM/ID

Lawson Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
ESCAPEES FROM LATOEHALAT

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

120/34
 30 OCT '45

1. Ref 63 Bn Case No 33 of 30 Oct 45 and 13/15 of 30 Oct 45
2. A native of LATOEHALAT named Samuel LEKATOMPESY has given the following information:

Prior to Jap landings LEKATOMPESY worked for 2 Australians (one a sjt) who were stationed on the beach at LATOEHALAT - apparently signallers. When the Japs landed, 6 other Australians joined these 2 and all went to the hills. The six were later seen at the house of Ledrik RISAKOTTA at SERI.

3. Description of the two soldiers stationed at LATOEHALAT:-

(a) Sjt "SNOWY" - small - fair hair - blue eyes - 5 or 6 gold teeth, married believed 2 children - about 35 years of age. No moustache or facial scars.

(b) Name unknown Very big man - hirsute - dark - grey-green eyes - no moustache or facial scars. Believed married 2 children. Aged about 27.

4. It seems likely that the six Australians mentioned above were a part of the 21 who escaped in the prahu from SERI 6 days after Jap landing.
5. LEKATOMPESY states that further information may be obtained from a native named Handge SESOELISSA who also worked for the Australians and is now at HAROEKOE.

IM/ID

Sanwell Lt
 I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

W A R D I A R Y

63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS.

31 OCT 45

Subject: CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 1

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

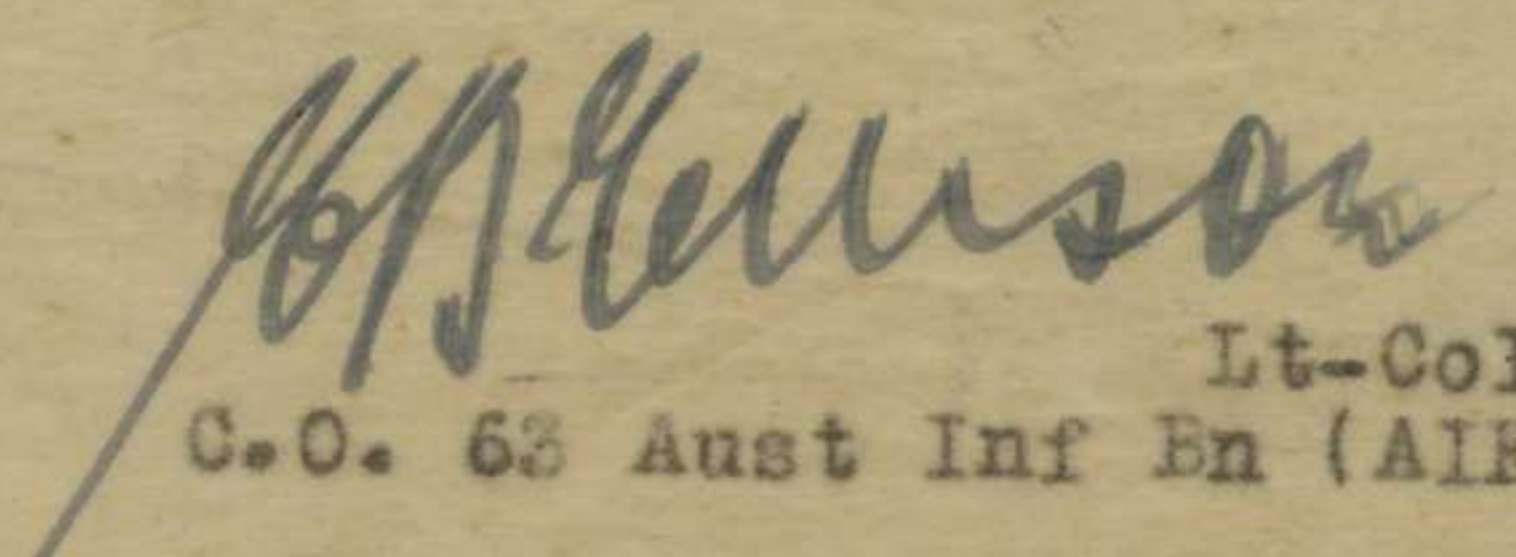
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1 NOV 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Herewith for information summarised patrol reports this Bn.
2. Attached Bde copy only is trace showing patrol routes listed to date.
3. A further report is in course of preparation.

IM/ID


Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORTS Nos 1 - RECEIVED to 30 OCT 45
 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AMBON

REF MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time; in & out	Area Covered	Information Gained
1	9 Oct	2 Int Sec		MR 143904, 145893 164904	<u>Enemy Defences:</u> Trenches, weapon pits, tunnels MR157907 lookout posns at MR 144905. <u>Natives:</u> Mohammedans (Binongkonese) very sullen not friendly, health poor.
2	10 Oct	1 Cpl (C Coy) 1 OR Int Sec		From Bn area to MR 146905	<u>Crashed A/C:</u> American Plane.) <u>Graves:</u> 3 nearby) MR 146905
3	10 Oct	4 Int Sec	Out:1015 In :1600 hours	By road to AMAHOLSOE MR122890	<u>Infm Aust Troops:</u> According to natives an Australian (S/Sjt ?) was killed near MR 128904 and burned. This has not been confirmed.
4	11 Oct	2 Int Sec		MR 126899 to MR 129899	<u>Jap Equipment:</u> 1 x 76 mm gun, 110 cm S/L, 1 x 25 K AC dynamo in caves facing seaward between 2 Mrs given
5	14 Oct	Capt WADDELL (A Coy)		LATOEHALAT village area - MR 094831	<u>Jap Movement:</u> Native named GUSPA states he knows location of 5 armed Japs vicinity of LATOEHALAT. Reliability uncertain.
6	23 Oct	RAAF L/O P/O MILLER & 1 Int Sec- 63 Bn	Out:1400 In:1640 hours	by road from 63 Bn area to point on road nearest MR 125898	<u>Crashed A/C:</u> Portions of an unidentified a/c in water approx 20 yds offshore at MR 125898
7	22 Oct	RAAF L.O. P/O MILLER 1 Int Sec		From Bn area by road to MR 067823	<u>Crashed A/C:</u> Unidentified - at MR 067823 (see Report No 35). JOHN VAN DAALEN, pilot, parachuted. No trace found.

CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 1 (Cont'd) - RECEIVED to 30 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

REF MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: Out In	Area Covered	Information Gained
8	15 Oct	5 D Coy Native guide		MR 154913 to 154884 return same route. All tracks off to EAST & WEST followed up.	<u>Jap Equipment:</u> at MR 156907 (shovels & hack saws). <u>Jap Defences:</u> Concrete gun pits at MRs 157904, 156903, 154902.
9	16 Oct	6 D Coy Native guide		MRs 154913, 154884, 142885, 149894, 148901 149909, 147909, 148913 All side tracks checked.	<u>Jap Defences:</u> Weapon pits. <u>Crashed A/C:</u> (1) at 142885 (according to natives a Dutch fighter). (2) at 149905. Wreckage of B25. <u>Graves:</u> 3 at MR 149905. Cross reads: "Unknown soldiers died 22/10/44".
10	18 Oct	6 D Coy Native guide		MR 158911 up BATOEGANTOENG RIVER to GUNONG OERIMESING MRs 160884, then to 157888, 159897, 165905 167906, 158911	<u>Jap Equipment:</u> Fuel dumps and other equipment.
11	21 Oct	B Coy report re messages recd from HQ Coy			<u>Infm Jap Trps:</u> Connilius (Constancis?) TEBOSSA held up by 6 Japs with pistols at 0200 hrs 16 Aug 45 at AMAHOESOE. Source of Infm: OERIMESING village MR 172895 - see Report No 17.
12	22 Oct	B Coy report			<u>Shooting:</u> 4 shots fired vicinity of LATOEHALAT on night of 21/22 Oct

CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 1 - RECEIVED TO 30 OCT 45

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

REF MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: Out In	Area Covered	Information Gained
13	17 Oct	HQ Coy patrol 1 Int Sec		MRs 172895, 190866 208880	<u>Infm Aust Trps:</u> Capt JENKINS (or JANGUS), Pte "ALEC", 6 men unknown (one being a Sjt) 2 men (Aust from HAROKOE) Natives helped above men to escape to AMAHAI
14	17 Oct	Lt HEARLE, 10 ORs (4 Pl-HQ Coy) 2 Native guides		MR 172895 to 184908	<u>Infm Jap Trps:</u> Various native gardens alleged to have been robbed by 3 Japs. Jap dugout with evidence of recent occupation at MR 185905. Japs said to be - WATANABE, NISHIHARA, SATO - Infm native source.
15 & 16	17 Oct	2 Sjts, 5 ORs HQ Coy 1 interpreter 1 native guide		Area bounded by MR 172895, 178880 170870, 178880	<u>Infm Aust & Allied Trps:</u> Native Yunstan PARERA and father allege 2 Aust soldiers & 1 Dutch (Sjt MANN now at MOROTAI) lived with them Jul/Aug 42. The 2 Aust attempted escape by prahu Aug 42. Native woman SOEPARDI of BAKPITWAH states Pte "ALEC FOCHINGS" and 6 others arrived TITAWEI Feb 42. FOCHINGS & 2 others left for TITAWEI. Thomas LEKOLEO (TITAWEI) said to have photos of 3 Australians
17 & 18	18 Oct	From O/C B Coy			<u>Armed Jap Hold Up:</u> Constantina TEBUSSA of AMAHOESOE reported 5 Japs armed with a pistol each held up her family at her house night of Aug 16 at 0200 hrs

CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 1 - RECEIVED TO 30 OCT 45

63 Aust Ing Bn (AIF)

AMBON

REF MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: Out In	Area Covered	Information Gained
19	24 Oct	B Coy report			<p><u>Jap Movements:</u> at 1600 hrs on 23 Oct Jap type barge put in to shore near ERI later moved off through entrance Bay of Ambon</p> <p><u>Missing Eqpt:</u> 3 drums gasoline missing from dump near above. Two incidents may be connected.</p> <p>Barge activity recently in this area. Ambonese John Westplat (interpreter) may be due to possible activity at old barge base at LILIBOOI.</p>
20	24 Oct	B Coy report			<p><u>Unidentified vessels:</u> Cutter type (40' long) arrived offshore MR 104838 0900 hrs 21 Oct. Vessel examined: 3 Indonesians on board alleged vessel brought natives from CERAM. At 1630 hrs HMAS GLENELG took vessel in tow.</p> <p>A similar vessel moved into same area 1015 hrs 22 Oct, left 1230 hrs. No Aust Navy personnel seen on board.</p>
21	21 Oct	1 Officer, 5 ORs B Coy	Out: 0915 In: 1715 hours	By jeep to Cape HATIARI via ERI & LATOHALAT, thence by foot to SERI & return	<p><u>Tracks:</u> Steep Cape HATIARI area, thence level going by track parallel to coast.</p> <p><u>Water:</u> No streams except in SERI area.</p> <p><u>Aust PW</u> From Elia WATTAMINA (SERI) - 2 Australians</p> <p><u>Graves:</u> (Capts "ROSS" & "JENKINS") passed through SERI 1942 to NAKOE, embarked by prahu destination unknown. Assisted by Ambonese Peter TUMBUSU later arrested by Japs. Story (unconfirmed) of Aust soldier left behind after Mt NONA action, probably buried there.</p> <p><u>Crashed A/c:</u> Dutch plane in sea prior to Jap invasion 2 of crew rescued.</p>

CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 1 - RECEIVED to 30 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

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21 (Contd)					<p><u>Enemy Eqpt:</u> Guns Cape HATIARI area MR127846, earthworks (constructed Mar 45) MR 130847 - partially submerged barge.</p> <p><u>Jap Activity:</u> Resident of SIWANG (MR 154882) states Jap armed with revolver seen vicinity SIWANG 2 occasions 20 Oct.</p>
22	20 Oct	Report on B Coy area by 2 Int Sec personnel		Part of LAITIMOR Peninsula WEST of line from mouth of POETRI River to its source then to MR127838 (following the coast)	<p><u>Roads-Tracks:</u> Road from AMBON via AMAHOESOE, ERI LATOEKOLANG, SILALE & LATOEHALAT - follows coast almost to Cape NOESANIVE. Road suitable for single stream traffic only. Track leaving rd at MR066818 suitable for MT to light-house. Another branch of rd at LATOEHALAT follows coast NE to MR 123839 - from here to SERI foot-track only.</p> <p><u>Defences:</u> Almost entire coastal area has extensive shore defences. Greatest concentration of technical eqpt is aka along road between AMAHOESOE and ERI, sawmill at LATOEHALAT. Along coast from ERI to Cape NAMA are barge slipways an and seaplane mooring site.</p> <p><u>Food:</u> Many gardens in area - mostly sweet potatoes.</p> <p><u>Water:</u> Wells - must be chlorinated for drinki ng</p>

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(Contd)					<u>Natives:</u> Most houses are stucco with atap roof some of split cane or atap throughout. All villages except SILALE and LATOE-KOLANG have school and Christian church. Health of natives considered poor - malnutrition and ulcers.
23	19 Oct	11 P1 (B Coy)		to SERI	<u>Graves:</u> No additional graves found. Pro-Jap Radjah of LATORHALAT interviewed (see Report No 30)
24	16 Oct	6 Sec, 11 P1 B Coy	OUT:0830 hours	MR 105858, 107870, 110874 112880	<u>Enemy Defences:</u> MR 107870 extensive underground defences. <u>Enemy Eqpt:</u> MR 110874 5 motor vehicles (incl water wagon) and quantity Jap papers. <u>Aust Eqpt:</u> 18 3" mortar bombs (good condition) MR 110874
25	16 Oct	5 Sec, 11 P1, B Coy	Out:0830 hours	MR 105858 MR 085845	<u>BE & Defences:</u> Pill boxes and trenches located throughout entire route just off beach. MR 101854 - petrol dump & barge. MR 092848 - Barge slip & dock MR 085845 - tunnels rail trolley, winch, sea plane supply shed, quantity of cable.
26	16 Oct	4 Sec, 11 P1, B Coy	Out:0830 hours	MR 105858 105864, 118887	<u>BE & DEFENCES:</u> Extensive beach defences (Pill-boxes and trenches) MR 105864 Land mines - bad condition and not primed.

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27	16 Oct	MMG Sec B Coy		MR 107854, 108853 105845, 091841	<u>EE</u> : MR 105845 old wireless station & defence posn. MR 091841 SILALE village - 3 Jap bomb dumps (250 Lbs). Aust & Jap defences MR 107854 <u>Graves</u> : Case No 4 - MR 108853 - Pte R. BALCOMBE VX31626 2/21 Br , KIA 2/2/42.
29	17 Oct	6 Sec, 11 Pl, B Coy	Out: 1330 hrs 17 Oct In: 18 Oct Stayed at SERI	MR 122839, 123839 129850, 144865 154875, 141909 127(ol)	<u>Tracks</u> : Jeepable <u>EE</u> : MR 122839 - old Jap camp MR 123839 - 2 guns 12 cm, OP, underground tunnels & trenches. MR 129850 - damaged barge. It appears SERI was left alone by Japs except for occasional patrols. <u>Crashed A/C</u> : MR 141909 - American twin engined bomber - Graves nearby. <u>Graves</u> : MR 127901 - Aust. believed RICHMOND MR 141909 - 3 graves (alleged 5 bodies buried here). <u>Infm Aust Trps</u> : Australians were in district 1942. Resident SERI alleges 2 Aust-ralians (Sjts ROSS & "KEN" RANKIN) in district 1942 - no further infm
28	17 Oct	MMG Sec, B Coy		MR 104844, 109858	<u>Tracks</u> : Mostly covered with heavy rain forest. <u>Water</u> : MR 107848 - 2 drinking wells. LATORHALONG swift flowing river. <u>EE</u> : and MR 104844) Natives have moved most of <u>Defences</u> : 109858) buildings except frames. 109858 Jap defences with tunnel running through top of hill for approx 60 Yds - may have been sig station - OP on top.

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30	18 Oct	B Coy HQ		Interviewed Radjah of LATOEHALAT	<p><u>Infm Aust Trps:</u> Radjah of LATOEHALAT (alleged to be pro-Jap) knows of no Aust graves. States 40 Australians were taken to PELAUW on island of HAROEKOE.</p> <p><u>Maltreatment Aust Troops:</u> Radjah gave names of 3 Japs who committed atrocities against Australians. (1) Sjt SJUMI (2) Cpl KATSUME (3) Cpl GINOSHITA all members of Tokkei Tai. Alleges Australians were maltreated at AMBON and WAAI prison camps - no names given.</p> <p><u>Collaborators:</u> Informed of Edward and Gaspar LATININETIN who fought against Australians in N.G.</p> <p><u>Details of Radjah:</u> Worked in Sourabaya in Sun Insurance Office for 20 yrs - arrived AMBON 5 months before war. States he is NOT pro-Jap but it is interesting to note that natives of LATOEHALAT mobbed him on his way home after guiding party to bomb dump. He asked for protection which was given.</p>
31	18 Oct	MMG Sec B Coy		ME 105858, 127882 115883	<p><u>Tracks:</u> Track followed to G. HABAENA. Hard going, cleared. From Coy area to BATAENJOET track not used for some time, covered with secondary growth, hard to follow. From BATAENJOET along foot slopes of G. SOEPANG track very indistinct to tributary of AMAHOESOE River, from there too steep so patrol followed lower contours of Mt NAMATOELA and</p>

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31 (Contd)					and struck road 2 kilos South from AMAHOESOE village. A track branches off from G.HABAENA to SERI, appears in frequent use. <u>Movement</u> <u>Aust Trps:</u> Top G.HABAENA trees marked with names (MR115864):-W.H.TOMS, D.S.MAIT A.DEMON, FAMDOS, DALE. Other markings overgrown by bark.
32	18 Oct	3 Sec, 10 Pl, B Coy		MR 074835, 081825	<u>Graves:</u> (Enemy): MR 074835 high Jap officer's grave with inscriptions. <u>EE.</u> MR 081825 water filtration plant.
33	18 Oct	5 Sec, 11 Pl B Coy	Out: 0845 hours	MR 113857 114855	<u>Enemy</u>) MR 113857 - tunnel. <u>Defences:</u> MR 114855 - extensive Jap gardens and scattered huts.
34	18 Oct	4 Sec, 11 Pl B Coy	Out: 0845 hrs	MR 105858, 124862 106870	<u>Tracks:</u> Moved through hills to MR 124862, followed River BATOENJOET to road at MR 106870.
35	18 Oct	4 Sec, 11 Pl B Coy		MR 068824	<u>Crashed A/c:</u> Allied plane believed shot down 1942 MR 068824 (See Report No 7)
36	22 Oct	1 Sjt, 16 ORs C Coy - 2 Int Sec	Out: 0915 hrs	From C Coy HQ via LAHA, crossing SIKOKLA River, by track to LEKE and return.	<u>Communications:</u> Telephone line (single) continuation of ROEMAHTIGA-LAHA line runs through LEKE. <u>EE:</u> 2 Jap barges anchored at bay MR 047892 (appear to be in good condition - crews on board). Wire matting laid f from road to water's edge. <u>Aust Troops:</u> At LEKE native named Benjamin SALAMAHU stated 2 Australians at HATOE MR 015888 latter part of 1942. When Japs advanced to LEKE Australians

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36 (Contd)					retired to hills. He stated these men died later from malaria and their bodies removed to AMBON. <u>Jap Trps:</u> Approx 300 working on LAHA airstrip.
37	23 Oct	1 Int Sec		From C Coy Hq MR to MR 084930 at WETI River via ROEMAHTIGA Road.	<u>EE & Defences:</u> Barge hideout & refuelling dump on coast and an anchorage forming an "L" shape (20 yds. each leg). Small jetty of boulders. This area is difficult to find or see from the road. <u>Infm Jap Trps:</u> Natives say 4 days ago Japs removed 5 drums petrol by motor transport.
38	23 Oct	1 Sjt 1 OR Int Sec	Out: 1000 hrs	Road from MR 165961 to C Coy Hq LAHA	<u>EE:</u> 44 Gal fuel drums counted:- 250 air gas. 133 light oil, 80 airplane oil. <u>Graves:</u> at LATA a compass traverse was made to Maj NEWBURY'S grave at approx. MR 095934 - 30-40 Aust soldiers also believed buried there.
39	24 Oct	1 Officer, 1 Sjt 10 ORs 2 native guides	Out: 0930 In : 1630 hrs	MR 153884, 155875 149872, 145882 153881	<u>Tracks:</u> Steep & narrow - in very few places can two men walk abreast. <u>Water:</u> Native village supply only. <u>Aust Trps:</u> Mohammedan unnamed states that a battle took place 2/5 Feb 42 in area approx MR 145875, 145880, 150875. <u>Crashed A/c:</u> 1 Dutch fighter at MR 154874 - alleged shot down by Jap A/c - pilot parachuted.

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40	25 Oct	Capt WADDELL, 1 Officer, 12 ORs A Coy. Maj VAN WYKES (NICA). 1 Int Sec rep 1 interpreter (NICA) Sjt WESS	Out: 0900 In : 1615 hrs	Bn HQ by road to HASAL MR 155068, then to HITOELAMA MR 155045	<p><u>Roads:</u> To HITOELAMA all weather road wide enough for 1 vehicle only with occasional passing places. Surface good as far as junction at MR 196996 water-worn from there to HITOELAMA.</p> <p><u>Bridges:</u> To road junction at MR 196996 mainly wood (in need of repair to decking, otherwise sound). From road junction to HITOELAMA mainly of steel box-girder type (sound, except for broken side-rails.</p> <p><u>Water:</u> Occasional perennial stream. No water from MR 164002 to HASAL. Water tested (Horrocks) at MR 158045 was 3 scoop, at NEGERILAMA (MR 225997) well - 5 scoop.</p> <p><u>Infm Jap Trps:</u> At HASAL village 57 (incl 5 armed native police) under Marine Capt (Engineer branch) working on removal of sawmill. No permission granted the Capt or armed police to be in the area. Jap officer & Radjah of HITOELAMA were interviewed re raid on Jap stores by natives armed with machettes (No estimated about 30 - Japs say 60). Radjah stated he received complaints from natives re looting of gardens and personal effects by Japs. The party of 236 ordered to dismantle sawmill were left to continue their work, all the remainder incl 5 armed police were ordered to return to their units.</p>

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41	25 Oct	1 member Int Sec s		Interview with John TOULE of WAIAME MR 154962	<p><u>Informant:</u> John TOULE, Ambonese of WAIAME.</p> <p><u>Crashed A/c:</u> 1. Two bombers shot down in Bay of Bagoesla. Natives from SOELI (MR 295004) and PASO recovered 2 bodies. Approx. posn crashes MR 285989.</p> <p>2. In Feb 42 one American bomber crashed vicinity MR 142029 2 men were killed, 2 surrendered at POKA MR 179971 and remaining 2 escaped by HILA to PIROE (CERAM) thence through islands to Australia.</p> <p><u>Graves:</u> Bodies from crashed a/c above:- 1. 1 buried PASO, 1 at SOELI. 2. 2 probably buried vicinity crash.</p> <p>Native has heard of 1 Aust buried at LIMA (MR 925894)</p> <p><u>Infm Aust Trps:</u> In Apr 45 2 Aust soldiers escaped from TANTOEI. One was caught at HALONG. Fate of other unknown.</p>
42	25 Oct	1 member Int Sec Native guide (Enos DONINGAS) from WAIAME		WAIAME MR 154962	<p><u>Graves:</u> Guided by Enos DONINGAS to area vicinity MR 154962 where there are 25 graves (majority marked as RAF personnel). Scattered through undergrowth are some 70 odd graves which according to native are of coolies brought from SOURABAYA. Sign has been erected on track indicating graves have been seen by Bn. According to maxx guide all had died from various diseases (mostly malaria) Track from ROEMANTICA-LAHA Road leading to graves is well defined.</p> <p><u>EEE</u> Dump at WAIAME listed.</p>

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43	25 Oct	Detachment C Coy 1 Sjt Int Sec Cpl Walker ^s - JSS		MR 072910 to 095936	<u>Graves:</u> Investigation of previous report, No 38. Statement that site of grave Maj NEWBURY as indicated by Sjt INO (Jap) was incorrect made by Ambonese M. SIATAU and half-caste Dutch Jan LAKATUA who state actual burial of NEWBURY and other soldiers approx 50 yds WEST of site where cross now stands.
44	17 Oct	7 & 8 Secs, 12 Pl, B Coy		MR 128903, 13090 132905, 131902	<u>Defences:</u> All of area extensively trenched & wired <u>Infm Aust</u> <u>Troops:</u> Natives say Australians dug the trenches and Dutch native boys the stairways up the steep hills. Natives report heavy fighting in the opening campaign. Aust type pill-boxes cover some tracks. 1 Aust respirator container found.
45	18 Oct	7 & 8 Secs, 12 Pl, B Coy		From Bn area covering area: MR 133909, 132911 136913 133910	<u>EE:</u> 7 bomb & shell dumps. Jap barge & slips (good order) directly below Bn area MR 138910. 4 dummy AA Guns. <u>Graves:</u> Dvr DOOLAN (already reported)
46	19 Oct	7 & 9 Secs, 12 Pl, B Coy		From Bn area to Jap & Dutch defences MR 132906	<u>EE:</u> Extensive coastal and AA defences along coast.
47	16 Oct	12 Pl, B Coy		From Bn area covering either side of road (300 yds ea side). Area around AMAHOESOE	<u>EE:</u> Very mixed (including MT & allied stores) Coastal defences S/L and CD Gun (76mm) MR 126898. Scattered trenches throughout area. <u>Graves:</u> MR 127897 grave 2 bodies (reported 63 Bn) <u>Aust Trps:</u> Natives say action took place in area.

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48	28 Oct	8 Pl, A Coy	Out: 1330 In : 1630 hrs	Road NEGERILAMA to WAEHEROE	<p><u>Tracks:</u> Road in fair condition, various tracks leading off main road.</p> <p><u>Water:</u> Wells - river at WAEHEROE.</p> <p><u>Movements of Aust:</u> Report by Sjt SIMON (NEI Forces) that one Australian was in area - further investigation in progress.</p> <p><u>Crashed A/c:</u> American - MR 212943 report forwarded (Case No 31)</p> <p><u>EE:</u> Barge slipways along coast.</p> <p><u>Natives:</u> In poor health.</p>
49	26/27 Oct	Bde party, RAAF reps, FSS Sjt, IO 63 Bn.		Coastal strip ASILORLOE to SAID	Full report forwarded to 23 Aust Inf Bde 30 Oct 45.

James Clayton
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I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Subject: COASTWISE RECONNAISSANCE -
NORTH SHORE OF HITOE PENINSULA.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
ANDON.

45/109
19 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. To assist with the task of searching the HITOE Peninsula for graves of Australian soldiers, and of making contacts with the natives, it is considered desirable that I.O. this Bn should undertake a preliminary reconnaissance of the above mentioned area.
2. It is believed that F.S. and RAAF Liaison Officers are particularly desirous of making this trip also, and that Navy will be willing to co-operate.
3. Present intention is to call at all accessible points on the coast between LAHA and village of HITOE LAHA, preferably commencing as early as Saturday 20 Oct.
4. May arrangements for a trip of approximately 2 days in a vessel of the "Three Cheers" type, be made please.

DM/ID

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Subject: RECCE REPORT - SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT
AREA E - HQ COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
AREA F - B COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON
45/63
28 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 33 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/565 of 11 Oct 45 para 4.

1. Attached are schedules to date of enemy equipment, stores etc counted and held in HQ Coy & B Coy areas of responsibility.
2. Further stores in these areas may be disclosed by reconnaissance patrolling at present in hand.

IM/ID

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SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AS AT 24 OCT 45

AREA E - 63 AUST INF BN

REF MAP: AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
1	165896	Generator - good condition
2	171896	Aero gasoline
3	163899	Generator - good condition

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AS AT 24 OCT 45

AREA F - 63 AUST INF BN

REF MAP: AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
3	096847	Aerial Bombs.
4	098848	Aerial Bombs.
5	106863	Sawmill. Wire cable. Electric flex Iron piping 2"
7	106867	40mm Shells.
8	106867	3" Mortar bombs (Aust)
11	110878	Picks & shovels. Barbed wire.
12	111878	Diesel engine. Motor parts Engines.
13	112879	Aviation fuel
15	123839	12 cm C A Guns (2)
16	105858	Oil & greasse Tyres Rubber hose

Subject: COASTAL RECONNAISSANCE - ABILCELOE TO SAID (AMBON)

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

21/491
30 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 63 Aust Inf Bde C/2/2/798 of 25 Oct 45.

1. Herewith report and summary of results obtained by the above patrol.

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29 Oct 45

Ref Map AMBON 1:100000

1. AREA: Coastal strip ASILOKLOE to SAID (AMBON).
2. OBJECT: As given 33 Aust Inf Bde G2/2/798 of 25 Oct 45.
3. DATE: 26/27 OCT 45.
4. PATROL COMD: Lt I. McCLOY I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn.
5. MEMBERS: RAAF Group Captains NYLAND, McFARLANE, BELL.
RAAF P/Os ANDERSON, MILLER.
Sjt NEIL QFSS. 2 ORs 63 Aust Inf Bn.

PART I6. Conclusions
Drawn:

- (a) There are no known graves of Australian or Allied soldiers or airmen at either ASILOKLOE LIMA or SAID.
- (b) 11 RAAF personnel under comd of a Squadron Leader escaped from LIMA in the direction of CERAM.
- (c) 20 Army personnel escaped from ASILOKLOE in the direction of CERAM (may have reached TORAL in the KAI ISLANDS).
- (d) Approximately 20 Army personnel are known to have left LIMA for CERAM.
- (e) 2 escaped soldiers who reached ASILOKLOE returned to AMBON and surrendered themselves to the Japanese.
- (f) Only 1 escaped soldier is known definitely to have died on the coast between ASILOKLOE and SAID.
- (g) Most likely places to pursue enquiries as to movements of escaped Australians would be:-
AMAHAI, RHUMAKI, GESSER (all CERAM) and
NAPOROGA, HAROEKOE and KAI ISLANDS.
KAMARIAN (CERAM)

PART II

7. Informants: Eli SARAFUDIN - Radjah of ASILOKLOE)
Mohammed Sedik LEUMHKA) all of ASILOKLOE
Hendrik SOPAHELOEWAKAN)
- Abdul ADIGTSOLISA (Elder))
Abdul Ganig SOLISA (Younger)-Radjah of LIMA) all of
LIM (Chinese) Field Security contact) LIMA
- Mohammed Tahir NOKOENHE - Radjah of SAID)
Hassan NOKOENHE)
Sanat HATOEI) all of
SAID)

8. Interpreter: Sjt HABIL (FSS and LIMA (LIMA)

9. War Graves: ASILOLOLOE: No known graves of Australian or Allied soldiers or airmen in this area.

NAGBRI LIMA: 1 Australian - Pte CLELAND 2/21 Bn died of malaria at LIMA and was buried at sea to avoid discovery by the Japanese.

SAID: No known graves of Australian or Allied soldiers or airmen in this area.

Identification: Pay Book, Identity Discs, Field Glasses and personal photographs, the property of Pte CLELAND have been handed to FSS.

Circumstances of Death:

Pte CLELAND lived for two months with Hadji Solisa KASIN of LIMA. At the end of this period he died of malaria and his personal effects were given to the native with instructions that they were to be handed over to the first Australian who would arrive after the war.

10. PW Camps: Not applicable.

11. Crashed Aircraft: No Allied aircraft are known to have crashed in the immediate vicinity of either ASILOLOLOE, LIMA or SAID.

Note: Native informants said that two American planes crashed further up the coast, one at WAIKAPI near HILA (4 occupants) and the other near HITOE. Both planes fell in the sea. No personal effects were recovered from either of the above crashes but natives say that there were 4 men alive after the crash at HILA and that one was named NELSON. An American died of burns after the crash at HITOE and was buried at sea. (See Report RAAF PW Enquiry Unit for complete details).

12. Escapes after LAHA: (a) ASILOLOLOE: According to Hadjah total of 17 Australian soldiers arrived at ASILOLOLOE after the LAHA battle. Arrival as follows:-

2 Feb 42	-	5
3 Feb 42	-	4
4 Feb 42	-	8

These groups made their way without compasses across the ranges, but their exact trails are not known.

The only officer known to have arrived was Lt MAX BROWN, and there are said to have been 2 Sjts and 2 Ptes named "REX" and "JACK", included in the 17.

The soldier named "REX" had been wounded, and considering he would not be able to undertake a long journey, elected to return to TANTOEI in accordance with Jap instructions issued to all Hadjahs that escapees would be handed over to Japanese. "JACK" decided to return with him as a guard. Both soldiers were taken to AMBON in a prahu by Ismael MAMANG, and their fate is unknown beyond this point.

These children lived for 23 days in the hills around ASILOLOE and were fed by the natives. On or about the 27th. Feb 42 15 Australians under comd Lt BROWN (17 less the 2 returning to TANTOEI) set out for points on CERAM. They apparently delayed their departure until there were fewer Japanese patrol boats in the area. The first party of 3 guided by Eli HASSAN and four other natives arrived at LOKHOE (CERAM). The second party of 5 guided by MAHOLETI reached WAIPORTI (CERAM). The last party of 7 under comd Lt BROWN and guided by SANDORAN and Mahammed LAIN went to LADEMA (CERAM). Later movements by the three parties are not known but it is rumoured that all reached GESER and later TORAL in the KAI ISLANDS. 5 soldiers named NEIL DENGATE, NORMAN ELLIS, JACK McGUINNESS, BILL JOHNSON and GEORGE COWLAND came to ASILOLOE from LIMA and also escaped to CERAM.

- (b) LIMA: An Ambonese named Mahommed (ALIE) BINTAHIR resident at ASILOLOE gave information concerning escaped Aust Air Force personnel which was checked at LIMA. Informant had worked at LAHA Airstrip as a coolie boss prior to the Japanese landing. When the battle commenced he went to the hills and accompanied by 4 airmen made for WALAWA following the high ground between the SIKOELA and HAYOE TENGAN Rivers. At the headwaters of the SIKOELA River they met 7 Australian airmen also making their escape from LAHA after destruction of radio and other signal equipment. Composite party carried arms and a portable wireless, and had a compass or compasses. Apparently the airmen left LAHA on or about 20 January 42 and crossed the Peninsula by a direct route to the headwaters of the WALAWA River. At approximate map ref (Square) 9898 BINTAHIR left the party and went to his home at ASILOLOE. The Australian airmen set a course for LIMA across country and arrived at 0600 hrs on or about 3 Feb 42. When the airmen arrived at LIMA they were informed that about 20 Australian soldiers were in the hills about the town, who had escaped by similar route which followed the high ground between SIKOELA and LAWA Rivers and over MT KADERA. Some attempt was made for the airmen and soldiers to escape together, but arrangements could not be completed quickly enough to fit in with the Air Force timetable (they were trying to make an R.V. at GESER (CERAM) on or about 7 February 42). The Air Force party of 11 therefore set out for CERAM at 1800 hrs on the day of their arrival at LIMA heading for AMAHAI, KHUMARAI, SAPAROE, or GESER direct. The non-stop trip by sailing boat to GESER according to natives would take about 4 days, and since the party left with but little food, it is much more likely that they set a course for KAMARIAN (CERAM) or AMAHAI. It is known that the Air Force party did not reach GESER in time to make the rendezvous with a RAAF Catalina sent according to a prearranged schedule.

Of the Australian soldiers who arrived at LIMA:-

4 stayed 1 1/2 months with Rohodin SOPOLAU
2 came later and stayed 20 days.

7 stayed 1 month with Joper MAHOELAGE.

3 stayed 1 1/2 months with Jalang PIRASO.

1 stayed 15 days with Abdulshtip RERING.

2 stayed 20 days with Abdulehman NO KOERENH
(the last 2 went away with an American
airman - name unknown).

1 stayed 2 months with Hadji Solisa KASIN
(This soldier died of malaria and was buried
at sea).

- (c) SAID: Hassan NO KOERENH hid 2 Australians and 1
American airman for some time until the
three went on to KAITETO and met 5 more
American airmen.
Radjah of KAITETO probably has more
information concerning this party and its
subsequent actions.

13. General:

At ASILOLOLO a native named Mohammed Sedik
LEUMHIKA was questioned. He stated that towards
the end of 1943 he was at LARA and there witnessed
the execution of 15 Australians. He says he knows
the location of the grave and that he would be
able to identify the Japanese responsible for
the execution.
LEUMHIKA was brought back to AMBON.

There is little evidence of Japanese occupation
or of Allied bombing between ASILOLOLO and SAID,
but the natives say the village of OKRENG has
been practically destroyed by bombing.

14. Topography: The coastal strip of country ASILOLOLO to SAID is
now heavily grown with jungle. The hills rise
steeply from close to the shore.
The natives use roads which connect all the coastal
villages but state that these could not be
traversed by MT, there being many unbridged streams.
Native walking time from ASILOLOLO to LIMA is approxi-
mately 2 hours.

15. Water:

All water is drawn by the natives from coastal
streams or wells. Any water used by Australians
must be chlorinated owing to the local native
habits of sanitation. The supply is ample.

16. Beaches:

Beaches at ASILOLOLO, LIMA and SAID are of coral
and rock which shelves slowly. Barge landing places
are few in the area reconnoitred. At SAID there is
a small sandy channel opposite the village entrance
which will allow a barge to approach to the water's
edge, but elsewhere approximately 50 yards is the
limit of approach. There are no jetties at the 3
villages visited.

17. Accommodation: The Radjahs of ASILOLOLO, LIMA and SAID express
their willingness to accommodate up to a platoon of
Australians at any time.

18. Medical: Radjahs of the 3 villages visited stated that the natives were suffering from the following diseases, listed according to the number of cases:-
Dysentery - a great many cases.

Skin Diseases and Tropical Ulcers.
Particularly prevalent amongst children and older natives (possibly due to malnutrition).

Malaria - not prevalent.

Note: Few mosquitoes were seen in the area by the reconnaissance party, but the effects of beri beri were everywhere noticeable.

19. Native Feeling:

Practically 100% of the native population in this area is Mohammedan. Some individuals undoubtedly co-operated with the Japanese (e.g. Sanat HATOEN of SAID - on his own admission), but in view of the assistance given to the Australians and the Americans in 1942 it would seem that their co-operation was passive rather than active. A spirit of friendliness to the present Australian reconnaissance party was very noticeable, except at the village of SAID. The exception is probably due to the fact that the present Radjah - Mahommed Tahir NOEKOEHEHE - was appointed by the Japanese in place of the true Radjah - Alie Bakar NOEKOEHEHE - who received harsh treatment from the Japanese and died that month. The present Radjah is not a good type and the villagers are divided in their support of the new and the old regime.

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APPENDIX

PATROL ROUTE AND TIMINGS

Dep AMBON Main Wharf	-	260945 I
Arr ASILOELOE	-	261325
Dep ASILOELOE	-	261530
Arr LIMA	-	261600
Dep LIMA	-	270925
Arr SAID	-	271045
Dep SAID	-	271250
Arr LIMA	-	271330
Dep LIMA	-	271335
Arr ASILOELOE	-	271400
Dep ASILOELOE	-	271625
Arr AMBON Main Wharf	-	271855

Transport by Jap Navy Barge No 2 with crew 1 Sub-Lieut and 5 other ranks.

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I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

ENEMY EQUIPMENT CHECKED AND HELD AWAITING DISPOSAL

31 OCT 45

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Subject: ENEMY REPORT - SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT
AREA A - D Coy Area of Responsibility.

53 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

45/63

17 OCT 45.

53 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref 53 Aust Inf Bde 69/2/565 of 11 Oct 45 para 4.

1. Attached is schedule to date of enemy equipment, stores etc counted and held in D Coy area of responsibility.

2. Further stores in this area may be disclosed by reconnaissance patrolling at present in hand.

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SCHEDULE OF ARMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTS AT 16 OCT 45

AREA A - 68 AUST INF BN.

ref map ANBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1 : 50000 series.

Map No	Map Ref	Contents
1	141917	Radio and electrical gear.
2	141917	Bitumen, oil and petrol.
3	142916	Motor tyres & spare parts.
4	142916	Marine compasses. M/T gear and transmitter. Car motors and spares. Arc welding gear. Aero tyres and spares. 2 A Guns - mobile., mortars & S A.
5	142914	Bombs & SAA, 75mm shells.
6	142914	Cement and seed.
7	146914	Air Compressor. Sole leather. Personal equipment.
8	146914	Ice chest. Sulphurous anhydride. Ice cream churns. Personal equipment
9	146914	Kepok
10	151912	Bitumen, oil and petrol.
11	151912	Machinery. Marine fittings. 15 mm MGs.
12	151912	Mines. Explosives.
13	156911	Compressor. Machinery.
14	156911	Type setting machinery. Welding machinery.
15	156911	Miscellaneous tools and oil.
16	159911	Rope. Shells & SAA.
17	159911	Mortars.
18	159911	Shells & SAA.
19	159911	Bombs, grenades.
20	159911	SAA & explosives.
20A	140917	One Japanese barge about 50' length slips, hull and engine appear to be in reasonable condition.

Subject: RECCE REPORT - SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT
AREAS B & C - C COMPANY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
AREA D - B COMPANY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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22 OCT 45.

63 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 63 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/565 of 11 Oct 45 para 4.

1. Attached are schedules to date of enemy equipment, stores etc counted and held in B & C Coys areas of responsibility.
2. Further stores in these areas may be disclosed by reconnaissance patrolling at present in hand.

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SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AS AT 20 OCT 45

AREA B - 62 AUST INF BN

Ref Map AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series.

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
1	178964	Air Compressor. Electric Motor. Accumulators. Paint & varnish. Rubber & canvas hose. Crosscut saws. Gas welding instruments. Shackles & chains. Machine parts & tools. Electrical fittings. Brass & iron rods & fittings.
2	"	Paint & red lead. Cargo slings. Marine fittings. White metal. Tarpaulins. Lead cable. Telephones.
3	"	Clothing. Steel rod, pipe & sheet. Steel rope. Cargo slings. Stationery. Machinery & engines. Hydrogen cylinders.
4	"	Lathes & Grinders. Steel rod & plate. Anchors. Steel & Manila rope. Tarpaulins. Tyres Light rail.
5	"	Timber mill.
6	"	Woodwork shop.
7	"	Moulding shop.
8	"	Machine shop.
9	"	Diesel motor - 120 HP. Dynamos & switchgear.
10	"	Machine shop.
11	"	Cement. Wire cable. Lathes & Drill press. Marine propellers. Motors & spare parts.
13	"	Acid in carboys. Batteries 6 & 12 v. Charger. AC-DC Convertors. Electric motors. Switchgear.
	"	Blacksmith shop.

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AS AT 20 OCT 45

AREA B - 63 AUST INF BN

Map Ref ANBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
15	178964	Trucks. Garage tools. Compressor
16	178981	Oil & petrol.

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AT 20 OCT 45

AREA 9 - 63 AUST INF BN

Map Ref AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series.

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
1	072910	Air Compressor. Rangefinder. Telescopes. Jacks & tools. Gun sights. Small arms.
2	"	Small arms. Bombs & shells. Cement. Barbed wire.
3	052906	Hand forges. Tools. Water sterilizers & filters. Electrical gear. Hose. 25 mm Tk/A Guns.

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AT 20 OCT 45

AREA D - 63 AUST INF BN

Map Ref AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series.

Pump No	Map Ref	Contents
1	090820	Cement.
2	068821	Radar parts. Switchgear. Air Compressor. Metal sheets.
3	066820	Radar screen. Control box.
4	068826	Galvanized wire. Sig wire (heavy).
5	070826	2 AC Dynamos 15 KVA. 2 Compressors.
6	071829	15 cm. G.A. Gun.
7	076831	Dynamos. Radio equipment. Masts.
8	095834	Sawmill.
9	101825	Aerial bombs 250 lb.
10	105825	Aerial bombs 250 lb.
11	112828	Aerial bombs 250 lb.

Subject: RECCE REPORT - SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT -
AREA 'E' - HQ COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON.

23 OCT 45.

33 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref 33 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/565 of 11 Oct 45 para 4.

1. Attached is schedule to date of enemy equipment stores etc counted in HQ Coy area of responsibility vicinity Cerimesing village.

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SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND STORES COUNTED AT 20 OCT 45

AREA E - 63 AUST INF BN.

Ref Map: AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series.

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
1	165896	Generator.
2	171896	Air Gasoline
3	163899	Generator.

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AT 29 OCT 45

AREA F - 62 AUST INF BN

REF MAP AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
17	121889	MT spares and used parts. Wood casks. Barbed wire. Floor boards 4" Piping Aviation fuel
19	126898	1 CA Gun
20	126898	Diesel generator - 25 KAG Motor pump 110 cm Searchlight
21	128902	Wire netting Barbed wire.
22	135903	2 CA Guns
23	137905	Cordite
24	136913	Cement Aviation fuel Steam rollers.
25	137915	Sea going barge (Hull U/s, engine good)
26	136908	Generator & Dynamo Cement.
27	136908	Oxy cylinders
28	136908	Barbed wire
30	135907	Dynamo Diesel motor
31	135906	150 cm Searchlight
32	135905	Sound locator
33	133904	3 A/A Guns 4.7
34	133904	Height finder
35	133904	

Subject: RECCE REPORT - SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT
AREA A - D COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
AREA B - C COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
AREA F - B COY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON
23/11/45
30 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 33 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/565 of 11 Oct 45 para 4.

1. Attached are further schedules to date of enemy equipment, stores etc counted and held in the above areas.
2. Further stores in these areas may be disclosed by reconnaissance patrolling at present in hand.

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SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AT 29 OCT 45

AREA A - 63 AUST INF BN

REF MAP AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO 1:50000 series

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
21	152907	Gas cylinders. Pipe coils $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter Switchgear.
22	152911	Switchgear Hemp & Manilla rope. Carbide. Pine resin. Waste. Semi rotary pumps Air Compressor Tools

SCHEDULE OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT & STORES COUNTED AT 29 OCT 45

AREA B - 63 AUST INF BN

REF MAP AMBON 1:100000

Dump No	Map Ref	Contents
17	151962	Machine tools shop

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63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

MOVEMENTS AND UNAUTHORISED ACTIVITY OF JAPANESE

31 OCT 45

63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1

22 OCT 45.

1. All Japanese other than those in the following categories:-
 - (a) Working parties.
 - (b) Drivers.
 - (c) Other personnel with passes.

found in 63 AUST INF BN area will be apprehended and brought under escort to Bn HQ .

2. This does NOT apply to LAHA area.

H. K. Kwan Capt.
Adj. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS - VICINITY SRI VILLAGE.

65 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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45/120
24 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. As reported by phone 21 Oct 45, an unidentified vessel approximately 40 feet long of cutter type arrived offshore at MR 104858 at 0900 hrs that day.
2. When examined there were three Indonesians on board who stated the vessel had brought natives from GERRAM.
3. Certain writings were found on second last page of a book held by one Indonesian and a copy is attached for information.
4. As instructed by Bde I.C. Navy was contacted and at approximately 1630 hrs HMAS GLENELG took in tow and removed the vessel.
5. A similar vessel to that referred to in paras 1 - 4 moved in to approximately the same map ref at 1015 hrs 22 Oct and went out at 1330 hrs. No Australian Navy personnel were seen on board.

W. J. B. G.
Lt-Col.
C.O. 65 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: MOVEMENTS OF JAPANESE - CAPTAIN NUMATA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON
45/57
85 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. It is advised that at 0740 hours 23 Oct 45 a Jap officer with Jap driver and no passengers arrived by blue staff car at a house north side of WAINITOS ROAD, AMBON - M R 1:50000 series 151913. Officer spoke to the occupants of the house for approximately 15 minutes and then left.
2. The house is occupied by a Javanese named MOERES who when questioned stated that he, with a number of others, had been brought from SOERABAYA by the Japanese to Ambon (purpose not given) and had been here approximately 2 years. Since the end of the war the Javanese have been short of food and therefore approached NICA for relief. They were referred by NICA to Jap Headquarters, the reason given being that "it was the Japanese who brought them here". MOERES stated that CAPT NUMATA had been sent by JHQ to interview him on the matter.
3. Cpl VAUGHAN 17 Pl witnessed the arrival of the Jap officer and Sgt McREA 17 Pl interviewed MOERES.
4. GFSB have requested this report.

W.P. Morrison

Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: UNAUTHORISED JAP TRANSPORT.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

23 OCT 45.

33 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Ref verbal report 2330 hrs 20 Oct 44 inf 3 Japanese vehicles which entered B Coy 63 Bn area without authority at approximately 2315 hrs.

2. The following is an account of the circumstances as far as can be ascertained.

3. The vehicles carried approximately 50 Indonesians returning to their homes from CERAM.

4. Isaac LATOEPUDI an Ambonese formerly of LATOEHALAT who travelled with the party from CERAM has given the following information:-

The party consisting of 80 Ambonese 1 Japanese captain and a number of Japanese left AWAI (CERAM) in 2 barges at 0800 hrs 20 Oct 45.

They arrived at TOELAHG (AMBON) at 1400 hrs same day.

There they waited 5 hours, and left again in 3 trucks at 1900 hrs. Trucks were driven by 3 Japanese and a Japanese interpreter (Malay speaker) named WATANABE accompanied the party. The Captain remained at TOELAHG. The vehicles stopped for 30 minutes at TANTORI and 3 Japanese soldiers joined the party.

At AMBON one complete truck was unloaded, and the three vehicles proceeded to WAINITOE where one woman was dropped. At ERI trucks were halted by B Coy guard and a check was made for authority to proceed. The only form of pass seen was a pencilled note signed by 'J H Q' stating that vehicles were proceeding to LATOEHALAT with Indonesians returning from CERAM.

After reference had been made through 63 Bn to 33 Bde 2 of the vehicles and 2 drivers plus the interpreter were allowed to continue to LATOEHALAT. At LATOEHALAT all passengers alighted at LATOEPUDI's house. (One female member of the party named Adriana SOPRANTILA had died at sea and was brought to LATOEHALAT for burial).

The 2 vehicles returned toward ERI, one broke down en route and the remaining one with 3 Japanese arrived at ERI at 0245 hrs 21 Oct 45.

2 vehicles and 7 Japanese then returned toward AMBON.

5. A description of the Japanese captain referred to in para 4 is given:-

Naval arm.

Short and slight.

Aged about 32 years.

No scars of distinguishing marks.

No weapons.

6. LATOEPUDI also stated that there are still about 100 Ambonese still working at AWAI for the Japanese (gardening). Japanese explanation is lack of transport to return them to AMBON.

7. The health of the returned Ambonese is extremely bad and this is borne out by Australian eye witness who are shocked at their appearance.

W. J. G. G. G.
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C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: MOVEMENT OF UNIDENTIFIED BARGES
VICINITY SRI VILLAGE.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

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63 Aust Inf Bde

Ref map AMBON 1:100000.

1. It is advised that at 1600 hrs 23 Oct a barge of Japanese type put in to shore at approximately NR 100855 near SRI. A short time later the barge moved off down the Bay and through the entrance.
2. It was subsequently reported by a patrol that 3 drums of gasoline had been removed from a counted dump not far distant from the landing point.
3. It is not definitely known whether the two incidents are connected.
4. A good deal of barge traffic has been noted recently in this vicinity, and an Ambonese named JOHN WESPELAT resident with Redjoh at SRI, has suggested that it may be related in some way with possible activity at the old Jap barge base which is said to have been at LILIBOOI, on the coast about 5 miles SW of LARA.

W. J. Gellman
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Subject: ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED JAPANESE LIVING
VICINITY SAJADIBAWAH - MR AMBON
1:50000 184908.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

24 ^{45/119} OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. It is advised for information that a patrol from HQ Coy, acting on information received 17 Oct 45 from the Ambonese school teacher at MAHIA (MR 182875) proceeded to the village of SAJADIBAWAH.
2. Informant stated that 3 weeks previously Japanese living in the hills had murdered 2 Ambonese natives for food in the vicinity of SAJADIBAWAH, but could not give names of those killed.
3. Patrol was led by natives to various gardens alleged to have been robbed and shown a Jap dog out which gave evidence of having been occupied recently (MR 185905).
4. Natives gave the names of the Japanese concerned as:-
 - (a) WATANABE
 - (b) NISHIHARA
 - (c) SATO

None of the 3 had been seen in SAJADIBAWAH for 3 weeks.

5. The natives stated that they believed there were Japanese in the hills NE of the village, but no definite location was given.

W. J. Wilkinson
Lt-Col.
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63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

JAPANESE ATROCITIES AND ILL TREATMENT OF NATIVES
ALLEGED NATIVE COLLABORATORS

31 OCT 45

Subject: CASES OF ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE
ALLEGED AMBONESE COLLABORATORS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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45/1/4
22 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached is Summary of Cases of Ill Treatment by Japanese and names of Alleged Collaborators reported by Ambonese in Bn area to 20 Oct 45.
2. This information is forwarded in case it should be of interest to NICA.

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SUMMARY OF CASES OF ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE
ALLEGED AMBONESE COLLABORATORS

REPORTED BY SGT. RANKIN, 3 Coy. to 28 OCT 45

Ambonese Informant	Address	Nature of ill treatment	Japanese responsible	Alleged Ambonese collaborators
MARXYANOS KHAKISINA	Lilibooi	Conscripted to labour at Lilibooi Oct 44 - Apr 45 and beaten	YAMADORI	
LEVINUS TUHUMOORI	Benteng	Beaten on head and memory impaired. States RAPHAEL TUHUMOORI (Father) executed 1944 for waving to Allied bombers.		ROSES BAKURRESI ALEX TASUTAH both of Benteng
SEFUS KASTANJA	-	Conscripted to Ceram Jan-Aug 45 and beaten	Marines: FUMADO & HARGUCHI	
ANATJE TOMASUA (Female)	Benteng	States her brother electrocuted & burnt at Benteng 1944 (widow's address: Capel Rd, Saparosa). Also alleged electrocuted: YOWEL MAHAEN & KONEGES SJANATANA. States following women were removed from Ambon to KATIF BESAR (near Laha) and forced into prostitution:- LEVENA NUMISTI, GONLINA LELAPARIJ, JOHANNA LELAPARIJ, SARA LEHATOMPESIJ, all of Ambon. States she knows of the following rapings:- ESTHER SAMOKAIL (of Matife) - Apr 45 MARIANA PELUPESSY (Paradys Rd, Ambon) - Oct 44 (bare stillborn child July 45)	FUKUDA (Police) TASIMARI (both above alleged held for other crimes)	
JOHNNY MANYAKI	Amahoesoe	Was among 151 conscripted to Ceram from Amahoesoe Apr 45, only 49 of which survived, returning 18 Sep 45 Their daily pay was 30 cents & 2 oz sago daily.		

SUMMARY OF: CASES OF ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE
ALLEGED AMBONESE COLLABORATORS

62 AVST INF BN
REPORTED BY SGT RANKIN D COY to 20 OCT 45

Ambonese Informant	Address	Nature of Ill Treatment	Japanese Responsible	Alleged Ambonese Collaborators
JOHNNY MANYALI (Cont'd)	Amahoesoe	Frequently beaten at Ceram	Sjts YURUSUDA, HUNUTSUKI, Cpl YAMORRA, Ptes TANAKA, YAMAMOTO, OKWADA	
DJURO MARONANYA	Benteng	Beaten	YAMAMOTO, SIKAMOTO	Mohammedan named LOUBU
TONDJY FRANZ	-	Saw following men beaten to death at Ceram:- WILHELM DEBUS - 3 July 45 MATIAS HUKOOM - 6 July 45 JACOB PESARISA - 3 June 45 BERNADOS PATAROEU - 17 Mar 45 SIMON TIPOYABELL - 1 May 45	Cpl HARAGUCHI Pte KAWABU	
ABRAHAM KASTANJA	-	Conscripted to labour, Ceram Jan- Sept 45 and beaten	SULUKI, TANI and Ambonese named PETER	Mohammedans: ALI, BERMANJI (both of Ambon), LEYDEN (brother of BERMANJI - Ceram Native Police).
JONAS FERNANDEZ	Benteng	Conscripted to Ceram Jan-July 45 and beaten	Cpl OKOJIMA, Ptes WATAUBI, WANDU, TANAZI NAKAMOTO.	
ANDRIESS ALPHONSE DOMINGUS ALPHONSE (Brothers)	Nona	Forced to farm work at St. Nona. Left forearm of DOMINGUS ALPHONSE broken by beating. They describe being beaten into insensibility, revived with water and beaten again. Club allegedly used handed in.	Lieut TISIRO Ptes AN-U & Yasimura	

SUMMARY OF: CASES OF ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE
ALLEGED AMBONESE COLLABORATORS

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REPORTED BY SGT RANKIN, D COY, to 20 OCT 45

Ambonese Informant	Address	Nature of Ill Treatment	Japanese Responsible	Alleged Ambonese collaborators
DOMINGUS BATIWAYL	Benteng	Conscripted to Ceram Jan-Sep 45 with entire family. Beaten Reports JOWEL HAWAI lit fire at Ambon as guide to Allied bombers, seized by Japs and executed.	KEMETEI, ITU.	MOSES BAKURBESI (Benteng).
ELBISIR HAWAI	Benteng	Conscripted to Ceram and beaten	Bjt TUKIMOTO Dpls TANI, TUDUKA	Mohammedans: POWEL TUHULU. NATUNG PERIOR (of Kusu Kusu) CORNELIUS MARKUS (originally from Timor)
HAIN WATEMINA	Soewal	Conscripted to Ceram Apr-Jan 45 and beaten States: JOSHUA WATEMINA (brother) beaten at Seri, SUDRIK WATEMINA (brother) seized and punished for helping Allies.	RINDJU	JAN TUHALITIJ (of Kusu Kusu)
JOSHUA WATEMINA	Soewal	Treatment of people of Seri by collaborator (Statement attached)		HENDRIK WATEMINA (of Seri)

Statement by Joshua Wattenina, Soewan, (no relation to Hendrik Wattenina)

With his letter we people from SERI come to you and relate all the difficulties undergone by this people under the Japanese Government.

All these difficulties came from Hendrik Wattenina, Jap spy. He worked for Kempei in Seri; to help him in his duties were Raja Peter Andriess and Raja of Latechalat. He made his house the barracks for Japanese spies (Jap nationals). We are fearful of him, Hendrik Wattenina, and also we do not like him.

He detailed all the people of Seri into slavery. During the Jap government he said to the people of Seri "I will send you to Ceram and there they will kill you."

He said to Kempei-tai that Mr. Van Weringen helped the Dutch and Australian soldiers run away from concentration camp and therefore the Japanese say to the Seri people to seek the Australian and Dutch soldiers in the hills (That is, they ordered the Christian peoples to do it).

Now, see you that Hendrik Wattenina dont like Australian and Dutch soldiers. Moreover Kepala Sea (second in seniority to the Raja, Kepala Sea meaning chief of the clan or family, his own family) gave to the people who were too sick to go to Ceram to work, a certificate. But Hendrik Wattenina took this (or these) certificates and tore them; saying that if these sick would not enter slavery at Ambon, they would have to go to Ceram, and this was done. One of the men sent Heroloes Gories was wounded by a bomb from an American plane. Another one Jacob Nussi was wounded by a machine gun from an American plane. Jacob Nussi is a confirmed invalid at Seri, can never walk again.

If there were people at Seri who did not like to go to Ceram, Hendrik Wattenina asked for Japanese police who lived in his house to take them by force. The men were taken without clothes and food and the women and children were left, also the lane.

The people at Seri say to you that Hendrik Wattenina has an evil character. This person Hendrik Wattenina must be put in prison, it is better so.

We people hope you understand all the words in this letter.

Subject: JAPANESE ATROCITY PERPETRATORS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/21
25 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Prior to arrest by NICA, the ex Radjah of LATOEHALAT, A SALHOELTEROE, informed Lt GREGSON O/C 10 Pl that the following Japanese committed atrocities against Australian soldiers:-

- (i) Sjt SJUNI
- (ii) Cpl KATSUNIE
- (iii) Cpl GENOSHITA

2. It is suggested that SALHOELTEROE would supply additional information.

Lt-Col. G. J. Allison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: ILL TREATMENT OF NATIVES BY JAPANESE

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

5/4/45
100 OCT 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. A number of natives of AMAHOESOE have named the following Japanese as having been responsible for beatings and cruelty to the villagers during the occupation:-

ONIDIRA - Administrator of AMAHOESOE

W/O TOKINO
Cpl NAKAMURA
" YAMARA
Pte KOKOHOSIE
" TATAYAMA
" KAKIOUCHI
" YAMAMOTO

2. Incidents and names of informers will be furnished if required for investigation.
3. All the above Japanese are now believed to be in CERAM.

IM/ID

W. J. Ellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: ILL TREATMENT OF JAVANESE - CERAM ISLAND

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

5/15/30
OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. Information has been received concerning ill treatment of Javanese on CERAM.
2. Informers are:- MARTORIGO)
SASTRAO) - of ERI, lately in CERAM.
3. The two informers have given the names of the following Japanese who ill treated Javanese labourers:
 1. INANORO)
 2. KYRA) - Soldiers
 3. OSAWA) - 2nd Lts.
 4. NISIMURA)
 5. HAMADA) - 1st Lts
 6. GUNOA)
 7. KERRNA - 2nd Lt
4. It is believed that the abovenamed Japanese are located at PIROE in CERAM.

IM/ID

W. G. Ellison
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: ALLEGED INFORMERS TO JAPANESE

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AMBON

5/13/1
30 OCT 45

63 Aust Inf Bde ✓

1. It is thought that the following information may be of value to NICA.
2. Informants: Marharita LATOEHROE)
Isaac TELUSA) of NAKOE village.
3. Informants say that Alexander PESUARISSA of NAKOE betrayed a number of former NICA soldiers to the Japanese in 1943:-

Sjt Jacob LATOEHROE
Mathias de FRETTE
Habel REHATA
Efer VEVEPARI
- INENDARAY
Johannis HAREU
Serles HAHARI

None of the above have been seen by their relatives since.

IM/ID

G. O. G. G. G.
Lt-Col.
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: NATIVE UNREST - VILLAGE OF LATOEHALAT -
LATIMORH PENINSULA.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

45/11/6
23 OCT 45.

33 Aust Inf Bde.

1. The following observations concerning the above are forwarded for information please. They represent the opinion of MX114388 Lt C.D. GREGSON OC 10 platoon 63 Aust Inf Bn.

2. "There appears to be an undercurrent of feeling amongst the natives of LATOEHALAT, - particularly on the part of the older people.

The reason for this state of affairs is not clear. It is possible

- (i) that some of the inhabitants retain pro-Jap tendencies.
- (ii) That some of the natives object to the return of Dutch rule in the near future.
- (iii) That the Javanese unrest is filtering through to this area by returning Ambonese.
- (iv) That the acute food position is attributed to Australian and Dutch occupation forces.

It seems certain that the younger members of the community in no way object to the Australians, and a recent incident in which the ex Radjah was attacked is significant, as is also the fact that the houses of the village are not apparently damaged by the occupation.

In addition to the foregoing it is advised that the 5 Dutch Guards at the lighthouse have asked us for help in "case of trouble", and that on several occasions recently our telephone wires have been interfered with, - in one case a 20 foot length was removed".

C. B. Guinness
Lt-Col.
C.D. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

IM/AHT

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63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

LOCATION STATEMENTS

31 OCT 45

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) 63 AUST INF BN <i>For Action</i>	<i>Originator</i> 63 AUST INF BN	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 15 2030 I	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
TO 33 AUST INF BDE <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>			<i>Message Instructions</i> GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 31 unclassified (.) location statement 63 AUST INF BN
 as at 151800 I OCT (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy A Coy C Coy less 13 pl MR
 AMBON 1 to 100000 139909 DUTCH ARTY BARRACKS 13 pl 169960 (.)
 ref map AMBON 1 to 50000 B Coy HQ 105859 10 pl 095832 11 pl
 105859 12 pl 121891 D Coy HQ 146913 16 pl 142914 17 pl 146913
 18 pl 156912

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S. 63 Aust Inf Bde

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	63 AUST INF BN	22 1855 I	

For Action

TO	33 AUST INF BDE	Message Instructions
	(w) For Information (INFO.)	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

149 unclassified (.) location statement 63 Aust Inf Bn as at
 220900 I oct (.) Ref Map AMBON 1 to 100000 (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy
 A Coy 139909 Dutch Arty Barracks (.) B Coy HQ and 11 Pl 105859
 10 and 12 Pl 098830 (.) C Coy HQ and 15 Pl 073910 13 and 14 Pls
 168960 (.) D Coy HQ and 17 Pl 146913 16 Pl 143914 18 Pl 156912 (.)

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63 Aust Inf Bn

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For Action

33 Aust Inf Bde

TO (w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 53 unclassified (.) location statement 63 Aust Inf Bn
as at 291200 I Oct (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy A Coy less 8 pl 12 pl B Coy
139909 Dutch Arty Barracks (.) 8 pl 227996 (.) B Coy HQ and 11 pl
105859 10 pl 093830 (.) C Coy HQ and 15 pl 073910 13 and 14 pl
168960 (.) D Coy HQ and 17 pl 146918 16 pl 143914 18 pl 158912 (.)

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G. J. Williams

Signed

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63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

63 BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

31 OCT 45

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 6

ROUTINE ORDERS PT I

PARAs 1 - 15

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

7 OCT 45.

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

1. CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS ROUTINE ORDERS.

All Bn Routine Orders issued prior to this date are cancelled. The subject matter of any orders which are still applicable is republished herein.

2. ORDERLY DUTIES.

The following personnel will mount from 1800 hrs on the date shown to 1800 hrs on the following day for the duties shown.

DATE	O/OFFICER	GUARD	ORD. SGT.	RUNNERS.
6 OCT	LT HEARLE	C Coy	1	2
7 OCT	LT PHILLIPS	D "	1	2
8 OCT	LT EDMUNDS	A "	1	2
9 OCT	LT COULSON	B "	1	2
10 OCT	LT ARNDT	C "	1	2
11 OCT	LT McCLOY	D "	1	2
12 OCT	LT BEST	HQ "	1	2

3. POSTAL ADDRESS.

All personnel will adopt the unit address for correspondence with the appropriate Coy, etc, inserted.

NX12345 Pte White B.J.
A Coy
63 Aust Inf Bn
AMBON.

4. MAIL.

(a) Outgoing:-

All outgoing mail, sorted in "State" bundles by Coys will be sent to Postal Sgt by 1400 hrs daily excepting Sun and Wed when mail will be accepted from Coys up till 1700 hrs. Such mail will leave the island on Mon and Thu. each week.

(b) Incoming:-

Incoming mail will be delivered to Coys, on Tues and Fridays by Bn HQ Postal Sgt. On no account will mail be collected by Individuals from Bn HQ.

(c) Registered:-

All articles to be registered will be brought to Bn HQ by person dispatching same not later than 1400 hrs daily. A pro-forma will be sent to Coys with the mail for individual collection from Bn HQ of incoming registered articles.

(d) Parcels:-

Incoming will be distributed to Coys by Bn HQ. Outwards will be as for outward registered articles.

5. CAMP ROUTINE.

Reveille	0630 hrs.	Coy Pde	1400 hrs
Adm Pde	0700 "	Dismiss	1630 "
Breakfast	0730 "	Evening meal	1700 hrs
Coy Pde	0815 "	Retreat	1800 hrs
Dismiss	1200 "	Lights out	2230 "
Mid Meal	1230 "		

6. CAMP INSPECTION.

All Coys will be in inspection order by 0830 hrs daily, at which time the camp will be inspected by the C.O. or 2 i/c Bn, Orderly Officer, Orderly Sgt, and Hygiene Sgt.

7. TRANSPORT.

Requisition for tpt other than jeeps will be submitted to Bn HQ not later than 1000 hrs on day prior to day of usage.

8. JEEPS.

Jeeps will be requisitioned for from the Adjutant or Asst Adjutant. NOT more than 4 passengers (including Driver) will be carried in Jeeps.

9. SPEED LIMIT.

Maximum 20 mph for all vehicles. This speed will be reduced to a maximum of 15 mph when traversing narrow roadways.

10. BATHING.

Sea Bathing is prohibited.

11. STORES AND AMMUNITION DUMPS.

Picquets will be on duty at all times at Coy Amn and Q Stores when official representatives are not in attendance.

12. EDUCATIONAL AND AMENITIES OFFICERS.

Padre GUEST has been appointed Unit Educational Officer and Lt ARNDT as unit sports and amenity officer.

13. REQUEST HOUR.

A "Request Hour" will be conducted by Coy Comds on Sat afternoons at 1400 hrs. Bn HQ will be incorporated with HQ Coy.

14. PERSONAL MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

- (a) All ranks will consume one atabrin, one Vitamin B and one vitamin C, tablet daily at the 0700 hrs Coy Pdes.
- (b) Mosquito nets and clothing will be kept in a proper state of repair or, if beyond repair, immediately replaced.
- (c) Gaiters will be worn at all times when dressed.
- (d) Shirt sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at the wrist between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs.
- (e) Shirts may only be removed by day when personnel are performing especially fatiguing work and then only on the authority of the officer or NCO in charge of the party.
- (f) Shirts will NOT be removed by night other than when retiring.
- (g) Bathing and showering between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs is prohibited. If absolutely necessary special authority may be given to cooks and cook's fatigues to shower after 1830 hrs.
- (h) Mosquito repellent will be applied at 2-hourly intervals after sunset until retiring.
- (i) Nets will be erected and tucked in BEFORE 1830 hrs daily.

15. BOUNDS.

The following areas are placed out of bounds to all personnel except those on duty -

- (a) Native villages outside AMBON TOWN.
- (b) Native buildings and houses, unless invited personally by the occupant.
- (c) All other houses and buildings except those allotted as billets.
- (d) Other unit areas unless invited by personnel of unit concerned.
- (e) Japanese unit lines and billets.
- (f) All wharf areas including piers.
- (g) Dumps and warehouses of surrendered war materials.
- (h) Allied Forces stores and equipment dumps and warehouses.
- (i) The area beyond the NE limit of Australian occupied territory as defined in Brigade Routine Order Number 2. The river BATOEMERAH.

(g) The boundary to seaward is the half mile limit from the shoreline.

ALL personnel moving outside these boundaries and NOT being in possession of an official pass signed by the Town Marshal are liable to instant arrest and will be subject to disciplinary action.

E. H. [Signature]
Adj. 63 AUST INF BN (A I B)

NOTICES:-

Church Services - 7 Oct 45.

R.C. -- Confessions - 1745 hrs at Bn HQ.
-- Mass - 1800 " " " "

PICTURES:-

Pictures will be screened at the Bn theatre, at rear of O Coy on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1900 hrs. Programmes for week ending 13 Oct 45 are as follows:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Theatre</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Programme.</u>
Mon 8th	No 1	10 Fd Amb Area	"King's Row" - Ann Sheridan
Tues 9th	No 4	63 Aust Inf Bn Area	" "
Wed 10th	No 2	Bde HQ Area	" "
Thur 11th	No 1	10 Fd Amb Area	"Impatient Jones" - Jack Arthur
Frid 12th	No 4	63 Aust Inf Bn Area	" "
Sat 13th	No 3	Football Field Area	" "
Sun 14th	NO SCREENING.		

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63 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (A I F)

SERIAL NO 7
PARAS 16 - 28

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (A I F)

8 OCT 45

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

16. NATIVES IN UNIT LINES.

Natives will NOT be permitted to enter unit lines except with Bn HQ approval.

17. RELATIONS WITH NATIVE POPULATION.

It is essential that Australian troops acquire and hold the respect of the native population, particularly with regard to their relation with women folk. To this end -

- (a) Troops will NOT consort with natives.
- (b) Entry to civilian houses will only take place on the personal invitation of the occupants.
- (c) Natives will NOT be carried on army vehicles unless they are engaged on official army business and their movement has been authorised by Bn HQ.

18. RELATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE.

The following points will be adhered to in regard to association with the Japanese -

- (a) There will be no fraternisation. Contact is forbidden except on authorised duty.
- (b) In the case of senior Japanese officers their correct titles will be used; do NOT shake hands.
- (c) Allied officers and men will NOT initiate salutes to members of any rank in the Japanese forces.
- (d) When compliments are first paid by the Japanese such compliments will be returned punctiliously by all ranks.
- (e) Japanese officers arriving for orders or to report will be kept at arm's length. They will NOT sit at the same table.
- (f) Allied cigarettes, liquor, rations etc will NOT be bartered, given or sold to the Japanese.
- (g) Japanese troops will not be insulted, maltreated or assaulted.

When disciplinary action is necessary for offences against paragraph (g) the case will be remanded to the Force Commander.

19. JAPANESE REMAINING IN AUSTRALIAN OCCUPIED AREAS.

Certain Japanese troops are remaining in Australian occupied zones to carry out orders from the C in C AMF. All personnel will exercise the utmost care that they do not impede them in the execution of their duty, not give them any cause for complaint. Armed Japanese guards established on dumps and posts will be respected as though members of our own force.

Any violation of this instruction will be considered a most serious offence.

20. SALUTING.

All ranks will be most punctilious in the giving and returning of compliments within Allied forces.

21. ENTRY TO DUMPS OF SURRENDERED EQUIPMENT.

Entry to dumps and warehouses of surrendered equipment for any purpose will be authorised by Bde HQ. NO passes are valid except those signed by the Town Marshal.

22. REMOVAL OF SURRENDERED STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

Guards over dumps and warehouses of surrendered enemy equipment will NOT permit the removal of equipment without the production of written authority signed by the Town Marshal.

23. LOCAL LEAVE.

Local leave will NOT be allowed before 1200 hrs except on Sundays, when leave may be granted from 0900 hrs.

Evening leave will extend until 2230 hrs by which time all personnel will be in bed.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

24. REST DAYS.

All except duty personnel will take Sundays as Rest Days. Sunday duty personnel will have Rest Day on Wednesdays.

25. WATER.

The water from the town supply is unsuitable for drinking and will be used only for ablutions, laundry etc.

As the available supply is not sufficient for all needs, economy in the use of water is necessary.

Town water supply will be turned on only at the following times -

0600	-	0800	hrs
1130	-	1330	hrs
1600	-	2000	hrs

Water for drinking purposes will be delivered by AASC. Scale 2 gals per man per diem.

26. HITCH HIKING.

Hitch-hiking by Allied or Japanese troops or natives is prohibited. Both the personnel obtaining a ride and the driver concerned will be guilty of an offence.

27. TRADE AND BARTER WITH NATIVES.

Australian troops will not trade or barter with the local inhabitants without a special permit covering a specific item or items. Under no circumstances will the purchase of food stuffs be approved. The Ambonese are not in possession of a food supply equal to a full requirement and any food taken or purchased by Australians is at the expense of the young children of the island.

Applications for permits in respect to this order will be made in writing to this Headquarters through normal channels.

28. TELEPHONES.

Bn HQ and Coy telephones will be manned constantly by a duty officer or NCO, clerk or Orderly.


 Capt.
 (E H BROWN)
 ADJT. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

NOTICES.

RECORDED MUSICAL RECITAL.

10 Aust. Fd. Amb. (AIF)

WEDNESDAY 10 Oct at 1930 hrs.

1. Orchestral "Polovitsi March"
"Dance of the Young Maidens" - from Prince Idor ..Borod
London Philharmonic O
Orchestra.
2. Piano "Waltz in Gavotte Brillante" Sutherland.
.. .. Hutchens.
Isadore Goodman.
3. Baritone "Just for today"
"The Lord's Prayer" John Charles Thomas.
4. Cello "Le Cygne" Saint-Saens.
Pablo Casals
5. Orchestral "New World" Symphony Dvorak
Philadelphia Symphony
Orchestra.

It is advised that a regular Wednesday night recital will be presented in 10 Aust. Fd. Amb area. with Electrical reproduction.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 8.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

PARAs 29 - 35

LT-COL E.B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

10. OCT 45.

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

29. RATIONS FOR SURRENDERED JAPANESE.

Rations will not be issued to Japanese except as provided herein:-

- (a) Japanese working parties carrying out arduous labour may be issued with a mid-shift ration equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of a daily ration. This ration will be consumed on the job and must not be taken back to Japanese lines.
- (b) Details permanently employed on continuous duty will be issued with a full ration. The cooking and consumption of this ration will be supervised to ensure it is not taken to Japanese lines.

30. LOCAL CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

- (a) Local clashes between opposing civilian interests are inevitable.
- (b) It is the responsibility of all Australian troops to use tactful influence to quell any disturbance and separate the contestants.
- (c) Under no circumstances will Australians show any partiality no matter what their own feelings are.

31. VENEREAL DISEASE.

Troops are warned against promiscuous intercourse. P.A.C. (Prophylactic Ablution Centre) at the R.A.P. is available 24 hrs a day. Another P.A.C. is functioning at 10 Pd Amb.

32. FIELD SECURITY PASSES.

All persons issued with a standard Field Security Pass bearing the photograph of the holder will be exempt from the necessity of obtaining a special permit to enter dumps or restricted areas.

When however, the holder of a Field Security Pass requires to remove stores or equipment from dumps or restricted areas he will apply for a special pass signed on behalf of the Town Marshal.

33. ENTRY TO WHARF.

- (a) Naval and Army small ships personnel may be assumed to be on authorised leave or duty when ashore and will be permitted entry and exit to the wharf area exclusive of Army warehouses and installations. Small ships personnel will be issued with a leave pass by their OC for movement outside the wharf area.

- (b) Port operating, ASC and Ordnance personnel employed in the wharf area will be marched to and from their quarters proceeding to and coming off duty. As formed bodies they will be allowed entry and exit to the wharf area.
- (c) Movement Control and Canteen personnel will be issued with a permanent wharf pass by Bde Headquarters.
- (d) Army personnel entering the wharf area by vehicle on duty must have the G2 endorsed to that effect.
- (e) Notwithstanding any of the above instructions ALL OFFICERS will be permitted free entry and exit to the wharf area.

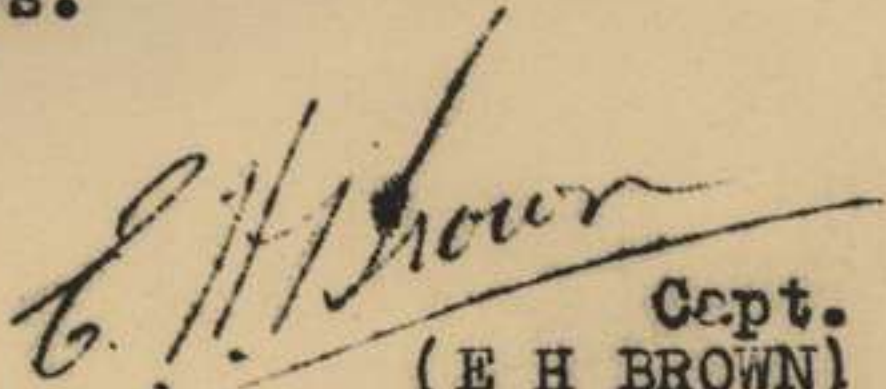
30. UNIT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

The inter-Bn boundary between 63 and 64 Inf Bn will be the B. TOEGANTOENG RIVER inclusive to 64 Inf Bn. The parts of LAITIMOR PENINSULA EAST and WEST of this line become respective bn areas of responsibility for -

- (a) Local Defence;
- (b) protection of dumps;
- (c) control of dumping programme or destruction of surrendered material as may be ordered;
- (d) general recesses for such tasks as will be ordered by Bde.

31. MOVEMENT EX AMBON ISLAND.

Personnel will NOT move ex AMBON ISLAND by sea or air without authority from Bde Hq. Application for movement, together with reasons, will be submitted to Bn Hq for approval to Bde. Bde Hq will make necessary arrangements for movement and movements orders.


Capt.
(E H BROWN)
ADJT. 63 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (A I F)

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63 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.)

SERIAL NO 9.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

PARAS 36 - 41.

BY

LT-COL E.B. ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.)

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

12 OCT 45.

36. ORDERLY DUTIES.

The following personnel will mount from 1800 hrs on the date shown to 1800 hrs on the following day for the duties shown.

DATE	O/INTEGRICER	GUARD	ORD. SGT.	RUNNERS.
13 OCT	LT COOPER E.M.	A Coy	1	2 (1 B.H.Q.)
14 OCT	LT BROWN J.	B "	1	2 (1 R.Q.M.)
15 OCT	LT CARTER I.M.	C "	1	2
16 OCT	LT RAMSAY R.M.	HQ "	1	2
17 OCT	LT GREGSON C.D.	A "	1	2
18 OCT	LT HEARLE R.E.C.	B "	1	2
19 OCT	LT PHILLIPS R.J.	C "	1	2

37. SPEED LIMIT.

R/O 09/45 is cancelled. The maximum speed for all types of vehicles is 15 mph. Within the unit lines 5 mph.

38. LEAVE.

R/O 23/45 is cancelled. The following is substituted: Leave may be granted by Coy Comds from 1200 hrs daily, excepting Rest Days, and until 2200 hrs. All personnel must be in bed and lights out at 2230 hrs.

39. EDUCATION SERGEANT.

A vacancy exists for an Education Sergeant for this Unit. Applications for such appointment are to be made to B.H.Q. NOT later than 1200 hrs on 14 OCT 45.

40. CLOTHES, WASHING.

Natives will NOT enter the unit lines for the purpose of collecting washing from soldiers. If any soldier does have clothes washed by natives he will make arrangements to deliver them to and collect from natives outside the unit boundary.

41. NATIVE LABOR.

Natives used within the unit, as approved by the C.O. and examined by the unit M.O., will NOT be allowed to handle foodstuffs, wash dishes, or carry water. They may be used for fire attendance, general cleaning, etc.

E. H. Brown Capt.
(E H BROWN)
ADJT. 63 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.)

NOTICES.

Church Services - Protestant Denomination - 0900 hrs Salvation Army Hut.
R.C. - - - - - Confessions - 1745 hrs at B.H.Q.
- Mass - 1800 hrs at B.H.Q.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 10.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

PARAs 42 - 51

by

LT.-COL E.B. ELLISON.

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

12 OCT 45.

42. ORDERLY DUTIES.

The following personnel will mount from 1800 hrs on the date shown to 1800 hrs on the following day for the duties shown.

DATE	GUARD	ORD SGT	RUNNERS.
15 OCT 45.	A COY	1	2 (1 B.H.Q.)
16 OCT 45	C "	1	2 (1 R.Q.M.)
17 OCT 45	A "	1	2

A COY Permanent duty Coy mounting Retreat 17 Oct 45.
Bn Guard will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 9 O/R's.

43. BOUNDS.

The road extending from 33 Aust Inf Bde HQ to TITAR RIVER and passing JAPANESE Hq, is OUT OF BOUNDS to all Australian personnel.

44. SOUVENIRS.

Separate-detailed instructions have been issued on souvenirs in our G2/7/613 aof 11 Oct for promulgation to all ranks. Troops will be informed that all parcels despatched from this area are subject to search and that disciplinary action will be taken against anyone retaining or despatching unauthorised articles by post or other means.

45. LABOUR AND TRANSPORT.

All routine demands for labour and transport will be made direct to Quartermaster NOT later than 0900 hrs for the following day.

46. RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AMONG NATIVES.

Reports have been received that Mohammedans in AMBON area feel that the Australian soldiers are prejudiced against them on the ground that Mohammedans were generally pro-Japanese. Troops will be advised that this belief is NOT generally correct, and that, in fact, some Mahammedans gave considerable assistance to the Australian Troops will be warned that they must be careful NOT to interfere or take sides in religious matters between the Ambonese.

47. WATER.

Water reticulated through AMBON town supply is treated at the source and is now fit for drinking direct from the tap. With effect from 11 Oct 45, MASC will deliver only to those units not on the town supply. Bde

48. USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING.

The use of grenades or any type of explosives for fishing is PROHIBITED within the Bay of AMBON and the inner harbour.

49. SPEED LIMIT.

Attention is drawn that the maximum speed at which vehicles of any type may be driven anywhere on the Island of AMBON is 15 miles per hour.

**30. MEDALS - CAMPAIGN STARS AND CLASPS AND DEFENCE MEDAL -
CONDITIONS OF AWARD.**

Subtended is copy of LHQ memo 127463 of 25 Sep 45.

1. Cases have come to notice where members have worn the ribbons of Campaign Stars, particularly the Pacific Star, without proper approval having first been obtained.
2. Attention is invited to GRO 233/45 in regard to qualifications necessary and the method of obtaining approval in each individual case as in Section (II) and para 92 of Section (V).
3. Members who are clearly entitled to Stars will obtain the approval of their Commanding Officer on the appropriate pro forma given in Section (V) and will not wear the ribbon until such written approval has been obtained. In the case of members whose eligibility partly or wholly depends on attachment for duty or visits etc., referred to in para 4 of Section (II), applications will be submitted to the Adjutant-General (DPD LHQ) through the usual channels, and these applications will be decided by the Commander-in-Chief.
4. No member will wear a ribbon until written approval is given either by his Commanding Officer under Section (V) or by AG's Branch LHQ on the decision of the Commander-in-Chief sub paras 4 (b) and (c) of Section (II).

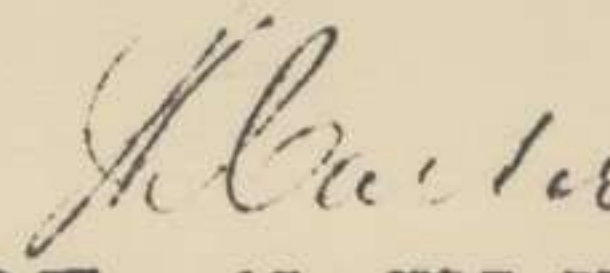
51. DERMATITIS FROM PICRIC ACID.

Cases of severe dermatitis have occurred among troops handling picric acid powder.

On NO account will picric acid powder be permitted to come into contact with the skin.

Personnel who have been handling this acid in the past, and whose skin is stained either yellow or red will report immediately to the RMO, irrespective of whether they have dermatitis or NOT.

It is pointed out that in addition to causing dermatitis this acid frequently caused general poisoning, and the symptoms may be delayed for a week or ten days.


 Lt.
 (I M CARTER)
 ADJT. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

NOTICES.

▲ EDUCATION SERVICE:

Recorded Music Recitals - Weekly as follows -

Sundays 1930 hrs - Bde Edn Centre (located at School)
 Wednesdays 1930 hrs - 10 Fd Amb.

Programme for Wednesday 17 Oct will include -

Greig Pianforte Concerto
 Beethovens "Egmont" Overture.

FILM PROGRAMMES

<u>Date</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Programme.</u>
Tues 16		63 Inf Bn	MAN HUNT - Walter PIDGEON John BENNETT
Fri 19		" " "	NO TIME FOR COMEDY - James STEWART.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

SERIAL NO 6

PARAs 52 -55

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

19 OCT 45.

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

52. ISSUES AND REPLACEMENTS OF Q.M. STORES.

Coy Comds will ensure that all applications for issues and replacements of any unit stores, equipment, or personal necessities, by all ranks will be made to C.Q.M.S. concerned. Bn HQ personnel will report to HQ Coy for all requirements. Issues will NOT be made to individuals from R.Q.M. Store.

53. PASSES.

The following passes are valid in this area -

- (a) Special Security Pass - For retention by the Bearer, permitting him entry to a specified area.
- (b) Permanent Security Pass - For retention by the Bearer, permitting him entry to any area for any purpose, EXCEPT the removal of stores.
- (c) Fd Security Pass - Issued by LHQ. Permission to enter any area for Intelligence purposes. Does NOT authorise the removal of stores.

In addition to the above, 63 and 64 Inf Bns may issue passes authorising entry to an area or areas and/or the removal of stores etc in respect to their own area of responsibility.

54. AUTHORITY TO CROSS THE BATOEMERAH RIVER.

All Coys may authorise personnel to visit the war cemeteries at GALALA, but such personnel will move in formed bodies under the control of an officer, who will carry written authority signed by his CO or OC.

Except as provided above, the area NORTH of BATOEMERAH RIVER is out of bounds to other than duty personnel. Such personnel will carry one of the passes detailed in R.O. 53 or a special pass issued by 63 or 64 Aust Inf Bns authorising them to enter the area.

55. CHANGES OF DESIGNATION OF AMF HQ.

- A. HQ Allied Land Forces SWPA to be known as HQ Aust Military Forces abbreviation HQ AMF.
- B. Adv LHq is to be known as Adv HQ AMF.
- C. Sig addressees LANDFORCES LANDOPS unchanged.

(Signature)
Capt.
(K.S. ROWAN)
ADJT, 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

NOTICES.

Church Services - 21 Oct 45.

R.C. -- Confessions -- 1745 hrs at Bn HQ
-- Mass -- 1800 " " " "

Protestant Denomination -- 0900 hrs Salvation Army Hut.
followed by Communion.

NOTICES continued.

PICTURES.

Tuesday 23 OCT 45

"White Cliffs of Dover"

Friday 26 OCT 45

"Two Girls and a Sailor"

USE OF NATIVE CANOES.

Various complaints have come to hand of personnel taking native canoes without the permission from the native owners. As the natives use their canoes for fishing this practice will cease forthwith.

RESTRICTED.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 12

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

PARAS 56 - 58

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

20 OCT 45.

56. DEMOBILIZATION PROCEDURE BOOK AAB87.

- (a) Many instances have occurred where personnel have failed to detach form 1 and hand to the postal sgt before leaving unit.
- (b) Prompt redirection of mail is seriously prejudiced if strict observance is NOT paid to the printed instructions appearing on the counterfeit page one of AAB 87.

57. MEDICAL BOARDS.

- (a) Advice has been received from Hq AMF that many members are applying for medical boards upon totally inadequate grounds in the belief that failure to record a repatriation claim during the process of release from the AMF will jeopardise any future claims.
- (b) The Repatriation Dept has stated that there is no time limit within which a repatriation claim must be made whether the claim be made for a pension or treatment or both. Such an application may be made at any time after discharge.
- (c) Excessive numbers of unnecessary claims will delay demobilization procedure and all ranks will be fully informed of the situation.

58. JAPANESE CURRENCY AND DUTCH PRE-INVASION CURRENCY.

Japanese currency and pre-invasion Dutch currency will NOT be redeemed from members of the AMF and trading in such currency by members of the AMF or transfer to the civil population has been instructed to this effect.

K S Rowan Capt.
(K S ROWAN)
ADJUT. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

NOTICES.

OFFENCES

1. VX53743 Pte RYAN L.S.A. a member of the 63 Inf Bn was charged on 6 Oct 45 with the following offences -
 - (a) Committing an offence against an inhabitant of the country in which he was serving. A.A. Sec 6 (3) (d)
 - (b) Absent without leave. A.A. Sec 15 (1)
 - (c) Resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge. A.A. Sec 10 (3)
 - (d) Striking his superior officer. A.A. Sec 8 (1)
 - (e) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer. A.A. Sec 8 (2)
 - (f) Drunkenness. A.A. Sec 19.

He was fined £5, awarded 28 days Field Punishment and forfeited 28 days pay.

OFFENCES cont'd

2. WX36280 Pte McDERMOTT R a member of 63 Inf Bn was charged on 6 Oct with the following offences.

- (a) Using threatening language to his superior officer.
A.A. Sec 8 (2)
- (b) Using abusive language to his superior officer A.A. Sec 8 (2)
- (c) Absent without leave. A.A. Sec 15 (1)
- (d) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline
(Hitch-hiking on a vehicle) A.A. Sec 20.
- (e) Drunkenness. A.A. Sec 19.

H He was fined £5, awarded 28 days Field Punishment and forfeited 28 days pay.

AMENITIES.

The BOOMERANG CLUB for Australian troops opened at 1830 hrs Tuesday 16 Oct 45. The club is located in the front section of the OPERA HOUSE. The club will consist of a YMCA Redrecreation Hut and a canteen serviced by AACS, where confectionery Iced cordial will be available at 10 cents per pint. The Recreation Hut will be open from 1000 to 2145 hrs. Canteen hours are from 1330 hrs to 1530 hrs and 1830 hrs to 2130 hrs.

REHABILITATION - EMPLOYMENT OPORTUNITIES.

All troops will be informed that lists of vacancies in the Commonwealth and State Public Service are published in GROs and arrangements will be made for this information to be made available to persons interested.

C in C's PARADE.

The Commanding Officer of 63 Bn was pleased with the steadiness and bearing of all ranks on parade for the C in C (General Sir T. BLAMEY on 20 Oct 45.

Coy Comds will convey to all ranks this appreciation.

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63 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL (A I F)
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

SERIAL NO 6
PARAS 59 - 64

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL (A I F)

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

27
19 OCT 45.

59. NATIVES WEARING AMP CLOTHING.

Under NO circumstances will Aust clothing or equipment be given to traded to the local inhabitants.

It is primarily the duty of the provost to remove Aust equipment and clothing in possession of natives, but sub units will take immediate steps to reclaim any items which are held by natives in their particular area.

This order will be rigidly policed.

60. WEARING OF BOOTS.

Owing to the great prevalence of hookworm in this area troops will NOT walk barefooted at any time except when showering and then only when actual in the shower room or enclosure.

61. DRESS.

All personnel will wear correct headdress when moving outside their billets.

62. DISCIPLINE.

Drivers will not smoke whilst driving.

63. MOVEMENT OF NATIVES AT NIGHT.

Several instances of theft and attempted theft from unit lines by natives have been reported in the past two weeks. Instructions have now been issued that all natives will remain off the streets and be confined to the immediate vicinity of their own homes between 1900 hrs and 0500 hrs. This curfew will be imposed from 1900 hrs 27 Oct until further notice.

Natives disobeying the order will be apprehended and taken to Bn or Coy HQ's unless carrying a pass signed by NICA authorising their movement by night.

Australian servicemen found in the company of natives contravening this order are guilty of a serious offence and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The bell at Bde HQ will be rung strongly at 1900 hrs .

Where bells are available in Coy areas they will be rung also at 1900 hrs.

64. WEARING OF SHIRTS.

Shirts will be worn at all times, and may NOT be removed for heavy work. This cancels all previous instructions on the wearing of shirts.

[Signature]
Capt.
(K S ROWAN)
ADJT. 63 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL (A I F)

NOTICES.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS.

Particulars of abovementioned vacancies are available at Bn Orderly Room.

PICTURES.

Tuesday 30 OCT 45.

"Gas Light"
Charles Boyer
Ingrid Bergman.

Pictures will only be screened in 63 Bn area on Tuesday nights.

Church Services - 28 OCT 45.

R.C. -- Confessions - 1745 hrs at C Coy quarters,
-- Mass - 1800 " " " "
Protestant Denomination - 0900 hrs Salvation Army Hut.

COOKS.

Applications from personnel wishing to become cooks to be made to this HQ by 1200 hrs 30 Oct 45. Suitable applicants will be trade grouped if suitable.

LOST AND FOUND.

Book "EPITAPH FOR A SPY" belonging to Padre's library. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

A black leather wallet by WO II SPIERS. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

SPORT.

Aus Rules football: 10 Fd Amb will play 64 Bn at 1400 hrs on AMBON OVAL Sunday 28 Oct, 45.

W A R D I A R Y

63 AUST INF BN (AIF) - OCTOBER 1945

63 BN OPERATION ORDERS NOS 1 - 5

31 OCT 45

63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OPERATION ORDER NO 1

12 OCT 45.

Ref Map AMBON 1/50000

INFORMATION.

1. The inter bn boundary between 63 and 64 Inf Bns has been established as BATOEGANTOENG RIVER, incl. to 63 Inf Bn.
2. 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area south of and west of the BATOEGANTOENG RIVER.
3. D Coy 63 Inf Bn is guarding dumps of enemy material in the area between the BATOEGANTOENG and POETRI RIVERS.

INTENTION.

4. B Coy 63 Inf Bn will occupy and clear dumps of enemy material the area bounded by POETRI RIVER - MOUNT MONA (1488) - MOUNT TOLA (1287) - MOUNT SOEWAL (1285) - CAPE HATIARI (1284) - CAPE MOESANIVE (0581) - North Coast of island to GOEDANG DRANG (1491) by 161000 I hrs Coy.

METHOD

5. The Coy will be responsible within the area delineated for the following:
 - (a) discipline.
 - (b) local defence.
 - (c) protection of dumps of enemy material.
 - (d) control of dumping programme as or direct by Bn HQ.
 - (e) recce patrolling for crashed aircraft, graves, missing P.W., location of dumps of enemy materials, and other recce tasks as ordered by Bn HQ.
 6. B Coy will report to Bn Hq, immediately they are located.
 - (a) the location and materials found in each dump, and will be responsible for guarding the dump until clearing has been completed.
 - (b) the location and details of any grave of an Australian Soldier.
 - (c) information gained from natives or from any source concerning Australian P.W.
 - (d) information gained from any source of the presence of Japanese personnel in the area.
 - (e) information on any other matters found as a result of recce patrolling, likely to affect the intention of the Bn Comd.
 7. B Coy is responsible that NO article of equipment or stores of any kinds is removed from any dump or place within its area without the written authority of Bn HQ.
 8. QM will arrange the supply of stores required by the Coy, and for the delivery of rations and water to points required by the Coy Comd.
- INTERCOMMUNICATION.
9. Sig Officer will arrange L/T communication between Bn HQ and Coy and Pl Hq's.
 10. QM will detach one jeep and trailer with driver for duty with B Coy.

Signed at HQ 63 Aust Inf Bn at _____ hrs .

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14 OCT 45.

Ref Map MBON 1/50000

INFORMATION.

1. The inter-bn boundary between 63 and 64 Inf Bns has been established as B. TOEGANTOENG RIVER, incl. to 63 Inf Bn.
2. 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area South and West of B. TOEGANTOENG RIVER.
3. B Coy 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area west of POETRI RIVER - MT NO. 1 (1488)
4. D Coy 63 Inf Bn is at present responsible for dumps of enemy material in the M. INITOE area (1491)

INTENTION.

5. D Coy 63 Inf Bn will in addition occupy and clear of dumps of enemy material the area bounded by B. TOEGANTOENG RIVER (incl to Coy) - MOUNT OBRIMESING (1688) - MOUNT NO. 1 (1488) - POETRI RIVER (incl to Coy)

METHOD.

6. The Coy will be responsible within the area delineated for the following:
 - (a) discipline
 - (b) local defence
 - (c) protection of dumps of enemy material.
 - (d) control of dumping programme as directed by Bn HQ.
 - (e) recce patrolling for crashed aircraft, graves, missing PW, location of dumps of enemy material and other recce tasks as ordered by Bn HQ.
7. The Coy will report to Bn HQ immediately :
 - (a) the location and materials found in each dump; which they will guard until clearing has been complete.
 - (b) the location and details of any grave of an Australian
 - (c) information gained from natives or from any other source concerning Australian PW.
 - (d) information gained from any source of the presence of uncontrolled Japanese personnel in the area.
 - (e) information on any other matters found as a result of recce patrolling, likely to effect the intention of the Bn Comd.
8. No article of equipment or stores is to be removed from any dump or place within the Coys Area of responsibility without the written authority of Bn HQ.

ADMINISTRATION.

9. Rations and stores as at present arranged.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

10. L/T and Jeep as at present arranged.

Signed at HQ 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at 2000 hrs.

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Lt. Col. G. H. H. H.
 Lt. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

" *W.D. King*
63 AUST INF BN (AIF)
OPERATION ORDER NO 3.

14 OCT 45.

Ref Map AMBON ISL NDS GROUP 1/100000.

INFORMATION.

1. The inter-Bn boundary between 63 and 64 Bns on the Northern Sector of AMBON has been established as the line PASOE - CAPE BATOE (185095) excl. to 63 Inf Bn.
2. 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area WEST of this line.

INTENTION.

3. C Coy 63 Inf Bn will occupy and clear of dumps of enemy material the area bounded by PASOE (2499) - MT ERI (2103) - MT LAHELOE - MT M-SPAIT (1699) - MT KERBAU (1197) - MT KADERA (0394) - MT OEPA (0190) - HATOE (0188) - in two phases:
Phase 1 - incl ROEMANHIGA to incl. CAPE SIKOELA, an area extending inland one mile from the coast.
Phase 2.- the remainder of the area.

METHOD.

4. The Coy will be responsible within the area delineated for the following:
 - (a) discipline.
 - (b) local defence.
 - (c) protection of dumps of enemy material.
 - (d) control of dumping programme as directed by Bn HQ.
 - (e) recce patrolling for crashed aircraft, graves, missing PW, location of dumps of enemy material and other recce tasks as ordered by Bn HQ.
5. The Coy will report to Bn HQ immediately:
 - (a) the location and materials found in each dump, which they will guard until clearing has been completed.
 - (b) the location and details of any grave of an Australian soldier.
6.
 - (c) information gained from natives or from any other source concerning Australia PW.
 - (d) information gained from any source of the presence of uncontrolled Japanese personnel in the area.
 - (e) information on any other matters found as a result of recce patrolling, likely to effect the intention of the Bn Comd.
6. NO article of equipment or stores is to be removed from any dump or place within the Coys Area of responsibility without the written authority of Bn HQ.
7. ADMINISTRATION.
 7. QM will arrange supply of stores required by the Coy, and for the delivery of water and rations etc to points required by the Coy.
 8. M.O. will arrange Medical Services required by the Coy.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

9. Sig officer will arrange L/T communication between Coy HQ and Pl Hq's, and W/T communication Bn HQ and Coy HQ.

Signed at HQ 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at *2000* hrs.

W.D. King Lt.
Adjnt. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OPERATION ORDER NO 4.

14 OCT 45.

War Diary

Ref Map AMBOINA ARCHIPELAGO. 1/50000

INFORMATION.

1. The inter-bn boundary between 63 and 64 Bnf Bns has been established as BATOEGANTOENG RIVER incl to 63 Inf Bn.
2. 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area South and West of BATOEGANTOENG RIVER.
3. B Coy 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area WEST OF POETRI RIVER - MT NONA (1488)
4. D Coy 63 Inf Bn is responsible for the area bounded by BATOEGANTOENG RIVER - MT GERIMESING (1688) - MT NONA (1488) - POETRI RIVER.

INTENTION.

5. HQ Coy 63 Inf Bn will recce the areas surrounding the villages of OERIMESING (1739) WAROE (1787) - MAHIA (1887) and SERI (1486) on 16 - 19 Oct 45.

METHOD.

6. HQ Coy will report to Bn HQ on conclusion of the recce.
 - (a) the location and materials found in any dump of enemy materials.
 - (b) the location and details of any grave of an Australian soldier.
 - (c) information gained from natives or from any source concerning Australian PW.
 - (d) Information of the presence of uncontrolled Japanese personnel in the area.
 - (e) the location and details of any crashed aircraft found.

ADMINISTRATION.

7. QM will arrange for four days rations to be drawn by HQ Coy.
8. MO will arrange for medical services required by the Coy.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

9. Sig offr will arrange W/T communication between Bn HQ and HQ Coy HQ in OERIMESING VILLAGE.
10. An alternative channel will be by runner to HQ 18 Pl D Coy thence by L/T to Bn HQ.

Signed at HQ 63 Aust Inf Bn at *2000* hrs.

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Lt.
Adj. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

War Diary

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PATROL

Ref Map AMBON ISLANDS GROUP 1/100000.

INFORMATION.

1. Approximately 300 Australians took part in battle of LAHA. It is probable that of these about 150 made their escape by proceeding across HITOE Peninsula to north coast villages such as ASILOELOE SAID and KAITETOE. Intelligence believes that LAWA and SIKOELA rivers were used for access to the interior. Natives in the area were eye witnesses to the action.

INTENTION.

2. Patrol constituted as in para 3 will patrol the areas around SIKOELA - LAWA RIVERS for information concerning missing Australian personnel.

METHOD.

3. The patrol will consist of
Comd Lt GLUYAS
2 i/c Lt HEARLE
30 OR's from HQ Coy to be selected by Lt GLUYAS.
1 NCO Q.FSS.

4. (a) The patrol will proceed along SIKOELA RIVER from 050921 to 030968 thence along LAWA RIVER from 039968 to TAWIRI.
(b) On the latter portion of the patrol a party detailed by Lt GLUYAS will also proceed along the track MT JADERA 038946 to TAWIRI, marching parallel to and concurrently with the remainder of the patrol.

5. Questions to be answered by the patrol are
(a) Are any graves of Australian or Allied personnel located in the area?
(b) if so, where?
(c) is any information concerning the movement of Australian or Allied personnel about Jan - March 1942 known to natives in the area?
(d) if so, what are the full details.
(e) are any Australian or Allied personnel living in the area?
(f) Are any detachments of armed Japanese in the area?
(g) Are any dumps of Japanese war materials located in the area.
(h) if so where?
(i) are there any crashed aircraft in the area-if so where?

6. Barge for movement to LAHA will report to Coaling wharf at 0900 hrs on 24 Oct 45.

ADMINISTRATION.

7. QM will make available to the patrol such stores as are required by Lt GLUYAS.
8. MO will consult Lt GLUYAS as to medical stores and personnel requirements.
9. Lt GLUYAS will report to BHQ prior to movement all details of arrangements made for rations, water etc.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

10. Sig officer will make available to the patrol sig stores required, as decided between himself and patrol Comd.

Signed at HQ 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at _____ hrs.

H. Rowan Cap
Adj. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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