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SHEET No 1.

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

Unit 2/16 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0530 hrs 1 Oct. To 1030 hrs 2 Oct.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP R.	1	0530	Stand to.	
		0730	Lieut Watts left with patrol to ref 520085 (FININTIGU 1")	See trace No 1 appx C
		0800	Bn moved off.	
		0815	Bn stopped at ref 537094 (FININTEGU 1")	
		1100	Lieut White with 9 pl sent to ref 530142 (FININTEGU 1") to patrol NORTH to GUSAP R. Order received from Bde Comd. NO move until further orders. Bn on 2 hrs notice.	
		1200	Cub Moth flew over followed by DOUGLAS dropping rations.	
		1330	Coy Comds conference. Bn to move to area ref 464144. If cover is not available, will move WEST towards RAMU R. Order of march C Coy fwd, B Coy left, D Coy right. A Coy rear, BHQ following C Coy followed by HQ Coy. C.O. to move fwd. in jeep to recce area for biv. Task is to patrol to BUMBUM and EAST along GUSAP R.	
		1345	Lieut White's patrol ordered to move WEST to cut track at ref 463130 and to follow Bn tracks to biv area ref 464144.	
		1430	Bn move off	
		1700	BHQ established ref 464144.	
		2000	Bn ordered to move to GUSAP to secure bridgehead. B Coy to be advance guard to leave at 0700 hrs with wire. Engr party to move with B Coy.	
		2000	Infm received from 21 Bde. 2/14 Bn to move to 457140. Guns to 462130. 2/27 Bn less 2 coys to guard Arty. 2 coys 2/27 Bn to work on ARIFAGAN strip. 21 Bde moving to 462130.	
	2	0500	Stand to.	
		0700	B Coy moves off.	
		0730	Bn move off.	
		0830	Message was picked up on track from Lieut Dunshea 2/7 Ind Coy Have been through BUMBUM and BOPARIMPUM. JAPS left on 28 Sep.	
		1030	Now moving on to DUMPU via KAIGULAN. Bn est at area ref 452160 with Bde in rear 452159.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP R.	2	1045	Orders issued for B Coy to cross river and form bridgehead with O.P. on BALD KNOB. 1 sec of MMG's allotted, 1 det mortars (O.P. on BALD KNOB) 1 sec Arty (O.P. on BALD KNOB). A Coy to move to KAIGULAN area ref 777403 (DUMPU 1") and form 2 pl standing patrol. From here 1 pl will patrol to ref 745442 (DUMPU 1"). 15 men to patrol track from ref 777403 EAST to ref 820403 and will recon KAIGULAN landing ground and report on same. Also report on crossings of TUNKUAT and WARRIS Rivers and creek SE of KAIGULAN No 1.	See trace No 1 appx C
		1425	A Coy report having crossed TUNKUAT R. Tracks across river for jeeps. Banks 4ft high, 4 channels 9 ins deep.	
		1510	A Coy heard two bursts LMG fire in clump of timber approx 1000 yds to their front. Later infm proved that this fire came from party of JAPS who fired on patrol of 2/7 Ind Coy attempting to cross RAMU R. A Coy sent recon party fwd and informed BHQ.	
		1530	A Coy comd ordered pls to move fwd 400 yds into small gully. 2/7 Ind Coy had crossed ck. and pointed out to A Coy area held by enemy. They agreed to move round on right flank and cut track at 796390 to cut off enemy's withdrawal. Plan for attack 7 pl to advance followed by 8 pl. 9 pl to remain in present posn in reserve. Coy HQ to follow 7 pl.	
		1630	A Coy moved in to attack.	
		1705	A Coy made contact.	
		1735	A Coy report 3 Japs killed. 1 probable. Timber area reported clear.	
		1736	A Coy was fired on by LMG from right flank. One sec 9 pl moved to posn on right flank. LMG was silenced at 1815 hrs.	See trace appx C
		1755	A Coy moved out into kunai to form perimeter for night. Enemy casualties 6 Japs 1 native killed. Ours 1 KIA (Pte McKimm).	



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Unit... 2/16 AUST INF BN ..... Date and Time.—From... 1800 hrs 2 Oct To... 1050 HRS 3 OCT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP R.	2	1800	G.O.C. visited BHQ.	
	3	0200	All watches adv 1 hour (daylight saving).	
		0600	Stand to.	
		0730	A Coy report patr ol under Lieut Watts entered timber to see if area clear of Japs. A woman was found in village ref 796381 Being held for interrogation.	
		0900	Lieut Snooks (NGF Engrs) reports Jap road head at WAMPUM. Natives report force in village includes 3 officers.	
		0915	C.O. instructs Capt. Wright A Coy to push on and establish himself at KAIGULAN No 2. Then to patrol fwd with 1 pl to WAMPUM.	
		1015	A Coy report WARRIS R. ankle deep, 10 yds wide, 20 yds from bank to bank, banks 20ft high. Otherwise track jeepable to KAIGULAN No 2. 21 Bde order that patrol be sent to NAMAPUT TO contact P.I.B.patrol from BOPARIMPUM. As much infm as possible to be gained as far as DUMPU.	
		1030	Patrol consisting of 1 sgt & O.R.s sent to recce track at 695388 for 3000 yds. Patrol leader Sgt Anderson C. A Coy halted at WARRIS R. One sec to cross on right while 2" mortar will be put down on possible enemy posns as shown in air photos.	
		<del>1050</del>	<del>A Coy moved on and occupied KAIGULAN No 2.</del>	
		<del>1215</del>	<del>Lieut Buchanan left with patrol for WAMPUM, to return by 1800.</del>	
		<del>1745</del>	<del>Promo recce report received from A Coy. Bedding 25 ft. length 700 yds, grades 1:20. High ground Northern end. 12 trees 9" diameter, 12 trees 8" diameter to be cleared. 50% kunai 3ft high. 50% vines deep. Cross wind.</del>	



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Date and Time.—From 1050 hrs 3 Oct To 2000 hrs 3 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP R.	3	1050	C Coy to send fighting patrol of 1 pl under Lieut Bremner to NAMAPUT at 1200 hrs.	
		1120	A Coy occupied KAIGULAN No 2.	See trace no 1 appx 6
		1200	Final count of enemy killed by A Coy 8. Approx 15 escaped. Native woman captured reports enemy ration track between 790390 and NAMAPUT. 3 Jap offrs and O.R.s in NAMAPUT but report treated with reserve. Lieut Bremner left to patrol to NAMAPUT VIA BUMBUM track junc. 695388 - NAMAPUT. Patrol to contact Sgt Anderson's and give him instructions to wait on track until patrol withdraws.	
		1315	Lieut Buchanan left with patrol for WAMPUM to return by 1800L	
		1500	2/7 Ind Coy about 50 in number moved into A Coy area. Many of the boys meet old friends.	
		1730	Sitrep No 24 to 21 Bde to 1730L/3. Patrol on track 790390-NAMAPUT reports track well used within last 3 hrs. Field dressing and bleed noted 800419. Patrol report following. A Coy in posn 778403. B Coy 450168. C Coy 451166. D Coy 449166. BHQ 449165.	
		1745	Drome recce report received from A Coy. Bearing 25 deg., length 700 yds, grades 1 in 20, high ground northern end. 12 trees 9" diameter, 12 trees 6" diameter to be cleared. 50% kunai 3ft. 50% knee-deep. Cross wind.	
		1845	A Coy report from C Coy arrived to procure medical assistance for Lieut Bremner's patrol who contacted the enemy in NAMAPUT.	
		1900	A Coy report that patrol of 1 offr and 13 O.R.s of 2/7 Ind Coy in charge of Lieut White leave to help Lieut Bremner's patrol, so that they can withdraw.	
		1917	Lieut Buchanan's patrol reported to A Coy that they reached WAMPUM and found defensive posns in area and village unoccupied.	
		2000	Lieut Bremner returned on stretcher. Reports that on nearing NAMAPUT patrol saw one native who ran back towards the village.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP R.	3	2000	Patrol then deployed with 1 sec on each side of ck. and moved fwd. They were fired on and Pte Hunter was killed. Two Bren guns gave supporting fire from right while other 2 secs attacked. Attack was successful. Tps involved remarked <del>xx</del> that the show went off like a training exercise. Tps firing rifles and Brens from the hip. Enemy casualties 2 offrs 12 O.R.s killed. Own casualties 1 KIA, 1 DOW (L/Cpl Kelly) Lieut Bremner and Cpl Harris wounded.	fwd. See trace No 1a Appx C
		2200	Lieut Bremner's patrol returned. Reported that Cpl Harris took charge after Lieut Bremner was wounded. Cpl Harris showed outstanding courage and leadership when he, although wounded, led the pl fwd under fire to obtain identification from enemy dead, then remained behind with 4 men to cover withdrawal of stretcher party. Pl withdrew down gully.	
		2315	Lieut White reported back, NO contact with Lieut Bremner's patrol. Several of Ind Coy left behind having lost contact in the dark.	
	4	0600 0700	Stand to Sitrep 25 to 21 Bde to 0700L/4. Quiet night. Lieut Bremner's patrol to NAMAPUT returned. Enemy casualties 2 offrs 12 O.R.s killed. (Later confirmed that 14 enemy killed.) Ours 1 KIA, 1 DOW, 1 offr 1 O.R. WIA.	
		0815	Bn moved off across new bridge built by engs over GUSAP R. with DUMPU as objective.	See O.O. No 5 appx C
DUMPU		1513	Main body crossed SURINAM R. with NO opposition and took up perimeter defence. D Coy to be used for patrol and counter-attack role. Lieut Scott with 18 pl left for DUMPU to clear village.	SEE TRACE No 2 APPX "C"



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Date and Time.—From 1630 hrs 4 Oct To 0700hrs 5 Oct

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	4	1630	Sitrep No 2 to 21 Bde to 1600L/4. Main body reached DUMPU L/G 1530L. Willoccupy perimeter defence with 3 coys. D Coy to be used for patrols and counter-attack tasks. One pl D Coy departed to DUMPU 1530L to clear village. PIPER CUB landed on strip 1530L reports NO enemy in DUMPU. L/G as shown on map 600 yds long with possible extension to 1000 yds. Surface hard earth with gravel 9 ins below surface. Maj. Duchatel and Lieut Snooks making recce for new L/G in area 695485.	
		1640	Prearranged "require help" signal sighted by D Coy rear.	
		1645	Remainder of D Coy move fwd to support 18 pl ref 687523	
		1725	16 and 17 pls and D Coy HQ deploy in dead ground SW of timber while 18 pl advanced to WEST side. NO fire was encountered although Japs were seen running away. Defensive posns were found in this area. the kunai grass was searched for 200 yds beyond but NO enemy were found. Two native shelters wre found in timber showing signs of very recent occupation, and contained food, clothing and a quantity of amm and grenades. Latrine pits in area gave indication that dysentery was prevalent among the occupants. A defensive posn was formed in the thicket for the night and abandoned Jap rations of rice and tinned fish were used for the evening meal. One Jap was killed by 18 pl.	See trace No 2 appx C
		1907	D Coy asked to send written report on the suitability of DUMPU village for biv area. Particularly in regard to water and cover.	
	5	0600	Stand to.	
		0630	Sitrep No 27 to 21 Bde to 0630L/5. Quiet night. Intention for today bn will occupy DUMPU. One pl of B Coy with Maj. Duchatel will make a recce between URUA and FARIA R. for possible L/Gs	
		0700	C.O. and I.O. move fwd to recce DUMPU. Bn less D Coy on 1 hr notice to move.	



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D DUMPU	5	0730	Maj. Duchatel with 10 pl under Sgt Kellman leave to make recce between URUA and FARUA rivers for possible L/Gs.	
		0930	A and B Coys to clear strip.	
		1035	Bn leaves for DUMPU.	
		1200	BHQ est in timber ref 687523 where D Coy contacted Japs yesterday.	
		1355	Working party of 30 men under Capt. Grayden leave to work on landing strip.	
		1630	Sgt. Kellman's pl returns and reported excellent L/G 2000yds long with very little work.	
		1700	All tps in perimeter.	See trace No 2
		1730	Sitrep No 28 to 21 Bde to 1730L/5. Bn concentrated in area 686523 DUMPU L/G ready for landing tpts at 1700L. Strip 1000yds long. B Coy patrol with Maj. Duchatel reports L/G will be serviceable at 675537 to 658525 by 0900L/6	appx C
		1800	Mail arrives.	
	6	0600	Sand to	
		0630	Sitrep No 29 to 21 Bde to 0630L/6. Quiet night NO change. Patrol programme to follow.	
		0800	Nos. 1, 2, 3 patrols leave.	
		1100	Sitrep No 30 to 21 Bde to 1100L/6 Bn posn unchanged. No 3. patrol route DUMPU and garden area 710520 to 730519 to 720507 to 705517 to defensive posn.	
		1130	Received orders from Bde for Bn to move to area ref 675557 to 681558. Maj. Lee with Int sec pl and 3 O.R.s. 2 secs HQ Coy To recce proposed Bn area. One pl C Coy to clear lake area ref 80575 and est standing patrol in that area. Bn will move at first light tomorrow morning.	
		1300	13 pl leave for vicinity of lake for standing patrol ref 8157 (patrol No 4).	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	6	1345	Jap Sgt and pte state that Jap motor road suitable for two lines of traffic stops at YOKOPI ref 605735 (MT. KUBARI 1 inch) and from there to KANKIRYO ref 605691 it is a 3 metre road for pack transport. Bde ordered that two coys would stand by at 1345L to prepare strip in area 625548 to 644539. O.R.E. to inspect area first with one sec C Coy as protection.	
		1640	13 pl arrive at lake. Report EAST view obscured by feature.	
		1700	Broken ground SOUTH spoils value of O.P. Tps issued with fresh meat, bread and butter today, which speaks volumes for our L of C and efforts of the Air Force, and was very much appreciated. Lieut. Scott shot a buffalo while on patrol and brought it back to camp - very tough.	
		1705	Sitrep No 31 to 21 Bde to 1700L/6 Bn posn unchanged. No 1 June of SURINAM and RAMU R. report NO enemy. NO suitable crossing of RAMU. Patrol to 675557 report little cover, unsuitable for campsite. No 2 patrol report suitable crossing FARIA R. at ref 623549. NO reports from patrols 3 and 4. No 1 patrol reports suitable crossing of FARIA R. at ref 623549. No 2 patrol reports NO enemy. NO suitable crossing of RAMU R. Maj. Lee's patrol to ref 675557 report little cover, unsuitable for campsite.	
	7	0600	Stand to	
		0700	Sitrep No 32 to 21 Bde to 0700L/7. NO change, 2/16 moving to BEBEI. 1000L/7.	
		0800	1 sec 15 pl left as escort for natives carrying supplies to 13 pl in lake area ref 681576.	
BEBEI		0900	Comd group with O.C.s coys leave to recon BEBEI area ref 658553	
		1000	Comd group arrive BEBEI.	
		1130	Main body arrive BEBEI. Tps digging in.	See trace No 2
		1400	Message from 21 Bde. Infm received states 1 coy 2/27 contacted 8 Japs up URIA R. killing 4. 2/27 Bn now in area around KUMBARUM.	appx C



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	7	1400	ref 709570, with patrol along track to BOGANON up river to contd. ref 718596, where Tac/R reports bridge over URIA R. and one by track up FARIA R. to ref 600690.	
		1400	13 pl in posn at ref 674566. 7 Aust Div in posn at ref 675509. 21 Bde in same locality. Two coys 2/14 on strip ref 675526 to ref 670532.	
		1717	Sitrep No 33 to 21 Bde to 1700L/7. 2/16 in perimeter area BEBEI. Pl patrol at ref 673572. Patrols for 8 Oct No 1 recce patrol to ref 678595. No 2 fighting patrol to ref 655600.	
	8	0600	Stand to	
		0650	Sitrep No 34 to 21 Bde to 0630L/8. Quiet night NO change.	
		0700	Nos 1 and 2 patrol w leave.	See patrol orders
		0900	D Coy leave to clear air strip ref 638540 (DUMPU 1 inch)	Appx C
		1100	D Coy return, services NOT being required at strip.	
		1200	Message to 21 Bde. Japs killed by this unit 2 offrs 19 O.R.s. P.U.O. evacuations 2.	
		1400	13 pl move in from lake area.	
		1430	Message from 21 Bde. Am very concerned at increase of malaria figures. Strong disciplinary action must be taken against personnel NOT taking precautions.	
		1600	No 2 patrol report observation limited by higher peaks NORTH and clouds. NO enemy activity sighted.	
		1725	Escort for natives carrying stores for No 1 patrol returned and report O.P. in good posn overlooking the whole of FARIA valley. Occupied by enemy a few days previously.	
		1730	Sitrep No 35 to 21 Bde to 1700L/8. No 1 patrol reached its objective 1400L reports 2/27m ref 707580. 1650L No 2 patrol returned 1600L report NO enemy and NO sign that area has been occupied. Observed several natives but could NOT get close to them as natives made off when approached. Patrol report village occupied by natives at approx ref 635575. Patrol programme for	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	8	1730 contd	9 Oct. Patrol No3 to move through No 1 patrol at ref 675595 and continue to ref 683650 to observe enemy L of C. Patrol will be out at least 3 days unless recalled. Later reports from No 1 patrol : Enemy O.P. discovered ref 677592, which commands view of RAMU valley. Evidence that O.P. was manned 5 days ago. Track leads from O.P. NORTH and NE to spur ref 658602.	
		2330	Two Japs approached D Coy perimeter, wounding 1 man. Were fired on but escaped.	
	9	0600 0630	Stand to Sitrep No 36 to 0630L/9. 2 Japs approached D Coy perimeter 2300L/8 wounding 1 man. Japs were fired on but escaped. One sec C Coy to occupy standing patrol ref 673573. One sec P.I.B. moving with No 3 patrol to ref 683650.	
		0700	No 1 patrol report unidentified patrol on feature 15 deg 1200 yds from O.P. Lieut McCULLOUGH instructed to investigate and take rations to No 1 patrol	
		0800	Message received from No 1 patrol. U/I party 260 deg from O.P. approx 1000 yds. Message to No 1 patrol. Instruct McCULLOUGH to investigate 2 parties mentioned in your message.	
		0907 1120	2/27 latest posn ref 685602. No 3 patrol arrives at O.P. ref 680587.	
		1132	Sitrep No 37 to 21 Bde to 1130L/9. Patrol No 3 reached No 1 patrol posn ref 680587 at 1120L. Patrol No1 reported U/I small parties ref 683607 and 672589 at 0800L.	
		1445	Patrol report from No 3 patrol. Patrol of 7 men appeared to be AUSTRALIANS observed at ref 687614 approx, travelling SOUTH. Ref track to YOUNG'S O.P. (No1 patrol) suggest working party with shovels improve track on lower slope. Our native carrying party were NOT supplied with rations, we had to supply, a also water. Have halted for night ref 675610 at 1430L.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	9	1445 cont	Observed AUSTRALIAN tps in village at ref 685594 (GUY'S POST). Firing is going on up FARIA R. at ref 709639. Patrol will probably take 4 days as going is almost perpendicular from present posn. Map to date has proved very accurate. Further Jap diggings observed on feature ref 674600, probably for coy. All diggings 4 days old. Have discovered small Jap fire 1 day old.	
		1545	Message from Lieut McCULLOUGH. My present posn ref 675650. Patrol will be 4 days. Written message sent. Map very accurate to date. All O.K. What time will we contact you next?	
		1610	Message from 21 Bde. Secret. The evacuations due to malaria since the bde arrived NADZAB are far too high. Units must ensure that anti-malaria precautions are strictly enforced at all times. Disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.	
		1645	Message to No 3 patrol. Contact us at 1900L/10 and 0700L/10 unless urgent.	
		1645	Coy Comds conference to discuss standing patrols for the listening posts. In ck bed 200 yds up and down stream from A to D coys. B Coy 150 yds in kunai in front of posns. NOT to be occupied before 1900L and dug in by 2000. Close perimeter 2 sentries all night.	
		1710	Sitrep No 38 to 21 Bde to 1700L/9. No 3 patrol reached posn 675610 at 1545L. Patrol will be out for 4 days. Standing patrols being posted 150 - 200 yds outside perimeter between 1900L/9 and 0700L/10. No 4 patrol task to 10 Oct to clear timbe red area on feature 657592. Strength 1 offr 14 O.R.s	
		1845	C.O. receives orders from Bde for a coy to work on No 2 air strip. Coy to report to engr offr at 0830L/10.	
		1855	2 pls B Coy, 1 pl C Coy to work on No 2 strip under Capt GRAYDEN.	
		1830 1900	Natives return from No 3 patrol, bringing 3 LMGs from 17 pl. Standing patrols move out.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	9	2000	Instructions issued to Lieut WATTS to take 7 pl and 5 O.R.s from 8 pl to No 1 strip at 0740L/10. Lieut WHITE to take fighting patrol to the hills at 0730L/10	See patrol order No 4 Appx C
	10	0600	Stand to	
		0655	Sitrep No 39 to 21 Bde to 0630L/10. Quiet night. One coy working No 2 strip. One pl working No 1 strip today.	
		0730	2 pls B Coy and 14 pl leave as working party for No 2 strip. 7 pl moves to No 1 strip.	
		0740	Patrol No 4 moves off ( 9 pl under Lieut WHITE )	See patrol orders Appx C
		0830	One sec 15 pl relieving patrol at lake.	
		0955	No 3 patrol report their posn at ref 685624. Going very difficult, cra wling on hands and knees. All O.K.	
		1220	No 3 patrol reports being fired on from ref 82 51.	
		1315	No 3 patrol repo ts unable to observe from present posn and desires permission to attack enemy posn.	
		1330	To No 3 patrol. You may attack small enemy posn but fire only if enemy does NOT withdraw. You will make limited withdrawal leaving party to ambush enemy if he follows up.	
		1410	No 3 patrol report trying to outflank Jap posn.	
		1425	Nos 1 and 2 patrols asked to try and observe flashes of mtn gun firing on 2/27 Bn from approx area ref 728643 and report bearings	
		1440	No 3 patrol reports being unable to observe because of thick jungle.	
		1453	Message to No 3 patrol. Withdraw to your previous posn. Send Cpl COLLINGWOOD and 2 O.R.s back with all infm possible ref enemy. COLLINGWOOD should reach YOUNG'S tonight. COLLINGWOOD WILL NOT move after dark. YOUNG warned.	
		1455	Message to YOUNG. 3 O.R.s returning from No 3 patrol probably camp with you. 2/27 is going to use 25 pdrs.	
		1500	Bde comd visits Bn.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	10	1603	Message to No 3 patrol. Unauthorised dumping of your LMGs resulted in loss of efficiency of your patrol. Weapons as ordered will be carried. Collect your LMGs at YOUNG'S O.P. 1100L/11	
		1700	Sitrep No 40 to 21 Bde to 1700L/10. NO 3 patrol report enemy dug in around feature ref 683650. Patrol withdrawing for tonight to ref 685624. Could NOT obtain O.P. owing to close country and bad visibility. Standing patrols will be posted from 150 - 200 yds outside perimeter tonight. Patrol No 4 could NOT reach objective in time allotted. Did NOT see any sign of enemy.	
		1720	No 3 patrol withdraws for the night to ref 675610. Reports that P.I.B. killed one Jap. Patrol No 4 could NOT reach objective, in time allotted. Did NOT see any sign of enemy.	
		1734	2 O.R.s with Cpl COLLINGWOOD will return to McCULLOUGH when LMGs arrive at your O.P. 11 Oct. LMGs being sent up by D Coy at 110L/11	
		1820	Message from No 1 patrol. Cpl COLLINGWOOD leaving. Please arrange meal for him. <del>xxx</del> May Not arrive before dark.	
		2030	8 pl ordered to report to Capt HODGE at 0745L/11 to go to No 2 strip. Lieut WHITE'S pl to take over 7 pl's job at 0745L/11	
	11	0600	Standto	
		0700	Sitrep No 41 to 21 Bde to 0630L/11. Quiet night. No 3 patrol to ref 675610 last night. Report that P.I.B. killed 1 Jap. No 1 patrol will move further NORTH today to be in posn to observe ref 683651. One coy working on No 1 strip today. No 5 patrol to refs 615580 - 623593 - 660603 - 665553.	
		0715	Message to No 1 patrol. If 2/27 observe you they will light fires at highest pt of their posns. You will reply by similar signal. Object to establish posn of 2/27 Bn.	



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Army Form C.2110  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 0745 hrs 11 Oct 43 To 1605 hrs 11 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	11	0745	8 and 9 pls leave to work on strip and road. Lieut WHITE'S pl takes over from 7 pl.	
		0800	No 5 patrol under Lieut <del>xxxxx</del> CROMBIE leaves.	See patrol orders Appx C
		1020	Message from No 1 patrol. Observed smoke signal and pl ref 712623. Have replied by similar signal.	
		1144	Sitrep No 42 to 21 Bde to 1130L/11. Sitnor.	
		1155	No 3 patrol request permission to take up posn at ref 575597, being better for observation and defence. They are ordered to remain in present posn until forced to withdraw by enemy action. Also to recce alternative routes to feature ref 683650.	
			Report gun firing on bearing 127 deg from this posn. Message to No 1 patrol. Send shelling reports with bearings.	
		1342	Message from No 1 patrol. 2/27 posn 40 deg from O.P. being shelled by mtn gun and mortar. Unable to observe gun posn or flashes as yet.	
		1348	Message from No 1 patrol. Suggest you mor posn behind ridge 31 deg from O.P. NO flash or smoke observed. Am keeping constant watch.	
		1400	Message to No 1 patrol. Send bearing of feature ref 708578. 2/27 bn this posn and feature 683650.	
		1409	Message from No 1 patrol. 2/27 posn on 708578. 103 deg from O.P. Feature 683650 - 356 deg from O.P.	
		1420	8 pl return from working party.	
		1600	Message from No 1 patrol. 2/27 posn 708575 being shelled. Hy SAA fire. ( This was our Arty in support of 2/14 Bn attacks on PALLIER'S HILL.	
		1605	Message from No 3 patrol. Have observed fires in area 6663. All possible routes WEST and NW will lead through enemy posns known in this area. 2/27 patrol observed yesterday in area 694604 could they give any infm.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/16 AUST. INF BN

Date and Time.—From 1642 hrs 11 Oct 43 To 1540 hrs 12 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	11	1642	Message from No 1 patrol. NOT changing posn. NO better posn available. Have personally contacted Lieut McCULLOUGH and est visual contact between him and O.P.	
		1644	Message to No 3 patrol. 2/27 posn ref 694604 movement seen. may be enemy. Give numbers and bearings of movements seen.	
		1650	9 pl return from working party.	
		1747	No 5 patrol report NO enemy seen.	
		1945	No 3 patrol ordered to recce approach to feature ref 682650 from WEST at 0700L/12.	
		2043	Message to D Coy. One section to relieve No 3 patrol tomorrow from D Coy. To be ready to move 0900L/12.	
		2045	C Coy to work on No 2 strip tomorrow for morning only. One pl of A Coy to work on track on NO 1 strip.	
	12	0600	Stand to	
		0655	Sitrep No 44 to 21 Bde to 0630L/12. Quiet night. Patrols for 12 Oct. No 3 being relieved by one sec. No 6 to est O.P. at approx ref 647602. No 7 to pass through No and recce route NE to ck. at 665624. C Coy working on No 2 strip. One pl A Coy on road to No 1 strip. One sec No 3 patrol to recce route on western slope of feature 683650.	
		0745	C Coy move to No 2 strip for working party and 7 pl to work on road.	
		0800	No patrol under Sgt ANDERSON and No 7 patrol under Sgt BATES leave.	See patrol orders Appx C
		0915	Lieut McCULLOUGH reports back from No 3 patrol	
		1102	Message to No 3 patrol. P.I.B. sec will return less two men with AITKEN. Patrol will be relieved by HAINES 13 Oct a.m.	
		1105	C Coy return from No 2 strip.	
		1203	Sitrep No 45 to 21 Bde to 1200L/12. Sitnor.	
		1440	No 7 patrol report O.P. est ref 645602.	
		1540	Orders received from Bde to send one coy to guard Arty at ref 700568.	



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Army Form C.2116  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 1600 hrs 12 Oct 43 To 1000 hrs 13 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	12	1600	No 6 patrol request that NO water be sent up. Report track very slippery. 7 pl return from working party.	
		1630	Coy Comds conferece. Perimeter to be reduced to 3 coys as A Coy are protecting guns.	
		1721	Sitrep No 4 to 21 Bde to 1730L/12. No 6 patrol est 6 47605. A Coy leaving 1900L to guard Arty, returning 0700L/13. NO report from No 7 patrol.	
		1755	A Coy under comd Capt WRIGHT leave for Arty posn.	
		1800	Party from rear LOB reported having just arrived from MORESEBY	
		1900	No 7 patrol arrived at No 6 patrol's O.P. and report NO road f found, NO enemy. Encountered 2 rivers with NO crossings and banks 100 ft sheer. It took 1½ hrs to cover 100 yds.	
		2031	Message to No 1 patrol. HYDE will not be relieved 13 Oct. Rations leaving here 0800L/13. McCULLOUGH'S patrol being relieved 13 Oct. Arrange guide from y ur O.P.	
	13	0600	Stand to	
		0659	Sitrep No 47 to 21 Bde to 0630L/13. Quiet night. Patrol No 8 will move NE from BEBEI <del>xx</del> in direction of LAKE to recce route over hills to FARIA R. in GUY'S POST area. One pl working on road at No 1 strip.	
		0800	No 8 patrol from 14 pl under Lieut JENSEN leaves.	
		0815	Patrol report from No 7 patrol. Object to recce road from ROSE'S HILL. Answer NO road found. Enemy NIL. 2 rivers en-e encountered. NO crossing. Banks 100 ft sheer. 1½ hrs to cover 100 yds	
			Road NIL. Only way down is by razorback hill. Sheer drop at end of razorback.	
		0850	Message from No 1 patrol. 3 smoke signals seen in FARIA R. valley at 0835L.	
		1000	No 7 patrol ordered to remain at No 6 patrol's O.P. until 1600L/14 and to recce practical route WEST to MENE R.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/16 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 1045 hrs 13 Oct 43 To 1700 hrs 14 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEBEI	13	1045	Message to No 1 patrol. Report any fires seen area 665635 indicated by McCULLOUGH 10 Oct.	
		1200	Sitrep 48 to 21 Bde to 1200L/13. No 7 patrol report NO practical route from ROSE'S HILL, NORTH. Have been ordered to recce practical route WEST to MENE R. and report this area 1600L/14. No 8 patrol left 0800L to recce possible route NE to FARIA valley. YOUNG reports seeing 3 smokes FARIA VALLEY 0835L/13. Warning order for Bn to move to GUY'S POST.	
		1330	B Coy move off followed by BHQ, C, A, HQ and D Coy.	
		1620	Bn arrives KUMBARUM.	
		1900	Bn arrives GUY'S POST.	
FARIA R.	14	0600	Stand to	
		0700	Stand down. Breakfast.	
THOM'S HILL		0830	Leave GUY'S POST. Order of march : B Coy, BHQ, C, A, HQ, and D Coy. Moved along FARIA R. to BEVERIDGE'S POST.	
		0930	Arrived BEVERIDGE POST approx ref 693604 (DUMPU 1 inch). All Coy comds fwd to C.O. to be put into picture.	
		1005	C.O. moves fwd to Capt ATKINSON. B Coy to follow up ridge and halt at coy of 2/14 bn and send one pl fwd to contact B Coy 2/27	
		1300	Arrived ref 715607 to relieve 2/27 Bn.	
		1400	Bn goes into posn. D Coy fwd, A Coy track junc, BHQ, C Coy in rear of BHQ.	
		1450	Patrol from A Coy left to patrol Jap L of C for 200 yds.	
		1615	B Coy in rear on high feature track junc. BHQ est 725615.	
		1700	2/27 Bn withdrew to GUY'S POST. D Coy takes over their posns with pls stretched 200 yds along ridge contacting A Coy. All coys in posn. D Coy on feature in front of Jap L of C. A Coy astride L of C. B Coy 300 yds SOUTH of C Coy on feature at top of spur running down to BEVERIDGE POST.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 1725 HRS 14 Oct 43 To 1345 hrs 15 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	14	1725	Sitrep No 48 to 21 Bde to 1700L/14. 2/16 posn approx 725615. D Coy on feature in front of Jap L of C. A Coy astride Jap L of C.	
THOM'S HILL			C Coy and BHQ 300 yds SOUTH of L of C. B Coy 300 yds SOUTH of C Coy on feature on top of spur leading down to BEVERIDGE POST.	
			2/27 Bn returning GUY'S POST approx 1500L.	
	15	0600	Stand to	
		0655	A Coy to send patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men 600 yds down Jap track and return.	
		0700	Breakfast. NO fires fwd of B Ech.	
		0719	Sitrep No 49 to 21 Bde to 0700L/15. Quiet night.	
		0900	B Coy passed through D Coy to patrol to suspected Jap L of C running NORTH.	
		0925	A patrol 2 secs under Sgt MARSHALL J. leave to patrol 1000 yds down Jap track. Small party to go on to FARIA R. if possible. 9 pl to go in opposite direction to old 2/27 Bn posns if possible and remain 1 hour. A Coy report hearing mules SE at 0445L.	
		1115	8 pl patrol return and report track well beaten and muddy. Has NOT been used for 4 or 5 days. NO enemy seen. 9 pl patrol return and report NO sign of Jap movement. Arty firing on village approx ref 629653 ( MT. KUBARI )	
		1121	Sitrep No 50 to 21 Bde to 1100L/15. NO change. Arty firing on village approx ref 629653. Patrol moving on Jap L of C towards FARIA R. reports track clear to FARIA R.	
		1150	B Coy report having reached top of hill and halted for lunch.	
		1200	16 pl under Lieut ROBINSON move out to patrol to FARIA R. and to investigate Jap L of C.	
		1245	C Coy report movement on feature 280 deg from our posn. May be Ind Coy.	
		1345	Capt ATKINSON reports being 800 yds over feature and moving on bearing 55 deg. Ordered to keep further WEST if going is practicable.	



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Army Form C.2118  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THOM'S HILL	15	1600	1 pl reports track clear to FARIA R. They followed track downstream to where L of C leaves river and turns NORTH.	
		1 45	Lieut MOORE arrives from Bde.	
		1700	Capt ATKINSON reports his posn 2000 yds NE of 6000 ft feature, and will move until 1000L/1 and then return. Approx posn 6000 ft feature ref 734628 ( DUMPU 1 inch).	
		1714	Sitrep No 51 to 21 Bde to 1700L/15. Patrol followed Jap L of C to FARIA R. Track follows FARIA R. downstream then turns NORTH into jungle. NO enemy sighted. B Coy has reached point 2000 yds NE feature 6000, without striking any tracks. Will move fwd until 1000L/1 then return.	
		1930	Message from 21 Bde. Re enemy strengths in area. From documents captured by D Coy 2/27 Bn 12 Oct reveals that 2 Bn 78 Reg plus 1 coy 3 Bn were ordered to attack 2/27 Bn posns known as K.P.3. Enemy elements now withdrawing to WEST opposed by 25 Bde. Identified Japs 1st Bn 78 Reg. 78 reg HQ thought to have been in vicinity 11 Oct 43.	
	16	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	
		0655	Sitrep No 52 to 21 Bde to 0630L/1. Quiet night. 2/27 observed covering high feature 700635. A Coy patrol of 1 pl will move along enemy L of C towards KANKIRYO until 1400L then return.	
		0800	Lieut BUCHANAN'S patrol from A Coy ( 8 pl) leave to recce Jap L of C along FARIA R.	
		0840	Patrol under Sgt DONOVAN and 10 O.R.s leave to determine if track from A Coy to <del>KANKIRYO</del> FARIA R. had been used.	
		1015	D Coy report 37 bombers escorted by 24 fighters flew over heading SOUTH. Identified as our own A/C.	
		1100	Bde Comd arrives (with F.O.O. to relieve Lieut ROSS).	
		1135	Patrol report by Sgt DONOVAN. Report track A Coy to FARIA R. NO sign of recent use. Found Jap camp with discarded equipment. NO recent activity in vicinity of camp. (Cont)	



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Unit 2/16 AUST. INF. BN.....

Date and Time.—From 1135 hrs. 16 Oct. 43 To 1545 hrs. 16 Oct. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THOM'S HILL	16	1135 cont	Small water trickles had been used as water supply. After crossing river track ran for short distance up high feature turned as though running back to river, then turned again roughly EAST.	
FARIA R.				
		1200	1 N.O.O. and 6 O.R.s from D Coy leave as protective sec for Arty O.P. personnel. Jap mtn gun firing on old 2/27 posns. 2 shells landed near D Coy. NO casualties.	
		1240	Sitrep No 53 to 21 Bde to 1200L/1. B Coy patrol report having reached area ref 7564, at 1000L. NO contact, returning today. Patrol to URIA R. report NO enemy or contact with 2/14 Bn patrol. Enemy shelling 2/27 old H.Q. 11555/1. NO casualties. Arty can NOT pick up enemy gun posns.	
		1300	B Coy report having reached area ref 7564 at 1000L. NO contact. Patrol of 10 from 16 pl sent down 500 yds into valley to find possible tracks.	
		1330	One sec 1 pl move out to investigate tracks found in valley.	
		1400	Lieut McKENZIE sent patrol SOUTH along ridge to BHQ.	
		1415	Arty O.P. reports tps moving up Jap L of C going EAST. Arty ordered to hold fire until Lieut BUCHANAN'S patrol returns.	
		1500	Jap mtn gun again shelling posns. Our arty replied but failed to locate.	
		1530	Lieut BUCHANAN'S patrol returns and reports making contact at approx ref 703609, at 1030L. Killed 5 Japs, probably more. Japs appeared to be working round on high ground, so patrol withdrew. Identification obtained. Could NOT count all Jap dead owing to Japs encircling. Patrol waited some time for counter-attack but as none came, patrol withdrew.	
		1545	Capt ATKINSON returns and reports NO Japs in area NE of 6000' feature, and NO sign of Jap tracks to ref 736645.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 1715 hrs 16 Oct 43 To 1725 hrs 17 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	16	1715	Sitrep No 54 to 21 Bde to 1700L/1. Patrol to FARIA R. made contact at approx ref 703 09. Killed 5 Japs counted, probably more. B Coy patrol reported back 1545L. NO sign of Jap track ref 736745. Artillery opened up 1500L/1 for 20 mins. Fire fell mostly on arty O.P. in 2/27 old posn. D Coy moving out 0545L/17 to contact enemy ref 703609. NO sign of EATHER or 2/14 Bn.	
	17	1750	A Coy relieve D Coy, who move back to B Coy's original posns. C Coy occupy A Coy posn. B Coy x occupy C Coy posn.	
		0545	Stand to. D Coy left to engage enemy contacted by patrol yesterday.	See patrol orders Appx C
		0655	Sitrep No 55 to 21 Bde to 0630L/17. Quiet night. D Coy left area 0545L to engage enemy contacted by patrol 1 Oct. A Coy occupied D Coy posn. C Coy x occupied A Coy posn. B Coy in C Coy posn.	
		0945	14 pl standing patrol killed 1 Jap on mule track below C Coy HQ. Thought to be straggler.	
		1130	D Coy reached approx ref 710620. Track well worn with logs and gravel in places.	
		1155	Sitrep No 5 to 21 Bde to 1130L/17. D Coy reached pt approx ref 710620. Track well worn, with logs and gravel in places. C Coy standing patrol on Jap L of C, 600 yds WEST of their posn. Killed 1 Jap 1030L, apparently straggler. MGs opened on suspected Jap O.P. NO observations of results.	
		1230	D Coy report their posn in village ref 709639	See D Coy patrol
		1515	Message from D Coy. Sgt LONGMAN. Killed 2 Japs. Probably 15 more in posn 1000 yds further along track.	order. Appx C.
		1715	R.A.A.F. dropped current Guinea Gold.	
		1725	Sitrep No 57 to 21 Bde to 1700L/17. D Coy reached pt approx ref 709639. Large Jap camp area with many foxholes and well-built bunkers. Jap arty O.P. on spur 200 yds EAST of track. Posn was NOT occupied. Evidence of damage to huts by strafing and bombing.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST. INF. BNDate and Time.—From 0345 hrs 18 Oct 43 To 1700 hrs 18 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	18	0345	1 Jap approached C Coy lines. Too dark to fire. Thought to be a straggler.	
		0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Sitrep No 58 to 21 Bde to 0630L/18. D Coy attacked enemy posns 1800L/17. Japs withdrew. NO enemy casualties sighted. Our casualties 3 W.I.A. D Coy returning today. Patrol will be moving NW along 6000' feature today for approx 3000 yds.	
		0845	Patrol No 1 consisting of 1 offr and 15 O.R.s of 13 pl move out	See patrol order Appx C.
		0912	Patrol No 2 under Lieut Crombie and patrol no 3 under Cpl BURNETT move out.	See patrol orders Appx C
		0930	Lieut Mc CULLOUGH reports having killed 1 Jap. Own casualties 1 K.I.A. (Cpl. FLEAY) 1 W.I.A.	
		1007	Jap mtn gun opened fire on O.P. which D Coy found yesterday. NO casualties.	
		1025	B Coy report hearing mules. Patrol of 1 sgt 10 O.R.s leaving to investigate.	
		1140	Sitrep No 59 to 21 Bde to 1130L/18. D Coy sent patrol fwd to contact enemy 0800L. Killed 1 Jap certain. Own casualties 1 K.I.A., 1 W.I.A. Enemy fired on O.P. found by D Coy. NO casualties. D Coy remaining in present posn. Patrol No 2 moving to URIA R. Patrol No 3 moving through BEVERIDGE POST up FARIA R. to Jap L of C, returning same route.	
		1345	D Coy have plan to attack down hill onto Japs on left side of FARIA R. in morning.	
		1500	Coy Comds conference, incl I.O. Axt, Ajt, Q.M., Sig offr, R.M.O	See admin order Appx C
		1500	B Coy to relieve C Coy by 0830L/19. C Coy to leave by pls for No 4 patrol. Coy HQ with 1st pl, at 15 min. intervals from 0900L to relieve D Coy. New route takes 1½ hours. D Coy should be back by 1230L to take over B Coy posns.	
		1700	Patrols Nos 2 and 3 return, report NO contact. No 1 patrol leave.	See patrol orders. Appx C



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Army Form C.2118/2  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/16 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 1700 hrs 18 Oct 43 To 1750 hrs 19 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	18	1700	Sitrep No 60 to 21 Bde to 1700L/18. Patrol Nos 2 and 3 returned, NO contact. Failed to reach objective. D Coy NO change. Will be relieved by C Coy 19 Oct. 2/27 patrol passed through 2/16 Bn. 1600L returning through BEVERIDGE POST.	
		2005	Infm from 21 Bde. 2/14 patrol moving EAST from 2/16 contacted 2/31 Bn on URIA R. Report track followed well worn. Arty shoot on suspected Jap mtn gun at ref 689659. A/C report 53 rd all in target area. 25 Bde Concentrating area around ref 610565.	
	19	0545 0657	Stand to Sitrep No 61 to 21 Bde to 0630L/19. NO change. C Coy relieving D Coy a.m. today. C Coy will be known as patrol No 4. Patrol No 5 will be moving along 6000' feature NW for approx 3000 yds	
		0900	Yesterday's patrol to this posn failed to reach objective. No 4 patrol (C Coy) leave to relieve D Coy. No 5 patrol leave.	See patrol orders Appx C
		1015	Jap mtn gun fires on D Coy	
		1030	54 Bty. commenced firing on Jap posns to support D Coy attack.	
		1120	No 4 patrol arrive at and relieve D Coy.	
		1200	Sitrep No 62 to 21 Bde to 1200L/19. Sitnor. D Coy moves back to Bn area.	
		1500	13 pl under Lieut ANDERSON patrol to ck junc ref 709636 to pinpoint Jap posns and snipe if possible. 2 Japs killed by Pte FORREST. Fire was encountered from Jap posn across 2nd ck on EAST of main river. This was apparently to draw fire so as to locate our posns. Pl withdrew to NORTH end of village ref 709635 and waited till dusk and then withdrew to rear posn	See trace No 4 Appx C
		1600	D Coy arrive back in Bn area.	
		1750	14 pl under Lieut JENSEN move to ck junc ref 710614, crossed river and moved WEST up bald ridge. Pl was fired on by 4 men but as they had been notified that some of 2/27 Bn were on the feature they did NOT return their fire, but endeavoured (cont)	

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Army Form C.2118  
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Unit 2/16 AUST. INF. BN.....

Date and Time.—From 1750 hrs. 19 Oct. 43 To 1730 hrs. 20 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	19	1750 contd	by signal to est their identity, but the 4 men continued to fire One was wearing an AUSTRALIAN hat, the others appeared to be wearing Jap helmets.	
		1815	Sitrep No 63 to 21 Bde to 1730L/19. C Coy assume responsibility for No 4 patrol 1200L/19. Intend to send out fighting patrol night 19/20 to approach enemy from right bank of FARIA R. Enemy posn ref 2/16 trace.	
		1930	C Coy reports Lieut JENSEN fired on by 2 Japs on WEST bank of FARIA R. at approx 1915L/19.	
		1945	2/27 Bn confirm that 14 pl ran into party of Japs. 2/27 will cover 14 pl withdrawal tomorrow morning by fire from above.	
	20	0500	14 pl move to village overlooking ck junc where 13 pl struck opposition yesterday, in an attempt to make contact from WEST bank of FARIA R. This was unsuccessful owing to terrain.	
		0700	No 6 patrol under comd W.O.11 MORRIS G.E. (MM) move out towards KANKIRYO	See patrol orders
			Sitrep No 64 to 21 Bde to 0700L/20. Patrol attempted to reach from WEST bank of FARIA R. Unsuccessful owing to terrain.	Appx C enemy
			No 6 patrol left BHQ 0700L to pass through No 4 patrol to move NE onto high ground, then NW towards KANKIRYO. No 4 patrol killed 2 Japs 19 Oct making 2/16 Bn total 35.	
		0820	13 pl are attempting to move across ck EAST of ref 709 636, and come down behind posns from where they were fired on yesterday. Object to observe results of Arty fire, clear out any opposition and recce O.P. for Arty.	
		1130	Sitrep No 65 to 21 Bde to 1130L/20. Sitnor.	
		1700	No 6 patrol returned to No 4 patrol posn having reached ref 615650 with NO contact.	
		1730	Sitrep No 66 to 21 Bde to 1730L/20. No 4 patrol report light contact only. Indications that Japs have moved back. No 6 patrol have reached pt 715650. NO contact. No 4 patrol posn 685625. MMG and 3" mortar may be used in support.	



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Army Form C.2118  
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Date and Time.—From 2010 hrs 20 Oct 43 To 0700 hrs 22 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	20	2010	Infm from 21 Bde. Enemy. Now confirmed 78 Reg with 20 Div HQ O.P.S. FINCHHAVEN. This reduces enemy strength KANKIRYO area.	
	21	0200	Mtn gun opened up on No 4 patrol. NO casualties.	
		0545	Stand to	
		0700	Patrol of 1 offr and 23 O.R.s from B Coy move EAST along track to higher ground NE of village ref 715611 to contact enemy and capture prisoner if possible.	
		0845	No 9 pl under Lieut WHITE move out, object to clear out small Jap party at ref 681611	See patrol orders Appx C
		0905	Lieut ROBINSON reports to C.O. His patrol is to move NE through A Coy towards 6000' feature. Patrol to split up into 3 secs. Object to catch any Japs moving between D Coy and 6000' feature.	
		1035	B Coy patrol returns. Report being fired on in village 600 yds EAST of posns. Japs withdrew. B Coy to send standing patrol on Jap L of C EAST.	
		1100	Standing patrol contacted 3 Japs at approx ref 722608, apparently stragglers.	
		1115	No 7 patrol reached posns overlooking Japs at ref 681611.	
		1133	Sitrep 68 to 21 Bde to 1130L/21. Standing patrol of B Coy on Jap L of C contacted 3 Japs at approx ref 722608, apparently stragglers. No 7 patrol reached posns overlooking enemy at ref 681611, 1115L/21.	
		1255	Jap arty shelled posns C Coy fwd pl.	
		1530	Patrol of 2/14 passed through moving EAST along Jap L of C.	
		1730	No 4 patrol recce for line of approach against enemy at ref 688635. No 7 patrol had NO contact in area ref 681611	
	22	0545	Stand to	
		0700	Sitrep No 70 to 21 Bde to 0700L/22. No 6 patrol being repeated to find crossing of FARIA R. area ref 7064. No 4 patrol will continue to harrass enemy in area ref 689637.	



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 Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)
Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 0800 hrs 22 Oct 43 To 0658 hrs 23 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	22	0800	No 6 patrol under W.O.11 MORRIS G.E.(MM) move out on 3 day patrol to find crossing of FARIA R. in area ref 7064.	
		1100	No 4 patrol killed 1 Jap, wounded 1. Pl carrying out encircling movement. In contact.	
		1159	Sitrep No 71 to 21 Bde to 1130L/22. No 4 patrol killed 1 Jap, wounded 1, 1000L/22. Pl carrying out encircling movement. In contact. NO report received. Amended map ref 2/16 posn ref 711604.	
		1215	Lieut ANDERSON's patrol (13pl) made contact supported by 14 pl Japs unsuccessfully attempted to counter-attack 14 pl across ck. Our casualties Pte HENDERSON K.I.A., Lieut ANDERSON, Cpl JENNER and Pte GALLOP wounded.	See patrol report Appx U
		1330	Coy comds conference. Pts (1) Infm must get down to all ranks. (2) Sentries must be 2 per sec at all times unless in contact (3) Burnzo must NOT be used for lighting fires. (4) Foxholes must be improved and cleared out. (5) Check correct siting. (6) Hygeine, too many tps getting foot infection. C Coy will be relieved tomorrow by A Coy. D Coy to take over from B Coy by 0900L/23. B Coy to take over from A Coy 0930L/23. A Coy to move through B Ech by 1030L/23.	
		1500	Arty reports scoring direct hit on Jap O.P. ref 685637. 1 Jap killed.	
		1750	Sitrep No 72 to 21 Bde to 1730L/22. Full details No 4 patrol NOT received. Our casualties to date 1 K.I.A., 1 offr (Lieut ANDERSON) and 2 O.R.s W.I.A.	
	23	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	
		0658	Sitrep No 73 to 21 Bde to 0630L/23. No 4 patrol inflicted 12 enemy casualties Oct 22. 2/16 total 48 to date. No 7 patrol (contd)	



## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 0658 hrs 23 Oct 43 To 1945 hrs 24 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	23	0658	moving NE from 2/16 posn for 2 hrs then return. A Coy relieving	
		(contd)	C Coy No 4 patrol 1200L/23.	
		0940	A Coy moved out to relieve C Coy.	
		1130	No 7 patrol sighted 4 Japs in area ref 723608. B Coy sent out 2 secs to encircle them but failed to contact.	
		1135	Sitrep No 74 to 21 Bde to 1130L/23. No 7 patrol sighted 4 Japs in area ref 723608. B Coy sent out 2 secs to encircle them at 1000L but failed to contact.	
	24	1340	Jap mtn gun fired 1 <del>xxx</del> round which fell in area ref 717606. Our arty fired on gun posn directed by A/C, and gun has NOT fired since.	
		1727	Sitrep No 75 to 21 Bde to 1730L/23. Enemy arty fired 1 round 1330L. Fell in area ref 717606. Own arty fired on enemy gun posn directed by A/C. Enemy gun has NOT fired since. B Coy patrol failed to contact enemy. A Coy assumed responsibility	
		1845	No 4 patrol 1300L/23. NO report from fwd posn.	
		0545	No 6 patrol reported back to No 4 patrol.	See patrol orders
		0700L/	Stand to	Appx C
			Sitrep No 76 to 21 Bde to 0700L/24. No 6 patrol reported to No 4 patrol, 1845L/23. Report well used Jap track and village 100 yds NORTH of FARIA R. and approx 2000 yds upstream from ck junc ref 688636. Full report later.	
		0905	BOOMERANG A/C strafed Jap posns ref 677633. NO observation of target possible.	
		130	No 6 patrol arrived back at BHQ.	
		1430	No 4 patrol carried out 3" mortar shoot on Jap posns. Bombs fell in target area causing movement, but full results could NOT be observed.	
		1945	Capt WRIGHT (A Coy) reports Lieut WATTS' pl had moved across FARIA R EAST of ck junc, and onto Jap track. They saw 9 Japs heavily laden and 1 sec attempted to follow them but were delayed by a mishap and lost contact. Patrol has NOT returned yet.	







## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 1400 hrs 25 Oct 43 To 0740 hrs 26 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	25	1400 (contd)	O.P.O. missing, but is thought to have worked his way back along river. Jap casualties expected to be heavy. Own casualties	
		1430	NOT known. Fire can be heard from Lieut BUCHANAN'S patrol. Lieut McCULLOUGH returned having got well round on left flank above Jap posns at ck junc. It is possible to move in dead ground round SHAGGY RIDGE.	
		1510	Lieut WATTS still collecting other secs. Lieut McFARLANE (F.O.O.) has NOT yet reported back. A patrol will be sent out to find him if he does NOT soon turn up.	
		1600	Lieut McFARLANE returns to A Coy HQ.	
		1615	Lieut BUCHANAN and patrol return.	
		1630	Standing patrol posted by GRATER. Stretcher cases (2) evacuated	
		1725	O.O. received instructions to relieve BEVERIDGE POST. C Coy to supply 1 W.O.O. and 10 O.R.s	
		1859	Report from A Coy. Secs from 9 pl have returned. Cpl MURPHY (MM) took charge of them after Sgt JOHNSTON'S death and, finding that he could make NO further progress, decided to withdraw, covering the withdrawal himself. Our casualties 1 K.I.A. 3 M.B.K. 8 W.I.A.	
		1805	Sitrep No 80 to 21 Bde to 1700L/25. No 4 patrol raided enemy posns across FARIA R. at ref 680633. Opposition was strong, but patrol inflicted heavy casualties. Our casualties 1 K.I.A. 8 W.I.A. 7 missing. Enemy mtn gun fired approx 30 rounds. NO cas.	
		1900	Pte WARBRICK brought out slightly wounded.	
	26	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	
		0707	Sitrep No 81 to 21 Bde to 0700L/26. Quiet night. Amended casualties No 4 patrol. 1 K.I.A. 2 M.B.K. 7 W.I.A.	
		0730	Mtn gun opened up on village	
		0740	Own arty opened up. Mtn gun ceased firing.	



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Army Form C.2118  
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Unit 2/16 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 0830 hrs 26 Oct 43 To 1315 hrs 27 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	26	0830 0900	7 pl moves fwd to take over from 8 pl <del>for</del> and man O.P. for day. One sec 14 pl relieved 2/27 Bn at BEVERIDGE POST. One sec 15 pl standing patrol below B Coy area.	
		<del>1045</del>	<del>Sgt MARSHALL J. and 6 men moved up river to observe only.</del>	
		1155 1734	Sitrep No 82 to 21 Bde to 1130L/26. Sitnor. Sitrep No 83 to 21 Bde to 1700L/26. Patrol No 4 report that track found by No 6 patrol at 712642 probably leads direct to saddle and NOT to ck juno 699632. Area 6865 cleared by recce patrol 25 Oct. NO sign of enemy occupation. Route very rough No 8 patrol report having found track running NE and SW at approx ref 745618. Def posns and foxholes on track facing EAST. Posns had been occupied recently. Jap diary found ref 748618. It is requested that during the next air strike a proportion of delayed action bombs are dropped - say 20%. It is thought that the enemy may come out of their foxholes, thinking that they are duds.	See patrol report Appx C
	27	0545 0645 0702	Stand to Stand down Sitrep No 84 to 21 Bde to 0700L/27. NO change. No 9 patrol will follow route of No 8 patrol and contact 2/14 Bn patrol if possible at ref 748618. No 4 patrol to investigate for enemy area ref 6963, as it is thought they have withdrawn. 13 pl relieve 15 pl on standing patrol. ( Sgt PHILLIPS and 4 men )	See patrol order Appx C
		0730 0740	Mtn gun opened fire on village. Own arty opened. Mtn gun ceased firing.	
		1045 1155 1315	Sgt MARSHALL J. and 6 men moved up river to observe only. Sitrep No 85 to 21 Bde to 1130L/27. Sitnor. Sgt MARSHALL reports 3 Japs came down the river from the right. He killed 2 of them and then withdrew.	



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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)Unit 2/16 AUST INF BNDate and Time.—From 1700 hrs 27 Oct 43 To 0645 hrs 30 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	27	1700	Sitrep No 86 to 21 Bde to 1700L/27. Enemy arty fired 5 rounds onto ck junc ref 690633. NO cas. Firing ceased when our arty opened up. No 4 patrol killed 2 and wounded 1 in area ref 693636. Own cas. NIL. No 9 patrol failed to reach objective. Total casualties inflicted by 2/16 Bn to date 61. B Coy will take over responsibility of No 4 patrol 28 Oct.	
	28	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	
		0700	Sitrep No 87 to 21 Bde to 0700L/28. Sitnor.	
		0830	B Coy moves out.	
		1230	B Coy report Jap rifle fire at BOOMERANGS.	
		1730	Sitrep No 88 to 21 Bde to 1700L/28. Enemy arty fired 12 rounds 1630L. All fell harmlessly in area ref 719613. B Coy took over responsibility of No 4 patrol.	
	29	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down.	
		0650	Enemy mortar opened up on B Coy. Quiet night at B Coy.	
		0732	Sitrep No 89 to 21 Bde to 0730L/29. Quiet night. No 10 patrol leaves for 3 day patrol NE FARIA R. towards saddle.	
		0845	Lieut CROMBIE'S patrol (No 10) with I.O. move out through B Coy. Cpl. AFFLECK and 3 O.R.s move on recce, to patrol to GRASSY PATCH, on feature EAST B Coy.	
		1015	11 pl move to 12 pl posns.	
		1030	12 pl move out on recce for 300 yds along stream to the EAST to take up posn to snipe at enemy. NO time limit.	
		1740	Sitrep No 90 to 21 Bde to 1730L/29. No 10 patrol unable to cross FARIA R. as intended. Now taking route further NORTH. NO enemy activity B Coy area. 2/2 Pnr Bn passed through to area ref 724598.	
	30	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FARIA R.	30	0745m 1000	Sitrep No 91 to 21 Bde to 0700L/30. Quiet night. Sitnor. No 11 patrol left Bn. Patrol consisted of 1 Sgt, 2 O.R.s, 1 sec P.I.B. and 80 natives carrying stores.	See patrol orders Appx C
		1530	I.O. reports seeing only 2 Japs at approx ref 685641, and track running along bed of FARIA R. Jap L of C running approx EAST and WEST. Crossed FARIA R. at ref 685641. Jap L of C crossed at ref 688650. (See amended DUMPU 1 inch)	See patrol report Appx C
		1810	Sitrep No 92 to 21 Bde to 1800L/30. Enemy arty fired approx 50 rounds vicinity THOM'S HILL. Between 1000L and 1100L. 3 wounded. No 11 patrol left 1000L to recon and observe enemy L of C towards KANKIRYO? duration up to 14 days. No 10 patrol reported at B Coy, advises much infm. Full report to follow.	
	31	0545	Stand to	
		0645	Stand down	
		0732	Sitrep No 93 to 21 Bde to 0700L/31. No 10 patrol returned 1800L/30. Report enemy L of C ref 712663, running NW and SE. Track well constructed and used by mules 24 hours previously. From pt ref 712663 an easy approach exists to saddle ref 665668. No 4 patrol cleared area EAST of ck ref 676635 of enemy. Enemy still in occupation WEST of ck.	
		0815	Sgt KELMAN and 23 O.R.s to move to ref 691636 to clear posn of enemy WEST side of kunai near fork. Should reach posn by 0900L.	XXX
		0930	L/Cpl KIDDIE with patrol move out to take over standing patrol on high feature.	
		0955	Enemy gun opened up. Fired a few rounds. All short of target, one well over. Tac/R plane dropped 2 bundles of GUINEA GOLD. First lot cut to pieces before they landed.	
		0800	xx No 11 patrol report quiet night but hard going.	
		0900	Cpl AFFLECK and patrol to GRASSY PATCH. M3" ranging footbridge ref 688639.	ref
		0940	4 rounds fired by enemy arty on fwd slopes of <u>JOHN'S KNOLL</u>	



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Date and Time.—From 1000 hrs 31 Oct 43 To 1730 hrs 31 Oct 43

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COMMANDING 2/16 AUST INF BN



APPX" A"



RESTRICTED  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDER - PART I

Lt-Col F H SUBLET MC - CO 2/16 AUST INF BN

SERIAL No F 43/2

8 OCT 43

1. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS  
Mosquito Nets will be used at all times except when otherwise ordered by an officer.  
BHQ will be notified immediately, if such an order be given.
  2. BOOTS  
Troops will NOT walk around barefooted.
  3. WATER STERILISATION  
All water for drinking purposes must be sterilised. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against anyone contravening this order.
  4. SURPLUS RIFLES  
Any surplus rifles will be returned to QM. Rifles will NOT be ~~left~~ held by officers as an issue.
- RISE IN PAY FOR L/CPLS. AND EFFICIENCY PAY  
Copies of GRO containing information re above will be passed to Coys and will be read to each Platoon by Coy Comd. No action can be taken at present regarding Efficiency Pay.
6. WAR LOAN  
Personnel wishing to invest in War Loan, recently opened, may apply through Pay Cpl.

(signed) R H CHRISTIAN      CAPT  
ADJT 2/16 AUST INF BN

PART "B"

The following have not yet appeared in Part II Orders.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS ETC

WX2736	SGT	CORBETT J	Promoted WOII Caterer	12/9/43
WX5620	PTE	WALKER W	Appntd L/CPL	20/9/43
WX5595	CPL	HAZELL J(AACC)	Promoted A/SGT	20/9/43
VX76923	PTE	BAILEY W L (AACC)	Promoted A/CPL	20/9/43
WX9672	PTE	JOLLY M A	Appntd L/CPL	27/9/43
WX15264	PTE	WILLIAMSON A C	" "	27/9/43
WX7849	PTE	WILSON C W L	" "	27/9/43
WX9669	CPL	JERVIS M T	" L/SGT	27/9/43
QX10130	L/CPL	JONES J S	Promoted A/CPL	27/9/43
WX7845	L/CPL	GRIMSHAW F	" A/CPL	28/9/43
WX4247	L/CPL	RIGOLL L	" A/CPL	29/9/43
NX167277	PTE	LEWIS J W	" A/CPL	28/9/43
WX3137	PTE	SANDISON J T	Appntd L/CPL	28/9/43
WX9651	L/CPL	BASTON G H	Promoted A/CPL	2/10/43
WX9641	PTE	KELLYR A	Appntd L/CPL	2/10/43
WX5688	L/CPL	BLOOMFIEDD C A	Promoted A/CPL	3/10/43
WX4277	PTE	SULLIVAN H J	Appntd L/CPL	6/10/43
NX97820	PTE	LEIGHTON D W	2 L/CPL	6/10/43

REVERSIONS

QX38268	CPL	IRONS A C	Reverted to PTE at own request	27/9/43
NX107673	CPL	BONE L F	" " " "	29/9/43
WX5715	CPL	BURT G H	" " " "	28/9/43

TRADE GROUPINGS

WX3769	PTE	RICHARDS W R	TGII ARMOURER	14/9/43
QX29839	PTE	CONNOR A H	TGII COOK	20/9/43
WX7708	PTE	BRAY H L	TGIII RANGE TAKER	27/9/43
WX7775	PTE	LANIGAN K J	TGIII RANGE TAKER	27/9/43



WX7708 PTE TRADE GROUPINGS - RELINQUISHMENT BRAY H L Relinquished TELL D/MECH 26/9/43

BATTLE CASUALTIES  
 NX127214 PTE SHAWW A T R GSW LEFT THIGH, RIGHT SHOULDER 24/9/43  
 WX3286 LIEUT DUNCAN W J GSW LEFT SHOULDER 24/9/43  
 NX127161 PTE McKIMM A R KIA 2/10/43  
 WX3865 LIEUT BRENNER L D GSW LEFT LOIN 3/10/43  
 WX6759 CPL HARRIS C A B GSW LEFT WRIST 3/10/43  
 WX9641 L/CPL KELLY R A DOW 3/10/43  
 QX26632 PTE HUNTER J C KIA 3/10/43

ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED  
 QX33351 PTE McKENNA R A BULLET WOUNDED, LOWER LEFT LEG 22/ 9/43  
 NX153339 PTE DILLON P J BULLET WOUNDED, LEFT THIGH LEFT CALF 2/10/43

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS  
 From 16 SEP 43 to 8 OCT 43 (both incl) 54 ORS

TAKEN ON STRENGTH - EX HOSP  
 From 21 SEP 43 to 8 OCT 43 (both incl) 11 ORS



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by  
Lt-Col F.H. SUBLET MC @ C O 2/16 th AUST INF BN.

SERIAL No. F 43/3

Part A-NIL

24 Oct 43

APPOINTMENTS? PROMOTIONS ETC

WX 10501	A/Cpl	WALDOCK	W H (AACC)	Promoted A/Sgt	9.10.43	HQ
WX 4246	L/Sgt	LETHLEAN	L	Promoted A/Sgt	17.10.43	B
WX 7691	L/Cpl	HOVELL	V A	Promoted A/Cpl	17.10.43	BHQ
TX 3400	L/Cpl	HARRIS	M E	Promoted A/Cpl	22.10.43	A
WX 13126	Pte	WINDSOR	L F	Appointed L/Cpl	22.10.43	A
WX 13870	L/Cpl	CORBETT	K J	Promoted A/Cpl	22.10.43	D
WX 7845	L/Cpl	GRIMSHAW	F H	Promoted A/Cpl	20.10.43	B

REVERSIONS

WX 8055	L/Cpl	CALLAGHAN	A J	To rank of Pte	13.10.43	BHQ
NX 127159	Cpl	ROWE	R J	To rank of Pte		D
				at own request	15.10.43	
NX 167277	A/Cpl	LEWIS	J W	To rank of Pte	13.10.43	B
WX 7845	A/Cpl	GRIMSHAW	F H	To rank of L/Cpl	13.10.43	B
QX 6575	Cpl	CLARK	A	To rank of Pte		
				at own request	22.10.43	A
WX 5595	A/Sgt	HAZEL	J (AACC)	To rank of Cpl	22.10.43	D
VX 76925	A/Cpl	BAILY	W L (AACC)	To rank of Pte	22.10.43	D
WX 5628	A/Cpl	WOOLDRIDGE	G H	To rank of Pte		
				at own request	20.10.43	B
NX 124030	Cpl	TRUNK	C A	Do Do	20.10.43	D

BATTLE CASUALTIES

VX 91441	Pte	DAVIES	J C D	GSW Left hand	8.10.43	
WX 3857	Pte	CHAPMAN	C W D	Shrap right thumb	16.10.43	
WX 13075	L/Cpl	FLESY	V M D	KIA	17.10.43	
WX 5649	Cpl	SOUNDNESS	I T D	GSW right forearm	17.10.43	
VX 105075	Pte	DUNN	R H D	GSW behind left knee	17.10.43	
NX 127130	Pte	McKENZIE	D G D	GSW left heel	17.10.43	
WX 13160	Pte	GALLOP	A J C	GSW left&right feet	22.10.43	
WX 4029	Lieut	ANDERSON	L L C	GSW left&right thighs	Scrotum 22.10.43	
WX 5650	L/Cpl	JENNER	L H C	GSW right thigh right knee	22.10.43	
WX 5591	Pte	HENDERSON	K J C	MBK	22.10.43	

ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED

WX 4147	Pte	BYRNE	M J C	Bullet wound left chest&arm	13.10.43	
WX 14759	Pte	BICKFORD	L B	Bullet wound left foot	14.10.43	
QX 23825	Pte	SCARBOROUGH	G S B	" "right wrist	19.10.43	

DEATHS

WX 4195	L/Cpl	MORETTI	F J A	Died of sickness-Scrub Typhus		
				at 2/11 A G H	12.10.43	
NX 152235	Pte	DRURY	D J A	Died of sickness-Scrub Typhus		
				at 2/11 A G H	17.10.43	

DETACHMENT

SX 2917	T/Major	A J LEE (MC)	Detach to 21 AITB	22.10.43
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TRANSFER

SX 4268	Pte	TURNER	L A	Transfer to 21 AITB	22.10.43
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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS from 9 Oct to 23 Oct 43 (both incl) 3 offrs 100 ors  
TAKEN ON STRENGTH " " " " " " " " " " 22ors



APPX "B"

FIELD RETURNS



## P43/3 (Serial No.)

W.E. II 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E.	Deficient W E	Reinfts Required.
			1	W.Os Class I	AACC	22		1	NR
			6	W.Os. Class II	AAMC	5	1		
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AAPG	2			
		1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAPS	1			
			31	Sergeants	AACC	1			
		6	70	Corporals	ABMS	5	2		
5	5		626	Troopers, Privates, etc					
				Civilians counting as O.R					
5	5	7	740	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		36	3	1	

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Unit

2/16 AUST INF BN

F 43 / 3 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 10 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	1	1		Operating Room Assts.	15	15		G.P.O. Assistants	45	67	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Hangetakers	4	2	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettiers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Sievers			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	3	3	
Dispensers				Axemen	1	1		Signwriters				Textile Refitters	1		1
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				WO I	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								WO II	6	6	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								S/Sgt (Base)		1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CQMS	5	5	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Sgts	31	31	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Cpls	64	70	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitter (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	578	557	4
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACC	23	22	NR
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	48	52	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics			20	AAPC	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPS	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AME	2	2	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers			1				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	15	15		CARRIED FORWARD	45	67		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	772776	5	

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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194.....

..(Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

**PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

**PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**

## OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

[illegible]

## OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

[illegible]

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO..... (Unit) IS  
PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 194.....

[illegible]



### PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt	WI 1508	SURLET (MC)	F H	90	Yes		
T/Major	SI 2717	LINE (MC)	A J	21/c	Yes		
T/Major	WX 1507	THURSTON	H G		Yes		
T/Major	WI 17276	ALLEN	H G		Yes		
Capt	WI 2353	WRIGHT	G V		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2748	PROCTOR	A J		No	Detach 21 Aust Inf Bde 22/9/43	
T/Capt	WX 2539	HODGE	T H		Yes		
T/Capt	WI 2846	ATKINSON (MC)	W H		Yes		
T/Capt	WI 11020	MADIGAN (MC)	H B		Yes		
T/Capt	WI 2906	MALLACH	H B		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2734	CAMERON	R P		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2538	BRADY	T A		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 3003	CHRISTIAN (MC)	H H		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2368	GRAYSON	H H		Yes		
Lieut	WI 2565	BRADY	H B		Yes		
Lieut	WI 2136	BRADY	H B		Yes		
Lieut	WI 2535	MCCULLOUGH	H B		Yes		
Lieut	WI 2760	BURKE	D B		No	Detach 18 Aust Inf Bde 30/9/43	
Lieut	WI 2792	MCKENZIE	J E		Yes		
Lieut	WI 4003	HUGHES	G		Yes		
Lieut	WX 20206	MOORE	G A		Yes		
Lieut	WI 19644	BUCHANAN	R E		Yes		
Lieut	WI 4033	ANDERSON	L I		Yes		
Lieut	WI 2742	CHURCH	R G		Yes		
Lieut	WI 5007	SCOTT	J		Yes		
Lieut	WI 7503	MILLER	J R		Yes		
Lieut	WI 31503	MARINE	H H		Yes	Attach pending transfer	
Lieut	WI 14069	JENNIS	V P		Yes	from 16 Aust Motor Bde	
Lieut	WI 27066	ROBINSON	F C		Yes	Do	
Lieut	WI 165473	MCCAUGHY	S H		Yes	Do	
T/Major	WX 36377	WHITE	H J		No	Detach Spl Duty 7 Aust Div	

**PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.**

[illegible]

*Date of Despatch*

Signature of Commander



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W.B. <sup>II</sup> 12c 2 OFFRS. <sup>32</sup> O.R.'s <sup>738</sup> + OFFRS. <sup>1</sup> O.R.'s. <sup>34</sup> ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E.	Deficient W E	Reinfts Required.
			1	W.Os Class I	AACC	25	2		
			6	W.Os. Class II	AAMC	5	1		
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AAPC	2	3		
		1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAPS	1			
		1	32	Sergeants	AAOC	1			
2	2	7	71	Corporals	AEME	3			
			629	Troopers, Privates, etc					
				Civilians counting as O.R					
2	2	9	745	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		37	3		

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 10 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	1			Operating Room Assis.	14	11		G.P.O. Assistants	44	63	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	2	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1		NR					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	25		Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Assi.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				WO I	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				WO II	6	6	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								S/Sgt (Base)		1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CQMS	5	5	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Sgts	31	32	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Cpls	64	71	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitter (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitter (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	579	561	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAGC	23	25	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		19		AAPC	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPS	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		ARME	3	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers		1					
CARRIED FORWARD	1			CARRIED FORWARD	14	11		CARRIED FORWARD	44	63		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	772782	.2	

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First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A76—30M—5/43

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	<u>WE</u>	<u>Present Strength</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
WO I	1	1	
WO II	6	6	
S/Sgt (Base)		1	1
COMS	5	5	
Sgt	31	32	1
Int	1	1	
Sigs	1 X	1 X	
Tech Stores	1	1	
Clerks	2	2	
Tailor	1	1	
<del>Gen</del> Pnr	1	1	
Gen	24	25	1
Cpls	64	71	7
Int	2	2	
Sigs	2	2	
Pnr	4	4	
Q	1	1	
O/Rm	5	4	
Gen	50	58	NR 8



War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 (Unit) 2/16 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11 136 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
3	3	1	1 3 9 16 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1							
3	3	1	30			1							
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.													
E.(1)													
E.(2)													

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 3865	Lieut	BREMER L D	2/16 Bn	3.10.43	Battle Casualty GSW Left Leg

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).



## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	WX 1598	SUBLET (MC)	P H	0 0	Yes		
T/Major	WX 2917	LEE (MC)	A J	2 1/2	Yes		
T/Major	WX 1597	SUMINGTON	A G		Yes		
T/Major	WX 127270	ALISON	R J		Yes		
Capt	WX 2253	WRIGHT	O V		Yes		
Capt	WX 2748	PROSSER	A H		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2838	HODGE	A H		Yes	Detach 21 Aust Inf Bde	22/9/43
T/Capt	WX 2846	ATKINSON (MC)	V H		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 11020	WADGAM (MC)	E D		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2905	WALLACE	S		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2734	CAMPBELL	R P		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 2636	DRAPER	R A		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 3093	CHRISTIAN (MC)	R H		Yes		
T/Capt	WX 8368	GRAYDEN	V H		Yes		
Lieut	WX 9138	WATTS	R D		Yes		
Lieut	WX 4335	McCULLOUGH	R		Yes		
Lieut	WX 4760	BURGESS	D R		No	Detach 18 Aust Inf Bde	30/8/43
Lieut	WX 5792	McKENZIE	J R		Yes		
Lieut	WX 4893	HUGHES	J		Yes		
Lieut	OX 30106	HODGE	G A		Yes		
Lieut	OX 19644	BUCHANAN	R L		Yes		
Lieut	WX 4029	ANDERSON	L C		Yes		
Lieut	WX 2742	CRONIE	R J		Yes		
Lieut	WX 5607	SCOTT	J		Yes		
Lieut	WX 7593	WALLER	J R		Yes		
Lieut	WX 131509	BARBER	H H		Yes	Attached pending transfer	
Lieut	WX 165473	McCAUGHEY	S H		Yes	from 16 Aust Motor Regt	
Lieut	WX 116346	WHITE	D H		Yes	Do	
Lieut	OX 14969	JENSEN	W P		Yes	Do	
Lieut	WX 127082	ROBINSON	P C		Yes	Do	
T/Major	WX 36377	WHITE	R J		No	Detach Spl Duty 7 Aust Div	

## PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	WX 70680	HODGKINSON H R	T AMC		RMO
Capt	WX 17091	CUNNINGHAM O V	J AACD		Padre
	B3/148	COOPER J E	Salvany		Amunities

9 Oct 43  
Date of DespatchSublet  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col



APPX "C"

O.Os MOVEMENT ORDERS

REPORTS

TRAINING SYLLABUS.



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Emplaning Table (Weight Sheet)

UNIT 2/16 AUST INF BN

Plane Ser. No. n 867

Date 10.10.43

Plane

PERSONNEL (NOT TO EXCEED 20)

Serial No.	Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Weight (lbs)
1	NX127082	LINUT	ROBINSON F G	250
2	NX139561	CPL	RAYMOND W	250
3	NX116898	PTE	COCK H	250
4	NX128593	PTE	LAMBERT I M	250
5	VX20127	PTE	CHIPPENDALE R G	250
6	NX127105	PTE	HAMPTON H J	250
7	NX127197	PTE	BIDNER A L	250
8	SX30473	PTE	HATCHARD F G	250
9	QX6576	CPL	CLARK A	250
10	VX8430	PTE	COUSENS W F	250
11	WX3286	L/CPL	COTTON L	250
12	WX12901	CPL	DOAK G A	250
13	WX7267	L/CPL	DOWD H W	250
14	WX5993	PTE	DEVINE F	250
15	WX8938	PTE	LEE W G	250
16	TX6655	PTE	EDWARDS M B	250
17	Qx35609	Pte	GORDON J C	250
18	Nx127256	"	BELL P J	250
19	Nx 94461	Pte	BEAVER J S	250
20				750
TOTAL				4,000 lbs

STORES AND EQUIPMENT (NOT CARRIED ON THE MAN)

Serial No.	Description	Weight (lbs)
1	4 2 GAL TINS	8
2	2 CASES FIELD OPERATIONAL RATIONS @ 36	72
3	1 BAG "Q" STORES	50
4	1 CASE "Q" STORES	25
5	1 CASE "Q" STORES	10
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
TOTAL		1,665
GRAND TOTAL		5,000 lbs



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Emplaning Table (Weight Sheet)

UNIT 2/16 AUST INF BN

Plane Ser. No. 71 868

Date 10 10 43

Plane

PERSONNEL (NOT TO EXCEED 20)

Serial No.	Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Weight (lbs)
1	NX127039	SGT	SPINKS W D	250
2	NX127083	CPL	BIDNER J W	250
3	NX89235	PTE	ANDERSON H J	250
4	NX129036	PTE	WALL F	250
5	SX23734	PTE	RICE R M	250
6	NX131282	PTE	PARTRIDGE K C	250
7	WX11858	PTE	MCDONALD H J	250
8	WX2646	PTE	McQUEEN A J	250
9	WX8071	SGT	MARSHALL J	250
10	WX5895	CPL	OSBORNE O R O	250
11	WX4350	PTE	OFFER A G	250
12	WX4212	PTE	PILPEL J	250
13	NX127139	CPL	ROBINSON R L	250
14	WX8600	PTE	ROYLANCE M D	250
15	WX8225	PTE	ROWAN F B	250
16	WX17500	PTE	STUBBS R	250
17	WX 3187	Pte	DAVIS A-S	250
18	N 153624	.	FRANKY RH	250
19	N 127123	.	HINCHY FA	250
20				
TOTAL				750 4,000 lbs

STORES AND EQUIPMENT (NOT CARRIED ON THE MAN)

Serial No.	Description	Weight (lbs)
1	4 2 GAL TINS	8
2	2 CASES FIELD OPERATIONAL RATIONS @ 36	72
3	1 BAG FLANNELETTE	50
4	1 BAG "Q" STORES	50
5	1 BAG TABLES	40
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
TOTAL		200 1,000 lbs

GRAND TOTAL 5,000 lbs



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Emplaning Table (Weight Sheet)

UNIT 2/16 ADST INF BN

Plane Ser. No. H 369

Date 10.10.43

Plane

PERSONNEL (NOT TO EXCEED 20)

Serial No.	Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Weight (lbs)
1	WX4541	SOT	McLAUGH W B	250
2	NX97446	PTE	MOORE L R	250
3	NX48751	PTE	MOOREHEAD J A	250
4	NX127119	CPL	TUMBUK W F	250
5	NX81857	PTE	WILD T H	250
6	NX124467	PTE	ALEXANDER P W R	250
7	WX7704	PTE	SHELGAR H J	250
8	SK17710	PTE	SHILLABEER R W	250
9	WX14010	PTE	SHALL J	250
10	WX3651	PTE	BRYANT P G	250
11	WX9665	PTE	LEIPOLD J H	250
12	VX113492	PTE	O'BRIEN B B	250
13	QX23285	PTE	SCARBOROUGH G S	250
14	NX168546	PTE	GIMMS V G	250
15	VX122893	PTE	SKIPWORTH A S R	250
16	QX37956	PTE	ANDERSON A V	250
17	NX94251	PTE	HANNAN G	250
18	NX98049	PTE	NOBBS R G	250
19	NX127138	PTE	WHITE W J	250
20				
TOTAL				4,750 lbs

STORES AND EQUIPMENT (NOT CARRIED ON THE MAN)

Serial No.	Description	Weight (lbs)
1	4 2 GAL CANS	8
2	2 CASES OPERATIONAL RATIONS @ 36 lbs	72
3	1 BAG "Q" STORES	40
4	1 BAG STOOLS	30
5	1 DRUM OIL	50
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
TOTAL		180
TOTAL		2,000 lbs
GRAND TOTAL		5,000 lbs



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# Emplaning Table (Weight Sheet)

UNIT 2/16 AUST INF BN

Plane Ser. No. m 870

Date 10.10.43

Plane

PERSONNEL (NOT TO EXCEED 20)

Serial No.	Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Weight (lbs)
1	NX127264	CPL	SAUNDERS O O	250
2	NX124030	CPL	TRUNK C	250
3	WX2865	CPL	BEEBE J	250
4	NX53468	PTE	WHITE E G	250
5	NX48751	L/CPL	PARNELL A	250
6	WX13352	PTE	HEARNE A	250
7	WX13884	L/CPL	COLEMAN F D	250
8	NX127274	CPL	McKENZIE C A	250
9	WX2923	CPL	BECKETT W	250
10	WX3115	PTE	WILLIAMSON B	250
11	NX130308	PTE	TARRANT D A	250
12	WX3083	PTE	WARREN W R	250
13	WX5628	A/CPL	WOOLDRIDGE G H	250
14	WX5771	CPL	MOIR A	250
15	WX4158	PTE	ANGLESEY D J	250
16	WE1879	PTE	YEING E M	250
17	QX14969	LIEUT	JENSEN W P	250
18	WX37756 3214		YOUNGER	250
19				250
20	NX98435	Pte	RAMAGLE J A	4750
TOTAL				4,000 lbs

STORES AND EQUIPMENT (NOT CARRIED ON THE MAN)

Serial No.	Description	Weight (lbs)
1	4 2 GAL ONS	8
2	2 CASES FIELD OPERATIONAL RATIONS @ 36 lbs	72
3	1 BAG "Q" STORES	40
4	1 BOX LAMPS	40
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20		160
TOTAL		1,000 lbs
GRAND TOTAL		5,000 lbs



Emplaning Table (Weight Sheet)

UNIT 2/16 AUST INF BN

Plane Ser. No.

Date 25 OCT 43

Plane

PERSONNEL (NOT TO EXCEED 20)

Serial No.	Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Weight (lbs)
1	WX 7818	Sgt	WILLIAMSON W H	250
2	WX 12541	Pte	ANDERSON J L A	250
3	WX 14005	L/Cpl	DAVIS E C	250
4	WX 11749	Pte	WOOD R S	250
5	WX 14590	Pte	RILEY T W	250
6	WX 11632	Pte	RILEY, H D	250
7	WX 15271	Pte	FRASER L A G	250
8	WX 2613	L/Cpl	SUPFIELD W W	250
9	WX 11600	Pte	RAMM G W	250
10	WX 120210	Pte		250
11	WX 38239	L/Cpl		250
12	WX 3026	Pte		250
13	WX 14012	Pte		250
14	WX 5531	Pte		250
15	WX 12928	Pte		250
16	WX 2908	Cpl		250
17	WX 12617	Pte		250
18	WX 5573	Pte		250
19	WX 13929	Pte		250
20	WX 4829	Pte		250
	WX 4294	Pte		250
TOTAL				5,000 lbs

STORES AND EQUIPMENT (NOT CARRIED ON THE MAN)

Serial No.	Description	Weight (lbs)
1	PERSONNEL ON SPECIAL PLANE.	
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3	WX 14005 L/Cpl DAVIS E C	
4	WX 127275 Pte WOOD R S	
5	WX 127115 Pte RILEY T W	
6	WX 117478 Pte RILEY, H D	
7	WX 35814 Lieut COCKBURN K W	
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TOTAL		

GRAND TOTAL 5,000 lbs



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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian Names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	WX 6755	Corporal HARRIS Charles Alwin Binley  Date of Birth: 3rd October 1905  Date of Enlistment: 18th July 1940	<p><u>DATE: 3rd October 1943</u></p> <p><u>PLACE: NAMAPUT, in the Foothills of the FINISTERRE RANGES, RAMU VALLEY, NEW GUINEA.</u></p> <p>During the advance up the RAMU VALLEY, 21 Aust Inf Bde was held up whilst waiting for a bridge to be made over the GUSAP River, and on 3rd October it became necessary for 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to send out a fighting patrol of Platoon strength to NAMAPUT, in the Foothills of the FINISTERRE Ranges, some 5 hours march away. Accordingly, 14 Platoon, commanded by Lieut BREMNER, was selected and moved out at 1130 hrs. At 1700 hrs that day contact with the enemy was made near the village of NAMAPUT, and the platoon attacked. Soon after, Lieut BREMNER was wounded, and Corporal HARRIS immediately took command. Although himself wounded he pressed home the attack which was successful - 20 enemy casualties resulting, 14 of whom were killed. From the outset, the outstanding bravery and initiative shown by Corporal HARRIS were instrumental in the attack being a success, particularly in holding the Platoon together at a time when no help or assistance could be obtained from his Company. This success, as well as the evacuation of wounded under fire, is attributed to the courage and spirited leadership of Corporal HARRIS. It is recommended that he be granted an immediate award of the MILITARY MEDAL.</p>	<p>WX 3865 Lieut L.D. BREMNER.</p> <p><i>Sublet</i> Comd 2/16 Aust Inf Bn</p> <p>Brig Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde</p> <p>Maj-Gen GOC 7 Aust Div</p>	<p>M.M. (Immediate)</p>	



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	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	3006	Corporal MURPHY Gordon Bernard Jamieson (M.M.)	<p>DATE: 25th October 1943</p> <p>PLACE: Upper Reaches of the FARIA River in the PIBISTARIE RANGES, NEW GUINEA.</p> <p>On the 25th October 1943 two sections of 9 Platoon were ordered to raid the enemy position. The Japanese were well dug in and were in a position to cover all approaches to their perimeter by fire. On reaching the creek bed the Platoon Sergeant was killed and Corporal MURPHY, leader of No. 9 section, immediately took charge of the force and pressed forward under fire. Displaying outstanding courage and initiative he fought his way into the enemy's lines, causing heavy casualties.</p> <p>His force then suffered severe casualties from machine guns on the flank and from enemy shell fire, and he was ordered to withdraw.</p> <p>Corporal MURPHY with WX4931 Lance Corporal HARDALL R.J., remained behind, and effectively covered the withdrawal of the remainder, which included several wounded.</p> <p>A few minutes later Corporal MURPHY, hearing that two wounded had been unable to withdraw, immediately offered to try to extricate them and moved forward to do so; however, the enemy's fire was so intense that he was ordered to wait until artillery smoke could be placed in the area.</p> <p>MURPHY's leadership and courage are a con- stant inspiration to his men.</p> <p>It is recommended that he be granted an immediate award of the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</p>	WX49138 Lieut R.D. WATTS	D.C.M. (Immediate)	
			<p><u>Date of Birth:</u> 16th February 1919</p> <p><u>Date of Enlistment:</u> 30 May 1940</p> <p><u>Next of Kin:</u> Father: Matthew MURPHY, 198 Shepparton Rd Victoria Park WEST AUSTRALIA</p>		<p><i>Sublet</i> Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn</p> <p>Brig Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde</p> <p>Maj-Gen GOC 7 Aust Div</p>		



PATROL REPORT

submitted by C.Coy 2200L/3 OCT 43

PATROL LEADER. Lieut. Bremner  
PATROL STRENGTH. 1 Offr, 27 ORs  
REF MAP. DUMPU. 1/63360  
TIME OUT. 1200L/3  
TIME IN. 2200L/3

OBJECT. To obtain information from prisoners and documents from  
NAMAPUT; probably intending to warn enemy. Leading scouts

ROUTE. From KAIGULIN to NAMAPUT crossing WARRIS RIVER.

REPORT First activity seen was a native observed running back towards NAMAPUT, probably intending to warn enemy. The leading scouts, Ptes Hunter and Black were fired upon from ambush. Cpl Harris went fwd to observe but saw nothing and was fired upon when coming back. Five Japs were observed moving back to village. 6 section gave covering fire from the right while rest of platoon moved in to attack. 1700 hrs a general advance was made on village; there was an absence of fire from the enemy until party were through village. Japs observed withdrawing to foothills. Pl fired on enemy, killing 7. They advanced and obtained documents from enemy dead. Enemy fire then broke out and Pl was forced to take cover; Pl was short of ammunition and had to withdraw to village. L/Cpl Kelly was wounded while going back to report to A.Coy. Party of 4 were left behind to cover stretcher party until Kelly was taken out. Pl then withdrew down gully.

Our casualties; fwd scout, Pte Hunter, was killed in first encounter; Lieut Bremner wounded in general advance through village; Cpl Harris wounded when through village; L/Cpl Kelly later died of wounds.

Cpl Harris showed outstanding courage and leadership when he took over cmd of Pl after Lieut Bremner had been wounded, and in spite of the fact that he had been wounded himself, he led the Pl fwd under fire to obtain identification from dead enemy.



# AREA OF OPERATIONS

Lt. BREMNER'S PATROL

3<sup>RD</sup> OCT 43

-REF DUMPU 1-

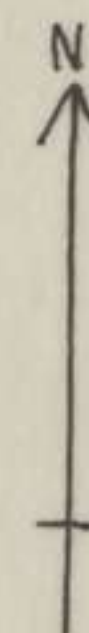
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4 & 5 SECS COVER PARTY  
OBTAINING IDENTIFICATIONS  
WARRIS R.

ENEMY DEAD

NAMAPUT

ENEMY RETIRE TO  
THESE POSNS AND BRING  
FIRE TO BEAR ON PL FWD  
OF VILLAGE



JAPS PULLED OUT OF THIS POSN  
AFTER SIGHTING PL

CPL HARRIS FIRED ON HERE  
MOVED BACK AND RETOINS PL

4 & 5 SECS ADVANCE ON VILLAGE  
EXTENDED ORDER

3 LMGs + 6 SEC GIVE COVERING FIRE TO 4 & 5 SECS.

PTE HUNTER KILLED  
HERE (FWD SCOUT)

SCALE 8" TO 1 MILE

83

"INT" SEC  
2/16 BN  
3 OCT 43



PATROL ORDERS

Ref Map DUMPU 1"

6 Oct 43

No 1 PATROL

Comd Lt. Scott 18 pl. 1 offr 26 ors. Amn to be carried,  
200 rds per Bren. 50 rds per rifle. 200 rds per O.S.M.G.

TASK 1

Clear area enclosed by track patrolled as shown on trace.

TASK 2

Report on FARIA R crossings for Jeeps.

TASK 3

Secure information of enemy by offensive action.

TIME OUT 0830 hrs. TIME IN 1700 hrs.

Report in writing by 1800 hrs to B.H.Q. ROUTE see trace.

No 2 PATROL

Comd Lt. White and 26 ors

TASK 1

Clear <sup>area</sup> track bounded by patrol track (see trace)

TASK 2

Report on practicability of Crossing RAMU R in area ref 7047

ROUTE See trace.

TIME OUT 0830 hrs TIME IN 1600 hrs.

Report in writing by 1800 hrs to B.H.Q.

No 3 PATROL

1 offr 1 WO 26 ors. (LIEUT CROMBIE)

TASK 1

To clear timber and garden area marked on <sup>TRACE</sup> map by offensive action. Take prisoner if possible.

TASK 2

Clear track from garden area to track and ck junc ref 731519  
to track and ck junc ref ~~731519~~ (731519), to track and garden  
area ref 705517 to <sup>defensive area</sup> ~~defensive area~~

ROUTE see trace.

TIME OUT 1015 hrs TIME IN 1700 hrs.

COMN by runner.

Report in writing by 1800 hrs to B.H.Q.

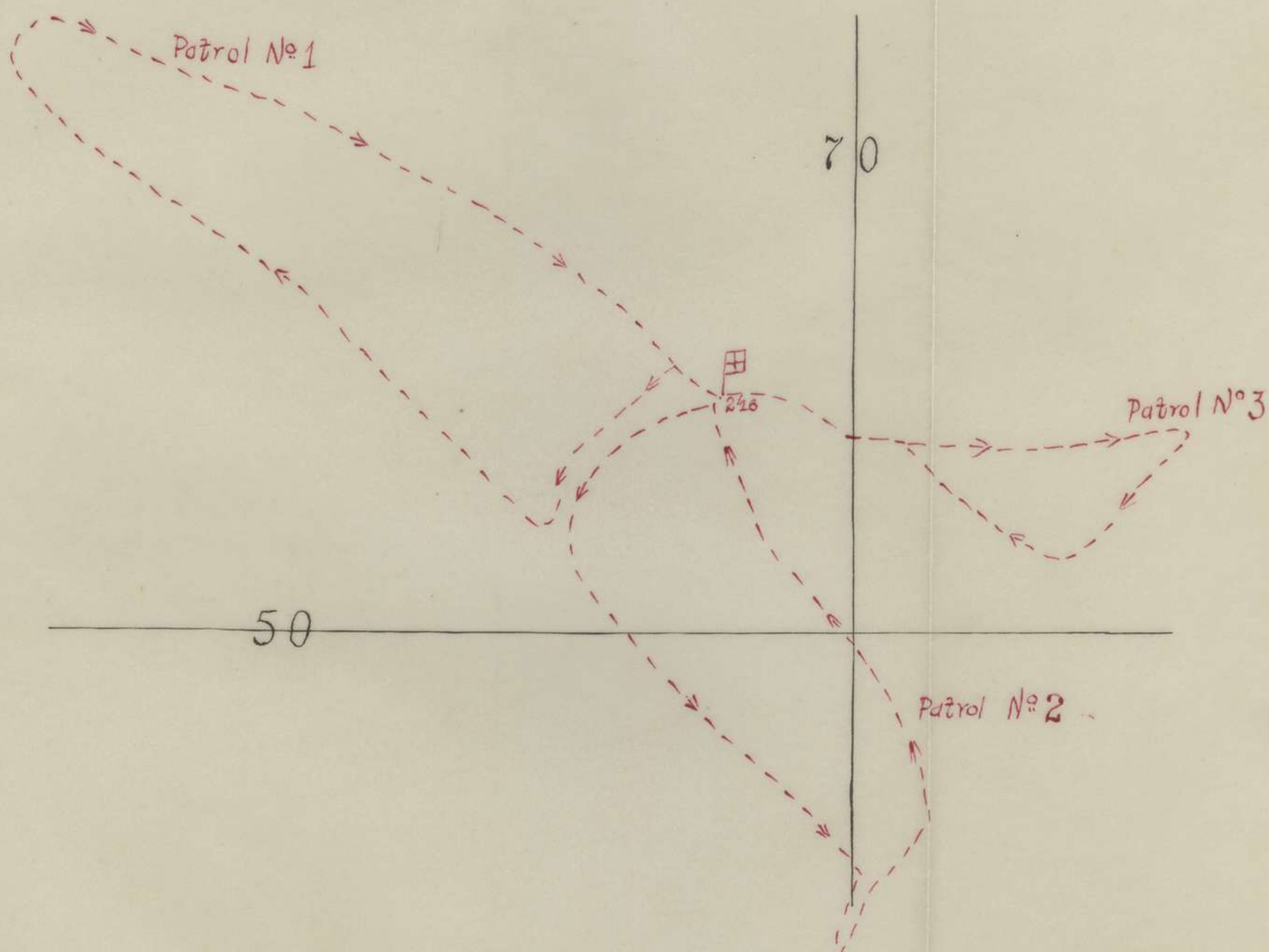
AMN. 200 rds per Bren, 50 per rifle, 200 per O.S.M.G.  
8, 7 sec grenades. 6, 4 sec grenades.



PATROL-TRACE

6 Oct. 43

Superimpose on DUMPU-Sheet. 1" = 1 Mile



INT SECT  
2/6 AM  
6 OCT 43



# PATROL ORDERS

Ref. Map DUMPU 1"

8 Oct 43

## PATROL No 1

STRENGTH W.O. Young 1 NCO 6 ORS from 3 pl. 3 ORS from A coy, 3 sigs.  
Total 14.

TASK 1 To occupy feature approx ref 677595, pointed out as O.P. on ground.

TASK 2 Observe and report on all movement by enemy or unidentified persons within field of view.

TIME OUT 0700L/8 TIME ON When recalled by BHQ.

COMN W/T 208 set on watch 10 mins to each hour.  
V/T Daylight, sig lamp. Lucas lamp.  
Comn back to O.P. ref. 658554 by V/T if W/T fails or if urgent report to submit while W/T is off the air.

EQUIPT Full battle order, shelters etc 1 LMG 1 OSMG 12 rifles  
AMN LMG 200 rds, OSMG 200 rds, 4 sec grenades 12. rifles 50 rds  
Amn and equipt to be checked by Adjt before patrol moves.

RATIONS 4 days plus 2 days emerg: 6 x 2 gallon water cans to be carried full  
Carriage of equipt and stores. Qm will arrange if possible  
28 natives and escort to move with patrol to carry rations water, and shelters. Rations will be sent fwd with water daily by RQM from 9 Oct inclusive.

## PATROL No 2 Fighting patrol.

STRENGTH 1 offr or sgt 20 ors from B coy.

TASK 1 To clear all minor features from BEZBEI to ref. 655600 by offensive action if necessary.

TASK No 2 To recon practical route for fully equipped tps.

ROUTE OUT In direct line. ROUTE IN Along lower edge of foothills.

TIME OUT 0700L/8 TIME IN 1600L/8

COMN Runner. No

ARMS AND EQUIPT. Pouches 2" Mor LMG 200 rds, OSMG 200 rds, Rifles 50 rds 7 sec grenades 12, 4 sec grenades 12.

RATIONS 1 day plus 1 day emerg.  
Check security Report by 1730 hrs.

## PATROL No 3

9 Oct 43

Strength Comd. Lt. McCullough and 20 ors, 1 sec P.I.B. 3 sec of 1 NCO and 7 ors 2 sigs, 1 Int NCO.

TASK Move to feature ref. 683650, which presumably overlooks Jap L of C.  
Report density of traffic in men, carriers or animals on this L of C, and general direction of traffic up or down.

METHOD Move through Young's O.P. then N.W then N.E then N.W along ridge shown on map until patrol is on ridge overlooking AGAIBI RIVER.  
From here observe Jap track for at least four hours and return. Patrol will not fight except in defence.  
Beware of ambush out and back.

COMN 208 set and 2 sigs working back to Bde taken from Young's O.P. Only to be used in emergency. At 10 mins to the hour report posn, and O.K or otherwise.  
Recall signal. 2 RED 2" mor flares from Bde HQ at even hours or smoke signals from Young's O.P. 2 colms blanketed once at same hours. send written message and sketch by native escort on D 2.

SECURITY To be checked before patrol moves out. It is important that enemy does not know of this patrol, therefore cover up tracks when returning and seal occasionally.

RATIONS 4 days on as good a scale as possible plus 2 days emergency. BURNZO to be used for cooking. WATER will be scarce on mountain top but springs usually found in reentrants.

AMN LMG 200 rds, OSMG 200 rds, rifles 50 rds. 7 sec grenades 12, 4 sec grenades 18.

CARRIERS If possible 10 carriers will be available for carrying of 4 days rations, blanket rolls if possible 4 water tins



of 2 galls each. 208 sets. Escort will move behind natives to see they do not panic or desert. Natives to return at 1600 hrs with 4 men as escort (5 pl)

EQUIPT Pl equipt except 2" mors. Rations only need be carried in haversacks, towel soap etc.

B.I.B. SCOUTS 1 sec P.I.B. will be available. These will act as scouts and may assist in finding tracks and water. They will NOT be used in any action that may develop.

TIME OUT 0700hrs D1 TIME IN 1600 hrs D3 ~~will be~~ informed.

PATROL No 4 Fighting patrol. 10 Oct 43

STRENGTH Comd Lt. White 1 sgt 1 opl 12 ors from A coy.

TASK Clear timbered ridge pointed out on ground by offensive action if necessary. Not to fire unless good target presents itself. Withdraw if attacked in strength.

AMN 2 OSMG 150 rds, 2 rifles 30 rds, 4 sec grenades 6. 7, sec grenades 6.

ROUTE Most direct, keep to the high ground. Youngs O.P. and C coy standing patrol to be warned.

Withdraw 1700 hrs by prearranged track.

COMM By runner.

TIME OUT 0730L/10 TIME IN 1600L/10

RATIONS One meal plus emerg.

PATROL No 5 11 Oct 43

Comd LT. Crombie

TASK To patrol to refs. 615555, 623593, 660603, 665553.

TIME OUT 0800L/11

PATROL No 6

12 OCT 43

STRENGTH Sgt. Anderson. N.F., 1 opl, 5 ors, 2 sigs, 1 Int personel-10

TASK Establish O.P. ROSE'S HILL. Observe and report on all movement in MENE VALLEY and near Hill 5500 and McCullough's Hill

COMM By W/T to BHQ 208 set at 10 mins to the hour.

By V/T " " Lucas lamp available 1600/12

ROUTE Trace attached.

TIME OUT 0800/12 TIME IN When recalled by BHQ

SUPPLIES 2 days hard ration, 2 days emerg to be carried.

WATER 3X2 gall tins to be carried to O.P. If no water available QM will send water daily. Rations replenished daily.

SECURITY No fires on far side of ROSE'S HILL. No fires at night.

INFORMATION Int personel to complete panorama of area WEST slope HILL 5500 - McCULLOUGH HILL by 1800/12. Return same to BHQ by ration train on 13th.

Patrol leader report for orders 0745/12

PATROL No 7

12 Oct 43

*Object: To trace possible tracks from Rose's Hill & 665624 on creek*

STRENGTH Sgt Bates 6 ors 2 pl.

ROUTE Throuh ROSES HILL O.P. thence as practicable. Keep to edge of timber if possible.

ARMS 2 OSMGs 200 rds, 5 rifles 50 rds, 8, 4 sec grenades.

COMM Runner only back to ROSES HILL

TIME OUT 0800/12 TIME IN 1600/13 Stage night 12/13 in sight of ROSES HILL

RATIONS 2 days hard 2 days emerg All rations and bed rolls to be Carried to ROSES HILL by HQ coy personel.

REPORTS Patrol leader report for orders 0740/12. Traverse of tracks taken from ROSES HILL

WARNING B coy probabaly following your tracks out on 13 Oct.



PATROL No 8

13 Oct 43

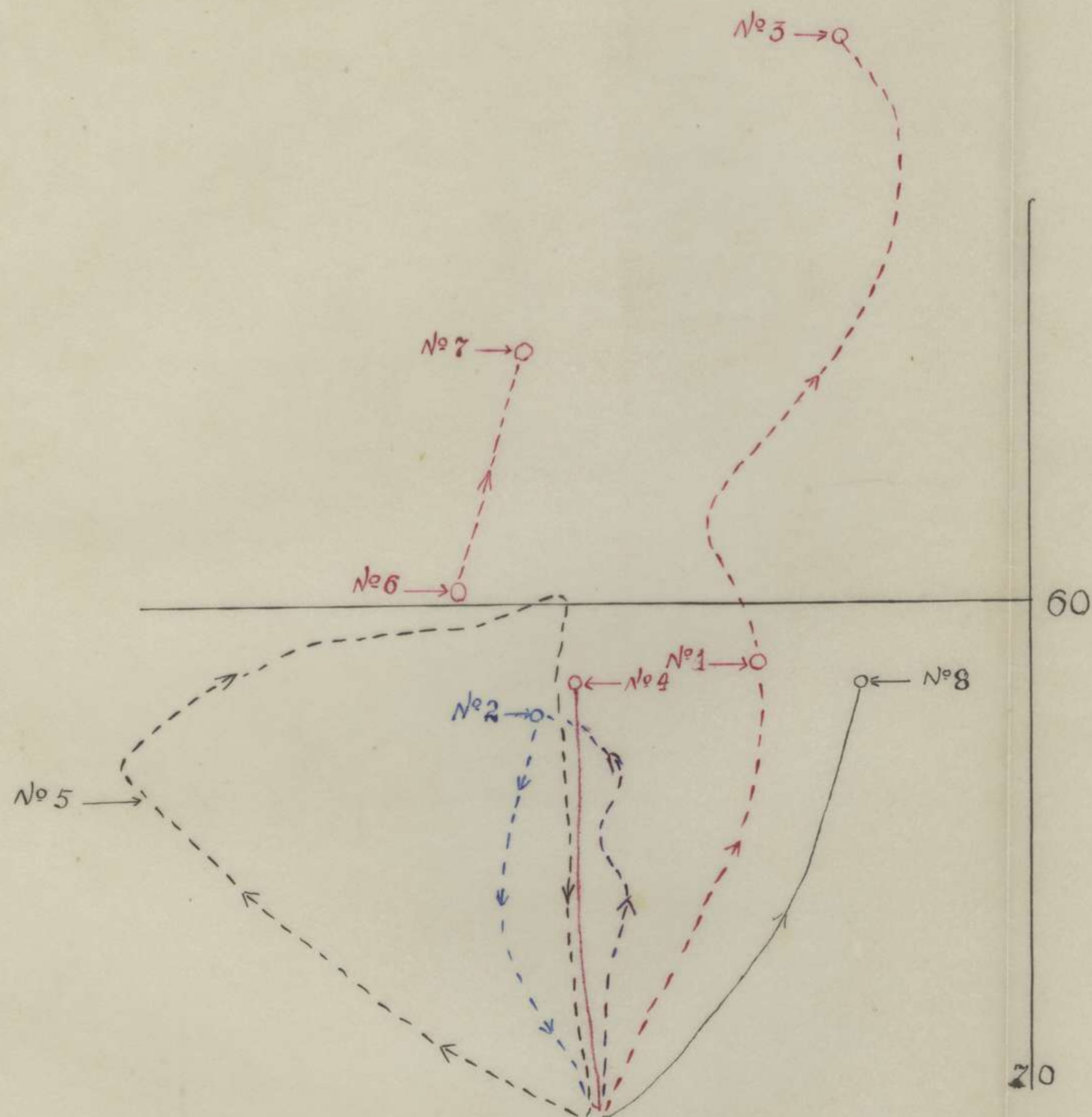
STRENGTH LT. Jensen 1 sgt and 5 cnsOBJECT To recon routes from BEEBEI to FARIA VALLEY over spurs and ridges EAST of Youngs Hill and observe and report on activities of own and enemy and tps in Valley.ROUTES Pointed out on ground. Posns of HIMI and LIMU pointed out on map.COMM Runner. Reports in detail by 1700L Course to marked on map.TIME OUT. 0800L/13 TIME IN Not before 1600L/13RATIONS 1 day hard 1 day emerg 1 midday meal,ARMS AND AMN 2 OSMGs, 5 rifles, 6, 4 sec grenades.



PATROL TRACE -

Superimpose on. DUMPU-Sheet - 1" = 1 Mile -

From 8 Oct To 13 Oct 43 -



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PATROL ORDER

Don coy Patrol

17 Oct 43

N<sup>o</sup> 4

Ref. Map DUMPU 1"

OBJECT To contact and destroy Jap party at approx ref 703609.

INFORMATION

Enemy were contacted at approx ref 703609 by 8 pl at 1030L/16  
8 pl killed at least 5 Japs by using some high ground on right  
Japs moved to left into low ground near FARIA RIVER as if  
attempting to encircle 8 pl. 8 pl waited for sometime expecting  
a counter attack, but none developed. Patrol withdrew as intended  
D coy less odd details contact and destroy this party and  
exploit 500 yds.

METHOD

Move out at stand to, in 3 pl groups, with leading section  
well out in front in case of ambush. Try to get into cover by  
full light in order to effect surprise.

GUIDE

Sgt. Marshall to act as guide, from 8 pl, with fwd pl until  
contact is made. Then to return to O.C. D coy to act in similar  
capacity. He will remain with D coy until relieved by Bn order

SUPPORT

Arty F.O.O. to move with Coy comd. Take one 2" mor and 36 rds  
27 HE and 9 smoke.

ROUTE

Out. As indicated by Sgt Marshall.  
Back. Same, beware of ambush.

TIME OUT.

Through A coy 0545. A, B, and HQ coys to be warned that D coy  
will move at 0530L.

TIME IN

1700 hrs.

EQUIPT & AMN

Webbing. Shelter halves.  
Brens. 200 rds, Rifles 50 rds, OSMG 300 rds.  
Grenades 4 sec - 24 per pl Grenades 7 sec - 6 per sec.

RATIONS

1 days hard and 1 day emrg and one meal for Oct 17

COMNS

Line to be run behind D coy. Arty to have priority on this line  
Arty R/T if available. 208 set for D coy.  
Comn by W/T on contact and at each hour if line is cut.  
3 pl to supply 1 NCO and 7 ORS to reel out line, these men to  
return when all line laid with written message from D coy.

HQ coy will man D coy posns while D coy on patrol.  
Orders to be given O.C. D coy 1800 Oct 16  
Warning orders issued 1630 hrs

DISTRIBUTION

D coy  
Lt. Buchanan } at 1800 16 Oct  
Lt. Pearson F.O.O.  
Sig offr  
O.C. 3 pl  
Adjt  
I.O.



PATROL ORDERS

PATROL No 1

17 Oct 43

STRENGTH

1 offr and 15 Ors 13 pl.

OBJECT

To clear Atkinson's ridge as far as grassy plateau.

TIME OUT

0900 hrs

TIME IN

1700 hrs signal by 1 RED VEREY to O.P. HILL when objective reached.

EQUIPT

Light. 1 LMG 200 rds, 3 OSMGs, 12 Rifles, 12 Grenades 4 sec.

RATIONS

1 day hard, 1 emerg and one meal for 17th.

PATROL No 2

STRENGTH

Lt. Crombie and 15 Ors from B coy.

OBJECT

To clear jap track from BHQ to URUA RIVER.

TIME OUT

0900 hrs

TIME IN

1600 hrs.

RATIONS

1 day hard, 1 emerg, and one meal for 17 Oct.

EQUIPT

1 LMG 200 rds, 3 OSMGs 200 rds, 12 Rifles 50 rds 12 - 4 sec gren

COMN

Runner.

PATROL No 3

STRENGTH

Cpl Burnett and 10 Ors from B coy.

OBJECT

To recce and clear track from BEVERIDGE POST along FARIA RIVER to old Jap track. Register time and distance from BEVERIDGES to track and river junction.

Patrol No 4 will be moving in opposite direction.

TIME OUT

0900 hrs

TIME IN

1500 hrs.

EQUIPT

1 LMG 200 rds, 2 OSMGs 200 rds, 8 Rifles 50 rds, 10 gren 4 sec.

RATIONS

1 day hard and 1 day emerg, and one meal for 17th Oct.

PATROL No 4

Ref Map DUMPU 1"

C coy.

19 Oct 43

INFORMATION

I.O.

OBJECT

To maintain a coy fighting patrol in area FARIA RIVER. To gain and maintain contact with the enemy and harass them continually.

METHOD

C coy will move to FARIA VALLEY at 0900 hrs L/19 and relieve D coy, form a base and patrol up to 2 pls. in strength. C coy will destroy the small enemy post at present in contact with D coy. 1 pl to move by night across FARIA and on to high ground on right bank overlooking the enemy.

ROUTE

New route.

TIME OUT

0900hrs.

TIME IN

When ordered by Bn. Recall signal (if comms fail) from JOHNS HILL at the hour. 2 RED VEREY

ATTACHED

1 NCO and 10 men from 5 pl to assist in holding the base. NOT to be committed in attack.

SUPPORT

F Troop 54 Bty F.O.O. with C coy.

EQUIPT

2" mors 36 rds - 27 HE and 9 smoke each.

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Equip contd.

LMGs 200 rds OSMGs 300 rds. Rifles 50 rds.

Haversacks will contain eating utensils.

#### RATIONS

2 days hard and 2 days emerg. Coy to be rationed daily from 19th

#### COMMS

Line to coy and arty 0.P. Additional 2-3 miles to be sent.

208 set coy to Bn to be used hourly if line gives out.

Bn to remain on listening watch if line gives out.



## PATROL ORDERS

### PATROL No 5

Will be moving along 60007 feature NW for approx 3000 yds  
yesterdays patrol to this posn failed to reach objective.

### PATROL No 6

20 Oct 43

#### STRENGTH

Woll Morris. G.E. MM and 25 Ors from B coy.

#### OBJECT

- (1) Recce a route by which a large party could ~~move~~ to outflank enemy.
- (2) Capture a prisoner, obtain identification and destroy any other enemy contacted.

#### OBJECTIVE

Knoll at NE of saddle over which main jap track passes.

#### ROUTE

As per trace supplied by "I" sec.

#### METHOD

Patrol to move to C coy HQ and make dump. Natives will carry haversacks, bedrolls. On reaching C coy, patrol will take 1 days rations and move to objective.

Capt. Wallace will take patrol and sec leaders to O.P. and point out all topographical features and give any other information of value to patrol.

Patrol will return to C coy for the night and move back morning of 21 Oct after contacting C.O.

#### TIME OUT

0730 hrs.

#### AMN

2 Brens 200 rds each. 6 OSMGs 200 rds each. 2 discharger cups -  
8 - 7 sec grenades. Rifles 50 rds each. 4 sec gren, 6 per sec.

#### RATIONS

2 days hard, 2 days emerg, 1 meal. QM will send tea and breakfast for following morning with C coy rations train.

Breakfast 20th Oct at B ech 0645.

Bed rolls and haversacks to be at B ech at 0645.

Capt. Wallace will be responsible for erecting shelters for patrol at C coy.

#### ORDERS FOR CAPT. WALLACE.

Ref B coy patrol Oct 20th, see above orders.

- (1) Patrol of Woll Morris and 25 Ors will reach C coy HQ at approx 0845 hrs 20 th Oct.
- (2) You will be responsible for the following:-
  - (a) Take patrol and sec leaders to O.P. and give them all topographical information and dispositions which will be of aid to patrol.
  - (b) Arrange for shelters of patrol to be erected during night of 20/21 Oct with your HQ. One man of patrol will remain at your HQ during the day.
  - (c) QM will send rations for evening meal and breakfast for morning of Oct 21st (26 men) with C coy ration train.

### PATROL No 7

Fighting patrol

21 Oct 43

Ref. PANORAMA OF PORTION OF DUMPU SHEET.

#### STRENGTH

1 offr and 14 Ors comnd Lt. White. \

#### OBJECT

To destroy small enemy post on plateau painted out on ground.

#### ROUTE

Through BEVER IDGES POST up steep reentrant SW of plateau.

Keep in timber working up stream and around waterfall.

Surprise enemy if possible.

2/27th on ridge above enemy will fire on enemy if they run up hill.

#### SUPPORT

If patrol needs support same can be called for by 1 RED flare fired toward the enemy. MMGs and Mortars if in position in time will fire as follows.

Mortar 24 rds HE, last 12 rapid.

MMGs 2 mins rapid, 2 mins normal.

If patrol calls for support it must withdraw 100 yds as mortars will not have ranged by fire.

#### TIME OUT

0730 from B ech where patrol will breakfast at 0700 hrs.  
(230)

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EQUIPT

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PATROL ORDER

PATROL No 8

25 Oct 43

OBJECT

route To recce and discover if Jap LofC exists NE of present  
posn.

ROUTE

time Follow B coy tracks and then follow NE down spur.  
Return by same route.

TIME OUT

0800L/25

TIME IN

1100L/25 if object not achieved

STRENGTH

Sgt Kellman and 4 Ors from B coy.



No 9

PATROL ORDERS

27 OCT 43

PATROL LEADER

SGT Philips A M and 5 O/Rs

Object

To confirm if track which LIMU patrol is on is same one Sgt Kelman found.

Method

Move out on Sgt Kelman's track until Jap track is reached, take turning to, the right and follow track until 1100L/28 or meet LIMU patrol.

Time Out

0900L/27

Time In

1700L/28

Rations

2 days hard and 2 emergency.

Weapons

2 OSMGs and 200rds and 4 RIFLES with 50rds each.







DON COY PATROL REPORT

BY Pte GITTOS A.J.

17 to 19 Oct 43

COMND Major A.G. Symington.

STRENGTH 3 offrs and 85 ors.

OBJECT Contact and destroy enemy in FARIAR area NORTH of GUYS POST.

TIME OUT 0530L/17 TIME IN 1600L/19

REPORT

Reached point where Lt. Buchanan had previously contacted enemy. 16 pl moved fwd to clear track to FARIAR; on a report of all clear coy moved on.

Arrived at FARIAR R AT 0930L/17

17 pl moved through to clear track through open country for 500 yds on EAST bank of FARIA R. Report all clear. Coy moved up. Track turned right up tributary for 500 yds to KEY POINT 2, this turned out to consist of 12 large huts well protected by (vacated) deeply dug in defensive posns. Former Jap O.P. located on ridge above village.

18 pl moved through and cleared to ridge above KEY POINT 2. Reported all clear.

1230L/17 Coy placed in defensive posns on ridge.

1300L/17 18 pl sent fwd along track on fighting patrol, contacted Japs in posn approx 1000 yds fwd, were fired on from posns and returned fire. Possible enemy casualties- 1 killed 2 wounded. Were unable to estimate enemy strength, pl withdrew returning to coy area at 1530L/17

1545L/17 O.C. received permission from C.O. to attack enemy with 16 and 17 pls at 1630L/17.

Attack was successful and enemy withdrew to NORTH bank of FARIA.

Written message from O.C. to C.O.

To DADI from FULA. Cleared village on opposite side of O.P. Ridge exploited to village 400 yds further and cleared.

Enemy holding on WEST bank of FARIA and at foot of HIMI HILL. Own casualties 3 W.I.A. Enemy casualties unknown. TOO 1740L/17 1800L/17 F.O.O. directed Arty fire on Jap posns and harassing fire during night.

1930L/17 Pls returned and coy took up defensive posns for night. A quiet night.

18 Oct 0715L/18 17 pl sent fwd on track to attempt cross river and determine if enemy still in area, also to obtain identification if possible.

0830L/18 Arrived at village on crossing and observed 5 Japs in posn opposite bank of river. Enemy were fired on by fwd section and was answered by very heavy fire from enemy posns.

Attempt to cross river abandoned as party of enemy were observed moving to high ground in area of pls posn. Pl withdrew and returned to coy area 1000L/18.

Our casualties 1 KIA. Enemy cas 2 possible.

1045L/18 Enemy mountain gun shelled posn vicinity Jap O.P. Shelling ceased with the advent of our TAC/R planes.

1100L/18 Previous order for coy to withdraw to Bn area cancelled by C.O. Coy ordered to remain in posn to give support if possible to HIMI attack 1200L/18 16 pl sent fwd on to high ground on EAST of FARIA crossing, covering crossing, to give support in the event of HIMI attack which did not develop.

1600L/18 returned to coy area.

1800L/18 O.C. received permission to move to FARIA crossing early on 19 th and to use arty on enemy posns on the other side of river, followed by crossing if possible.

Quiet night.

19 th Oct 0700L/19 16 and 17 pls with coy HQ moved to crossing 0800L/19 17 pl overlooking village. 16 pl on high ground covering crossing. L M G fire directed at enemy posns but no fire returned

0900L/19 Mt gun fired 6 rds overhead onto O.P. area.

0915L/19 - 0950L/19 F.O.O. directed fire of arty barrage approx 70 rds on Jap posns.

1015 L/19 Party of 4 attempted to cross river downstream from enemy posns, only possible crossing found to be opposite posns and attempt was abandoned. Party returned without being fired on. L/Cpl Fleay's body recovered and buried.

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1100L/19 Returned to coy area.  
1130L/19 Relieved by C coy and move back to Bn area commenced.  
1600L/19 Arrived back in Bn area.

FOR COY PATROL

COMP Major A.S. [illegible]

STRENGTH 3 officers and 25 men

OBJECT Contact and destroy enemy in TARIK area NORTH of DUYE POST

TIME OUT 0500/19 TIME IN 1600/19

REPORT

Reached point where Lt. [illegible] had previously contacted  
enemy. Lt. [illegible] moved 1st to clear track to TARIK; on a  
report of all clear coy moved on.  
Arrived at TARIK R. AT 0900/19  
Lt. [illegible] moved through to clear track through open country for  
500 yds on EAST bank of TARIK R. Report all clear. Coy  
moved up. Track turned right up tributary for 500 yds to  
KEY POINT 2. This turned out to consist of 12 large huts  
well protected by (vibrated) deeply dug in defensive positions.  
Former Jap C.P. located on ridge above village.  
Lt. [illegible] moved through and ordered to ridge above KEY POINT 2  
Reported all clear.  
1200/19 Coy placed in defensive position on ridge.  
1300/19 Lt. [illegible] sent 1st scout track on lighting patrol.  
Contacted Japs in post approx 1000 yds NW, well lined on from  
poor and rocky hill. Possible enemy casualties 1 killed  
2 wounded. Were unable to estimate enemy strength. Lt. [illegible]  
returning to coy area at 1500/19  
1500/19 C.C. received permission from C.O. to attack enemy  
with 1st and 17th at 1530/19.  
Attack was successful and enemy withdrew to NORTH bank of  
TARIK.  
Written was up from C.O. to C.C.  
To 1801 from TARIK. Cleared village on opposite side of C.P.  
Ridge extended to village 500 yds further and cleared.  
Enemy holding on WEST bank of TARIK and at foot of HILL 1111  
Own casualties 3 W.A. Enemy casualties unknown. 1000/19  
1000/19 3.0.0. directed fire on Jap house and surrounding  
the village.  
1200/19 Lt. [illegible] returned and coy took up defensive position for  
night. A quiet night.  
1300/19 Lt. [illegible] sent 1st scout to attempt cross river  
and determine if enemy still in area, also to obtain  
identification if possible.  
0500/19 Arrived at village on opposite side of TARIK R. Japs in  
poor opposite bank of river. Enemy were lined on by 1st section  
and was covered by very heavy fire from enemy house.  
Attempt to cross river abandoned as party of enemy were  
observed moving to high ground in front of the post.  
Lt. [illegible] and returned to coy area 1000/19.  
Own casualties 1 KIA. Enemy one possible.  
1000/19 Enemy position and shelled post vicinity Jap C.P.  
Shelling ceased with the advent of our 1st section.  
1100/19 1st section ordered for coy to withdraw to Bn area  
cancelled at 0.0. Coy ordered to remain in position  
support is possible to 11th section 1300/19 Lt. [illegible] sent 1st  
on to high ground on EAST of TARIK crossing, covering crossing  
to give support in the event of HILL attack which did not  
develop.  
1600/19 returned to coy area.  
1600/19 0.0. received permission to move to TARIK crossing  
early on 19th and to use 1st on enemy house on the other  
side of river, followed by crossing if possible.  
Quiet night.  
12th Dec 0500/19 1st and 17th with coy HQ moved to crossing  
0600/19 Lt. [illegible] overflying village. Lt. [illegible] on high ground  
covering crossing. A W 1st directed at enemy house but no  
fire returned.  
0900/19 Lt. [illegible] sent 1st to overhead onto C.P. side.  
0900/19 - 0900/19 3.0.0. directed fire of arty barrage  
aimed at the on Jap house.  
1000/19 1st party of 4 attempted to cross river downstream from  
enemy house, only possible crossing found to be opposite house  
and attempt was abandoned. Party returned without being fired  
on. Lt. [illegible] 1st party's body recovered and buried.

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NUMBER 4 PATROL.

25.OCT.43

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS BY N<sup>o</sup> 4 PATROL(A.Coy)

IN FARIA RIVER AREA; (Ref; KUMBARUM. 1/25000) 704638

With the Mortars and M.M.Gs in support, Cpl Murphy's section from 9 Pl was moved to a posn on the ridge overlooking the Island area with orders to move into this area as soon as the firing finished, to find out if there were any Japs in the area. It was thought that if there were any Japs there they would still be in a dazed condition; the section was not to remain on the Island, but return as soon as the presence of enemy was disclosed. The remaining two sections under Sgt Johnston covered the advance from the bank of the River.

Just before the attacking section moved off, a section of 7 Pl under Lieut Watts arrived and the latter ordered 8 section into the attack also, with 7 section and the section of 7 Pl to give covering fire to the attackers. After freely exposing themselves to draw enemy fire, the two sections advanced across the river and were fired on immediately the first men crossed the river, fire coming from the high ground on both flanks and also from the centre. The sections pushed forward until they reached what appeared to be a large pillbox, a natural stone wall 8-10 ft high. Very heavy grenade and L.M.G. fire came from this point. The posn was untenable and a withdrawal was ordered over the river. During this withdrawal Cpl Murphy and Pte Rendall did excellent work covering the return of the sections. The party was reformed immediately on reaching the bank and a hot exchange of fire was continued the Japs increasing their fire power mortars, grenade dischargers, and heavy Mtn gun fire.

Sgt Johnston had been killed as he was recrossing the river and at this stage 7 men were missing. The fire became so heavy that the troops were withdrawn about 50 yds to the high ground and then to the high bank 100 yds in rear, comparatively covered from fire. Our Arty opened up and considerably relieved the posn as the Mtn gun stopped firing. The Arty then fired smoke which enabled two men to get back from the fwd posn's. The line to the fwd Arty O.P. was cut by shellfire during the action and necessitated a slight delay in laying down the smoke.

Three men were reported missing believed killed, and one man missing from the action, three of them crawled in during the night, all wounded.



PATROL REPORT

No 6 Patrol

By Pte. Richardson. T. E.

20-23 Oct 43

Ref. Map DUMPU 17

STRENGTH Woll Morris and 6 ors.

TIME OUT 0820L/20 TIME IN 1300L/23

ROUTE

Through C coy along razor back running NORTH EAST and down into the FARIA RIVER valley.

OBJECT

To recon behind enemy LofC on right flank and gain information.

ANSWER

Failed to gain objective owing to enemy activity on NORTH bank of FARIA RIVER.

ENEMY

Two groups seen, probably 8 men. Vision limited, see remarks.

NATURE OF COUNTRY

Majority of slopes steep and inaccessible to tps. Spurs leading down to FARIA R towards the head are steep but possible to few tps.

VEGETATION

Forrest, timber along spurs but scrub along all gullies and depressions.

TRACKS

Track running down bed of FARIA R. Track on NORTH bank of river. see remarks.

WATER COURSES

FARIA RIVER water course rough and boulder strewn. Approx 12 ft wide, banks steep and hard to negotiate.

REMARKS

Patrol had lunch SOUTH bank of FARIA R. approx ref. 704640 then proceeded across river and ascended opposite up onto a gradual slope running off a spur (200 yds from river) Leading scout observed several frameworks for tents made out of freshly cut timber. Patrol found old Jap flag. Several respirators, and tins were scattered around. Above this a track running parallel to river was found a made track approx 5 ft wide. Fresh tracks indicate movement of a large body of men had passed that morning, possibly 100. Movement was then noticed 40 yds through the timber to the right. Two tents erected and men appeared to be engaged in erecting more. Several fire lanes covering track running down the river, which would from their elevated position also cover the bed of the river. ~~The~~ river Being a small recon patrol we withdrew across and returned to Bn with the information.

DEDUCTIONS

Enemy apparently had no tps watching approaches, as our patrol crossed both times in sight of the opposite bank. Track following bed of river was old route and has now been shifted up into timber to escape observation and allow larger movement of tps. Route could be alternative LofC to head of FARIA RIVER.



OPERATION ORDER

2/16 th AUST INF BN.

O.O. No 5

Ref. Map DUMPU 1"

4 Oct 43

INFORMATION

Patrol 14 pl contacted 25 Japs at NAMAPUT 1500 hrs.  
Killed 7 Our casualties 3, KIA, 1. WIA 1 and 1.  
1 offr and 13 ors 2/7 Ind coy sent out to extricate.  
7 Japs in old DUMPU 694525  
30 Sept O.P. in tree, approach from SOUTH  
8 pl reached WAMPUN, unoccupied posns 14 foxholes facing SOUTH  
806457 EAST end of village.  
Village deserted. 5' track running NORTH along ck bed.

Own tps.

2/14 th to WAMPUT behind 2/16 th  
2/27 th to BEWI R. Responsible for all crossings.  
2/6 th Ind coy under Bde comd.  
Engr recce party with 2/16 th.

INTENTION

Secure bridgehead over SURINAM RIVER to protect air strip.

METHOD

Adv guard A coy.  
1 pl to move from KIAGALIN 0800 hrs.  
Remainder move 0830 hrs leaving 2 connecting files at  
KIAGULIN. A coy to clearly mark their route.  
No move fwd after 1700 hrs. Form perimeter at 1700hrs

5 pl  
Comd group  
B coy left if deployed  
D coy right " "  
HQ coy with natives  
C coy

Arty F.O.O. with A coy HQ 50 rds on call  
Engrs Recce party with Comd gp

TIMING

Point pl moves 0800hrs from KIAGULIN  
A coy moves 0830hrs " "  
5 pl crosses bridge 0830 hrs  
Comd " " 0832 "  
B coy across  
D coy crosses bridge 0835 "  
HQ coy " " 0845 "  
C coy " " 0900 "

ADMINISTRATION

Rations 2 days from 0600 hrs 4th Oct 2 days emergency  
Medical RAP usual place. Evacuate to Lt sec with Bde  
Natives 128. No 11 set 24 Mortars 38 to carry 90 bombs  
RAP 2 M.MGs 24  
Sigs 15 Rations 19  
I.O. 1  
Adj't 1  
C.O. 1

Ann. Normal,  
Fires. at 0600hrs

COMMUNICATIONS

A coy to run line - tee in 10 mins to each hour.  
also R/T continuous watch.  
Div to lay double twisted line behind Bn  
No 11 set with HQ coy, contact when ordered, by Bn or at halts  
over 15 mins.  
511 set with Arty.



ADMINISTRATION ORDER

No 1

18 Oct 43

ADMINISTRATION

MOSQUITO NETS to be used from 1900L/18. Only exception to be sentries who will use repellent lotion.

WATER STERILIZATION Pl comnds must ensure that men with stomach trouble take medicine.

LATRINES will be inspected by RMO by 1100 hrs and reported on by 1300 hrs.

SENTRIES pl comnds will NOT perform sentry duty but will check sentries between 2400 and 0100 nightly.

CITATIONS any from A, B, and C coys (Cpl Harris)

BEDS Men will sleep off ground to lessen the incidence of sickness.  $\frac{1}{2}$  blankets have been requested.

OPERATIONAL

STAND TO means stand to in fighting posns. Offrs to check daily  
DEFENSIVE POSNS leave something to be desired.

Depth Don't line a razor back ridge, it can be taken. Look for spurs and ridges under ridges. Site posts here to give defense in depth. Only knoll's along ridge need be manned. On fwd slopes parapets are useless and a menace, many men are shot by their comrades behind because of NO parados. A parapet actually offers no protection since the man has to look over the top to shoot.

OFFICERS must go round their posts when shelling is on and prevent men cowering in their holes, this, is just what the enemy wants.

PATROLS Patrol coy fronts to 1000 yds depth morning and afternoon.  
MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY In offensive ops' contact once gained must be maintained.

AMN WASTAGE indicates wild and uncontrollable shooting, husband your arms and weapons.



2/16 th Aust Inf Bn

26 Oct 43

Individual actions worthy of mention during encounter with enemy by 13 pl on 22 Oct 43.

NX 127101 Pte ROWNEY.W.A recovered the Bren gun used by Pte Henderson (KIA) and continued to maintain it during the action.

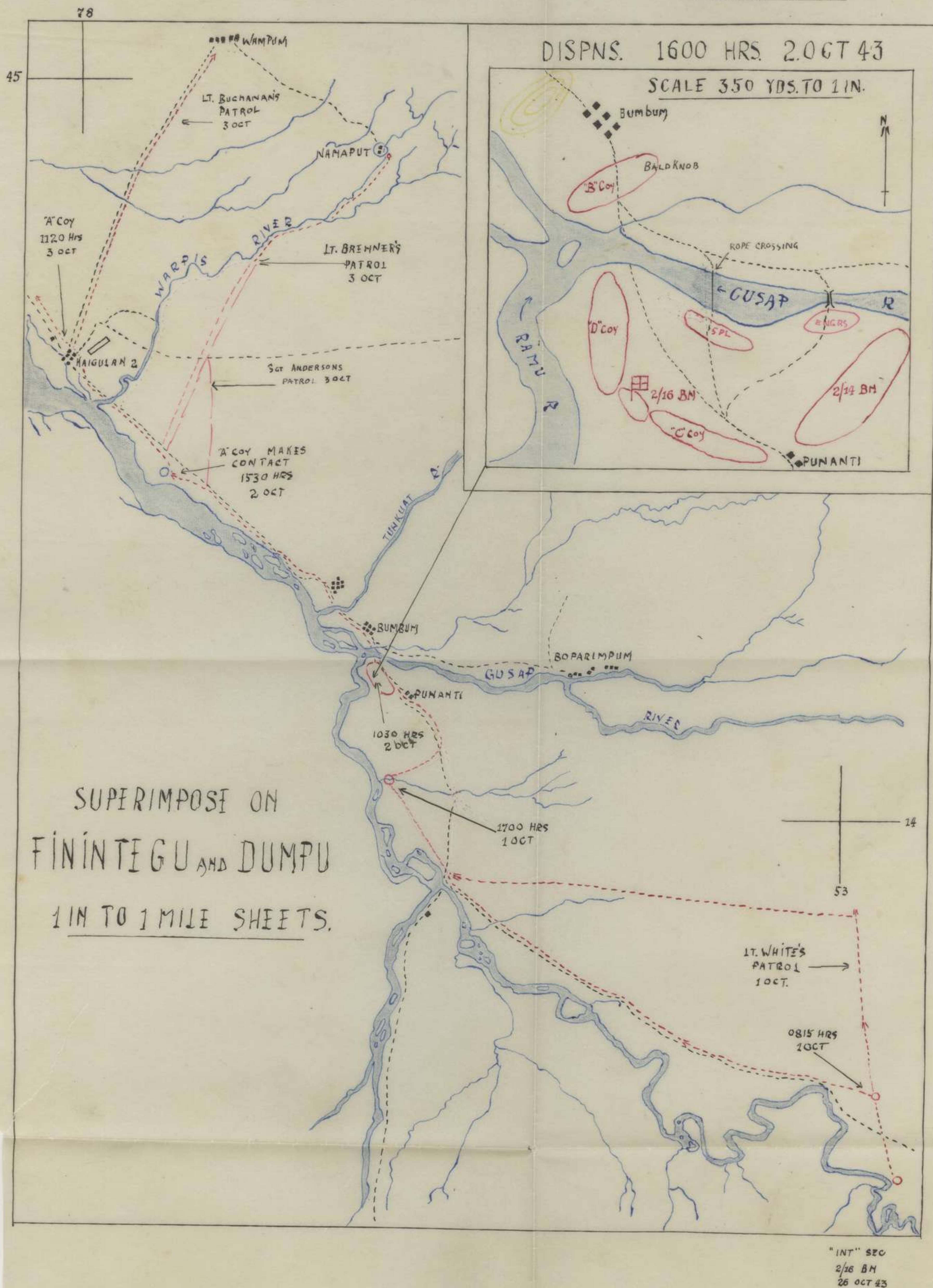
WX 12899 L/Cpl FORREST.G.C. quickly and efficiently tended the wounded, made stretchers, and supervised the evacuation of casualties back to village.

WX 5650 L/Cpl JENNER. L. K.I.A. when called to go down forward slope to tend Pte Henderson (KIA), did so without hesitation, and in doing so was killed.

For many this was the first time under fire. Without exception the quickness and coolness of the men in carrying out orders was notable.

( signed) C.D.Anderson Sgt



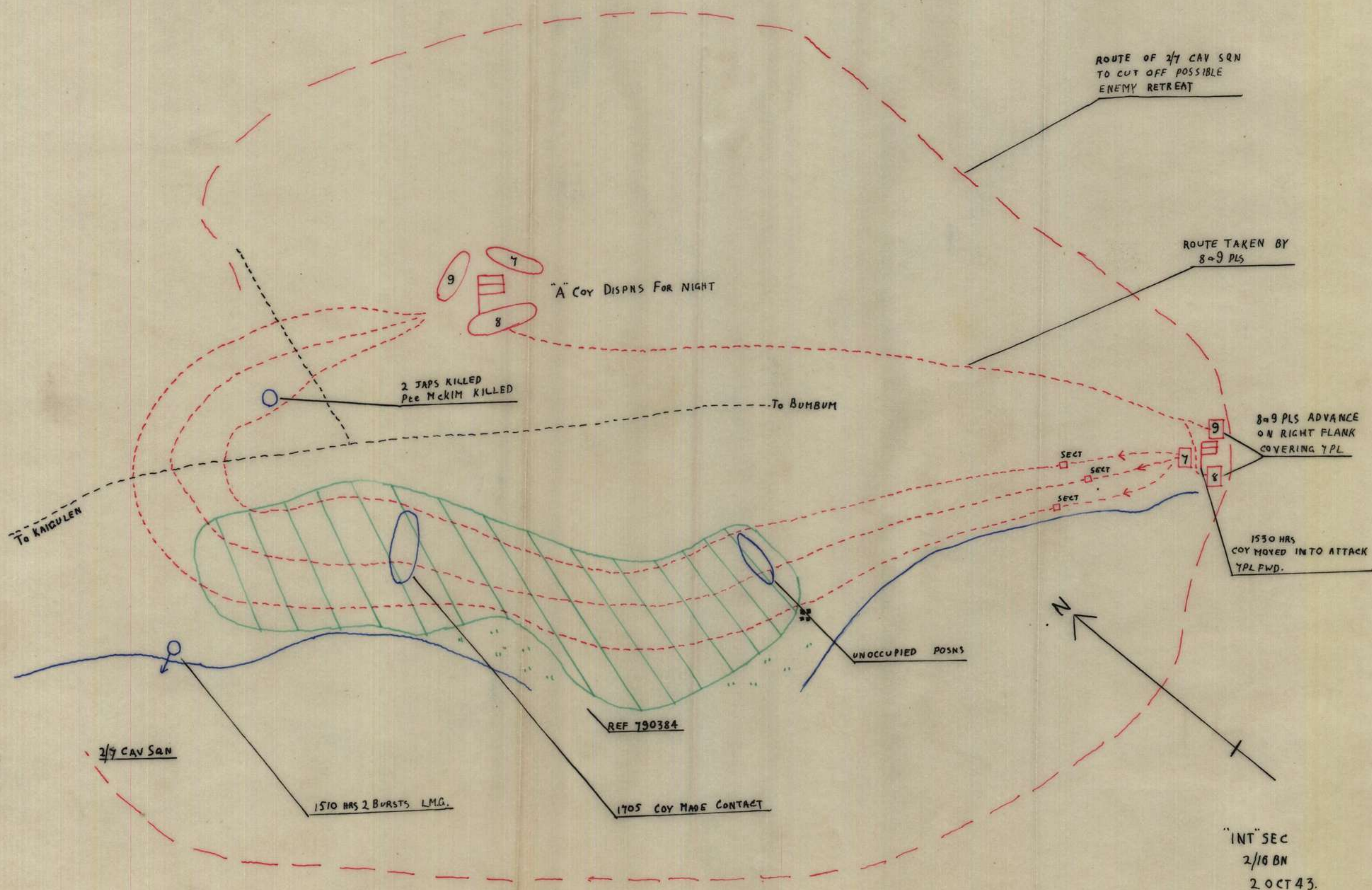




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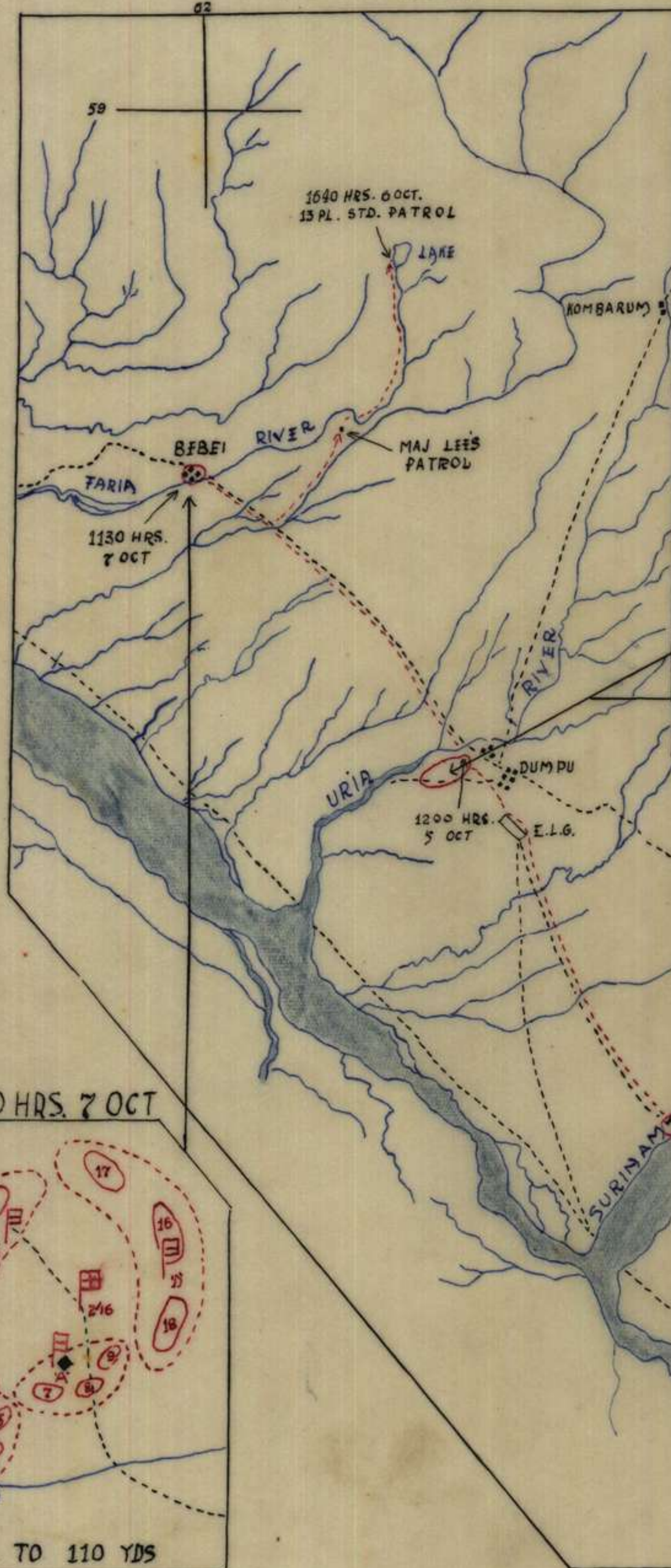
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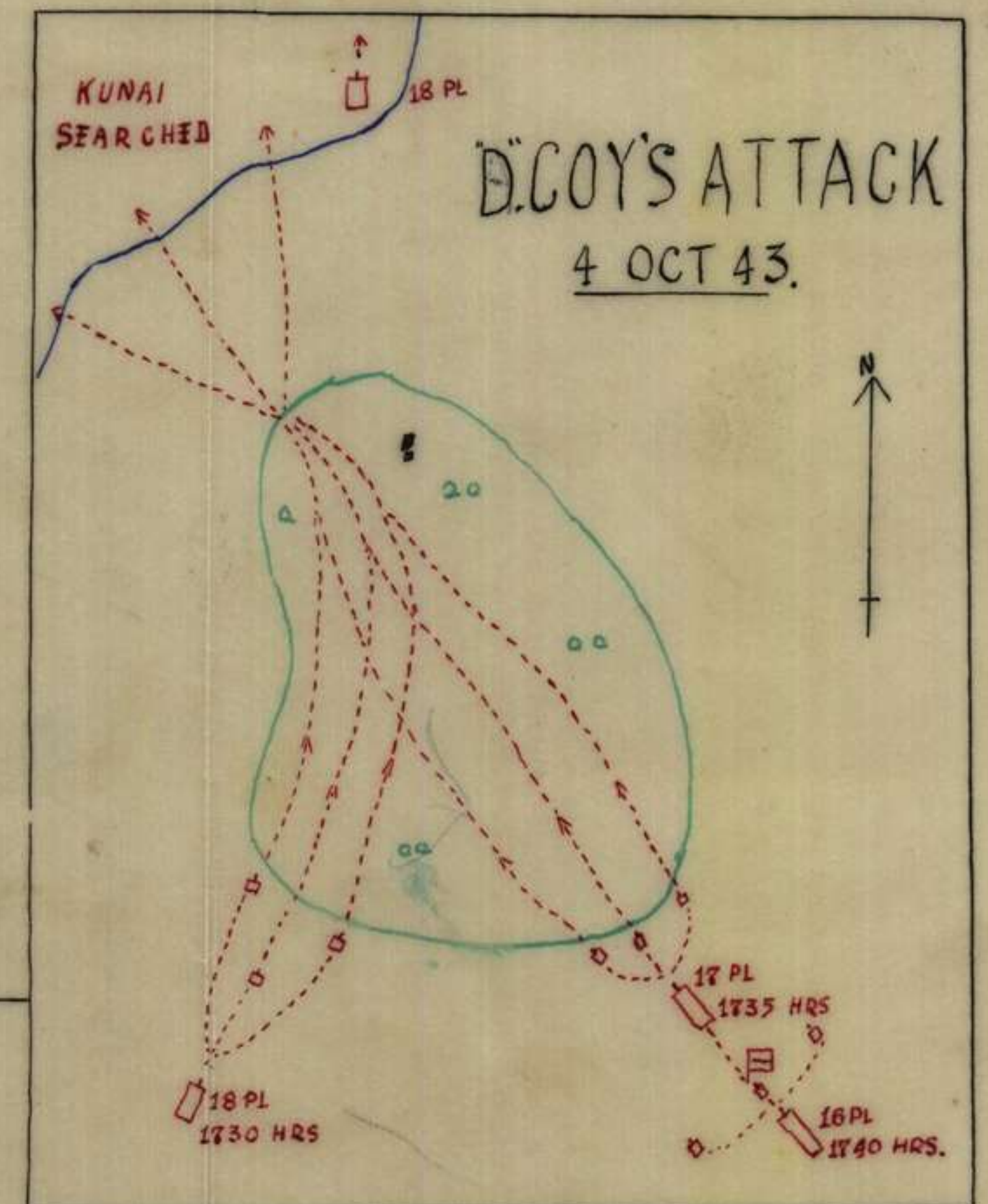
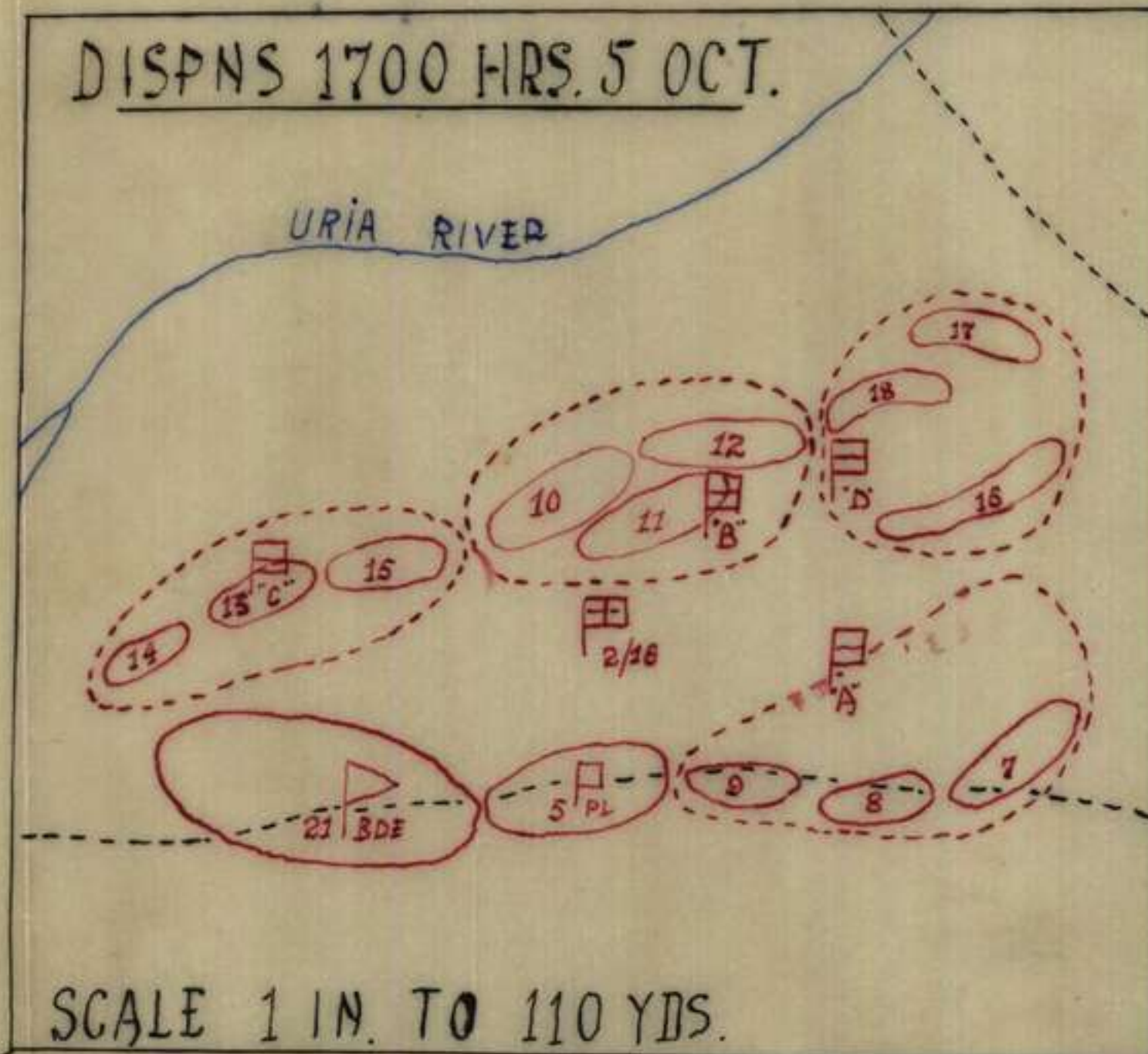


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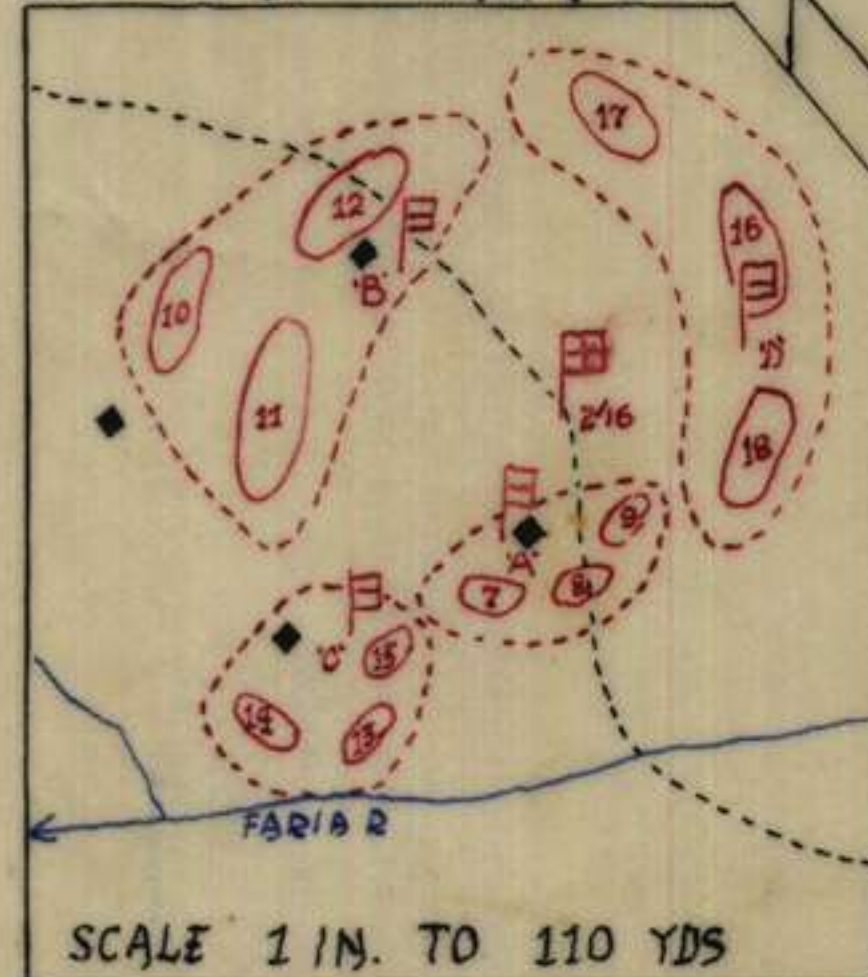
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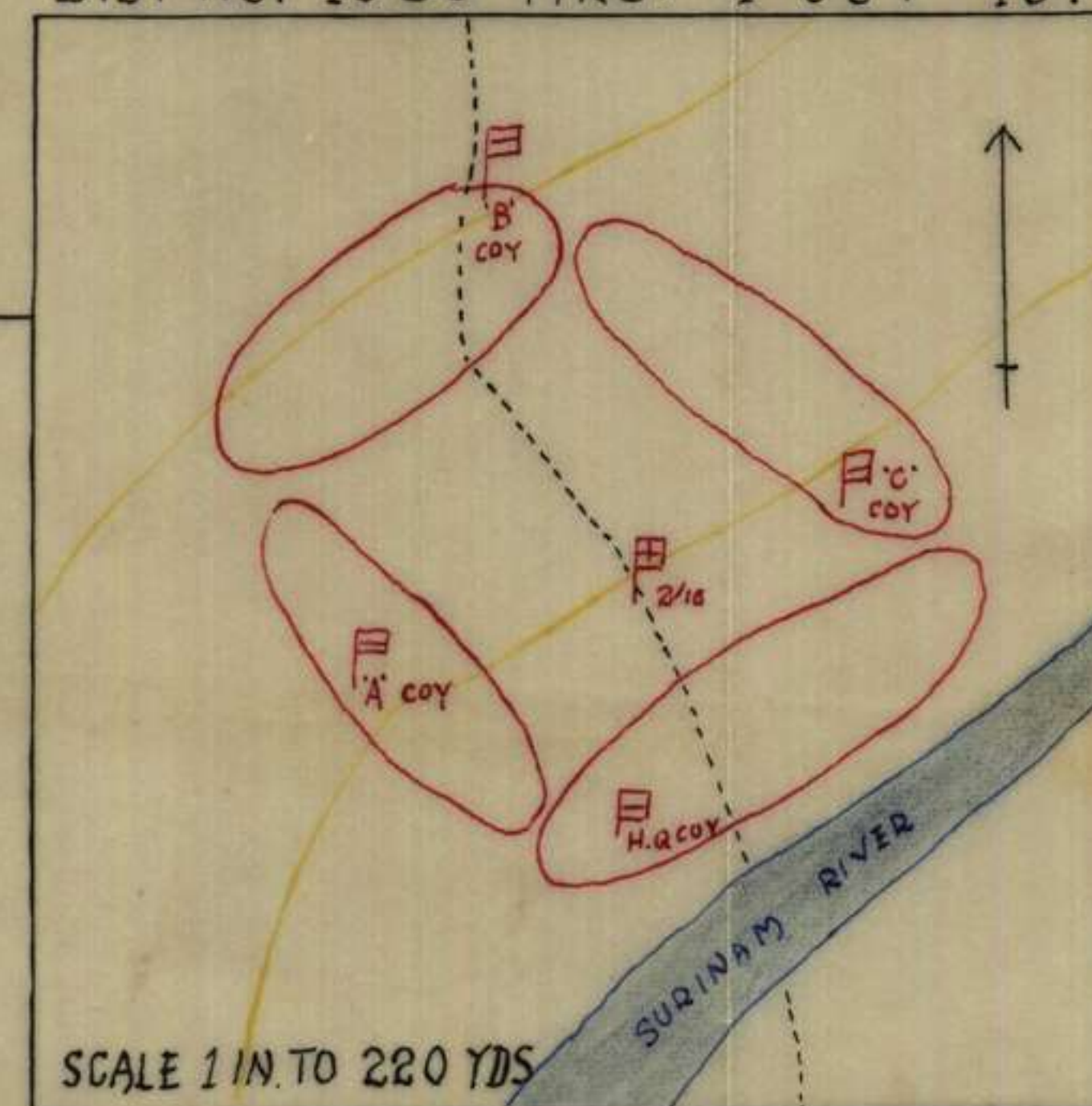
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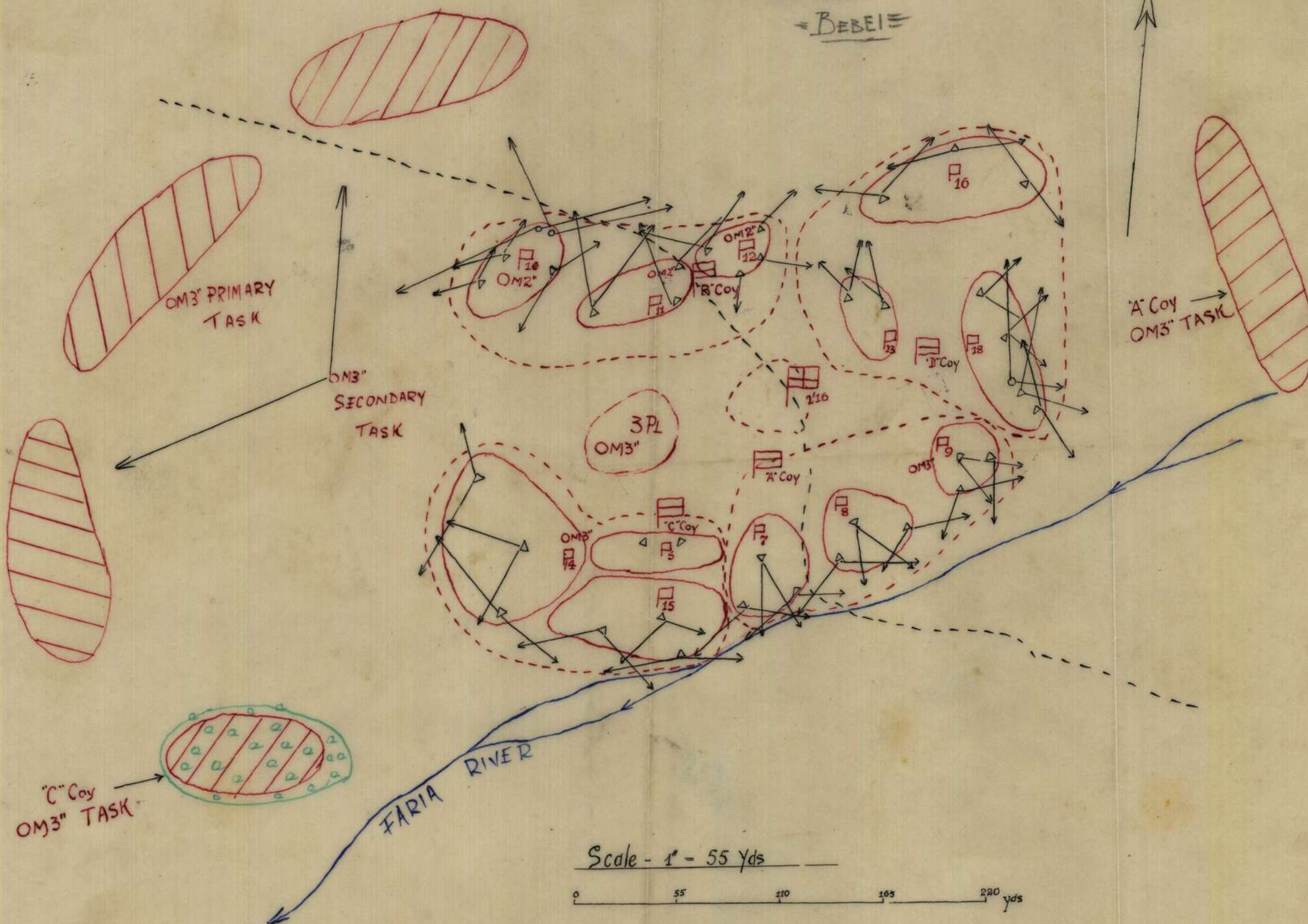
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FIRE-PLAN - 2/16 B-

9. Oct. 43

To 1200/L Hrs

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Reliability:- Compass bearings and pacing.-

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2/16 B-  
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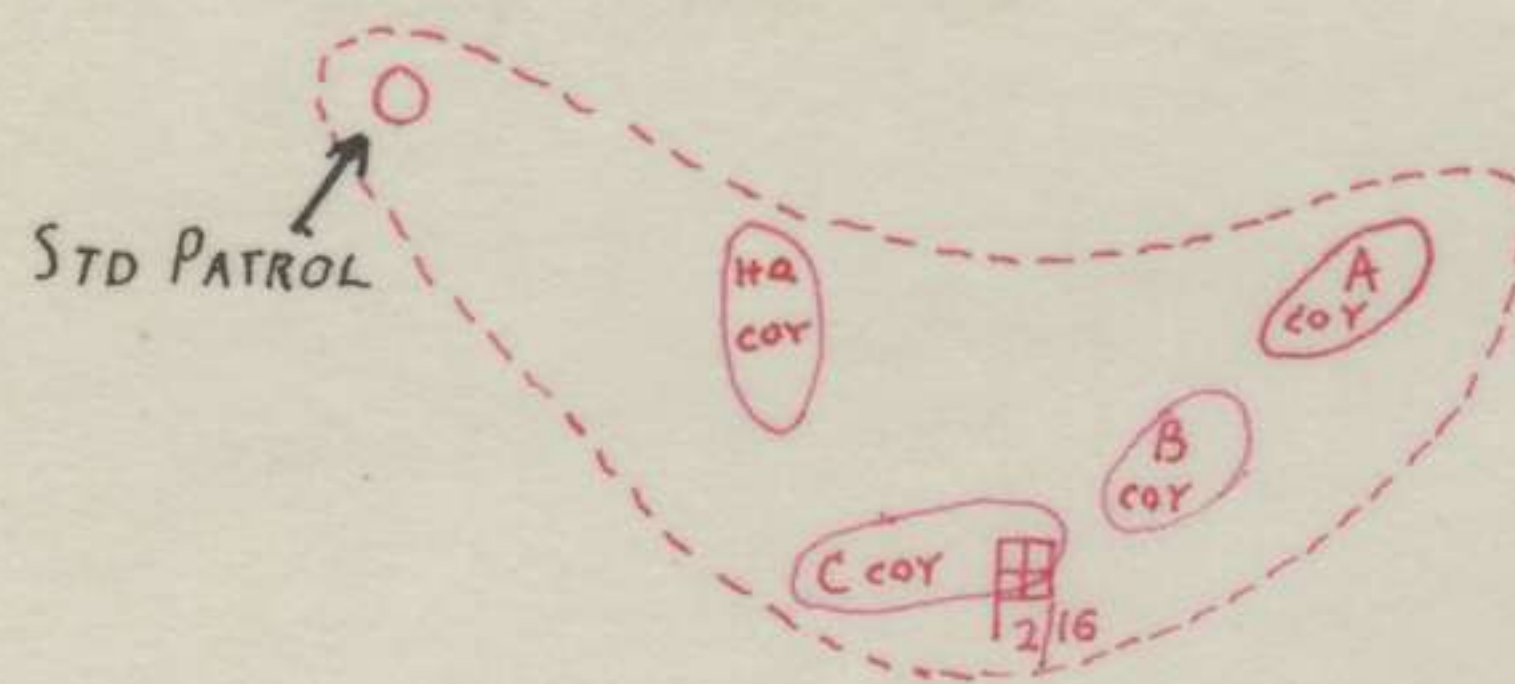
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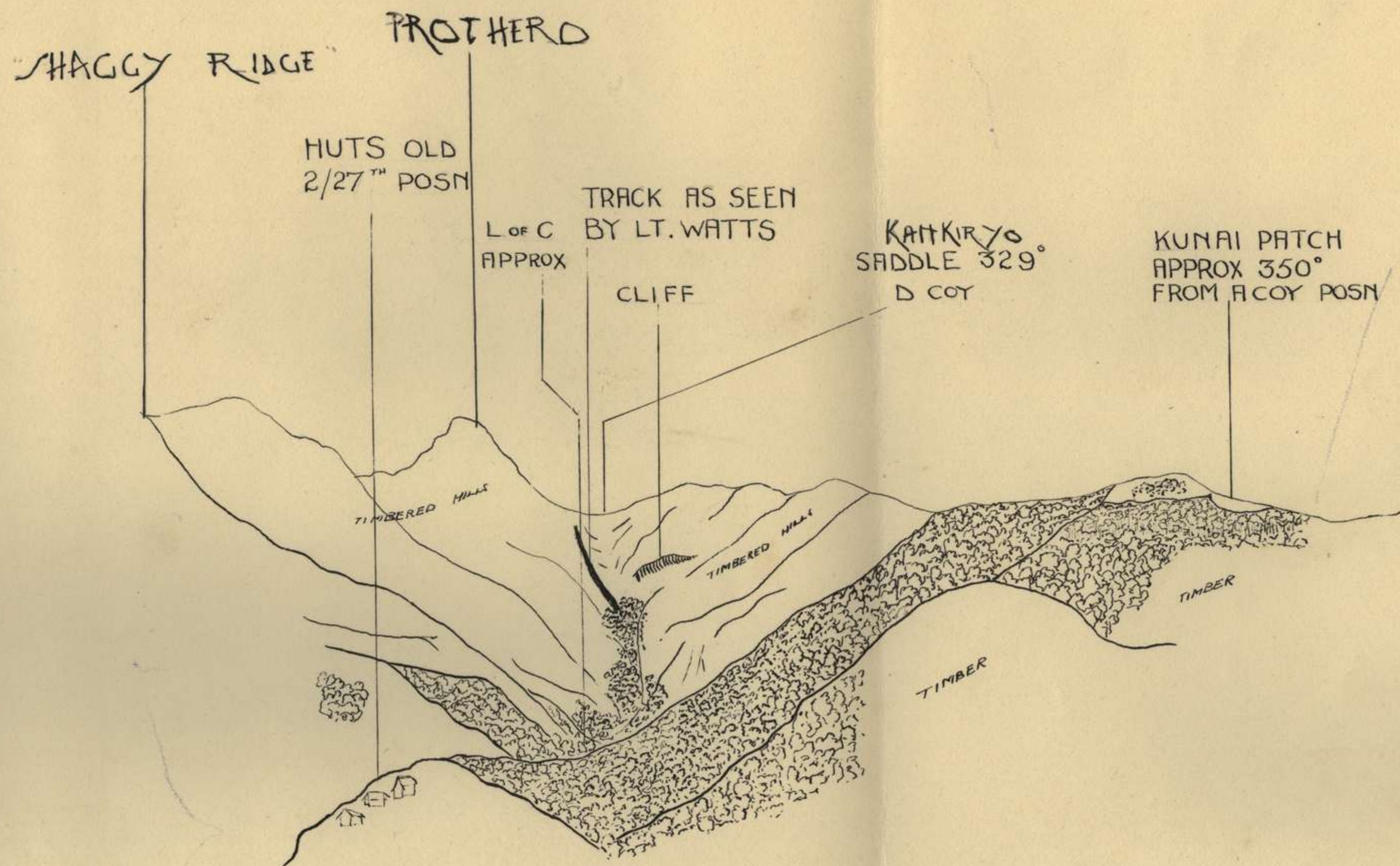
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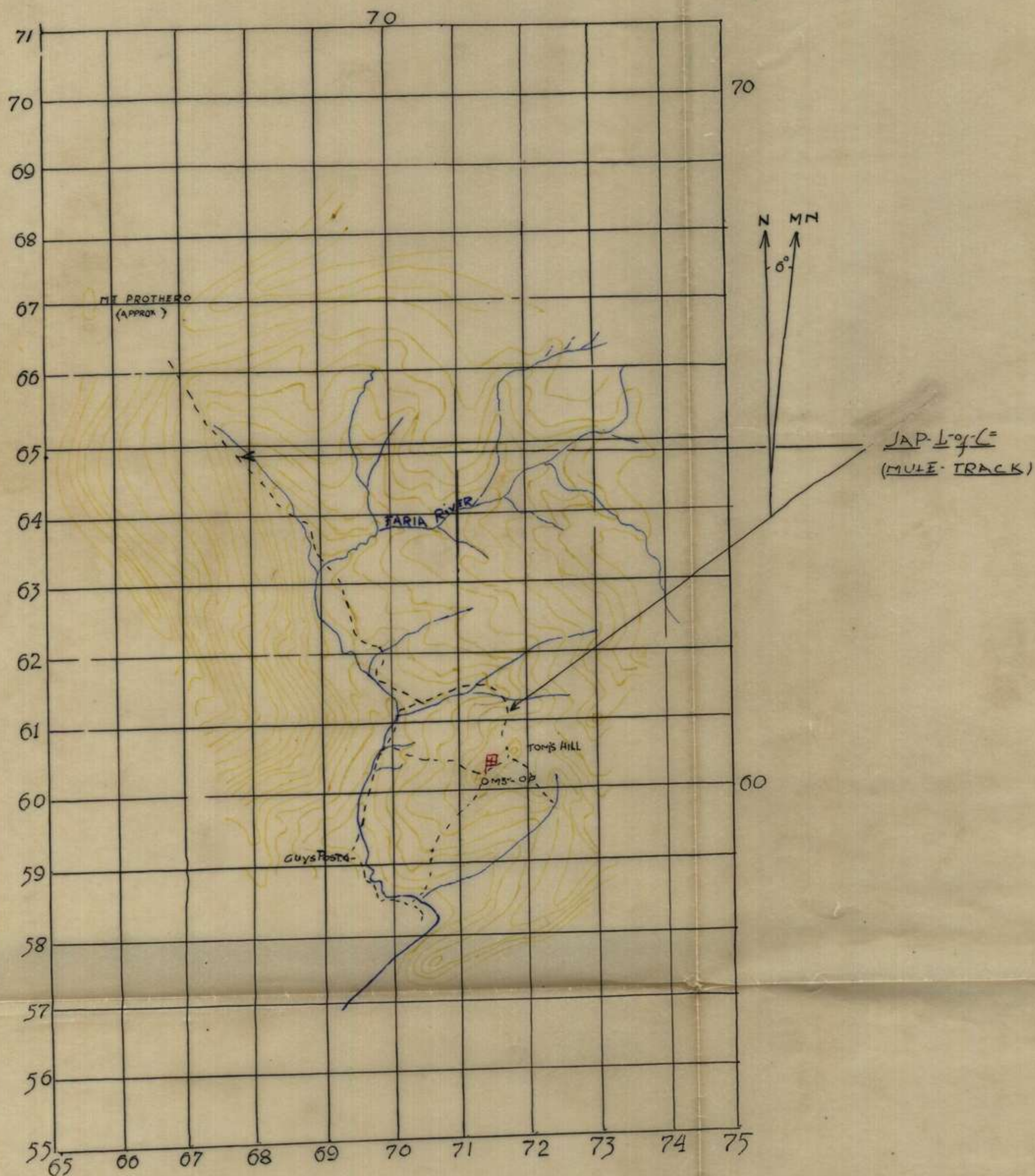
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JOHN'S KNOLL

VISIBILITY GOOD

TIME TAKEN 1 1/2 HRS



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SCALE 1"=1 MILE

INT SECT  
2/10 B-  
5 10/43



LETHLEENS HILL  
330°

ROSES HILL (HERALD'S)  
334°

BRIAN'S HILL

PIRES

TO McCULLOUGH'S HILL (SHAGGY)

5°

YOUNG'S O.P.  
12°

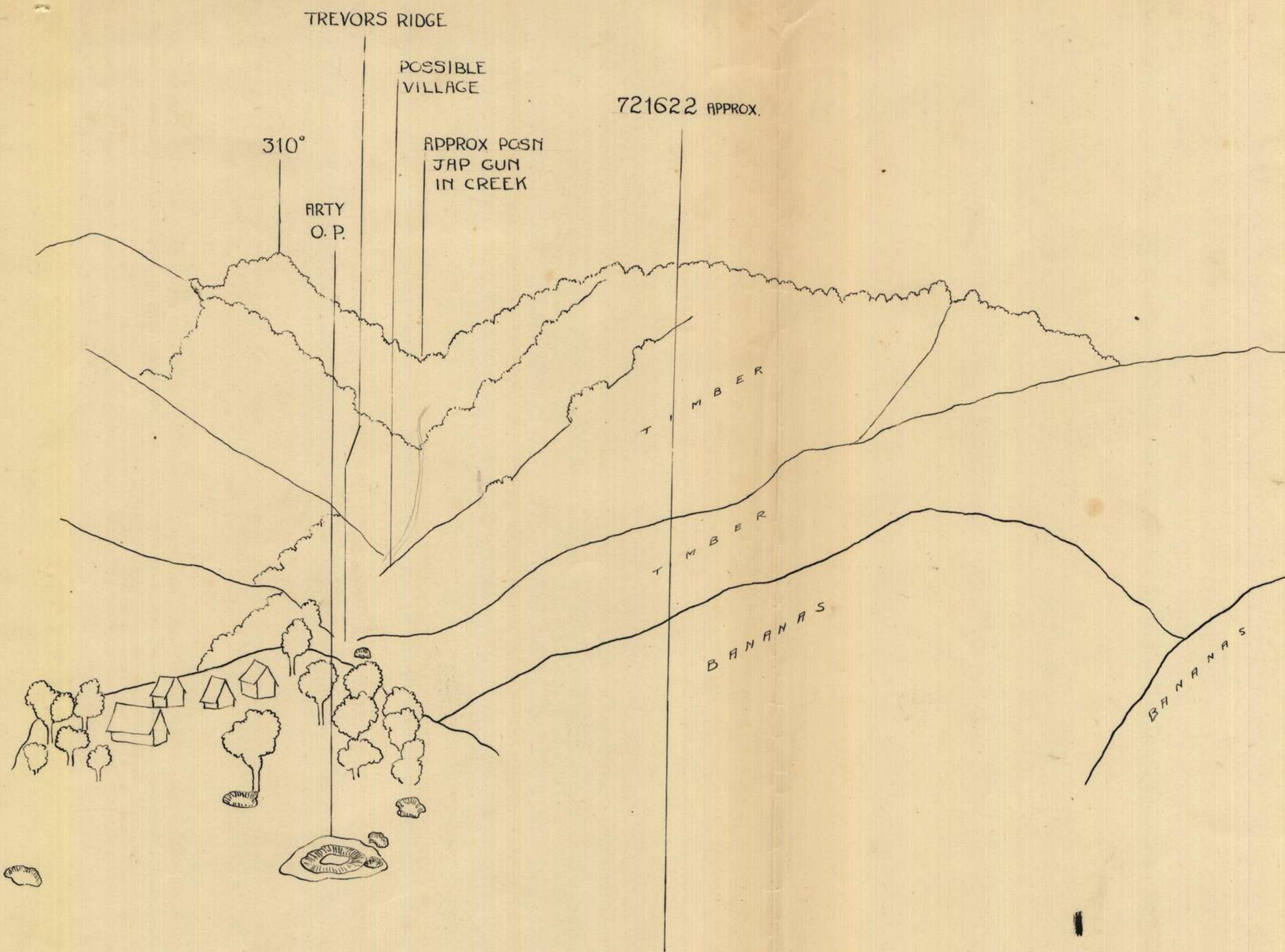


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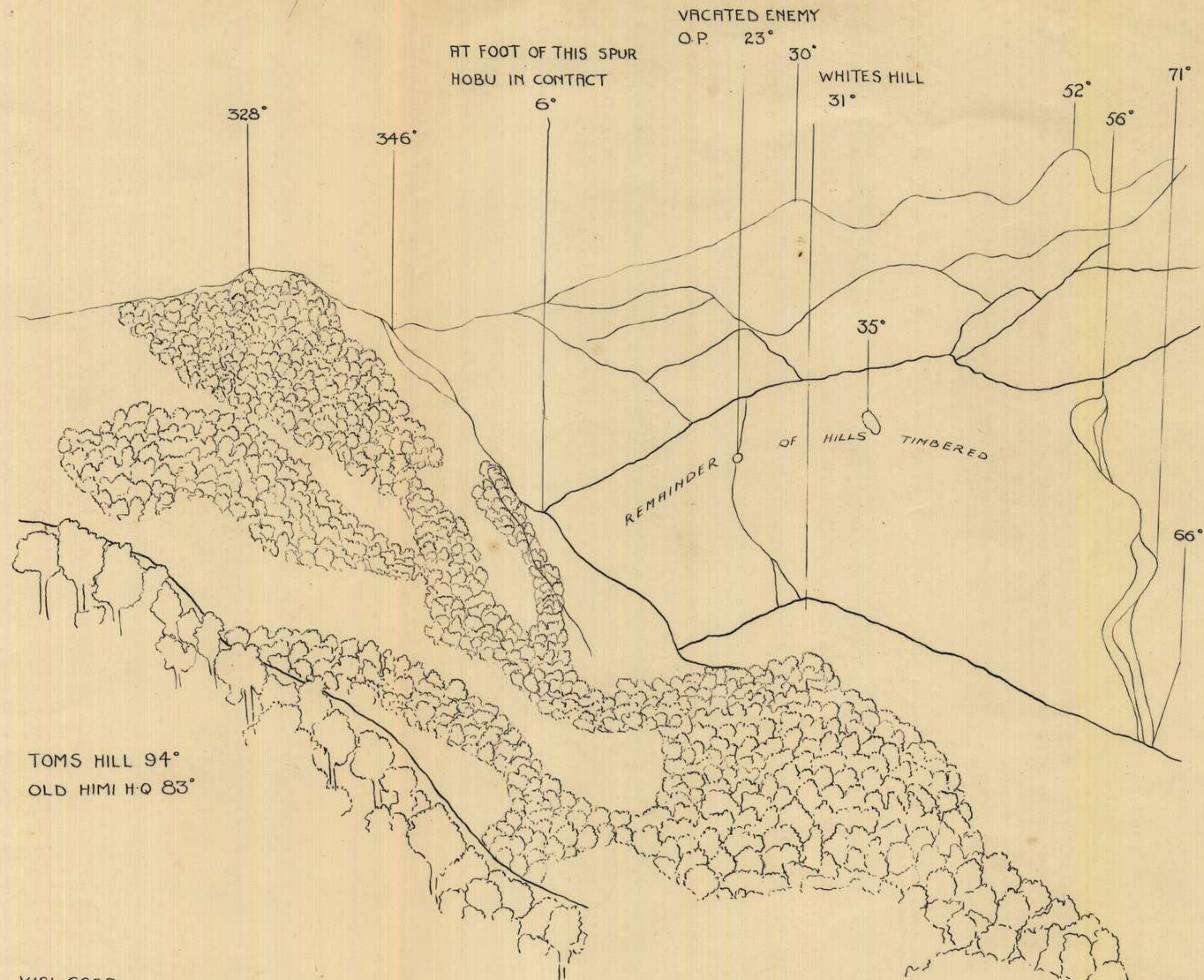
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SHELL HOLES

16 OCT 43  
117 SEC 2/16<sup>TH</sup> BN

UPPER FARIA AS SEEN FROM JOHN'S KIDOLL





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24 OCT 43  
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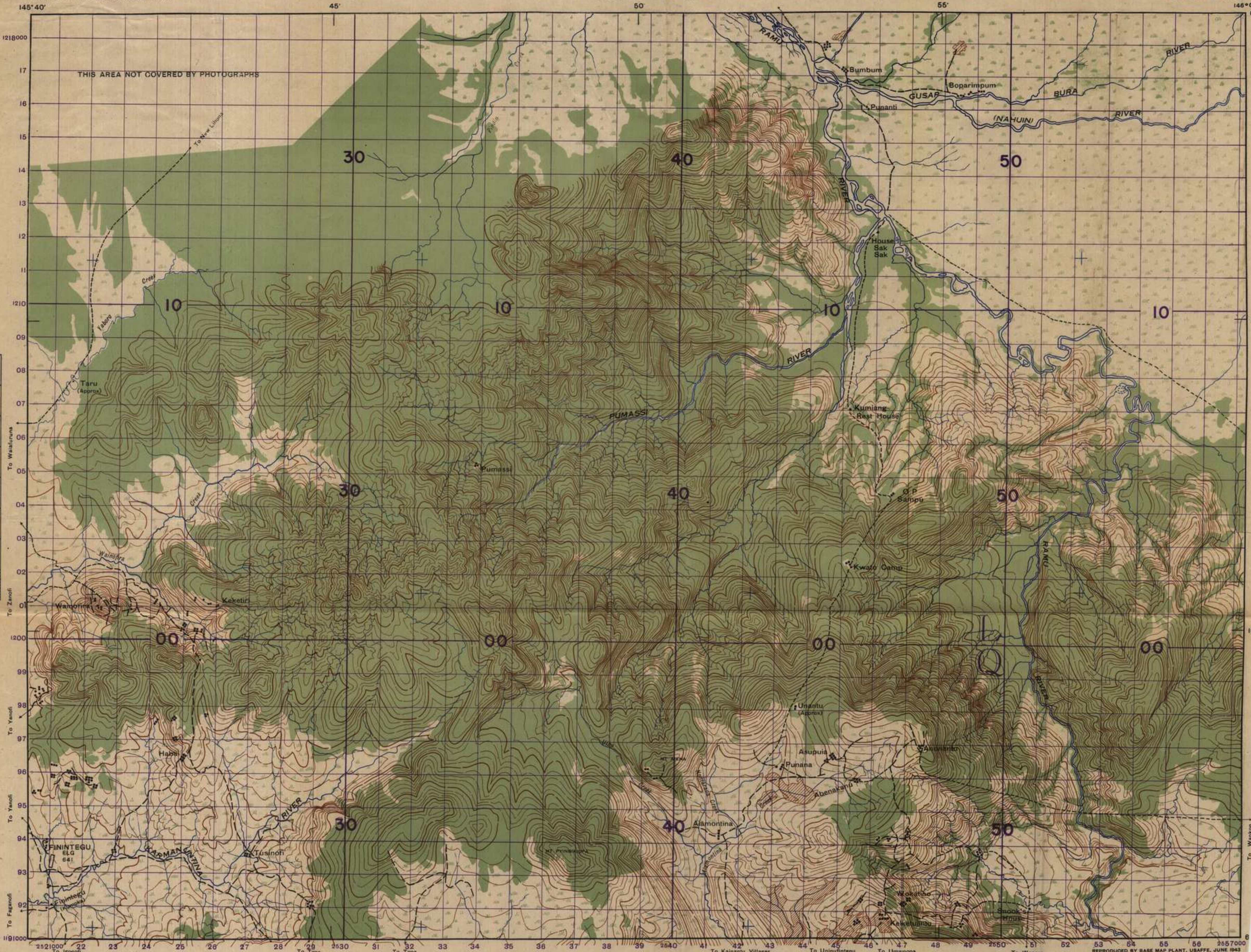
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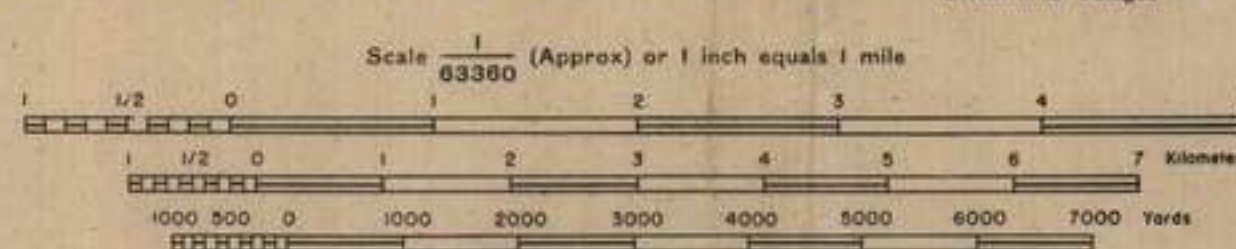
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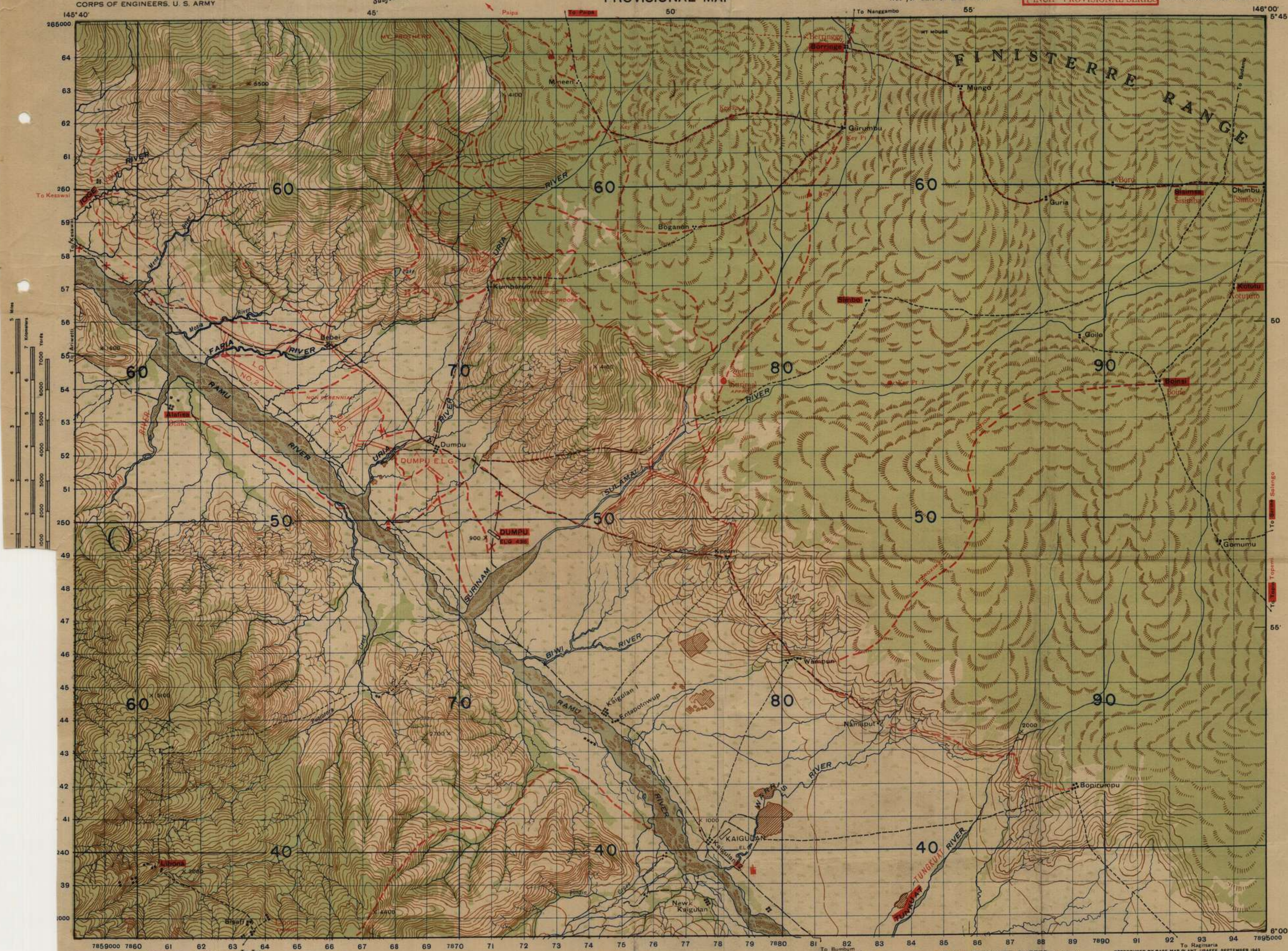


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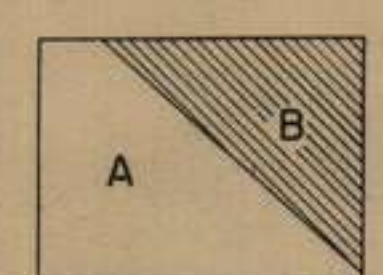




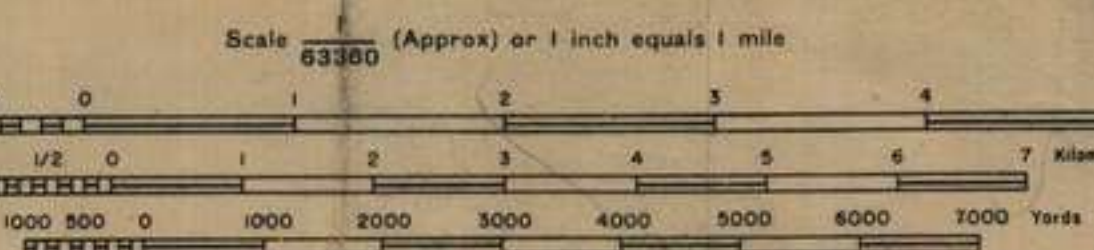
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Approximate mean declination 1943  
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**1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM**  
N. E. 1. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
Origin of grid: Lat 0°00'00" N, Long 100°00'00" E, whose coordinates  
are X = 3,900,000 M and Y = 900,000 M.  
To give the coordinates of a point use only larger figures  
on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers.  
The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates  
referred to the origin of the grid zone.  
Nearest similar reference on this grid is 500 km distant.  
ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on  
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**DUMP 3545 - E14540/15X20**



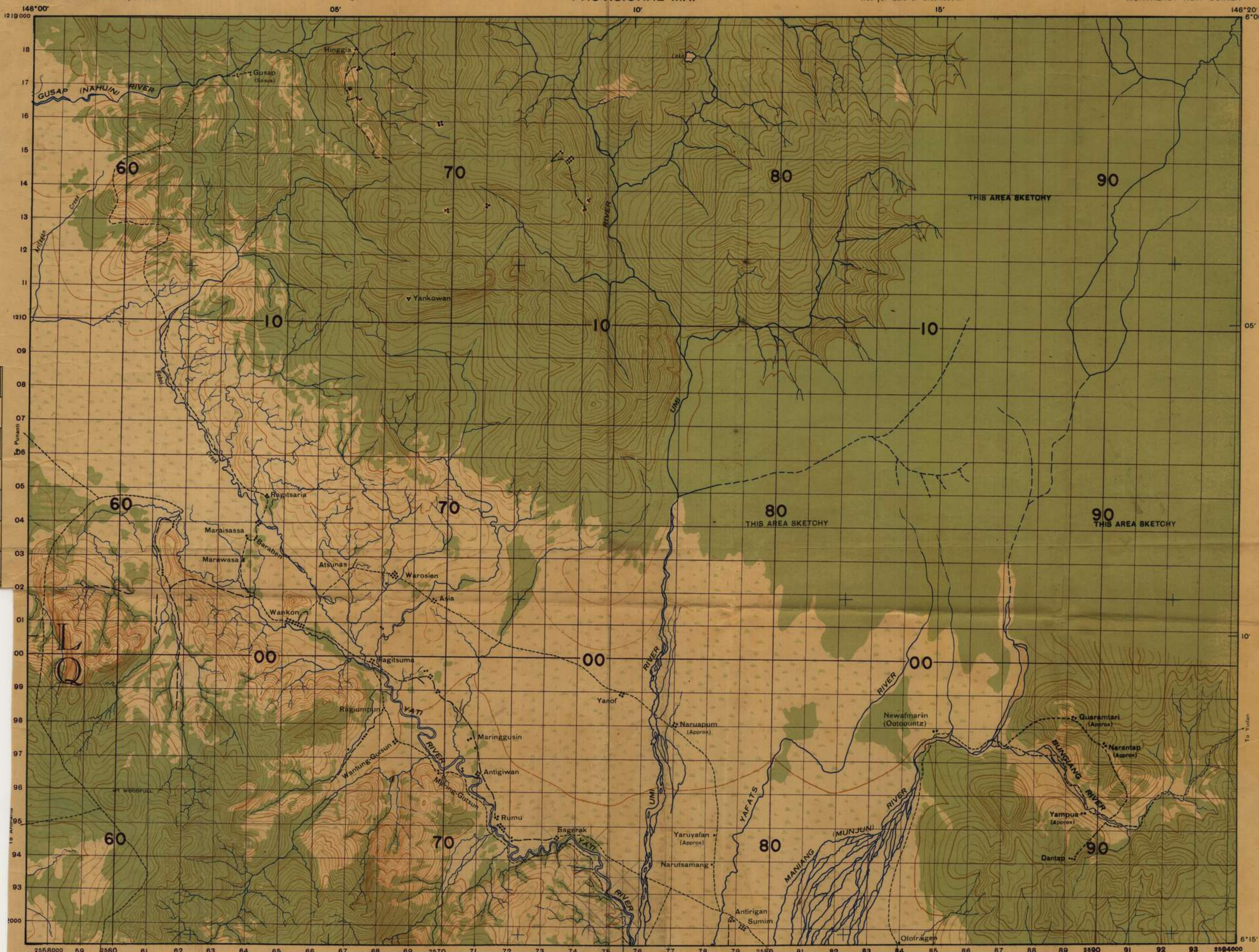
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# PROVISIONAL MAP

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AMARI  
855/10  
NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA



Prepared under the direction of the Chief Engineer, USAFFE, by  
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Compilation from trimetrogon aerial photography, missions  
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OIU, Geographical Section Advanced LHQ and Property and  
Survey Branch, Dept of Interior ACT.  
Topography from vertical and oblique photographs using  
tri-metrogon plotting and Fairchild stereo-comparator.  
Grid based on control furnished by A D Survey, NGP, Feb and Mar 1943.  
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

## LEGEND

- Secondary roads.....
- Trails, probable.....
- Streams, intermittent.....
- Swamp.....
- Jungle.....
- Grassland.....
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft.....
- Native gardens.....
- Emergency landing ground..... E L G



"WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS"

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Blue ticks within map indicate 10 km grid of Equatorial zone.

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