

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/3/105

63 Infantry Battalion

November 1945



# WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2113.  
(Adapted.)

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Unit 63 Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 November 45 To 4 November 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	1 Nov	1000	Location statement of Bn.	See Appendix 7 " 11
		1100	Lt BUBB joined unit from 2/24 Inf Bn Advice received from 9 pl, PIROE (CERAM) that 27 tons Japanese amm has been dumped into sea.	
		1200	Japanese prisoners held in Bn compound total 97. These are employed in working parties. Ambonese interpreters used by Bn will be considered as on Unit strength and arrangements have been made for their payment through NICA.	
	2 Nov	0900	Coys carrying out patrols, guarding and dumping stores in respective areas	See Appendix 5 " 13 " 4
		1100	Sig Officer reports five instances of damage to Bn signal lines in areas ERI and NEGERILAMA. Bde advised	
		1200	Mass grave of unknown Australians at LAHA exhumed. To date 10 bodies have been recovered. Work is being done by War Graves unit using Jap labour.	
	3 Nov	0900	Patrol left LAHA by barge for ALLANG for purpose of continuing enquiries regarding movements of Aust PW and escapees in this area	" 5
		1000	Daily ferry service by this Bn using Jap barges operating between Coaling Wharf, AMBON, and LAHA-ROEMAHTIGA.	
	4 Nov	0800	Dumping enemy equipment AMBON and PIROE continuing.	" 10
		0900	Bn Stand Down Day. Church Parades as per Routine Orders Part I	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.  
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Unit 63 Inf Bn (ATF) Date and Time.—From 4 November 45 To 10 November

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
AMBON	5 Nov	0900	B C & D Coys carrying out patrols, dumping equipment etc	See Appendix 5	
		1100	9 Pl A Coy returned from NEGERILAMA to Bn HQ area.		
		1200	Three officers Lts WASHINGTON, McKEWAN & MARTIN marched in to Unit from 1 Aust Base Sub Area.		" 11
		1400	Advice received from CERAM of extent of Japanese Civil Administration in areas allotted them. Total enemy equipment dumped:- AMBON area 170 tons. PIROE area 136 tons and arty.		
	6 Nov	0800	Patrol HQ Coy and attached personnel left Coaling Wharf AMBON by Bn barge No 1 for recce patrol north coast AMBON, area SAID to MAMALA	" 9	
	7 Nov	0900	Ballot for souvenirs (captured Jap swords) conducted & distribution: Officers - to COs discretion. ORs 1 sword to every 10 men.		
		1000	Names submitted of all personell having 217 points or more for demobilization purposes.		
	9 Nov	0830	33 Inf Bde patrol including I.C. 63 Bn left AMBON by HMAS "KRAIT" for patrol CERAM coast AMAHAI to BOELA.		
		0900	HQ of patrol north coast AMBON established at KAITETOE. Japanese prisoners held in custody total 98.		
	10 Nov	0900	Exhumations of mass Australian grave LAHA completed. 60 sets of bones have been recovered Slight earth tremors noted at intervals throughout day.	" 4	



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Unit 63 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 11 November 45 To 18 November 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	11 Nov	1600	HQ Coy recee patrol north coast AMBON returned to unit Dumpings of enemy equipment at PIROE now total 453 tons.	See Appendix 5
	12 Nov	0900	Lt COULSON marched out - to Vic L of C Area for discharge D Coy will take over LAHA area of responsibility with 1 Pl at LAHA. All personnel with 150 demob points or over to be transferred to B Coy. B & C Coy personnel with points under 150 to A & D Coys. Officers not included. Officer re-posting C Coy. Lt KING to O/C Jap Prison Compound Lts ARNDT & BEST to D Coy. Lt BUBB to D Coy.	" 11
	13 Nov	0900	Priority discharge personnel marched out, including following officers: Lt COOPER - to NSW L of C Area Lt BEST " " Lt RAMSEY " " Lt BIDDOME Vic "	" 11
	14 Nov	1600	I.O. 63 Bn returned from patrol CERAM coast Dumpings AMBON area to date 308 tons.	" 5
	15 Nov	1200	Exhumation mass graves LAHA area completed by War Graves Unit. 119 bodies have been recovered.	" 4
	16 Nov	1200	Dumping continuing AMBON and PIROE areas of responsibility.	
	17 Nov	0800	Members of Int Sec proceeded to LAHA to investigate possibility of there being further mass Australian graves in that area.	
	18 Nov		Bn Stand Down Day. Church Parades as per Bn R.O.s Part I	" 10



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Unit 63 Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 19 November 45 To 23 November 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	19 Nov	1600	Dumpings enemy equipment to date:- AMBON Area 377 tons, FIORE area 433 tons and arty. Jap prisoners held in Bn compound total 94	
	20 Nov	1800	Enquiries proceeding at LAHA regarding missing Aust PW from that area - believed to be approx 86. D Coy relieved of guard on enemy equipment No 1 Wharf, AMBON.	
	21 Nov		Medical examination proceeding of personnel eligible for demobilisation.	
	22 Nov	0900 1500	Bde Demob Coll Centre established AMBON for concentration personnel for discharge held awaiting draft. 43 members of Bn marched out for discharge to Demob Coll Centre Bn reconnaissance completed of areas allotted as first priority (i) LAHA and AREA NW to COAST (ii) ALLANG (iii) ASILOBLOE to KAITETOE. Reports forwarded Bde.	See Appendix 5
	23 Nov	0900	New Jap Prison Compound completed and prisoners transferred. Present no held 12 Officers 64 ORs. Following officers marched out: Maj CHRISTIE to NSW L of C Area for Demob. Capt WADDELL Qld " " Lt CARTER Vic " "	" 12
		1200	Capt K.S. ROWAN took over as 2 i/o, Lt I. McCLOY as Adjt	" 11 " 11



# WAR DIARY <sup>XX</sup> or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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63 Inf Bn (AIF)

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24 November 45

29 November 45

Unit

Date and Time.—From

To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	24 Nov	0915 1600	A Coy withdrew to ERI platoon stationed at LATOEHAJAT A Coy supplies 2 Cpls 36 ORs for permanent Guard Platoon Jap Prison Compound, B Coy supplies 1 Sjt.	See Appendix 12
	25 Nov		Bn Stand Down Day. Church Parades as per Bn R.O.s Part I	" 10
	26 Nov		Patrol Int Sec members to HITOE LAMA for report on beach and landing area. Report forwarded Bde.	" 5
		0900	Chief of Staff Adv HQ AMF Major General MILFORD with 33 Inf Bde Comd BRIGADIER A.B. STEELE left AMBON by RAAF flying boat for inspection PIROE area.	
	27 Nov	0900	<i>Brigadier H. WRIGLEY CBE MC assumed comd 33 Inf Bde.</i> B Coy to cease to have sub-unit identity as from 092800 I. Command of remaining personnel B Coy passes to O/C HQ Coy.	
		1200	Enemy equipment dumped AMBON area to date 419 tons.	
	28 Nov	0800	Personnel A Coy left AMBON by Bn Barge No 2 for PIROE to relative members 9 pl that area.	
		1200	Japanese prisoners held in unit compound - 14 Offrs 64 ORs. These are being questioned from time to time by members of Legal Unit, QFSS and ATIS with regard to war crimes.	
		1400	Ambonese interpreters attached unit received pay for services through NICA HQ.	
	29 Nov	0800	C.O. 63 Bn Lt-Col E.B. ELLISON left with Bde party for RITOH, KAI & TANIMBAR Groups, with view to concentration of Japanese Forces that area.	







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1 DECEMBER 1945



WAR DIARY63 INF BN (AIF)NOVEMBER 1945COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Extensive patrolling has been conducted during the month in LAHA area and along the south coast of CERAM.

At LAHA special efforts are being made to solve the mystery of the disappearance in Feb 1942 of C Coy 2/21 Bn and attached troops. From mass graves in the area a total of 119 bodies has so far been recovered and it is feared the complete garrison will be found to have suffered the fate of execution. Japanese from surrounding areas who took part in the battle are being concentrated at LAHA for thorough interrogation and as working parties to carry out digging operations until such time as the remainder of the Australian force is accounted for.

A Bde surveillance party under my command proceeded in HMAS "BROOME" on 29 Nov to KAI GROUP and there arranged concentration of Japanese forces in KAI DOELA and DOE ROWA Islands. AMF and NICA detachments remained to supervise the movement.

The task of disposing of Jap war like stores is nearing completion in the Bn areas of responsibility at AMBON and PIROE (CERAM). Totals are:-

AMBON	-	532 tons.
PIROE	-	433 tons.

With the approach of the war trials at AMBON, the concentration of Jap suspects has grown considerably and the old Prison Compound was found inadequate. So much so that a new and larger compound has been built and occupied in the one time officers' quarters of the Dutch Arty Barracks. The prisoners have worked very hard. There are now 78 occupants.

Demobilisation of eligible members of the Bn has continued rapidly and the unit is now approximately half its full strength. A proportionate number of original NCOs have been marched out and therefore to maintain efficiency within the unit some promotions have been made.

It has also been necessary owing to lack of manpower to disband both B and C Coys and to concentrate the details in HC Coy which is attached to Bn HQ. A Coy is now disposed along LAITIMOR Peninsula south west of AMAHOESOE and D Coy occupies the WAINITOE and KUDAMATI areas with a pl detached at LAHA.

Demobilisation proceedings have had an unsettling effect upon the remaining members and morale has fallen somewhat. However those in key positions have carried on with commendable efficiency and it is certain that the unit will complete its allotted tasks satisfactorily.

It is anticipated that patrolling and dumping will be completed by the end of next month.

19 Dec 45

*H. B. Ellison*  
Lt-CO  
C.O. 63 Inf Bn



Subject: QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 30 NOV 45

63 Inf Bn  
 ABBON  
 15 Dec 45

1. RATIONS: Fresh meat was delivered on five occasions. Only one issue was of poor quality. 105 lbs were condemned and replaced by tinned meat.

Fresh fish, 260 lbs, was delivered 21 Nov 45. All Coys participated.

Salt Tablets are still unavailable. One Yeast issue was U.S. and replaced by DID.

2. QUARTERS: Mess Hut in A Coy lines has been dismantled and reerected at Bn Guard Compound. Mess gear and cooking equipment are supplied at Guard Compound.

Pl at Main Wharf took over 7 tents outer 8 tents inner and 7 sets poles from 64 Bn. A similar number of tents has been delivered to 64 Bn in lieu.

Several 30 x 30 Canvas Sheets are erected at Unit Education Centre. 3 tents are in use at Unit theatre area.

3. TRANSPORT: Little improvement in tpt position during the month all Jap vehs most unreliable - all long trips had to be undertaken by jeeps. Tyres and tubes are very scarce and those in Unit in poor condition. Supplies available at LAD - Nil.

Both Tpt Sjt and Tpt Cpl marched out to discharge. Newly appointed Cpl TRAINOR is carrying out Tpt NCO duties satisfactorily.

4. STORES & EQUIPT: During the month all surplus WE arms and equip was recalled from Sub units, cleaned, greased and packed ready for shipping to 4 RSD MOROTAI. Approximately 70% of all arms and equip is ready for return to Ordnance in good condition.

5. STAFF: During the month RQMS WO II ALDERSON marched out to discharge. Sjt DENIC is acting RQMS in a satisfactory manner.

6. CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES: A fairly liberal issue of clothing was received from 177 FOD this month and issued to Sub units, consequently the condition of Boots, Shirts and trousers on issue to unit pers has improved.

*Georgie M. 63 Inf Bn (1)*



WAR DIARY

63 INF BN

NOVEMBER - 1945

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Sickness rate for November has been lower than that of October. This can be attributed in part to the fact that work has been less strenuous. Following one patrol of 5 days by 20 men from LAHA to northern coast about 10 men returned with chronic ulcers on various parts of their bodies, cause unknown. These however have now all healed.

There have been no malaria cases and malaria precautions are fair.

Gonorrhoea has been contracted by four men during the month. Promiscuous intercourse is quite frequent and a P.A.C. is maintained.

The standard of hygiene has improved with time and is now satisfactory.

R.A.P. staff has been greatly depleted by the demobilisation plan but there remain sufficient orderlies to maintain an efficient service.

*Harold Davis*

Capt AAMC  
M.O. 63 Inf Bn (AIF)



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NOVEMBER 1945

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

1 DECEMBER 45



Subject: ESCAPED AUSTRALIANS - GESER ISLAND

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

20/29/23  
2 NOV 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

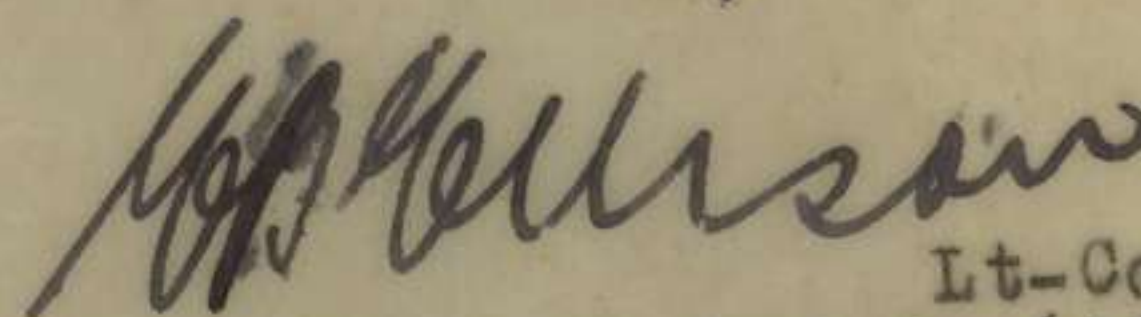
Ref 63 Aust Inf Bn 20/29/2 of 2 Nov 45 (Case No 29) relative to the above.

1. It is understood that a Bde patrol to BOELA (CERAM) is projected for the near future.

2. Permission is requested therefore that I.O. 63 Bn and Djen MOHAMMED may accompany the patrol for the purpose of recovering the alleged notebook at GESER which is said to contain some or all of the numbers and names of 57 Australian soldiers who passed through early in 1942.

3. QFSS is interested in the case and it is believed that the lead is important.

IM/ID

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

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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
PTE BECKLEN B. ("DURT BECKLEN") - LATOKOLANG RIVER  
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBOEN  
120/361  
2 NOV 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for information is Case No 36 concerning the above.
2. Also attached is additional information reference Cases No 4 & No 5.

IM/ID

*W. H. Christie, Maj*  
Lt-Col.  
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Legal  
War Graves  
PW. E & O  
War Diary (2) ✓  
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CASE NO 36

Lt

I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

WI/ID

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
PTE BECKLEN B. ("BURT BECKLEN") - LATOEKOLANG RIVER

62<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/36/

2 NOV 45

1. Location of Grave: MR AMBON 1:100000 - 100846  
In bed of LATOEKOLANG River, 300 yards  
from road.
2. Grave Markings: Grave surface of sand. Site marked by  
patrol party.
3. Source of Information: Ambonese native Frederick KAYOL  
resident SILALE.
4. Reported Circumstances  
of Death: Informant stated the grave was that of  
Pte BECKLEN B. and said he was KIA  
7 Feb 42. He further stated that he  
buried the body on that date.  
No weapons or documents were found.

WI/ID

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



Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
VX 31626 - PTE BALCOMBE R. 2/21 BN

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
20/4/2  
2 NOV 45

The following additional information has been received relative to the above:-

Source of Information: native resident near grave site

Reported Circumstances of Death:

It is now revealed that BALCOMBE was bugler for 2/21 Bn and was killed 2 Feb 42 by a shell from a Jap gun-boat.

WI/ID

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



CASE NO 5 (Contd)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
VX 27263 - DVR ANDERSON A.T. 2/21 BN

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/5/2

2 NOV 45

The following information has been received additional to the above:

1. Source of Information: Resident of ERI village.

2. Reported Circumstances  
of Death:

Informant states ANDERSON was strafed by a Jap plane and wounded. He was taken to ERI church which was being used as an Aid Post, where he died, being buried 50 yards NE of church.

WI/ID

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



Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

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23 Aust Inf Bde

1. Herewith for consideration please information additional to that given in 63 Aust Inf Bn Cases 8 and 29 relative to Maj NEWBURY and the escape of 57 soldiers via GESER (CERAM).

IM/ID

*W. Christie Maj*  
Lt-Col.  
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Legal  
War Graves  
PW E & C  
War Diary (2) ✓  
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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
MAJOR NEWBURY - MULTIPLE GRAVE

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

20/8/2  
2 NOV 45

Ref 63 Aust Inf Bn 20/8 of 28 Oct 45.

1. The following Japanese were interrogated concerning the above at LAHA 21 Oct 45 by Sjt DALLINORE of Bn INT SEC:-

Lt-Com KOBAYASHI  
Lt OMAE  
Lt YAMANOUCHI  
Sjt INO  
Interpreter ISUDA

2. Attached are copies of statements written for and by Lt Com KOBAYASHI.

3. KOBAYASHI, OMAE and YAMANOUCHI seemed reluctant to give any information and the former pretended he could not speak English until later when he personally wrote the second statement.

4. The Japanese have pointed out yet another site which they state is Maj NEWBURY'S grave - 5 metres from the marked location.

5. The fact that they now admit the possibility that 20 or 40 Australians may be in the grave is significant in view of the previous declaration of 10.

6. It is suggested that an early and thorough interrogation of the named Japanese by a member of ATIS would do much to clear up existing anomalies in the case.

7. It is also reasonable to assume that interrogation of H. TAKADA who was apparently at LAHA at the time of the battle would be profitable.

IM/ID

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



COPY OF STATEMENTS MADE BY JAPANESE OFFICERS AT LAHA 26 OCT 45

1. Lt Com KOBAYASHI and his interpreter Lt OHMAE came LAHA and examined the newly built grave of the Australian Prisoners of War who included Maj NEWBURY and his thirty or forty soldiers died on 6-8 Feb 1942. The location of the above grave was different from the location where Lt Com KOBAYASHI had been guided about ten days before, as the location being buried the above Australians. We found the latter location situated five meters behind the former location.

Interpreter Lt OHMAE for  
Lt Com KOBAYASHI

2. The identification of Maj NEWBURY was carried by showing the photograph to the men who participated in LAHA battle on Jan and Feb 1942.

Lt Com KOBAYASHI was ordered to examine Prisoners of War by the Japanese Commander. Lt Com KOBAYASHI instructed to Lt NINOMIYA was in charge of inspecting the Allied graves. After he was instructed to build the grave he was taken ill and he asked a favour to build it to Lt YAMANOUCHI. Lt YAMANOUCHI built the grave of the abovementioned Australia.

The name of the man who identified Maj NEWBURY is H. TAKADA. He was Navy interpreter when he landed at LAHA. He saw Maj NEWBURY at SOEWAKODO school. He is now in CBRAM.

Lt Com KOBAYASHI  
Lt OHMAE  
Lt YAMANOUCHI  
Sjt INO  
Interpreter ISUDA

(Lt Com KOBAYASHI wrote latter part of information also names of members of party).



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03 Inf Bn (AIF)

4 November 45

10 November

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Subject: ESCAPED AUSTRALIANS - GERER  
KEMPEI TAI OFFICERS

Case 29 (Cont)

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

20/29/2  
2 NOV 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

Further to 63 Aust Inf Bn 20/28 of 20 Oct 45 Case 29.

1. The following is summarised information given by Ambonese Djen MOHAMMED of GERER ISLAND and RIRING, CERAM - aged 20.

(a) Background of Informant:

Lived with his parents in GERER until about 29 Apr 42. In this period he met and talked with escaped Australians. On 30 Jan 42 40 Japanese arrived in a small naval vessel and the Island surrendered.

He came to AMBON for 5 months, proceeded to BABO (N.G.), stayed 6 months and when bombing became severe returned to GERER in June 42 and was then taken by the Japanese to BOELA. After 6 days he was sent to WAROE where he stayed 4 months, teaching Malay to a Lt YANU of 5175 BUTAI. Then he returned to GERER working with the same unit as a general duties man for 2 months. Thereafter he returned to WAROE and worked as a coolie boss for 1 month. Returning to GERER he shortly afterwards joined the KEMPEI TAI to protect himself from denunciation by a TIMORESE named DIAMANTI for assisting the Australians in 42, and was brought to AMBON as a batman or cook to Maj NUMATA Ikato for 1 year and 6 months. On 21 Aug 45 he was taken by KEMPEI TAI to LASAHATA (CERAM) and discharged on 25 Sep 45. From there he went to the house of the chief of RIRING and on 23 Oct 45 left for AMBON in search of work. He arrived by Jap barge on 27 Oct 45. NICA sent him to KUDA MATI and thence he went to the home of PELAPELAPON Elias at NEGERILAMA where he was contacted by A Coy this Bn.

(b) Relations of Informant with Escaped Australians:

On 26 Feb 42 9 Australians arrived at GERER and being curious MOHAMMED visited them in the hospital there and became friendly with them.

By the end of Mar 42 6 parties of Australians had arrived and departed - all heading for SAUMLAKI where they arrived safely according to natives who went with them in the small vessels used.

MOHAMMED made a practice of having each Australian and Allied soldier write his number and name in a small notebook which he intended to keep as a souvenir.

Before leaving GERER with KEMPEI TAI he hid this notebook, and at least one photograph, at his parents' home. He says its location is known only to himself and believes it will not have been removed or destroyed during his absence.

(c) Details of Australian Parties arrived at GERER:

See Appendix "A".

2. Informant gave the names and descriptions of the following members of KEMPEI TAI (Moluccas Group) in the course of the interrogation:-

Name: Col NAKAMURA Mitinori - Head of KEMPEI TAI (Moluccas Group)

Description: Old - over 40 years  
Medium build  
Strong body  
Wears spectacles  
Long dark eyes



Description: Grey hair, cut short  
 (Contd) Round head  
 Soft voice  
 No distinguishing marks or scars  
 Always wears a white shirt with collar  
 turned down over tunic.

Not known whether cruel to Australians, but harsh with  
 own men. Went to MACASSAR 2 months before end of war -  
 believed still there.

(ii) Name: Maj NUMATA Ikato

Description: About 29 years of age  
 Tall and thin  
 Dark eyes  
 Dark hair cut short  
 Black spot on left eyelid  
 Skin disease on back of neck (MOHAMMED used  
 to cut his hair).  
 Soft voice  
 Nothing distinctive about dress, except  
 always wore officers' trousers & long boots

Not known whether cruel.

(Now at BOERIA (GERAM) - seen a few days ago by informant.

(iii) Name: Capt FUKUNAGA (first name not known)

Description: Middle aged  
 Medium build  
 Dark face and hair  
 Small moustache  
 Soft voice  
 No scars or distinguishing marks  
 Looks very rough.

Not known whether cruel - now at PIROE.

(iv) Name: Capt NAKAMURA (first name not known)

Description not given - now at PIROE.

(v) W.O. (Adj) IZUMI (first name not known)

Description: Medium age 30/40.  
 Medium height  
 Broad build  
 Bald  
 Small dark moustache  
 Has some false teeth and some may be gold filled.  
 Has a loud heavy voice.

Not known whether cruel - believed now in PIROE.

(vi) Name: Lt KAMISUKI (first name not known). Staff officer to  
 Col NAKAMURA.

Description: 30/40 years of age  
 Very narrow hunched shoulders  
 Spectacles  
 Short dark hair  
 Long dark eyes  
 Long curved nose  
 Deep voice  
 Looks angry at all times  
 Rough in appearance

Was particularly cruel to all natives. Now at MACASSAR.



(vii) Name: Lt TANAKA (first name unknown)

Description: Middle aged to old  
Tall and big  
Very large stomach  
Short dark hair  
Very slit eyed (dark)  
Low soft voice - does not talk much  
Looks rough

Not known whether cruel. Went in Hospital Ship to SOURABAYA 4 months before war ended - believed sick.

(viii) Name: W.O. (Adj) WATANABI (first name not known)

Description: About 25 years of age  
Small well proportioned body  
Dark eyes  
Short dark hair  
Own teeth  
Deep rough voice - not loud.

Very cruel - made a hobby of beating natives. Not known whether he beat Australians.  
Now at MACASSAR - until 2 months prior to peace at KEMPFI TAI HQ - MT MORIKAO (CERAM).

(ix) Name: W.O. (Adj) SENU (first name not known):

Description: Over 30 years of age  
Short dark hair  
Moustache

Not known whether cruel - now at MACASSAR.

(x) Name: Sjt MURAKAMI (first name not known)

Was in charge of coolie gangs.

Description: About 30 years of age  
Short black hair  
Long projecting nose  
No moustache  
High womanlike voice

Not known whether cruel. Now at MACASSAR.

(xi) Name: Sjt TAKINAKA (Only "TAKINAKA" in KEMPFI TAI, Ambon Area)

Description: About 27 years of age  
About 5'6" high  
Broad and powerful  
Short dark hair  
Big nose  
No moustache  
Loud rough voice  
Given to boasting

Said to have been very cruel. Was I/O trials of Australian PW and hearsay evidence is that having decided upon punishment he meted it out himself. MOHAMMED was eye witness to the beating of Bastian PARRERA (arrested in BENTENG or KUDA MATI) in Feb or Mar 45. This victim is believed now deceased as a result of his injuries.

TAKINAKA seen by informant at BOERIA (CERAM) less than a week ago.

3. Informant also states that a Japanese named Cpl HIRAGA Ichiro (not KEMPFI TAI) now at BOERIA (CERAM) will be able to give valuable information if interrogated carefully.

This Japanese is described as follows:-



4

About 30 years of age  
Short and thin  
Very dark slit eyes  
Very black hirsute face  
Normal voice  
Is quite a good type  
Speaks perfect English and a little Malay.  
Now Canteen corporal at BOERHA

Was born in NEW YORK and lived there until 19 years of age when he went to Japan. Is the son of a rich dealer in New York who trades in cars and general merchandise.  
By own admission is friendly towards Americans. During the war he was i/c Jap kitchen at NEGERILAMA and was used as an interpreter for interrogations of PW and crashed airmen.  
Is now employed as an interpreter when required by JHQ at PIROE.

IE/ID

*Sanwell*  
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AI)



## DETAILS OF AUSTRALIAN PARTIES ARRIVED AT GESER

63 Aust Inf Bn Nov 4

Group	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Identification	Arms	Dress	Method of Arrival	Method of Departure
1	26 Feb 42	29 Feb 42	9 men - names unknown	Some rifles	Trousers & Boots - no shirts or hats	By prahu from Ambon Island	By big prahu probably to SAUMLAKI
2	2 Mar 42	7 Mar 42	Lt Chapman -wounded left arm & 3 others	2-SMG, 2 rifles, pistol in leather case (.38)	Miscellan -cons, incl shirts, shorts & puttees	Prahu from Cape Mailla to PIRCE & by coast to GESER	Prahu to SAUMLAKI, ship to Australia - type not stated.
3	About 4 Mar	8 Mar 42	Charlie Burke & 7 men. Burke left a photo, hat & clothes. Still has hat, mother has photo, police took clothing	Not stated	Miscellan -cons	North coast AMBON, prahu to AWAIJA (? AMANAI), motor boat to GESER	Prahu to SAUMLAKI, air to DARWIN
4	About 6 Mar	About 10 Mar	"Bob", "Blackie" and 4 others. "Bob" gave MOHAMMED a pair of boots	1 Bayonet ("Bob")	Misc.	By prahu to CERAM, thence to GESER (? from north coast AMBON)	By prahu, destination not certain, probably SAUMLAKI
5	About 15 Mar	About 25 Mar	1 Sjt, 3 others (photo of Sjt at GESER). One soldier given shirt with blue stripes by MOHAMMED	Nil	Misc	5 from LAHA (? N coast), 4 from PARANGKANDJANG (? north coast)	By prahu, probably to SAUMLAKI
6	About 20 Mar	About 25 Mar	21 men	Not stated	Misc	From AMBON IS. in small parties to SERAN REI, assembled and moved to GESER	By prahu, probably to SAUMLAKI

TOTAL: 57



Subject: ESCAPED AUSTRALIANS - GESER - KAMPRI TAI OFFICERS

APPENDIX "A" Cont'd  
63 Aust Inf Bn  
NOV 45

DETAILS OF AUSTRALIAN PARTIES ARRIVED AT GESER

Note 1: Parties 5 and 6 left together

2: Parties included 1 American pilot - the survivor of 3 who crashed near KAITETOE and was hidden by Radjah of KAITETOE (? NELSON).

3: Among the 57 three men wore officers' pattern khaki caps.

4: None of the 57 are known to have been RAAF.

5: Natives of GESER say that the small parties came from each of the following villages:-

ASILORLOE  
GERENG  
LIMA  
SAID  
KAITETOE  
WAKAL

6: Two of the natives who took Australians to SAUMLAKI still living in the GESER ISLANDS Group are named:-

MAHIDIN  
SILAJAR Mei.



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

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

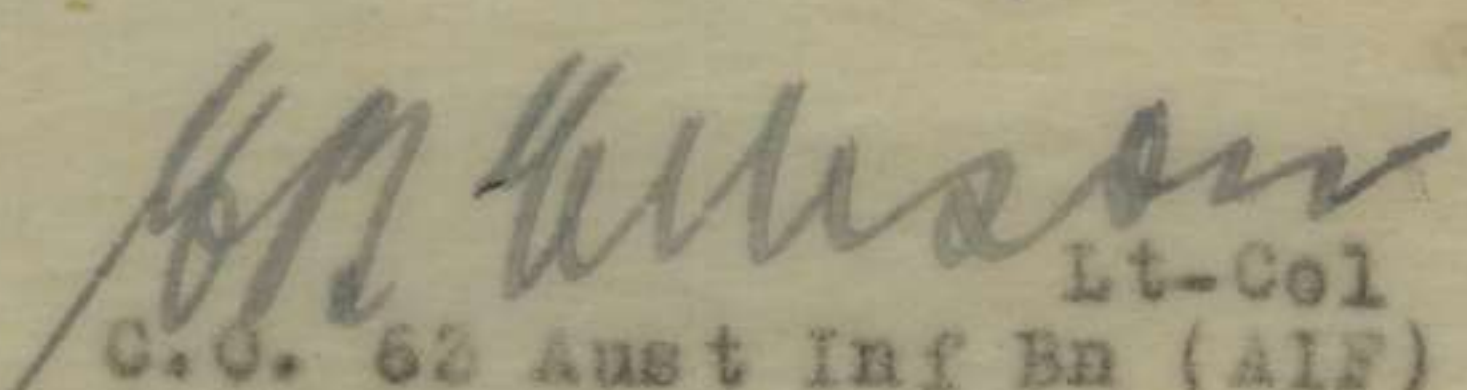
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3 NOV 45

88 Aust Inf Bde

1. Ref our 20/30 of 29 Oct (Case No 30) and our 45/122 of 25 Oct 45 (Action 2/21 Bn near G.NONA).
2. Attached for information is additional report received concerning the above.

IM/ID

  
Lt-Col  
C.O. 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

20 / 30 / 2  
3 NOV 45

Further to the above and ref our 45/122 of 25 Oct - Action  
2/21 Bn near G. NONA - the following information has been received

1. Location of Grave: Site is 15 yards SOUTH of Trig Point  
Mt. NONA.
2. Source of Infm: Ambonese natives Domingos ALFONS and  
LA MOERA - both resident vicinity MT NONA.
3. Grave Markings: Nil. Stated by above body was buried  
about 18" below surface.
4. Reported Circumstances  
of Death: This soldier is stated to be the one left  
behind by members of 2/21 Bn because of  
illness when they withdrew from MT NONA area  
(See Case No.12 - Lt ELLIS and Case No 14 -  
Cpl ELLIS). He is described by LA MOERA as  
follows:-
  - Age - about 25 years.
  - Height about 5'7"
  - Medium weight
  - Brown hair combed straight back
  - Medium complexion.Informants also say that he was killed  
by Japanese on 1 Feb 42 and his body  
buried at grave site.  
  
LA MOERA states that the Japanese were  
led to the Australian positions by 3  
Mohammedans as follow:-
  - LA TAMBOE of MT NONA
  - LA MANI of HOEKOERILA
  - LA ALI of " "

WI/ID

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



WAR DIARY

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

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
20/16/2  
5 NOV 45

23 Aust Inf Bde

Ref our 45/108 of 24 Oct 45 (Case No 16).

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

INT/ID

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

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PW C & E  
War Diary (2) ✓  
File



CASE NO 16 (CONTD)

Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
2 UNKNOWN SOLDIERS - 2 DUTCH (SIMON LEIVEN, JOHAN VAN HENS)

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/16/2

5, NOV 45

The following information has now been received additional to the above:

1. Source of Information: HANK OEN - Chinese, AMBON.

2. Grave Markings: Board reads:-

"Grave of 3 Aust POWs and 2 Dutch".

3. Reported Circumstances of Death:

HANK OEN states that there are 6 men in this grave, all Australians. He was told this by a friend TJOA ENG SOEI now living in AMBON.

OEN also alleges that the Australians were taken from a ship and buried there by Japanese. This is also a second hand report and of doubtful reliability. It contradicts previous report.

W1/ID

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

*W1*



Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
4 AUST SOLDIERS - HASAL AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
 AMBON

20 1381  
 5 NOV 45

Ref map AMBON 1:100000.

1. Mohammedan OEMAT BINHALI resident vicinity HASAL has given the following information:
  2. Informant states that three days after the Jap attack on LAHA four Australians escaped and arrived at HASAL area and lived in a hidden cave at MR 163007. The party stayed at this hideout for 20 days during which time they were supplied with food by informant and friend. They were then forced to move by the presence of Jap patrols in the area.
  3. Description given of the men:-
 

1 private	-	Small, with red hair.
1 "	-	Approx 5' 9" light brown hair.
2 privates	-	Approx 6' each with light brown hair.
- The 4 Australians appeared to be fit, wore clothing similar to 2/21 Bn issue which was in good condition and wore identity discs. Equipment carried included 4 rifles and bayonets, one compass, haversacks, but no waterbottles, watches or maps.
4. The party left the cave supplied with food but no water and moved off down the HITOBLAMA road, obtained a prahu and set out on the first stage of their journey.
  4. The informant alleges that it was their intention to go to CERAM then TIMOR and finally PAPUA - since then he has not heard anything of them.
  6. Patrol which visited cave found 2 empty tins, one bully beef and the other a flat round tin.

WI/ID

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



Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
4 AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS - HASAL AREA

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMFON

20/389

6 NOV 45

63 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached hereto for information is report (Case No 28)  
concerning the above.

INT/ID

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

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PW C & B  
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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
MULTIPLE GRAVES - LAHA 71 AUSTRALIANS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/27/2

6 NOV 45

With reference to the above the following additional information has been received:-

Location of Grave: MR AMBON 1:100000 - 076915  
 200 yards NORTH of C Coy HQ LAHA on east side of road.

Grave site No 1:

Undergrowth covering this grave was cleared by Japanese working party on afternoon of 1 Nov. Exhumation commenced on following morning under direction of Cpl HENDERSON of War Graves. 11 skeletons were recovered by 1200 hrs. These were found piled haphazardly one on another. Wrist watches and portions of clothing and equipment found indicate that the bodies were fully clothed when thrown in the pit. There exists clear evidence that the hands of these men were bound with lengths of sig wire. One man judging by his equipment, was apparently Dutch, the remainder Australians. Identification in some cases may be made possible by engraved belongings, watches etc found with bodies. Work is proceeding on this site.

Grave site No 2

This site was indicated by natives at a point 50 yards NORTH of Grave No 1 at approx MR 075916. After clearing a deep excavation was made over the entire area without result. Work has been abandoned.

WI/ID

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



Subject: CRASHED AIRCRAFT  
POSSIBLE LOCKHEED HUDSON

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

21/4/

6 NOV 45

Location: MR AMBON 1:100000 - 070910  
Near dismantled wireless station, LAMA air strip.

Source of Info: Recon patrol C Coy 63 Bn

Description: Only part of aircraft found was tail, which could belong to a Lockheed Hudson. This was near small building and was overgrown with scrub.

Means of Identification: Tail fins

Reported Circumstances of Crash: Nil

Fate of Crew: Unknown.

WI/ID

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*[Handwritten signature]* Lt  
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



Subject: WAR GRAVE - UNKNOWN AUST SOLDIER.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).  
Ambon <sup>20/30/2</sup>  
19 Nov 45

22 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Herewith for information report relative to the above.
2. It will be noted also that the names of 3 alleged collabo-  
rators with the Japanese are given.

*H. J. Williams*  
Lt Col  
C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: WAR GRAVES & MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
Unknown soldiers - - Coenoeng Nona.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

63 Aust Inf Bde.

Further to 63 Bn Cases No 30 of 29 Oct. 1945 relative to the above.

1. Information has been given by the following natives:

Anderias ALFONS.	)	
Domingus ALFONS.	)	resident Coenoeng Nona.
La MOERA.	)	

2. Circumstances:

This soldier being ill or injured after the action on Coenoeng NONA was killed by the Japanese & buried in situ. The grave is said by the natives to be only 18 inches deep. Pieces of fabric found lying on the surface of the grave are attached hereto for examination.

Informers state that the Japanese were led to the Australian positions on Mt NONA by 3 natives named:

LA TIMBOE	)	resident Mt NONA.
LA MANI	)	.....resident HOEKORRILA.
LA ALI	)	

3. Description of the soldier.

Height 5' 7". Medium weight.  
Brown hair combed straight back. Medium complexion.  
Aged about 35 years.

*Jan W. P. ...*  
.....Lt

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

8 Nov 45

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Subject: WAR GRAVES AND CRASHED AIRCRAFT.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).  
AMRON.

21/4/45  
9 Nov. 45

33 Aust. Inf. Bde

1. Herewith further details concerning the mass grave at LAHA, and information regarding a crashed aircraft at LAHA also.

*A. J. Gillison*

.....Lt-Col.

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

Copies to: RAAF Enquiry.  
War Diary. ✓  
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Subject: WAR GRAVES - MOVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
ESCAPE - 21 AUSTRALIANS FROM LATOEHALAT.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON

20/33  
18 NOV 45

Ref 63 Bn 20/33 of 20 Oct 45, the following additional information has been received:-

1. Source of Information: Paol DEKATOMPESBY of LATOEHALAT

2. Names of Members of the party of 21:

Informant states that some of the above Australians were known to him by the following names or nicknames:-

1. FREDDIE PERREN (Big, tall, white skin, spoke Malay well).
2. "BLUKEY"
3. "LOCKY" or "LUCKY"
4. "LBS".
5. "ROX"
6. "JENNY"
7. "SNOWY" - a Cpl.

*Sanuelley* Lt. Col.  
I.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



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

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

20/33.

19 NOV 45

35 Aust Inf Bde

Ref our 20/33 of 30 Oct 45 ( 63 Bn Case No 33), re the above.

1. Attached is report of additional information received concerning the above.

IM/ID

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

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PW C & E  
War Diary (2)  
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Subject: PRISONERS OF WAR - HAROKOE ISLAND

63 Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBOH

13/19

21 Nov 45

Ref our 45/112 of 21 Oct 45.

1. The following additional information has been received:
2. Marcus TAHIJA, resident of HAROKOE Village, HAROKOE ISLAND, was interviewed some weeks ago, and at the request of I.O. this Bn returned to HAROKOE for the purpose of gaining additional information concerning the above. He now reports as follows:

In Aug 1944 there were over 1000 Allied PW working on the construction of PELAUW airstrip. Informant believes this number comprised British, Indian and American troops, though his only means of judging nationality was by the colour of their skin. They were dressed in shorts and their headgear included slouch hats, berets, Dutch type and blue forage caps.

During the same month, during which time there was an acute food shortage, five parties of the prisoners - 200/300 in each party - were taken away in Japanese barges.

Later, a Japanese superior private named TESHIKAWA told natives that the PW had been thrown into the sea. TESHIKAWA is stated to be a member of the TUKIYATU BUTAI and the only member of that unit at HAROKOE. (He is apparently identical with the "TESHIKAWA" referred to in our report of 21 Oct).

TAHIJA received additional information from the following:

Johannis MUSTAMU of Harokoe Village - who states that the PW were thrown into the sea off Cape ASACHE (GERAM) during rough weather and opposite an uninhabited section of the coast.

Native nicknamed "CHI" whose home is at LATONELAT (AMBOH) but who is at present residing in Harokoe Village, and who for a time worked in the Jap kitchen at PELAUW. This man states that the total number of PW thrown into the sea was 1116.

TAHIJA is unable to state whether any PW were left on HAROKOE ISLAND after the mass execution or whether any were taken away to other islands at any time during construction of the airstrip.

IM/ID

*Sanw...t*  
I.O. 63 Inf Bn



Report No. 132

Subject: RECONNAISSANCE - ALLANG AREA.

63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
ARSON

22/132  
22 NOV 45

63 Inf Bn

Ref: 63 Inf Bn 62/2/793 of 25 Oct 45.

1. Herewith report concerning reconnaissance of the above area as directed.

2. For sketch map see Appendix A to 63 Inf Bn <sup>22</sup> 22/132 of Nov 45

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

IM/ID

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Subject: CONSOLIDATED REPORT NO 5  
RECONNAISSANCE - ALLANG

Int Sec  
63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
21 Nov 45

Ref: 63 Inf Bn 62/2/793 of 25 Oct 45 para 1.

1. AREA VISITED: Vicinity ALLANG village
2. DATE: 2 Nov 45 - 5 Nov 45.
3. PATROL COMMAND & DUTY: LT C.O. KING  
C COY 63 Inf Bn.
4. NAMES & LOCATIONS OF NATIVES FURNISHING INFO: H.E. PATTY - female Madjak of ALLANG  
MAYA - Native of ALLANG.
5. INT. SECURITY: Cpl HARRIS WALKER - "Q" FBS.
6. WAR OR VAS: Nil.
7. PH CAPS: Nil
8. CRASHED AIRCRAFT: Nil
9. Ref 63 Inf Bn 62/2/793 para 2 (b) - additional information:

MOVEMENTS OF  
APR 45:

- (a). The following Australian soldiers lived with MAYA at ALLANG village from 26 Feb 45 until 15 Apr 45:-  
GEORGE C. CONLAD  
TOM J. NEAN  
GORDON C. GASTRAL
- (b). On 15 Apr 45 they were taken to ARSON by prahu - at their own request, being ill (malaria), and surrendered to the Japanese.
- (c). The three soldiers escaped from battle of LAHA and proceeded to INCHHI LIA where they stayed for approx 20 days. They were suffering from malaria and requested to be handed over to the Japanese as PW. The natives by this time knowing of Jap methods took them by prahu to ALLANG hoping they might recover.

*[Signature]*  
L.O. 63 Inf Bn



Subject: RECONNAISSANCE - AREA ASILOLOLO TO KAITETO

63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
AIBOH  
22/11/45  
22 NOV 45

33 Inf Bn

Ref 33 Inf Bn 62/2/793 of 25 Oct 45.

1. Herewith report concerning reconnaissance of the above area as directed.
2. For sketch map showing escapes, 1 grave and Crashed Aircraft see Appendix "A" to 63 Inf Bn 22/13/45 of 22 Nov 45

*W. J. Allison*  
Lt.-Col.  
C.O. 63 Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: CONSOLIDATED REPORT NO 3 - ASILOLOLO TO KAITETO

Int Sec  
63 Inf Bn  
21 Nov 45

Ref 33 Inf Bn 62/2/793 of 25 Oct 45 para 1.

1. AREA VISITED: Coast KITO Peninsula ASILOLOLO to KAITETO.
2. DATE: 26/27 Oct 45. 6/11 Nov 45.
3. PATROL COMD & UNIT: Lt. I. McLOY, Lt B.A. GLYAS, Lt. R.C. HANLEY. All of 63 Inf Bn.
4. NAME & LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdul ADIORSOLIA (Elder)</li> <li>Abdul Genig SOLISA (Younger)</li> <li>Mohammed BINAHIR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAJA SARAFUDIN - Rajah of ASILOLOLO.</li> <li>Mohammed Ce'ik LEUBIYA</li> <li>Hendrik SOPARLOHAKAN. ) of ASILOLOLO.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mohammed Tahir HOKOCHERE</li> <li>Kassan HOKOCHERE</li> <li>Sanat KATOKI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LINA</li> <li>Do (Rajah)</li> <li>Do</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of SAID</li> </ul>
5. INTERVIEWERS:
  - H. LUMELA - Rajah of KAITETO.
  - Sgt WILD "Q" F33.
  - D. van OUDHOORN
  - Abdullah BASSALOR
  - Lt.
6. WAR GRAVES:
  - (a). Pte ALLAN GLELAND died of illness at LINA. Body buried at sea by natives. Toy Book & discs identity recovered.
  - (b). 3 unknown U.S. airmen (See Crashed Aircraft) in sea near HILA. Bodies not recovered.
7. REMARKS: Nil.
- 8.



RECORDS RELATIONSHIP OF WAR - THROUGH DEATH

65 Inf Bn (AIF)  
45/112  
22 Nov 45

65 Inf Bn

Ref our 45/112 of 21 Oct 45

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

*W. G. Bellison*  
Lt-Col.  
C.O. 65 Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: RECONNAISSANCE - LAHA & AREA NW TO COAST

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
22/120  
22 NOV 45

23 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 33 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/798 of 25 Oct 45

1. Herewith report concerning reconnaissance of the above area as directed.
2. Attached as Appendix "A" is sketch map showing graves locations and escapes.

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

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Subject: CONSOLIDATED REPORT NO. 1  
RECONNAISSANCE - LAHA AND AREA NW TO COAST

Int Sec  
63 Aust Inf Bn  
27 Nov 45

Ref 33 Aust Inf Bde 62/2/798 of 25 Oct 45 para 1, LEKE LAHA TAWIRI, LATA & Area NW to Coast.

1. Area Visited: LEKE, LAHA, TAWIRI, LATA & Area NW to Coast.
2. Date: 22 Oct: 15 Nov 45
3. Patrol Comds & Unit:  
Lt C.R. KING )  
Lt J. BEST )  
Lt. R. ARNDT ) all of 63 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lt B.A. GLUYAS )  
Lt R. HEARLE )  
Lt I. McCLOY )
4. Names & Locations of Natives furnishing infm:  
Benjamin SALAMAHU - of LEKE.  
M. SIJITANO - of LATA  
Jan LAKATUA of LATA.  
Mahommed Sedik LEUMHIKA of ASILOMLOE  
Herman PADUA of TAWIRI  
? - a native who worked for the Japanese at LAHA and who is now resident at SOURABAYA.
5. Interpreters' Names:  
Stephen MARTINUS  
Davey van OUGSHOORN  
Elias GELAPELAPON.



6. War Graves:

- No 1: (a) Location: MR 095936, 1 mile NW LATA.
- (b) No Buried: Probable about 50 (Aust) - bodies exhumed.
- (c) Service Markings: In Memory Maj W.H. Newbury 2/21 Bn and unknown soldiers.
- (d) Nominal Roll of Deceased: -
- (e) Identification by Natives: -
- (f) Circumstances of Death: Believed to have been bound and beheaded by Japs.
- (g) Areas from which PW came: LAHA.
- (h) Condition of Grave: Wooden Cross etc. Bodies were not buried at site marked but at location indicated by Ambonese M. SIJATANO.
- No 2: (a) Location: MR 121949 SW TANDJOENG BAPOR Village near road.
- (b) No Buried: 5 - 3 Aust, 2 Dutch. (Bodies exhumed)
- (c) Service Markings: Board reading "Grave of 3 Aust POWs and 2 Dutch."
- (d) Nominal Roll of Dec'd: -
- (e) Identification by Natives: 9
- (f) Circumstances of Death: Unknown
- (g) Areas from which PWs came: HANK OEN (Chinese) states that bodies were removed from a ship.
- (h) Condition of Grave: Remains exhumed by War Graves and removed.
- No 3: (a) Location: MR 100937 Vicinity SOBAKODO, over bridge, right of road well defined path.
- (b) No Buried: 1 identity or nationality unknown.
- (c) Service Marking: Cross - erected by Japs October - In Memory unknown soldier died Aug 1944.
- (d) Nominal Roll of Dec'd: -
- (e) Identification by Natives: -
- (f) Circumstances of Death: -
- (g) Areas from which PW came: 9
- (h)



Subject: WAR GRAVES - SGT ROSS OR SGT "R.P."

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Further to 63 Inf Bn Case No 3 of 17 Oct 45 relative to the above.

1. Grave is now believed located and relevant details are as follows
  - (a) Location: MR 128901 - immediately south side AMARHOESOE road, adjacent to grave of L/Cpl RICHMOND.
  - (b) No Buried: 1 - Australian soldier.
  - (c) Service Markings: Wooden Cross marked "War Grave Sgt Ross (?) Located 16/10/45 B Coy 63 Inf Bn."
  - (d) Nominal Roll of Des'd: Not definitely known, but believed Sgt ROSS or Sgt "R.P."
  - (e) Identification by Natives: Said to have been a tall man and to have been wearing an armband with either "R.P." or three stripes.
  - (f) Circumstances: Killed in action defending AMARHOESOE 1/2/42 - apparently deployed with L/Cpl RICHMOND. Body said to have been left for some days, then burned by Japanese. Bones were then buried by natives.
  - (g) Areas from which PW came: Not applicable.
  - (h) Condition of Grave: Long cairn of small stones about 1 yard from southern edge of road at the foot of a steep embankment. Heavily overgrown with grass and scrub which has now been cleared.

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8. CRASHED AIRCRAFT:

- (a) Location In sea near HILA.
- (b) Description U.S. Navy Catalina.
- (c) Date of Crash 6 Feb 48
- (d) No of Crew 6  
Identified U.S.
- (e) Fate of Crew 2 Unknown killed in crash, bodies not recovered from sea.  
JOHN MILLER - Taken prisoner by Japs and killed vicinity HITEO LANA.  
QUINN: Wound d - taken prisoner to AMBON.  
MILSON:  
HARRIS: } - escaped by prahu from KAIRATON.
- (f) Personal Graves Grave of JOHN MILLER located HITEO LANA (previously reported)  
Graves Personal U.S. Graduation type ring said to be recovered from body of one of the unknown airmen is in possession A. BA SALAH (Interpreter) who states he intends to hand it to 33 Inf Bde.

9. Ref 33 Inf Bde 02/2/790 para 2 (b) - additional information

REMAINS FROM NORTH COAST HITEO PHILIPPINES: See attached sheet.

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REF: 10081 RECORD AT RANSE - AREA ASSIGNED TO 21 DIVISION

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ESCAPES FROM NORTH COAST MOUNT VERNICULA

Serial	From (a)	Date	To (b)	Date	Numbers	Unit	Identification (c)	Local Informers (d)	Method of Escape (e)
1	AMBOH	27/2/42	AMBOH	abt	3	Aust Army	30 Mt Brown	RIH HASTAN	By prahu
2	Do		AMBOH	2/42	5	Army	1 Jps	KING LAYI	Do
3	Do		LADENA		7		12 Ohs	WADICAN	Do
			ALL CERAM		(Lt Brown)			BERNARD LAIN	
4	AMBOH	27/2/42	AMBOH	abt	2	Aust Army	WREN (wounded below) & suffering from malaria) "JACK"	Tanoh HANANG	Do
5	RMA	3/3/42	AMAHAY	-	11	RAAF	incl 1 Squadron leader	Abdul Genig SOLISA	By sail boat (?)
6	RMA	20/3/42	CERAM	abt	6	Aust Army	-	Rhodin SOPOLAU	By prahu
7	RMA	5/3/42	CERAM	abt	7	Do	-	Super MANORLAGE	Do
8	RMA	24/2/42	ALLANG	24/2/42	3	R/AF	Ptes G. S. GOWLAND TOM J RYAN G. S. CAMPBELL	Jelang PIRASO	Do
9	RMA	29/2/42	CERAM	22/2/42	1	Aust Army	-	Abduhtiy NERING	Do
10	RMA	3/4/42	buried at sea	-	1	Do	Pte ALLAN GLELAND	Haji SOLISA KASIH	-
11	KAMPTON	23/3/42	NOKI	23/3/42	2	Do	Ptes HENRY & HOWE	M. JAMARLA	By prahu
12	KAMPTON	23/3/42	NOKI	23/3/42	2	US	WILSON & HARGRAVE	Do	Do

TOTAL 50



- Re 4: (a) Location IR 076915 - LANA
- (b) No. buried Probably over 60 - remains exhumed, counting not completed. • 61
- (c) Service markings -
- (d) Medical Roll of No. 41 Identification may be possible in some cases from pieces of belongings found in grave.
- (e) Identification by initials -
- (f) Circumstances of death Believed to have been executed by Japanese.
- (g) Area from which PW came Stated to have surrendered at LANA.

7. PW CASES: Nil.

8. CRASHED AIRCRAFT: Nil.

9. Ref 33 Inf Bde 68/2/798 para 2 (b), additional information  
ESCAPES FROM LANA AREA  
 See attached.

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Subject: ESCAPES FROM LAHA AND AREA IN SO COAST

ESCAPES FROM LAHA AREA

Serial	From	(a) Approx Date	To	(b) Approx Date	(c) Numbers	(d) Unit	(e) Identification	(f) Local Informers	(g) Method of Escape
1	LAHA	5/2/42	ASILORLOE	5/2/42	5	ARMY	Lt MAX BROWN (not incl in list of off's known to have been at LAHA, 2 Spts "HEX" "JACK"	Ali SARAFUDIN - Radjah of ASILORLOE Hendrik SEPANLEWAKAN	NW across MITOE Peninsula
2	Do	5/2/42	Do	4	Do				
3	Do	5/2/42	Do	3	Do				
4	LAHA	30/1/42	LINA	3/2/42	11	RAAF	Statements by airmen to natives 1 Squadron Leader 1 other officer	Mohamed (Ali) SIMPAER	NW across MITOE Peninsula to head- waters of SALAWA R
5	LAHA	5/2/42	LINA	5/2/42	4	ARMY	Clothing and equip- ment. RICHARD HIGBY ALLAN HOWE Pte ALLAN GIBLAND (pay book & discs identity)	Abdul ADIOTOLISA Abdul Ganig SOLISA LIN Mohamed Tahir MOKORONGE Hassan MO KONGE Radji Solisa YASIN	NW across MITOE Peninsula
6	Do	5/2/42	Do	3	Do				
7	Do	5/2/42	Do	7	Do				
8	Do	5/2/42	Do	3	Do				
9	Do	5/2/42	Do	1	Do				
10	Do	5/2/42	Do	3	Do				
11	Do	5/2/42	Do	1	Do				

all 2/23  
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Subject: RECONNAISSANCE PATROL - CERAM AND ADJACENT ISLANDS

63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
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1. Attached hereto is pro forma reconnaissance report of Patrol which visited the above area 9-14 Nov 45.

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RECCE PATROL REPORT - CERAM & ADJACENT ISLANDS

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1. AREA VISITED: OELAHAN (CERAM), KISALAUT (CERAM), GORONG IS., BOELA, GESER IS, SERAN REI IS.
2. DATE: 9-14 Nov 45.
3. PATROL COMD & UNIT: F/O MILLER - RAAF Enquiry Unit.
4. NAMES & LOCATIONS OF NATIVES FURNISHING INFM:  
Djen MOHAMMED - Ambonese - NICA.  
David WALACOEHOEN - Radjah of OELAHAN.  
Mohammed Saleh LAPELOLO - Radjah of LAHA ISLAM.  
Abdul Koring ROEMAHR TOE - Kepala Kampong of KISALAUT.  
WATIMENA - Radjah of ONDUR, GORONG IS.  
SIRAGA - Native Doctor at ONDUR.  
Lt TANAKA - Jap Navy. O/C Jap tps at BOELA.  
Mohammed KILIAN - Radjah of GESER.
5. INTERPRETERS: Cpl G.H.J. PHILLIPS - "Q" FSS.  
Djen MOHAMMED (for Japanese).
6. WAR GRAVES:
  - (a) Location: ONDUR (GORONG IS) - no grave.
  - (b) No Buried: Remains of 4 RAAF airmen.
  - (c) Service Markings: Nil
  - (d) Nominal Roll: Names unknown.
  - (e) Identification: Not possible, bodies burnt.
  - (f) Circumstances: On 20 Sep 44 a twin-engined plane with RAAF markings crashed near village (all natives know location). Plane and crew were destroyed by fire.  
According to native doctor SIRAGA sufficient



pieces of bone were recovered to account for 4 men.

It is not known whether plane was shot down or whether it crashed through other causes. Remains of the bodies are at Radjah's house in a small black wooden casket constructed by the natives. A board at Radjah's house made by the natives also bears the following inscription: "Here lies the rest of the 4 heroes of the RAAF fallen down in their machine September 20 1944 at SAMBOROE during the world war 1941-1945." Radjah WATIMANA requested that approval be given for interment of the remains at his village. He wishes to establish a war memorial, and to erect a suitably inscribed stone monument. He was advised that the matter would be referred for decision to the Australian Commander at AMBON.

No personal effects of the airmen were recovered.

(g) Areas from which PW came: Not known.

(h) Condition of Grave: Not applicable.

6. PW CAMPS: NIL.

7. CRASHED AIRCRAFT: RAAF

(a) Located: ONDUR (GORONG IS).

(b) Description: Type unknown - service markings as follows:

<u>Part Name</u>	<u>Number etc.</u>
Undercarriage	Assem 5069115 Ser F 31 s/58 115
Wheel Hub	UT 19932
Engine Mounting	24/111594
	1046224 Ser 1158
Generator	JAHCO
	JH1015
	634 <sup>0</sup>
	No 2
	690875/1
<u>Engine cowling:</u>	67623/AH/1
Self Turning	CUNO AUTO CLEAN
Filter	Ser No 230378 part No 113602
	Type AC1
Airscrew Blade	MF ser No NKZ 8325
	Part No 6353A - 21
	(pitch 27 deg pitch 88 deg
	5BA 8325)

(c) Date of Crash: 20 Sep 44 - cause unknown.

(d) No of Crew: 4 - believed RAAF.

(e) Fate of Crew: Burnt to death.

(f) Graves etc: NIL.

USA

(a) Located BOELA Airfield (CERAM).

(b) Description: Probably Lockheed Lightning - Service Engine MR Ser No A 049730 ALLISON V.1710-F 17L Contract No W535 AC36110 Eng Spec 7



(c) Date of Crash: 11 Sep 44 - cause of crash probably engine failure.

(d) No of Crew: 1 pilot - "Hendy" or JOHN HENRY FRANCIS  
- URAAF.

(e) Fate: (i) Native David KAMBEWY of BOELA reports:-

That the pilot JOHN HENRY FRANCIS had been captured by the Japanese and that he and FRANCIS were in adjacent cells at the Jap gaol at BOELA. FRANCIS was employed as a blacksmith by the Japs and badly treated and beaten by them. After 7 months he was taken away. To his belief FRANCIS came from BLAK and his plane was shot down.

(ii) Lt TANAKA (JHR) reports:

That the pilot's name was HENDY. He was badly burnt in the crash and taken to the Jap hospital where he was treated for 3 months and afterwards given work as a blacksmith and well treated. During the bombing of BOELA (for 6 days in Dec 44) HENDY was taken with the Japs to a jungle hideout (about 3 kilometres behind BOELA) where he lived with the Jap doctor named Sigeru HOJONODAI. After 7 months HENDY died of Beri Beri and tropical ulcers.

(f) Craves etc: No personal effects recovered. May be held by the Japanese.

#### 8. ADDITIONAL INFM:

(a) Radjah of CELAHAN stated that no Allied aircraft had crashed in the vicinity of TALOETI BAY during hostilities. That 32 Australians escaped from AMBON had passed through the village during Feb 42.

(b) Radjah of LAHA ISLAM stated he had no knowledge of any crashed aircraft in his district or in TALOETI BAY. Four Australian escapees from AMBON had passed through his village on their way to HEMOE and then to GESER. No names or other means of identification could be supplied by the Radjah. The party stayed only a few hours to obtain food. None of the party could speak Malay.

The following atrocities were committed by Japanese named:-

Sjt HACIWARA - Beat 2 natives named Mansu SITANIA  
Pte 1st class MINAMI and Arolu NATAPAIU of LAHA ISLAM  
(Both members of the to death over a period of 10 days.  
KEIBIE TAI) The Radjah was an eye witness.

Cpl INGURASI - Beat many natives, causing  
Pte 1st class TEMURA serious injury.  
(both of KEIBIE TAI)

Sjt FUGITA - Shot Saleh JAPALALIN in leg while  
From LAIN OE on pig hunting trip. No reason given.  
JAPALALIN bears gunshot wound in left leg.

The following Indonesians were spies for Japanese in the district:

ACHMED - of TENGAH TENGAH (AMBON)  
Jacob DEKOK - of NEGERILAMA (AMBON)



(c) Kapala Kampong of LISALAUT stated:  
That 10 Australians (three parties of 3, 4 and 3) arrived at his village at the end of Feb 42. They stayed 2 days and then left by prahu for GESER, they had walked from AMBHAI. No names or other means of identification could be given. None were ill and some were wearing assorted clothing, mostly native shorts and hats.

(d) Radjah of GESER stated:-  
Written statement summarised as follows is held by QFSS  
"Extracts from Hospital records Feb/Mar 42 -

4 Offrs 2 NCO 41 ORS	<u>Aust Army</u>	48
2 Air Force Offrs	<u>USA</u>	2
1 Offr (Dr) 1 NCO 5 ORS	<u>Dutch</u>	7
2 Pastor, Wife and child		3
Controller of SAPORONA, wife & child		3
		<u>63</u> Total

Names of Hospital inmates:

Frank RE(D)AHEAD	<u>Aust</u>	Malaria
W.W.HARGRAVE		Dysentery
Neil Mc INTOSH		Malaria
BENJAMIN	<u>Dutch</u>	Malaria
Jacobus POSTEMA		Tropical Ulcers.

Treated at Hospital but not inmates:-

3 Aust Offrs 3 NCO 41 ORS		47
2 USA Offrs		2
2 Dutch Army Offrs		2
		<u>51</u> Total "

Additional information concerning the above 63 escapees:-

- (i) Five left by prahu for TOEAL guided by ACHEET BIN MOHAMMED, MOOI AMBOC & DOOL BIN MOHAMMEDSIP as follows:  
2 Aust Army, 1 Dutch Army and 1 Dutch woman & child.
- (ii) 1 Aust Offr and some Dutchmen escaped with the help of Mr GEZACHEEBBER and went to Australia via TOEAL.
- (iii) A prahu named "BOHTER" took 5 Aust and 2 USA to TOEAL. "BOHTER'S" crew included KIRIM MOHAMMED NAK, MOHAMMED, HASIN & WAHAL, the latter two since dead - all of KILWAROE.
- (iv) 11 Australians went to TOEAL with the assistance of Kapala Soa of village AMARWATU.
- (v) 2 Australians among the above total were apparently RAAF Officers. They are said to have stated that they wore stripes on their shoulder straps. One is said to have 3 stripes.

(e) Patrol searched for Notebook of Djen MOHAMMED at Indonesian Hospital, GESER.

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63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
22/13/45  
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Further to 63 Inf Bn 22/55 of 1 Nov 45.

1. Herewith consolidated report which summarises all patrols completed by 63 Inf Bn to 22 Nov 45.

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62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: OUT IN	Area Covered	Information Gained
50	30 Oct	1 Sjt B Coy Interpreter	Out: 1500 In: 1800 hrs.	Along road SILALU to LATOEHALAT	<u>Movement of Aust Soldiers:</u> Native Bernardus RASSAKATTA acted as guide for 5 Aust soldiers in 1942 - contacted them in hideout in hills - has no idea of their ultimate fate.
51	29 Oct	11 pl B Coy		ERI village, AMAHOESOE	<u>Movement of Aust. Soldiers:</u> Information previously reported (Cases 12 and 30).
52	30 Oct	1 Sjt, B Coy		MRs 105858, 096846 129852, 144685	<u>Aust Graves:</u> ref Case No 11 - Capt JINKINS
53	29 Oct	3 pl A Coy	Out: 0915 In: 1830 hrs	MR 225398 197996	<u>E.E.:</u> Approx 2 tons equipment MR 207996 <u>Natives:</u> Binongkonese - cannot write - gave impression they do not understand Malay and do not want to.
54	29 Oct	13 pl C Coy	Out: 1000 In: 1640 hrs	From MR 114944 to 073986	<u>Enemy Activity:</u> Investigation of report by SEMOEA DOA (papuan) that he was fired on by 4 Japs MT DAMAR area on 28 OCT (MR 073986). Patrol found 2 .256 cartridge cases some distance from alleged place of shooting. No signs of Japs in area. No Ambonese in area.
55	22 Oct	1 Sjt, 18 ors C Coy		From C Coy HQ LAHA via Air strip to LEKE return by coast	<u>Enemy Equipment:</u> 2 barges at HATOE <u>Natives:</u> Friendly
56	24 Oct	1 Sjt 5 ors C Coy		From C Coy HQ to AERMANIS along coast to SIKOBELA River and return to LAHA	<u>E.E.:</u> Incendiary bomb dump MR 070905 <u>A/C Dump Aust:</u> MR 070911



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IF MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 and 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: Out In	Area Covered	Information Gained
57	24 Oct	C Coy 1 Cpl 5 ors		TAWIRI TO MT LAHA and Coy HQ	<u>E.E.</u> : Barge dry dock. 2 15 cm guns.
58	24 Oct	C Coy - 1 Sjt 5 ors		LAHA to Mt LAHA - WEST to SIKOELA River. Down river to Rd junction across EAST bank and return to Coy HQ	<u>Defences</u> : Trenches and discarded Aust equip.
59	25 Oct	C Coy - 1 sjt, 4 ors		WEST end LAHA airstrip, NE to LAWA river, SOUTH to TAWIRI	<u>E.E.</u> : 2 Jap barges WEST of River SIKOELA
60	25 Oct	C Coy - 1 Sjt, 4 ors		Area bounded by roads SIKOELA River to MR 055915	<u>Graves</u> : 30 graves - probably Japanese. <u>Defences</u> : Hillside tunnels, some blocked, not investigated.
61	25 Oct	C Coy - 1 Sjt, 3 ors		HQ to WEST end airstrip LAWA river - SOUTH to near mouth, returned to LAHA.	<u>E.E.</u> : 1000 lb aerial bombs in grass. <u>Aust Equip</u> : Articles found in area.
62	24 Oct	C Coy 1 Sjt 6 ors		ROEMAHTIGA TO POKA area	<u>Collaborators</u> : Stated by Ambonese: STUBBS (Englishman), half-caste BUTTENBOS.
63	24 Oct	C Coy 1 Sjt 10 ors Native guide		ROEMAHTIGA TO MR 158987 Area bounded by MRs: 158987, 165985, 172968, 169964	<u>E.E.</u> : Jap barracks at HASAL MR 150009
64	24 Oct	C Coy 1 Sjt 10 ors Native guide		ROEMAHTIGA to SAHOEROE to WAIAME and return	<u>Graves</u> : Previously reported by this Bn and marked.
65	26 Oct	1 or Int Sec Native guide		C Coy HQ LAHA via TAWIRI and area MR 063959 via LEKE road	<u>Defences</u> : Pill boxes throughout area. Torn up Aust letter found.
66	27 Oct	1 or Int Sec		C Coy HQ LAHA to TAWIRI and area MR 069930	<u>E.E.</u> : Jap living huts MR070927. 2 15 cm guns (spiked) 2 105 cm S/L - electrical gear and tunnels MR 069930



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MAP: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 and 1:100000

Sl	Date	Members	Time: Out : In	Area Covered	Information Gained
	30 Oct	A Coy 1 Cpl, 1 or	Out:1400 In :1930 hrs	NEGERILAMA to WAIHEROE	<u>Natives:</u> Friendly <u>Tracks:</u> Good. <u>Water:</u> Plentiful <u>Crashed a/c:</u> 1 near SOLLI (previously reported). <u>Aust Tps:</u> Aust tps and American missionary captured 1942 this area.
68	30 Oct	B Coy, 1 Sjt	Out:1400 In:1600 hrs	ERI along rd to SILALE return to ERI	<u>War Graves:</u> Add'l infm Cases Nos 4 & 5 (Balcombe & Anderson).
69	30 Oct	A Coy, 8 pl	Out:0900 In:1530 hrs	From MR 225998 to 209999 and 205195	<u>Natives:</u> Very poor condition <u>E.E.:</u> See Patrol No 53.
70	31 Oct	A Coy, 1 Cpl 4 ors. 1 or Int Sec.		NEGERILAMA to HASAL	<u>Movements Augt 1942:</u> 4 Aust ptes hid HASAL area after occupation, then moved on, destination unknown.
71	31 Oct	A Coy, 1 Cpl 2 Ors. Interpreter		NEGERILAMA	<u>Crashed A/c:</u> American a/c reported to be sunk after landing MR 222995 <u>Aust PW:</u> Infm recd re "WOODONG".
72	1 Nov	Det. A Coy to PIROE		PIROE (CERAM)	<u>E.E.:</u> Dumping reported <u>Water:</u> 4 scoop. <u>Billets:</u> All Tps in building MR CERAM 073692 <u>Investigation re Aust movements 1942 proceed</u> <u>ing.</u>
73	31 Oct	Ref Bn Operation Order No 5		SIKOELA - LAWA Rivers	<u>No tracks or native dwellings.</u> Numerous streams, rough country. No infm of value.
74	1 Nov	Int rep C Coy		LAHA	<u>Jap barge movement investigated.</u>
75	1 Nov	Int rep C Coy		MR 070925	<u>E.E.:</u> Demolition 12 cm guns completed
76	2 Nov	Int rep C Coy		Mt HATOELETOE	<u>E.E.:</u> Demolition of installations completed.
77	2 Nov	Int rep C Coy		MR 076915	<u>Graves:</u> Exhumation mass grave.
78	4 Nov	Int rep A Coy		NEGERILAMA- WAKAL	<u>Crashed a/c:</u> Investigation native report - N1



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RIF MAPS: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 & 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: In : Out	Area Covered	Information Gained
79	24 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MRs 178972 - 178981	<u>E.E.</u> : Native collaborator
80	24 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MR 158987, 165985, 172968, 169964	Reconnaissance - topographical only
81	25 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MR 915962 - 154964	<u>Graves</u> : 25 Allied Graves.
82	25 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MRs 130953, 125962 150160	Reconnaissance - infm Nil.
83	26 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MR 122950, 132952	Reconnaissance - infm Nil.
84	26 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MR 115945 - 104976	Reconnaissance - infm Nil
85	26 Oct	Int rep C Coy		MR 108939 - 104976	Reconnaissance - infm Nil
86	26 Oct	C Coy		MR 165960 - 152509	Reconnaissance - infm Nil
87	27 Oct	C Coy		TALACHER area	Sundry enemy equipment
88	29 Oct	B Coy		MR 074985, 095998 114992, 099985	<u>Jap Activity</u> : (See Case No 54)
89	28 Oct	B Coy		AMAHOESOE	Addl infm Aust Graves & Crashed A/c
90	28 Oct	B Coy		MT NONA	<u>Graves</u> : (See Case No 14)
91	2 Nov	B Coy		MR 095842, 011845 014837, 095832	Reconnaissance - infm Nil
92	24 Oct	B Coy		MR 063905, 042896	300 Japanese working on airstrip.
93	24 Oct	C Coy		MR 074913, 063839 060902, 074913	<u>E.E.</u> : Bomb dump <u>Crashed A/c</u> : See case No 56



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MAP ALBON SHEETS 1:50000 and 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Time: Out In	Area covered	Information Gained
94	24 Oct	C Coy		MR 9107, 9207, 9208	<u>E.L.</u> : 2 15cm guns. Barge dock (See Patrol 66)
95	24 Oct	C Coy		MR 006900, 008902	<u>Defences</u> : Aust crawl trenches & scattered equipment (See Patrol 58)
96	25 Oct	C Coy		MR 053900, 057895 060902, 074913	<u>E.L.</u> : 2 Barges West SIKOELA River. 2 25 mm gun pits.
97	25 Oct	C Coy		MR 0591	<u>E.L.</u> : Workshop & warehouse.
98	25 Oct	C Coy		Not stated LAHA area	Articles Aust equipment found
99	26 Oct	C Coy		MR 006902	<u>Defences</u> : Pill boxes (See patrol No 35)
100	26 Oct	C Coy		NW SIKOELA River	Articles Aust equipment found.
101	26 Oct	C Coy		Area NW MR 0590	Articles enemy equipment found
102	27 Oct	C Coy		MR 065920, 071925, 074915	A/A Gun site & Power plant.
103	27 Oct	C Coy		MR 065924, 043937	See "Graves"
104	28 Oct	C Coy		Vicinity LAHA airstrip	Nil
105	30 Oct	C Coy		B 004, 006 N. 900, 902	Nil
106	30 Oct	C Coy		Area E 001, 002 -N 038, 091	Nil
107	2 Nov	C Coy		Area MR 109098	Re 2 Aust Escapees - Crashed A/c (USA).
108	2 Nov	C Coy		Area MR 0591	Nil
109	3 Nov	C Coy		Area 176973	Enemy fuel dump - Crashed A/c (see Patrol 71)
110	29 Oct	A Coy		MEGERILAMA to Mt ERI	Nil
111	6 Nov	B Coy		BATONALAT	Nil
112	4 Nov	B Coy		MR 105860 -098350	See "War Graves"



CONSOLIDATED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REPORT NO 2 - RECEIVED TO 22 NOV 45

63 Aust Inf Bn  
AMBON

REF MAPS: AMBON SHEETS 1:50000 and 1:100000

Patrol No	Date	Members	Area Covered	Information Gained
113	2 Nov	B Coy	MR 115883, 127883	Nil
114	1 Nov	B Coy	MR 106859, 127874, 111878	Nil
115	1 Nov	B Coy	MR 106859, 104845, 113852, 114859	2 Graves (See "War Graves")
116	1 Nov	B Coy	MR 121852, 118854	Nil
117	31 Oct	B Coy	Coy area	See "War Graves"
118	7 Nov	A Coy	MR 114883, 125887	Nil
119	7 Nov	A Coy	HITOLAMA to LIA	Enemy Equipment - Aust escapes (See Patrol 49)
120, 121	2/5 Nov	C Coy	ALLANG	Aust escapes April 42
122	7 Nov	C Coy	MR 084980, 080940	Articles Aust & enemy equipment found
123	7 Nov	C Coy	MR 069904, WESA River	Recce - infn nil
124	9 Nov	B Coy	BATOLGAPPOENG MR 152915	Aust equipment found
125	5/12 Nov	HQ Coy	SAID to MON.LA	"See War Graves & Movements of Aust soldiers"
126	6 Nov	C Coy	MR 060988, 041995	Re Enemy Equipment
127	8 Nov	C Coy	MR 050919, 043919	Re Enemy Equipment
128	9 Nov	C Coy	LAHA	Exhumation mass grave
129	16 Nov	I.O. 63 Bn	GERAM & adjacent islands	See Separate Report forwarded
130	22 Nov	SUMMARY OF BN RECCE - LAHA & AREA NW TO COAST - See Separate Report		
131	22 Nov	SUMMARY OF BN RECCE - AREA ASILOELOE TO KAITIJOE - See Separate Report		
132	22 Nov	SUMMARY OF BN RECCE - ALLANG AREA - See Separate Report		

*James Cloy*  
I.O. 63 Inf Bn (AIF)



Subject: RECONNAISSANCE - BEACH REPORT, HITOE LAMA AREA

63 Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

22/135

30 Nov 45

33 Inf Bde

1. Attached Report and Sketch Map of the above area.
2. Reconnaissance was carried out on instructions from Bde I.O.

IM/ID

*H. J. Rowan*  
Lt-Col  
C.O. 63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
*100*

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BEACH REPORT

INT SEC  
63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
22/125  
26 Nov 45

AREA - Beach ~~HITOE~~ HITOE LAMA  
MR: AMBON 1:100000 - area 141042 to 159055

1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- (a) Obstacles.
1. Fish traps extending into deep water (construction light timber and wire) as follows:-
    - i. Opposite mouth of ETE River.
    - ii. Opposite mosque HITOE LAMA.
    - iii. Opposite approx western limit HITOE LAMA village.
  2. Line of stakes marking approx low water mark for full length of beach. Stakes are of light timber 3/4" in diameter and 10-15 feet apart. Many are rotten and they could not be considered a serious obstacle to troops or to powered landing craft.
  3. Reef (coral and niggerheads) 50/100 yds wide, extending from low water mark into deep water. Gaps with shelving sandy bottom occur at MRS 158048 and 158051 (see Sketch Map). Reef is covered by 2 to 6 feet water at low tide.
- (b) Depths  
Offshore: Not measured, but over 30 feet.
- (c) Surf: SE Season (Oct to Mar) - Nil to light.  
NW Season (May to Oct) - Native reports state:  
Light to moderate.
- (d) Currents: No reliable infm.
- (e) Prominent  
Landmarks:
1. Limits of beach are defined roughly by saddle between MT HELAT and MT WAKALAOE (MRS 149022 and 196042). Saddle is easily distinguishable from offshore.
  2. Red painted roof of mosque at HITOE LAMA can be seen from a considerable distance to seaward.

2. BETWEEN HW & LW MARKS:

- (a) Length: From mouth ETE River west, approx 1500 yds.
- (b) Width: 30 to 50 yards.
- (c) Gradient: Nil to very slight.
- (d) Nature: Firm sand and coral.
- (e) Obstacles: Nil.

3. ABOVE HW MARK:

- (a) Length: From mouth ETE River west, approx 1500 yds.
- (b) Width: Average 10 to 15 yards.
- (c) Gradient: Gentle slope.
- (d) Nature: Sand and rubble.
- (e) Obstacles: Bank of earth and sand extends 250 yards NE from mosque, between beach and road. Height of bank 5 to 6 feet.



4. EXITS:

(a) Infantry: For entire length.

(b) Vehicles: Several exits to road running parallel to beach exist (see Sketch Map) and access to road would present little difficulty at any point. Transport NCO 63 Bn considered beach could be negotiated by any vehicle, wheeled or tracked.

5. HINTERLAND:

Rises steeply from rear of village - primary and secondary jungle. Suitable maintenance areas exist in villages and environs.

Water: Native wells and good supply ETE River.

6. CRAFT ANCHORAGES:

Anchorage for small craft only at gaps in reef.

7. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Road from HITOE LAMS crosses HITOE Peninsula and joins road PASO-ROEMAHTIGA.: Suitable for one stream of traffic only, steep and rough, bridges in need of repair. Could easily be blocked by demolition.

8. SKETCH MAP:

Attached.

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



WAR DIARY

63 INF BN (AIF)

NOVEMBER 1945

NATIVES EMPLOYED IN BN AREA

1 DECEMBER 1945



Subject: RETURN OF NATIVES EMPLOYED WITHIN  
63 AUST INF BN (AIF) AREA.

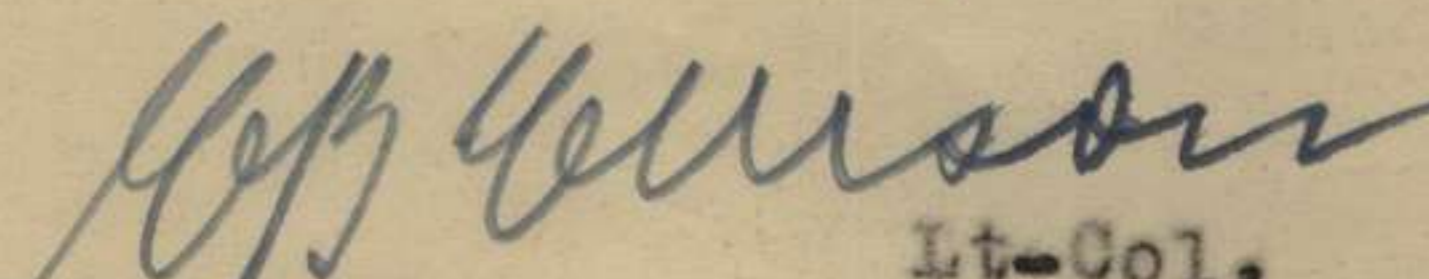
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AMBON.

5/21/2  
12 NOV 45.

Q.F.S.S.

1. The following natives are employed as general duties unless otherwise shown.

LATUHERU	Roderick	resident	AMBON	
TUHUMENA	Adrian	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
KAKISINA	George	"	AMAHOFESOE	
PATTY	Fvens	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
DIAS	Zada	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
WESTPLAT	John			(interpreter)
PATTINAMA	Agus			
SAUPLAIT	Elliot			
THENU	Bill Max			(interpreter)
PISIVARISAA	Benjaman			
SAHRELATA	Wilem			
LEISI	Simon			
NUSSY	Elas	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
PELUPESY		"	HATALAI	
BASAR	Jon	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
REHATTA	Simon			
FERDINANDUS	Samol	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
TALAHATO	Stephnos	"	LILLYBOY	
TOLALATO	Sam	"	"	
TOMAHUW	Tzaak	"	ROEMANTIGA	
TENNUW	Tuward	"	"	
NANGINSELA	Albert	"	WAINITOE	(interpreter)
KASTANYA	Abram	"	KOLDAMATI	
NANUROE	Benjamin	"	ERI	
FERDINANDUS	Jonas	"	BATOEGANTOENG	
MARNAKE	John	"	AMHOFESOE	
SAHILATUA	Josef	"	AMBON	(interpreter)
FERDINANDUS	Yakob	"	BENTENG	
LATAPAPUA	Paul	"	AMBON.	

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

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<b>TO</b>			Message Instructions
(w) For Information (INFO.)			<b>GR</b>

**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

I 56 unclassified (.) location statement 63 Aust Inf

Bn as at 011000 I NOV (.) first (.) Ref map ANBON 1:100000 (.)

Bn HQ HQ Coy A Coy less 8 pl 9 pl plus 12 pl (Dutch Arty Barracks)

189909 8 pl 227996 B Coy HQ plus 11 pl 105859 10 pl 093830 C Coy

HQ plus 14 pl 15 pl 073910 13 pl 168960 (.) second (.) Ref map

CERAM 1:100000 9 pl 173629

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

163 unclassified (.) loc stat to 071030 I NOV (.)

ref map AMBON 1: 100.000 (.) Bn HQ B coy HQ coy less 5 pl

DUTCH arty barracks 139909 (.) 5 pl patrol NW coast AMBON (.)

A coy HQ 8 pl ERI 7 pl LATOEHALAT 9 pl PIROE 173629 (.)

C coy HQ plus 14 pl 15 pl 073910 18 pl 168960 (.)

D coy HQ plus 17 pl 146913 16 pl 143914 18 pl 158912

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For Action			Message Instructions
33 Aust Inf Bde			
<b>TO</b>	(w) For Information (INFO.)		<b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 79 unclassified (.) loc stat to 131030 I (.) ref map  
 AMBON 1:100000 (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy B Coy Dutch Arty Barracks 139909 (.)  
 A Coy HQ 8 pl ERI 7 pl LATOEHALAT 9 pl PIROE CERAM C Coy HQ plus  
 14 pl 073910 13 pl 15 pl 168960 (.) D Coy HQ plus 17 pl 146913 16 pl  
 143914 18 pl 158912

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I 82 unclassified (.) loc stat to 141200 I (.) ref map AMBON 1:  
 1:100000 (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy B Coy DUTCH Arty barracks 139909 (.) A Coy  
 HQ 8 pl ERI 7 pl LATOEHALAT 9 pl PIROE CERAM C Coy non-existent (.)  
 D Coy HQ plus 17 pl 146913 18 pl 158912 16 pl 073910 (.)

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<p><b>TO</b> <i>33 Inf Bde</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i></p>		<p><i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b></p>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 97 unclassified loc stat to*  
*270900 I @ ref map AMBON 1:100000 @*  
*Bw H.Q HQ coy Bcoy 7 pl Acoy Dutch Arty*  
*Barracks 139909 @ HQA coy ~~pl~~ plus 8 pl*  
*ERI 9 pl PIROE CERAM @ Dcoy HQ*  
*plus 17 pl 146913 18 pl 158912 16 pl*  
*LAHA*

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<p><i>Signed</i> <i>W. Angus Lt. Col.</i></p>			<p><i>THI or TOR</i></p>		
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<b>TO</b> <b>B Coy HQ Coy</b> (w) For Information (INFO.)  <b>A Coy D Coy Prison Compound</b> <b>QM MO War Diary</b>	Message Instructions	<b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~2301 unclassified (.) B Coy will cease to have sub unit identity as from 280900I when command of remaining personnel B Coy passes to OG HQ Coy (.) HQ Coy advise completion.~~

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*[Signature]*  
 Sgt 63 Inf Bn

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<i>For Action</i>			Message Instructions— <b>GR</b>
<b>TO</b> <i>33 Inf Bde</i>	(w) <i>For Information (INFO.)</i>		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 101 unclassified loc stat as  
found 280900 I 0 ref map AMBON  
1:100000 0 Bn HQ HQ Coy 7 pl A Coy  
Lutch Anty Barracks 139909 0 HQ A  
Coy plus 8 pl ERI 9 pl A Coy PIROEO  
D Coy HQ plus 17 pl 146913 18 pl 158912  
16 pl LAHA*

*was Henry ✓  
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ORIGINATOR'S No. I 57 unclassified (.) your INY 31/1045 of 29 OCT 45 (.)

situation report to 011200 I (.) graves counted and marked 13 patrols  
 completed 56 dumps emptied NIL dumps being worked 7 (.) Japanese  
 held in unit prison compound 9 Off 88 ORS

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<b>TO</b>  (w) For Information (INFO.)  <b>2 i/c</b>		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~I 58 unclassified (.) Situation report to 021200 I (.)~~  
~~graves counted and marked 14 (.) routine patrols completed 69 (.)~~  
~~AMBON area dumps emptied 1 dumps being worked 6 total war materials~~  
~~dumped 65 tons PIROE total war materials dumped 27 tons (.)~~  
~~Japs held in custody no change (.) Unit locations no change~~

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*For Action*

33 Aust Inf Bde

**TO**

*(w) For Information (INFO.)*

2 i/c

<i>Message Instructions</i>	GR
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**ORIGINATOR'S No.**  
I 59 unclassified (.) Situation report to 031200 I (.)

Graves counted and marked 14 (.) routine patrols completed 75 (.)

AMBON area dumps unchanged PIROE total war materials dumped 107

tons incl 65 tons amn 15 tons guns mg and light arty (.) ~~xxxxx~~

Japs held in custody no change (.) Unit locations no change

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<b>TO</b>  (w) For Information (INFO.)  2 i/c		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 60 unclassified (.) Situation report to 051200 I (.)  
 Graves unchanged (.) routine patrols completed 80 (.) AMBON area  
 total dumped 165 tons PIROB 136 tons plus 12 pieces arty (.)  
 Japs held in custody 10 officers 83 ors (.) Unit locations 8 pl  
 A Coy returned from NEGERILAMA to Bn area otherwise unchanged

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Signed <i>Wh Christie May</i>	Signed				



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For Action

33 Aust Inf Bde.

<b>TO</b>  2 i/c	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	<b>GR</b>
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 61 unclassified (.) sit rep to 061200 I (.) further 6 tons  
 amn dumped AMBON dump area A progressive total dumped 172 tons (.)  
 patrol left by barge to recce NW coast AMBON from SAID to MAMALA  
 at 060830 I (.) patrol reports to 6 Nov number 80

*War Day*

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Signed <i>W. Chuoke May</i>	Signed		THI or TOR		
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Originator

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Office Date Stamp

63 AUST INF BN

08 1430 I

For Action

33 AUST INF BDE

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 67 unclassified (.) sit rep to 081200I (.) stores  
dumped AMBON total 190 tons PIROE total 315 tons (.)  
patrols completed AMBON area 116 (.) Japanese in cus-  
tody 13 offrs 87 ORs incl 2 ORs arrested for stealing  
and 2 interpreters (.) locations no change

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<p><b>TO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i></p> <p><b>2 1/e</b></p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Message Instructions</i></p> <p><b>GR</b></p>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~170 unclassified (.) sit rep to 091200 I (.) barge recce to NW coast AMBON HQ est KAITETOE until further notice (.) further 85 tons amm 3 ton stores dumped PIROE (.) total stores dumped Area A 210 tons (.) patrol left by barge 09830 I to recce SERAN coast from AMAHAI to BOELA (.) Japs held in custody 15 offrs 83 or's~~

WAR DIARY

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For Action 33 aust inf bde			
<b>TO</b>	(w) For Information (INFO.)  2 i/c		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 73 unclassified (.) sit rep to 101200 I (.)  
 60 bodies/bone sets exhumed LAHA area (.) patrol reps submitted  
 total 124 (.) all swords balloted distributed (.) japs held in custody  
 total 15 offrs 83 or's ISAMU KAWANO ( CPO ) evac CPO HISAKUGI  
 KIYOSAHA taken in custody (.) area A progressive total stores  
 dumped 245 tons

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33 BDE

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2 i/c

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63 aust inf bn

11 I

For Action

TO

55 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

1 75 unclassified (.) sit rep to 1112001 (.)

PIROM further 55 ton amn 2 ton arty eqpt 1275 breech blocks small stores

dumped progressive total dumped 433 tons (.) area A NO change (.)

~~nothing further to rep~~  
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<i>For Action</i>			
33 Aust Inf Bde			
<b>TO</b>	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>
2 i/c			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 77 unclassified(.) Sit rep to 121200 I (.) Barge

rece to NW coast AMBON returned this HQ mission completed (.)

area A further 25 tons dumped progressive total 270 tons (.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 80 unclassified (.) sit rep to 131300 I (.) Dumpings  
 AMBON area A 14 tons progressive total 284 tons PIROE further 25  
 tons ammunition 17 tons gun stores progressive total 465 tons (.)  
 Patrols completed total 126

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File

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 Wireless

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<i>For Action</i>			
33 Aust Inf Bde.			
<b>TO</b>	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 81 unclassified (.) sit rep to 141200 I (.) dumpings AMBON area A 24 tons progressive total 308 tons (.) Japanese held in custody 12 offrs 82 OR's (.)

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FROM (A) 63	Originator Aust inf bn	Date—Time of Origin 151200I
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Office Date Stamp

For Action

33 Aust inf bde

TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 183 unclassified © Pit rep to 151200I  
 ours of 141200 I unchanged ©

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Signed *[Signature]*

Signed



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FROM  
(A)

Originator

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Office Date Stamp

1617001

68 east inf bn

For Action

23 east inf bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

184 unclassified . sit rep to 1512001 .

dumpings area & 16 tons progressive total 324 tons.

*Warsian*

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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Aust Inf Bn Originator For Action 33 Aust Inf Bde	Date—Time of Origin 17 1400 I	Office Date Stamp
<b>TO</b> (w) For Information (INFO.) 2 1/c		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 85 unclassified (.) sit rep to 171200 I (.)

dumpings AMBON area A 22 tons progressive total 346 tons PIROE

progressive total 532 tons plus arty

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File

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Signed

*W. Anglio*

Signed



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	63 Army Inf Bn	190845 I	
For Action			Message Instructions
TO	33 Army Inf Bn.	(w) For Information (INFO.)	
2 1/c			

ORIGINATOR'S No. 1. 86 unclassified @ 171200  
 181200 I @ our s.y rep at 171200 I unchanged.

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<b>FROM</b> (A) <i>63 Aust Inf Bde</i>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <i>191800 I</i>	Office Date Stamp
For Action			Message Instructions <b>GR</b>
<b>TO</b> <i>33 Aust Inf Bde</i>	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No. *I 87 unclassified @ Outrep to 191200 I @*  
*progressive total jap stores dumped AMBON*  
*area 356 tons @ PIROE no change @*  
*locations no change @ intensive enquiries*  
*proceeding at LAHA in attempt to locate*  
*grave of balance of aust soldiers believed*  
*executed on or about 18/20 feb 42.*

*War Diary (7) ✓*  
*File*

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless Signed <i>San W. Chong</i>	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER Signed	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
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	63 Aust Inf Bn	201345 I	
For Action			Message Instructions
TO	33 Aust Inf Bde	(w) For Information (INFO.)	

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 89 unclassified @ refers to 201200 I  
 @ progressive total jap stores dumped  
 AMBON area 377 tons @ PIROE no  
 change @ locations no change @  
 no further results yet attained by  
 enquiries at LAHA - my I 87 of  
 191800 I refers.

Wan Sany 2 ✓  
 file

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Signed <i>Sammerton</i>	Signed		Time Cleared		



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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Aust Inf Bn	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 221400 I
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Office Date Stamp

For Action

<b>TO</b> 33 Aust Inf Bde	(w) For Information (INFO.)
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Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 91

Unclassified @ Litrep to  
2/1800 I @ AMBON and PIROE no change @  
locations no change @

War Lang<sup>2</sup> ✓  
File

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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Inf Bde Originator		Date—Time of Origin 221400 I	Office Date Stamp
For Action		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>	
<b>TO</b> 93 Inf Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 92 unclassified @ sitrep To  
 221200 I @ progressive total Jap stores  
 dumped AMBON area 383 tons @ locations  
 no changes @ work proceeding at LAHA  
 and search for mass grave

was seen 2 ✓  
 File

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Signed

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signed



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For Action		
<b>TO</b> 33 Inf Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 93 unclassified @ citre - to  
 231200 I @ progressive total JAW  
 stores dumped AMBON area 389 tons @  
 work continuing on trench and  
 pillbox systems NAAA for search  
 of mass grave

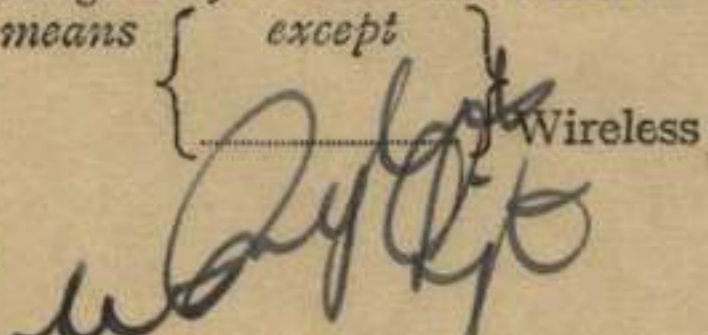
WAR DIARY ✓  
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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Inf Bn Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin 241445I	Office Date Stamp
<b>TO</b> 23 Inf Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 94 unclassified @ street  
 to 241200 I O huagnessme total  
 Japanese stores dumped AMBON  
 Area 401 tons @ Japanese  
 held in custody 12 opps 640s

was okay ✓  
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FROM

Originator

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(A)

63 Inf Bn

260900I

For Action

TO

33 Inf Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I95 unclassified sitrep

to 251200I @ AMBON and PIROE

no change

was Henry 2 ✓  
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Signed

*W. J. O.*

Wireless

Signed



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(A)

63 Inf Bn

261205 I

For Action

TO

33 Inf Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 96 unclassified sitrep to

261200 I 0 NIL

war diary ✓  
File

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*W. J. G. J. G.*

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Army Form C2136 (Large)  
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

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<b>TO</b> <u>33 Inf Bde</u> <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		Message Instructions	<b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 991 unclassified status to  
271200 I ~~OMH~~ progressive total  
 Jap stores dumped ANIBON area  
 419 tons

*was heavy*  
*File*

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	63 Inf Bw For Action	28 1245 I	
TO	33 Inf Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

T100 unclassified stores to  
281200 I 0 progressive total Jap  
stores dumped AMBON area 451 tons  
Japanese held in custody 14 apps  
64 ons

was okay ✓  
File

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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Inf Bn Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin 291445 I	Office Date Stamp
<b>TO</b> 33 Inf Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	<b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No. I103 unclassified sitrep to  
 291200 I O progressive total Jap  
 stores dumped AMBON area 502 tons

van Hany ✓  
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<b>FROM</b> (A) 63 Juy Bw Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin 30 I	Office Date Stamp
<b>TO</b> 33 Juy Bde (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 104 unclassified @ sit rep 1a

301200 I @ progressive total Jap stores

dumped AMBON area 532 tons

War diary (18) ✓  
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NOVEMBER 1945

UNIT OPERATION ORDERS

1 DECEMBER 1945



*Wave Deary*

63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OPERATION ORDER NO. 6

3 NOV 45.

PATROL

Ref Map AMBON ISLANDS GP 1/00000.

INFORMATION.

1. It is probable that a number of Aust escapees after the battle for LAHA crossed the HITOE PENINSULA and embarked by native craft from villages along coastal strip SAID (9903) to MORELA (1708). The following contacts were made by 33 Bde patrol of 26/27 Oct and may be of assistance.

MAH-MMED	TAHR	NOEKOEHENE	Radja of SAID	)	
	H-SSAN	-do-		)	SAID
	SANAT	HATOEI		)	

The Radja of KAITETOE may have information concerning 2 Aust. 1 American who are alleged to have come from SAID and joined 3 American airmen at KAITETOE.

INTENTION.

2. A patrol constituted as in para 3 will patrol the coastal area from DAIS (9903) inclusive to MORELA (1708) inclusive.

METHOD.

3. The patrol will consist of

- Comd Lt GLENYAS
- 2 i/c LT HEARBE
- 30 OR's from HQ Coy to be selected by I GLENYAS
- 1 NCO FSS
- Int rep to be selected by I.O.
- Med pers " " " " M.O.
- Sigs pers " " " " Sig O.

4. The patrol will leave COALING WHARF at 060800 hrs by barge and will proceed direct to SAID; and thence along the coast, and inland as required, at the discretion of the patrol comd.

5. The Patrol is to be completed and the party returned to COALING WHARF by 111800 I hrs.

6. 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.

ADMINISTRATION.

7. QM will detail one dumping barge for duty with the patrol from 060800 I hrs to 111800 I hrs and will arrange for 8 days rations and Horrocks box for the party to be embarked by 060800 I.

8. MO will arrange attendance of med. pers and sup of med stores required.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

9. Sig officer will arrange W/T intercommunication between the patrol and BHQ for the duration of the patrol.

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

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*



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SERIAL NO 26

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

PARAs 65 - 6

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

Headquarters,  
63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

3 NOV 45

65. CURFEW

The curfew will cease from and including Sunday, 4 Nov 45.

66. NATIVES IN CAMP AREA.

Those inhabitants of AMBON previously employed by Coys and certified by unit MO, can now be re-employed.

67. SPEED LIMIT.

The speed limit NE of the BATOEMERAH RIVER is increased to 20 mph, except through villages.

68. LEAVE.

Local leave will NOT be allowed before 1300 hrs except on Sundays. Leave may granted on any evening up to 2200 hrs. Leave up to 2400 hrs may be granted in special cases. Such cases will be personally authorised by the CO. Members so authorised will carry leave passes.

68. EDUCATION SERVICE.

Applications to reach this HQ's by the 6 Nov 45, are required from personnel desirous of becoming full time instructors within the unit, in wood, metal and leather work.

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

NOTICES.

Church Services - 4 Nov 45.

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



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by

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COMMANDING 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

21 NOV 45

Headquarters,  
63 Inf Bn (AIF)

70. EXAMINATION OF PARCELS DESPATCHED TO THE MAINLAND.

Herewith for action detail of Adv HQ AMF AQ177.05 of 17 Nov.

- "1. The examination of parcels for possible infringement of GRO 382/44 is a unit responsibility.
- 2. Parcels will be closed in the presence of an officer who, when satisfied with the contents, will sign on the outside giving rank and unit, and arrange for the parcel to be passed to Army Postal Service without further access by the sender."

71. PARCEL POST.

In future the maximum length of parcels sent through Army Postal Service will be restricted to 3 feet.

72. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DISPOSAL OF ARMS, EQUIPMENT AND EXPLOSIVES.

Attention is directed to -

- (i) the number of AMF, Allied and enemy arms which are passing into the hands of civilians, particularly of the criminal class.
- (ii) the fact that instances of unauthorised disposal and receipt, by barter and otherwise, of AMF and Allied arms and equipment by to members of the AMF and Allied forces have been detected.
- (iii) the fact that members of the public have been killed seriously injured as the result of the handling of explosives which have been taken or sent home as souvenirs by members or which have negligently been left in places to which the public has access.

Arms, equipment and explosives captured from the enemy are Commonwealth property and their possession by any member is unlawful unless authorities under paras 29 and 30 of GRO 209/1945.

A high degree of care will be exercised by members in respect of arms, equipment and explosives in their possession.

Except when acting in the course of his military duty or when authorised under paras 29 and 30 of GRO 209/1945, a member will not have in his possession, or deliver or transmit to, or acquire in any way from, any other person (whether a civilian or member of another Australian or Allied service) any arms or explosives.

- (a) A members will not take his arms or equipment to his home unless it is impracticable to deposit them at an Aust Army cloakroom.
- (b) A member will not deposit his arms or equipment in any cloakroom, nor will he leave them unattended in an hotel, restaurant, cafe, theatre or any other such place.



73. BOUNDS.

The road extending from 33 Inf Bde HQ to TITAR RIVER and passing Japanese HQ, may now be used by all Australian personnel.

74. NATIVES IN CAMP AREA.

1. Natives permitted in the camp area will be restricted to the authorised allotment, except on picture nights.
2. Regt police will be responsible that this order is strictly adhered to.
3. Natives will not be permitted to enter any sleeping quarters, and disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel, regardless of rank, who permit them to enter or remain therein.
4. All personnel charged with this offence will be remanded by Coy Comds to the C.O.

*W. H. H. H.*  
A/Adj. Lt.  
63 Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES

RC CHURCH SERVICES:

R.C. Church service will not be held in this unit on Sundays in future.

Transport office will make available one truck 3 ton for transport of RC personnel from Bn Orderly Room to Brigade church at 0630 hrs each Sunday.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PT I

PARAs 75 - 77

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 63 INF BN (A I F)

Headquarters,  
63 Inf Bn (AIF)

24 NOV 45.

**75. SDS TIMETABLE**

The following time table for SDS to HQ 64 Inf Bn ~~COLEHOE~~ took effect as from 22 Nov 45.

Bde	D Coy 64 Inf Bn	HQ 64 Inf Bn	D Coy 64 Inf Bn	Bde
Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep
1000	1015	1020	1100	1400
			1440	1445
				1500

**76. RELATIONS WITH NATIVE POPULATION**

Attention is drawn to Unit RO X (c) of 8 Oct 45 which is being flagrantly disobeyed by members of all ranks.

This RO, which is repeated hereunder will be strictly obeyed.

"Natives will NOT be carried on any vehicles unless they are engaged on official army business, and their movement has been authorised by the unit concerned." Any vehs found disobeying this order will be impounded by pro personnel and returned to Bde HQ transport lines immediately.

**77. WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE FOR AIR MOVEMENT**

Further to Bde Q102/2/176 units are advised that personnel are being delayed on movement to Australia owing to their being in possession of unauthorised excess baggage.

*John P. Clayton*  
Capt.  
ADJT. 63 INF BN (AIF)

**NOTICES**

**PICTURE SCREENINGS HQ 33 INF BDE**

In future picture screenings at HQ 33 Inf Bde will commence at 1930 hrs and NOT 1900 hrs as previously.

**FILM DEVELOPING**

A free film developing service has been established at Bde HQ and will commence operations on Monday 26 Nov 45.

Films are to be left in the box for that purpose at Bde Education Centre and should be marked plainly with name, number and unit.

Until photographic paper becomes available it will not be possible to do other than the actual film developing.



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63 INF BN (AIF)

NOVEMBER 1945

FIELD RETURNS - Forms 3008 and 3009  
APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS

1 December 45



Subject: APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS  
63 INF BN (AIF)

63 Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
45/16  
24 NOV 45.

33 Inf Bde.

1. Consequent upon movement to mainland of Maj W.L. CHRISTIE and Lt I.M. CARTER for demobilisation proceedings the undermentioned officers will fill the appointments shown as from 1200 hrs 23 Nov 45.

2 i/c - Capt E.S. ROWAN  
Adjt - Lt I. McCLOY

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

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ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE  
UNIT PRISON COMPOUND - JAP WAR CRIMINALS.

1 DECEMBER 1945



Subject: ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE  
EXECUTION OF AMBONESE AT DUTCH ARTY BARRACKS - BENTENG

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON  
5/23  
15 Nov 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached for information is report concerning the above received by this Bn.

INT/ID

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



Subject: ILL TREATMENT OF AMBONESE BY JAPANESE  
EXECUTION OF AMBONESE AT DUTCH ARTY BARRACKS - BENTENG

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

5/23

15 Nov 45

1. Source of Information: Augustinus SILOOI of AMAHOESOE.

Informant states that he knows of the following Ambonese natives beheaded by Japanese in Benteng Barracks in 1943 or 1944:-

Julius NUNUMETE  
Jose TOMASOA  
Simon WAAS  
Rafael TUHUMOORI and his 3 sons..

2. Source of Information: Erehadus MADITAPUTTI of BENTENG.

Informant states that he worked at Benteng Barracks, where there were 40 prisoners. The following Japanese are stated by him to have been there when the beheadings are alleged to have taken place. These Japanese are reported by him to have left for PIROE (CERAM) in 1944:-

KOARATANI  
HASHIMOTO  
KOGO  
NAKINAMURA  
KAWAMOTO  
KOHARA  
NAKASIMA  
TANAKA  
NAGASAWA  
YOGI  
SAKAMI  
ESTEGI

WI/ID

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



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

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

5/24

15 NOV 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Ref our 45/44 of 22 Oct 45 re the above.
2. A further summary of cases of the above reported to this Bn is forwarded at the request of QFSS.

INT/ID

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

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

REPORTED TO 63 Aust Inf Bn (AI),  
 12 Nov 45

Informant	Address	Nature of Ill Treatment or Collaboration	Japanese Responsible	Alleged Ambonese Collaborators
Jantzi LATUPERISSA	Benteng	Alleges his cousin betrayed hiding place of 2 Aust soldiers to Japs, resulting in their capture		Joseph LATUPERISSA of Benteng.
Sofitjie TAMAEELA (female)		States her husband was betrayed for lighting fires during Allied air raid. Arrested 23 Nov 43 and stated to have been executed 2 Feb 44.	Lt TUDUKA TUKUCHI (of Kempei-Tai)	Moses BAKARBESI Cornelis MARKUS
Amos TUHUMCOORI		Was conscripted to Ceram, starved and beaten. Saw 25 Ambonese camped at IEUWA (Ceram) die from ill treatment.	KASIMOTO AGASSI	
Fredick FRANZ Fritz HAWAI	Both of <del>Exxtang</del> Kuda Mati	State Mohammedans named led Japs to Aust positions at MT NONA and that LATUMBUA did spy work among Dutch & Aust PW.		LATUMBUA - Mt Nona. LAMANI
Gesagus WATTIMENA		States Mohammedans named guided Japs to MT NONA		LAMANI ) LA ALI) of HOEKOELANA LATUMBUA - Mt Nona.
Elias SOPLAHTILA	Latoehalat	Accusations:- Various <del>Anti</del> Dutch and anti-Allied activities:- Pro Jap activities:- Jap spy: Member of Otorobutai in Ambon and N.G. <del>Edward LATUMETIH</del>  Jap spy: Was o/c Latoehalat Boy Scout Movement, became Jap agent and spy: Jap spy:-		Raja of Latoehalat - Andarias SALEUTERU Andarias LATUMETIH <del>Edward LATUMETIH</del> (see 63 Bn Case No 32 -  20/32 of 30 Oct 45 Abraham LATUHIHIA Barnabus PARINUSA  Alexander LEKATOMPE



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

REPORTED TO 63 Arkt Inf Bn  
12 Nov 45

Informant	Address	Nature of Ill Treatment or Collaboration	Japanese responsible	Alleged Ambonese Collaborators
Elias SOPLAHTILA (Cont)		Jap spy:- " " Assisted Japs:- Jap spy:- Jap agent, procured native women for prostitution:- Member of Otorobutai in N.G.:-		Josias LEKATOMPESY Hendrik LATAPUTY Karel BASTIAN Dominggos SALHUTERU Pieter NARUA  J. Lena KOLE Gaspar LATUMETIH
Charles LATUKOLAN	Noesanive	Reports collaborators and coolie-masters responsible for ill treatment of Ambonese:-		Wynand PEEA LA TANDA - Soea.
Jacobis TEHUPURING	Silale	Reports collaborators who spied for Japs and assisted them in looting:-		Pieter NARUA - Latoehalat Elias OPPIER " Karel BASTIAN "



Subject: ILL TREATMENT OF NATIVES BY JAPANESE. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
AMBON.  
45/ 5/23  
12 NOV 45.

A.F.S.S.

1. Frederick de QUELJOE Ambonese resident ERI has stated that he was beaten (27 strokes) on 4 Nov 45 by a Japanese named INAMURA Sotjo - Warrant Officer.
2. Description of INAMURA: stocky build is of medium height. Right eye is normal but left eye seems as as a narrow slit.
3. de QUELJOE accuses Wynand PEEA ambonese of ERI of having lied about him to INAMURA, and so having been the cause of the beating. He says also that PEEA was employed by KEMPEITAI as foreman gardener at ERI.
4. Forwarded for information only.

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

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Subject: JAPANESE PRISON COMPOUND  
- 63 INF BN AREA

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A Coy  
B Coy (action para 2b)

1. 63 Inf Bn is responsible for security of Jap prisoners held in custody at BANTENG.
2. (a) A Coy will supply personnel for a permanent guard platoon of 2 Cpls and 36 OR's incl 1 cook, to come under command OC Prison Compound (Lt C.R. KINC) at 1500 hrs 24 Nov 45.  
(b) B Coy will supply Guard Pl 1 Sgt to come under command OC Prison Compound at Dutch Army Barracks Officers quarters at 1500 hrs 24 Nov 45.
3. A Coy will withdraw to ERI its platoon plus attached personnel at LATOHALAT, and from own resources supply all necessary cooking and accommodation stores and rations for current period for guard platoon.
4. OC Prison Compound will be responsible for all matters of employment administration and discipline of the guard platoon as from time it comes under his command.
5. The Guard platoon will be known as such hence forward and will cease to have Coy identity.
6. Complete move of guard platoon will be effected under Coy arrangements by A3C transport (2x3 ton G.S. vehs) which will report at LATOHALAT platoon HQ at 0915 hrs 24 Nov. Move is to be completed NOT later than 1600 hrs 24 Nov.
7. Acknowledge.

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*Samuel Clayton*  
Capt.  
Adj. 63 Inf Bn (AIF)



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DAMAGE TO BN SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

1 DECEMBER 1945



Subject: DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AMBON

15/11/

2 NOV 45

33 Aust Inf Bde

1. Attached is a copy of a report submitted by Bn Sig Officer relative to the above.
2. It is suggested that a notice concerning penalties for damage to communications be inserted in the "Ambon News" in both English and Malay, and that NICA and Jap HQ be contacted in the matter.

IM/ID

*H. J. Wilson*

Lt-Col.

C.O. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject: SABOTAGE OF SIGNAL LINES

63 Aust Inf Bn  
2 NOV 45

C.O.  
63 Aust Inf Bn

1. I submit hereunder a report of instances where break down of comms have occurred due to interference with lines.
  2. (a) 19 OCT 45. Vicinity ERI. 50 yards of field cable, bridging a break in the permanent line was cut out and removed.
  - (b) 21 OCT 45. Vicinity ERI. Two poles of the permanent line knocked down by a Jap truck which was left abandoned in the middle of the road about 200 yards further on. This could have been a legitimate accident.
  - (c) 22 OCT 45. Vicinity ERI. Two wires of heavy galvanised iron forming the pair in use to LATOMHALAT were deliberately cut.
  - (d) 28 OCT 45. Vicinity NEGERILAMA. Field cable broken by hammering between stones - 300 yards from billets occupied by A Coy det. The line was cut twice within an hour of laying and the unbared ends tied together to conceal the fault.
  - (e) 2 NOV 45.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Artillery Barracks. The line to ERI was out of action because of two or three lengths of field cable bridging breaks in the permanent line were mutilated and lengths of the wire removed.
3. I suggest that a notice to the effect that anyone caught tampering with Signal lines will be severely dealt with be widely promulgated.

(Signed) E.M. COOPER Lt

Sig Officer 63 Bn