

AWM52

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

Item number: 8/2/8

8 Infantry Brigade

February 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES DURING FEB 45</u>	
			1. Possible enemy concentrations were observed in the WANGAN - WATAM area and permission was requested to attack these villages with B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF). Permission was granted on 4 Feb 45, and the adv was commenced by B coy who were carried to HANSA BAY by HMAS VENDETTA.	
			2. Arrangements were made on 6 Feb to have 6 Beaufort a/c on call in close sp of the attack if required.	
			3. On 7 Feb the coy arrived at the track junc and a pl was sent to each of WATAM and WANGAN and encountered strong forces in both areas. The patrol to WATAM encountered 60 Japs dug in at the gardens and killing 5 enemy withdrew with our own casualties 1 killed and 2 wounded.	
			4. The patrol to WANGAN also met heavy opposition in the form of well manned bunkers astride the track at 353593. Owing to the nature of the country our tps were unable to outflank the enemy even with mortar sp, and after some hours withdrew wounding 1 Jap.	
			5. In view of the infm brought back by these patrols an air strike was made on both targets by Beaufort a/c and accurate bombing was observed after indication of targets by mortar smoke fired from ketches standing off shore.	
			6. After the strike patrols reported WATAM was clear of enemy as was the bunker posn towards WANGAN, but 4 parties of Japs were encountered in this area.	

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Unit **HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)** Date and Time.—From **1 FEB 45** To **4 FEB 45**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 1		Request made to LAE BASE SUB AREA and FIRST AUST ARMY for air dropping of rations and stores at ANNANBERG. R.C. Chap Gen., Rev T.McCARTHY, called on Bde Comd.	Appx 1
	FEB 2		Tac R flown of MARIENBERG-MURIK area and WATAM PENINSULA-MARIENBERG area each by two BOOMERANGS. Ketch AS29 arrived MADANG from HANSA BAY with C coy rear and sec of 13 pl 30 AUST INF BN (AIF).	
	FEB 3		3 Japs fired on by patrol from 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) vicinity track junc (ref 367607) results unobserved. FIRST AUST ARMY advised of possible concentration Japs at WATAM and WANGAN and permission sought for attack on WATAM by B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF). Bde Comd inspected 13 AUST INDEP PRO PL and visited Naval OIC HMAS MADANG. USAAF BOSTON crash landed AWAR strip, pilot injured two others of crew parachuting.	Appx 2
	FEB 4		Permission received from FIRST AUST ARMY for attack on WATAM and 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) advised. B coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) relieved D coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) at NOBINOB. Nomination called by FIRST AUST ARMY for Major to fill posn of Loan Officer for THIRD VICTORY LOAN. DDOS, Col SIMPSON, visited area.	Appx 3 Appx 4

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 5 FEB 45 To 7 FEB 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 5		Bde Comd granted 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) permission to attack WANGAN during course of operations against WATAM.	Appx 5
			BM visited AWAR and ANNANBERG and discussed proposed attack on WATAM and WANGAN.	
			HMAS VENDETTA departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with 107 personnel of B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) to relieve C coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF). Ketch AS29 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with rations and stores. Brig LLOYD of ANGAU visited Bde Comd. Prof BROWN gave a lecture to Bde Educ Offrs. USAAF crew who parachuted from crashed BOSTON rescued.	
	FEB 6		BM visited NORCOM to arrange for 6 BEAUFORTS to remain on call in support of 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) operations against WATAM. 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) advised that 6 BEAUFORTS would be on call and given bomblines for any strike made. Armed Tac R bombed track junc.	Appx 6
	FEB 7		B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) arrived back junc in course of advance on WATAM and WANGAN. Tac R flown over KERAM RIVER area by 2 BOOMERANGS. Conference of all unit QMs held at Bde on Ordnance matters. Memo re Rehabilitation and Employment Opportunities issued.	Appx 7

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Unit..... **HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)** Date and Time.—From..... **8 FEB 45** To..... **9 FEB 45**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
NEW GUINEA	FEB 8		Patrols each of one pl strength from B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) left track junc for WATAM and WANGAN.		
			WATAM patrol encountered 60 enemy dug in at gardens (ref 349645) enemy cas 5 killed own cas 1 killed 2 wounded.		
			WANGAN patrol advanced under mortar fire and encountered strong enemy bunker posns at ref 353593. Enemy cas 1 wounded.		
			Attempts to outflank enemy posns failed.		
			Lt. G.W.BROWN of 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) M/In to take over duties of Acting Bde IO.		
			Instrs issued for Bde Shooting Competition.	Appx 8	
			Amended DRIS timetable issued.	Appx 9	
			FIRST AUST ARMY advised that Maj DELBRIDGE 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) would fill posn of Loan Offr.	Appx 10	
		FEB 9		Airstrike carried out by 6 BEAUFORTS, 4 at WANGAN and 2 at WATAM.	
			Bde Comd made Tac R of WATAM WANGAN and BOSMAN areas and observed airstrike.		
	Patrols from B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) withdrew to track junc.				
	Tac R of WATAM PENINSULA-BOSMAN areas flown by 2 BOOMERANGS.				
	Maj DELBRIDGE, 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) detached to FIRST AUST ARMY in connection with THIRD VICTORY LOAN.				
		Notification of 3" mortar range, 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) area, as permanent danger area.	Appx 11		
		Memo regarding promotion of WOs and Non Commissioned ranks issued.	Appx 12		

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 10 FEB 45 To 13 FEB 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices; Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 10		Instructions received from FIRST AUST ARMY to withdraw tps to EAST of RAMU RIVER with patrols to MARANGIS (1) and these instructions passed on to 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) Patrols from B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) forward of track junc encountered four parties of Japs.	Appx 13
	FEB 11		B coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) withdrew to MARANGIS (1) 1 BOOMERANG flew Tac R of RAMU-SEPIK area. CO 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) (Lt Col PARRY OKEDEN) flew from HANSA BAY to interview Bde Comd.	
	FEB 12		9 pl C coy 1 NGIB patrolling to DENDEN ex NUBIA encountered enemy force, estimated strength 100 well armed and clothed, at MENNEM. Enemy cas 1 offr 10 ORs 1 kanaka killed, own 1 OR 1 NGIB killed. HMAS BRGOME departed MADANG for HANSA BAY loaded with ammunition and stores. Instrs re release of Offrs issued.	Appx 14
	FEB 13		Bde Comds SEPIK Appreciation No 4 issued Bde Comd visited 111 CCS Ketch AS27 returned from HANSA BAY with 35 personnel of C Coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) B.ROs Serial 6/45 issued.	Appx 15 Appx 16

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Unit..... **HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)** Date and Time.—From **14 FEB 45** To **18 FEB 45**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 14		Tac R flown by 2 BOOMERANGS observed increased activity KERAM RIVER area.	
			Advice and instrs re storing of Anti Gas Eqpt and clothing issued.	Appx 17
	FEB 15		Bde Comds instrs issued on Discipline	Appx 18
	FEB 16		Tac R flown BOSMAN MENNEM DENDEN areas	
			Advice received from FIRST AUST ARMY that VX102558 Maj N.R. McLEOD appointed BM vice NX334 T/Maj N.A.M. NICHOLLS.	Appx 19
			Advice re shortage of tobacco supplies in canteens issued to all units.	Appx 20
	FEB 17		1 NGIB Standing patrol on WEST bank of RAMU RIVER opposite SCHILLING PLANTATION came under fire from enemy mortars at 172200K.	
			Advice received re improvement in mail services, from FIRST AUST ARMY and promulgated to all units.	Appx 21
		ATIS det attached this HQ withdrawn by FIRST AUST ARMY	Appx 22	
FEB 18		NGIB outpost on RAMU RIVER opposite SCHILLING PLANTATION report enemy engaged in construction of bunker defences on SOUTH edge of plantation area.		
		WARNING ORDER issued to 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) for relief of 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) at HANSA BAY and ANNANBERG.	Appx 23	
		10 pl 1 NGIB departed ANNANBERG for AWAR by canoe.		

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Unit **HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)** Date and Time.—From **19 FEB 45** To **23 FEB 45**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 19		Tac R flown BOSMAN-SCHILLING PLANTATION -RAMU RIVER area by two BOOMERANGS.	
			Operation Order for relief of 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) at HANSA BAY by 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) issued	Appx 24
			Admin Instr for relief at HANSA BAY issued Bde Comd played in cricket match against Navy Bde Sig Offr visited HANSA BAY	Appx 25
	FEB 20		Further op infm, re relief at HANSA BAY advising movement by naval vessel and time of change of comd issued.	Appx 26
			Appointment of Lt. R.H.HOSKINS as Bde Lean Liaison Offr notified to units.	Appx 27
	FEB 21		Tac R flown WATAM PENINSULA and SEPIK RIVER. Maj Gen B.M.MORRIS DSO, GOC ANGAU visited Bde Comd.	
			Ketch AS27 departed MADANG for HANSA BAY with stores and sig cable.	
	FEB 22		B coy 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) withdrew outpost from NOBINOB	
	FEB 23		Relief of 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) commenced.	
			Tac HQ, 11 pl B coy and elements HQ coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) returned SIAR by HMAS GYMPIE.	
		Tac HQ, D coy plus sec MMG, 3 dets Mortars, 1 sec pioneers 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) moved to HANSA BAY by HMAS SWAN.		
		Patrol from 1 NGIB of 4 native tps killed 2 Japs, and 6 armed kanakas in canoe at ref 495397 on RAMU RIVER. BM moved to HANSA BAY. 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) notified of change in BOMBLINE	Appx 28	

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Unit HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 24 FEB 45 To 27 FEB 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NEW GUINEA	FEB 24		Bde Comd visited RAAF and Bde Rifle Range in morning and in afternoon attended Combined Services Regatta held in MADANG. 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) assumed comd HANSA BAY area at 240900K. 1 NGIB patrol killed 1 Jap on WEST bank of RAMU RIVER vicinity SCHILLING PLANTATION.	
	FEB 25		Information re shortage in scale of issue of clothing issued.	Appx 29
	FEB 26		Tac R flown of ANGORAM VILLAGE - KERAM RIVER Area. Air dropping made at ANNANBERG. LAE BASE SUB AREA and FIRST AUST ARMY advised that, owing to fog, dropping unsuccessful and recovery practically nil. Bde Comd with CO 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) (Lt Col C.H.NEVILLE) viewed fd firing exercise demonstration by 4 AUST INF BN (AIF) NCOs School. BM returned from HANSA BAY.	Appx 30
	FEB 27		Relief of fwd area completed. 10 and 12 pls B coy and 16 pl D coy with elements HQ coy 30 AUST INF BN (AIF) returned ex HANSA BAY, to MADANG per HMAS VENDETTA. 8 Bde Location Statement and OOB No 2 issued	Appx 31

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

8 hde

011215K

For Action

TO

Lae BSA

FAA

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q1284 O request air dropping 28 days rations
expense stores 44 gals petrol 44 gals kerosene
28 days amm moderate rate ANNANBERG FORCE O
strength 45 whites 30 natives O advise date dropping

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by any means { except

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Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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FROM
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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

8 hde

031145K

For Action

TO

F.A.A.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

30 hrs fwd

ORIGINATOR'S No.

094 Reports indicate small parties enemy WANGAN & WATAM O wounded may be concentrated at WATAM O outpost at track June pg 3760 O WANGAN WATAM forces may be able to achieve concentration using canoes O can be prevented concentrating by land O appears enemy unlikely move in strength at early date at BOSMAN O should be do so as early contained WEST of RAMU O 30 hrs requesting permission destroy WATAM force O satisfied have adequate strength O contact easily broken if force likely become heavily involved O please advise

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

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(A)

FAA

032332K

For Action

TO

8 hde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

60713

your 094 of 031145K @ permission granted

30 hr request

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04035K

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FROM

(A)

8 hde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

040830K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

30bn fwd

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

096 your A032 permission granted to be
in accordance with 094.

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FROM

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Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

FAA

042045K

For Action

TO

8 lde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

MS533 third victory loan to be launched in
mar 45 and require off rank major as loan off
for first Army I difficulty experienced in obtaining suitable
off and would appreciate if major could be
made available till end april 45 O advise

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FROM

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308 bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

051730 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

308 bde fwd

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0102 if it proves that security your adv
WATAM necessitates during enemy force WANGAN
concur your proposal O back*

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TO	<i>30 hrs fwd</i>		Message Instructions
			GR
<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0106 arranged six beachfronts on call @ over target three hrs after receipt of request @ necessary you indicate targets mortar smoke @ advise latests ops likely required @ one beachfront marking down tac/r 7 Feb WATAM - WANGAN and west @ no offensive action on SOUTH of grid but except opportunity targets in WATAM LAGOON @ result tac/r will be dropped MARANGISA @ arrange dropping ground @ suggest beach @ if your adv delayed can arrange tac/r down 18 Feb also @ advise earliest if desired.

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Office Date Stamp

8 hde

061342K

For Action

TO

30 hde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0107 further to our 0106 @ bomb line for g/c on
call NOT SOUTH of EAST WEST line 500 yds SOUTH of
line 500 yds SOUTH of mortar smoke @ ack

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War Diary
Subject: REHABILITATION - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Feb 45.

27/2287/303

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1. LHQ 12725 of 29 Jan is quoted hereunder :-

The University, Sheffield, England.

1. Chair of Geology, Sheffield University, England. The Chair of Geology in this University is about to become vacant, owing to the retirement of the present Professor. The Council has decided to invite applications for the Chair with a view to the new Professor taking up his duties on 1 Oct 45, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Professor will be responsible for the conduct of his Department for the prosecution and encouragement of original studies in the subject of his chair, for which he will be given opportunity and facilities; and for furthering the influence of his subject upon other fields of academic work. He will be expected to cultivate the purely scientific side of the subject and the relations of Geology with other Pure Science subjects, to develop the Geological Museum and the Geological section of the Library, and to keep the Department alive to the applications of Geology, particularly those in the Sheffield District. Applications (6 copies) including the names and addresses of referees should reach the Registrar by 31 Mar 45. The salary will be at the rate of £1,150 a year from the date of beginning duty and will be payable monthly. If the Professor is married he will receive, until the Council shall determine otherwise, a war-time allowance of £20 if his wife is not in a full-time salaried post, and £20 in respect of each child living at his charge and not in a paid post.

VACANCIES IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.


2. Information Officer, Council's Building Material Research. Applicants should hold a degree, preferably with either Physics or Chemistry as a major subject, should have had previous experience in information service work, and experience in the building industry is preferable. Applications, accompanied by copies of not more than four testimonials, close on 12 Mar with the Secretary, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne, C.2. State age, nationality full qualifications and experience. SALARY £520 - £600 (Nominal)
3. Assistant Research Officer to carry out plant physiological investigations at the Research station, Griffith, NSW. Applicants should hold a University degree agricultural science or in science with Botany as a major subject. Applications accompanied by not more than four testimonials, close with the Secretary, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne, C.2. on 19 Feb. State age, nationality full qualifications and experience. SALARY £356 - £500 (Nominal)

Commonwealth Audit Office.

4. Audit Clerks. Vacancies exist in the Commonwealth Audit Office, Sydney, for four positions of Audit Clerk. Applications should state their experience in accountancy and/or auditing work, and give particulars of their civil employment, and accountancy qualifications. Applications close with the Secretary and Chief Inspector, Audit Office, Canberra, ACT, on 10 Mar.

Salary £454 (actual) with
advancements to £490 - £562 (actual)

2. Applications will be forwarded direct as indicated in each par.


Lt
(R.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY (2)

Appx 8

Subject: BDE SHOOTING COMPETITION

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

8 Feb 45

85/2265/298

Details of Bde Rifle Shooting Competition as advised by our Trg Policy for Feb 45 are as follows:-

1. DATES OF PRACTICES

Rifle	27 Feb 45
LMG	28 Feb 45

2. PLACE

Bde 300 yd Range

3. TEAMS COMPETING

Inf Bns will supply 2 teams 1 for Rifle and 1 for LMG and other units may enter either or both teams depending on availability of personnel.

However only units which enter both Rifle and LMG teams will be eligible for the Bde Trophy.

4. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Rifle	6 members	No member to be entered for both
LMG	6 "	

5. PRACTICES TO BE FIRED

Rifle	SAT Vol 1 Pam 14	Rifle Part 2	Practices 1,2,3,6, & 7
LMG	" " " "	LMG " 2	" 1,2,3,4, & 5

6. ADM

Units will supply weapons, necessary stores and sufficient amp for own teams, and lunch for unit personnel. 35 Bn to supply hot drink. No to be advised later.

		<u>TASK</u>
4 Bn will supply	1 offr 1 sjt	i/c Firing pt 2 i/c Butt Party
30 Bn will supply	1 offr	Details offr
35 Bn will supply	1 offr 1 OR 2 phones	OC Butt Party Orderly, Firing pt phone

In addition each Inf Bn will supply 4 ORs to act as Butt Party. OC Butt Party to be responsible for obtaining butt stores ledger telephone.

7. TIMES OF REPORTING

	<u>D1</u>	<u>D2</u>
Butt Party	0800	0800
Other duties	0815	0815
Rifle Team	0815	
LMG "		0815
Firing commences	0845	0845

8. NOMINATIONS

Units other than Inf Bns will notify this HQ by 18 Feb 45 if it is intended to compete.

9. TROPHIES

A trophy will be awarded to the unit with the best aggregate score for the two days.

Individual trophies will be awarded to the best Rifleman and Brenner.

Capt.

(J.W.CHESTER)

A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

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0800	0800
0815	0815
0830	0830
0845	0845

7. TABLE OF RESULTS

Other duties
Team
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Nav Diary

CONFIDENTIAL

8 AUST INF BDE DAILY DRLS TIMETABLE

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
8 Feb 45
22/864/297

1. Hereunder 8 AUST INF BDE Air Letter Service and DRLS Timetable, effective as from 6 Feb 45 (all times K).
2. ALS - FIRST AUST ARMY
Closing time at Sig Office 1430 hrs daily
Arrives at Sig Office 1630 hrs daily (subject to arrival of plane)
3. DRLS - UNITS SOUTH OF SIAR PLANTATION

UNIT	AFTERNOON	
	ARRIVE	DEPART
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	—	1500
2/15 Aust Fd Amb	1507	1510
133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park (AIF)	1530	1533
133 Aust Bde Wksps AEME (AIF)	1540	1543
13 Aust Indep Pro Pl (AIF)	1550	1553
242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	1556	1600
133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park (AIF)	1607	1610
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1630	—

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DRLS - UNITS NORTH OF AND INCL SIAR

UNIT	MORNING	
	ARRIVE	DEPART
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	—	1030
2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1045	1048
ANGAU MALMAL	1100	1103
4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1115	1118
39 Aust Indep Tpt & RDI (AIF)	1123	1126
35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1128	1131
251 Aust L.A.D. (AIF)	1134	1137
30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1140	1143
27 "G" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1146	1148
241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	1151	1154
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1200	—

5.

CLOSING TIMES AT 8 AUST INF BDE SIG OFFICE

UNIT	MORNING	AFTERNOON
MADANG AREA COMD	0800	—
UNITS SOUTH OF SIAR PTN see DRLS 3	—	1430
UNITS NORTH AND INCL SIAR PTN see DRLS 4	1000	—
A.L.S. FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY	—	1430

Capt.
 (J.W. CHESTER)
 S/EM 8 AUST INF BDE

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Date—Time of Origin

08 1110K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

F. A. A

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*A1324 your MS 533 O arrange meet Maj DELBRIDGE O
Maj JONES in hospital. O hde left one Maj*

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OVERLAY OF SUITABLE 3IN. MORTAR RANGE

REF. MAPS MADANG AIRDROME & ALEXISHAFEN

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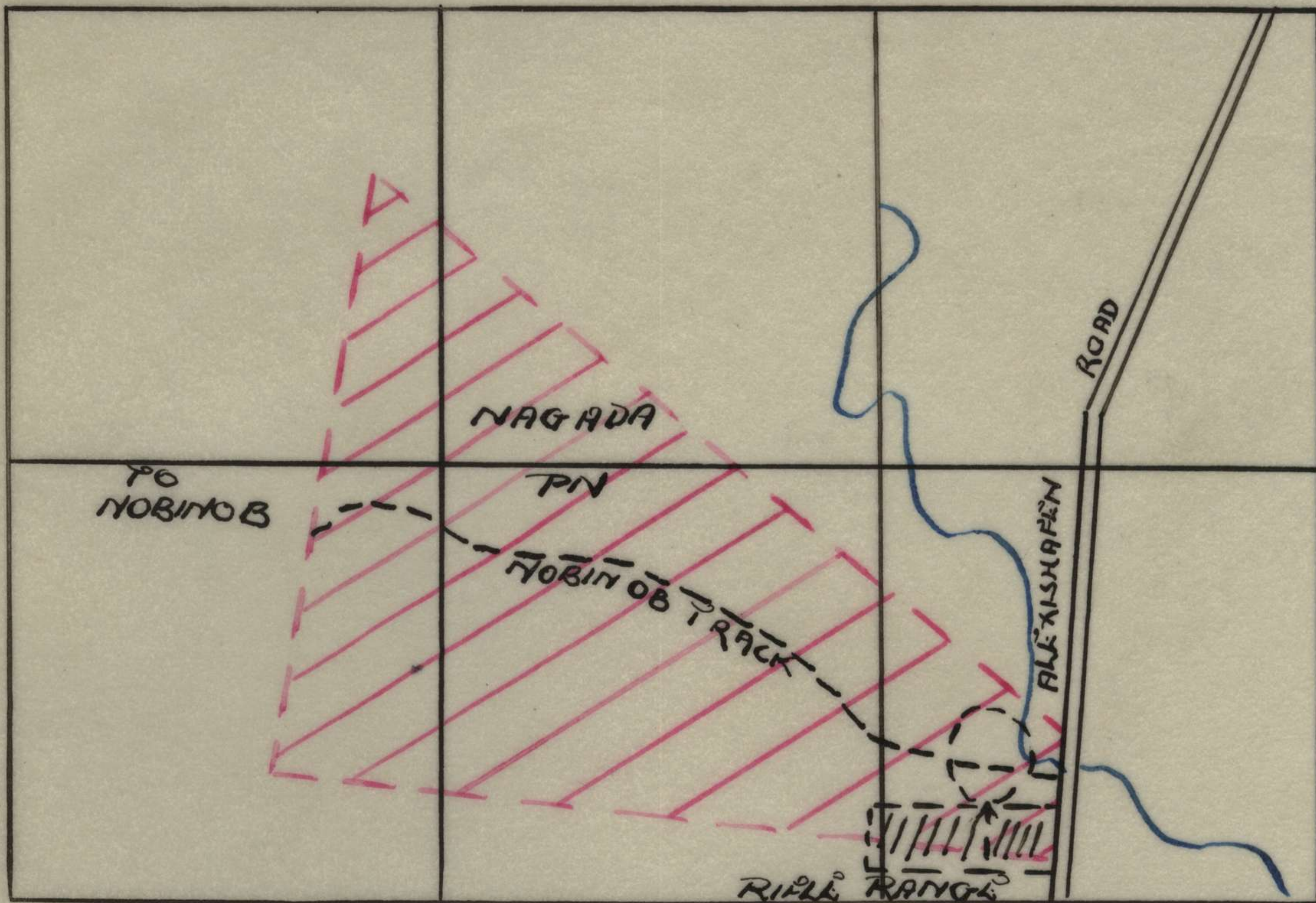
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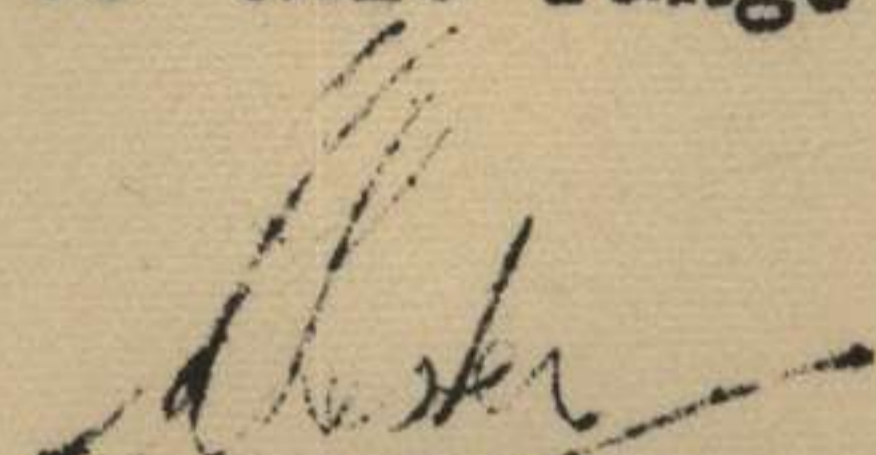
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HQ 8: Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

9 Feb 45

85/2001/307

1. Appended hereto overlay of area to be used as 3rd MORTAR Range. This area is declared a Permanent Danger Area.
2. Units wishing to use Range will obtain permission from 35 AUST INF BN (AIF) and liaise with them to ensure both approaches to the range are picqueted.
3. Requests for use of Range will be submitted at least 48 hrs before date of intended practice.
No further promulgation of the use of this range will be made.


(J. W. CHESTER) Capt.
A/BN 8 AUST INF BDE

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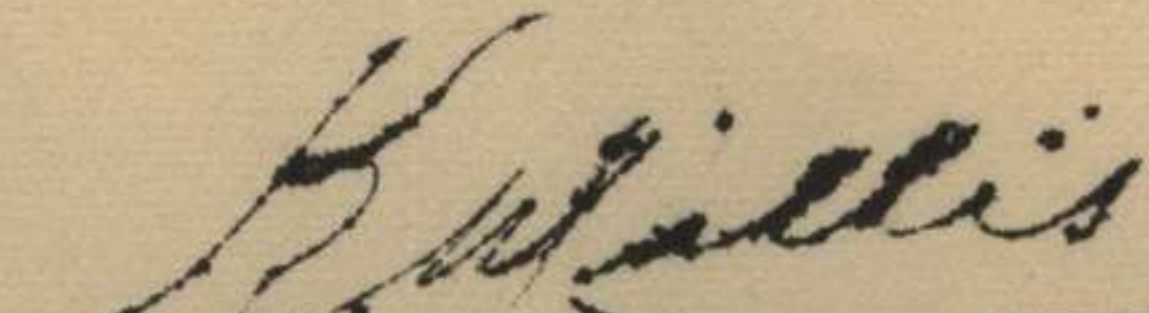
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79/2205/306

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1. It is noted that when applications for promotion are submitted by units the recommendation is usually to acting rank.
2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of para 7 (c) of HQ FIRST AUST ARMY memo A10877 of 14 Nov 44, which reads as follows

"The attention of COs is invited to the undesirability of making appointments to acting rank when promotion to substantive rank is justified and permissible".


Lt.
(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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F.A.A.

10 1330 K

For Action

TO

Slide

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 733 your 0129 of 092236K @ delay in completion
relief NOT approved @ instr reported that not more
than one Coy gp be sta HANSA BAY with
fwd limit RAMP river and patrol NOT beyond
MAR ANGIS (1) @ack

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Signed

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FROM

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8 hde

Date—Time of Origin

10 19 30 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

30 km fwd

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*0655 withdraw 0 do NOT patrol fwd from MARANGIS
0 withdraw patrol BOSMANO except MARANGIS do NOT
patrol fwd RAMU 0 one coy only to remain fwd 0 ack*

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means { except

..... } Wireless

Signed

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Originator's Instructions
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Subject: RELEASE OF OFFICERS FROM AMF

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Feb 45

71/2275/318

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1. It is noted that, in many instances where applications for release from the AMF are submitted, particulars in accordance with GRO A139/44 para 2 (b) are not being forwarded.
2. All addressees will please ensure that in all future applications for release, para 2 (b) of GRO A139/44 is complied with.
3. In addition, it is requested that such applications and attachments be submitted in triplicate.

K. H. Willis Lt.
(K. H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

Appx 15

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

13 Feb 45

12/85/45

1. Appreciation SEPIK 4 is appended.
2. Since writing the appreciation two additional factors have arisen. They are given here with their relative deductions.
 - A. Natives report enemy party was at RORITO 308532 on about 10 Feb and captured four natives.

DEDUCTION

(To be read in conjunction with Factors 17 and 18 and Deduction)

The enemy may intend to by-pass ANNANBERG and move via WOBU to the south.

- B. On 12 Feb it was discovered that the Luluai of BOROI has been writing to the enemy (Full report will be forwarded). The arrest of the Luluai has been ordered.

DEDUCTION

This may be the sole source of the accurate info the enemy has been receiving. If this is so, enemy movement will be more cautious especially if he decides to cross RAMU.

There is some evidence that at least one small party has recently crossed the RAMU. This is the tapping of the telephone line.

Luluai of BOROI may have done this.

3. The only substantial differences between this appreciation and SEPIK 1 are:-

(i) The development of L of C to BOSMAN and the enemy's immediate replacement of casualties suffered there.

(ii) The erection of the Radar Station and the placing of a dump at AWAR.

(iii) The increase in enemy strength.

4. It is desired to point out that if the enemy did implement course B SEPIK 4 "resolutely", there is a faint chance of the force at HANSA BAY losing its mobility temporarily.

That the adoption of a policy of patrolling only across RAMU to MARANGIS may result in a patrol being caught.

That the adoption of a policy of holding MARANGIS should now be combined with the holding of BOSMAN.

H. A. Fergusson
Brig.

(H. A. FERGUSSON)
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

APPRECIATION SEPIK 4

(To be read in conjunction with appreciations SEPIK 1, 2, and 3)

APPRECIATION made by BRIG M.A.FERGUSON in consultation with Lt Col W.N.PARRY-OKEDEN at MADANG at 1200 hrs 12 Feb 45

Ref Maps one inch

 BOGIA EAST
 BOGIA WEST
 NUBIA EAST
 NUBIA WEST
 OMBA
 WATAM
 SEPIK EAST

OBJECT

1. Maintain recce up to RAMU excepting patrol across RAMU to MARANGIS (1)

RELATIVE STRENGTHS

2. WATAM PENINSULAR NORTH of EAST-WEST GRID 60.
On 8 Feb estimate of enemy strength was 60.
On 9 Feb, 18 snipers in trees, deployment over 50 yds, depth in defence, one MMG, two LMGs.

DEDUCTION

- Not more than 60 probably a strong pl with sp weapons.
3. On the previous occasion when enemy was contained at the point of the peninsular he made no attempt to escape.
On this occasion he had almost certainly vacated the peninsular on 10 Feb.
 4. Upon several occasions enemy has been seen on NORTH head of DAMON ENTRANCE. Recently five new huts have been constructed at 359698.
 5. An attempt was made to cross the bar at DAMON ENTRANCE to move into LAGOON area.

DEDUCTION

Enemy almost certainly saw the attempt and failure to cross the bar.
He has now decided that holding the entrance is of no tactical value.

CONSIDERATION

If the enemy has made this decision he may no longer occupy WATAM and NORTH HEAD DAMON ENTRANCE, he will concentrate these tps at WANGAN 2 331578 and recce to or hold track junct 367607 preliminary to any move he may make fwd towards MARANGIS (1).

6. In WANGAN area the enemy held an outpost with one MMG and one LMG at 352594. The Bde Comd on recce the previous week saw enemy in WANGAN 2.
7. Captured diary stated sup sec at WANGAN 2.

DEDUCTION

At least 10 men at outpost (three were killed fwd of this posn) almost certainly a greater number than 10 in WANGAN 2.

- 8. SINGARIN CANAL area still shows signs of enemy movement. Captured diary indicated that sups come via canoe. One boat has been seen there.
- 9. NEW BIEN continues to show evidence of occupation.
- 10. MARIENBERG shows evidence of an increase in numbers.
- 11. OLD BIEN and swamp area opposite NEW BIEN at mouth of BIEN RIVER shows evidence of occupation.

DEDUCTION

MARIENBERG is a base supplying through SINGARIN CANAL to WANGAN 2 by water.

If the enemy hold track from coast to WANGAN 2 he preserves his freedom of movement by water to SINGARIN and by land to SENAI and BOSMAN.

Supplying BOSMAN area by water. Route BIEN RIVER then canoe passage almost due EAST through SENAI.

- 12. The side passages made from the centre passage in BIEN RIVER to the banks have been greatly increased (at least doubled). It is assumed these are made for staging posts.
- 13. SENAI (1) 238403 shows evidence of occupation. Canoes (5) were seen there and not seen on the next recce.
- 14. SENAI shows evidence of occupation with considerable increase in tracks and wear of tracks, and canoe passage being cleared to NW towards WANGAN 2.
- 15. Total graves in BOSMAN area are 50. Small party of Japs seen on WEST bank RAMU on 3 Feb at 490412. Small party known to be at SCHILLING PLANTATION on 3 Feb. Natives report that there were approx 50 Japs in BOSMAN area on 3 Feb. Bde Comd saw five canoes 492394 on 9 Feb and evidence of occupation at 486384. Natives report 50 Japs at MENNEM 474378 on 4 Feb. Natives report a dump at SENAI.

DEDUCTION

At least 50 enemy still operating fwd of SENAI.

- 16. On 10 Feb Lt JOHNSTONE DO BOGIA reports:-

Native gossip is that large forces of Japanese are withdrawing from TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS towards RAMU and that many Australians are moving towards WEWAK and the Japs inland are moving away towards RAMU.

DEDUCTION

This report could be treated as gossip and may only be gossip but there is some evidence to support it. The increase in activity in MURSK LAGOON area.

The increase in activity at MARIENBERG.

The enemy's maintenance of force, despite his almost 100% casualties, fwd of SENAI.

17. Since white tps have been maintained at ANNANBERG there has been no contact. Bde Comd on recce saw what appeared to be a canoe passage being cleared from KERAM towards MT WOBU. Natives reported enemy at MT WOBU. Proved to be incorrect.
18. No increase in activity noticed at ANGORAM.

DEDUCTION

Enemy has reduced the depth of his patrolling towards ANNANBERG but is unlikely to have withdrawn, as some native reports of this would have been made.

GENERAL DEDUCTION

There is a weak composite bn made up of 9 Shipping Engrs Regt, 102 Inf Regt, and 44 L of C tps in the area:-

RAMU - EAST boundary
COAST - NORTH boundary
SENAI CANAL - SOUTH boundary
BIEN RIVER and SEPIK - WEST boundary

but including NEW BIEN and MARIENBERG.

19. The Air Strikes have been made with the highest degree of accuracy.

DEDUCTION

The enemy will go to greater trouble to conceal further movement.

20. Early morning and late evening recce has revealed fires in all areas discussed.

DEDUCTION

Enemy only occupies huts at night and probably moves at night unless protected by jungle.

21. The natives in the RAMU-HANSA BAY area have become increasingly friendly and the CO 30 bn speaks with the highest praise about their assistance. The main factor being their realisation of the superiority of Australian troops over the enemy and the aggressive action.

DEDUCTION

The natives awareness of the enemy's capacity to move EAST of RAMU may seriously affect their morale and make them disinclined to give assistance and infm.

TIME AND SPACE

Note. No alteration required to previous appreciations except that time distances have been reduced perhaps up to 15% and speed of comms greatly increased. But concession of RAMU to enemy prevents use of sea and river tpt which decreases transverse comms fwd and increases difficulties of maintainance.

TERRAIN AND SURFACE

Note. The deductions made in previous appreciations have all proved correct and the approaches to BOSMAN are:-

Subsidiary via WANGAN 2, main via SENAI CANAL.

The approach to mouth of RAMU is via the coast and by canoe via passage from WANGAN 1 parallel to coast.

WEST of RAMU his deployment can be:-

By land NORTH to KABUK 476495.
By river to mouth of RAMU or to rear of MARANGIS (1)
By land to SCHILLING PLANTATION.
By canoe to ANNANBERG.

DEDUCTION

BOSMAN (commanding fair observation in all directions) and MARANGIS are key points for prevention of enemy movement EAST of RAMU.

EAST OF RAMU

22. Appreciation SEPIK 1 requires no alteration except in one particular Viz: RAAF Radar Station situated rear POTSDAM.

DEDUCTION

In order to protect this for demolition or removal the following are the requirements.

(1) Sufficient time warning of (2) concede the enemy HANSA BAY and protect with whole force based on SAKULA RIVER.

23. The area SOUTH of HANSA BAY and EAST of RAMU is highly fruitful.

DEDUCTION

With freedom to cross RAMU the enemy will move into this area.

PATROL TO MARANGIS AS OPPOSED TO HOLDING

24. To hold MARANGIS (1) and ensure security of force there a bridge head must be held on WEST bank at mouth and water tpt maintained there.
25. To patrol to MARANGIS (1) the RAMU must be crossed to a beach head 300 yds wide.

DEDUCTION

Holding MARANGIS (1) the enemy can be ambushed.
Patrolling to MARANGIS (1) we can be ambushed.

26. There is an approach to rear of MARANGIS (1) from BOSMAN along SOUTH arm U Bend at WEST of mouth of RAMU.

DEDUCTION

A patrol, fwd to MARANGIS (1) or a post at MARANGIS without beach head at WEST bank mouth of RAMU can be isolated.

MOHALE

- 27.. The enemy apparently ate portion of and mutilated the body of Pte DARGUE killed at WATAM.
The body was recovered on the 10 Feb the following day to his death.

DEDUCTION

The men are imbued with an aggressive spirit of hatred towards the enemy and this will be lost at least temporarily in a passive role.

COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY

- A. Move to and hold WEST bank of RAMU from the mouth to SCHILLING PLANTATION. Raiding across RAMU.
- B. Cross the RAMU to HANSA BAY area and fruitful area to the SOUTH or both as far EAST as BOGIA.

COURSES OPEN TO US

- X Station the force so that time warning will enable it to avoid being outflanked from the SOUTH. Patrol to RAMU from mouth to incl SCHILLING PLANTATION.

CONSIDERATION

If the Radar Station is left at POTSDAM preparations should be made to demolish or remove within 48 hrs. AWAR STRIP and barge point may have to be conceded to the enemy.

OUTLINE PLAN

INTENTION

- 1. Prevent enemy movement EAST of RAMU from the mouth to incl SCHILLING PLANTATION with sufficient mobility to hamper enemy movement across RAMU further to the SOUTH.
- 2. Ensure destruction or removal of Radar Station and s'up base at AWAR.

(Note)

Instruction message from HQ FIRST AUST ARMY reads:- G07.33 Secret (.) your 0129 of 092236K (.) delay in completion. relief NOT approved (.) instr reported that NOT more than one coy gp be stationed HANSA BAY with fwd limit RAMU RIVER and patrol NOT beyond MARANGIS (1).

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Subject: INFM FROM JAB NATIVES

2/86/45

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

13 Feb 45.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

1. Capt MOY DO ANGAU MADANG HAS REPORTED that 2 letters in pidgin English were found by him on his desk on 12 Feb 45.
2. Investigation has failed to reveal how they came to be there, and it is noted that they are dated 6 Nov 44.
3. Copies in English are attached and steps have been taken to apprehend the writer.
4. The infm regarding TATAE and MAEDA was supplied by Capt MOY ANGAU.
5. The letters have been referred to in Appreciation SEPIK 4 forwarded to you under separate cover.

Sgd. M.A.FERGUSON Brig.
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

COPY OF LETTERS OBTAINED BY CAPT. MOY,
OF ANGAU HQ MADANG, FROM CAPT KOIT
(Luluai of BOROI) TO THE JAPANESE!

To:
Sepik
Kaipiten DARME

Nov 6.11.1944
New guinea Sepik to
Capt. DARME.

Dear Brother

I am Capt. KOIT and I wish to tell you some news of all the villages. There is no news from GARIK, DAMUR, BAK, BOROI, TUMNAN. They did not know of your coming to BOSNUN. However the luluai of KAEAN took word to the OIC (BOGIA) and all other KAEAN natives are cross with the luluai. His name is SASAUN! He does not like the Japanese so he took the news. Thats all.

Goodbye DARME and TATAE. Yes TATAE. Your mother and children can look after us a little. Thats all. KEKE Capt. (NB KEKE not understood by ANGAU) Today Sunday I am writing this letter to you. Thats all. Goodbye TATAE. I am Capt. KOIT who writes this.

To:
Sepik
Kaipiten MAEDA

Nov 6.11.1944
New Guinea Sepik.
To all Japanese Capts-
this is Capt. KOIT.

I want to tell you about a Capt. from KAEAN whose name is SASAUN. He heard that you were coming to BOSNUN and he immediately took word to BOGIA to the Police Boys there. Now the Police at BOGIA are angry with me, Capt. KOIT of BOROI. I am sending this letter to you Capts. MAEDA and YASIMURA. I, KOIT, am telling you how sorry I am for you Japanese, my brothers. Now the Australians did not know that I am a Japanese Captain, but this luluai of KAEAN has brought this information to them. The Australians will imprison me at BOGIA. If you can come quickly and I am in gaol at BOGIA, you come and remain at GARIK and send a native to me at BOGIA. Thats all. Goodbye Capt. MAEDA. Saeonora, all the Jap Capts. KERE. Thats all, KERE. I am KOIT who writes this to you MAEDA.

N.B. The originals of these letters were in pidgin.

DARME	is not known.
YASIMURA	is not known.
TATAE	was provost chief on KARKAR Is.
MAEDA	was OIC Administration on KARKAR Is.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART 1

by

BRIGADIER M.A.FERGUSON.

COMMANDING 8 AUST INF BDE

FIRST AUST ARMY

13 Feb 45

"G"

G46 CENSORSHIP OF PARCELS (Ref FAA G14)

1. Attention is drawn to GRO G371/44, which states the manner in which parcels despatched through Army Postal channels will contain the name of the sender and his or her official address:

"This shall be written, in the case of a parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein."

2. First Aust Army Routine Order G280 of 25 Nov covers the procedure only for despatching parcels and packages through Military Forwarding Organisation.


(J.W.CHESTER)
A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

Capt.

"A" & "Q"

A47 APPLICATIONS FOR AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING LEAVE, EXTENSION OF LEAVE OR TRANSFER ON COMPASSIONATE OR EMERGENCY GROUNDS. (Ref GRO A28)

1. A soldier's application for leave, extension of leave or transfer on compassionate or emergency grounds is usually submitted in the knowledge or belief that his home or business is directly affected and that his personal attention is the only practical solution to the problem.

2. Such an application cannot always be approved, but it may be possible to assist in the solution of the problem in other ways.

3. To this end, LHQ and HQs L of C areas will ensure that amenities officers (special duties) are notified when husband or wife difficulties, matters affecting children or other social or domestic factors form the basis of such applications.

4. An amenities officer (special duties) will have each such case investigated and will advise his HQ of its social and domestic aspects. He will enlist the aid of relevant Government departments or welfare organisations, as required.

5. Where social and domestic factors are discovered to exist and the soldier's application is not approved, such officer will provide, if possible, alternative means of adjustment, which will be notified to the CO unit by LHQ or HQ L of C area concurrently with the decision.

A48 SALE OF LIQUOR TO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SERVICES (Ref GRO A29)

1. No female member under the age of 21 years will purchase, receive or have in her possession any alcoholic beverage (except as prescribed for purely medical purposes) at any canteen, mess, camp, fort or other military establishment.

2. Beer ration coupons or tickets will not be issued or given to or received by any female member under the age of 21 years.

A49 LEAVE (Ref GROs 23-35) and GRO598/43

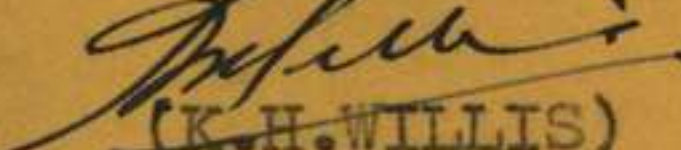
Members admitted to a civil hospital whilst on recreation leave.
If a member is admitted to a civil hospital whilst on recreation leave, it is his responsibility to notify both his parent unit and the LTD or other unit which released him on leave.

Extensions of leave for compassionate or emergency reasons.
Applications for extension of leave on compassionate or emergency grounds will be dealt with as follows:-

- (a) All applications for extensions of leave will be made to the HQ of the L of C area in which the member then is. Members present in an LTD will submit their applications through the CO LTD. An officer will be detailed by each HQ L of C area specially to deal with such applications.
- (b) Each case will be investigated and, if extension is considered essential, the HQ of the L of C area will communicate direct with the member's unit, giving particulars and asking for approval or otherwise for the necessary extension to be forwarded through the HQ of the formation under whose command the unit is serving.
- (c) Pending a reply from the formation, the HQ L of C area may grant an extension of leave to the extent necessary to enable such reply to be received.
- (d) If extended leave is not authorised by the formation, immediate action will be taken to instruct the member to report for duty.
- (e) Extensions of leave under this paragraph will be granted with pay only for the period permitted under Part III of this order.

Q50 REPAIR OF SHIRTS AND TROUSERS (Ref FAA Q17)

Owing to the shortage of shirts and trousers it is necessary that additional care be taken of those on issue to troops. Shirts and trousers should be darned or patched whenever possible. To obtain material for patching, units should apply to Salvage Depots for drill recovered from unserviceable shirts and trousers. Small quantities suitable for patching are usually available from this source.

 Lt.
(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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Appx 17

subject: WPI-4 EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

Hq. 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

14 Feb 45

99/2324/333

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1. It has been decided that consignments of anti-gas equipment for formations and units of First Aust Army will be held on the Mainland under proper storage and maintenance conditions pending the call forward of such consignments upon the direct request of First Aust Army. These stores will be held in a central depot ready for immediate shipment in the case of emergency.

2. 10% only of WPI entitlement of anti-gas equipment and clothing will be held for training purposes by formations and units of First Aust Army. Ordnance depots will hold necessary maintenance stocks.

3. Units to return to Ordnance all anti-gas equipment and all serviceable anti-gas clothing in excess of the 10% authorised above, with the exception of capes anti-gas which are authorised to be retained for use as rain capes.

K.A. Willis

(K.A. WILLIS)

A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

21/10

War Diary

Appx 18

Subject: DISCIPLINE

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

15 Feb 45

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1. In order to secure obedience to this order it may prove to be necessary to punish the innocent for the faults of the guilty. So far in his military career the Bde Comd has been able to avoid doing this and is extremely reluctant to do it. For these reasons all ranks are entitled to an explanation and a warning. An attempt which has failed, has been made to achieve results through the normal chain of command. It is the duty of commanders to find out and deal with the weakness.
2. The practice of "Ho Hoing" or barking or shouting is to cease.
3. This practice is, besides being undisciplined because an order is being disobeyed, unmilitary, discourteous and cowardly for these reasons:-
 - (a) No man has the right to wake every one within hearing at any time he wishes to do so, nor has he the right even to disturb everyone within hearing.
 - (b) It is a sign of cowardice because the culprits are doing something in the dark or in a crowd which they would not have the courage to do if they thought they would be caught.
 - (c) When directed at an individual officer it is undisciplined, discourteous and cowardly in the extreme.
4. The first steps to be taken by units are to discover those who are guilty in motor trucks when returning from some enjoyment. That enjoyment is then to be denied to that unit for a week.
5. Should it occur in the lines by night or by day a 15 minute warning order will be issued for movement with full equipment; the roll will be called and the unit or sub unit taken for a ten mile route march, all officers, NCOs, and other ranks to take part.
6. If units fail to secure results the Bde Comd will have no option but to take steps, and these must necessarily punish the innocent. Initially all entertainment and sport will be stopped for one week and training hours intensified.
7. The C.O. will be called upon to explain his failure to maintain discipline.
8. The Bde Comd has never heard any party from the 4 Bn being guilty of this practice.

K.H. Willis Lt.
(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SEC 8 AUST INF BDE

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(A)

FAA

162310K

For Action

TO

8 hde

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No

*M 5699 approved vx 102558 may NR M^cLEOD staff
learner HQ 26 hde as Bm HQ 8 hde to date 13 Feb
vice NX 334 T/may NAM NICHOLLS © an mont
arranged forthwith*

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Wa Diary

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Subject: TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES - SPECIAL ORDERS FOR EXPORT

Hq 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7th Feb 45

14/2383/348

Distribution: List E less serial 21
Plus A.O. Y.M.C.A. REP, Salvation Army REP.

Owing to Manpower difficulties, tobacco manufacturers find themselves unable to supply full demands from the Services, including Australian Army Canteens Service and the Australian Comforts Fund, for tobacco in hermetically sealed tins.

This inability affects the total amount of tobacco available for First Aust Army Area and certain areas in Australia where rapid deterioration of tobacco occurs if it is not so packed. Investigations with regard to alternative moisture packs have shown that the same Manpower difficulties would prevent any increase in the total amount of moisture-proof packed tobacco available.

As it is considered undesirable from many points of view to cease free distribution of tobacco and cigarettes by the ASC in forward operational areas and by the ACF in the periodical distribution of parcels and in embarkation kits, the reduction must necessarily be borne by the AACS.

Any necessary alteration by AACS to the basis of weekly sales to personnel of tobacco and cigarettes will be communicated through service channels.

It is desired that the gist of this memorandum be promulgated to all personnel before the reduction in the weekly tobacco ration is effected by AACS Service instruction, and steps should be taken in conjunction with local ACF and Canteens Service representatives to ensure that the total available from both sources is equitably distributed.


Lt.
(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 JUST INF BDE

War Diary
Subject: AIR MAILS - MAINLAND TO MADANG

Appx 21

Hq 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

17 Feb 45

78/2411/354

Distribution:- List E less serial 21

Subtended is memo from First Aust Army, received by HQ AUST AREA
CMD, MADANG.

" For your information it is advised that in future the
"Mariner" Flying Boat will be departing BRISBANE tri weekly viz-

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for CHIRTS, SALAMAU and MADANG

2. This will considerably improve the present mail arrangements
for MADANG which it is agreed are most unsatisfactory.

3. Owing to the heavy volume of mail now being handled at
TOWNSVILLE it is impossible at this juncture to accede to your
request to have MADANG Mail routed through that centre. However
this matter will be kept in mind and should the opportunity arise
action will be taken to have MADANG mails routed through TOWNSVILLE
via FINCHHAFFEN."


(K.H. WILLIS)

Lt.

A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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TO	<i>8 lde</i>	For Action	Message Instructions
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*615046 please arrange as most earliest T/3
TSUTOMU SHIGETA ASN. 3010479, ATIS language det
your HQ to 5 Aust div language det @ urgently
required as temporary replacement @ requirements
your HQ will be dealt with F.A.A. ATIS adv
Tech till further notice*

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(A)

8 haw

180853K

For Action

TO

35 haw

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

4 haw 30 haw find 30 haw rear

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0153's secret @ morning order @ 35 haw will
relieve 30 haw HANSA BAY - ANNANBERG areas @ pt to relieve
ANNANBERG no more before 200800K @ say to relieve
HANSA BAY force no more before 25 Feb 45

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FROM

(A)

8 bde

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192000K

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For Action

TO

35 bn, 30 bn fwd 30 bn rear

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

First Aust Army 4 bn 2/15 fd amb

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0160 secret 35 bn will relieve 30

bn, HANSA BAY ANNANBERG in accordance

seperate adm inst 35 bn will assume cond

26 1800 K all ack

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8/103/45

FROM 8 Bde

192040K

TO 30 Bn, 35 Bn, 30 Bn fwd, 2/15 Fd Amb,
B.M. S.C. BASCO, War Diary (2) file
4 bn for infm

Q1381 secret our 0155 and 0160 (.) 35 bn personnel move AWAR
by naval craft ETD MADANG 230600K (.) embarkation time will be
advised later (.) unloading AWAR by ketch AS 27 AS29 (.) rations (.)
unexpended portion plus one FOR and one emergency ration on the
man (.) 241 Aust Sup Dep Pl responsible maintenance 28 days rations
expense stores POL at DID established AWAR also amn as required (.)
replenishment by ketch plane or other available craft (.) medical (.)
2/15 Aust Fd Amb responsible all medical services fwd area (.)
evacuations plane or medical launch (.) 30 bn 35 bn will mutually
arrange handover and take over stores vehs buildings AWAR area (.)
30 bn personnel concentrate AWAR by 27 Feb for movt MADANG by naval
craft estimated two lifts (.) movt ANNANBERG advised later (.)
All ack

K.H. Willis
Lt
(K.H. WILLIS)
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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FROM

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8 bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

202005K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

30 bn fwd, 30 bn rear

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR-

35 bn

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0162 secret (C) relief 30 bn (C) RAN

vessel will embark up to 140 personnel
HANSA BAY first light 23 feb for mov
MADANG (C) Sps will NOT be withdrawn
from VENUS POINT nor MARANGIS to
fill this vessel (C) if necessary 140 need
NOT be provided (C) ref our 0160 amend
time of change of comd to 240900 K
(C) all ack

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Signed

Christy Jeff Immediate

Army

Appx 27

Subject: FIRST VICTORY LOAN

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

20 Feb 45

76/2376/369

DISTRIBUTION: List E less serial 21

1. Herewith forwarded extracts from FIRST AUST ARMY A13702 dated 16 Feb.

" (1) Further to this HQ A13437 of 10 Feb it is now requested that Loan Liaison Officers be appointed by the following HQ :-

- 2 AUST CORPS
- DIVS
- BASE SUB AREAS
- AREA COMDS ETC

(3) Unit Loan Liaison Officers, excluding those units of Army tps under direct comd will NOT communicate direct with FIRST AUST ARMY Loan Liaison Officer, but through the officers appointed in accordance with Para 1 hereof."

2. NX116657 Lt R.H.HOSKINS has been appointed Loan Liaison Officer 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF). Loan Literature will be distributed to units immediately on receipt of same from FIRST AUST ARMY Loan Liaison Officer.

K.H. Willis Lt.
 (K.H.WILLIS)
1/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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TO

30 fwd

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ANNANBER

FORCE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0173 ref maps SEPIK and BOGIA that few
miles to incl @ houbline altered to NOT EAST
of line from C 3760 to C 2046 south down 20 grid
to H 2070 @ NOT SOUTH line from H 2070 west
along grid 70. @ ack

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Subject: Clothing - Scale of Issue

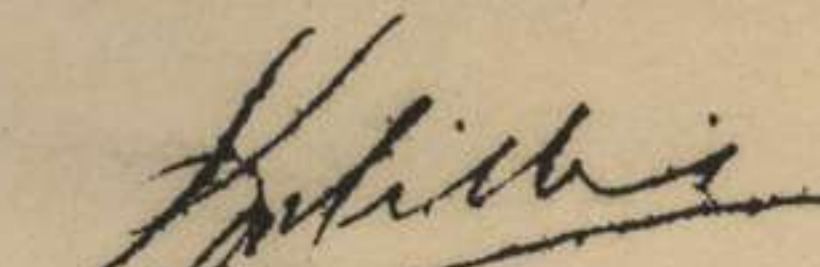
HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

25 Feb 45

99/2545/397

DISTRIBUTION: - List E less serial 21

1. The following information is promulgated with the object of keeping commanders informed of the current position regarding the supply of shirts and trousers.
2. For twelve months or more the Army has been exerting constant and strenuous efforts to secure adequate deliveries of clothing from production. However, industry has been unable to produce anything like the quantities required, whilst supply from abroad, particularly from INDIA, has been insufficient to meet our demand. Production difficulties overseas and lack of shipping facilities also have adversely affected the position.
3. A reduction in the scale of issue was ordered with extreme reluctance, but was necessary to ensure that the limited supplies available would last until further stocks come to hand.
4. Quantities of overseas orders are now en route to AUSTRALIA, and action has been taken to expedite further large shipments. Portion of the stocks from overseas will require dyeing in AUSTRALIA, however, before they can be issued.
5. First Aust Army is aware that the present reduced scale of issue of trousers and shirts is unsatisfactory and may result in an increase in skin infections.
6. Commanders are assured therefore that immediately the stock position permits approval will be granted to revert to the normal scale of issue. It is hoped that this stage will be reached in from three to four months' time.


(K.H. ILLIS) Lt.
A/SC 8 AUST INF BDE

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26 2130K

For Action

TO

LAE BASE SUBAREA - FIRST AUST ARMY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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Q1405 confidential @ ANNANBERS report owing heavy fog air dropping inaccurate navigation practically nil.

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SECRET

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE NO 2
AS AT 2359 hrs 26 FEB 45

COPY NO //

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

26 Feb 45

13/109/45

FIRST AUST ARMY

Copy No
1 - 6

Copies to:-

- 1 NGIB 7
- NGDD MADANG 8
- Area Comd MADANG 9
- Movements MADANG 10
- War Diary 11 - 12
- File 13 - 14

Please acknowledge on pro-forma below

M.A. Fergusson
Brig.
(M.A. FERGUSSON)
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

HQ 8 AUST INF BDE

Received Copy No (s) _____ of 8 AUST INF BDE location

Statement and OOB No 2 as at 2359 hrs 26 Feb 45.

All previous Location Statements issued by 8 AUST INF BDE have been destroyed.

Unit

Signature

Appointment

Date

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

STATEMENT
FILE NO 2
AT 2359 hrs 26 FEB 45

Ref Maps:

NUBIA EAST	1 :	63360	NE
NUBIA WEST	1 :	63360	NW
MADANG EAST	1 :	63360	ME
ANNANBERG WEST	1 :	63360	AW
ALEXISHAFEN	1 :	25000	A
MADANG AIRODROME	1 :	25000	MA

Letter Prefix

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Letter Prefix	Location	Remarks
1	HQ	HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	MA	72652905	
2		27 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	MA	72652905	
3	Armd	2/4 Aust Armd Regt less C Sqn and B Sqn Gp	A	720349	C Sqn Gp AITAPE B Sqn Gp BOUGAINVILLE
4	Sigs	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	A	718351	
5		8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	MA	72652905	
6	Inf	4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	A	707323	
7		less C coy	A	699340	
8		30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less B coy HQ	MA	732295	Relieved by
9			NE	683437)	35 Bn. Being
10		10 pl B Coy	NE	683437)	withdrawn to
11		12 pl B coy	NW	482563)	MADANG at
12		16 pl D coy	NE	683437)	earliest.
13		35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less Tac HQ	MA	718293	
14			NE	683437	
15		D coy HQ	NW	495562	
16		16 pl D coy	NW	422572	
17		17 pl D coy	NE	683437	
18		18 pl D coy	NW	498483	
19		C coy 1 NGIB (Less two pls)	NE	79385	
20		10 pl	NE	605342	
21		11 pl	NW	515344	
22	AASC	39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl & RDI	MA	704298	
23		241 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less one sec	MA	724290	1 sec NE 683437
24		242 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MA	736240	
25	Med	2/15 Aust Fd Amb less Lt sec	MA	726280	Lt Sec NE 683437
26	Dental	A Sec 83 Aust Dental Unit	MA	718293	
27		B Sec "	A	707323	
28		C Sec "	MA	732296	
29	AIOC	133 Aust Bde OFP (AIF)	MA	719224	

Serial	Type of Service	Unit	Prefix Letter	Location	Remarks
30	AAOC	2/4 Aust Armd Regt OFP	A	719350	
31	AEME	133 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	MA	733247	
32		2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	A	720349	
33		251 Aust LAD (AIF)	MA	722293	
34	Pro	13 Aust Indep Pro Pl	MA	731251	
35	Postal	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit	MA	727286	
36		Det ANGAU	A	725343	

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	ALD 4 TAC/R SQN	270330Z	
TO	For Action	Message Instructions	GR
	ALD NORCOM 8 BRIGADE (re) For Information (INFO.)		

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War Diary

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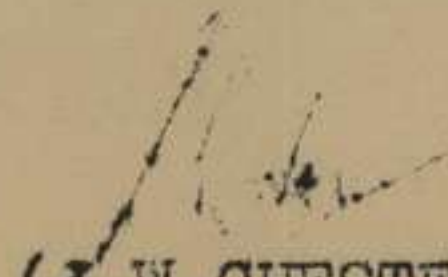
Subject: 8 AUST INF BDE GP TRG INSTR NO 15

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1 Feb 45

TRG POLICY - MAR 45

1. Owing to the number of tps involved in the relief of HANSA BAY, it is realized that a great deal of the trg scheduled for Feb has not yet been carried out.
2. Units will therefore complete trg they had arranged for last month.
3. Details of the exercise mentioned in 8 BDE TRG INSTR NO 14 Para 2 will be advised to this HQ prior to the exercise, together with any requests for stores, amn etc.
4. The results of the Bde Shooting competition will be helpful in pointing out the phases of musketry that can profitably receive more attention, and the range when allotted, will be utilized to its capacity.
5. Weapon trg and TSOET will be continued and the monthly review of trg will give summarized details of the results of such tests.


(J.W.CHESTER) Capt.
A/BM 8 AUST INF BDE

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Subject: LEGAL PROCEDURE - MISCELLANEOUS

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

28 Feb 45

L.375.

Distribution List E
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1. The attention of all units is directed to FIRST AUST ARMY Administrative Standing Orders (ASO) "Legal" pages 183 to 204, GRO A348/44 and Notes on Military Law and Procedure etc by the Bde Legal Officer Capt E.J.CALLAN, and to the undermentioned:-

- (a) OFFENCE REPORTS (B2069): Units will submit original B2069 to 1 Aust Adv 2 Ech each Saturday and 1 copy to this HQ in order that they may be reviewed. Any directions made by this HQ will be carried out and an AMENDED B2069 returned in manner as previously stated. (ASO, Page 186 para 4).
- (b) REPORT ON INJURY (AAF D11): Place of disability will be shown as HANSA BAY or MADANG. Units are also referred to GRO A348/44 para 36 with reference to 'opinion of CO. When the Medical Officer reports on AAF D11 that injury is of a minor nature and unlikely to cause permanent ill effects, CO's remarks should read "I am of the opinion that compensation is unlikely to be entailed."
- (c) INVESTIGATIONS (Investigating Officer's Reports)
Attention is directed to GRO A348/44 and Notes on Military Law and Procedure etc. For compact precis of Investigating Officer's Reports under relevant GRO, INVESTIGATING OFFICERS are referred to "Notes on Military Law and Procedure etc" pages 20 and 21 and for number of copies required to page 18 para 7.
- (d) COURT MARTIALS (Number of days in open and close arrest)
Para 3 of AAF A44 (Statement as to character and particulars of Service of Accused). When completing A44 units will show number of days in open and close arrest and number of days on which accused performed full military duties WHILST IN CLOSE ARREST. In compiling these particulars the undermentioned would be an accurate guide - e.g.

<u>Date of arrest of surrender.</u>	<u>Date of A44</u>	<u>No of days</u>
1 Jan 45	27 Feb 45	58
No of days in open arrest		20
No of days in close arrest		<u>38</u>

The particulars of date of arrest and number of days accused performed full Military Duties whilst in close arrest will be obtained from certificates of Provost Corps and Guard Compounds.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lt
 (K.H.WILLIS)
 A/SC 8 Aust Inf Bde

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

087 SECRET SITREP 32 to 012000K (.) HANSA BAY area (.) 010600K

11 pl NGIB departed NUBIA 665411 to relieve 9 pl NGIB SEVEN (1)

605342 (.) 010300K C coy HQ plus one sec 13 pl 30 bn departed AWAR

POINT for MADANG per ketch AS29 (.) MADANG and ANNANBERG areas (.)

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	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	
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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 92 SECRET SITREP 33 to 022000K (.) HANSA BAY area (.)
 patrol str one sec 30 bn departed MARANGIS (1) 010900K to recce
 track junc 367607 (.) patrol observed six japs 200 yds EAST of track
 track junc (.) patrol returned to MARANGIS (1) 011600K (.)
 MADANG and ANNANBERG areas (.) SITNOR

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

095 SECRET SITREP 34 to 032100K (.) HANSA BAY area (.) NGIB
patrol to ROROKE 525089 reported sitrep 25 returned AWAR 021500K (.)
nil enemy (.) NGIB patrol to SENAI 385382 reported sitrep 28 returned
SEVEN (1) 605342 021600K (.) report BOSMAN (1) 465399 clear enemy no
track to SENAI canoe passage only (.) small party japs fired on
SCHILLINGS PTN 506345 result unknown (.) 11 pl NGIB relieved 9 pl NGIB
SEVEN (1) and standing patrol MAE 532392 (.) 9 pl located NUBIA
665441 (.) BOSTON number 543 crash landed AWAR strip 031100K (.) pilot
injured remaining crew 2 parachuted not yet located (.) otherwise sitrep

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	<i>For Action</i>		
TO	first aust army		
	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		
	6 div		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 099 SECRET SITREP No. 35 to 042100K (.) HANSA BAY area (.)
 patrol departed MARANGIS (1) 031010K for track junc 367607 (.) 3 japs
 fired on at 375600 NO cas observed (.) patrol returned MARANGIS (1)
 031610K (.) one sec 14 pl 30 bn arrived VENUS POINT 031410K ex DEN DEN
~~#78443~~ (.) ref sitrep 34 (.) one airman rescued by patrol (.) other
 seen from air patrol moved out to locate (.) MADANG area (.) B coy
 35 bn relieved @ coy 35 bn at NOBINOB 673300 031200K (.) ANNANBERG
 area (.) local patrolling NIL enemy (.) otherwise NO change

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0105 SECRET SITREP No 36 to 052100K (.) HANSA BAY area (.)
parachuted airmen reported our sitrep 34 to 032100K now both rescued
and at AWAR POINT (.) MADANG area (.) B coy 30 bn plus one det pioneers
departed MADANG for AWAR POINT 050930K (.) ANNANBERG area (.) sitnet
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0 108 SECRET SITREP 37 to 062100K (.) HANSA BAY area (.) local patrolling NIL enemy (.) 8 pl 30 bn report BOSTON bombing track junc 370603 engaged by enemy IMG fire (.) B coy 30 bn arrived PURPUR 482563 ex MADANG 051615K (.) 2 explosions and column smoke observed from VENUS POINT on bearings 69 degrees mag and 60 degrees mag at approx 061300K (!) no further infm (.) MADANG and ANNANBERG areas (.) sitnor

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~~0 113 SECRET SITREP 38 to 072100K (.) HANSA BAY area (.) B coy
30 bn arrived MARANGIS (1) 422572 departed for track junc 370603 at
070730K (.) no further report (.) patrol one sec departed BULIVA (1)
498483 for DENDEN 478443 and NEMNEM 478417 returned 061730K (.) nil enemy
(.) 3 OR 30 bn accidentally wounded at PURPUR 482563 (.) MADANG area (.)
sirnor ANNANBERg area (.) local patrols nil enemy (.) otherwise no change~~

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ORIGINATOR'S No 0127 SECRET SITREP 40 to 092100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.) one sec
 8 pl 30 bn moved MARANGIS (1) to BOROI 605502 (.) one sec 14 pl 30 bn
 moved BOROI to AWAR POINT 081145K (.) 10 and 12 pls located track junc
 370603 remainder B coy 30 bn MARANGIS (1) (.) patrol BULIVA 498483 to
 DENDEN 478443 and NEMMEM 478417 (.) nil enemy (.) unconfirmed kanaka
 report 4 japs LONGON 493393 50 armed japs MENMEN (1) 474379 MENMEN (2)
 472375 area (.) airops (.) beauforts bombed WATAM and WANGAN targets
 result unknown (.) MADANG and ANNANBERG areas (.) sitnor

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0 129 SECRET ~~SIXTYP~~(.) bde comd on tac/R today noticed increased use track SOUTH from BOSMAN (.) 5 canoes 485383 capacity about 30 (.) natives report 50 enemy ~~NEW~~ (.) 5 japs known at SCHILLING PTN (.) deduction 20 to 50 enemy that area (.) strong fighting patrol C coy 30 bn leaves for BOSMAN 10 feb (.) one pl C coy NGIB preparing attack enemy at SCHILLING PTN (.) enemy WANGAN estimated 60 probably less separated from WATAM while track junc 370603 held (.) enemy WATAM no. unknown has outpost 353595 (.) 30 bn reports has sufficient strength supported by airstrike to deal with WATAM (.) tentative arrangements made C coy incl patrol to BOSMAN return WADANG 12 feb (.) request permission delay completion relief (.) advise release

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0121 SECRET SITREP 41 to 102100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
patrols vicinity track junc 370603 nil enemy (.) recce patrol one sec to
to WATAM and WANGAN (.) unconfirmed native report large party japs
BOSMAN (1) 465399 (.) BOOMERANG MADE FORCED Landing AWAR strip 091200K
(.) BOSTON reported our sitrep 34 to 032100K departed AWAR for base
101100K (.) MADANG AREA (.) two secs 13 pl 30 bn arrived SIAR ex AWAR
101500K (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.) sitnor (.) 30 bn fwd instr withdraw
EAST RAMU RIVER patrol to MARANGIS

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0133 SECRET SPECIAL SITREP to 110900K from infm originated HANSA BAY 101050K received this HQ 110120K (.) patrol 10 feb encountered 4 parties Japs 348590 NIL cas enemy posn 353593 evacuated (.) posn 354676 clear enemy (.) not known if enemy evacuated whole peninsula (.) 11 pl NGIB less standing patrol MAL 532392 in posn 509340 preparing assault SCHILLING PTN first light 11feb then move MENMEN 475397 (.) standing patrol MAL ETA DENDEN 478443 110830K move SOUTH link with remainder patrol MENMEN (.) unconfirmed native report enemy intends move towards RAMU from

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0135 SECRET SITREP 42 to 112100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.) 110800K
 two pls B coy 30 bn returned MARANGIS (1) 422572 ~~xx~~ ex track junc
 370603 (.) 110900K two secs 9 pl NGIB moved NUBIA 665413 to DENDEN
 478443 to contact 11pl NGIB NEMNEM 478417 and advise withdrawal to
 SEVEN 615339 (.) 111300K one sec 30 bn departed AWAR 638437 to occupy
 SEVEN during absence NGIB pl (.) MADANG and ANNANBERG AREAS (.) Sitnor

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0138 SECRET SITREP 43 to 122100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
 disposns fwd tps as follows (.) B coy 30 bn (.) HQ plus one det mtrs
 est VENUS POINT 495562 (.) two secs 10 pl PURPUR 482563 one sec BOROI
 605502 (.) 12 pl plus one sec MMG MARANGIS (1) 422572 (.) 112000K
 11 pl returned AWAR 683437 (.) 121400K est sec outposts 678460 and
 673441 (.) 16 pl D coy BULIVA)1) 498483 (.) 120600K 14 pl C coy plus
 8 pl A coy 30 bn departed AWAR for MADANG (.) BOSMAN (1) patrol two
 secs 9 pl NGIB reported our sitrep 42 reached BOSMAN (1) 111500K (.)
 NMS (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.) four day old native report states unknown
 number Japs carried HORITO 308532 captured four natives ()

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0 142 SECRET SITREP 44 to L32100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
 ref our special sitrep 110900K (.) 11 pl NGIB failed to cross RAMU (.)
 withdrawing to SEVEN 615339 (.) 9 pl NGIB patrol reported our sitrep
 43 proceeded MENNEM sq 4737 contacted enemy force estimated str 100
 well armed and clothed (.) cas enemy verified killed 1 capt 10 OR own
 1 OR NGIB killed (.) patrol withdrew DENDEN 478443 arrived 121800K (.)
 now moving NUBIA 665411 by ketch (.) MADANG AREA (.) 122030K 14 pl C
 coy plus 8 pl A coy 30 bn arrived SIAR ex AWAR (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.)
 no report (.) otherwise no change

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0146 SECRET SITREP 45 to 142100K (!) HANSA BAY AREA (.)

140100K 9 pl NGIB arrived NUBIA 655411 ex DEN DEN 478443 (.) 11 pl
 NGIB less two secs at SEVEN 615339 (.) one sec 509345 one sec 483373 (.)
 amend enemy cas reported our sitrep 44 to read 1 capt 10 OR and 1
 kanaka killed (.) 12 pl 30 bn report unidentified object on bearing
 53 degrees from MARANGIS (1) 422572 sighted eight miles out to sea (.)
 MADANG and ANNANBERG AREAS (.) sitnor

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0150 SECRET SITREP 46 to 152100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.) local
 patrols nil enemy (.) three native tps 11 pl NGIB established outpost
 MAL (1) 532392 14 feb (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.) Tac/R reports increased
 activity KERAM RIVER area (.) number of canoes sighted (.) MADANG AREA
 (.) sitnor

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0151 SECRET SITREP 47 to 160000K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.) HQ
 C coy and 9 pl NGIB now est NUBIA PTN 675388 (.) MADANG ANNANBERG
 AREAS (.) sitmor (.) otherwise no change

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0154 SECRET SITREP 48 to 172100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)

disposns no chnage (.) night 16/17 feb standing patrol 11 pl NGIB

615339 observed movement WEST bank RAMU RIVER (.) MADANG ANNANBERG

area (.) sitnor (.) otherwise no change

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0 156 SECRETBSITREP 49 to 182100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)

181000K standing patrol 11 pl NGIB 509345 came under mortar fire
from WEST bank RAMU RIVER (.) standing patrol 483373 reported enemy
movement vicinity MENNEM (.) use of mortars is evidence that enemy
is reinforcing this area (.) MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS (.) sitnor

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0159 SECRET SITREP 50 to 192100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.) ref
our sitrep to 182100K (.) amend t me of martar fire to 172200K (.) 18
feb outpost 509345 reported enemy now established SOUTH edge SCHILLING
PTN engaged in construction of bunker defence with assistance of native
labour (.) NGIB patrol strength 1 NCO 4 OR investigating native report
of native evacuation of BOSMAN (3) 524390 (.) 191000K one sec 10 pl 30
bn arrived AWAR 683437 ex PURPUR 482563 (.) 190140K outpost SEVEN
reported explosion approx sq 4939 (.) 190930K outpost MARANGIS (1)
reported explosion WATAM PENINSULA (.) MADANG AREA (.) sitnor (.)
ANNANBERG AREA (w) 180930K 10 pl NGIB departed ANNANBERG by canoe for

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 170 SECRET SITREP 53 to 222100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
 locals/ patrols nil enemy (.) MADANG AREA (.) B coy 35 bn withdrew
 from NOBONOB 674300 to bn area map ref MADANG EAST one in to one
 mile (.) ANNANBERG area (.) sitnor

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 177 SECRET SITREP 54 to 232100K (.) MADANG-HANSA BAY AREA (.)
~~230400K 35 bn Tac/HQ plus D coy plus sec MMG threec dets mortars sec
 pioneers departed MADANG (.) arrived AWAR 683437 230645K (.) 230730K
 Tac HQ plus 11 pl B coy plus elements HQ coy 30 bn departed AWAR (.)
 arrived MADANG 231900K (.) 221930K one sec 30 bn arrived AWAR ex
 SEVEN 605342 (.) disposns C coy NGIB (.) coy HQ plus 9 pl no change (.)
 10 pl arrived SEVEN 605342 ex ANNANBERG (.) 11 pl less one sec 515344
 (.) one sec 11 pl 489383 (.) standing patrol 3 OR MAL (1) 532392 (.)
 patrol strength 4 native tps en route MAL (1) killed 2 Japs 6 armed
 kanakas in canoe at approx 495397 (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.) sitnor~~

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 183 SECRET SITREP 55 to 242100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)

240900K 35 bn assumed comd of area (.) disposns (.) 240800K 18 pl

D coy 35 bn arrived BULIVA 498483 relieved 16 pl D coy 30 bn (.)

240600K D coy 35 bn - 16 pl - plus subsec MMG en route MARANGIS (1)

422572 to relieve 12 pl B coy 30 bn (.) HQ D coy 35 bn en route

VENUS POINT 495562 to relieve HQ B coy 30 bn (.) 240930K 16 pl D coy

30 bn arrived AWAR ex BULIVA (.) MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS (.) sitnor

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 186 SCERET SITREP 56 to 252100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
 disposns (.) 35 bn (.) Tac HQ with 17 pl less one sec plus two dets
 mortar one det Tk A at AWAR 683437 (.) sec 17 pl BOROI 605802 (.)
 sec pioneers at SAKULA 712371 (.) HQ D coy 35 bn plus three dets
 mortar subsec MMG VENUS POINT 495562 (.) 16 pl plus subsec MMG
 MARANGIS (1) 422572 (.) 18 pl BULIVA 498483 (.) 30 bn (.) B coy HQ
 10 pl nd 16 pl D coy plus attachments HQ coy AWAR (.) 12 pl B coy
 PURPUR 482563 (.) NGIB no change (.) 24 feb standing patrol NGIB
 489383 killed one Jap WEST bank RAMU

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 { } Wireless

Signed

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Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

<i>Time</i>	<i>System</i>	<i>Op</i>
THI or TOR		
<i>Time Cleared</i>		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

8 bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

262100K

Office Date Stamp

For Action.

first aust army

TO

6 div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 190 SECRET SITREP 57 to 262100K (.) HANSA BAY AREA (.)
260700K CO 35 bn and party on four day recce (.) route AWAR SEVEN
605342 RAMU RIVER 513343 MAL (1) 532392 TUMUNUM 609404 AWAR (.)
MADANG ANNANBERG AREAS (.) sitnor

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Office Date Stamp

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 194 SECRET SITREP 58 to 272100K (.) HANSA BAY-MADANG AREAS
(.) 30 bn (.) 16 pl D coy 10 and 12 pls B coy elements HQ coy
departed AWAR 270715K arrived MADANG 271600K (.) relief now complete
(.) local patrols nil enemy (.) ANNANBERG AREA (.) sitmor

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by any means { *except* }

Wireless

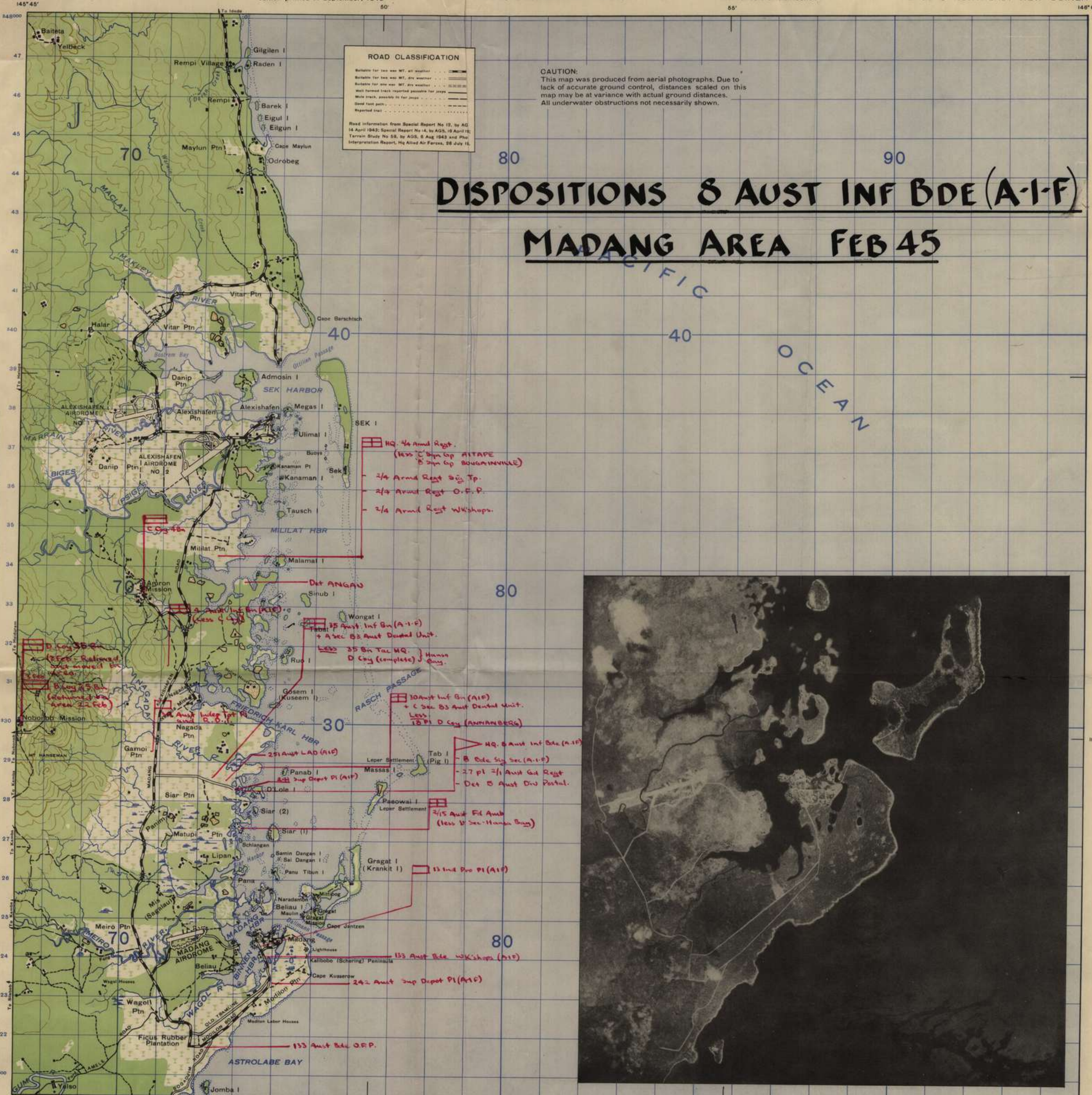
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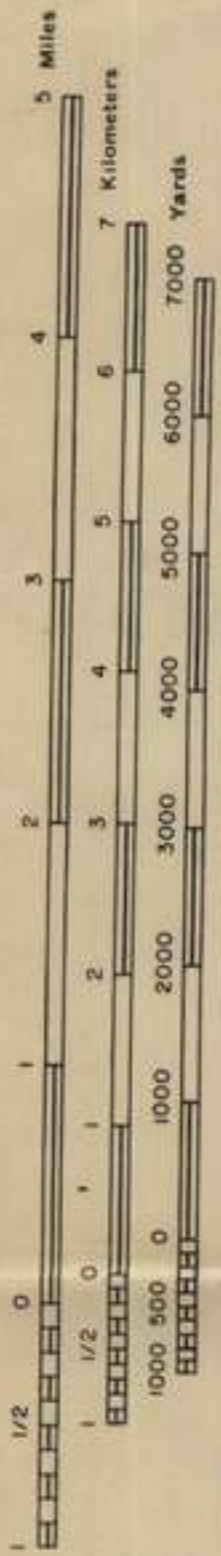
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Route for use by MT, all weather
Route for use by MT, dry weather
Route for use by MT, dry weather
Well formed track reported possible for jeep
Mud track, possibly for jeep
Good foot path
Reported trail

Read information from Special Report No. 13, by AG, 14 April 1943; Special Report No. 14, by AGS, 16 April 43; Terrain Study No. 58, by AGS, 6 Aug 1943 and Photo Interpretation Report, HQ Allied Air Forces, 28 July 43.

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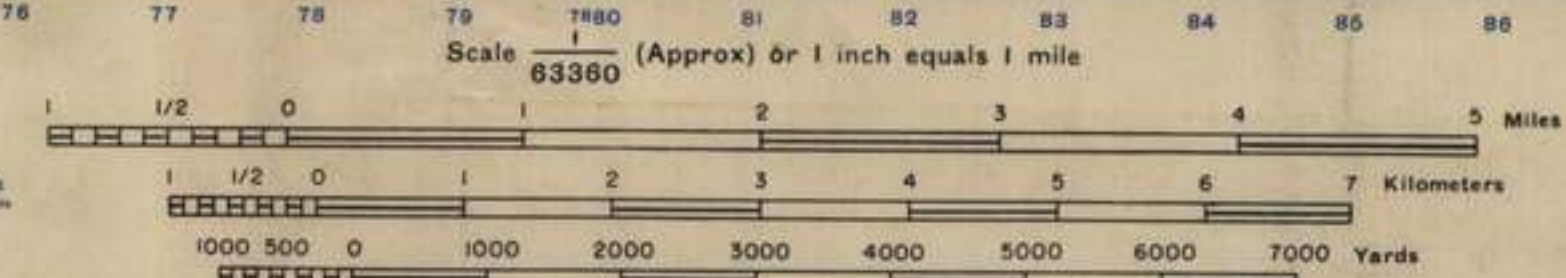
DISPOSITIONS 8 AUST INF BDE (A-1-F) MADANG AREA FEB 45



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Compilation from vertical aerial photography.
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By 8th Photo Squadron, 8th Air Force, U. S. Army.
Editing information from AGS, ANGAU and other informants, July 1943.
Orientation and scale by use of Astro-fixes from Australasian Oil Co.
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

LEGEND

Streams, intermittent
Mangroves
Swamps
Jungle
Plantations
Buildings
Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
Underwater obstruction
Native Gardens

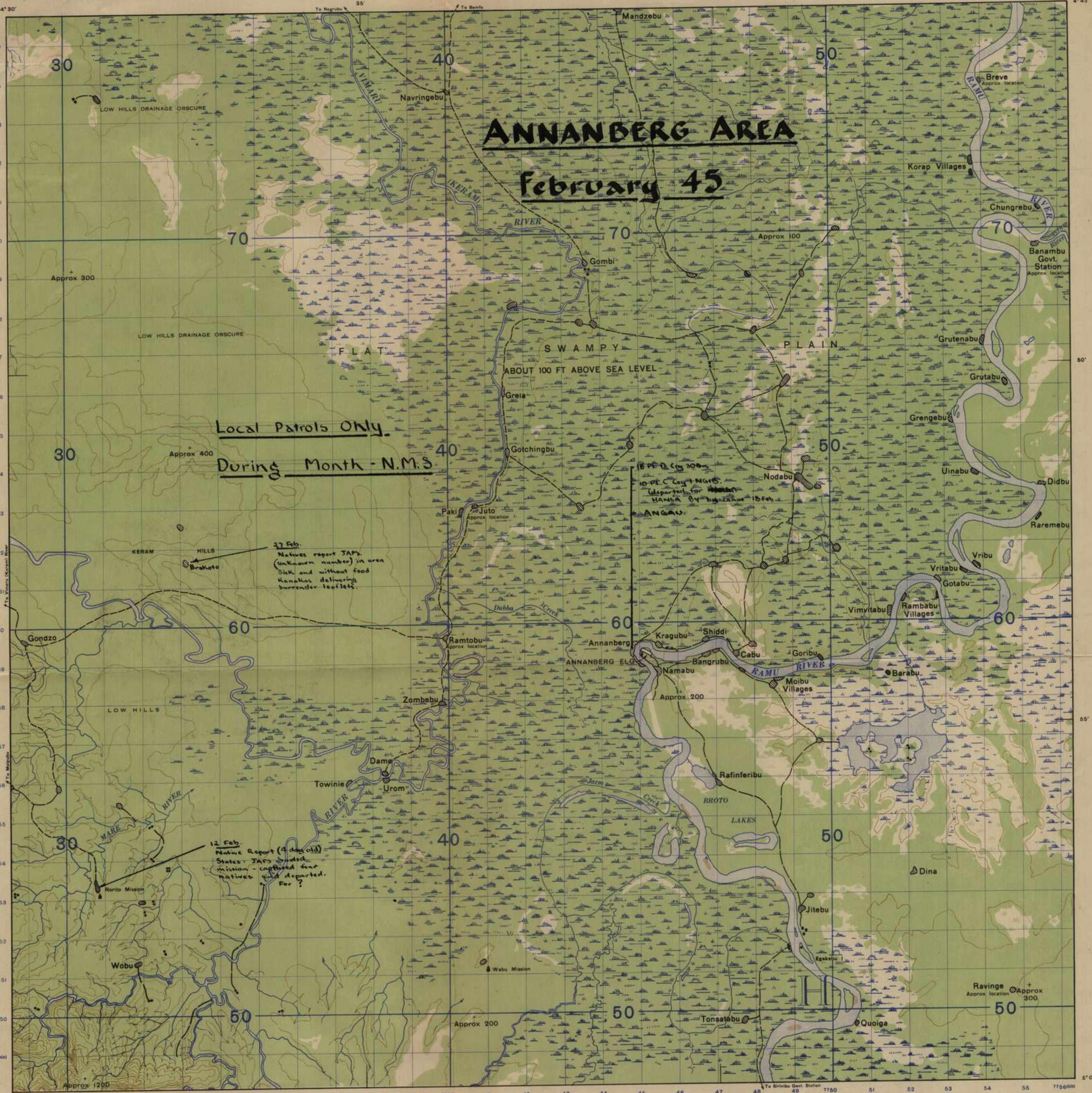


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AMAMON	MADANG	
MUSAK	BAGASIN	BOGADJIM

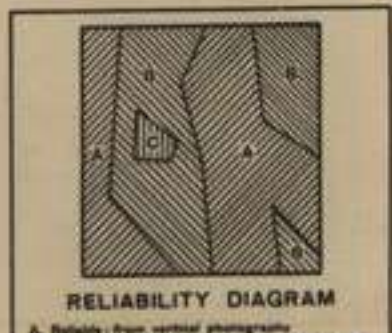
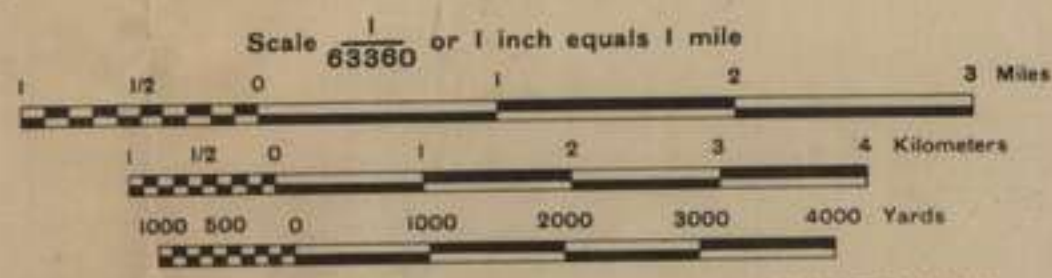
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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N. E. 1. EQUATORIAL ZONE
Origin of grid, Lat. Equator - Long. 102° E, whose coordinates are 2,300,000 M and 7,900,000 M.
To give the coordinates of a point use only larger figures on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers. The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates referred to the origin of the grid zone.
ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on this grid.
Nearest similar reference on this grid is 500 km distant.



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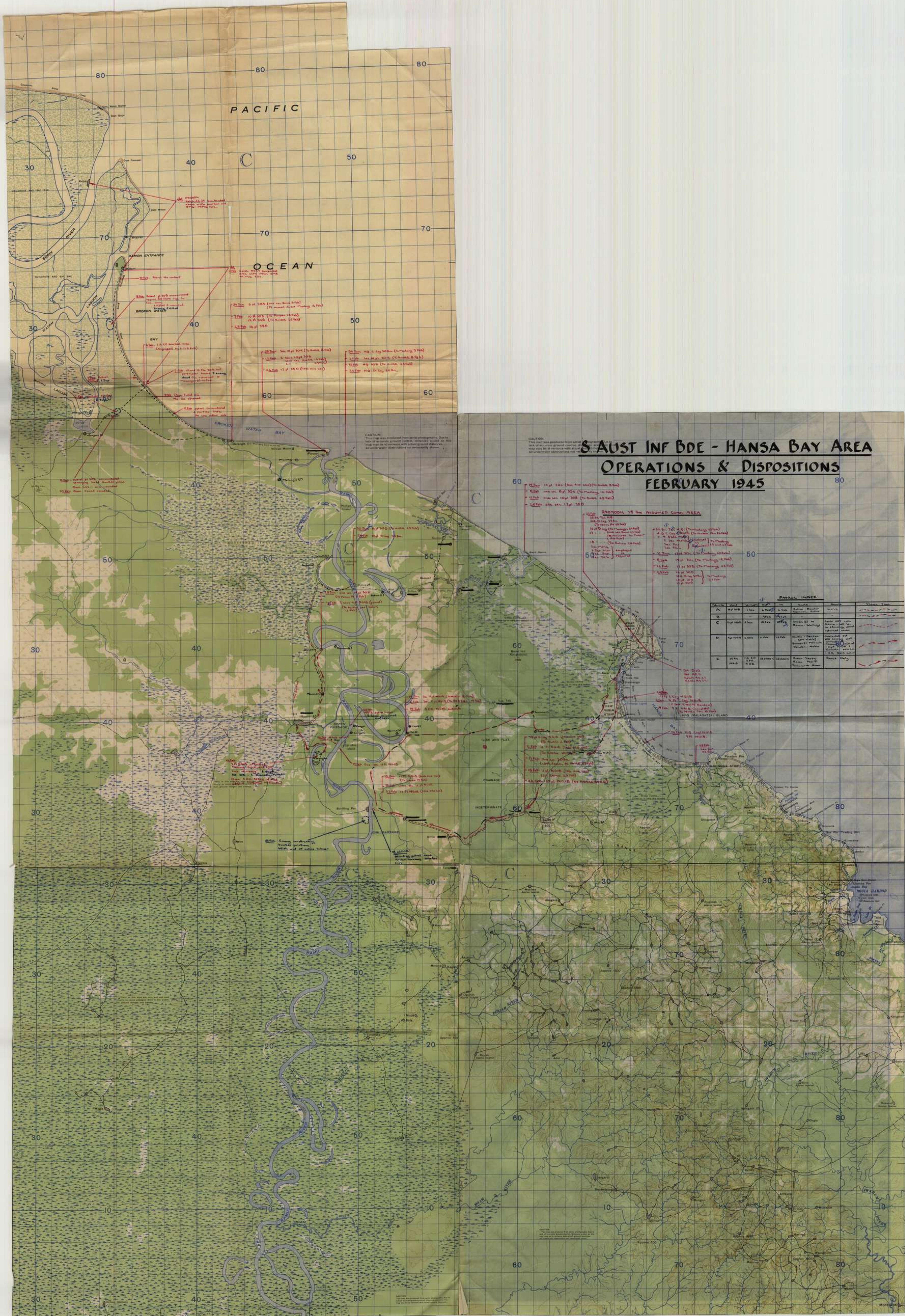


LEGEND
Suitable for 2 way MT
Suitable for 1 way MT
Trails, probable
Native villages
Swamps
Streams, intermittent
Underwater obstruction
Forest
Plantations
Mangroves
Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
Grassland

ANNANBERG WEST
S445 - E14430/15

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Approximate mean declination 1943
Annual magnetic increase 3'



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**8th AUST INF BDE - HANSA BAY AREA
OPERATIONS & DISPOSITIONS
FEBRUARY 1945**

PARALLEL INDEX

Grid	Area	Notes	Remarks
A	100000	100000	100000
B	100000	100000	100000
C	100000	100000	100000
D	100000	100000	100000
E	100000	100000	100000

DIST:- FAA(2), 8 Aust Inf Bde, ALO 83 Wing, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTIC, 4 Tac/R Sqn, 45 Aust AL Sec, File.

AIR LIAISON "A"

(WAD 60)

Appx 37

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION. **NADZAB**..... UNIT. **4 TAC/R SQN**..... SORTIE No. **1**..... A/C No.—TYPE. **A46-179 A46-193**..... DATE. **2 FEB 45**.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE. **TAC/R.. SEPIK RIVER to MARIENBERG, NORTH to MURIK, EAST along coast to WATAM.**.....

REF. MAPS. **SEPIK 4 mls to 1"**..... PILOT..... **F/O PEDERSON**..... TIME UP **0750 NAD 1330 NAD**..... VISIBILITY..... WEATHER.....
0915 NAD.....
 OBSERVER..... **Top Cover**..... TIME DOWN **0850 NAD 1430 NAD**..... **GOOD**..... **FINE**.....
F/O HEYSON.....
 TOTAL **5 hrs 15 mins**.....

PLACE OR REF.	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT—INTERROGATION
WATAM PEN 63474	1015	min alt	No movement seen.
C1264	1030K	"	Approx 200 yds NORTH of KOPAR, one new sac-sac shelter. Tracks around village well worn but no movement or watercraft seen. WEST along SEPIK to C1264 no movement or watercraft seen.
SUK C0167		"	Several more huts (native type) ^{SEEN} but no movement.
B9773		"	Tracks in area MARIENBERG to SUK well defined and appeared to have been used in last 24 hrs as muddy water lying in tracks had been disturbed.
MURIK B9483		"	SUK - One new hut (native type) approx 60 x 20 ft, in good condition, built on top of small hill. Tracks leading SOUTH, SW and NORTH from hut appeared to have been in recent use. Freshly cut wood chips, one white pole 5 ft long, and three large native baskets with carrying poles attached, outside hut. NMS.
DARAPAP C0884		"	Four huts (native type) near small creek. Brown coloured clothing seen on pole near huts. Tracks in area not clearly defined. NMS.
KARAU C1483		"	Three large native canoes lying on side in centre of village. No foot-prints on beach, or movement seen.
		"	One JAP seen near hut EAST end of village, who, when a/c approached moved into hut. 3 strafing runs made on village and fires started. One large sea-going canoe with two out-riggers and platform built on top, drawn up on beach. No other movement seen.
		"	Foot prints seen on beach near village. One canoe same as above, and several smaller ones drawn up on beach. NMS.
			Message on 30 EN seen to be recovered.

Time and Signature..... *[Signature]*..... CAPT
ALO "B" FLIGHT, 45 AUST AL SEC
 Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

Appx 37

A382—N.G. Pres Unit—12/44/10M

DIST:- FAA (2), 8 AUST INF BDE, ALO 83 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTIC, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, FILE.

AIR LIAISON "A"

(NAD 63)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION... NADZAB	UNIT... 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No... 1	A/C No.—TYPE... A46-195	DATE... 9 FEB 45
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE... TAC/R WATAM PENINSULA - BOSMAN AREA.				
REF. MAPS. NUBLA WEST	PILOT... F/O PEDERSON	TIME UP... 0845 NAD 1020 MAD	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
OMBA EAST, WATAM WEST.	OBSERVER... XXXXXXXX TOP COVER	TIME DOWN... 0945 MAD 1120	GOOD	FINE
..... 1 inch series	F/L PHILLIPS	CONDOR Pt	7	
		TOTAL... 2 hrs. 30 mins ..		

PLACE OR REF.	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT—INTERROGATION
NEMNEM 479418	1045	Min alt	Foot bridge across creek. 2 new sac-sac huts . Track leading SOUTH to BOSMAN well defined. N.M.S.
MENNEM(1)475379		"	2 sac-sac huts in good condition, possibly more. No tracks observed owing to dense undergrowth. N.M.S.
MENNEM(2)474375		"	One sac-sac hut and one shelter approx 8 x 6 ft. Track leading to 475379 well defined through kunai. N.M.S.
473380		"	5 native canoes empty on EAST bank of lagoon.
SCHILLING PTN		"	N.M.S.
SENAI 386382		"	Tracks well worn - huts in fair condition. Village gave appearance of being occupied. N.M.S.
SANAE 239403		"	2 huts approx 300 yds WEST of village in good condition. Large stack fire-wood near one hut. N.M.S.
103515		"	Un-named village. 6 sac-sac huts in good condition - tracks well worn. One native in canoe approx 200 yds NORTH of village. On second run, canoe and native had disappeared in undergrowth.
WATAM LAGOON		"	No movement or large concentration of canoes seen.
353674		"	In burnt out hut approx 24 JAP helmets. Result of air-strike observed and bombing appeared accurate.
			A/C, A46-195 piloted by F/O PEDERSON forced to return to AWAR STRIP (CONDOR PT) with engine trouble. Forced landing successful. Returned to NADZAB PM 11 FEB '45.
			Time and Signature <i>[Signature]</i> CAPT
			ALO B FLIGHT, 45 AUST AL SEC
			Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

GWR 15/2

A382—N.G. Press Unit—12/44/10M

AIR LIAISON "A"

NAD 64

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION. HABZAB	UNIT. 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No. 1	A/C No.—TYPE. A20-343	DATE. 11 FEB '45
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE. TAC/R - RAMU - SEPIK AREA.				
REF. MAPS. SEPIK EAST	PILOT. F/L PHILLIPS	TIME UP. 0710 NAD 1315 AWAR	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WATAM - NUBIA WEST	OBSERVER. LIEUT G. HEALD ^R	TIME DOWN. 0820 NAD 1745 NAD	GOOD	FINE
1 inch series	(30 BN)	TOTAL. 5 hrs 5 mins		

PLACE OR REF.	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOSMAN 465399	1135	600 ft	N.M.S.
SEPEN PASSAGE		"	No movement or water-craft seen.
MENMEN (LONGON AREA)		"	Three sac-sac huts 473375. Tracks appeared well worn. No watercraft or movement seen. OP's reported by NCIB in this area NOT located.
SCHILLING PTN		"	N.M.S.
SENAI 386382		"	One probable JAP seen in village. Tracks well worn. Village shows signs of occupation.
NEW BIEN		"	Village appears un-occupied. Several large new gardens, and tracks show signs of much use in Sq 1262.
WATAM		"	N.M.S.
WANGAN		"	N.M.S.
The above Tac/R was requested by 30 BN to take the place of normal Tac/R of 12 FEB.			
<i>GWB 15/2</i>			
			<i>[Signature]</i> Time and Signature..... CAPT
ALO "B" FLIGHT, 45 AUST AL SEC Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....			

DIST :- FAA(2), 8 AUST INF BDE, ALO 83 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTG, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, FILE.

AIR LIAISON "A"

NAD 65

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION NADZAB.....	UNIT 4 TAC/R. SQN.....	SORTIE No...1.....	A/C No.—TYPE. A46-193 A46-179.....	DATE 16 FEB 45.....
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE... TAC/R. RAMU RIVER to SCHILLINGS PTN, & WATAM PENINSULA.....				
REF. MAPS.. WATAM WEST.....	PILOT F/O KENDALL.....	TIME UP.. 0750 NAD. 0925 MAD	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.. NUBIA WEST.. (1" series).....	OBSERVER TOP COVER..... F/O WARBROOKE	TIME DOWN. 0835. MAD. 1240 NAD	GOOD	FINE
		TOTAL... 4 HOURS.....		

PLACE OR REF.	TIME/K	HEIGHT	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOSMAN AREA	1000K	Min alt	Several native type huts in good condition at 455401. Tracks in hut area well worn. N.M.S.
9 MENNEM (1 & 2) 473377		"	Gave appearance of not having been used, as huts in dis-repair and tracks overgrown.
LONGON 494395	1015	"	N.M.S.
NEMNEM 478419	1030	"	Huts burnt out. N.M.S.
DENDEN 477443	1045	"	Village approx 200 yds SOUTH of river. Huts well concealed under trees and in good condition. Tracks well used. Approx 7 slit trenches on NORTHERN side of village. Well used track leads to landing point on River bank. Several foot-prints seen on mud-bank. N.M.S.
487444		"	Several huts in good condition. N.M.S.
KABUK 1(476495)1110		"	Two new sac-sac huts. N.M.S.
KABUK 2(484501)		"	N.M.S. No river traffic observed on RAMU .
			NORTH along coast to SEPIK RIVER mouth no movement or water-craft seen.
			Messages dropped on 30 BN and 8 AUST INF BDE seen to be recovered.
			Target bomb line given by ALO NORCOM - NOT EAST RAMU RIVER.
			<i>[Signature]</i> Time and Signature..... CAPT ALO B FLIGHT, 45 AUST AL SEC. Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

DIST:- FAA(2), 8 AUST INF BDE, ALO 83 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTG, 45 AUST AL SEC, 4 TAC/R SQN, FILE.

AIR LIAISON "A"

NAD 66

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION **NADZAB** UNIT **4 TAC/R SQN** SORTIE No. **1** A/C No.—TYPE **A46-209 A46-179** DATE **19 FEB '45**

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE **TAC/R BOSMAN - SCHILLING PTN - RAMU RIVER to ANNANBERG.**

REF. MAPS BOGIA 4 mls to 1" b	PILOT F/L C. PHILLIPS	TIME UP 0745 NAD 0905 MAD	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER XXXXXXZ TOP COVER F/L WHITE	TIME DOWN 0835 MAD 1200 NAD	GOOD	FINE
		TOTAL 3 hrs 45 mins		

PLACE OR REF.	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT-INTERROGATION
BOSMAN 04640	1000	Min alt	Two new native type huts approx 20 x 10 ft in vicinity of burnt huts. Foot tracks appeared to have been in recent use. Track leading NNW to DENDEN 04745 was well defined. N.M.S. Track shown on map leading SOUTH from BOSMAN to SCHILLING PTN not observed owing to thick undergrowth
SCHILLING PTN		"	No earth-works as reported by NGIB patrol seen. One new hut on WESTERN bank built partly over water. No watercraft or movement seen.
TIMORAKA C5434		"	Track leading WEST to SCHILLING PTN well defined and appeared to have been in recent use. This track leads direct and is not curved as marked on map. N.M.S. SOUTH along RAMU to J.YOUNGS camp, no movement or watercraft seen.
J.YOUNGS CAMP H3998		"	40 ft lugger painted grey, with single mast and cabin amidships, drawn up to WESTERN bank. Appeared in good condition. Two huts appeared to have been pulled down as only corner posts remain. No tracks or other huts seen as under-growth thick.
H5478		"	Three native type canoes approx 30 ft long, one with awning amidships and loaded with stores, the other two carrying 30 natives and 3 Australian troops who waved as A/C passed over, No other movement or watercraft seen on river to ANNANBERG. Message dropped on ANNANBERG DET seen to be recovered.
			TAC/R altered from KERAM RIVER to RAMU RIVER by CAPT CHESTER, NORCOM.

R. McNeill CAPT
Time and Signature.....
ALO/B FLIGHT 45 AUST AL SEC.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

DIST:- FAA (2), ALO 83 WING, 8 AUST INF BDE, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTG, 45 AUST AL SEC, 4 TAC/R SQN, FILE.

AIR LIAISON "A"

NAD 68

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION... **NADZAB** UNIT... **4 TAC/R SQN** .. SORTIE No... **1** A/C No.—TYPE **A46-195**
A46-187 DATE **26 FEB '45**

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE **TAC/R ANGORAM VILLAGE & KERAM RIVER to KEBIM.**

REF. MAPS BOGIA 4 NLS to 1"	PILOT T/O WARBROOK	TIME UP 0800 NAD 0925 NAD	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.....	XXOBSERVER F/L WHITE	TIME DOWN 0850 NAD 1305 NAD	GOOD	STR-CU 2000'
.....	Top, cover.	TOTAL... 4 hrs 30 mins ..		

PLACE OR REF.	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MBAUUNDO 00453	1015	Min alt	Consists of 3 villages in good condition with well worn tracks around huts. Two new huts under construction with freshly cut sac-sac on ground. Three well kept gardens approx 60 yds sq, fenced, and appeared to contain low crops in rows. Several native type canoes drawn up to EASTERN bank of lagoon. Lagoon is joined to SEPIK by a narrow canal. Broken boxes, small tins and small white objects which may possibly be clothing, seen in centre of village. Leading SE for approx 1/2 mile was a well defined track at the end of which was a native type hut well concealed in trees. Small white dog seen in centre of village but no other movement seen. Eight strafing runs made on two NORTHERN villages and hits observed.
ANGORAM B8552 B8438	1035	"	No movement or watercraft seen and whole village area appeared deserted. One native type hut in good condition with raised bench underneath, possibly for housing canoes. Tracks around hut were well defined. N.M.S. Narrow canal runs from B8438 WEST to lagoon B8136
CHINUNDO B8932		"	Village in good condition, tracks well worn, and area appeared occupied. Numerous native type canoes seen drawn up on EASTERN bank of KERAM RIVER. N.M.S.
KAMBOT B9326		"	N.M.S, but village appeared occupied as tracks well worn and gardens in good condition. Two strafing runs with hits observed.
BOBTAIN B9620 VAR C0009 UBIM H0292		"	N.M.S. Villages appeared unoccupied as area overgrown.
			NO movement of watercraft seen on KERAM RIVER, SOUTH to KEBIM. Message on ANNANBERG DET seen to be recovered. Target bomb line by ALO NORCOM - NOT EAST of NORTH SOUTH grid line 20°

D. G. G. G.
 Time and Signature..... **CAPT**
ALO B FLIGHT, 45 AUST AL SEC

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

5 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Appx 38

TROPICAL

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
WE													
1			1	Brigadier									
2 NR	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels									
10 NR	3		2	Majors		2							
6		2	4	Captains AALC, BASC		4							
				Lieutenants AALS, AAOC, AAMC,									
				Quarter-masters AABS									
		2	2	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.		3							
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
19	5	4	9			9							
				DETAIL.	A.I.P.	O.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
				A	16					2			18
				E. (1)									
				E. (2)									

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 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.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
ND157165	CF	WAUGH, M.N.	HQ 8 Bde	31/1/45	From 24 days ARL
OX36061	Capt	HAMMOND, L.E.	241 Sup Pl	23/1/45	M/In taken on strength as BASCO - authority FAA AST 1094 of 16 Jan 45

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
ND157165	CF	WAUGH, M.N.	HQ First Aust Army	31/1/45	Det for duty Authority FAA ASB 1150 of 30 Jan 45
ND114712	Capt	SHELLING, K.V.	30 Bn	30/1/45	ex att as A/BE

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ 8 AUST INF (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 3 / 2 / 1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
ND157165	Capt	LAWRENCE, R.J.	X List Grade 3 King Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/2/1945 (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.
Brig	VX23	FERGUSON	H.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112112	CHESTER	J.W.	BN(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	XX112417	ROSS	A.J.	LO 2	Yes		
Lt	XX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	XX121848	HEATTIE	E.A.	IO	Yes		
Lt	XX126391	WILLIS	K.H.	BC(L)	Yes		
Capt	Q36061	HANNON	L.E.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	XX125724	CALLAN	E.J.	LSO	No	24 days AIL	16/1/45
Lt	XX116317	STEPHENS	C.L.	OO	Yes		
Lt	XX120525	HUGHES	J.F.	AO	Yes		
Lt	XX131081	MARSHALL	H.	HO	Yes		
Lt	XX131656	WATSON	C.F.	EO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 bn	12/7/44
CF	Q380068	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 bn	12/7/44
CF	XX157165	WAUGH	M.H.	CF	No	Det FAA	31/1/45
MP	B508	SQUIRES	G.	YMCA	Yes		
MP	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	Salv Army	No	Det 4 bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	EX23008	SLATTER, H.L.	35 bn	27/11/44	Att for duty as TO
Lt	XX116657	HOSKINS, R.	4 bn	20/12/44	Att for duty

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43

H.A. Ferguson
Signature of Commander
(H.A. FERGUSON)
Brig.
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

5 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS 10 O.R's 61 + OFFRS 9 O.R's 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

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.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			2	Staff Sergeants					
4		1	2	Sergeants		2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals	AACC, AAAS, AABS, AALC, AALC, AAWC, AASC, AACE	5	1		
				Troopers, Privates, etc.	AACC, AACBD	7		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AALC				
66 *	1	3	53 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		14 *	1	2	1 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	62		5							67
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	4 Bn			14	Leave		
14	30 Bn						
8	35 Bn						
2	5 Div Postal						
2	251 LAD						
1	ATTIS FAA						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 3 / 2 / 1945

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945.

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	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering	3	2	1	Operating Room Assts.	10	7	1	G.P.O. Assistants	14	11	1
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				Rangetakers			
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	2	NR	Woodturners				CGM	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								CGMS	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Tpt Sjt	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Cpls	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				DVRs RT	3	3	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Orderlies	3	3	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Gen duties	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Mess cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				Hygiene	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Storeman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Datmen	13	13	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AACID	3	3	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC	2	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AACC	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AASB	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAS	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	7	1	CARRIED FORWARD	14	11	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	67	* 1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

3 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

M.A. Ferguson
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 (Unit) 8th Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 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.
WE									
1			1	Brigadier					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 NR	2		-	Majors					
10 NR	3		2	Captains					
6		2	4	Lieutenants	AALC, AASC			2	
				Quarter-masters	AAS, AAS, AASC, AOC			4	
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
		2	2	Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AACHD			3	

19	5	4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
DETAIL	A.I.P.	O.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL		
A.						2				18		
E.(1)	16											
E.(2)												

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 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.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX120690	Lt	G.W.BROWN	35 Bn	8/2/45	Att for duty as IO(L)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 8th Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123445	Capt	R.J.LAWRENCE	X LIST Grade 3 Wing Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

NO 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Unit

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/2/1945 (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.
Brig	VX23	FERGUSON	H.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112118	CHESTER	J.W.	Bn(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	HAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	NX112417	ROSS	A.J.	LO 2	Yes		
Lt	DX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	DX121848	BEATTIE	R.A.	IO	Yes		
Lt	DX136391	WILLIS	K.H.	SC(L)	Yes		
Capt	QC36061	HARRISON	L.S.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	DX125724	CALLAN	R.J.	LSO	No	24 days ABL	16/1/45
Lt	DX116317	STEPHENS	C.L.	CO	Yes		
Lt	DX120525	BUDGEN	J.F.	AO	Yes		
Lt	DX131091	MARSHALL	H.	HO	Yes		
Lt	DX131656	WATSON	C.F.	EO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Bn	12/7/44
CF	QX60068	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 Bn	12/7/44
CF	DX157165	WAUGH	M.H.	CF	No	Det FAA	31/1/45
Mr	B508	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	Yes		
Mr	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	Salv Army	No	Det 4 Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	DX23008	SLATTER, H.L.	35 Bn	27/11/44	Att for duty as TO
Lt	DX116657	HOKINS, R.	4 Bn	20/12/44	Att for duty
Lt	DX120690	BROWN, G.W.	35 Bn	8/2/45	Att for duty as IO(L)

H.A. Ferguson
(H.A. Ferguson) Signature of Commander

NO 8 AUST INF BDE

10 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945. HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.						
2			2	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1			1	Staff Sergeants						
4		1	2	Sergeants AAOC, AAAS, AAES			2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals AALC, AAIC, AASC, AACO			6	2		
48			40	Troopers, Privates, etc. AAOC, AACD			7		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R. AAC, AASC, AALC						
66	*	1	51	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			15*	2	2	1*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	61		5							66
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

* * 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. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Bn			14	Leave		
14	30 Bn			1	2/15 Pd Amb		
6	35 Bn						
2	5 Div Postal						
1	251 IAD						
1	ATIS FAA						
1	133 Bde OFF						
1	8 Pd Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 10 / 2 / 1945

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX84716	S Sjt	HUGHES S.J.	X List 103 Con Depot.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/ 2/1945.

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	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants	14	11	1
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.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				Rangetakers			
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				CQMS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								TPT SJT	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CPLS		1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	N.R.	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	7	1	CARRIED FORWARD	14	11	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	66	1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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M.A. Fergusson

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

F.H.O. Form-11-2/11

Signature of Commanding Officer

Always this list must be kept up to date on the date of the report. It should be written in one of the plain papers of our Regt. and submitted to the Adjutant General's Office. It should be written in one of the plain papers of our Regt. and submitted to the Adjutant General's Office.

At the end of each month, the Adjutant General's Office will be required to submit a report on the number of personnel in each category.

PERSONNEL		SURPLUS		NCO'S		DETAILS		Remarks	
Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Rank	No.	Rank	Def	Surplus	
Sgt	BURKETT R.H.	21	A1	Sgt	WX32003		NR	1	Filling position Orderly Room Cpl.
Cpl	WARE .E.A.	30	A1	Cpl	WX112741			1	Acting as Canteen Cpl recommend retain.
Cpl	POCKLINGTON R.G.	35	A1	Cpl	WX157222			1	Clerk to BOO. Authority to hold Supernumerary LHQ.
TOTALS		18		18		3		3	

TRAFFIC. **CLERKS** **Intelligence** **CSM COMS** **Transport** **Mess** **General Canteen** **ATTACHED** **AAAS** **AAES** **AAOC** **AAAC** **AAAC** **AAAC**

Part A of Army Form W.3000 at 0800 Hours Saturdays

of Personnel and Reinforcements required as shown in

Serial No. (Number) (Date) Army Form W.3000

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2 /1945 HQ 8 AUST INF (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 112/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 31 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

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

TROPICAL

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.
WE 1			1	Brigadier.					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
2 HR	2		2	Captains	AALC, AASC	2			
10 HR	3		3	Lieutenants	AALS AASS AALC AAOB	4			
6				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	AACBD	3			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	5	3	8			9			

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

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
A.	16					2				17
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.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
523008	Lt	R.L. SLATTER	35 Bn	12/2/45	Ex attachment
1212445	Lt	R.A. BENTON	LHQ SCHOOL OF MIL. COURSE No 21 5 Mar to 14 Apr 45	13/2/45	Authority FIRST AUST ARMY 0792/1532/Try of 4 Feb 45

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ 8 AUST INF (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /1945

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
1212445	Capt	R.J. LAWRENCE	X LIST Grade 3 King Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 2 5 /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.
Brig	VX28	FERGUSON	M.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112112	CHESTER	J.W.	Bn(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGGS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	DX112417	ROSS	A.J.	LO 2	Yes		
Lt	DX120697	CERBON	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	DX136391	HILLIS	K.H.	SC(L)	Yes		
Capt	QX26061	HARMOND	L.E.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	DX126724	CALLAN	E.J.	LBO	No	24 days ARL	16/1/45
Lt	DX116317	STEPHENS	C.L.	OO	Yes		
Lt	DX120625	BUDGEN	J.F.	AO	Yes		
Lt	DX131081	MARSHALL	H.	NO	Yes		
Lt	DX131656	WATSON	C.F.	NO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Bn	12/7/44
CF	QX60068	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 Bn	12/7/44
CF	DX157165	WAUGH	H.H.	CF	No	Det FAA	31/1/45
Mr	B508	SQUIRE	G.	EMCA	Yes		
Mr	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	HAL ARMY	No	Det 4 Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	DX116657	HOKKINS, R.	4 Bn	20/12/44	Att for duty
Lt	DX120690	BROWN, G.W.	35 Bn	8/2/45	"

17 Feb 45

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43

M.A. Ferguson
Brig
(M.A. FERGUSON)
Signature of Commander
COMD 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2/1945 HQ 8 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 172/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.						
2			2	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1			1	Staff Sergeants						
4		1	2	Sergeants AAOC, AAAS, AAES			2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals AALC, AAMC, AASC, AACG,			6	2		
48			40	Troopers, Privates, etc. AAOC, AACbD,			7		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R. AACG, AASC, AALC.						
66	*	1	51	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			15 *	2	2	1 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	61		5							66
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Bn			14	Leave		
14	30 Bn			1	School of M.I.		
6	35 Bn			1	133 Bde Wksp.		
2	5 Div Postal						
1	251 LAD						
1	ATIS FAA						
1	133 Bde OFF						
1	8 Pd Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 17/2/1945

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX84716	S sjt	HUGHES S.J.	X List 103 Con Depot.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/ 2/1945 .

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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
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				Rangetakers			
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	7	1	CARRIED FORWARD	14	11	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	66	1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

17 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

M. A. Ferguson
Signature of Commander

SEE BACK

Date of Despatch

Address of Command

DETAILS - NCO'S

TRADES

CLERKS
MESS

INTELLIGENCE

COM
COMS
Transport

Mess
General
Canteen

ATTACHED

AASG
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AASG

(c) Above not subject of reference
(d) Above subject of reference
(e) Above subject of reference
(f) Above subject of reference
(g) Above subject of reference
(h) Above subject of reference
(i) Above subject of reference

TRADES	RANK	NO.	POSTED	DEF.	SURPLUS	No.	Rank.	SURPLUS PERSONNEL Name.	Age	Med Class	REMARKS
CLERKS	WO2 Sjts Cpls	1 1	111	1NR	1	WX32003	Sjt	BURKETT R.H.	21	A1	Filling position Orderly room Cpl.
INTELLIGENCE	6 sjts Cpls	2	111	1NR							
COM COMS Transport	WO2 Sjt	1	111								
Mess General Canteen	Cpl Cpl Cpl	1	111		1	WX12741	Cpl	WARE E.A.	30	A1	Acting as Canteen Cpl, recommend retain.
ATTACHED	Cpl Cpl Cpl Cpl Cpl Cpl	1	111		1	WX157222	Cpl	POCKLINGTON R.G.	35	A1	Clerk to 300. Authority to hold supernumerary LHQ.

By A of Army F...
BY K.L.E. Detail of B...

SM 13/20 of
20 Dec 44

Authority to hold
supernumerary LHQ.

Orderly room
Cpl.

Acting as Canteen
Cpl, recommend
retain.

Clerk to 300.
Authority to hold
supernumerary LHQ.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

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

TROPICAL

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.
1			1	Brigadier.					
2 NR	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels					
10 NR	3		2	Majors	AASC, AALC	2			
6		1	3	Captains	AAAS, AABS, AAMC, AADC	4			
				Lieutenants					
		2	2	Quarter-masters	AACH D	3			
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	5	3	8			9			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	15					2				17
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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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.
HX112683	Lt	C.H. NEAY	4 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	17/2/45	Att for duty as TO

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
HX131061	Lt	N. MARSHALL	2/15 Aust PG Amb	21/2/45	Evacuated sick

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
HX123445	Capt	R.J. LAWRENCE	X List Grade 3 Wing Staff Course (Aust) No 3 War Course

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/2/1945. (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.
Brig	VX23	FERRISSON	H.A.	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX112115	CHESTER	J.W.	Bn(L)	Yes		
Capt	VX112142	KNAGIS	J.P.	LO 1	Yes		
Lt	NX113417	ROSS	A.J.	LO 2	Yes		
Lt	NX120697	OSBORN	S.J.	LO 3	Yes		
Lt	NX136391	WILLIS	K.H.	SC(L)	Yes		
Capt	QX36061	HARMOND	L.H.	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	NX125724	CALLAN	E.J.	LSO	No	24 days AIL	16/1/45
Lt	NX116317	STEPHENS	C.L.	CO	Yes		
Lt	NX130525	HUGHES	J.F.	AO	Yes		
Lt	NX131081	MARSHALL	H.	HO	No	2/15 Aust Fd Amb	21/2/45
Lt	NX131656	WATSON	C.P.	BO	Yes		
CF	PX55	GRAYDON	K.	CF	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/44
CF	QX60063	SMITH	G.D.	CF	No	Det 30 AUST INF Bn	12/7/44
CF	NX157165	WALKER	H.M.	CF	No	Det FAA	21/1/45
Mr	B503	SQUIRE	G.	YMCA	Yes		
Mr	B2/414	CLARKE	S.	Salv Army	No	Det 4 Aust Inf Bn	24/1/45

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.
Lt	NX116657	HOSKINS, R.	4 Bn	30/12/44	att for duty
Lt	NX120690	BROWN, G.W.	35 Bn	8/2/45	"
Lt	NX112683	REAY, C.H.	4 Bn	17/2/45	"

24 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

H.A. Ferrisson
Signature of Commander
(H.A. FERRISSON)
COHQ 8 AUST INF BDE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

8 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 2 / 1945 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 51 + OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TROPICAL

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.						
2			2	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1			1	Staff Sergeants						
4		1	2	Sergeants		AAOC, AAAS, AAES	2		1	1
10 NR	1		5	Corporals		AAIC, AANC, AASC, AACG	6	2		
48			40	Troopers, Privates, etc.		AAOC, AACHD, AOC	7		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.		AACC, AASC, AAIC.				
66	*	1	51	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			15	2	2	1*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	61		5							66
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Bn			14	Leave		
14	30 Bn			1	School of MI		
6	35 Bn						
2	5 Div postal						
1	251 LAD						
1	ATIS FAA						
1	133 Bde OPP						
1	8 Fd Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 24 / 2 / 1945

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX84716	S Sgt	HUGHES S.J.	X List 103 Con Depot.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/ 2 /1945 .

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	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	NR	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	NR	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	6	1	CARRIED FORWARD	14	10	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	66	2

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 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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24 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

