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7 AUST INF BDE

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TO 0900 Hours 1 Apr 45

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Unit HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0700 hrs 1 Mar 45 To 0900 hrs 1 Apr 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
HOZAN	1 Mar	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 200 to 0600 hours	Appx 1		
		0720	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT No 222	Appx 2		
		0800	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 3		
		1110	Message to 61 bn 2 Fd Regt 224 Sup Dep Pl 11 Aust Fd Amb - ref OpTasks	Appx 4		
		1115	Message to 25 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn 2 Aust Fd Regt A coy NGIB Det ANGAU - ref Op tasks.	Appx 5		
		1625	Message to 61 Aust Inf Bn 2 Aust Fd Regt 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl 11 Aust Fd Amb - ref message at 1110 hours ref Op tasks.	Appx 6		
		1800	Today GSI Col EDGAR AA&QMG Lt-col WHEELER visited the Bde Comd and discussed Ops.			
		1915	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 201 to 1800 hours	Appx 7		
		1915	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT No 223	Appx 8		
		2130	After a period of comparatively fine weather and continuous work by the Engineers the MOSIGETTA road was opened to jeep and trailer traffic.			
		2 Mar	2 Mar	0840	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 202 to 0600 hours	Appx 9
				0840	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT No 224	Appx 10
				1420	WARNING ORDER - Following officers will be prepared to move Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde BM SC IO LOS G 3 (air) Capt ASC Legal O. Comd BM SC IO moving HOZAN - MAWARAKA 4 Mar thence TOKO 5 Mar. Others plus Int Sec and Orderly Room RAAF Tender on instruction TO as transport available. All remaining Offrs will constitute rear HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde at MAWARAKA and will move as instructed by SC or his deputy. Following sub-units will also move TOKO as part adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde - 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less switchboard det for rear HQ 241 Aust LAD det ANGAU.	
1610	Message to 9 25 and 61 Aust Inf Bde - A Bde Ordnance dump under control Bde Ord Offr is being established MAWARAKA. Units will each nominate one OR for attachment this dump for purpose handling unit ordnance requirements. Soldiers to report Lt VOGLER rear control earliest.					

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HOZAN	2 Mar	1902	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 203 to 1800 hours	Appx 11	
		1902	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT No 225	Appx 12	
		2105	Det 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl moving TOKO for onward movement BARARA to establish DID and dropping ground.		
	HOZAN	3 Mar	0723	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 204 to 0600 hours	Appx 13
			0723	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT 226	Appx 14
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition overlay	Appx 15
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 24	Appx 16
			1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 17
			1200	HQ A coy NGIB closed down 846591 reopening TOKO area 041200L.	
			1310	As from 1 Mar Maj TRUDA adm comd 2 Aust Fd Regt during absence Lt-Col PARKER acting CRA 3 Aust Div.	
1530			7 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 9	Appx 18	
1615			Message to all units - In future all native place names marked on map will be signposted in their correct localities by units as ops proceed. Names given by units to track juncs creek crossings minor streams and features will be subject to approval this HQ.		
			1930	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 205 to 1800 hours	Appx 19
	1930	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT 227	Appx 20		
HOZAN	4 Mar	0725	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 206 to 0600 hours	Appx 21	
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 22	
		2015	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP Np 207 to 1800 hours	Appx 23	
		2015	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS 228, 229 and 230	Appx 24	
HOZAN	5 Mar	0700	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP 208 to 0600 hours	Appx 25	
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 26	
		0900	Ref Map for dispositions 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Appx 27	
TOKO		1600	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde commenced move from HOZAN to TOKO 0830 hours 4 Mar. Stayed night 4/5 Mar at rear control 7 Aust Inf Bde MAWARAKA. Embarked LGS20 at 1330 hours 5 Mar for onward movement TOKO.		

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TOKO	5 Mar	1600(Contd)	Arrived TOKO 1430 hours and established HQ. Comd BM SC left MAWARAKA 0730 hours and moved by launch arriving TOKO area 0900 hours. 5 Mar. During move sig conn was maintained through rear control.	IO
		1945	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS 231 and 232	Appx 28
		1945	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 209 to 1800 hours	Appx 29
	6 Mar	0600	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 210 to 0600 hours	Appx 30
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 25	Appx 31
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition Overlay	Appx 32
		1150	Lt SMITH Lang Det attached to 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
		2000	56 Aust Tpt Pl less 1 Sec will revert to comd 3 Aust Div at 2400 hours.	
		2005	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 211 to 1800 hours	Appx 33
		2005	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS Nos 233	Appx 34
	7 Mar	0030	Message to 3 aust div - Information re enemy	Appx 35
		0718	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 212 to 0600 hours	Appx 36
		0800	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition Overlay	Appx 37
		1800 hour	Today Lt-Col COOMBE visited the Bde Comd.	
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 213 to 1800 hours	Appx 38
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 234 and 235	Appx 39
	8 Mar	0705	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 214 to 0600 hours	Appx 40
		1200	As from 080001L LOB Gp 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn is under comd LOB Gp 7 Aust Inf Bde for purposes of adm and disciplin.	
		1910	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 215 to, 1800 hours	Appx 41
		1910	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS Nos 236 and 237	Appx 42
		2000	Report on visit to 25 Aust Inf Bn 61 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn on 6, 7 and 8 Mar 45 by Lt L.J. RUDD	Appx 43
	9 Mar	0715	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 216 to 0600 hours	Appx 44
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 45
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Location Statement No 16	Appx 46

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
TOKO	9 Mar	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 26	Appx 47	
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 217 to 1800 hours	Appx 48	
		1920 2330	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS Nos 238 and 239 Message from RAE 3 Aust Div - 2 fd Regt tractors to be fitted as bulldozers and come under control 15 Aust Fd Coy when NOT required by 2 Aust Fd Regt.	Appx 49	
TOKO	10 Mar	0748	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 218 to 0600 hours	Appx 50	
		0950	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 219 to 0900 hours	Appx 51	
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 52	
		1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 53	
		1900	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 220 to 1800 hours	Appx 54	
		1900	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 240, 241 and 242.	Appx 55	
	11 Mar	2400	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Casualty list for period 13 Jan 45 to 10 Mar 45	Appx 56	
		0710	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 221 to 0600 hours	Appx 56(a)	
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 57	
		0900 0955	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP 27 Message to 9 Aust Inf Bn 25 Aust Inf Bn 61 Aust Inf Bn - Relief of 61 Aust Inf Bn by 9 Aust Inf Bn.	Appx 58	
TOKO	11 Mar	0957	Message to 61 Aust Inf Bn - Relief by 9 Aust Inf Bn	Appx 59	
		1020	Message to 25 and 61 Aust Inf Bns ref Engrs under command	Appx 60	
		1100	GI and Party (3 Aust Div) arrived HQ 2/8 Cdo Sqn.	Appx 61	
		1415	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp 00 No 1 - TOKO maintenance and area.	Appx 62	
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 222 to 1800 hours	Appx 63	
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS 243 and 244	Appx 64	
		12 Mar	0712	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 223 to 0600 hours	Appx 65
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 66
0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 28		Appx 67		
1910	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 224 to 1800 hours		Appx 68		
13 Mar	1910	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS Nos 245 and 246.	Appx 69		
	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 224 to 0600 hours	Appx 70		

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TOKO	13 Mar	0825	GI and party (3 Aust Div) departed 0815 hours en route adv Div.		
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition Overlay	Appx 71	
		1850	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 226 to 1800 hours	Appx 72	
		1850	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 247 and 248	Appx 73	
		1900	Today Brig HAMMER visited Bde Comd and then on to 25 Aust Inf Bn.		
		2000	Message to 9 Aust Inf Bn - 9 Aust Inf Bn will despatch one pl not less than 1 offr 20 OR to MDS MAWARAKA for security. Pl will report MDS by 140900L and take necessary defence measures. Pl will be prepared remain several days until further instructions.		
	14 Mar	0716	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 227 to 0600 hours	Appx 74	
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 75
		1007	3 Aust Div advise advice has been received that VX48010 Maj SUMMERTON HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde has been selected to attend Staff School (AUST) course 8 Grade 1 wing 10 Apr to 1 Aug		
			1500	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 29	Appx 76
		1800	Today Brig HAMMER Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde visited Bde Comd.		
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 228 to 1800 hours	Appx 77	
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp REVSIT 249 and 250	Appx 78	
		2000	Letter to 3 Aust Div ref current operations.	Appx 78a	
		15 Mar	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 229 to 0600 hours	Appx 79
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 80
	0900		Additional maps 1:25000 series - HIRU HIRU MAMAGOTA MONOITU	Appx 81	
	1800		Today Maj-Gen BRIDGEFORD visited the Bde Comd.		
	1915		7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 230 to 1800 hours	Appx 82	
	1915		7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 251 and 252	Appx 83	
2359	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Location Statement No 17		Appx 84		
16 Mar	0715	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 231 to 0600 hours	Appx 85		

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TOKO	16 Mar	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 86		
		1500	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 30	Appx 87		
		1800	Today Lt-Col WEBSTER Comd 52/60 Aust Inf Bn visited the Bde Comd.			
	17 Mar	1900	1900	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 232 to 1800 hours	Appx 88	
			1900	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 253 and 254.	Appx 89	
			1900	Staff Captains Report - Period 1 Mar 45 to 16 Mar 45.	Appx 90	
		17 Mar	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 233 to 0600 hours	Appx 91	
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition overlay	Appx 92	
			1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 93	
			1915	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 234 to 1800 hours	Appx 94	
			1915	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 255 and 256	Appx 95	
		18 Mar	0715	0715	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 235 to 0600 hours	Appx 96
				0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition overlay	Appx 97
			1435	Capt JONES 3 Aust Div arrived this HQ 1245 hours to make reconce staging biv areas for proposed regrouping of our forces that area.		
			1905	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 236 to 1800 hours	Appx 98	
1905	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 257 and 258.		Appx 99			
2000	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 31		Appx 100			
19 Mar	0705	0705	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 237 to 0600 hours	Appx 101		
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 102		
	1705	1705	Message from 2/8 Cdo Sqn reports five day patrol 19 Mar ambush on No 2 Govt road killed enemy DR and captured several documents incl 1 sealed envelope. Envelope contained AKIRA OO dated 16 Mar. (Translation attached)	Appx 103		
		1845	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 238 to 1800 hours	Appx 104		
	1845	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT No 259 and 260	Appx 105			
	2020	Message to 9 and 61 Aust Inf Bns 2 Aust Fd Regt ANGAU 7 Aust Inf Bde 11 Aust Fd Amb and A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb rel change over 9 and 61 Aust Inf Bns	Appx 106			

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TOKO	20 Mar	0727	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 239 to 0600 hours	Appx 107	
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 108	
		0930	Congratulatory message to 25 Aust Inf Bn from Brig FIELD	Appx 109	
		1800	Today Lt-Col WHEELER DAQMG Lt-col HASSETT G1 and Lt-col PAIGE CASC visited the Bde Comd.		
		1830	Message to Rear 7 Aust Inf Bde and 7 Aust Inf Bde LOB - Capt CORFE will take over duties OC rear 7 Aust Inf Bde and area Comd MAWARAKA. On relief Capt COCHRANE will report Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. Capt CORBOULD will return LOB and become OC 25 Aust Inf Bn LOB Gp. Maj WEPPNER will move forward to 25 Aust Inf Bn.		
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 240 to 1800 hours	Appx 110	
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 261 and 262	Appx 111	
		21 Mar	0714	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 241 to 0600 hours	Appx 112
			0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 113
			1520	Congratulatory message from Brig FIELD to Maj WINNING 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	Appx 114
1800	Today Lt-Col MATTHEWS visited the Bde Comd		Appx 115		
1915	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 242 to 1800 hours		Appx 116		
1915	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS No 263 264		Appx 117		
2000	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 32		Appx 118		
2000	7 Aust Inf Bde Passwords and countersigns		Appx 119		
22 Mar	0706	Message to all units - As from 23 Mar 45 Maj STROM BM(L) 29 Aust Inf Bde will act as BM 7 Aust Inf Bde.			
	0706	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 243 to 0600 hours	Appx 120		
	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 121		
	1800	Today Lt-Col ANDERSON 24 Aust Inf Bn - Lt-Col MATTHEWS 9 Aust Inf Bn - Lt Col BLAIR 11 Aust Fd Amb - visited the Bde Comd.			
	1905	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 244 to 1800 hours	Appx 122		
	1905	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS No 265 and 266	Appx 123		

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TOKO	23 Mar	0714	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 245 to 0600 hours	Appx 124
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition Overlay	Appx 125
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 33	Appx 126
		1800	Today Lt-Col ARTHUR A/CRA and Lt-Col ANDERSON comd 24 Aust Inf Bn visited the Bde Comd.	
		1905	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 246 to 1800 hours	Appx 127
		1905	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 267 and 268	Appx 128
	24 Mar	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 247 to 0600 hours	Appx 129
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition overlay	Appx 130
		1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 131
		1800	Lt SMITH Lang Det marched out to 3 Aust Div today.	
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 248 to 1800 hours	Appx 132
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 269 and 270	Appx 133
25 Mar	0719	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 249 to 0600 hours	Appx 133 (a)	
	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Disposition Overlay	Appx 134	
	1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 250 to 1800 hours	Appx 135	
	1920	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSITS No 271 and 272	Appx 136	
26 Mar	0725	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 251 to 0600 hours	Appx 137	
	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 138	
	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 34	Appx 139	
	1800	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 35	Appx 140	
	1800	Maj SUMMERTON marched out to NG Details Depot for onward movement.		
	1800	Today Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, Lt-Gen BEREMAN, Lt Gen SAVIGE Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD Brig GARRETT visited the Bde Comd. Attached as appx is list of Military History Section photographs taken during Visit of C-in-C.	Appx 140a	

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TOKO	26 Mar	1910	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 252 to 1800 hours	Appx 141
		1910	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 273 and 274	Appx 142
	27 Mar	0730	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 253 to 0600 hours	Appx 143
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 144
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde OP Instr No 5 - Air Raid Precautions.	Appx 145
		1800	Today Lt-Col DEXTER G1 Aust Inf Bn and Lt-Col BLAIR 11 Aust Fd amb visited the Bde Comd.	
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 254 to 1800 hours	Appx 146
		1925	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 275 and 276	Appx 147
	28 Mar	0720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 255 to 0600 hours	Appx 148
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 149
		1230	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 256 to 1200 hours	Appx 150
		1800	Today Lt-Col PARKER A/CRA 3 Aust Div visited the Bde Comd.	
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 257 to 1800 hours	Appx 151
		1920	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 277 278 and 279	Appx 152
	29 Mar	2030	Message from 3 Aust Div - B sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt will move TOROKINA - TOKO by LCT commencing 29 Mar. Initial location area 806460. On arrival under command 3 Aust Div but available to 7 Aust Inf Bde in event of emergency. 7 Aust Inf Bde responsible local protection until Div HQ opens TOKO.	
0730		7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 258 to 0600 hours	Appx 153	
0900		7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 154	
0900		7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 36	Appx 155	
1405		7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 259 to 1300 hours	Appx 156	
1405		7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 280 and 281	Appx 157	
1800		Today Lt-Col HASSETT G1, Lt-Col COLBACH CRE, Lt-Col ANDERSON comd 24 aust inf bn, Lt-Col BACKHOUSE ADTN 1st Aust Army, Lt-Col CHESTERTON CRE 1 Aust Water Transport and Lt-Col W.R. DEXTER comd G1 aust inf bn visited the Bde Comd.		

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TOKO	29 Mar	1720	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 260 to 1600 hours	Appx 158
		2130	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 261 to 1800 hours	Appx 159
		2130	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 282 and 283	Appx 160
	30 Mar	0724	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 262 to 0600 hours	Appx 161
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition Overlay	Appx 162
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No 37	Appx 163
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde Inset Sheet No 1	Appx 164
		1345	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 263 to 1300 hours	Appx 165
		1450	Message from 3 Aust Div - To meet future Op necessities two troops B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt are moving under orders -- this HQ to RV EAST of PURIATA River. Consider essential to have them in reserve across river to meet situation such as has arisen with 25 Aust Inf Bn last two days. Periodic rise of river by flash floods renders it desirable that two Troops pass this obstacle earliest. Tanks will not be committed to tasks without ref this HQ and will be in support 25 Aust Inf Bn. Will be retained if possible until regrouping Bde complete and general advance resumed but may be employed on clearing L of C and MGs and large bodies of enemy should situation demand.	
		1520	Message to 25 Aust Inf Bn and 61 Aust Inf Bn - Movement B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	Appx 166
		1800	Today Lt-Col PARKER, Lt-Col DEXTER comd 61 Aust Inf Bn and Lt-Col FAGAN 3 Aust Div Sigs visited the Bde Comd.	
		2030	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 264 to 1800 hours	Appx 166 (a)
2030	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 284 and 285	Appx 167		
31 Mar	2150	Message from 3 Aust Div - Two Troops B sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt under command 7 Aust Inf Bde as from 302400L.		
	0645	Message to 3 Aust Div - Submit that consideration be given accelerate move more Inf Units into this area. Enemy has been aggressive in large and scattered parties last three days. Hy fighting in forward localities of 25 Bn 30 Mar with results not yet completely ascertained owing disrupted comms. This may necessitate earlier assumption of fwd role by 15 Bde on BUIN road owing to our reduced strengths Action being taken this morning to clear enemy by Inf Tank action from track to TOKINOTU endeavour link up forward coy localities.		

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TOKO	31 Mar	0732 0732	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 265 to 0600 hours Message to 25 Aust Inf Bn - From Brig FIELD to Lt-Col McKINNA - suggest that on completion of ops with tanks this morning in clearing enemy from forward localities on track dispositions to be altered to group two coys any one locality.	Appx 168
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Disposition overlay	Appx 169
		0900	7 Aust Inf Bde INTREP No38	Appx 170
		0955	Congratulatory message from Lt-Gen SAVIGE and Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD.	Appx 171
		1000	Message from 3 Aust Div ref Tanks	Appx 172
		1200	A FW 3008 and 3009	Appx 173
		1500	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 266 to 1400 hours	Appx 174
		1735	Message from Brig FIELD to Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD	Appx 175
		1800	Today Lt-Col PARKER, Lt-Col DEXTER, and Lt-Col ANDERSON comd 24 Aust Inf Bn visited the Bde Comd.	Appx 176
		1930	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 267 to 1800 hours	Appx 177
		1930	7 Aust Inf Bde REVSIT Nos 287, 288 and 289	Appx 178
		2000	Staff Captains report to 31 Mar 45.	Appx 179
		2000	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Patrol Overlay	Appx 180
		2000	Observer parties attached 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp during March 45.	Appx 181
		2000	Record of movement of officers 7 Aust Inf Bde HQ.	Appx 182
	1 Apr	0750	7 Aust Inf Bde SITREP No 268 to 0600 hours	Appx 183
		0800	List of appointments HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	

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B.M. 7 AUST. INF. BDE. Maj.

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*INT 538 CONFIDENTIAL/SITREP 200 to 010600L
 2/8 cdo sqn FALCON recce reveals many
 enemy still occupying posn 91752H
 281500L CHEETAH PANTHER returned to
 adv HQ 923539 from OPAI BASE 998579
 delayed report from rear HQ then at 50615
 949624 states 1 day old dead enemy
 found garden area 962619 A Coy NG1B
 4 pl still out 2 day patrol 5 pl
 patrol to TOKINOTV area contacted estimated
 6 enemy with LMG approx 859477 enemy
 withdrew to river our patrol returned
 cas own 1 wounded enemy nil*

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7 aust inf bde

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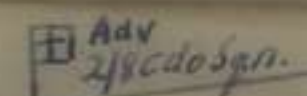
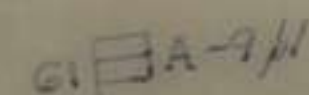
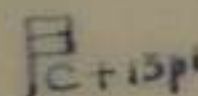
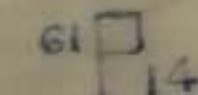
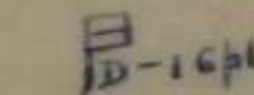
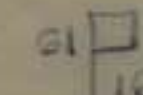
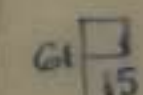
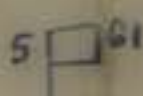
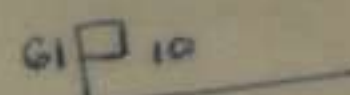
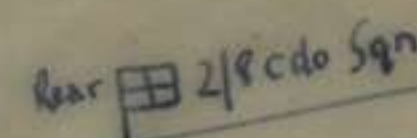
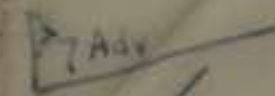
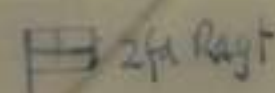
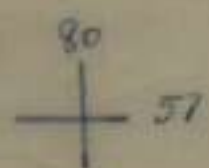
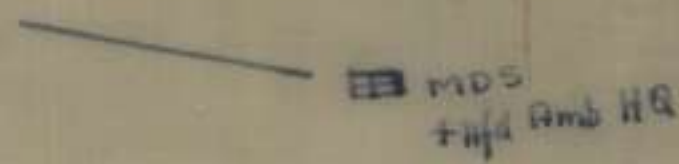
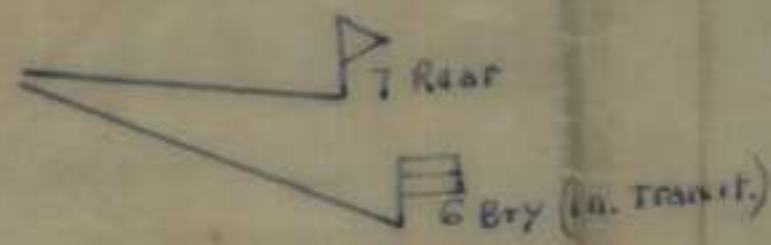
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amb 2 aust fd regt(4) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det
ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy
7 bde LOB (4) 7 bde rear control BM GIII(air) LOs file
war diary (3)

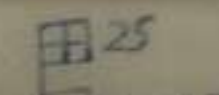
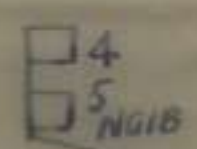
REVSIT 222 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to c10600L (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) FALCON recce
reveals enemy still occupying posn 917524 (.) 281500L CHEETAH
PANTHER returned to adv HQ 923539 from OPAI BASE 998579 (.)
delayed report from rear HQ then at SOVELE 949624 states 1
day old dead enemy found garden area 962619 (.) A coy NGIB (.)
4 pl (.) still out 2 day patrol (.) 5 pl (.) patrol to
TOKINOTU area contacted estimated 6 enemy with LMG approx
859477 (.) enemy withdrew to river (.) our patrol returned (.)
cas (.) own 1 wounded (.) enemy nil

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Overlay MEIGETA - BAKARA - HIRU HIRU 1:25000
 Disposn of 7th Div Inf Bn. as at 01.08.00



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For Action			
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt 224 aust sup dep pl 11 aust fd amb			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
adv 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 7 aust inf bde sig sec A coy 1 NG inf bn det ANGAU 5 aust fd coy war dairy			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 1564 SECRET (.) on dates to be advised in accord
operational tasks and advice 5 aust fd coy 61 aust inf bn less one
coy will withdraw to rest area NAMAREGU (.) one coy will remain
protect MOSIGETTA MEIVO continue local patrolling until further
orders (.) remainder 2 aust fd regt with 10 bty lowest priority will
prepare bivouac MAKATOWA area (.) ADS 11 aust fd amb will move
under orders parent unit when move 61 aust inf bn less one coy
complete (.) DID subject separate instrs (.) adv HQ 7 aust inf bde
will move TOKO tentative date 4 mar ACK all informed

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25 aust inf bn 2/8 aust cdo sqn 2 aust fd
regt A coy 1 NG inf bn det ANCAU

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

adv 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn
7 aust inf bde sig sec 11 aust fd amb war
diary

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01563 SECRET (.) orders (.) 25 aust inf bn with in sp

6 bty 2 aust fd regt and A coy 1 NG inf bn less one pl will secure

area fwd of PURIATA RIVER to incl HONGORAI RIVER (.) 2/8 aust cdo

sqn will operate on left flank (.) bdy (.) line running SE through

HORINU 2 (.) when patrols required operate in territory adjacent

force that force will be notified direct full details of such

patrols (.) 25 aust inf bn will if possible secure coastal pt

from which lateral rd runs inland to rd BARARA HIRU HIRU (.) D

day 2 mar 45 ACK

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51 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt 224 aust sup dep pl 11
 aust fd amb adv 3 aust div 9 aust t inf bn 25 aust
TO inf bn 7 aust inf bde sig sec 1 coy 1 22 inf bn
(w) For Information (INFO.)
 ANOAB 5 aust fd coy war diary

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 1565 SECRET (*) cancel 7 aust inf bde 02004 (*) other
 instra later all informed

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baj*

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<i>For Action</i>		
TO <i>adv 3 aust div</i> <small>(w) For Information (INFO.)</small> <i>near 3 aust div</i> <i>adv 2/8 cdo sqn</i>	<i>COMD</i> <i>8M</i> <i>10</i>	Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 540 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 201 to 011800L @ 61 br @
patrol from D coy 909568 operating in DQJ 9157 and SOUTH to
PURIATA river reports NMS @ patrols from C coy 895553 operating
in area bounded by 900560 870560 870540 900540 and
SE to PURIATA at 908532 report NMS @ A coy 2 day patrol from
850534 reached 858524 at 011400L continuing to general area
874518 where several signs fresh enemy activity reported by
tac r @ 9 br @ nothing to report @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ at 010930L
TIGER moved bir garden area 935559 @ EAGLE ambushed 916534
916537 maintained and report NMS @ 25 br @ B coy patrol
from 837479 to 867480 came under fire 1 LMG rifles high ground
858478 at 011100L @ cad @ own 1 wounded @ enemy unknown @
patrol advanced to find poen vacated @ heard HMG vic 862477 @
011130L patrol moved SE to complete task @ no further report @
patrols from 868489 upstream to 894485 and from 868489
downstream 863484 report no likely Xing places @ security
patrol from 868489 followed well defined track to 875495 @ several
4 to 5 day old leantos found @ all other patrols report NMS @ A coy NG 18
@ 4 pl @ patrol to TOKINOTU area returned 011300L @ no report yet @
5 pl @ nil patrols 1 Mar

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War Diary.

FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust
fd amb 2 aust fd regt (4) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1
NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl
5 aust fd coy 7 bde LOB (4) 7 bde rear control BM
GIII (air) LOS file war diary (3)

REVSIT 223 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 011800L (.) 61 bn (.) patrol
from D coy 909568 operating in sq 9157 and SCUTE to PURIATA
RIVER reports NMS (.) patrols from C coy 895553 operating
in area bounded by 900560 870560 870540 900540 and SE to
PURIATA at 908532 report NMS (.) A coy 2 day patrol from
850534 reached 858524 at 011400L continuing to general area
874518 where several signs fresh enemy activity reported by
tac R (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.)
at 010930L TIGER moved biv garden area 935559 (.) EAGLE
ambushes 916534 916537 maintained and report NMS (.) 25 bn
(.) B coy patrol from 837479 to 867480 came under fire 1 LMG
rifles high ground 858478 at 011100L (.) cas (.) own
1 wounded (.) enemy unknown (.) patrol advanced to find posn
vacated (.) heard HMG vic 862477 (.) 011130L patrol moved
SE to complete task (.) no further report (.) patrols from
868489 upstream to 894485 and from 868489 downstream 863484
report no likely Xing places (.) security patrol from 868489
followed well defined track to 875495 (.) several 4 to 5
day old leantos found (.) all other patrols report NMS (.)
A coy NGIB (.) 4 pl (.) patrol to TOKINOTU area returned
011300L (.) no report yet (.) 5 pl (.) nil patrols 1 mar

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IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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For Action

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BM 10 2/2

TO

adv 3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div

adv 2/8 cad sqn

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 543 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 202 to 020600L

@ 25 biv @ ~~B~~ ref SITREP 201 @ B coy patrol

continued from 858478 moved to track

864472 SOUTH NORTH to track junc 866480

@ reced vicinity @ moved to river along

SOUTH bank found enemy posn unknown

strength 869488 @ returned to good ford

865485 returned B coy 837479 via A coy

868489 at 011945 @ 2 slightly wounded

additional to 1 already reported @ 61 biv @

A coy patrol from 950534 proceeded to village

MURAWA 858524 where slaughtered many found

dead 6 days @ enemy tools found nearby hut

@ 859524 garden 600 by 400 yards @ NOT

cultivated 3 weeks @ group vacated huts

EAST end nothing interesting found NMS @

moved on to 864524 biv for night @

progress slow due many clearings and huts

en route @ 2/8 cad sqn @ EAGLE 916524 report sound

engine beyond SIRIKARA ford 919523 between 010900L 01100L

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War diary

FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust
 fd amb 2 aust fd regt (4) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1
 NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl
 5 aust fd coy 7 bde LOB (4) 7 bde rear control BM
 GIII (air) LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 224 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 020600L (.) 25 bn (.) ref
 REVSIT 223 (.) B coy patrol continued from 858478 moved
 to track 864472 NORTH to track junc 866480 (.) recced
 vicinity (.) moved to river along SOUTH bank found enemy
 posn unknown strength 869488 (.) returned to good ford
 865485 returned B coy 837479 via A coy 868489 at 011945
 (.) 2 slightly wounded additional to 1 already reported
 (.) 61 bn (.) A coy patrol from 850534 proceeded to
 village MURAWA 858524 where murdered mary found dead 6
 days (.) enemy boots found nearby hut (.) 859524 garden
 600 by 400 yards (.) NOT cultivated 3 weeks (.) group
 vacated huts EAST end nothing interesting found NMS (.)
 moved on to 864524 biv for night (.) progress slow due
 many clearings and huts en route (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.)
 EAGLE 916524 report sound engine beyond SIRIKARA ford
 917523 between 010900L 011000L

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 IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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TO (w) For Information (INFO.) near 3 aust dir adv 2/8 cdo sqn	Message Instructions GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 544 CONFIDENTIAL ○ SITREP 203 to 021800L ○ 61 br ○
 continuing EAST from 864524 A coy patrol reached 875518 at 021430L ○
 no trace of activity reported area 875520 found patrol ordered return
 arrived A coy 842532 at 021700L ○ patrol from C coy 895553 along well
 worn track to 888524 without contact ○ 25 br ○ patrol from
 A coy 868489 along NORTH bank PURIATA river contacted
 unknown number enemy 876478 via large hut ○ eno ○ surr
 ned ○ enemy 1 killed ○ patrol maintaining contact ○
 security patrol from D coy 855503 along main rd contacted
 A coy 61 br 842532 NMS ○ 9 br ○ nothing to report ○
 2/8 cdo sqn ○ ambushes maintained NMS ○ A coy 86180
 4 pl ○ w/ SITREP 201 ○ patrol to TOKINOTU from 850500
 returned 01300L ○ crossed PURIATA 850483 broke bush to
 TOKINOTU consisting 6 deserted huts ○ well worn track
 NORTH SOUTH through village well worn ○ signs recent
 movement NORTH of 3 enemy ○ patrol continued to MARU MARU
 area crossing small ch and main rd 2 places ○
 returned WEST along hamaka pad to base ○ state
 main rd 3 feet wide where crossed and would be very
 difficult maintain wet weather ○ no signs

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MT @ surrounding area flat @ area covered all good
 patrolling ground @ NMS @ 2 fld regt @ 6 bty moved
 to TOKO area in posn 803464 at 021100L @ ANGAU @
 patrol from 846571 out to MARIGA 1 Mar @ reached
 MARIGA one sec proceeding SOUTH to 48 northing @
 other sec returned directly to MSIGETTA rd 808611 thence
 to ANGAU rd 846571 at 021800L @ area thoroughly
 searched NMS

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war diary

FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn
11 aust fd amb 2 aust fd regt (4) 2/8 aust cdo sqn
A Coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup depot pl
56 aust gen tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde
LOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear control BM GIII(air)
LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 225 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 021800L (.) 61 bn (.) contin-
uing EAST from 864524 A coy patrol reached 875518 at
021430L (.) no trace of activity reported area 875520
found patrol ordered return arrived A coy 842532 at
021700L (.) patrol from C coy 895553 along well worn
track to 888524 without contact (.) 25 bn (.) patrol
from A coy 868489 along NORTH bank PURIATA river
contacted unknown number enemy 876478 vic large hut
(.) cas (.) own nil (.) enemy 1 killed (.) patrol
maintaining contact (.) security patrol from D coy
855503 along main road contacted A coy 61 bn 842532
NMS (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) 2/8 aust cdo
sqn (.) ambushes maintained NMS (.) A coy NGIB (.)
4 pl (.) ref REVSIT 223 (.) patrol to TOKINOTU from
850500 returned 01300L (.) crossed PURIATA 850483
broke bush to TOKINOTU consisting 6 deserted huts
(.) well worn track NORTH SOUTH through village
(.) signs recent movement NORTH of 3 enemy (.)
patrol continued to HIRU HIRU area crossing small ck
and main road 2 places (.) returned WEST along
kanaka pad to base (.) state main road 3 ft wide where
crossed and would be very difficult maintain wet
weather (.) no signs MT (.) surrounding area flat
(.) area covered all good patrolling ground (.)
NMS (.) 2 fd regt (.) 6 bty moved to TOKO area in
posn 803464 at 021100L (.) ANGAU (.) patrol from
846591 out to MARIGA 1 mar (.) reached MARIGA one
sec proceeding SOUTH to 48 northing (.) other sec
returned directly to MOSIGETTA road 808611 thence
to ANGAU HQ 846591 at 021800L (.) area thoroughly
searched NMS

F. Wilson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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TO	For Action adv 3 aust div near 3 aust div adv 2/8 cdo sqn	Message Instructions	GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 546 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 204 to 030600L
 @ 25 bn @ enemy shelled general area
 860485 from 030037L to 030044L @
 20 rounds incl 1 blind @ nil damage
 or cas

COMP J.F. 3/2
 RM J.F. 3.
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TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde
bde LOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear control, BM G 3 (air) LOS &
file war diary (3).

REVSIT 226 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 030600L (.) 25 bn (.) enemy shelled
general area 860485 from 030037L to 030044L (.) 20 rds
incl 1 blind (.) nil damage or cas

(Sgd) F. TIMSON Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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7 Rear

MDS
+ 11fa Amb BQ

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NGIB

2fa Regt

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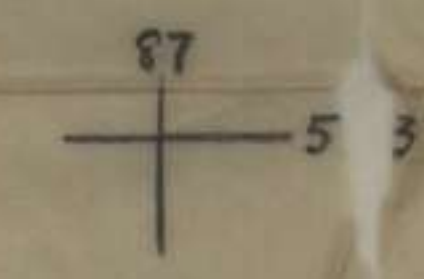
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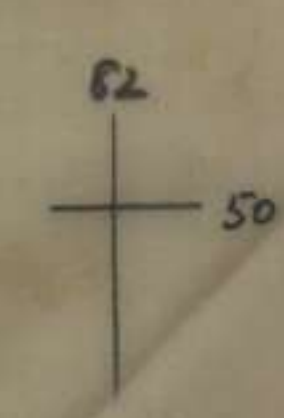
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Adv 2/8 CDO Sqn HQ 923539

Rear " " " " 998579



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ADS
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Apr 16

FROM

7 aust inf bde

TO

adv 3 aust div rear 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt 11 aust fd amb 2/8 aust cdo
sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU file (2) distribution (2) war
diary (3)

INTREP 24 (.) CONFIDENTIAL to 0309 L

ENEMY - POSSIBLE HQ - 1 mar (.) in the captured documents which deal with the withdrawal of enemy forces from PIKEI area constant reference is made to HATAI and the secret PIKEI - HATAI escape route (.) HATAI is the general garden area 915484 (.) natives from the TOKINOTU area evacuated 1 week ago state that HATAI has long been an important japanese official area (.) bombing approx 2 weeks ago severely damaged the buildings (.) the HQ promptly moved a short distance away to a new site in the timber on the SOUTH edge of the SOUTH CENTRE garden (.) the natives interrogated actually gathered the sac sac for the new huts (.) the area was bombed morning 3 mar 45

BIV AREA - 2 mar (.) in biv area 877553 found one LMG minus breech block 3 rifles and one american rifle

TRACK

- 1 mar - a wide well drained track with enemy sig wire running along it (.) track runs NORTH from 917575

J. Simpson Capt
TO 7 Aust Inf Bde

Am 17
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/ Mar/194 5 (Unit)

9 / 45 (Serial No.)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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

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	Brigadiers *									
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		9	Majors									
			7	Captains									
		1		Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.		NIL							
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2	1	18										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	A Class	18									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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / Mar / 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.
Col Brig	FX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	VX48010	SIMPSON	J.	EM	"		
Lt Capt	FX51088	FROSTICE	W.T.	SC	"		
Lt Capt	OX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	SC(L)	"		
Capt	VX21051	TIMSON	T.P.	ID	"		
Lt	OX35749	BROWN	A.R.	IOI	"		
Lt	OX40831	HAMMOND	E.N.	IOII	"		
Lt	FX13342	RUDD	L.J.M.	IOIII	"		
Lt Capt	FX134323	McKENN	G.D.B.	TO	"		
Lt	FX127524	MORE	K.C.	Hyg O	"		
Lt	VX134539	MILLS	C.E.A.	Edn O	"		
Capt	FX66507	ASH	W.P.	Leg O	"		
Lt	FX126004	BUTLER	J.O.	Amen O	"		
Lt Capt	FX113434	MCANLAY	D.C.	BASCO	"		
Lt	OX40921	VOGLER	R.H.	OO	"		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	OX25695	CANTILL	B.	25 Bn	"		
"	FX149002	BEATTY	G.A.	61 Bn	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	FX711 24	KING J.C.	2 Aust Hd	Post 25/1/45	ID (Arty)
"	VX114246	MERCIVAL P.E.	HQ 3 Aust Div	25/1/45	GILL (AIF)

Date of Despatch 3 Mar 45

Signature of Commander

Capt

Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

9/15 (Serial No.)

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/Mar/1945 (Unit)

W.E. II/2/4. OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s 66 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s ATT. BY W.E.

(Tropical)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
2				4		7				
3				4		7				
				5						
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		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	W.Os. Class II.						
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	2	Staff Sergeants						
	1		3	Sergeants						
	2	2	10	Corporals						
		5	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.				N I L		
*	3	8	72*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2						*

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 18 Years	18 Years and over	Under 18 Years	18 Years and over							
	A	63		8								72
	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
4	RAAF			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
15	3 Aust Div pro Coy			1	25 Aust Inf Bn		
1	A TIS			1	62 Aust Inf In		
1	25 Aust Inf Bn			1	HQ 2 Aust Corps		
2	2 Aust Fa Regt						
1	HQ 3 Aust Div						
2	V Aust FS Sec						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / Mar / 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.	
				Surveyors, Engineering	2	2		Operating Room Assts.	9	10		G.P.O. Assistants	15	16		
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Signals								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Artillery								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Artificer, Engine								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Blacksmiths								Radiographers				Stevedores				
Bricklayers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Computers				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Cooks, Hospital				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Coppersmiths				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Dispensers				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths <u>Non-specialists</u>				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Cooks	3	4		Woodturners				CQMS	1	1		
Electricians				Dental Mechanics								Sp	1	1		
Electricians (M.V.)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvrs MF	9	12		
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Operator								Batman	13	11		
Fitters				Drainers								Orderlies	9	9		
Fitters (Cycle)				Electricians								Gen duties	3	3		
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians (Engineers)								Mess cpl	1	1		
Fitters (Gun)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (Instrument)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Storeman	1	1		
Fitters (M.V.)				Hatchman				Butchers				Water duty	1	1		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Hyg duty	1	1		
Fitters, Signals				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Services				
Grinder, Precision				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AACND Batmendvrs	3	3		
Mechanics, Instrument				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				AAIG Clerk	1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Joiners				Concretors				Batman	1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Lineman				Cooks				AASC Clerk	1	1		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Batman	1	1		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Mechanics, Wireless				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				H/C ord		1		
Millwrights				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Dvr MF		1		
Operators, Excavator				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		AAMC Med ord	1	1		
Pattern Maker				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AACG Ann N'kr	1	2		
Pharmacist				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.O.				Batman	1	1		
Photographer, Wet Plate				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Photowriter				Moulders				Farriers								
Plumber				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Saw Doctors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
Surveyors																
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	9	10		CARRIED FORWARD	15	16		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	71	*	*

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.E. 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 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

Capt Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

Details of NOOs

Trade	Rank	WE	FS	SURP	DEF	REINPTS	REED
CSM	WOII	1	1				
CGMS	S sjt	1	1				
Tpt	Sjt	1	1				
Draughtsmen teoptops	Cpl	1	1				
Int duties	S sjt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
Clerks	WOII	1	1				
"	Sjt	2	2				
"	Cpl	1			1		
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1				
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1				
Mess cpl	Cpl	1			1		
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	1			
S e rvices							
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1				
AALG Med ord	Cpl	1	1				
AALG clerk	Cpl	1	1				
A AOG Ann Examiner	S sjt		1	1			
"	Sjt	1			1		
"	Cpl		1	1			
		18	18	3	3		

Surplus personnel posted in accordance with GRO 187/44

Army No.	Rank	Name	Trade	Med class	Special qual.
VX101366	S sjt	BROWN C.M.		A1	Ann examiner

Personnel surplus as result of amendment to WE

QX55314	Pte	FLA TT G.R. (AASG)		A1	M/C ord
QX56267	"	PASKINE A.E. (")		A1	Dvr MT
QX57359	L cpl	SCHLORT F.G. TG3		A1	Dvr Mech
Q99208	Pte	STEPHENS H.J.		A1	Dvr MT
QX59391	"	SMITH D.J.		A1	"

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Date of Despatch
Signature of Commander

appx 18

SECRET

7 AUST INF BDE 0 0 No 9

Copy No 17

Ref maps: BOUGAINVILLE, 1:25000-series

3 Mar 45

INFM

1. Enemy

As contained in current int data.

2. Likely Enemy Action

It is considered that the enemy will withdraw to a line SE of the HARI RIVER and will oppose our adv to that line by a series of delaying actions in the area SE from the PURIATA RIVER.

3. Own Tps

- (a) 3 Aust Div is to destroy enemy forces in SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE.
- (b) RAE 3 Aust Div is to maintain track MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA, construct jeep track MAMAREGU - MOTUPENA PT - TOKO, and construct jeep track TOKO - BARARA.

4. Air

- (a) 5 Tac R Sqn RAAF is to provide daily tacR and ArtyR or PhotoR as requested.
- (b) RNZAF is to provide direct and close sp missions in sp 7 Aust Inf Bde on a priority basis.
- (c) Det 17 AOP Flt RAAF, based at VERNON STRIP MAWARAKA is to carry out limited reces, air OP duties for arty, and liaison and DRLS missions as requested.

INTENTION

5. 7 Aust Inf Bde will clear the enemy from, and establish control over, the area between PURIATA RIVER and HARI RIVER.

METHOD

6. Gen

(a) The operation will be conducted in two stages :

Stage 1 : Recce fwd to HONGORAI RIVER and clearance to that line.

Stage 2 : Recce fwd and clearance to line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.

(b) This order deals with Stage 1 only; orders for Stage 2 will be issued at appropriate future date.

7. Tps

(a) RIGHT : 25 Aust Inf Bn with in sp 2 Aust Fd Regt less one bty and A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less one pl) will :

(i) Clear the right sector within the limits imposed by bdys specified later in this order.

(ii) Recce for suitable barge unloading pts between PURIATA and HARI RIVERS.

(iii) As soon as practicable, secure a coastal sup pt from which a rd link can be connected to main rd HIRU - AKU.

(It will be understood that paras 7 (a), (ii) and (iii) may not be fully implemented in Stage 1 but will depend entirely on ground exploration)

(b) CENTRE : 61 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one bty 2 Aust Fd Regt will :

(i) Initially with one coy, clear a central sector as bounded in para 8. The remainder of the bn will be disposed in the present area of responsibility, patrol actively, and be prepared to reinforce the fwd coy.

(ii) Be prepared to attack in 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn area should the situation deteriorate in that area.

(c) LEFT : 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will :

Clear enemy from sector on left flank 61 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) RES : 9 Aust Inf Bn will :

Remain in MAMAREGU area until further orders.

8. Bdys

(a) 25 Aust Inf Bn

East - west along 50 grid to River 887500 - incl PURIATA RIVER south to river and creek junc 894485 - south bank of creek to 948486 - due east to creek 953486 - along west bank of creek to HONGORAI RIVER.

(b) 61 Aust Inf Bn

(i) Incl PURIATA RIVER from 930550 SW to track and river Xing 917533 - incl track SE to track junc 935518 - incl track south to junc 931506 - incl track SE to RUMIKU - incl RUMIKI 953494 - thence SE to HONGORAI RIVER.

(ii) Rear Bdy : incl MOSIGETTA - incl track SW to MARIGA thence SE to excl BARARA - east - west along 50 grid to 887500.

(c) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

Indefinite. Area of responsibility will include all foothill areas in which enemy is located.

9. Cleared Area

The area west of rd MOSIGETTA - MARIGA - BARARA and south to 50 grid is considered clear of other than isolated enemy. This area will be periodically patrolled by ANGAU pers.

10. Arty

(a) 2 Aust Fd Regt less one bty allotted in sp 25 Aust Inf Bn. Move to TOKO area will be completed soonest practicable.

(b) One bty 2 Aust Fd Regt allotted in sp 61 Aust Inf Bn. This bty will be positioned well forward with a secondary task of supporting 25 Aust Inf Bn as far as possible, this consistent with requirements of 61 Aust Inf Bn and fwd moves in TOKINOTU sector.

11. Native Tps

(a) A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less one pl) allotted in sp 25 Aust Inf Bn. This coy will continue submit all reports direct to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) ANGAU det remains under comd HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. Orders will be issued as from time to time required.

12. Aerial

G3 (air) remains at HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde and the present system of requests is unaltered.

13. Time Factor

Orders contained herein will be instituted with the utmost expediency and singleness of purpose. This phase will be completed as soon as possible.

ADM

14. Instructions will be issued as required.

INTERCOMN

15. Moves of HQ

7 Aust Inf Bde will establish adv HQ at TOKO and rear HQ at MAWARAKA. Moves will be signalled to all concerned.

16. Line

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bde will establish and maintain line comm with all units under comd; in the case of 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn this line will be continued only as long as required by OC that sqn.

(b) The main line to 61 Aust Inf Bn will be via BARARA - MARIGA with a secondary link via MOTUPENA PT through Sig Centre MAWARAKA.

17. W/T

All units equipped with wireless will maintain 24 hr listening watch.

18. RAAF Tender

Will be located adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

19. Lof C

As an extra link in chain of intercomn; 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will locate a suitable track to 25 Aust Inf Bn - this in addition to that now operating to 61 Aust Inf Bn area.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1530 hrs
Issued through DRIS

J. Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No
9 Aust Inf Bn	1
25 Aust Inf Bn	2
61 Aust Inf Bn	3
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4
2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	5
2 Aust Fd Regt	6
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	7
224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	8
56 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	9
11 Aust Fd Amb	10
Det ANGAU	11
Adv HQ 3 Aust Div	12-13
Comd	14
File	15-16
War diary	17-19
LNFM :	
15 Aust Inf Bde	20
46 Aust AI Sec	21
(for Maj DANIELL)	

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

7 aust inf bde

03/19/30 L

For Action

adv 3 aust div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div
adv 2/8 adv agr

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 547 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 205 to 03/1800L @
61 br @ 7 patrols within area bounded by 910568 main
rd WEST and SW to 860546 to DARARA to 909568 report
no recent signs enemy @ patrol from 909568 to
917573 thence NORTH 900 yds along good wide
track discovered probable arty HQ @ technical
eqpt maps documents found @ 9 br @ nothing
to report @ 2.5 br @ patrol from C coy 833455
followed EAST bank PURIATA to ford 840452 thence
along pad to 857⁴⁴⁵~~554~~ @ returned to 844450 cut track
to swamp 843443 thence along EAST bank PURIATA to
mouth @ followed beach to 859418 returned via
beach to TOKO then along DARARA rd arriving coy
posn 03/230L @ NMS @ patrol from B coy 837479
to 851473 thence direct to track 865464 @
followed track SW to end at 841449 thence SOUTH
to coast along beach to lagoon 863412 @ returned
along beach to TOKO to coy posn @ NMS @ other
patrols operating in area SOUTH of river at 837479
repat NMS @ PART 2 FOLLOWS

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

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

Signed

Wilson
Capt

IMMEDIATE

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
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Office Date Stamp

For Action

(A)

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)
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Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART TWO SITREP 205 @ 2 pd rgt @ RMHQ moving from 850595 to MAKATOWA en route TOKO area @ 4 lty moving from 830606 to MAKATOWA en route TOROKINA perimeter @ 4 Coy NGIB @ Coy HQ 846571 closed 031200L opening TOKO area 041200L @ nil patrol @ 2/8 sds sqn @ report NOT yet received

Patrol from Coy 854550 en route from UNATA to rd 840452

Patrol from Coy 854404 en route to rd 865404

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

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

Signed

Wilson
ca br

IMMEDIATE

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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For Action

adv 3 aust div

TO <i>rear 3 aust div</i> <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	Message Instructions GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT SSO CONFIDENTIAL @ further to SITREP 205 @
2/8 cdo apr @ further recce enemy posn 917524
reveals 7 new foxholes WEST original posn but
NOT occupied @ track used by our patrols from
912524 to 915523 has been widened and foxholes
dig this sector @ EAGLE patrol to apprx
923521 established enemy definitely occupying
270 degree arc posn this up @ ambushes
maintained 913537 and extended location
913531

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Apr 10

War Diary.

FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust
fd amb 2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1
NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl
5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde LOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear
control BM G3(air) LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 227 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 031800L (.) 61 bn (.) 7
patrols within area bounded by 910568 main rd WEST and
SW to 860546 to DARARA to 909568 report no recent signs
enemy (.) patrol from 909568 to 917573 thence NORTH 900
yds along good wide track discovered probable arty HQ (.)
technical eqpt maps documents found (.) 9 bn (.) nothing
to report (.) 25 bn (.) patrol from C coy 833455 followed
EAST bank PURIATA to ford 840452 thence along pad to
857445 (.) returned to 844450 cut track to swamp 843443
thence along EAST bank PURIATA to mouth (.) followed
beach to 859418 returned via beach to TOKO then along
DARARA rd arriving coy posn 031230L (.) NMS (.) patrol
from B coy 837479 to 851473 thence direct to track 865464
(.) followed track SW to end at 841449 thence SOUTH to
coast along beach to lagoon 868412 (.) returned along
beach to TOKO to coy posn (.) NMS (.) other patrols
operating vic river SOUTH of river at 837479 report NMS (.)
2 fd regt (.) RHQ moving from 850595 to MAKATOWA en route
TOKO area (.) 4 bty moving from 830606 to MAKATOWA en
route TOROKINA perimeter (.) A coy NGIB (.) coy HQ 846591
closed 031200L opening TOKO area 041200L (.) nil patrols (.)
2/8 cdo sqn (.) further recce enemy posn 917524 reveals
7 new foxholes WEST original posn but NOT occupied (.)
track used by our patrols from 912524 to 915523 has been
widened and foxholes dug this section (.) EAGLE patrol to
approx 923521 established enemy definitely occupying 270
degree arc posn this ref (.) ambushes maintained 913537
and amended location 913531

J. J. Munson

IO 7 Aust Inf Bde Capt

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ORIGINATOR'S No. *INT 554 CONFIDENTIAL* ©
SITREP TO 040600L © *nothing to report*

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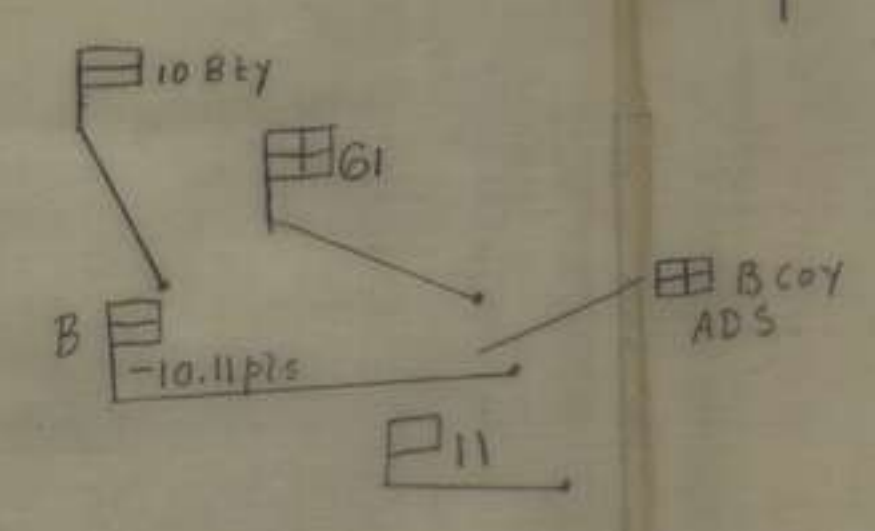
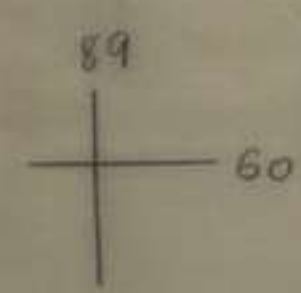
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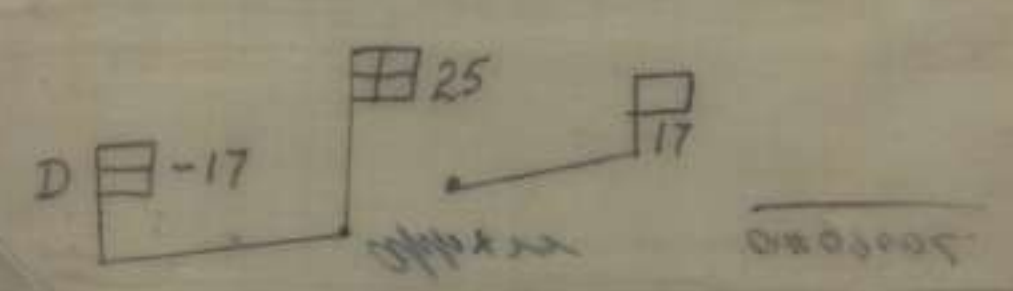
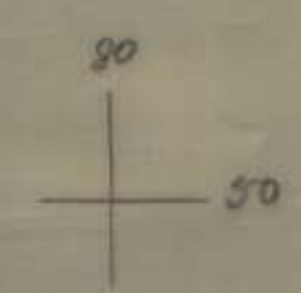
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2fd Regt HQ In Transit
4 Bty "
HQ A Coy HQ 18 "
Adv HQ 2/8 fdr Agn 923539
Rear " " " " 998529

OVERLAY 1:25000 SERIES

DISPOSMS of 7th INF BDE GP as at 04000L

A 61



A 5
5 HQ 18

A

B

C -14

14

A Coy
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FROM (A) 7 aust inf bde <small>Originator</small>	Date—Time of Origin 04 20 15 L	Office Date Stamp
For Action adv 3 aust div COMD 5/3 BM 8/6/3		
TO rear 3 aust div adv 2/8 edo sqn <small>(w) For Information (INFO.)</small> IO 7.1		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 556 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 207 to 041800L @ 25 br @
 041200L D coy 855503 less 17 pl moved to A coy poor 868489 @ 17 pl
 remain 858505 @ A coy crossed PURIATA at 869489 unopposed by
 041300L @ coy perimeter established 872487 @ main rd explored to
 874481 @ standing patrol at 873483 to be withdrawn by nightfall @
 B coy 837479 force 1 off 33 OR crossed river at 839480 moved EAST
 intention linking with A coy SOUTH of Xing 869489 @ at 860477
 force contacted enemy unknown strength with 1 HMG 3 LMG rifles
 @ 8 pl moved SW from 872487 to assist @ last reported at
 862478 endeavouring contact @ 61 br @ 040830L A coy less 7
 pl moved from 842532 NE arrived junc 883568 at 041040L
 @ 10 pl moved EAST from 883568 arrived 904564 at 040900L @
 040830L C coy less 13 pl moved fwd from 895553 took up poor
 EAST bank PURIATA 909531 at 041130L @ 16 pl moved from 904564
 arrived 895553 at 040930L @ A coy patrol from 842532 to DARARA
 thence NE and NORTH to approx 878543 @ investigated all tracks leading
 EAST from main rd all of no significance @ returned DARARA
 investigated track leading EAST from 858508 @ patrolled for 300 yds @
 to be patrolled tomorrow @ DC C coy liaised CO 2/8 edo sqn re enemy
 dispositions @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART 2 SITREP 207 @ 2/8 edo sam @ attack by EAGLE tp with
 air sp enemy posn 917524 at 040830L postponed till 050830L
 owing adverse flying conditions @ whilst waiting tp heard much
 noise chopping and sound like blacksmithing @ patrol returned
 from HORINU area @ route out well defined track 943539 SE
 to garden 943516 to garden 943516 to garden and suitable
 dropping ground 948515 @ many tracks many small gardens
 sq 9551 @ no indication previous enemy occupation @
 040930L white recon patrol departed for SININAI MIHERU
 area. @ OC C coy 61 br contacted SAINT 041430L @ A coy
 NG1B @ 4 pl patrols along PURIATA river report NMS @
 LOCATIONS @ Coy HQ 809457 @ 4 and 5 pls remain 850500
 @ 2 aust fld regt @ 041600L adv HQ opened 811457 @
 adv HQ 7 aust inf bde staging MAWARAKA night 4/5
 feb en route TOKO @ 9 br @ nothing to report

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FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb 2 aust fd
regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56
aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde IOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear.
control BM G3 (air) IOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 228 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 040600L (.) nothing to report

REVSIT 229 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 041800L (.) 25 bn (.) 041200L D coy 855503
less 17 pl moved to A coy posn 868489 (.) 17 pl remain 858505 (.) A coy
crossed PURIATA at 869489 unopposed by 041300L (.) coy perimeter
established 872487 (.) main road explored to 874481 (.) standing patrol
at 873483 to be withdrawn by nightfall (.) B coy 837479 force 1 offr 33
OR crossed river at 839480 moved EAST intention linking with A coy SOUTH
of xing 869489 (.) at 860177 force contacted enemy unknown strength with
1 HMG 3 LMG rifles (.) 8 pl moved SW from 872487 to assist (.) last reported
at 862478 endeavouring contact (.) 61 Bn (.) 040830L A coy less 7 pl moved
from 842532 NE arrived junc 883568 at 041040L (.) 10 pl moved EAST from
883568 arrived 904564 at 040900L (.) 040830L C coy less 13 pl moved fwd
from 895553 took up posn EAST bank PURIATA 909531 at 041130L (.) 16 pl
moved from 904564 arrived 895553 at 040930L (.) A coy patrol from 842532
to DARARA thence NE and NORTH to approx 878543 (.) investigated all tracks
leading EAST from main road all of no significance (.) returned DARARA
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to be patrolled tomorrow (.) OC C coy liaised CO 2/8 cdo sqn re enemy
disposns (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) attack by EAGLE tp with air sp enemy posn
917524 at 040830L postponed till 050830L owing adverse flying conditions
(.) whilst waiting tp heard much noise chopping and sound like blacksmithing
(.) patrol returned from HONIRU area (.) route out well defined track
943539 SE to garden 943516 to garden and suitable dropping ground 948515 (.)
maze tracks many small gardens sq 9551 (.) no indication previous enemy
occupation (.) 040930L white recce patrol departed for SININAI MIHERU area
(.) OC C coy 61 bn contacted SAINT 041430L (.) A coy NGIB (.) 4 pl patrols
along PURIATA river report NMS (.) LOCATIONS (.) Coy HQ 809457 (.) 4 and 5
pls remain 850500 (.) 2 aust fd regt (.) 041600L adv HQ opened 811457 (.)
Adv HQ 7 aust inf bde staging MAWARAKA night 4/5 feb en route TOKO (.)
9 bn (.) nothing to report

REVSIT 230 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 050600L (.) 25 bn (.) 8 pl returned A coy
872487 at 041800L (.) B coy force broke contact with enemy at 860477
proceeded on to A coy arrived 041830L (.) arrived bn HQ 854503 at 041940L
enroute B coy 838479 (.) reported enemy well dug in 860477 (.) 2 fd regt (.)
6 bty (.) amended ref 800467 (.) 25 bn (.) late report (.) from 050247L
to 050252L enemy shelled area approx 867487 (.) 10 rds incl 2 duds (.) NO
damage or cas

J. H. H. H. Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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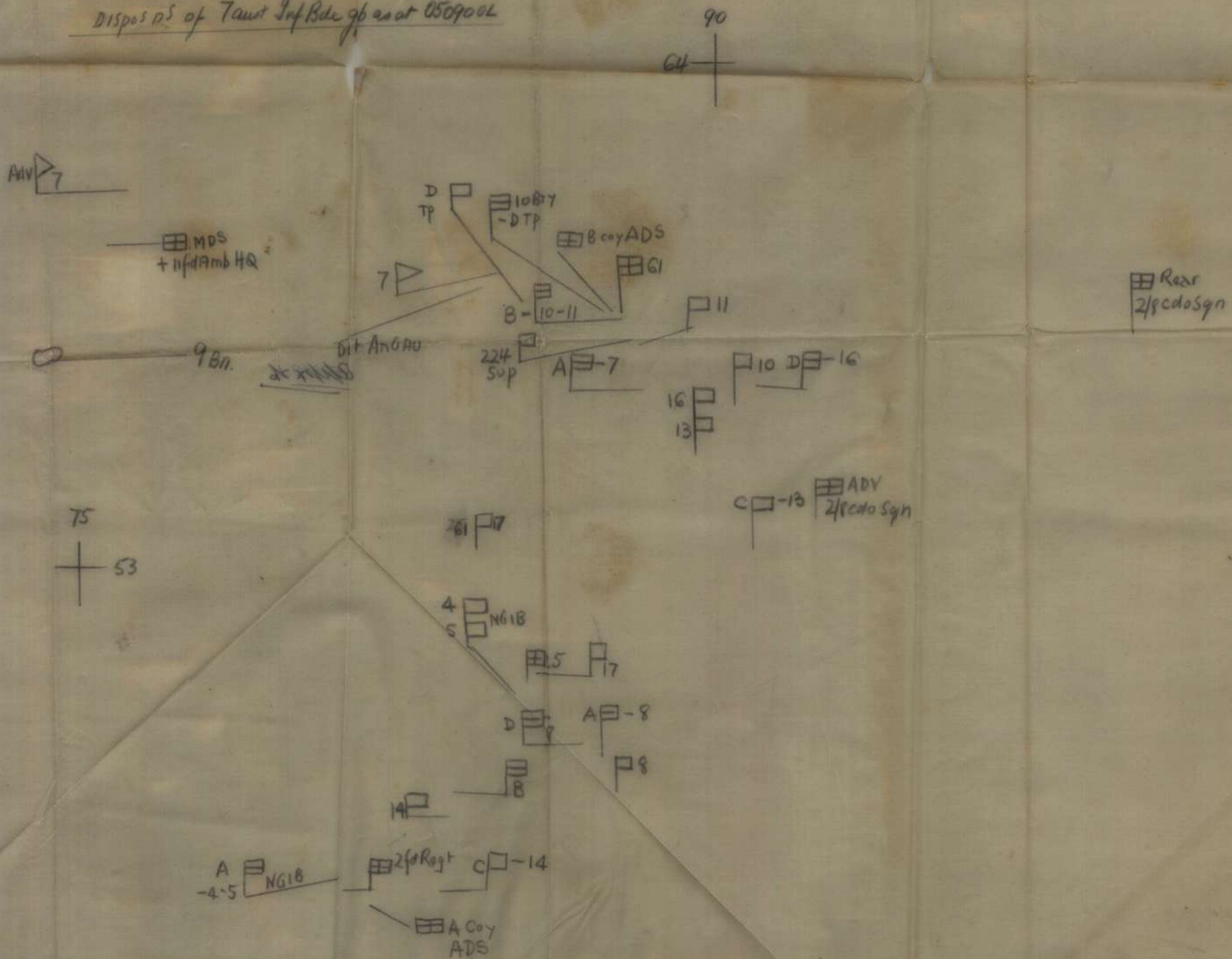
INT 560 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 208 to 050600L @
 25 brz @ 8 pl returned A coy 872487 at 041800L @ B coy
 force broke contact with enemy at 860477 proceeded
 on to A coy arrived 041830L @ arrived br HQ
 854503 at 041940L en route B coy 838479 @
 reported enemy well dug in 860477 @ 2/d regt
 @ 6 bty @ amended ref 800467 @ 25 brz @ late
 report @ from 050247L to 050252L enemy
 shelled area approx 867487 @ 10 rds incl
 2 duds @ NO damage or cas

COMD 5/3
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 GTH (air) Seen 6/3
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Overlay PURIATA R 1:63360

DISPOS of 7 Aust Inf Bde gpr at 050900L



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BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND

PURIATA RIVER

1 : 63,360

REFER TO THIS MAP AS:
NO. 4475-PURIATA RIVER
NO. 4480-BAYFENAMA PT. & PURIATA RIVER
NO. 4484-PURIATA RIVER 1 INCH SERIES

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE



WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS
INTERVAL 100 FEET EXCEPT FIRST 50 FEET

CONTROL: Triangulation by 2 Aust. Fd. Svy. Coy. (A.I.F.) Aust. Svy. Coy. (Dept. of Geographical Coordinates, Naval Astronomical Station at TOROKINA Lat. 06°12' 18" S Long. 152°02' 02.5" E)

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 17th Photo Squadron, 13th Air Force 5 Squadron R.A.A.F.

MISSIONS: AMSDM, H2A Run 2, 174C, 174F, USA & B, 4728th AGSVC, 17th Recon 2 & A, 4819th, 25th, Run 1, 3 & 4, 4821D & E, 4824C, 4720.

COMPILATION and DRAWING: Compiled from air photos by 2 Aust. Fd. Svy. Coy. (A.I.F.) Aust. Svy. Coy.

PROJECTION: Lambert Conformal Orthographic

ELEVATIONS: Feet. Datum: Mean Sea Level at TOROKINA

REPRODUCTION: 21 Aust. Army Troop Svy. Coy. Feb. '45

INDEX TO ADJOINING SHEETS



Convergence is given for West & East sheet edges based on True North at Longitude 150° East

C-00 43 00' C-00 45 00'

Magnetic Declination from True North for centre of sheet is about 06° 45' E

REFERENCE: 50000

Motor Road & Bridge	—
Loop Track	—
Foot Track	—
Reported Track	—
Telegraph Line	—
Airfield	—
Anchorages	—
Astronomical Station	—
Trig. Stations and altitude	—
Spot Height	—
Native Village	—
Reported Native Village	—
Building	—
Mission Station	—

Native Garden	—
Dense Jungle Forest	—
Open Forest to Scattered Timber	—
Scrub	—
Secondary Growth	—
Plantation	—
Mangroves	—
Swamp	—
River or Stream	—
Reef	—
Contours-Form Lines	—
Cliffs	—
Sand	—

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FROM 7 aust inf bde
TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb 2 aust fd regt
(5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust
tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde LOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear control
BM G3 (air) IOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 231 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 051800L (.) 25 bn (.) 051345L 8 pl A coy 872487 with
arty mortar MMG sp drove enemy from dug in posn on main road 875477 (.)
8 pl consolidated 875477 at 1500 hours (.) 1 JUKI HMG rifles documents
captured (.) cas (.) own nil (.) enemy as yet NOT known (.) coy HQ 7 and 9
pls remain 872487 (.) C coy incl 14 pl moved from 833455 to 838478 (.)
patrol NORTH from 866490 reached approx 865508 NMS (.) patrol from B coy
837479 to A coy 872487 via SOUTH of river departed 0915 hours (.) no
report received (.) jeep successfully ferried across ford at 870488 in
improvised ferry constructed arc mesh and tarpaulins (.) 61 bn (.) bn HQ
closed 878585 opened 899564 at 050900L (.) 050810L 8 pl moved from
883563 to road junc 879583 (.) 051000L B coy less 10 pl moved from 879583
to track junc 909567 (.) 10 pl remains 904564 (.) 13 pl moved fwd from
895553 joined C coy 909531 at 051030L (.) after successful attack by 2/8 cdo
sqn on enemy posn 917524 C coy less 14 pl moved fwd occupied posn at
051400L (.) enemy estimated to be in pos n 250 yds SOUTH (.) D coy less 16 pl
moved from 909568 occupied posn vacated by C coy 909531 at 051435L (.)
patrols (.) from 909531 along SE bank PURIATA to 899516 (.) from 895553
to 888522 to end of track at 884508 (.) from 909533 along WEST bank PURIATA
to 901524 (.) from 858508 to 872512 all report no sign of enemy (.)
dropping ground BOKU 898565 completed for drops 6 Mar (.) 9 bn (.) nothing
to report (.) NGIB (.) 4 pl patrol, along beach still out (.) 5 pl patrol
due in 051600L NOT yet returned (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) supported by accurate
bombing straffing EAGLE moved fwd occupied posn 917524 at 051000L (.)
posn vacated hurriedly by enemy immediately before attack (.) enemy now in
strong posn 250 yds SOUTH with 2 HMG and minimum 3 IMG (.) cas (.) own
nil (.) enemy 4 killed (.) EAGLE relieved by C coy 61 bn 051400L (.)
ambushed withdrawn preparatory ciward movement (.) 2 fd regt (.) 051200L
5 bty arrived MAKATOWA from TOROKINA (.) relieved 4 bty who moved TOROKINA
(.) Adv HQ 7 aust inf bde opened TOKO rear HQ opened MAWARAKA rear details
closed HOZAN all at 050900L

REVSIT 232 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 060800L (.) 25 bn (.) patrol from B coy SOUTH of
PURIATA to A coy arrived A coy 051800L (.) route (.) crossed river 839481
to 851463 to 862463 to 870480 to river at 866485 (.) huts seen 868472 two
enemy at 866484 (.) shots exchanged results unknown (.) A coy reports 8 pl
found in enemy posn 876478 two 208 mk 1 sets and 2 enemy wireless sets (.)
2 fd regt (.) rear HQ closed 850595 at 050900L now at MAWARAKA en route TOKO

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TO
(w) For Information (INFO.)
war 3 auct div
adv 2/3 cdo sqn

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 561 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 209 to 051900L @
25 km 0051345L 2 pl Army 872487 with arty mortar
MMG sp drive enemy from dug in pos on main
rd 875477 @ 8 pl consolidated 875477 at 1500hrs @
1 JUKI MMG rifles documents captured @ cas @ com
nil @ enemy as yet not known @ coy HQ 7 and
9 pls remain 872487 @ C coy incl 4 pl moved
from 833455 to 833478 @ patrol NORTH from 88490
reached approx 865508 NMS @ patrol from B
coy 837479 to B coy 872487 via SOUTH of river
departed 0915 hrs @ no report received @ sep
successfully fired across ford at 870488 in
un/survised form constructed one mesh and
tripmines @ 61 br @ br HQ closed 873585
opened 899564 at 050900L @ 050810L 8 pl
moved from 883568 to road junc 879583 @
051000L B coy less 10 pl moved from 879583
to track junc 909567 @ 10 pl remain 904564
@ 13 pl moved fwd from 875553 joined C coy
909531 at 051032L @ PART 2 FOLLOWS

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PART 2 SITREP 209 @ after successful attack by 2/8 cdo sqn on enemy posn 917524 C coy less 14 pl moved fwd occupied posn at 051400L @ enemy estimated to be in posn 250 yds SOUTH @ D coy less 16 pl moved from 909568 occupied posn vacated by C coy 909531 at 051435L @ patrol @ from 909531 along SE bank PURIATA to 897516 @ from 895553 to 888522 to end of track at 884508 @ from 909533 along WEST bank PURIATA to 901524 @ from 858508 to 872512 all report no sign enemy @ dropping ground BOKU 898565 completed for drop 6 Mon @ 9 hr @ returning to report @ NG18 @ 4 pl patrol along beach still out @ 5 pl patrol due in 051600L NOT yet returned @ PART 3 FOLLOWS

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PART 3 SITREP 209 @ 2/4 cdo agn @ reported by accurate bombing strafing EAGLE mixed fuel occupied from 917524 at 051000L @ from from vacated hurriedly by enemy immediately before attack @ enemy gun in strong position 250 yds SOUTH with 2 HMG and machine gun 3 LMG @ cdo @ min nil @ enemy 4 killed @ EAGLE relieved by 5 sq @ 051400L @ ambushed withdrawn preparatory onward movement @ 2 ft regt @ 051200L 5 sq arrived. MARATOWA from TOROKINA @ relieved 4 sq who moved TOROKINA @ cdo HQ 7 just inf line opened TUKO near HQ opened MAWARAKA rear details closed HOZAN all at 050900L

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 560 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 210 to 060800L
 @ 25 bn @ patrol from B coy SOUTH of
 PURIATA to A coy arrived A coy 051800L
 @ route @ crossed river 839481 to
 851463 to 862463 to 870480 to river
 at 866485 @ huts seen 868472 2 enemy
 at 866484 @ shots exchanged results
 unknown @ A coy reports 8 pl
 found in enemy posn 876478 2
 108 mk 1 sets and 2 enemy wireless
 sets @ 2 fd regt @ near HQ
 closed 850595 at 050900L now at
 MAWARAKA en route TOKO

COMD *J. 6/3*
 BM *6/3*
 TO *7.7*

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INTREP 25 CONFIDENTIAL to 060900L

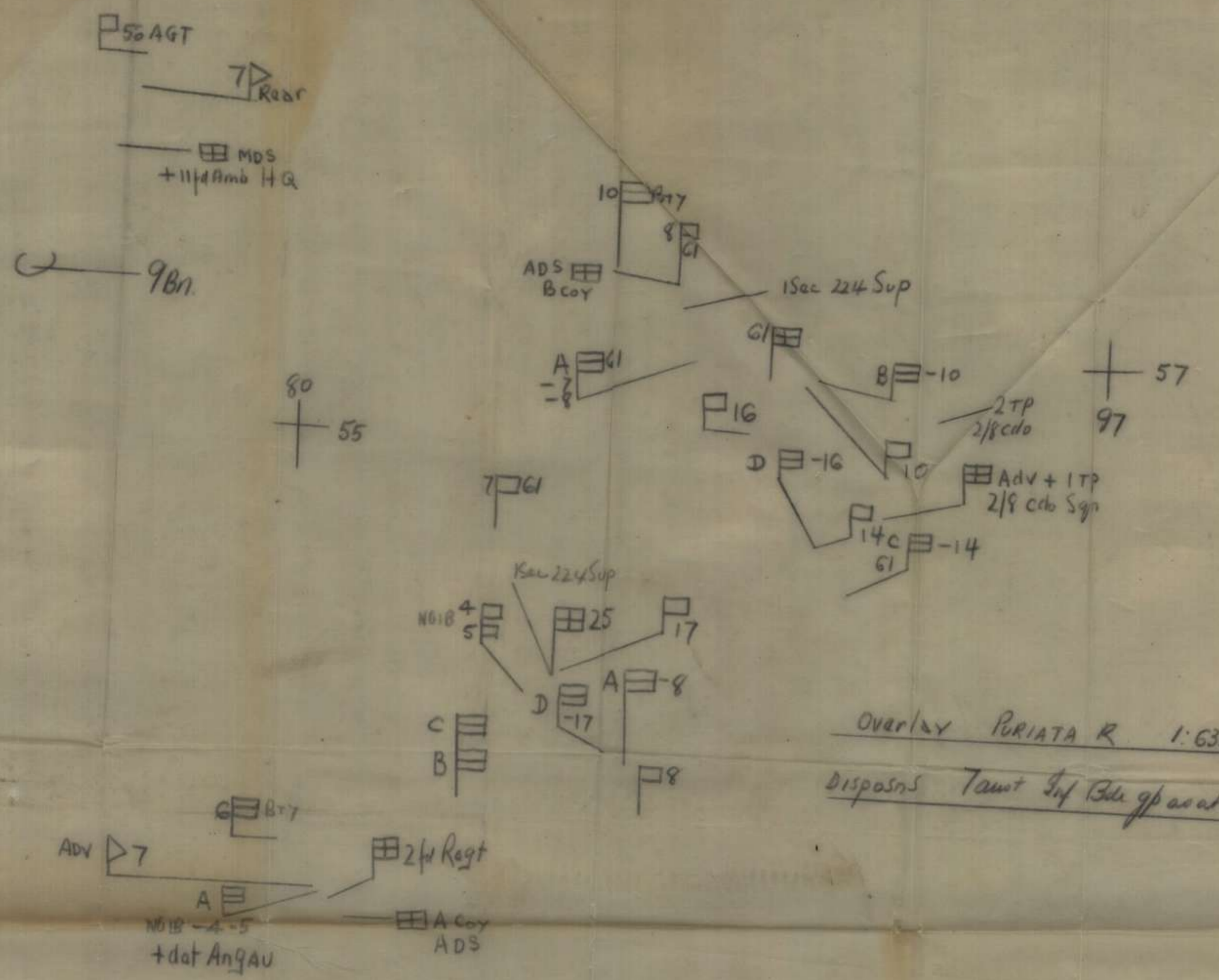
alpha 31
ENEMY - TANKS - 3 Mar (.) CORSAIRS destroyed one, damaged two tanks vic RURI Bay ref 1" - 324745. Air photos confirmed pilots opinion one was medium type 2597, the two were light type 2595. Previous reports 1944 suggest enemy had 3 medium 3 light tanks BONIS PENINSULA. Two possibly more light tanks or tankettes BUIN area.

ENEMY - AA GUNS - 3 Mar (.) Ref AA guns at MONOITU enemy told natives that guns have been discarded due to rust deterioration following three unsuccessful attempts to fire.

RIVER CROSSINGS - 3 Mar (.) Crossing at 917524 known as MAXWELLS CROSSING
3 Mar (.) Crossing at 898515 known as BARNES CROSSING
4 Mar (.) Crossing at 861494 known as CAMERONS CROSSING

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IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Overlay Puriata R 1:63360
 Disposns Tamat Sif Bde gpa at 060900L

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INT 567 CONFIDENTIAL ○ SITREP 211 to 061800L ○
 25 km ○ D coy 868489 patrol from 868489 NORTH
 to 866505 EAST and SE to PURIATA river at 884486
 to 867494 and return to coy ○ NMS ○ track along
 NORTH bank at 884486 recently used by enemy ○
 D coy patrol from 868489 EAST along NORTH bank
 PURIATA river found enemy huts 876480 ○ NMS ○
 17 pl moved from 858505 rejoined D coy
 868489 ○ B coy 837479 force moved across
 PURIATA to clear enemy posn 862477 found posn
 vacated searched area NMS ○ 061220L enemy fired
 22 rounds incl 1 blind area 875477 ○ cas ○ 1 wounded
 ○ immediate AUSTER recon failed locate gun ○ A coy
 reports additional 8 rifles pair spurs found
 875477 yesterday's action ○ 61 br ○ 060820L 7 pl
 moved from 842532 joined A coy 883568 ○ 9 pl
 departed A coy to posn 882577 at 061110L ○ 10 pl
 moved from 904564 joined 16 pl 895553 at 060825L
 ○ 060845L 16 pl moved from 895553 joined D coy
 909531 ○ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART 2 SITREP 211 @ 14 pl departed D coy joined C coy 717523 at 060850L @ 061410L 15 pl moved fwd to contact enemy posn 919521 found posn unoccupied @ posn consisted 14 pits on 20 foot bank @ freshly dug grave rifle sword found @ our arty had ranged directly on posn @ 061430L 14 pl moved fwd and with 15 pl occupied posn @ D coy patrol along SE bank PURIATA river to 899518 thence direct to 913517 where estimated 6 enemy had moved SW along well worn track this morning @ track patrolled 400 yds each way NMS @ patrol returned D coy 061645L @ native patrol along SIRIKARA river saw 2 enemy in garden approx 932521 @ native patrol reports river Xing 897595 used by party enemy 4 or 5 days ago @ 061010L 4 police boys escorting 100 native evacuees from HUPAI river area passed through bn HQ en route MOSIGETTA @ 9br @ nothing to report @ A coy NGIB @ patrol reports NOT yet received @ PART THREE FOLLOWS.

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PART 3 SITREP 211 @ 2/8 cdo sqrn @ 060900L
 white recon patrol departed 923539 for upper
SIRIKARA river

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TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/ Aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det
ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 Aust fd coy
7 aust inf bde LOB (4) 7 aust inf bde rear control BM
G3 (air) LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 231 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 061800L (.) 25 bn (.) D coy
patrol from 868489 NORTH to 866505 EAST and SE to PURIATA
River at 884486 to 867494 and return to coy (.) NMS (.)
track along NORTH bank at 884486 recently used by enemy (.)
D coy patrol from 868489 EAST along NORTH bank PURIATA
River found enemy huts 876480 (.) NMS (.) 17 pl moved from
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through Bn HQ en route MOSIGETTA (.) 9 bn (.) nothing
to report (.) A coy NGIB (.) patrol reports not yet
received (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 060900L white recce patrol
departed 923539 for upper SIRAKARA River

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INT 569 CONFIDENTIAL following info from 2/8 cdo sgu reliability 82. Large conc tps with stores amn 963416 to 964415 WEST tracks junc AITARA LUNAI. fa gun in clearing coconuts WEST KOTU 984391. gun moved from LUNAI (RUNAI) ~~984391~~ following air strike. gun crew live NORTH side clearing. sec main road RUNAI 969410 KORIU (KOTU) 985391 placed out of bounds natives during past week. RUNAI garrison reinforced considerably during past week with tps from MAIKA (vicinity MUGUNI ref 1 inch 333409). all gardens close proximity main govt road RUNAI area are enemy. enemy quote in force unquote crossed SIRIKARA river vicinity 9553 morning 6 mar. thought probable intention move towards KONOS gardens 026584 OPAI base or sgu HQ. tracks of this party broke from main trail 2 hours from sgu base. some native scouts 9442 NOT yet returned.

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INT 570 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 2,12 to 070600L @
2/8 cdo sqn @ 5 feb carrier line en route
MIHERU garden from OPAI base found
tracks approx 20 enemy @ carriers
withdrew via another track report hearing
one LMG burst one rifle shot @ enemy sentry
post on OPAI MIHERU track immediately prior firing
@ 061700L white recce patrol towards SININAI
MIHERU returned @ route out 923539 to TA
river 929531 to SIRIKARA 949528 to 959519
through chain gardens 968518 NE to suitable
dropping ground and sqn area 977527
@ NMS

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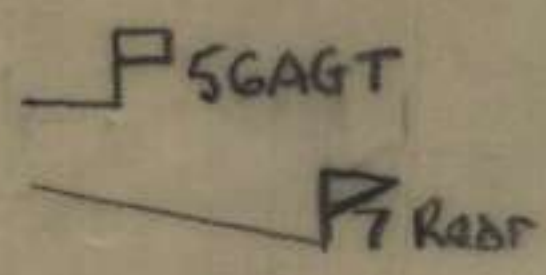
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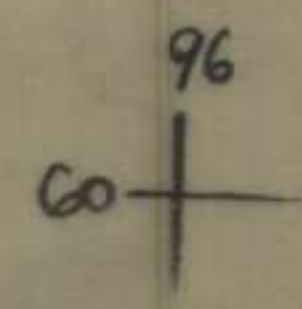
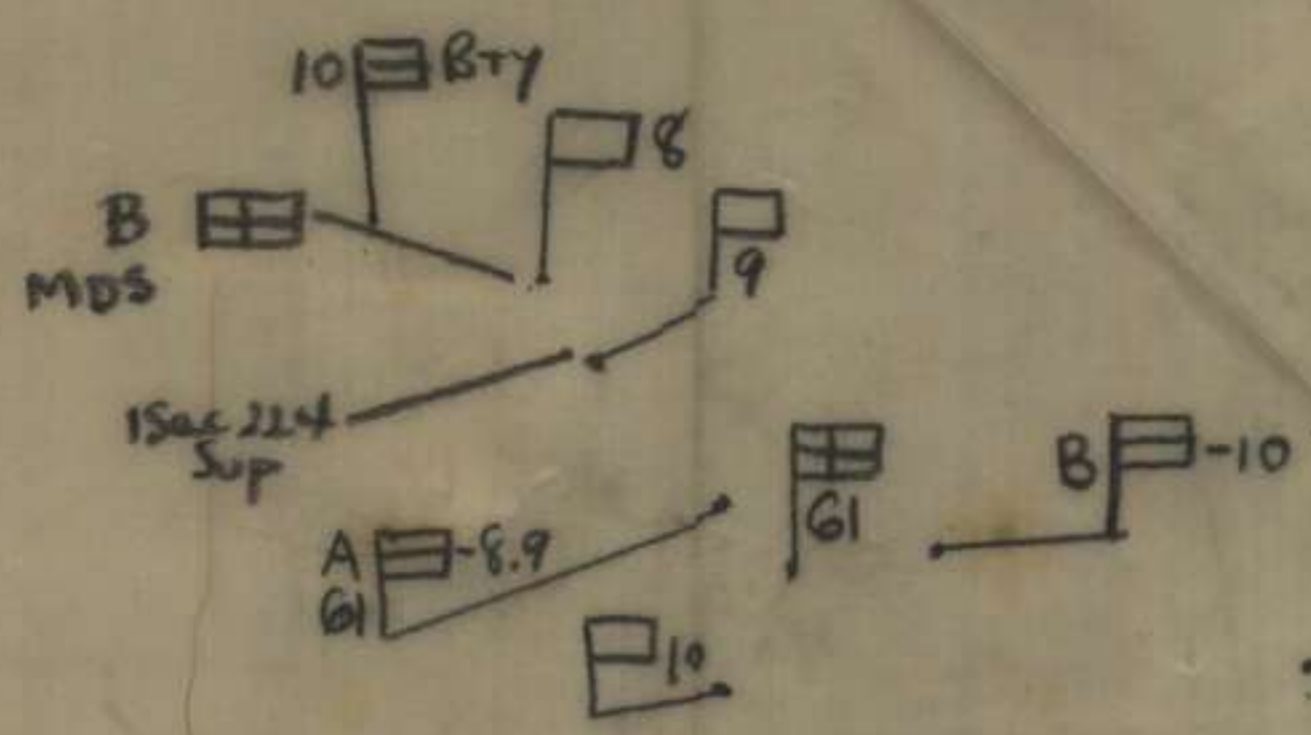
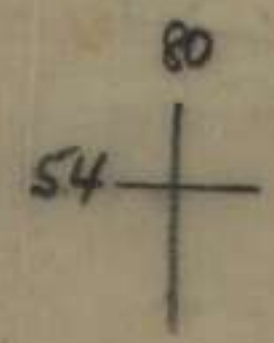
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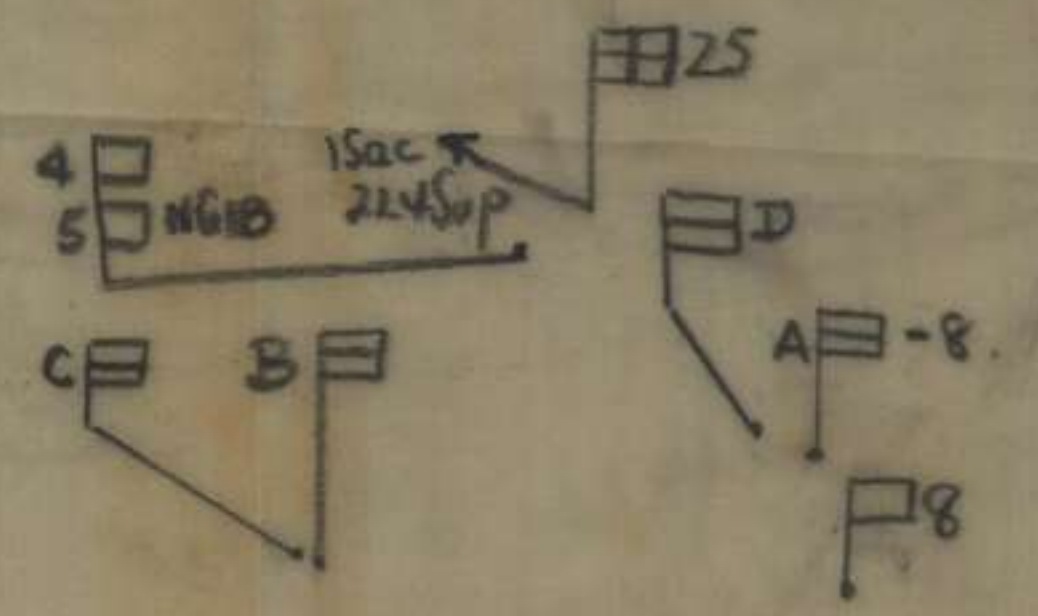
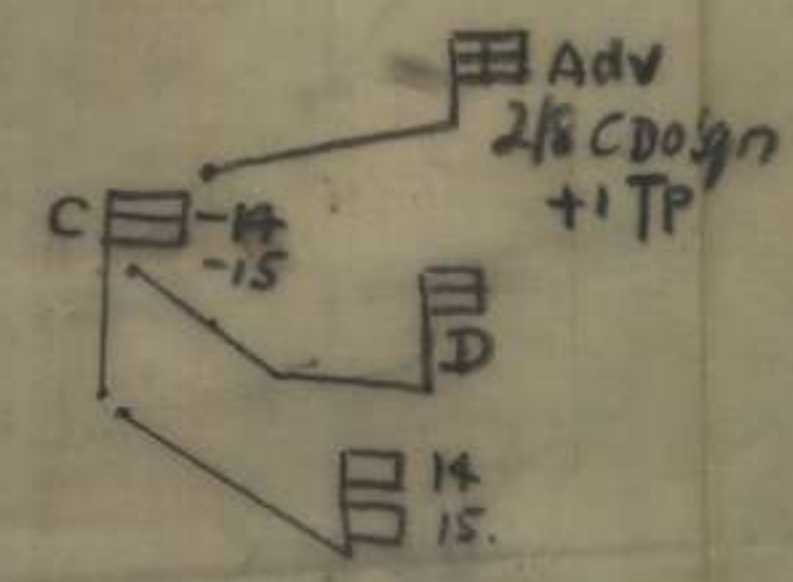


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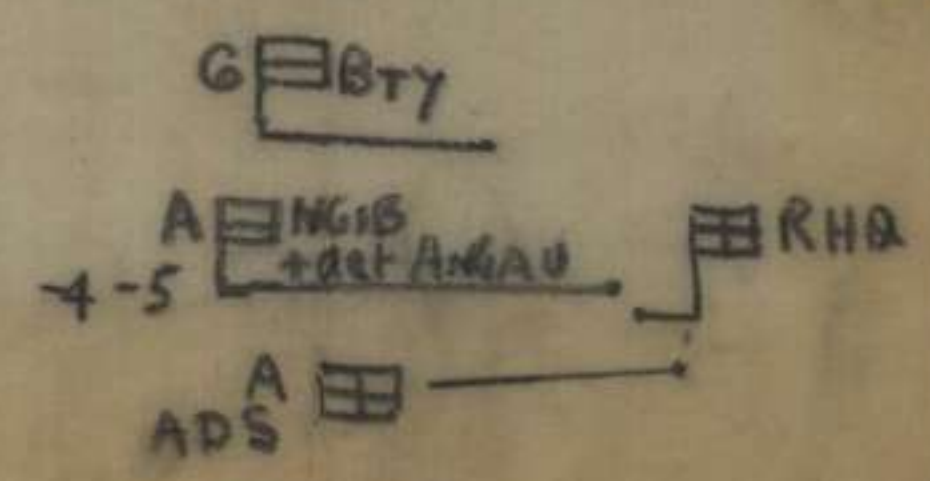
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TO (w) For Information (INFO.) <i>rear 3 aust div</i> <i>adv 2/8 cdo sqn</i>	

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INT 578 CONFIDENTIAL © SITREP 2.13 to 071800L © 25 bn © 070600L
 enemy with 2 automatics and rifles fired from 875475 on 8
 pl posn 875477 © morning patrol found posn vacated ©
 enemy left JUKI HMG amm strips © afternoon patrol came
 under rifle fire from same posn © preparation commenced
 dropping ground garden 869484 © 9 bn © nothing to
 report © A coy NGIB © 4 and 5 pls moved from 850500 to
 828443 at 071300L © nil patrols owing to move © 61 bn ©
 070615L one enemy exploded booby trap fwd perimeter
 919521 © killed by rifle fire © investigation revealed prints
 5 withdrawing enemy 200 yds fwd posn © D coy 909531
 patrol to BARNES Xing 898505 found prints 2 enemy moving
 WEST at Xing © patrol followed track 1500 yds EAST from Xing
 © 912505 further signs enemy most seen © heard sounds
 of firing from NE © moved that direction reaching track
 fwd of posn 919521 without contact © returned D coy
 071600L © further D coy recce patrol moved SOUTH along
 track from 919521 © 071300L made contact estimated
 20 enemy with 2 HMG 1 LMG rifles in clearing approx 915510
 © cas © own nil © enemy 1 severely wounded © PART 2 FOLLOWS

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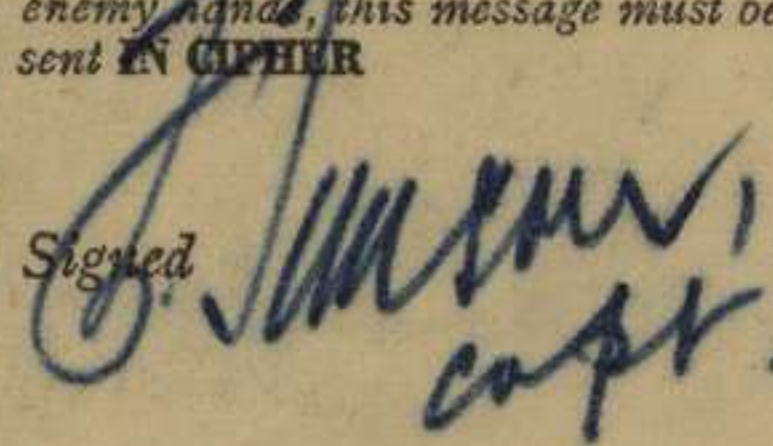
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PART 2. SITREP 213 @ arty engaged enemy posn @ recce patrol returned D coy @ C coy patrol along SOUTH bank SIRIKARA river to HORINU 937517 reports no sign enemy in garden 932521 @ patrol continuing @ 2 fd regt @ 5 bty moved from MAKATOWA in posn 801466 at 071400L @ rear HQ en route MAWARAKA to TOKO @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ report following

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INT 579 CONFIDENTIAL @ further to SITREP 213 @
 2/8 cdo sqn @ 071230L TIGER patrol to OPAI BASE
 to investigate movement enemy party moving that
 direction from sq 9553 reports enemy strength
 possibly 30 to 40 @ 3 patrols departed for
 MIHERU and KONDS gardens 026584 areas
 this morning @ details in patrol schedule
 later

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TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
G3 (air) FSS LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 234 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 070600L (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 5 feb carrier
line en route MIHERU garden from OPAI base found tracks approx
20 enemy (.) carriers withdrew via another track report
hearing one LMG burst one rifle shot (.) enemy sentry post
on OPAI MIHERU track immediately prior to firing (.) 061700L
white recce patrol towards SININAI MIHERU returned (.) route
out 923539 to TA river 929531 to SIRIKARA 949528 to 959519
through chain gardens 968518 NE to suitable dropping ground and
sqn area 977527 (.) NMS

REVSIT 235 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 071800L (.) 25 bn (.) 070600L enemy
with two automatics and rifles fired from 875475 on 8 pl posn
875477 (.) morning patrol found posn vacated (.) enemy left
JUKI HMG amn strips (.) afternoon patrol came under fire from
same posn (.) preparation commenced dropping ground garden
869484 (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) A coy NGIB (.) 4 and
5 pls moved from 850500 to 828443 at 071300L (.) nil patrols
owing to move (.) 61 bn (.) 070615L one enemy exploded booby
trap fwd perimeter 919521 (.) killed by rifle fire (.)
investigation revealed prints 5 withdrawing enemy 200 yds fwd
posn (.) D coy 909531 patrol to BARNES xing 898505 found
prints 2 enemy moving WEST at xing (.) patrol followed track
1500 yds EAST from xing (.) 912505 further signs enemy movt
seen (.) heard sounds of firing from NE (.) moved that direction
reaching track fwd of posn 919521 without contact (.) returned
D coy 071600L (.) further D coy recce patrol moved SOUTH along
track from 919521 (.) 071300L made contact estimated 20 enemy
with 2 HMG 1 LMG rifles in clearing approx 915510 (.) cas (.)
own nil (.) enemy 1 severely wounded (.) arty engaged enemy
posn (.) recce patrol returned D coy (.) C coy patrol along
SOUTH bank SIRIKARA river to HORINU 937517 reports no sign
enemy in garden 932521 (.) patrol continuing (.) 2 fd regt (.)
5 bty moved from MAKATOWA in posn 801466 at 071400L (.) rear
HQ en route MAWARAKA to TOKO (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 071230L
TIGER patrol to OPAI BASE to investigate movement enemy party
moving that direction from sq 9553 reports enemy strength
possibly 30 to 40 (.) 3 patrols departed for MIHERU and
KONOS gardens 026584 areas this morning

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INT 584 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 214 to 080600L @
61 tw @ ref SITREP 213 C Coy patrol returned
071800L reports no signs enemy HORINU
937515 @ rear 2 fd regt @ rear
HQ arrived TOKO area & from MAWARAKA
@ HQ now complete at 811457 as from 071950L

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TO rear 3 aust div adv 2/8 cdo sqn	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 593 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 215 to 081800L @ 25 br @ ab
 result traverse 8 pl fixed at 875481 NOT 875477 as
 previously reported @ 080830L arty registered fwd 8 pl posn @
 half hour later recon patrol moved around right flank to clearing
 200 yds fwd of pl @ heard voices mov returned unobserved @
 D coy 868489 security patrol along NORTH bank PURIATA heard
 estimated 5 enemy voices chopping 876480 @ fighting patrol
 to this ref at 081350L failed locate enemy @ jep track
 commenced from Xing 839480 to old enemy posn 862477 @
 preparation dropping ground 869484 proceeding ready
 for use 10 Mar @ 61 br @ 080830L C coy 917523 ambush
 established river Xing 898507 @ patrol from 10 pl
 895553 moved SOUTH along well worn tracks contacted
 ambush 898507 at 081155L @ followed fresh footprints
 approx 6 enemy moving WEST and NNW for 900 yds
 from Xing @ returned 10 pl 081430L @ 081240L one
 pl D coy investigating enemy posn previously reported
 915510 now fixed by traverse at 922511 ambushed
 party 15 to 20 enemy on track leading EAST from enemy
 posn @ cas @ own 3 wounded @ enemy 6 killed @ PART 2 FOLLOWS

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PART TWO SITREP 2.15 @ by HMG rifle fire caused pl withdraw @ arty fire brought down accurately on posn @ 081640L 2 pls moved fwd found posn hurriedly vacated @ 24 weapon pits incl 4 MG pits @ 2 graves result action 7 Mar @ investigation area proceeding @ posn will be booby trapped before pls return @ 2/8 cdo sgr @ 080800L remainder EAGLE departed sgr HQ 923539 en route MIHERU @ 081330L TIGER ~~departed~~ advised enemy force approx 20 crossed OPAI River EAST of base 998578 @ tracks lead towards NAIRONA would thus cut old OPAI SOVELE L of C @ 081430L tps moved intercept @ native scouts already operating SOVELE area @ TIGER patrol reported NMS KONOS gardens 026584 and MIHERU @ no report rpt from EAGLE patrol to MIHERU via headwaters SIRIKARA @ 9 Br @ nothing to report @ A coy NGIB @ owing engr works mouth FURIATA now too deep cross by foot @ PART THREE FOLLOWS

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 PART 3 SITREP 215 @ due late arrival ferry boat
 patrols SE along beach postponed till 9 Mar @
 ANGAU @ native patrol out 060700L to area SOUTH
 of HIRU HIRU returned 081300L @ native hideouts
 vic sq 8941 deserted some days @ natives believed
 withdrawn to RABAU village NORTH of TAITAI @
 signs constant use by enemy of track from KORIMAKO
 approx 867412 to main rd between TOKINOTU and
 HIRU HIRU @ due silting up of rivers track
 finishes deep water @ beach only reached by
 swimming or boat @ 2fd regt @ 080830L 87
 rds from E tp or enemy posn 875476 @
 shoot effective @ 080900L to 080945L F
 tp engaged huts area 898458 by arty re
 @ 118 rds expended @ pilot reported area
 well covered @ 081310L C tp fired 61 rds
 accurately enemy posn 922511 @ tps C coy
 61 bn moved into posn

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FROM 7 aust inf bde

Appendix 2

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb 2 aust fd regt
(5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU 224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl
5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON
STRIP BM G3 (air) FSS IOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 236 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 080600L (.) 61 bn (.) ref REVSIT 235 C coy patrol
returned 071800L no signs enemy HORINU 937515 (.) 2 fd regt (.) rear HQ
arrived TOKO area from MAWARAKA (.) HQ now complete at 811457 as from
071950L

REVSIT 237 CONFIDENTIAL (.) tp 081800L (.) 25 bn (.) as result traverse 8 pl fixed at
875481 not 875477 as previously reported (.) 080830L arty registered fwd 8 pl
posn (.) half hour later recce patrol moved around right flank to clearing
200 yds fwd of pl (.) heard voices mov returned unobserved (.) D coy 868489
security patrol along NORTH bank FURIATA heard estimated five enemy voices
chopping 876480 (.) fighting patrol to this ref at 081350L failed locate
enemy (.) jeep track commenced from Xing 839480 to old enemy posn 862477 (.)
preparation dropping ground 869484 proceeding ready for use 10 Mar (.)
61 bn (.) 080830L C coy 917523 ambush established river Xing 898507 (.)
patrol from 10 pl 895553 along well worn tracks contacted ambush 898507 at
081155L (.) followed fresh footprints approx 6 enemy moving WEST and NNW
for 900 yds from Xing (.) returned 10 pl 081430L (.) 081240L one pl D coy
investigating enemy posn previously reported 915510 now fixed by traverse
at 922511 ambushed party 15 to 20 enemy on track leading EAST from enemy
posn (.) cas (.) own 3 wounded (.) enemy 6 killed (.) by HMG rifle fire
caused pl withdraw (.) arty fire brought down accurately on posn (.) 081640L
2 pls moved fwd found posn hurriedly vacated (.) 24 weapon pits incl 4 MG
pits (.) 2 graves result action 7 mar (.) investigation proceeding (.) posn
will be booby trapped before pls return (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 080800L
remainder EAGLE departed sqn HQ 923539 en route MIHERU (.) 081330L TIGER
advised enemy force approx 20 crossed OPAI River EAST of base 998578 (.)
tracks lead towards NAIRONA would thus cut old OPAI SOVELE L of C (.)
081430L tps moved intercept (.) native scouts already operating SOVELE area
(.) TIGER patrol reported NMS KONOS gardens 026584 and MIHERU (.) no
report yet from EAGLE patrol to MIHERU via headwaters SIRIKARA (.) 9 bn (.)
nothing to report (.) A coy NGIB (.) owing engr works mouth FURIATA now too
deep cross by foot due late arrival ferry boat patrols SE along beach
postponed till 9 Mar (.) ANGAU (.) native patrol out 060700L to area SOUTH
of HIRU HIRU returned 081300L (.) native hideouts vic sq 8941 deserted some
days (.) natives believed withdrawn to RABAU village NORTH of TAI TAI (.)
signs constant use by enemy of track from KORIMAKO approx 867412 to main road
between TOKINOTU and HIRU HIRU (.) due silting up of rivers track finishes
deep water (.) beach only reached by swimming or boat (.) 2 fd regt (.)
080830L 87 rds from E tp on enemy posn 875476 (.) shoot effective (.)
080900L to 080945L F tp engaged huts area 898458 by arty r (.) 118 rds
expended (.) pilot reported area well covered (.) 081310L C tp fired 61
rds accurately enemy posn 922511 (.) tps C coy 61 bn moved into posn

J. J. Munson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

Appx 43

REPORT ON VISIT TO
25 AUST INF BN, 61 AUST INF BN, 2/8 AUST CDO SQN
6, 7, 8 MAR 45

by

Lt L.J. RUDD, LOIII

1. GENERAL

8 Mar 45

Tue Mar 6 Due to bad state of roads to BARABA we did not arrive at adv 25 Bn HQ till 1430 hrs and by that time the usual afternoon storm had commenced. I could have tried to make adv 61 Bn by Tue night but the going would have been difficult and we probably would not have got in before dark and before booby traps were laid, so I decided to stay overnight at 25 Bn.

Wed Mar 7 Commenced march from 25 Bn HQ to adv 61 Bn HQ at 0830. The late start was due to one of my escort having a slight touch of diarrhoea and he had to be treated by an MO before leaving. He was anxious to go and did not wish to remain at 25 Bn. The track to 61 Bn was naturally very muddy and in some parts could have been expressed as "difficult". However, the time taken from BARABA to PIKEI was 2½ hrs (arrived PIKEI 1115 hrs) and there was greeted by a very welcome cup of tea and much laughing by Lt col DEXTER DSO.

After lunch I decided to push on to adv 2/8 Aust Cdo sqn HQ as my time programme to this stage was half a day late. We left our packs and I decided to leave one of my escort at 61 Bn as he was still not feeling too well. Another reason was that two could move much faster.

We moved out at 1300 hrs and by 1400 had crossed the PURIATA river and arrived at D coy 61 Bn. From D coy to 2/8 Cdo Sqn took another 30 minutes, thus making arrival at 2/8 Cdo Sqn 1430 hrs.

Maj Winning was in conference with Col Wallace (ADMS) but he introduced me to the Sqn IO (Capt) who gave me (under instructions from Maj Winning) the intention and proposed action of 2/8 Cdo Sqn within the next few days. Maj Winning later confirmed all this information and added more (details will be seen under sub-heading 2 - OPS).

Leaving 2/8 Cdo Sqn at 1615 hrs with Col Wallace and an officer from 11 Fd Amb we arrived back at 61 Bn at 1800 hrs. Whilst crossing PURIATA river on return journey I am quite sure that the presence of a "flying fox" across the river saved a couple of key men of the AMF from a watery grave as the river by this time had swollen with the recent storms.

Thu Mar 8 The journey back from PIKEI to BARABA was done in better time and we arrived at 25 Bn HQ at 1100 hrs after leaving 61 Bn at 0830 (2½ hrs). An early lunch and back by jeep to Bde HQ finished the tour.

2. OPS

25 Bn

Lt col McKinna has only one coy across the PURIATA river but two more coys could cross at any time. However the CO had decided to equip these coys fully before sending them forward and due to slow progress of his L of C and the small amount of supplies coming up (ammunition etc) this cannot be done before about two days.

Col McKinna would like to send back to TOROKINA two 2-pr Tk A guns and two 3-in mortars because he has not sufficient troops to man these weapons effectively.

This morning a section patrol from 8 pl sighted a party of enemy (estimated strength 5) on the NORTH bank of the PURIATA river opposite their position. A fighting patrol from D coy had been despatched to deal with this party (will be contained in tonight's SITREP).

*Comd J.L. 9/3
BM 9/3
SC 9/3
IO J.J.*

This has been fixed. J.L.

Col McKinna does not wish to have too many visitors at his adv Bn HQ because :-

- Agreed!
- (a) the transport bringing these people is cutting the road, and more important items such as ammunition, petrol etc have to be left off jeeps.
 - (b) accommodation at BHQ is limited.

61 Bn Two coys of 61 Bn are across the PURIATA river and are now limited to patrolling. Col Dexter has decided not to move these coys any further forward because of length and condition of L of C. However, long range patrolling will continue.

One officer and twelve OR still in ambush position at river crossing map ref: **899515**

A fighting patrol of two platoons has been sent forward of C coy to clean away a pocket of enemy in that position.

Troops of 61 Bn are weary. Their morale, as I have personally noticed, is still high but it can be seen that they are suffering mental strain.

Of late there has been a little dysentery which could possibly have also affected them.

2/8 Cdo Sqn

Due to depleted numbers in 2/8 Cdo Sqn the CO (Maj Winning) has formed two troops (A and B) of approx strength 70 in stead of using the usual three troops which would be well under normal strength.

A party of 60 or 70 natives going out to collect kau kau were fired on by a party of Japs from their rear at approx **999536** (Note : these natives although sent out from 2/8 Cdo Sqn area by ANGAU were not carrying any of our equipment but the two "leading scouts" were armed with Jap rifles and ammunition, therefore the Jap does not know that these natives were working for us). The natives reported this action after "going bush" and returned to 2/8 Cdo Sqn HQ. Natives estimate enemy strength to be from 30 to 60. This was later confirmed by 2/8 Cdo Sqn A (or Tiger) troop.

Maj Winning's appreciation is that this strong enemy patrol which is probably part of the SINANAI garrison force (which now has probably been reinforced) has been sent out to find why the natives who live SOUTH of PURIATA river have moved NORTH and to find out where they are moving to (Note : word has probably gone through the native "grape vine" system that our battalions are moving SOUTH and that there is likely to be fighting in their "country").

Maj Winning's action on receiving this information was to send a speedy lightly equipped patrol from A troop to a position near OPAI base map ref : 998578. The next day the remainder of A troop and now A troop are patrolling in the vicinity of OPAI base

The CO's next move today was to send B troop to a position approx map ref : **894583** astride the track leading to SINANAI. This troop will move into NIHERU, occupy it, and will await the Japs on their return from their patrol, being helped return SOUTH down the track by A troop in their rear.

The object is to kill ALL of this enemy patrol so that none of them can get back to SINANAI to warn the remainder of the SINANAI garrison force.

When this has taken place adv 2/8 Cdo Sqn HQ will move to NIHERU

The reasons why Maj Winning wants to move his HQ to NIHERU are as follows:-

- (a) NIHERU is a better stepping stone than his present position to his objective, TAI TAI

(b) NIHERU is on high ground, has a commanding view and is easy to defend.

(c) dropping will be easier (I.E., if Japs had this position they could pin-point our dropping ground on the flat country.

(d) NIHERU is in the foothills and as we have friendly natives in these foothills that is one flank that 2/8 Cdo Sqn will not have to pay too much attention to.

(e) Maj Winning has promised the SIWIS natives (who live in the area between PURIATA and HONGORAI rivers) that he will kill the Japs in their "country" and thus allow them to carry on peacefully with their gardening - that he will protect their Marys and children and send them back to a safe area. If Maj Winning does not soon move in-to SIWIS territory proper he will lose face with this tribe and instead of having them on his side they will go against him which would make things much harder for his push on TAI TAI.

B troop who have been in action 17 weeks without a spell. Therefore when NIHERU has been occupied, this troop will have to rest there for at least five days, leaving only A troop as a fighting and patrolling force for that period.

3.

A & Q

SC

25 Bn Adjutant 25 Bn requires at least two full days warning for Canteen representatives to be at MAWARAKA because of transport difficulties by jeep and barge.

61 Bn See report from Col Dexter attached. (I would suggest that the possibility of dropping by parachute be investigated).

2/8 Cdo Sqn

Trousers which are now being supplied are too large (38 in waist) and these when wet tend to chafe.

CO would like to know if blankets (4 bales of 80) could be dropped in new Cdo Sqn HQ position as this area will be cool in the evenings. As the Commandos do not now carry blankets the CO would like to know if these could be classed as "expendable" stores and picked up again after Sqn has moved forward as they could then no longer be carried (Note : Col Wallace ADMS is also thinking along these lines).

Amenities Could Amenities be dropped at NIHERU for B troop who will be resting (such things as playing cards, Chinese checkers, reading matter and other "indoor games").

BEER Is beer being accumulated for 2/8 Cdo Sqn?

SPECIAL NOTE : Could a special ration of one bottle per man be dropped when 2/8 Cdo Sqn reach their century of 100 Japs killed, total now 80 killed, 4 PW.

SC
Could you signal WINNING about these matters
9/3

Surely some arrangements have been made by the sqn prior to this

9/3

.....Lt

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SUBJECT - RATIONS

Headquarters
61 Aust Inf Bn

7 Mar 45

45/Q/A4

Headquarters
7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

We desire to draw to your attention the following misuse of rations -

(a) Bread received at Matthews Junction by this unit was in a most unsatisfactory condition. On most occasions it was wet, this being caused through poor coverage on the jeeps, owing to road difficulties the jeep train not arriving until late in the afternoon, at which time it was generally raining. The bread also was in a crumbly condition, and it was reported that troops were sitting on the bread in transit. The result of this was, by the time it was repacked into boy-loads and reached the forward coys it was practically US, and could only be used for puddings etc. On occasions it had to be destroyed owing to mould.

(b) Biscuits - Out of twelve cases of biscuits received with reserve rations, eight cases had to be destroyed owing to mould, and in some boxes the biscuits were black. Biscuits free-dropped by aircraft are most unsatisfactory, the majority of tins are broken open, and this allows the moisture to get in, and in a short period of time they become US. They are generally broken and in small pieces, and are quite useless for patrols.

(c) Bully beef free-dropped has also proved unsatisfactory, and at least 10% of the quantity dropped are damaged and rendered unfit for consumption. It is suggested that an increase of this commodity be allowed in the ration to replace losses, and the biscuits be dropped by parachute.

(d) Difficulty in recovering the loading list has occurred, and to date only one loading list has been received out of seven drops. It would be appreciated if it could be dropped separately in a message container.

W. R. G. Smith

Lt-Col

Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 596 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 216 to 090600L @
 25 br @ harassing fire by our arty fwd of
 8 pl 875481 throughout night @ enemy
 fired 42 rds incl 3 blinds into area 866487
 between 090535L and 090545L @ estimated
 75 mm @ 61 br @ ambush at Xing 898507
 returned to ~~coy~~ C coy 081720L NMS @
 2/8 cdo sqn @ 081800L EAGLE reported
 having occupied NIHERU approx 9989230
 many tracks in area and signs recent
 enemy movt through area @ convenient
 dropping ground reported

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SGAIT
Rear

MIS
+ 114 Amb HQ

ADS Bcoy
10 Bty
8
9
6
B-10

96
60

Rear
2/8 Cdo Sqn

9 Bn

Overlay PARIATA R 1:63360

Disposns of 7 Aust Inf Bde gprs at 090900L

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5 Sac
6 Sac
1 Sac
A Tp 2/8 Cdo
D
C
14
15
14
15
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25
A-8
8

6 B-7

7 ADV
A NGIB + det Amb Co
-4-5
ADS A coy
2/4 Regt
4 NGIB
5 NGIB

ANP46

Map diary

AUST INF BDE GP LOCATION STATEMENT NO 16

as at 0900 hours 9 Mar 45

veh sign KOALA over BOOMERANG

Ser No	Arm of Service	Unit	Map	ref	Remarks
1.	HQ Units	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1:25000	808459	
2.	"	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		series 808459	
3.	"	241 Aust LAD (AIF)		808459	
4.	"	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		808459	
5.	Artillery	2 Aust Fd Regt		811457	
6.	"	5 Bty		801466	
7.	"	6 Bty		800467	
8.	"	10 Bty		866586	
9.	Infantry	9 Aust Inf Bn		745580	
10.	"	HQ Coy		747582	
11.	"	A Coy		747580	
12.	"	B Coy		743579	
13.	"	C Coy		748583	
14.	"	D Coy		749584	
15.	"	25 Aust Inf Bn		854503	
16.	"	A Coy less 8 Pl		872487	
17.	"	8 Pl A Coy		875481	
18.	"	B Coy		837479	
19.	"	C Coy		838478	
20.	"	D Coy		868489	
21.	"	61 Aust Inf Bn		899564	
22.	"	A Coy Less 8 & 9 pls		883568	
23.	"	8 Pl		879583	
24.	"	9 Pl		882577	
25.	"	B Coy less 10 Pl		909567	
26.	"	10 Pl		895553	
27.	"	C Coy less 14 & 15 Pls		917523	
28.	"	14 & 15 Pls		919521	
29.	"	D Coy		909531	
30.	Medical	11 Aust Fd Amb		758603	
31.	"	MDS		758603	
32.	"	ADS A Coy		816453	
33.	"	ADS B Coy		877584	
34.	AASC	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl less 1 sec		880578	
35.	"	1 Sec		855503	
36.	"	1 Sec 56 Aust Tpt Pl		763623	
37.	Infantry	Adv 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn		923539	
38.	"	Rear 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn		998578	
39.	"	A Coy 1 NGIB less 4 & 5 Pls		839457	
40.	"	4 & 5 Pls		828443	
41.	"	Det ANGAU		809457	
42.	Postal	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit		808459	
43.	Provost	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy		808459	

J. J. ...
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

ahp+47

FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO adv 3 aust div rear 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn
61 aust inf bn 2 aust fd regt 11 aust fd amb 2/8 aust cdo sqn det
ANGAU file (2) distribution (2) war diary (3) A coy 1 NGIB
AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP

INTREP 26 (.) CONFIDENTIAL to 090900L

ENEMY - POSITION 1 (.) 6 Mar (.) enemy posn 919521 occupied by our tps 6 Mar were only in preliminary stages estimated only occupied 30 hours (.) 14 sh allow pits incl 1 JUKI pit in a semi-perimeter sited to cover track leading in from NW (.) no provision for rear protection (.) biv area of 5 lean-tos at foot of 20 ft bank fwd of and to left flank of posn (.) none of usual signs of enemy occupation (.) enemy moved off track when evacuating (.) 7 Mar esp ops occupied (.) further investigation of area revealed four graves (.) at 917523 2 enemy bodies found approx 1 week old (.) one enemy killed outside perimeter 070615L (.) was armed with rifle (.) few rds amm in pockets (.) stockinged feet

POSITION 2 (.) 8 Mar (.) posn at 922511 on 30 ft bank consisted of 20 angle pits and 3 HMG pits (.) 2 huts 2 lean-tos (.) 2 graves contained a second lt and a sgt maj dead not longer than 24 hrs

POSITION 3 (.) 8 Mar (.) in posn fwd of 875481 330 rds of spent JUKI amm were counted

CONDITION (.) 8 Mar (.) enemy killed 8 Mar at 922511 were large in stature appeared well fed (.) evidence large portion of enemy suffering from dysentery (.) the offr exhumed wore jodphurs and putties in good condition (.) buried with him were his books and a fd ration

CROSSING G - FURIATA RIVER 869488 - 8 Mar - jeep and trailer and Tk A gun have been floated over (.) jeep now in use from ford to 875481

DROPPING GROUND - 8 Mar - dropping ground at 869484 will be ready for use PM 9 Mar

TOPOGRAPHICAL NAMES

APPROVED

1. GALVINS CROSSING - Xing of FURIATA RIVER at 869488
2. SLATERS KNOLL - feature at 875481
3. STACEY TRACK - track SOUTH from 887568
4. GIBSON POST - track junc 888568
5. WATTS BASE - track junc 895567

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 COMD J.S. 10/3
 BM 10/3
 GIII (air) seen 10/3

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 599 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 217 to 091800L @ 61 bn @
 patrol from 10 pl 895553 followed track SOUTH then SE
 to BARNES Xing 898515 WEST to village 877518 returned to
 895553 at 091400L NMS @ patrol from C coy 917523
 traversed track along SOUTH bank SIRIKARA to PURIATA
 SOUTH along river to BARNES Xing thence EAST 1000 yds
 @ C coy ambush set 922509 from 091000L to 091430L
 NMS @ patrol for 25 bn @ D coy security patrol
 868489 to 876481 via NORTH bank river NMS @ patrol
 868489 to garden area 886485 NOT yet returned @
 C coy patrol blazing track from 862477 direct to
 8 pl 875481 exchanged shots unknown number enemy
 at 870480 @ nil cas @ 7 bn @ nothing to report @
~~A coy NG13 @ patrol departed base 8118442 at 090800L~~
~~moved across PURIATA mouth along beach to 858423~~
~~thence NE through swamp @~~ Small force moved out
 from A coy 872487 to investigate area @ by firing
 heard 091615L @ patrol NOT returned at 1900 hrs @
 B coy recce patrol reached TOKINOTU found numerous
 small gardens huts @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART TWO SITREP 217 @ evidence presence several enemy in area and some natives working in gardens @ returned 091900 L @ A coy NGIB @ patrol departed base 82844³ at 090800L moved across PURIATA mouth along beach to 858423 thence NE through swamp @ patrol moved in area 870440 850440 850420 870420 @ considered all this area deep swamp no tracks @ gbn @ nothing to report @ 2 fd rept @ 082000L to 090600L 6 bty fired 20 rds HF on enemy posn in area 876477 @ 090727L 6 bty fired 45 rds on suspected hostile gun posn 895457 @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ adv HQ moved from 923539 to NIHERO ~~area~~ area 090900L @ sitrep NOT yet received

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TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde
LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM G3 (air)
FSS LOs file war diary (3)

REVSIT 238 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 090600L (.) 25 bn (.) harrassing fire
by our arty fwd of 8 pl 875481 throughout night (.) enemy fired
42 rds incl 3 blinds into area 866487 between 090635L and
090545L (.) estimated 75 mm (.) 61 bn (.) ambush at crossing
898507 returned to C coy 081720L NMS (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 081800L
EAGLE reported having occupied NIHERU approx 998923 (.) many
tracks in area and signs recent enemy mov through area (.)
convenient dropping ground reported

REVSIT 239 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 091800L (.) 61 bn (.) patrol from 10 pl
895553 followed track SOUTH then SE to BARNES Crossing 898515
WEST to village 877518 returned to 895553 at 091400L NMS (.)
patrol from C coy 917523 traversed track along SOUTH bank
SIRIKARA to PURIATA SOUTH along river to BARNES Crossing thence
EAST 1000 yds (.) C coy ambush set 922509 from 091000L to
091430L NMS (.) 25 bn (.) D coy security patrol 868489 to
876481 via NORTH bank river NMS (.) patrol 868489 to garden
area 886485 NOT yet returned (.) C coy patrol blazing track
from 862477 direct to 8 pl 875481 exchanged shots unknown
number enemy at 870480 (.) nil cas (.) small force moved out
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091615L (.) patrol NOT returned at 1900 hrs (.) B coy recce
patrol reached TOKINOTU found numerous small gardens huts (.)
evidence presence several enemy in area and some natives
working in gardens (.) returned 091900L (.) A coy NGIB (.)
patrol departed base 828443 at 090800L moved across PURIATA
mouth along beach to 858423 thence NE through swamp (.) patrol
moved in area 870440 850440 850420 870420 (.) considered
all this area deep swamp no tracks (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to
report (.) 2 fd regt (.) 082000L to 090600L 6 bty fired 20
rds Hp on enemy posn in area 876477 (.) 090727L 6 bty fired
45 rds on suspected hostile gun posn 895457 (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.)
adv HQ moved from 923539 to NIHERO area 090900L

J. J. Simpson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) <i>7 ams inf bde</i>	Date—Time of Origin <i>100748L</i>
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Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO *adv 3 ams div*

(w) For Information (INFO.)

near 3 ams div
~~*2/8*~~
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

CMD *J.J. 10/3*
 BM *10/3*
 GIII (air) *seen 10/3*
 SC *10/3*
 IO *10/3*

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 602 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 218 to 100600L @
 25 bn @ ref SITREP 217 @ small force from
 A coy to investigate area 870480 cut track
 at 870479 @ of 12 enemy moving along
 and crossing track, 10 killed 2 probably
 killed @ own cas ul @ force returned
 A coy 1950 hrs @ 091950 L @ patrol from
 868489 to garden area 886485 returned
 091800 L @ 3 gardens in area NOT recently
 cultivated @ returning patrol encountered
 2 enemy at 870495 @ fire exchanged
 enemy fled @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ TIGER
 patrol operating OPAN SOVELE area @ white
 patrols SININAI @ native recce patrols
 to TONDUI TAITAI @ no reports as yet

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			THI or TOR		
Signed <i>[Signature]</i>			Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
(A)	7 aust inf bde.	100950L

Office Date Stamp

COMD 10/3
BM 10/3
GTH (air) 1.0

Message Instructions **GR**

For Action

TO adv 3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

ORIGINATOR'S No.
INT 603 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 219 to 100900L @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ sqm
HQ closed 923539 at 090800L reopened NIHERO approx 022528 at
091015L @ TIGER patrols operating OPAI SOVELE area unable contact
@ enemy party moving constantly NORTH avoiding gardens track
@ EAGLE ambushes established track juncs 001527
and 018532

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Signed *[Signature]*

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Signed *[Signature]*

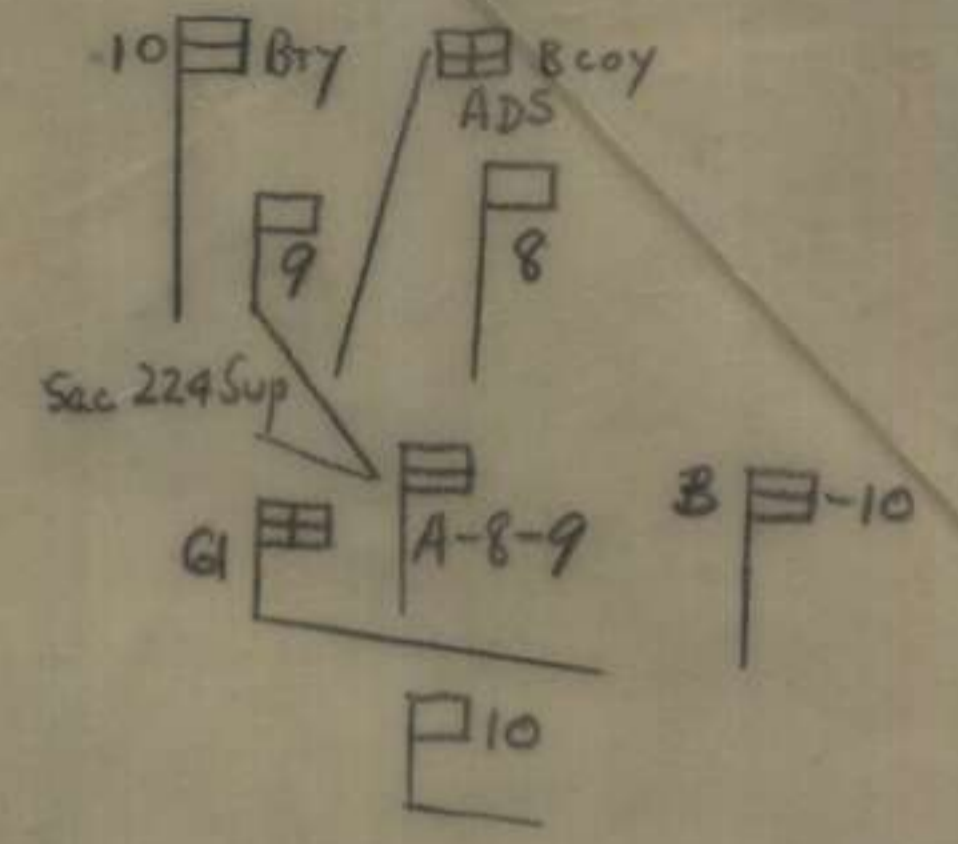
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Degree of Priority
IMMEDIATE

Time	System	Op
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Time Cleared		

M.H.S. 56 AGT
Rear

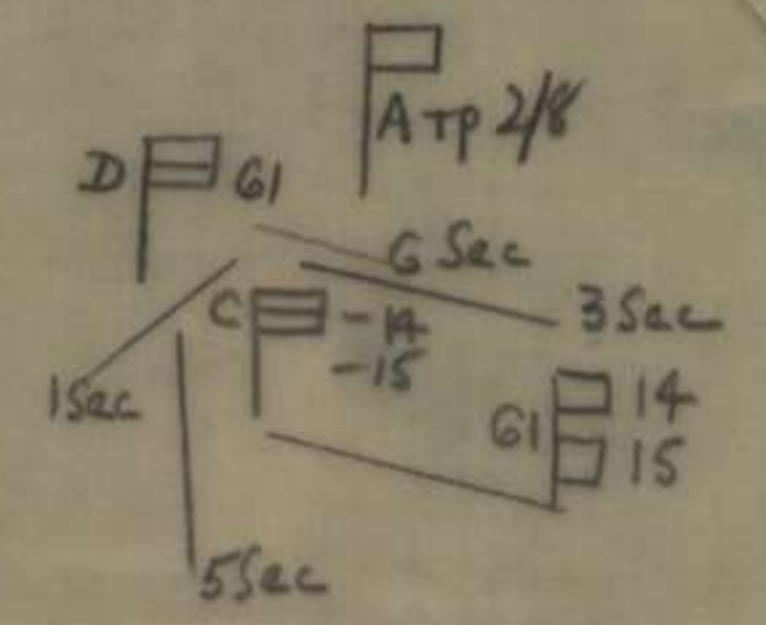
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+ 11/12 Pmb HQ
9 Bn. 80
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Overlay PURIATA R. 1:63360
Disposns of Tanst Inf Bde gpas at 100900L



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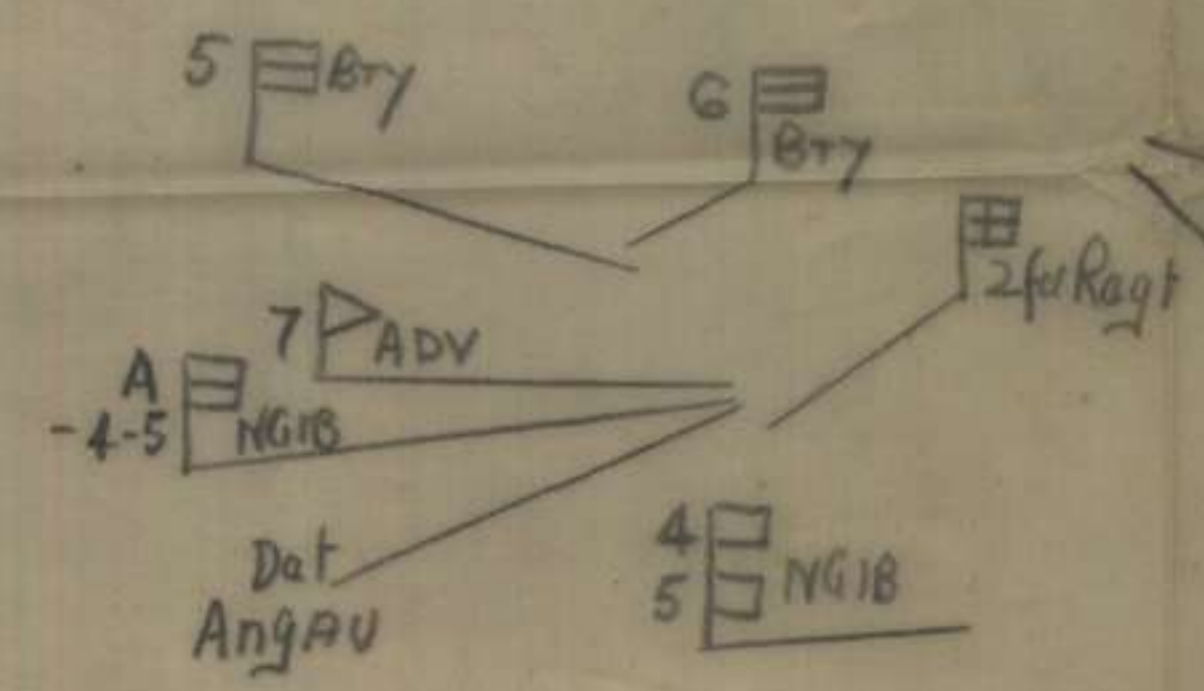
Rear
2/8 Cdo



Adv
2/8 Cdo Syn.
BTP

15 Sec
224 Sup 25

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Am 53
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 10/45 (Serial No.)
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / Mar / 194 5 (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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	Brigadiers *					
	1			Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
			9	Captains					
		1	7	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	NIL				
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	2	1	18						

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).	A.	A Class	18								18
	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.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / Mar 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.
Col Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	VX48010	SUMMERTON	J.	BM	"		
Lt Capt	NX51088	FRETTICE	W.T.	SC	"		
Lt Capt	OX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	SC(L)	"		
Capt	VX21054	TIMSON	T.F.	IO	"		
Lt	OX35749	BROWN	A.R.	LOI	"		
Lt	OX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	LOII	"		
Lt	NX133482	RUDD	L.J.M.	LOIII	"		
Lt Capt	NX134323	McKEW	G.D.B.	TO	"		
Lt	NX127324	MDRE	K.G.	Hyg O	"		
Lt	VX134539	MILLS	C.E.A.	Edn O	"		
Capt	NX66507	ASH	W.P.	Leg O	"		
Lt	NX126004	BUTLER	J.O.	Amn O	"		
Lt Capt	NX113434	McAULAY	D.C.	BASCO	"		
Lt	OX40921	VOGLER	R.H.	OO	"		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	OX25695	CAHILL	B.	25 Bn	"		
"	NX149802	BEATTY	G.A.	61 Bn	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX114246	PERCIVAL F.E.	HQ 3 Aust	Div 25/1/45	GIII(Air)
Lt	EX23833	SMITH A.A.	ATIS	8/3/45	Lang Det

10 Mar 45
Date of Despatch

W. J. ... Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/ Mar/194 5

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.
				b/fwd	2	2		b/fwd	9	10		b/fwd	15	16	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
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				Rangefinders			
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								Radlographers				Stevadores			
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)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths Non-specialists			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CSM	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	4		Woodturners				COQS	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Tpt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvrs MT	9	12	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Batmen	13	11	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Mess cpl	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-FUNCTIONAL			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Storeman	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Water duty	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Hyg duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Services			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AACHD Batmen dvrs	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				AAIC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAIC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY NAME			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				M/C ord		1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Dvr MT		1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		AAIC Med ord	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAIC Ann Ex'r	1	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Batman	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	9	10		CARRIED FORWARD	15	16		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	71	*

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.

10 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

Details of NCOs

Trade	Rank	WE	PS	Surp	Def	Reinfts reqd
CSM	WOII	1	1			
COMS	Ssjt	1	1			
Tpt	Sjt	1	1			
Draughtsmen topo	Cpl	1	1			
Int duties	S sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Clerks	WOII	1	1			
"	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	1			1	
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1			
Mess cpl	Cpl	1			1	
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	1		
Services						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
AAMC Med ord	Cpl	1	1			
AAGC Ann examiner	S sjt		1	1		
"	Sjt	1			1	
"	Cpl		1	1		
		18	18	3	3	

Surplus personnel posted in accordance with GRO 187/44

Army No	Rank	Name	Trade	Med class.	Special qual
VX101366	S sjt	BROWN C.M.		A1	Ann examiner

Personnel surplus as result of amendment to WE

QX55314	Pte	FLATT C.R. (AASC)		A1	M/C ord
QX56267	"	PASKINS A.E. (")		A1	Dvr MT
QX57359	L cpl	SCHLORT F.G. TG3	TG3	A1	Dvr mech
Q99208	Pte	STEPHENS H.J.		A1	Dvt MT
QX59391	"	SMITH D.J.		A1	"

Date of Dispatch

L.H.O. Form 30-24-44

Signature of Commander

MESSAGE FORM

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 7 aust inf bde	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 101900L
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Office Date Stamp

Comd. J. J. 10/3
B.M. J. J.

For Action

adv 3 aust div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

near 3 aust div
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 607 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 220 to 101800L @ 61 Br @
C coy 917523 patrol traversed track BARNES Xing 898515 to
922511 returned NORTH to coy along main track @ fresh
enemy prints on track leading SOUTH from 915513 @ C coy
patrol from 917523 SOUTH then SE heard automatic and
rifle fire at 931514 @ investigated saw party enemy this
ref @ engaged with accurate arty 101130L @ patrol searched
area moved further 700 yds SE along track @ no further
signs enemy @ no explanation earlier automatic and
rifle fire @ patrol returned 101700L @ D coy 909531 patrol
endeavoured to reach river junc 894485 @ natives knew
no tracks led patrol through very swampy country to
911501 @ patrol returned 101500L @ 9 br @ nothing to
report @ 25 br @ br HQ closed 854503 opened 875483
at 101000L @ 101100L sup jeeps fired on and damaged
at 857499 between DARARA and Xing @ 2 patrols D coy
868489 moved both sides of rd thoroughly investigated
area NMS @ signs of use of LMG @ A coy 872487 patrol
WEST along SOUTH bank PURIATA to 863479 thence EAST to 867479
saw 1 enemy escaped to bush @ PART 2 FOLLOWS

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

Signed
J. J. M. M. M.
Capt

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
For Action (2)			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART TWO SITREP 220 @ sig line from A coy to 863477
 cut in 5 places @ A coy NGIB @ 4 pl patrol out 100800L
 across PURIATA mouth moved along beach to 863414 @
 as prearranged RAAF AUSTER then reced. ahead dropped
 message on patrol @ acting on AUSTER observations patrol
 moved fwd to 871406 surprised and killed 3 enemy @
 rifles documents clothing captured @ own cas mil @
 area searched patrol returned base 828443 at 101450L
 @ 2 fd regt @ 100815L to 101120L. E tps registered garden
 areas 889458 and 893463 and track junc 895455
 with AUSTER observation @ C tps accurately engaged
 enemy party 931514 in sp patrol 61 hr @ PART
 THREE FOLLOWS

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			THI or TOR		
Signed	Signed Wilson Capt		Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

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Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
For Action (3)		
TO (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART 3 SITREP 220 @ 2/8 cdg sqm @ white recce patrol with native scout report no enemy in the near vicinity SININAI @ nearest concentration appears to be TOHERA approx 9748 @ 1 lone enemy killed by scout 982503 @ numerous signs recent occupation SININAI @ local security patrols report NMS but many tracks recently used @ OPAI area @ TIGER patrol with 4 days rations in pursuit enemy party heading NORTH by EAST with 36 hours start @ enemy still following watercourses and bush avoiding all contact @ recce patrol reports from SOVELE to 4000 yds EAST NMS

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			THI or TOR		
Signed			Time Cleared		

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FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy 1 NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
G3 (air) FSS LOs Sig 0 file war diary (3)

REVSIT 240 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 100600L (.) 25 bn (.) ref REVSIT 239
(.) small force from A coy to investigate area 870470 cut track
at 870479 (.) of 12 enemy moving along and crossing track 10
killed 2 probably killed (.) own cas NIL (.) force returned
A coy 091950L (.) patrol from 868489 to garden area 886485
returned 091800L (.) 3 gardens in area NOT recently cultivated (.)
returning patrol encountered 2 enemy at 870495 (.) fire exchanged
enemy fled (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) TIGER patrol operating OPAI
SOVELE area (.) white patrols SINANAI (.) native recce patrols
to TONDU TAITAI (.) no reports as yet

REVSIT 241 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 100900L (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) sqn HQ
closed 923539 at 090800L reopened NIHERO approx 022528L at
091015 (.) TIGER patrols operating OPAI SOVELE area unable
contact (.) enemy party moving constantly NORTH avoiding gardens
tracks (.) EAGLE ambushes established track juncs 011527 and
018532

REVSIT 242 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 101800L (.) 61 bn (.) C coy 917523
patrol traversed track BARNES xing 898515 to 922511 returned
NORTH to coy along main track (.) fresh enemy prints on track
leading SOUTH from 915513 (.) C coy patrol from 917523 SOUTH
then SE heard automatic and rifle fire at 931514 (.) investigated
saw party enemy this ref (.) engaged with accurate arty 101130L
(.) patrol searched area moved further 700 yds SE along track (.)
no further signs enemy (.) no explanation earlier automatic and
rifle fire (.) patrol returned 101700L (.) D coy 909531 patrol
endeavoured to reach river junc 894485 (.) natives knew no tracks
led patrol through very swampy country to 911501 (.) patrol
returned 101500L (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) 25 bn (.)
bn HQ closed 854503 opened 875483 at 101000L (.) 101100L sup
jeep fired on and damaged at 857499 between DARARA and xing (.)
2 patrols D coy 868489 moved both sides of road thoroughly
investigated area NMS (.) signs of use of LMG (.) A coy 872487
patrol WEST along SOUTH bank PURIATA to 863479 thence EAST to
867479 saw 1 enemy escaped to bush (.) sig line from A coy to
863477 cut in five places (.) A coy NGIB (.) 4 pl patrol out
100800L across PURIATA mouth moved along beach to 863414 (.)
as prearranged RAAF AUSTER then reced ahead dropped message on
patrol (.) acting on AUSTER observations patrol moved fwd to
871406/ and killed 8 enemy (.) rifles documents clothing captured
(.) own cas NIL (.) area searched patrol returned base 828443
at 101450L (.) 2 fd regt (.) 100815L to 101120L E tp registered
garden areas 889458 and 893463 and track junc 895455 with AUSTER
observation (.) ctp accurately engaged enemy party 931514 in sp
patrol 61 bn (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) white recce patrol with native
scout report no enemy in the near vicinity SINANAI (.) nearest
concentration appears to be TOHERA approx 9748 (.) 1 lone enemy
killed by scout 982503 (.) numerous signs recent occupation
SINANAI (.) local security patrols report NMS but many tracks
recently used (.) OPAI area (.) TIGER patrol with 4 days rations
in pursuit enemy party heading NORTH by EAST with 36 hours start
(.) enemy still following watercourses and bush avoiding all
contact (.) recce patrol reports from SOVELE to 4000 yds EAST
NMS

J. Janson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

CASUALTIES 7 AUST INF BDE GP13 Jan - 10 Mar 45

Classification	9 Aust Inf Bn		25 Aust Inf Bn		61 Aust Inf Bn		11 Aust Fd Amb		A Coy 2 Aust Fd Regt NGIB		TOTAL		
	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Offrs	OR	
Killed in action-	8	-	4		1	4					-	1	17
Died of wounds	-	3			-	1						-	4
Wounded	1	26	1	19	-	15			-	3	-	3	2 66
Accidentally Killed	-	1	-	2								-	3
Accidentally wounded	-	9	-	2	-	3	-	6			-	1	- 21
Total	1	47	1	27	1	23	-	6	-	3	-	5	3 111

Officer Casualties - KILLED IN ACTION - lt H D ROBINSON - 61 Aust Inf Bn
 WOUNDED IN ACTION lt S R SMYTHE - 9 Aust Inf Bn
 lt M R WORSLEY - 25 Aust Inf Bn

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

7 aust inf bde

110710L

For Action

TO

adv 3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div

adv 2/8 cdo sqn

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 610 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 221 TO 110600L @
25 hr @ between 101916L and 101921L enemy
fired 3 shells incl 1 blind into area
1875478 @ estimated 75 mm @ 6 bty 2
fd regt engaged suspected hostile gun
site 895457.

COMD

BM

IO

11/3
11/3

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Signed

Signed

L. Wilson
Capt

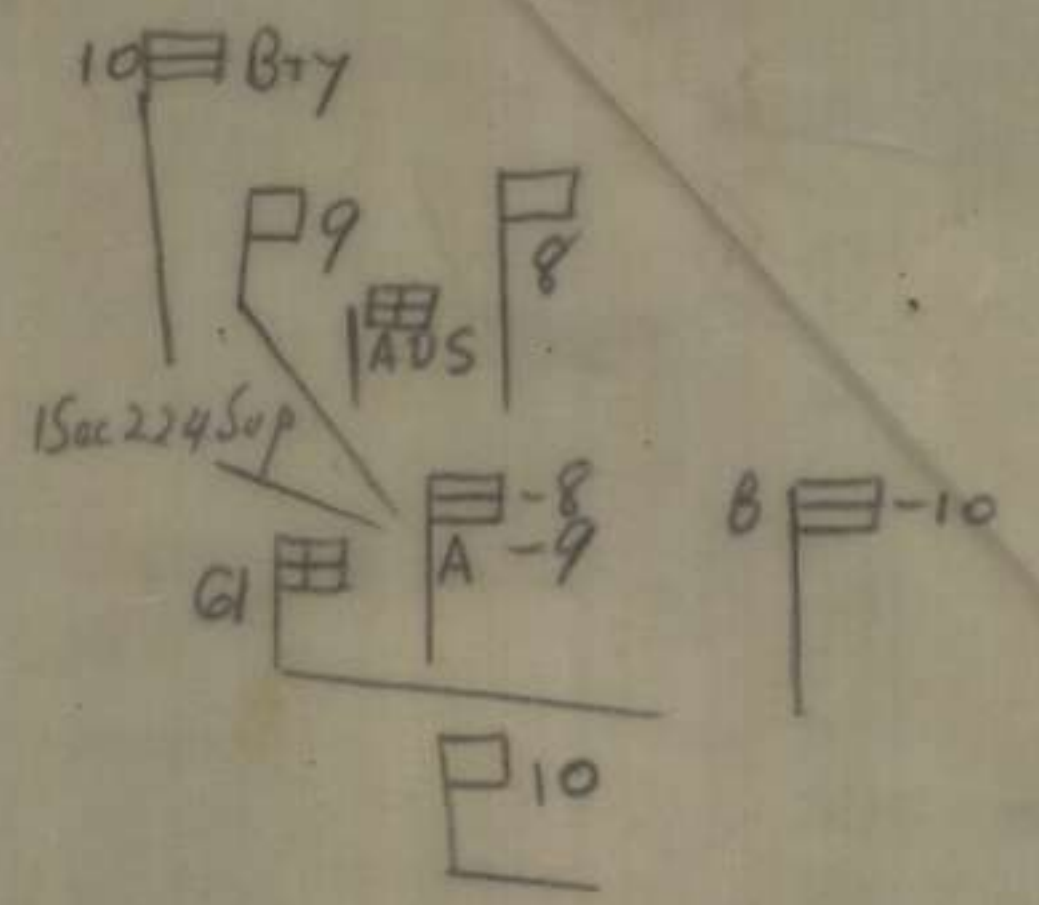
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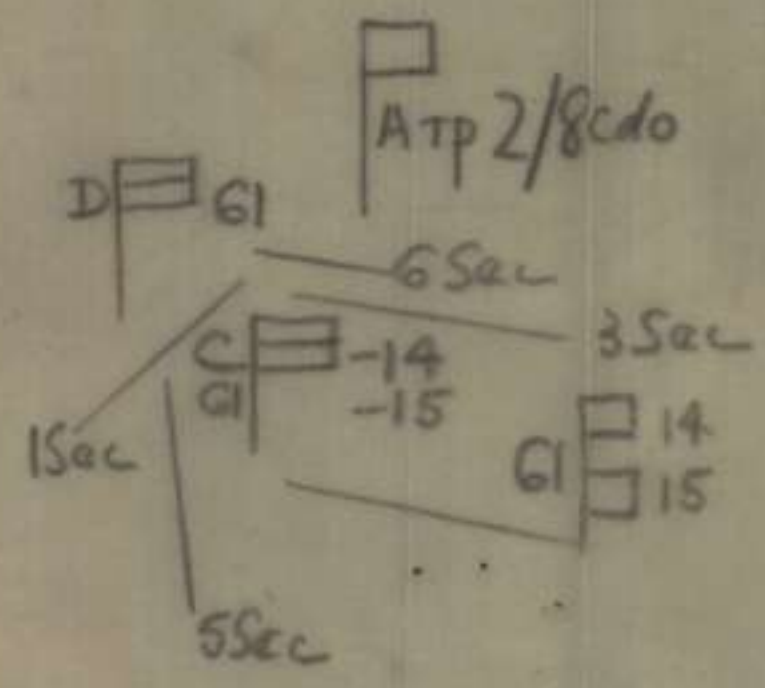
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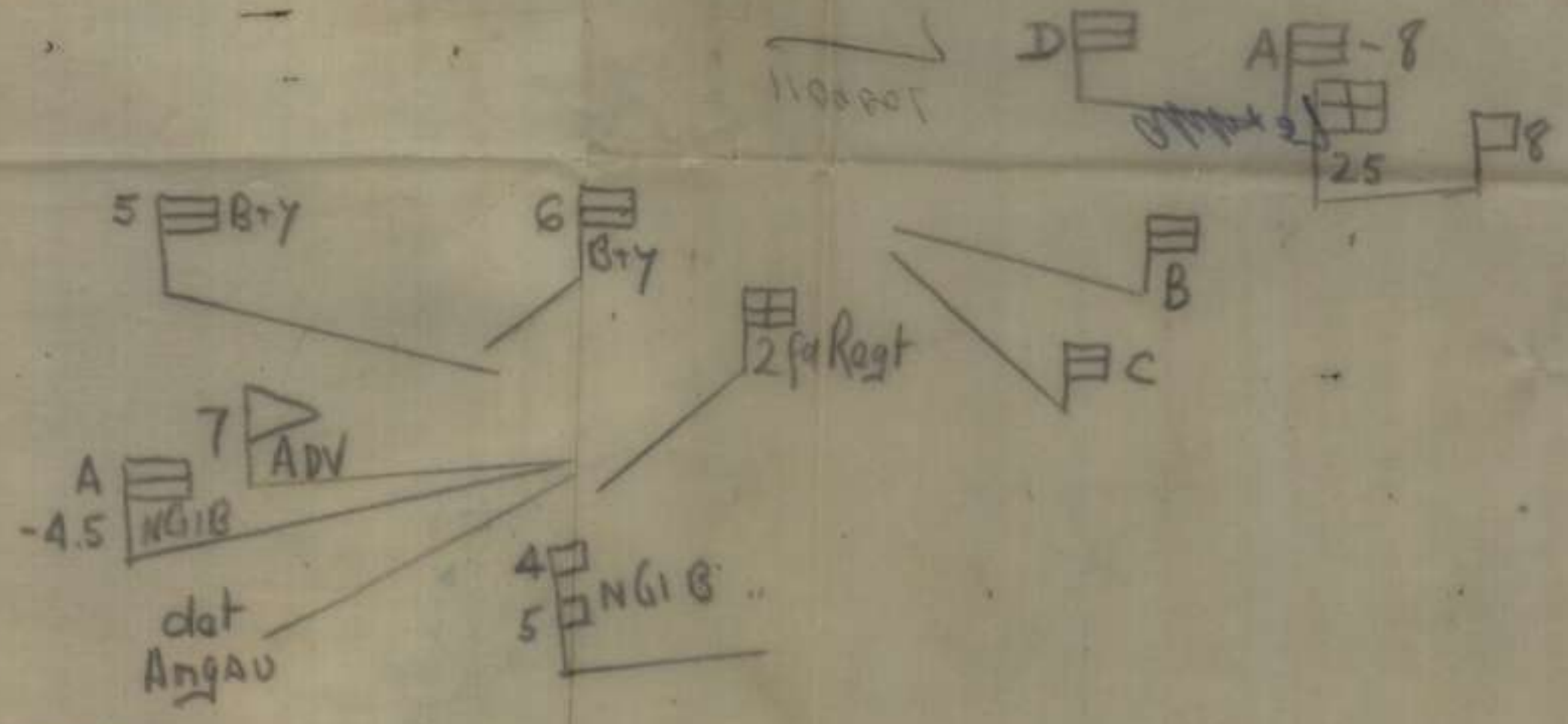


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FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO Adv 3 aust div rear 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 6 1 aust inf bn
2 aust fd regt 11 aust fd amb 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB det ANGAU AUSTER
OPS VERNON STRIP file (2) distribution (2) war diary (3)

INTREP 27 (.) CONFIDENTIAL to 110900L

ENEMY WEARING AUST BERETS:

On three occasions in the past week patrols of 25 Aust Inf Bn have encountered enemy wearing Aust green berets (.) on the first occasion patrol watched a Jap in bushes for three minutes NOT certain he was enemy (.) the delay undoubtedly led to this enemy's escape (.) On the morning 9 Mar a patrol saw another enemy wearing beret at 870480 (.) later that day one enemy amongst the 10 killed in the same area was wearing aust beret (.) it is probable that ^{he} was the same Jap observed in the morning (.) troops of 25 aust inf bn have reported losing 2 berets on patrol (.)

AIR STRIKE -

AIB report on CORSAIR attack against Dome-shaped object EAST side of HONGORAI River 965408 on 8 Mar 45. The target was a strong enemy position covering fords over HONGORAI River (.) 7 huts destroyed pillbox disappeared many Japs killed and wounded amm dump exploded (.) suspected gun position nearby near miss

DROPPING GROUND

10 Mar - dropping ground at 869484 is approx 300 yds long 120 yds wide sandy soil considered capable of development to AUSTER AIR STRIP if necessary

VILLAGE

HORINU - 9 Mar - established by traverse at 942505

RIVER - 11 Mar - river which joins PURIATA River at 894485 is the HULO River

F. Wilson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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11 00,55

For Action

TO

9 aust inf bn

(i) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn war diary

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<i>For Action</i> 61 aust inf bn			
TO	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i> 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn war diary		<i>Message Instructions</i> GR

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G021 SECRET (.) ref 7 aust inf bde 00 9 para 7b (.) essential
 you clear allotted sector by adequate employment tps under
 comd earliest (.) any restriction implied above para is hereby
 removed (.) relief of your bn can only be effected via
 lateral TOKINOTU HATAI SINANIAI when this is secured by your
 ops (.) proposed to withdraw you rest area TOKO when you
 achieve this objective (.) responsibility protection ADS DID
 MOSICETTA remains with you ack

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TO

25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn

(re) For Information (INFO.)

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RAE 3 aust div war diary

ORIGINATOR'S No.

6025 confidential (.) one sec fd engrs placed under
comd each 25 and 61 aust inf bns as from 0800 hrs 12 mar
(.) OOs reporting under arrangements RAE all info

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SECRET

TOKO MAINTENANCE AREA 00 No 1

Copy No 9

" Area 00"

INFM
1. Enemy

Possible rading parties, strength unknown.
Artillery (strength unknown). TOKO maint area in range of enemy arty.

2. Own Tps

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
18 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1	23
15 Aust Fd Coy 2 pls	3	93
5 Aust Fd Coy	1	10
2/1 Aust Rly Constr Wksp	1	10
56 Aust Tpt Pl	1	36
Area Comd	3	7
ADS (non combatant)		

INTENTION

3. Units and sub units in Maint area will defend Maint area (excl adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde).

METHOD

4. Area will be divided into HQ and three sub areas.

CO	Maj F G	FULLEN	
2IC	Capt E	ELLIS	
No 1 Sub Area	Lt Willis		15 Aust Fd Coy
No 2	"	Capt PROTHERO	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl
No 3	"	Capt CAMPBELL	56 Aust Tpt Pl.

5. Bdys

- (a) No 1 Sub Area
Sea EAST to LEFT flank of Engrs area.
- (b) No 2 Sub Area
LEFT flank of Engrs area to PURIATA RD (inclusive) incl amm and POL dumps.
- (c) No 3 Sub Area
PURIATA RD (exclusive) to Sea on left flank of ADS.

Each sub unit comd will dig and site weapon pits. This will be co-ordinated by Capt E ELLIS.

Tactical wire will be erected at vulnerable pts as local sups in Maint Area Comd permit. This wire will be sited NOT less than hand grenade range from unit lines.

Slit trenches will be dug and revetted with bush timber in all camp areas.

Sentries will be posted in all areas and sub areas during hrs of darkness.

Personnel of ADS will be responsible for digging of own slit trenches.

All sentries will be provided with whistles, or other suitable method of alarm will be used.

General alarm post will be est at Maint Area Comd HQ.

6. Plan

In the event of hostile arty fire raids all lights will be extinguished and all combatant personnel will stand to and proceed to positions as detailed by sub area comds.

All non-combatant personnel will proceed immediately to trenches.

Protection and evacuation of patients will be the responsibility of Maj MILLIKAN ADS.

On alarm being raised in sub area, a runner will be despatched immediately to HQ Maint Area Comd. General alarm will be sounded by Capt E ELLIS.

When stand down is signalled, all personnel will return to Unit lines immediately.

7. General Alarm - Continuous ringing of gong and by word of mouth by sentries.

8. Stand Down - Gong will be sounded 6 times at 2 second intervals.

ADM

9. Med RAP at ADS

10. Amn Own sups and DID.

11. HQ Maint Area HQ orderly room.

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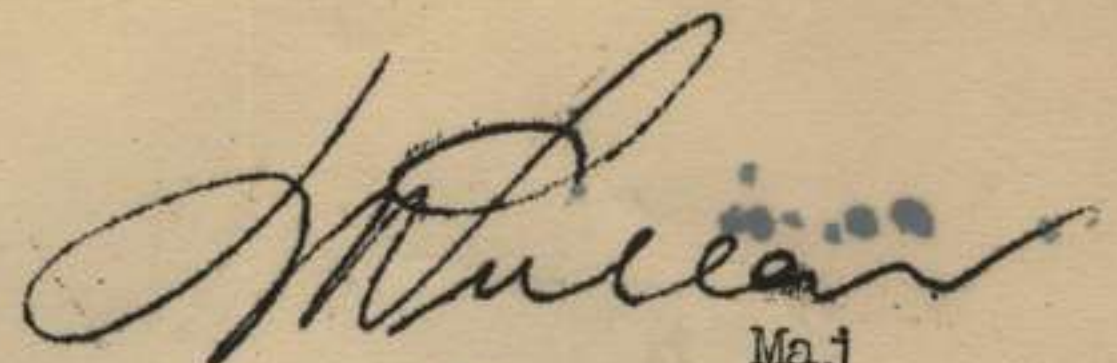
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Runner and telephone.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1415 hrs

Method of Issue *DRLS*



Maj
(E G POLLEN)
Comd Maint Area TOKO

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For Action

adv 3 aust div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div
adv 2/8 cdr sqn

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 612 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 222 to 111800L @ 2.5 hr @ 110715L B coy moved from 837479 crossed PURIATA at 839480 moved SE direction TOKINOTU @ at 111750L coy at 890463 @ 110800L C coy moved from 838478 to follow B coy @ at 111750L coy reported 300 yds SOUTH of B coy at 890460 @ line laying party departed 875481 to lay line to cross B coy adv @ party ambushed approx 871483 @ nil cas @ 111030L A coy complete moved fwd encountered enemy in strength 876476 @ endeavouring outflank met further enemy 873476 @ recce revealed several other small def posns @ in attempts clear posns 4 enemy known killed @ own cas 2 wounded @ coy formed perimeter for night 874480 @ D coy moved from 868489 @ now disposed coy less 17 pl 874485 17 pl 872485 @ D coy patrol from 868489 to search loop of river NORTH of line 877477 863477 NMS @ D coy patrol from 868489 to garden 892482 to ford 894483 NMS @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART 2 SITREP 222 @ 61 br @ 110800L B coy less 10 and 12 pls moved from 909567 10 pl from 895553 @ now disposed B coy less 11 and 12 pls 917523 @ 11 pl 919521 @ 12 pl remains 909567 @ 110850L C coy less 14 and 15 pls departed 917523 with 15 pl from 919521 arrived 909567 at 111225L @ 14 pl remains 919521 @ 18 pl patrol SOUTH from 909531 to track junc 915513 killed 1 enemy approaching from BARNES Xing 898515 @ our cas 1 wounded @ pl maintained ambush on junc until 111600L @ no further report @ D coy patrol SE from 909531 encountered LMG fire thought to be Bren at 929508 @ arty fire brought down @ patrol investigating @ patrol incl ANGAU and natives from D coy 909531 out 10 Mar patrolled general area 917523 920510 933505 935515 @ killed 2 enemy approx 933503 @ from 935515 moved to native hideout sq/ 9652 @ bis night 10/12 Mar at hideout contacted 2/8 cdo patrol from NIMERO @

PART THREE FOLLOWS

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For Action

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PART THREE SITREP 222 @ returned together to 909:531 at 111300L without further contact @ 2/8 cdo sqn @ 111600L native patrol to TONDUI 032482 on 10 mar returned with 1 cpl PW poor condition @ his 5 companions in garden, killed @ PW proceeding this HQ 12 Mar @ 111300L patrol returned from recce SOUTH of HONGORAI river ambush 017528 NIHERU 995524 Xing 989511 Xing 998505 thence upstream to Xing 019515 and 017528 @ NMS @ many gardens both banks HONGORAI @ delayed report states 1 enemy killed by native RABERE 6 Mar @ unable contact TIGER patrol @ recce patrol to D coy 61 br reports seeing large force enemy feeding garden approx 958503 @ will recce L of C return journey @ 9 br @ nothing to report @ A coy NGIB @ 5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach @ fresh imprint 1 enemy 871407 @ 3 enemy huts fire still warm 880395 @ 3 enemy seen walking along beach towards AITARA turned into scrub 400 yds NW AITARA @ PART FOUR

FOLLOWS

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PART FOUR SITREP 222 @ patrol located well defined track 884387 @ konaka states leads to AITARA @ in from beach 2 enemy huts newly occupied track booby trapped @ patrol continued to 886380 @ heard booby trap explode returned found 1 enemy dead @ investigation showed small enemy party had used track since inspection by patrol @ capt documents captured @ 2 fd regt @ 110630L Targets engaged track junc gardens sqj 8945 @ 110940L commenced registration target 907459 by arty r @ abandoned owing weather @ 111545L FOO B coy 25 bn registered previously recorded target sqj 9945 to establish coy posn @ 111330L to 111418L registered ambush posn 929508

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2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bde
LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM G3 (air)
FSS LOS Sig 0 file war diary (3)

REVSIT 243 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 110600L (.) 25 bn (.) between 101916L
and 101921L enemy fired 3 shells incl 1 blind into area 875478
(.) estimated 75 mm (.) 6 bty 2 fd regt engaged suspected
hostile gun site 895457

REVSIT 244 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 111800L (.) 25 bn (.) 110715L B coy
moved from 837479 crossed PURIATA at 839480 moved SE direction
TOKINOTU (.) at 111750L coy at 890463 (.) 110800L C coy moved
from 838478 to follow B coy (.) at 111750L coy reported 300 yds
SOUTH of B coy at 890460 (.) line laying party departed 875481
to lay line to cross B coy adv (.) party ambushed approx 871483
(.) nil cas (.) 111030L A coy complete moved fwd encountered
enemy in strength 876476 (.) endeavouring outflank met further
enemy 873476 (.) recce revealed several other small def posns
(.) in attempts clear posn 4 enemy known killed (.) own cas
2 wounded (.) coy formed perimeter for night 874480 (.) D coy
moved from 868489 (.) now disposed coy less 17 pl 874485 17 pl
872485 (.) D coy patrol from 868489 to search loop of river
NORTH of line 877477 863477 NMS (.) D coy patrol from 868489
to garden 892482 to ford 894483 NMS (.) 61 bn (.) 110800L B
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from 909531 encountered LMG fire thought to be Bren at 929508
(.) arty fire brought down (.) patrol investigating (.) patrol
incl ANGAU and natives from D coy 909531 out 10 Mar patrolled
general area 917523 920510 933505 935515 (.) killed 2 enemy
approx 933503 (.) from 935515 moved to native hideout sq 9652
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998505 thence up stream to xing 019515 and 017528 (.) NMS (.)
many gardens both banks HONGORAI (.) delayed report states 1
enemy killed by native RABERE 6 Mar (.) unable contact TIGER
patrol (.) recce patrol to D coy 61 bn reports seeing large
force enemy feeding garden approx 958503 (.) will recce L of C
return journey (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) A coy NGIB
(.) 5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach (.) fresh imprint
1 enemy 871407 (.) 3 enemy huts fire still warm 880395 (.) 3
enemy seen walking along beach towards AITARA turned into scrub
400 yds NW AITARA (.) patrol located well defined track 884387
(.) kanaka states leads to AITARA (.) in from beach 2 enemy
huts newly occupied track booby trapped (.) patrol continued
to 886380 (.) heard booby trap explode returned found 1 enemy
dead (.) investigation showed small enemy party had used track
since inspection by patrol (.) equipment documents captured (.)
2 fd regt (.) 11 0630L targets engaged track junc gardens
sq 8945 (.) 110940L commenced registration target 907459 by
arty R (.) abandoned owing weather (.) 111545L F00 B coy
25 bn registered previously reported target sq 9945 to
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INT 616 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 223 to 12.0600L
 @ 61 bn @ D coy patrol from 909531 reported
 in SITREP 222 in contact enemy 929508
 encountered by fire on moving fwd after
 arty sp @ arty again brought down @
 moving fwd patrol advanced killed
 1 enemy found 4 pits @ moving fwd
 again hit by fire @ arty brought down
 but owing shortage amm and late hour
 patrol returned without further
 investigation @ cas @ own 1 killed 3 wounded
 @ enemy 1 killed probably more @
 ambush withdrawn from track junc
 915513 at 111600L returned D coy 909531
 at 111825L no further enemy seen @

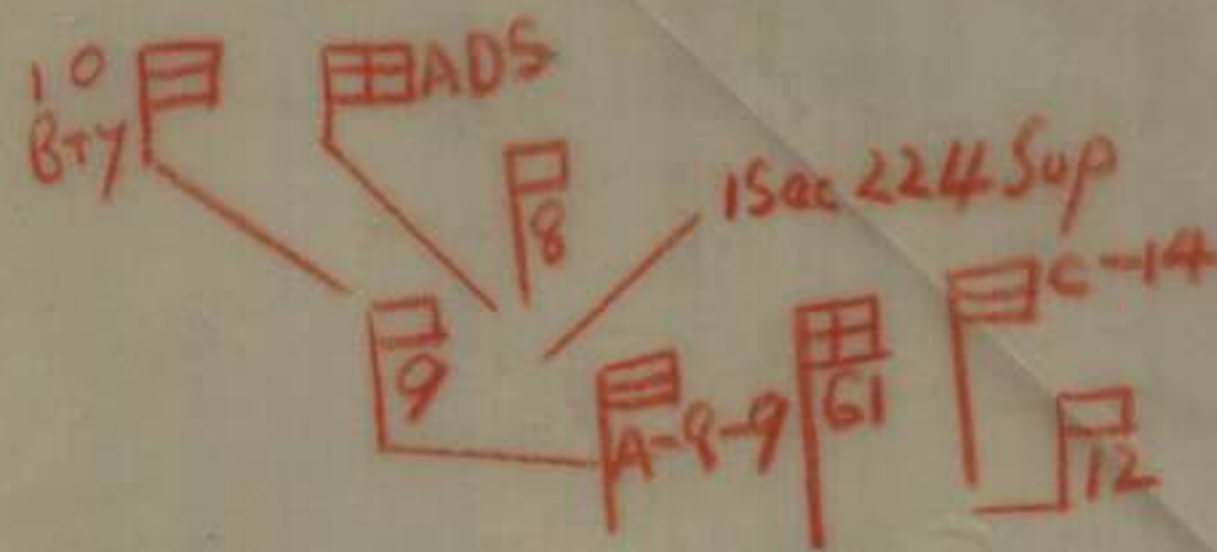
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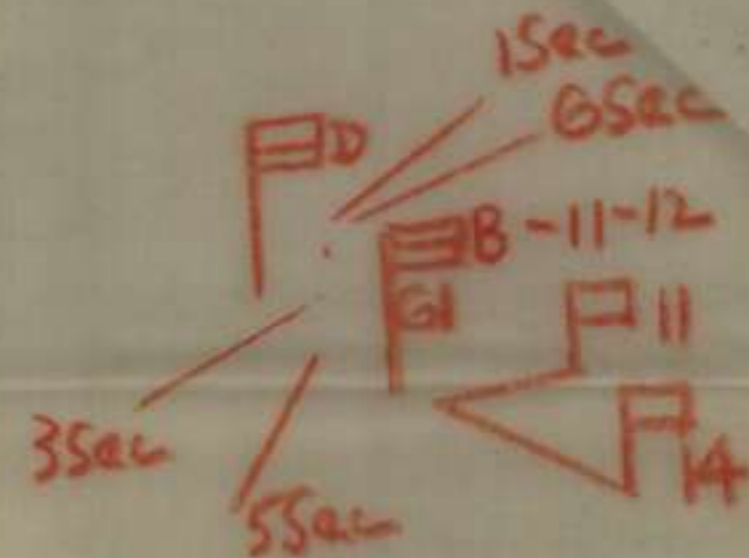
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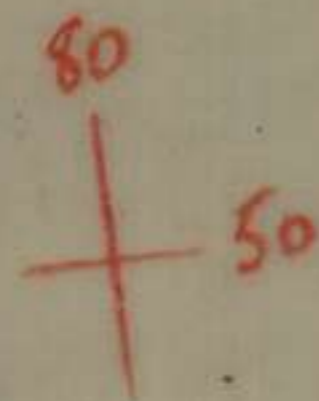
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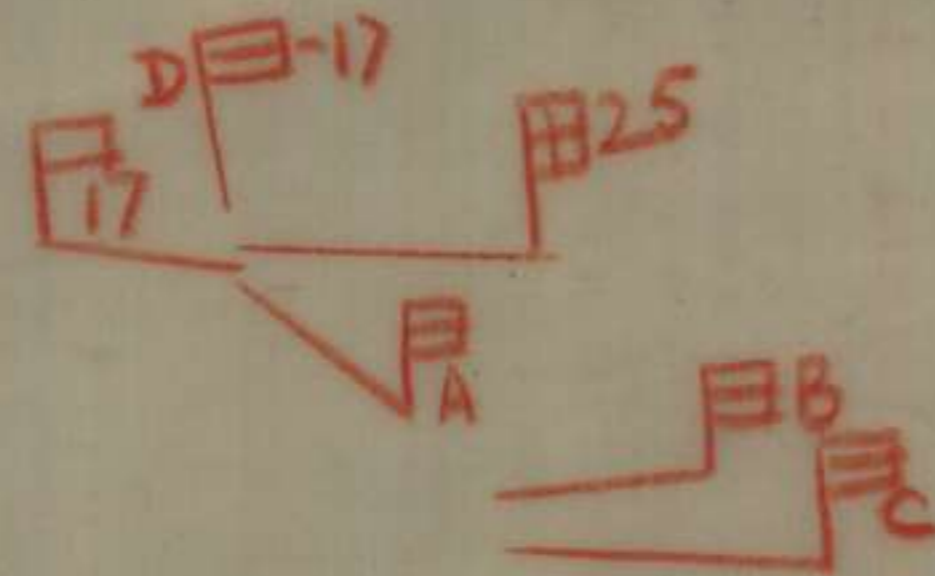


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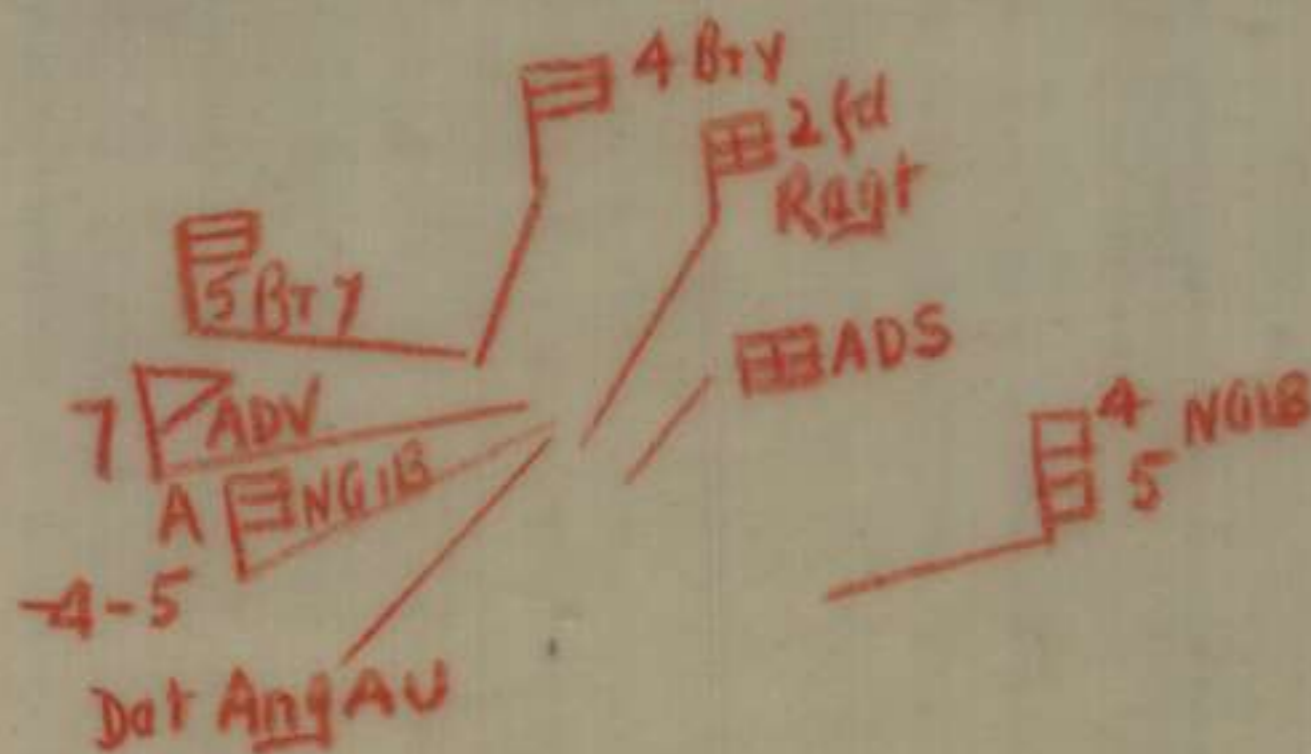
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distribution (2) war diary (3) A coy NGIB AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP

INTREP 28 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 120900L

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS - 11 Mar (.) Information from native sources indicates that a force of enemy estimated at 60 located at approx 972487 feeding from garden approx 970493 (.) two forces are located in the area between the NIHERO - TOKINOTU road and HONGORAI River in the vicinities of the juncs of the tracks SOUTH from RUMIKI and HORINU 1 with the NIHERO - TOKINOTU road (.) a further force is reported at approx 894464

ENEMY HUT - 11 Mar (.) at old enemy hut approx 871482 patrol found parts of an Aust Bren scattered about

TRACKS - 11 Mar (.) 1 (.) Information from native sources (.) A Government road runs from NIHERO through SINANAI across HUIO River and SW to TOKINOTU (.) a road from SINANAI crosses HONGORAI RIVER at 973489 thence to TAITAI

9 Mar (.) 2 (.) Track shown on 1:25000 map running SOUTH from 867480 was NOT located by patrol from 838456 to TOKINOTU

9 Mar (.) 3 (.) Track from 838456 to TOKINOTU 884463 is a native pad easy to follow (.) crosses small streams depth up to 3 ft in the first 1000 yds to approx 851460 (.) numerous side tracks leading to huts (.) NOT considered suitable for conversion to a jeep track

VILLAGES - 11 Mar (.) 1 (.) ref INTREP 27 (.) village at 942505 is HORINU 2 NOT HORINU (.) information from native sources states that HORINU 1 is farther SOUTH

9 Mar (.) 2 (.) TOKINOTU - patrol leader describes TOKINOTU "like a town with suburbs" (.) numerous gardens some enemy some kanaka with an intricate system of tracks running between gardens (.) patrol did NOT enter the village (.) no signs of any defences

RIVER - 11 Mar (.) The tributary on NORTH arm which joins HONGORAI River at 973488 is known as the BORNARA River

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Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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<p>TO</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(w) For Information (INFO.)</p> <p><i>adv 3 auct div</i></p> <p><i>rear 3 auct div</i></p> <p><i>adv 2/8 col sqm</i></p>	<p><i>COMD 13/3</i></p> <p><i>BM 15/3</i></p> <p><i>IO 22</i></p>	<p>Message Instructions GR</p>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 619 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 224 to 121800L @ 61 br @
120810L 12 pl departed 909567 arrived 919521 at 121100L @
121230L 14 pl departed 919521 joined C coy 909567 at 121600L @
A coy 983568 security patrol to MARIGA DARARA out 120800L
in 121800L reports NMS @ D coy 909531 patrol SOUTH from
track junc 915513 contacted enemy at ck 800 yds SOUTH of
junc @ under arty sp patrol found posn vacated @ patrol
returning @ nil cas @ B coy 917523 patrol along track
from 919521 to junc 922511 thence through scrub to
rear enemy posn 931508 mentioned SITREP 223 @ found
posn vacated @ our arty fire on posn had been
accurate @ patrol returned through posn to B coy
121655L NMS @ 9 br @ nothing to report @ 25 br @
LOCATION amendment @ 16 pl NOT 17 pl at 872485 @
remainder D coy 874485 @ LOCATIONS @ C coy less
14 and 15 pls 888456 14 pl 891462 15 pl 887455 @
B coy astride rd 892462 @ numerous tracks in area
actively patrolled @ B coy listening post 890464
reported following movements @ 121025L 6 enemy moved
NORTH & SOUTH further 3 NORTH @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART TWO SITREP 2240 121145L 5 SOUTH 8 NORTH 0
 121300L 4 dressed in white moved SOUTH 0 at 121420L
 11 pl patrol cleared enemy party en route 0 killed 1
 wounded 1 captured 2 rifles 1 pistol and box new boots 0
 own cas nil 0 15 pl patrol to 895458 exchanged fire
 enemy on rd wounded 2 0 own cas nil 0 A coy still in
 contact enemy 876476 0 3 pillboxes several weapon pits
 strongly held with 6 MG 0 security patrols dropping
 ground 869484 NMS 0 late report 0 121915L enemy
 mortared A coy posn 0 over into bn HQ 0 coy replied
 mortars 0 arty brought down 0 nil cas bn HQ 0 A coy
 unknown 0 A coy NGIB 0 4 pl patrol from 828443 SE
 along along to 883388 NMS 0 2 fld arty 0 120700L
 A tp 5 bty moved to 834464 ready to fire 121630L 0
 B tp conducted arty in garden area 916439 0 6 bty
 brought down fire pillboxes 876476 other tasks in
 sp 25 bn and 61 bn 0 D tp 10 bty moved from 855589
 to vicinity BOKU 0 map ref later 0 224 sup dep pl 0
 det moved from 855503 to 869484 at 110900L 0

PART THREE FOLLOWS

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART THREE SITREP 224 @ 2/8 cdo sqm @ 120930L
 TIGER less 1 sec arrived adv sqm HQ ref now established
 017528 from OPAI BASE @ no further report from
 remaining sec in pursuit enemy party NAIRONA area
 @ 121300L recce patrol area sq 0250 SOUTH HONGORAI
 river returned reported NMS @ many gardens mostly
 overgrown @ route @ 017528 NE 025540 SE to high
 ground sq 0352 SOUTH HONGORAI 032517 025507
 018517 to 017528 @ patrol to D way 61 brv returned adv
 HQ 121600L @ 2 enemy and footprints further 20 seen
 garden 958502 @ many good gardens this area @
 some recently used by enemy @ SINANAI area shows
 apparently daily use by enemy SOUTH of HONGORAI
 river

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FROM 7 aust inf bde inf bde

TO 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
G 3 (air) FSS LOs Sig O file war diary (3)

REVSIT 245 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 120600L (.) 61 bn (.) D coy patrol from
909531 reported in REVSIT 244 in contact enemy 929508
encountered by fire on moving fwd after arty sp (.) arty again
brought down (.) patrol advanced killed 1 enemy found 4 pits (.)
moving fwd again met by fire (.) arty brought down but owing
shortage amm and late hour patrol returned without further
investigation (.) cas own 1 killed 3 wounded (.) enemy 1 killed
probably more (.) ambush withdrawn from track junc 915513 at
111600L returned D coy 909531 at 111825L no further enemy seen

REVSIT 246 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 121800L (.) 61 bn (.) 120810L 12 pl
departed 909567 arrived 919521 at 121100L (.) 121230L 14 pl
departed 919521 joined C coy 909567 at 121600L (.) A coy
883568 security patrol to MARIGA DARARA out 120800L in 121800L
reports NMS (.) D coy 909531 patrol SOUTH from track junc
915513 contacted enemy at creek 800 yds SOUTH of junc (.) under
arty sp patrol found posn vacated (.) patrol returning (.) nil
cas (.) B coy 917523 patrol along track from 919521 to junc
922511 thence through scrub to rear enemy posn 931508 mentioned
REVSIT 245 (.) found posn vacated (.) our arty fire on posn
had been accurate (.) patrol returned through posn to B coy
121655L NMS (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.) 25 bn (.)
LOCATION amendment (.) 16 pl NOT 17 pl at 872485 (.) remainder
D coy 874485 (.) LOCATIONS (.) C coy less 14 and 15 pls 888456
14 pl 891462 15 pl 887455 (.) B coy astride road 892462 (.)
numerous tracks in area actively patrolled (.) B coy listening
post 890464 reported following movements (.) 121025L 6 enemy
moved NORTH 8 SOUTH further 3 NORTH (.) 121145L 5 SOUTH 8 NORTH
(.) 121300L 4 dressed in white moved SOUTH (.) at 121420L 11 pl
patrol cleared enemy party en route (.) killed 1 wounded 1
captured 2 rifles 1 pistol and box new boots (.) own cas nil (.)
15 pl patrol to 895458 exchanged fire enemy on road wounded 2 (.)
own cas nil (.) A coy still in contact enemy 876476 (.) 3
pillboxes several weapon pits strongly held with 6 MG (.) security
patrols dropping ground 869484 NMS (.) late report (.) 121915L
enemy mortared A coy posn (.) overs into Bn HQ (.) coy replied
mortars (.) arty brought down (.) nil cas Bn HQ (.) A coy
unknown (.) A coy NGIB (.) 4 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach
to 883388 NMS (.) 2 fd regt (.) 120700L A tp 5 bty moved to 834464
ready to fire 121630L (.) B tp conducted arty R garden area
916439 (.) 6 bty brought down fire pillboxes 876476 other tasks
in sp 25 bn and 61 bn (.) D tp 10 bty moved from 855589 to
vicinity BOKU (.) map ref later (.) 224 aust sup dep pl (.)
det moved from 855503 to 869484 at 110900L (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.)
120930L TIGER less 1 sec arrived adv sqn HQ ref now established
017528 from OPAI BASE (.) no further report from remaining sec
in pursuit enemy party NAIRONA area (.) 121300L recce patrol area
sq 0250 SOUTH HONGORAI river returned reported NMS (.) many
gardens mostly overgrown (.) route (.) 017528 NE 025540 SE to
high ground sq 0352 SOUTH HONGORAI 032517 025507 018517 to
017528 (.) patrol to D coy 61 bn returned adv HQ 121600L (.)
2 enemy and footprints further 20 seen garden 958502 (.) many
good gardens this area some recently used by enemy (.) SIMANAI
area shows apparently daily use by enemy SOUTH of HONGORAI river

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TO <i>adv 3 aust div</i>			<i>Message Instructions</i> GR
<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>			
<i>near 3 aust div</i> <i>adv 2/8 cdo sqn</i>			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 621 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 225 to 130600L @
 ref SITREP 224 under 25 br @ delete
 quote at 121420L 11 pl patrol cleared enemy
 party en route @ insert at 121420L 11 pl
 patrol cleared enemy party from hut
 891463 rejoined coy @ & further patrol
 moving towards hut 121615L encountered
 enemy party en route @ 2 fd regt @
 D tp 10 bty established 905564 at
 121730L @ line comm with 25 br
 out no report yet received @

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7 aust inf bde

130940L

For Action

TO

adv 3 aust div
near 3 (w) For Information (INFO.)
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 622 CONFIDENTIAL/0 further to SITREP
225 0 25 div 0 nothing to report

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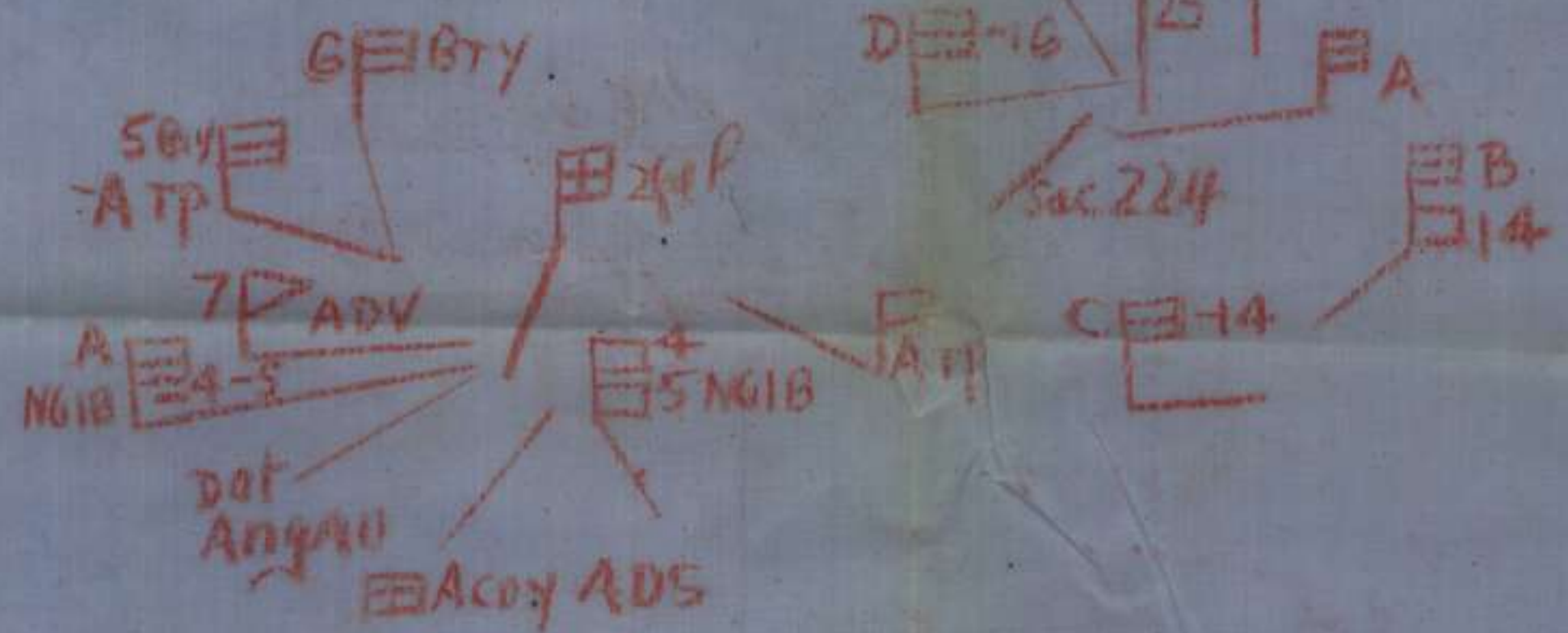
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adv 3 aust div	For Action	COMD J.D. 14/3 BNI 15/3	
TO rear 3 aust div adv 2/8 cdo sqn	(w) For Information (INFO.)	10 J.D.	Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT633 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 226 to 131800L @ 61 br @
 D coy less 16 pl moved from 909531 in pm approx
 932508 at 131230L after small contact enemy 4 rifles
 @ ril cas @ 16 pl from 909531 occupied track junc
 915513 at 131130L @ 131530L enemy strength unknown
 with HMG grenades rifles attached this posn @ cas own
 3 wounded @ enemy unknown @ B coy 917523 recce
 patrol to HUIO river returned 131630L without contact @
 9 br @ nothing to report @ 25 br @ enemy fired
 total 50 rounds incl 6 duds in two periods between
 122300L and 122345L into area between GALVINS
 Xing and DARARA @ estimated 75 mm @ ril cas
 damage @ 131000L 17 pl occupied SLATERS KNOLL
 875481 @ 130915L A coy began move round right
 flank enemy posn 876476 @ last report states
 1 enemy killed and coy moving NORTH towards
 rd @ B coy 892462 patrol found second lt dead
 in hut ref SITREP 225 together with one rifle
 two swords 1 brief case documents @ PART TWO
 FOLLOWS

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TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

PART TWO SITREP 226 0 1 enemy killed near hut yesterday was capt 0 pistol documents taken from body 0 B coy ambush set 895466 at 131200L 0 no report yet 0 C coy patrol returning from 886458 killed 1 of 2 enemy sighted 0 exchanged shots large number enemy in poor track junc 897453 0 A coy NGIB 0 5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach to 883388 NMS no new enemy tracks 0 2 fd regt 0 131328L 5 bty plus B tp closed 801466 joined A tp 834464 0 5 bty registered garden areas sq 9143 with arty r 0 6 bty HF enemy poor 876476 night 12/13 Mar 0 PART THREE FOLLOWS

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TO (w) For Information (INFO.)			Message Instructions GR

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PART THREE SITREP 226 @ 2/8 cdo sgmn @ 131430L
 fighting patrol returned from MOKOKOLIO KUPON
 SOVELE reported following infm grade A1 @ 121200L
 33 enemy with LMGs seen heading NORTH between
 NIGITAN KUPON preparing cross PAGANA moving
 with rearguard 2 men @ LOCATIONS @ sgmn HQ
 plus B tp 017528 A tp 997524

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2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB (2) det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
G 3 (air) FSS LOs Sig 0 file war diary (3)

REVSIT 247 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 130600L (.) ref REVSIT 246 under 25 bn
(.) delete quote at 121420L 11 pl patrol cleared enemy party
en route (.) insert at 121420L 11 pl patrol cleared enemy party
from hut 891463 rejoined coy (.) a further patrol moving
towards hut 121615L encountered enemy party en route (.) 2 fd
regt (.) D tp 10 bty established 905564 at 121730L (.) 25 bn (.)
nothing to report

REVSIT 248 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 131800L (.) 61 bn (.) D coy less 16 pl
moved from 909531 in posn approx 932508 at 131230L after
small contact enemy 4 rifles (.) nil cas (.) 16 pl from 909531
occupied track junc 915513 at 131130L (.) 131530L enemy
strength unknown with HMG grenades rifles attacked this posn
(.) cas own 3 wounded (.) enemy unknown (.) B coy 917523 recce
patrol to HUIO river returned 131630L without contact (.) 9 bn
(.) nothing to report (.) 25 bn (.) enemy fired total 50 rds
incl 6 duds in two periods between 122300L and 122345L into
area between GALVINS xing and DARARA (.) estimated 75mm (.)
nil cas damage (.) 131000L 17 pl occupied SLATERS KNOLL 875431
(.) 130915L A coy began move round right flank enemy posn
876476 (.) last report states 1 enemy killed and coy moving
NORTH towards road (.) B coy 892462 patrol found second lt dead
in hut ref REVSIT 247 together with one rifle two swords 1
brief case documents (.) 1 enemy killed near hut yesterday was
Capt (.) pistol documents taken from body (.) B coy ambush set
895466 at 131200L (.) no report yet (.) C coy patrol returning
from 886458 wounded one of two enemy sighted (.) exchanged shots
large number enemy in posn track junc 897453 (.) A coy NGIB (.)
5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach to 883388 NMS no new
enemy tracks (.) 2 fd regt (.) 131328L 5 bty plus B tp closed
801466 joined A tp 834464 (.) 5 bty registered garden areas
sq 9143 with arty R (.) 6 bty HF enemy posn 876476 night 12/13
Mar (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) 131430L fighting patrol returned from
MOKOKOLIO KUPON SOVELE reported following information grade A1
(.) 121200L 33 enemy with LMGs seen heading NORTH between
NIGITAN KUPON preparing cross PAGANA River moving with rear
guard 2 men (.) LOCATIONS (.) sqn HQ plus B tp 017528 A tp
997524

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IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

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(w) For Information (INFO.)
near 3 aust div
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 635 CONFIDENTIAL O SITREP 227 to 140600L O
25 biv O A coy at 878475 for night

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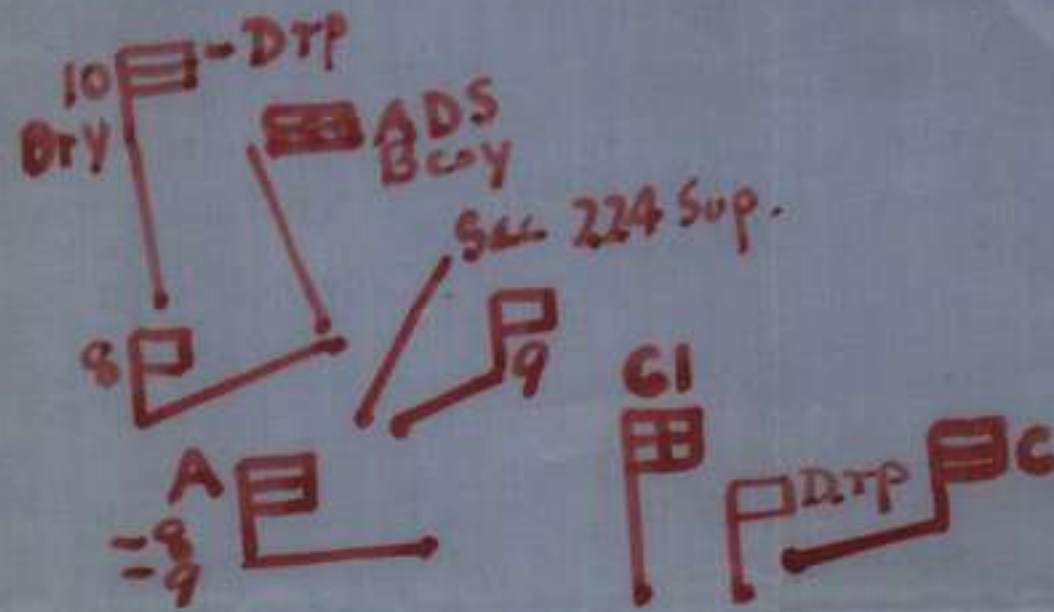
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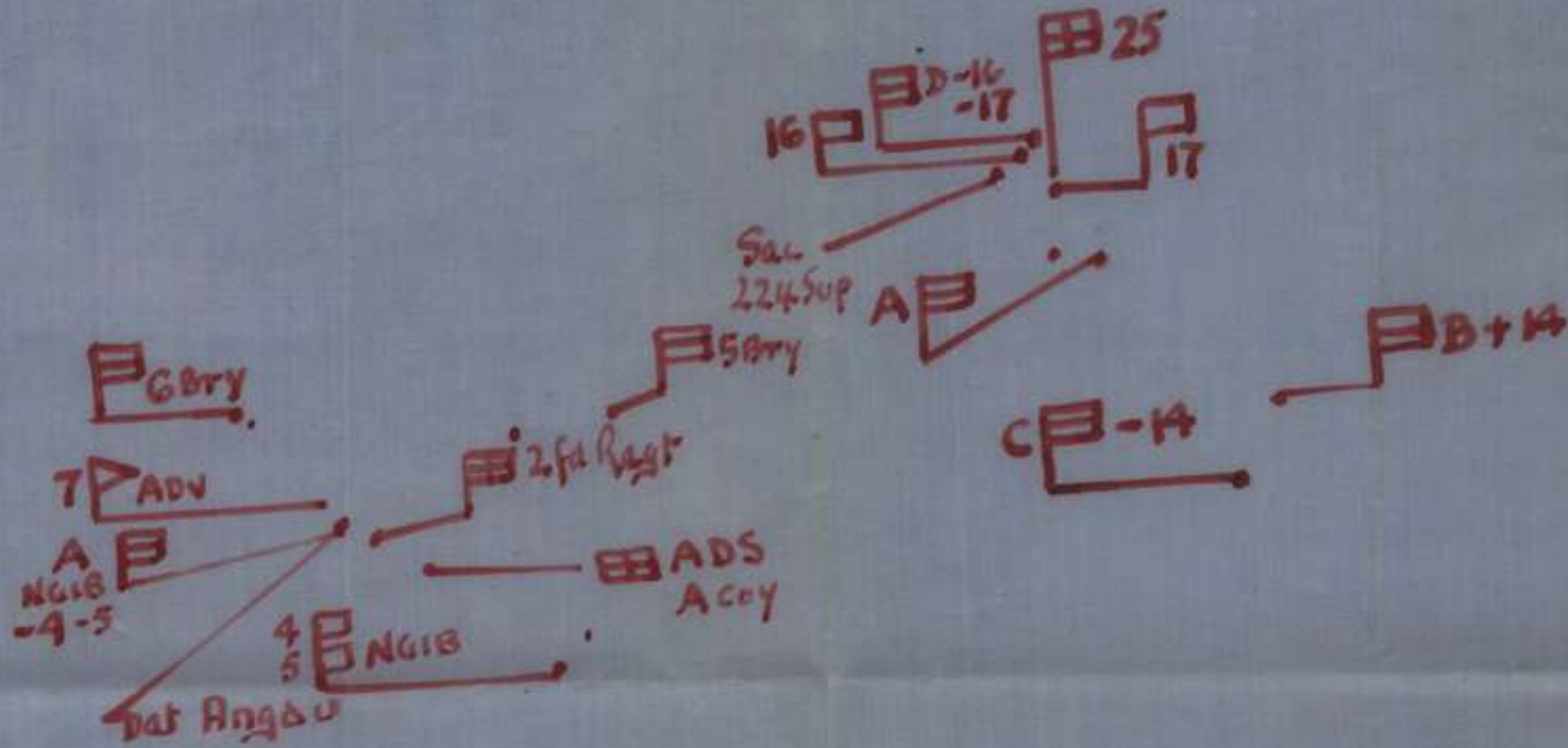
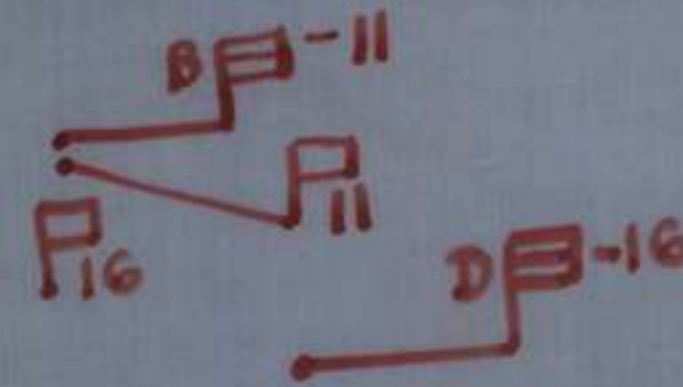


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ATP 2/8

Adv 2/8 CDO
+ BTP



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Disposns of Tawit Inf Bde gp as at 140900Z

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TO adv 3 aust div rear 3 aust div 9 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn
61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb 2 aust fd re, t 2/8 aust cdo sqn
A coy NGIB det ANGAU AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP file (2)
distribution (2) war diary (3)

INTREP 29 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 14 1500L

ENEMY - POSITIONS (.) 14 Mar (.) Enemy positions 875476 cover area
125 yds by 100 yds (.) maze of tracks links foxholes and covered
pits (.) forward of defence area proper were listening posts
behind logs (.) positions could accommodate 50 men with ease
but appeared to be designed for mobility (.) four banana leaf
shelters poorly built (.) FDL extended from river to SOUTH of
clearing 874478 (.) 2 enemy dead and documents found search
continues (.) our mortar fire on this position had been very
accurate

ENEMY - FOOD (.) 12 Mar (.) along track SOUTH of 915513 evidence of
enemy use of the pith of betel nut palms to supplement rations

TRACKS 1 - 12 Mar (.) well defined track followed 780 yds SOUTH of track
junc at 915513 to SHIMON ck (.) natives state that this is
main track to TOKINOTU

2 - 13 Mar (.) anticipated that jeep track from 838479 to
876476 will be opened for traffic 141700L (.) jeep ferry across
PURIATA at 838479

HUIO RIVER - 13 Mar (.) at 938495 HUIO River is 30 ft wide 5 to 6 ft deep
very fast flowing (.) NOT fordable banks 100 ft high

SHIMON CK - 12 Mar (.) at approx 915505 a creek encountered known as
SHIMON Ck (.) banks steep 10 ft high on NORTH side 20 ft high
on SOUTH side and 40 yds apart (.) stream is 5 ft wide and 9
ins deep with sandy bottom (.) creek flows WEST and SW to
join HUIO River possibly at 906491.

DROPPING GROUND - 13 Mar (.) at 908532 dropping ground 300 yds by 150 yds
cleared for air drop 14 Mar

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For Action adv 3 aust div			Message Instructions GR
TO (w) For Information (INFO.) near 3 aust div adv 2/8 cdo sqn			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 637 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 228 to 141800L @ 25 km @
 141000L A coy occupied enemy posn 875476 unopposed @ posns
 showed our arty mortars accurate @ 7 new graves @ documents
 found @ 7 pl moved down rd came under hvy fire after 300 yds
 sustained cas 1 killed 2 wounded @ enemy withdrew down rd @
 A coy moved fwd to 878475 @ 11 pl moved from 892462 up rd
 to attack enemy from rear @ joined A coy killing 1 enemy
 en route @ pl moved on to br HQ 875483 for night @ D coy
 patrol from 874485 SOUTH to 868457 EAST to B and C
 coys returned 141530L NMS @ 9 km @ nothing to report @
 61 br @ 140920L br HQ closed 899564 opened 909531 @
 140900L D coy less 16 pl moved fwd from 932508 reached
 935505 at 141300L @ encountered 6 to 8 enemy killed 2 @
 one sec moving fwd of coy killed further 2 enemy @ own
 cas 1 wounded also 1 arty sig wounded @ 140845L B coy moved
 fwd from 917523 through 16 pl to river Xing 915508
 dispersing ambush of 6 enemy @ nil cas @ patrol to
 investigate movement seen SOUTH of Xing returned
 without contact @ 16 pl 915513 reports sighting 1 armed
 enemy with dog 915520 @ enemy escaped @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART TWO SITREP 228 @ 140800L 9 pl departed 882577
 took up posn 917523 @ 140815L C coy less 13 pl departed
 909567 @ C coy less 13 and 15 pls now at BOKU 899564 @
 13 pl 895553 @ 15 pl 903563 @ ambush BARNES Xing
 returned 13 pl 141700L NMS @ A coy NGIB @ 4 pl patrol
 SE along beach set ambush track 895370 NMS @ NGIB
 native sprung our booby trap on track @ 1 killed
 2 lightly wounded @ 2 fd regt @ HF put down
 gardens sq/ 9143 night 13/14 mar @ regn gardens
 909414 905415 by arty @ engaged enemy
 party 933507 enemy posn 915508 @ PART THREE
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PART THREE SITREP 228 @ 2/8 cdo sqm @ nothing to report

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FROM 7 aust inf bde

TO 0 aust inf bn 25 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB (2) det ANGAU
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
G 3 (air) FSS LOs Sig O file war diary (3)

REVSIT 249 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 140600L (.) 25 bn (.) A cc. at 878475
for night

REVSIT 250 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 141800L (.) 25 bn (.) 141000L A coy
occupied enemy position 875476 unopposed (.) posns showed
our arty mortars accurate (.) 7 new graves (.) documents found
(.) 7 pl moved down road came under hy fire after 300 yds
sustained cas 1 killed 2 wounded (.) enemy withdrew down road
(.) A coy moved fwd to 878475 (.) 11 pl moved from 892462 up
road to attack enemy from rear (.) joined A coy killing 1
enemy en route (.) pl moved on to bn HQ 875483 for night (.)
D coy patrol from 874485 SOUTH to 868457 EAST to B and C coys
returned 141530L NMS (.) 9 bn (.) nothing to report (.)
61 bn (.) 140920L bn HQ closed 899564 opened 909531 (.)
140900L D coy less 16 pl moved fwd from 932508 reached 935505
at 141300L (.) encountered 6 to 8 enemy killed 2 (.) one sec
moving fwd of coy killed further 2 enemy (.) own cas 1
wounded also 1 arty sig wounded (.) 140845L B coy moved fwd
from 917523 through 16 pl to river xing 915508 dispersing
ambush of 6 enemy (.) nil cas (.) patrol to investigate
movement seen SOUTH of xing returned without contact (.) 16 pl
915513 reports sighting 1 armed enemy with dog 915520 (.)
enemy escaped (.) 140800L 9 pl departed 882577 took up posn
917523 (.) 140815L C coy less 13 pl departed 909567 (.) C coy
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895370 NMS (.) NGIB native sprung our booby trap on track (.)
1 killed 2 slightly wounded (.) 2 fd regt (.) HF out down
gardens sq 9143 night 13/14 Mar (.) regn gardens 909414
905415 by arty R (.) engaged enemy party 933507 enemy posn
915508 (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) nothing to report

F. Munson Capt
IO 7 Aust Inf Bde

Subject :-

CURRENT OPERATIONS - 7 AUST INF BDE
Ref 3 Aust Div 00 No 10HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
14 Mar 45

3 Aust Div

1. In view of the density of enemy cultivated garden areas EAST of the HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS it is anticipated that he will vigorously contest the crossing of the HONGORAI RIVER. This ground is vital to the continued resistance of his forces in view of the food supply it yields. All the intelligence available in this HQ indicates that strong defences, guns and concentrations are disposed on the general line MAMAGATA - MONOITU - TAI TAI along the HARI RIVER with forces disposed forward in the area between the HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS. Operations at present proceeding along the NORTH and SOUTH axes eastwards from the PURIATA RIVER appear to be against groups of enemy who are fighting delaying engagements possibly in order to gain time for regrouping of enemy forces and completion of defensive works.

These enemy groups are offering a stubborn resistance and in front of 25 Aust Inf Bn a group recently encountered were armed with 1 HMG and 5 LMGs and supported by 75 mm and heavy mortar fire. The enemy occupied slit trenches recently dug.

2. Operations in respect to Stage 1 your para 7 (a) (i) 00 No 10, are proceeding in this Brigade with a view to securing the lateral track TOKINOTU - HATAI - RUMIKI between the two axes as early as possible. When this is achieved a shorter L of C will be opened to the NORTH axis from the SOUTH axis enabling relief of 61 Aust Inf Bn by 9 Aust Inf Bn via TOKO - TOKINOTU - HATAI. This L of C will also be available to 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn for evacuation of casualties and supply.

3. In view of factors referred to in para 1 and the reduced strength of Units, particularly 25 Aust Inf Bn, it is considered that operations to reduce the line of the HONGORAI RIVER and for the advance EAST from there should be supported by tanks and medium artillery. It is proposed that these be deployed on the SOUTH axis since, owing to the unfavourable nature of the coastal terrain and lack of good tracks inland EAST from TOKO no good lateral can be secured until MAMAGATA is reached. Since the availability of this of this depends on the reduction of the MAMAGATA - MONOITU - TAI TAI line there appears to be no alternative to the introduction of tanks and medium guns except via TOKO. An amphibious operation against MAMAGATA would, of course, take the enemy in the flank but it is understood that no resources are available for such an operation.

4. Attached herewith is a report by OC B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt which was made after a recce from TOKO and across the PURIATA RIVER. It will be noted that the terrain and fighting conditions are considered suitable for tanks and in view of the extensive training which 7 Aust Inf Bde has had in co-operation with tanks good progress may be anticipated if they are made available.

5. It is intended to withdraw 61 Aust Inf Bn to a beach area at TOKO for rest and recuperation when they are relieved by 9 Aust Inf Bn. This will leave the Brigade reserve further back than is desirable in the event of counter attack. Because of an attenuated L of C some protection must however be given this and TOKO beachhead area. Tanks in these circumstances would themselves constitute a valuable reserve in support of the two forward Battalions to deal with any emergency situations which may arise, leaving the remaining battalion disposed on the beach area and available for local protective tasks.

In view of the presence of enemy guns of large calibre EAST of the HONGORAI river it is considered essential that medium artillery be available for CB tasks at an early date.

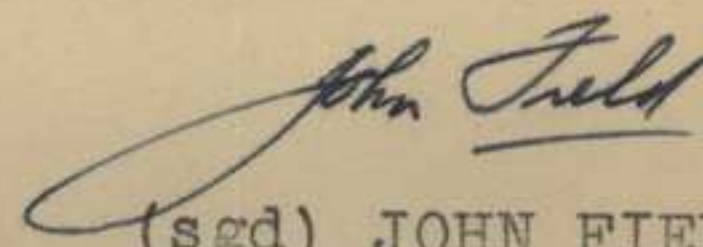
7. Immediately conditions permit on the opening of the TOKINOTU - HATAI - RUMIKI lateral it is proposed to withdraw 10 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt to the TOKO area via MAWARAKA for employment on the SOUTH axis. The ADS and DID at MOSIGETTA would similarly be withdrawn via MAWARAKA. 7 Aust Inf Bde will then have no further use for the MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA - BOKU track and it is suggested that a new Brigade Rear Boundry be drawn on the line of the PURIATA RIVER
Brigade HQ will move to HIRU HIRU area on the SOUTH axis as soon as operations are sufficiently advanced.

8. In view of this appreciation it is submitted that the following steps be taken immediately

- (a) Three Tps B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt be transported to TOKO and be placed under command 7 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 2 guns U Aust Hy Bty be transported to TOKO and placed under command 7 Aust Inf Bde.

and at a later date to be requested

- (c) Rear Bdy 7 Aust Inf Bde be defined as the line of the PURIATA RIVER.
- (d) Placing one Pl Fd Coy RAE under command 7 Aust Inf Bde for working with Tank-Infantry-Engineer team.


(sgd) JOHN FIELD Brig
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde

RECONNAISSANCE REPORT BY OC 'B' SQN GP, 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT OF TERRAIN
BETWEEN TOKO AND PRESENT TAC HQ 25 AUST INF BN AT 875483 FOR SUITABILITY
OF MOVEMENT AND USE OF TANKS

WEATHER : Hot and Wet

VISIBILITY : Good

Ref Map : HIRU HIRU 1:25000
BARA 1:25000

DATE OF RECCE : 11 Mar 45

PART I

1. The terrain covered is suitable for the use and movement of tanks.
2. Two routes exist
 - (a) TOKO - new bridge 838470 - proposed new road to 25 Aust Inf Bn Tac HQ 875483
 - (b) TOKO - BARARA - FORD 869488 - 25 Aust Inf Bn Tac HQ 875483.
3. Route (a) is impracticable without waterproofing of tanks unless bridge being constructed across PURIATA RIVER at 838470 is increased from Class 9 to Class 24, as depth of river at this point is 4'6" to 5' and maximum fording capabilities of tank are 3'.
4. Route (b) could be traversed throughout provided a suitable time was chosen to cross PURIATA RIVER at FORD 869488. At time of inspection, depth of water at this FORD varied from 2'6" to 3'6" and it is doubtful if tanks would have got across under their own power.
5. Reliable information obtained indicates that after two days without rain, water level drops to 2'6".
6. If these conditions did not eventuate in time, OC would be prepared to undertake crossing without waterproofing provided D8 tractor with power winch was available.
7. If tanks were waterproofed, river could be crossed at either point. Waterproofing, provided all materials are available, takes approx 8 hours per tank.

PART II

8. Information not obtained personally was obtained from CO 25 Aust Inf Bn and an engineer officer from 15 Aust Fd Coy.
9. Terrain WEST and NORTH of PURIATA RIVER from TOKO to BARARA is of an extremely muddy, boggy nature after rain but improved between BARARA and the ford. It would however, present no difficulty to the movement of tanks. Engineer assistance with bulldozer would be required to enable detours to be made at the small crossings encountered on move up.
10. Terrain EAST and SOUTH of PURIATA RIVER is of a sandy nature and very suitable to movement of tanks as far as it was seen. Reports indicate that as far EAST as HIRU 900459 the country is of the same type.
11. At no time during my previous visit to MOSIGETTA on 16 Feb 45 or during this visit to this area have I seen any country over which tanks could not operate. Some of the rivers are tank obstacles but by the use of suitable bridging, waterproofing or power winches I am quite sure these obstacles can be overcome. The tanks during training on BOUGAINVILLE have already been operating over similar and in some cases more difficult country.

(sgd) ? ARNOTT Major
OC B Sqn Gp, 2/4 Aust Armd Regt

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INT 641 CONFIDENTIAL © SITREP 2.29 to 150600L ©

*256w © A coy repelled counter attack 141700L ©
own & cas © own 1 wounded enemy unknown*

*CMD 15/3
BM
IO*

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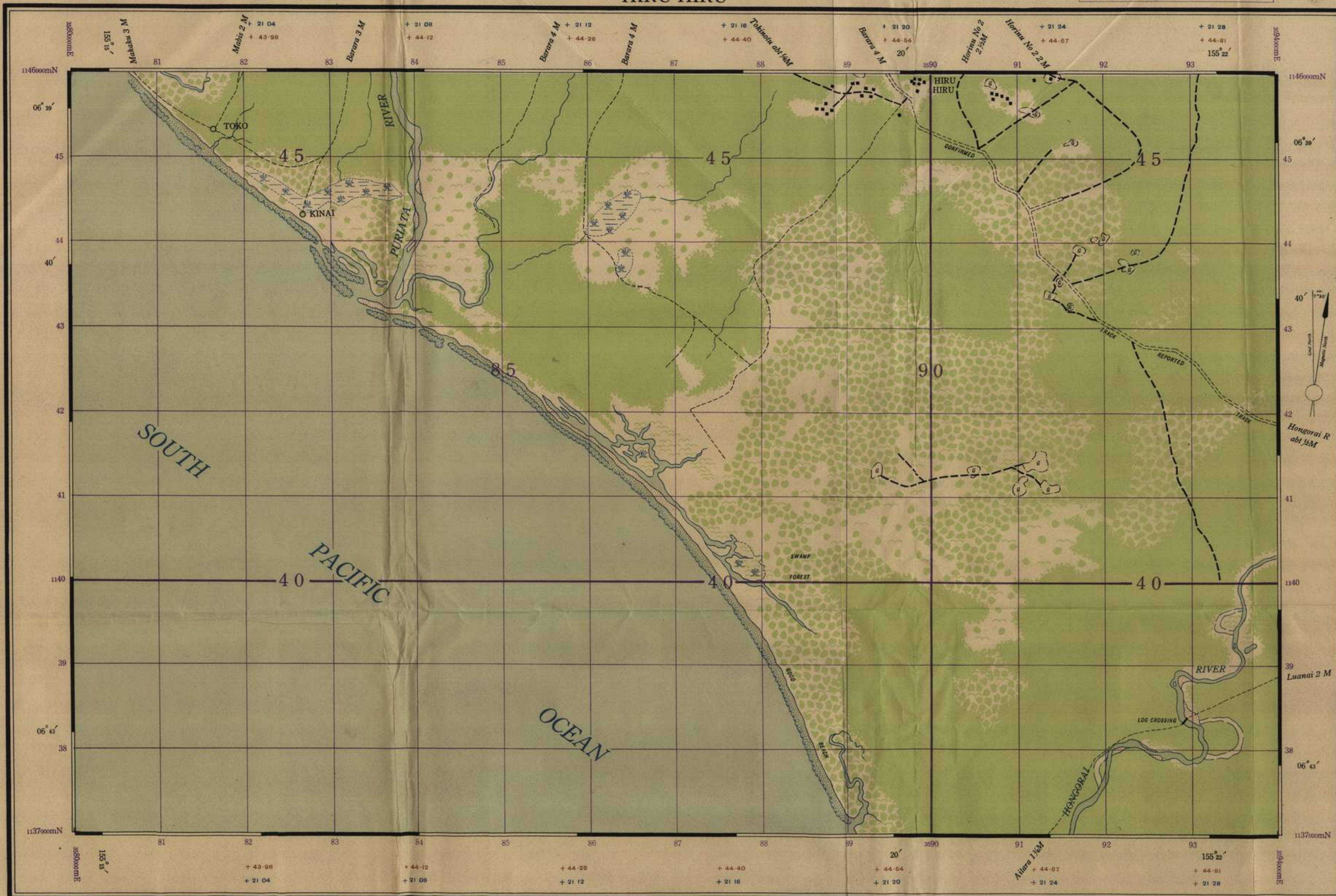
BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND

HIRU HIRU

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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No 4889 HIRU HIRU



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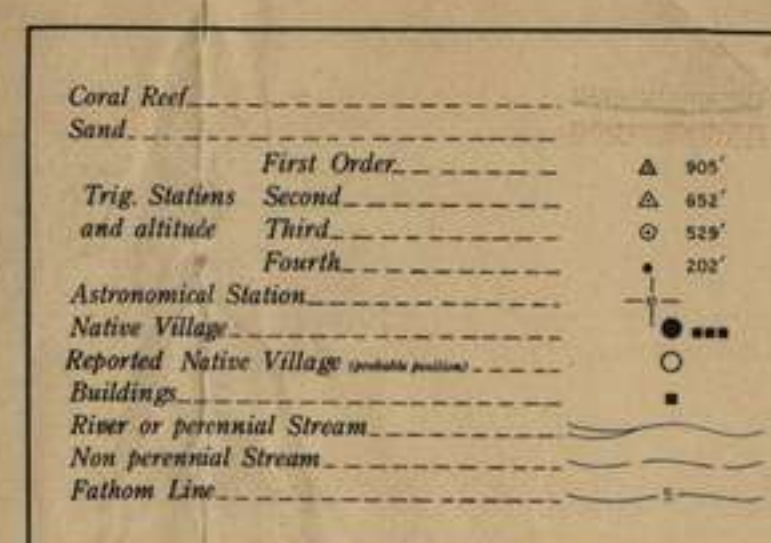
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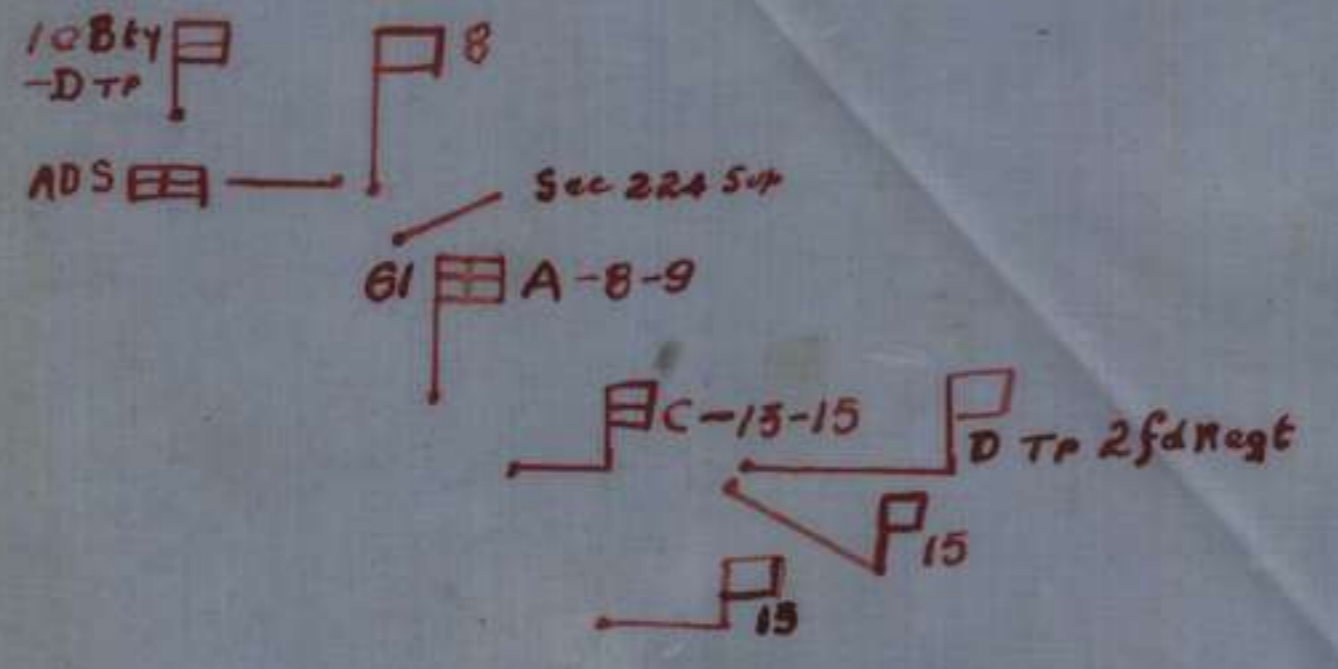


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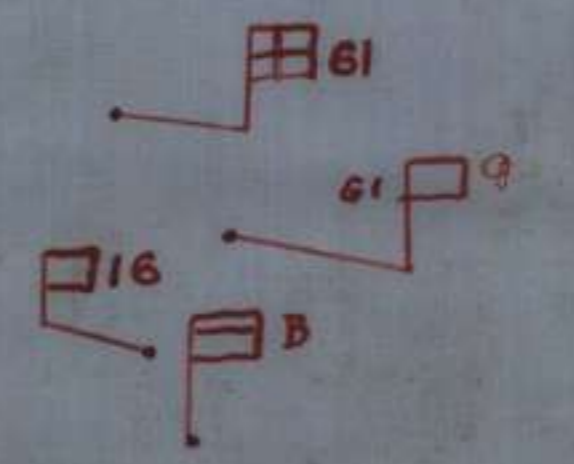
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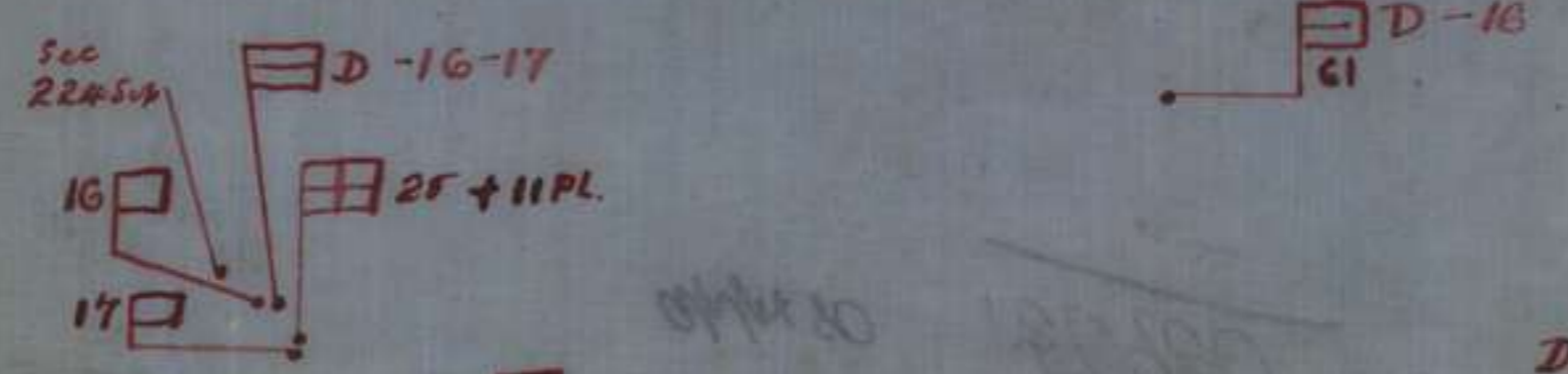
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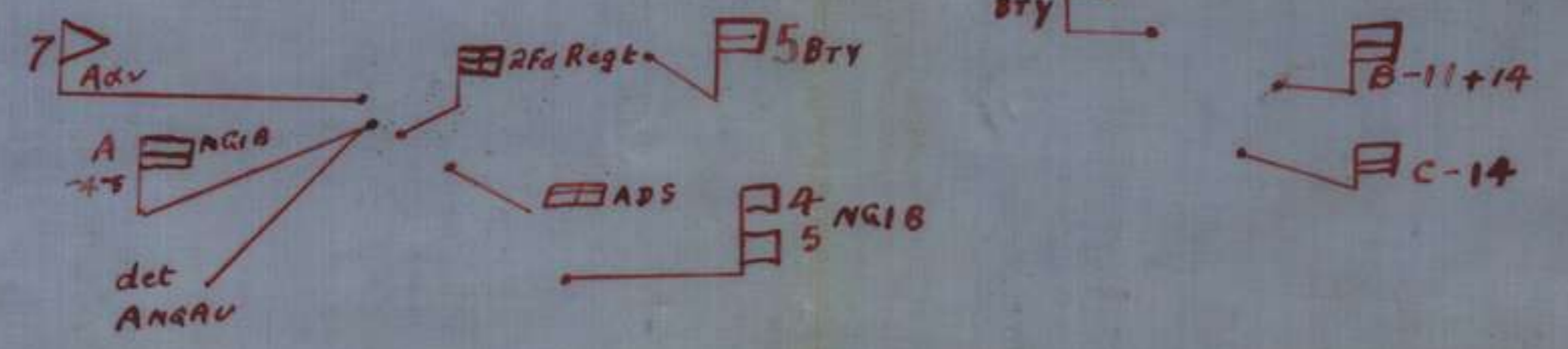


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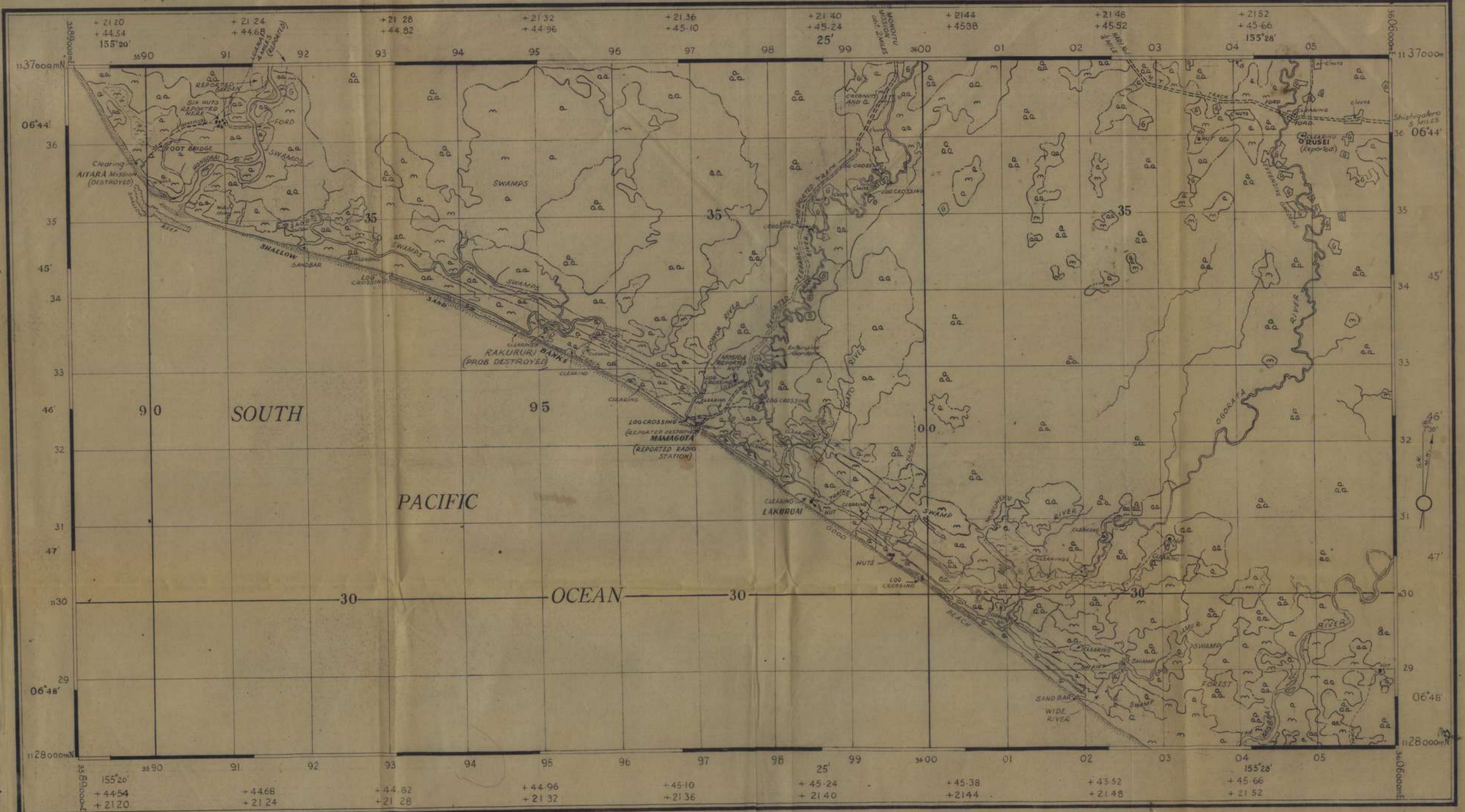
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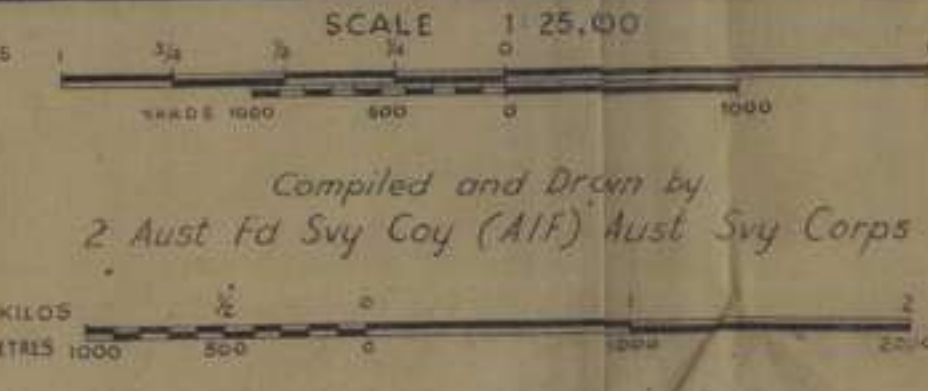
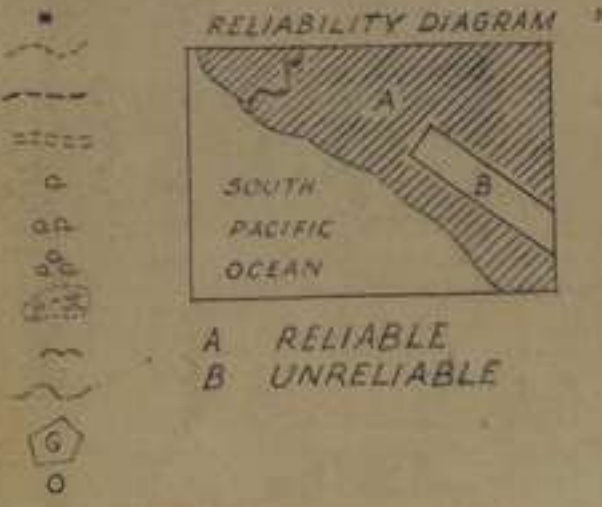
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- Medium Forest
- Dense Jungle Forest
- Swamp
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- Garden
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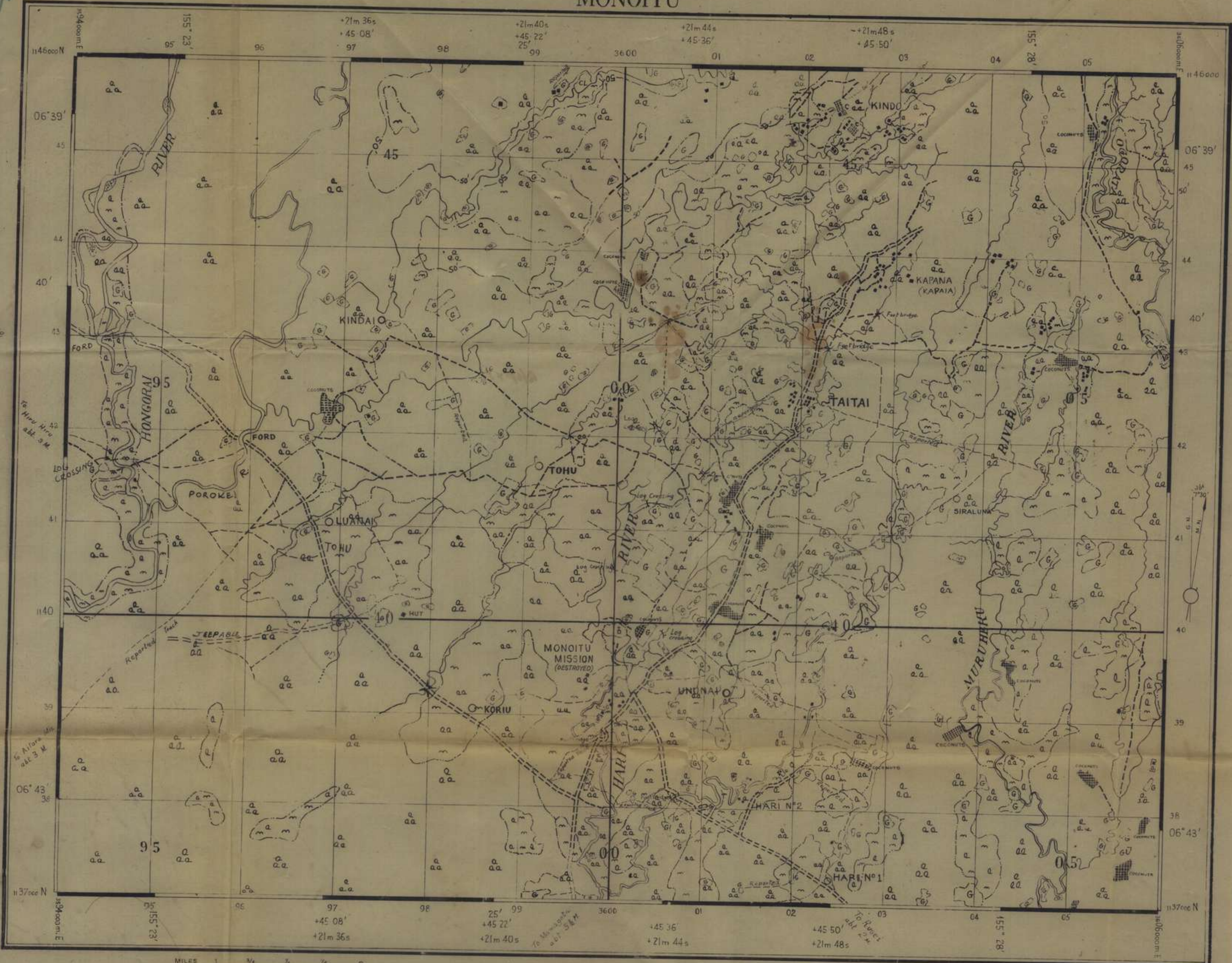
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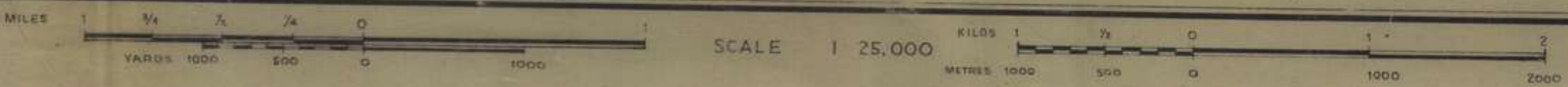
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INT 644 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 230 to 151800L @ 61 br @
 150830L A coy less 9 pl joined 9 pl 917523 at 151230L @
 150845L 13 pl from 895553 to rd junc 878582 one sec
 14 pl from 899564 to 880578 for protection ddm
 installations @ D coy patrol with natives from 935505 to
 HUD river at 933488 NMS @ evidence 2 enemy moving
 WEST 3 NE from 933488 @ D coy patrol to HORINU 2
 942505 NMS @ patrol from 16 pl 915513 found
 footprints 1 to 2 days old of enemy party and dog
 BARNES Xing area @ B coy on SOUTH bank SHIMON
 ck at 915507 from 150800L @ patrol moved fwd
 contacted enemy unknown strength with 1 HMG at
 least 2 LMGs grenades rifles dug in high ground
 915504 @ probing posn patrol suffered cas 1
 killed 2 wounded @ 12 pl relieved patrol arty
 fire brought down @ PART TWO FOLLOWS

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PART TWO SITREP 230 @ 25 br @ B coy patrol from 870488 WEST to PURIATA SOUTH 2000 yds thence EAST to B coy 892462 NMS @ A coy 878475 cleared enemy from newly dug pits 880475 occupied posn 1430 hrs @ enemy thought withdrawn EAST @ 1650 hrs enemy counter attacked A coy @ continued by fire heard by B coy no report result yet received @ 151450L enemy attacked B coy 892462 with LMG rifles @ attack repulsed own cas nil enemy unknown @ 151510L B coy ambush 893462 withdrawn @ patrol from 874485 along new jeep track to 837479 NMS @ patrol from 870488 to track junc 870500 to 874499 found 14 lean-tos occupied within last 4 days at 873498 @ within week party estimated 80 used this biv @ track leads NW avoiding main track @ patrol followed main track to gardens 885486 893483 and ford 894484 @ patrol returning crossed enemy tracks leading NW at 880487 879487 878487 and followed short distance @ ~~enemy tracks~~ PART THREE

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PART THREE SITREP 230 ☉ enemy had been very careful to cover tracks when crossing main track and avoided soft ground and old pads ☉ patrol returned 151615L ☉ natives on sup train to B coy reported on returns they had met on track 2 prw japanese natives ☉ 2/8 cdo sgr ☉ TIGER recce from 997524 report possible small enemy deserted HQ 988516 ☉ hasty search produced documents rank badges identity tags ☉ more detailed search 16 mar ☉ main track then runs 988516 to 976510 ☉ not shown on map ☉ TIGER ambush two secs established approx 969505 ☉ initial recce area 9650 reveals much enemy activity building and gardening ☉ sentries on all trails ☉ recce proceeding ☉ nothing further from white scout trailing 33 enemy NORTH of NIGITAN ☉ A coy NG1B ☉ 5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach to 866412 where sand strip cut to allow water flow from lagoon to sea ☉ PART FOUR FOLLOWS

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PART FOUR SITREP 230 @ proceeded 871408 where unsuccessfully attempted cross lagoon @ returning found drain 866412 become river @ crossed with difficulty returned 171500L @ 2 fd regt @ 5 bty HF on gardens sq 9041 9143 night 14/15 mar @ two additional gardens sq 9041 registered by arty re @ 6 bty 151244L engaged enemy posn 880475 as softening up for A Coy 25 br adv @ 10 bty 151535L to 151655L engaged ambush posn 915504

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FROM

7 Aust Inf Bde

TO

9 aust inf bn 20 aust inf bn 21 aust inf bn 11 aust fd amb
2 aust fd regt (5) 2/8 aust cdo sqn A coy NGIB (2) det ANZAC
224 aust sup dep pl 56 aust tpt pl 5 aust fd coy 7 aust inf
bde LOB (4) rear 7 aust inf bde AUSTER OPS VERNON STRIP BM
SC G 3 (air) LOs Sig O file war diary (3)

REVSIT 251 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 150600L (.) 25 bn (.) A coy repelled counter attack 141700L (.) cas (.) own 1 wounded enemy unknown

REVSIT 252 CONFIDENTIAL (.) to 151800L (.) 61 bn (.) 150830L A coy less 9 pl joined 9 pl 917523 at 151230L (.) 150845L 13 pl from 895553 to rd junc 878582 one sec 14 pl from 899564 to 880578 for protection adm installations (.) D coy patrol with natives from 935505 to HUIO River at 933488 NMS (.) evidence two enemy moving WEST 3 NE from 933488 (.) D coy patrol to HORINU 2 942505 NMS (.) patrol from 16 pl 915513 found foot prints 1 to 2 days old of enemy party and dog BARNES xing area (.) B coy on SOUTH bank SHIMON ck at 915507 from 150800L (.) patrol moved fwd contacted enemy unknown strength with 1 HMG at least 2 LMGs grenades rifles dug in high ground 915504 (.) probing posn patrol suffered cas 1 killed 2 wounded (.) 12 pl relieved patrol arty fire brought down (.) 25bn (.) B coy patrol from 870488 WEST to PURIATA SOUTH 2000 yds thence EAST to B coy 892462 NMS (.) A coy 878475 cleared enemy from newly dug pits 880475 occupied posn 1430 hrs (.) enemy thought withdrawn EAST (.) 1650 hrs enemy counter attacked A coy (.) continued by fire heard by B coy no report result yet received (.) 151450L enemy attacked B coy 892462 with LMG rifles (.) attack repulsed own cas nil enemy unknown (.) 151510L B coy ambush 893462 withdrawn (.) patrol from 874485 along new jeep track to 837479 NMS (.) patrol from 870488 to track junc 870500 to 874499 found 14 leantos occupied within last four days at 873498 (.) within week party estimated 80 used this biv (.) track leads NW avoiding main track (.) patrol followed main track to gardens 885486 893483 and ford 894484 (.) patrol returning crossed enemy tracks leading NW at 880487 879487 878487 and followed short distance (.) enemy had been very careful to cover tracks when xing main track and avoid soft ground and old pads (.) patrol returned 151615L (.) natives on sup tra in to B coy reported on return they had met on track 2 pro Japanese natives (.) 2/8 cdo sqn (.) TIGER recce from 997524 report possible small enemy deserted HQ 988516 (.) hasty search produced documents rank badges identity tags (.) more detailed search 16 Mar (.) main track then runs 988516 to 976510 (.) not shown on map (.) TIGER ambush two secs established approx 969505 (.) initial recce area 9650 reveals much enemy activity building and gardening (.) sentries on all tracks (.) recce proceeding (.) nothing further from white scout trailing 33 enemy NORTH of NIGITAN (.) A coy NGIB (.) 5 pl patrol from 828443 SE along beach to 866412 where sand strip cut to allow water flow from lagoon to sea (.) proceeded 871408 where unsuccessfully attempted cross lagoon (.) returning found drain 866412 become river (.) crossed with difficulty returned 171500L (.) 2 fd regt (.) 5 bty HF on gardens sqs 9041 9143 night 14/15mar (.) two additional gardens sq 9041 registered by arty R (.) 6 bty 151244L engaged enemy posn 880475 as softening up for A coy 25 bn adv (.) 10 bty 151535L to 151655L engaged ambush posn 915504

[Signature]
Capt
10 7 Aust Inf Bde

Apr 84

7 AUST INF BDE GP LOCATION STATEMENT No 17
as at 2359 hours 15 Mar 45

Veh sign KOALA over BCOMERANG

Ser No	Arm of Service	Unit	Map	ref	remarks
1	HQ Units	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1:25000	808459	
2.	"	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	Series	"	
3.	"	241 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)		"	
4.	"	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		"	
5.	Artillery	2 Aust Fd Regt		811457	
6.	"	5 Bty		834464	
7.	"	6 Bty		800467	
8.	"	10 Bty less D tp		866586	
9.	"	D tp		905564	
10.	Infantry	9 Aust Inf Bn		745580	
11.	"	HQ Coy		747582	
12.	"	A Coy		747580	
13.	"	B Coy		743579	
14.	"	C Coy		748583	
15.	"	D Coy		749584	
16.	"	25 Aust Inf Bn		875483	
17.	"	A Coy		880475	
18.	"	B Coy		892461	
19.	"	C Coy less 14 and 15 Pls		888456	
20.	"	14 Pl		891462	
21.	"	15 Pl		887455	
22.	"	D Coy less 16 and 17 Pls		874485	
23.	"	16 Pl		872485	
24.	"	17 Pl		875481	
25.	"	61 Aust Inf Bn		909531	
26.	"	A Coy		917523	
27.	"	B Coy		915507	
28.	"	C Coy Less 13 Pl, 1 sec 14 Pl, 15 pl		899564	
29.	"	13 Pl		878582	
30.	"	1 Sec 14 Pl		880578	
31.	"	15 Pl		903563	
32.	"	D Coy less 16 pl		935505	
33.	"	16 pl		915513	
34.	Medical	11 Aust Fd Amb		758603	
35.	"	MDS		"	
36.	"	ADS A coy		876453	
37.	"	ADS B Coy		877584	
38.	AASC	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl less 1 Sec		880578	
39.	"	1 Sec		869484	
40.	"	1 Sec 56 Aust Tpt Pl		763623	
41.	Infantry	Adv 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn		017528	
42.	"	Rear 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn		998578	
43.	"	A Tp		997524	
44.	"	B Tp		017528	
45.	"	A Coy 1 NGIB less 4 and 5 Pls		809457	
46.	"	4 and 5 Pls		828443	
47.	"	Det ANCAU		809457	
48.	Postal	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit		808459	
49.	Provost	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy		"	

J. Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

MESSAGE FORM

24/1/85

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

7 aust inf bde

160715L

For Action

TO

adv 3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 3 aust div
adv 2/8 cdo sqn

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 648 CONFIDENTIAL @ SITREP 231 to 160600L

@ 25 bn @ 17 pl moved fwd to A coy
880475 at 151800L returned to 875481
@ road clear @ ref SITREP 230 @ 3
seperate counter attacks on A coy from
151650L repulsed in cas @ 2 pl regt
@ 151800L to 151830L enemy posn 893470
engaged @ HF put down tonight 15/16
man sq 8946 whose tac n 15 man
revealed activity

COMD J.S. 16/3

IO 27
a.d.

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

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
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J. J. Simpson
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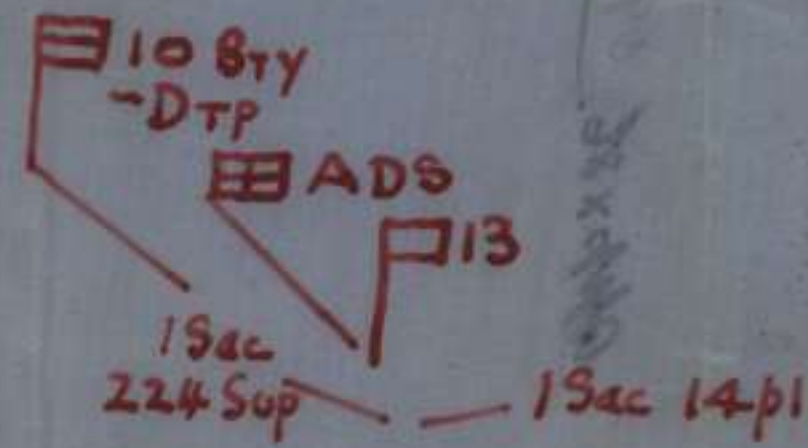
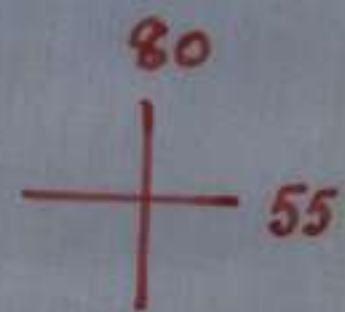
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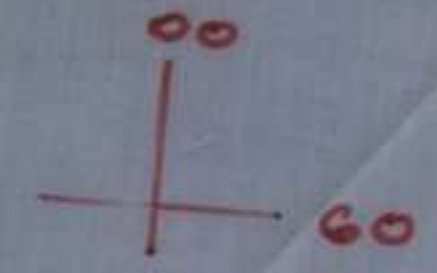
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MDS
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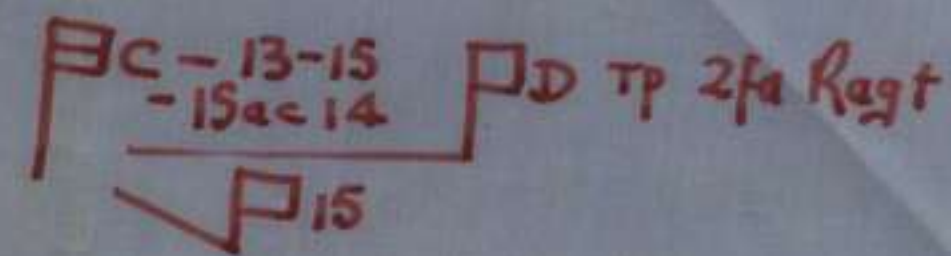
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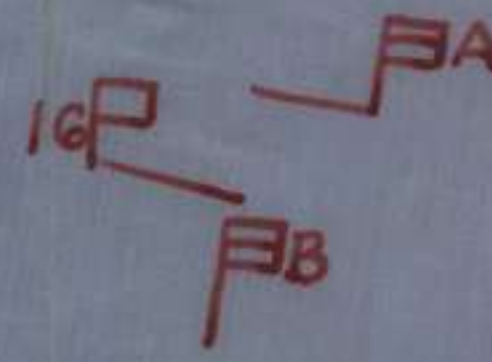
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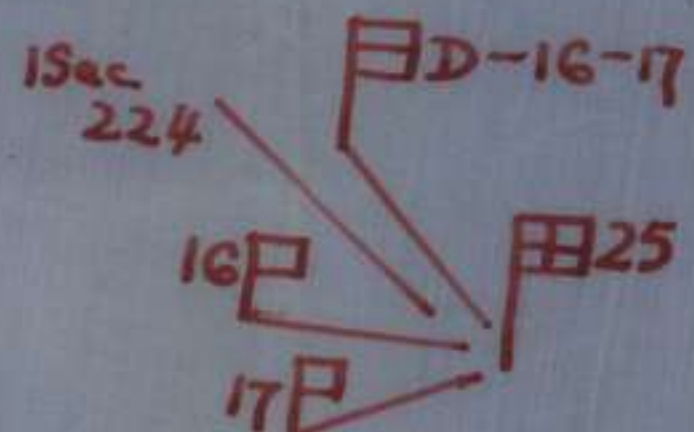
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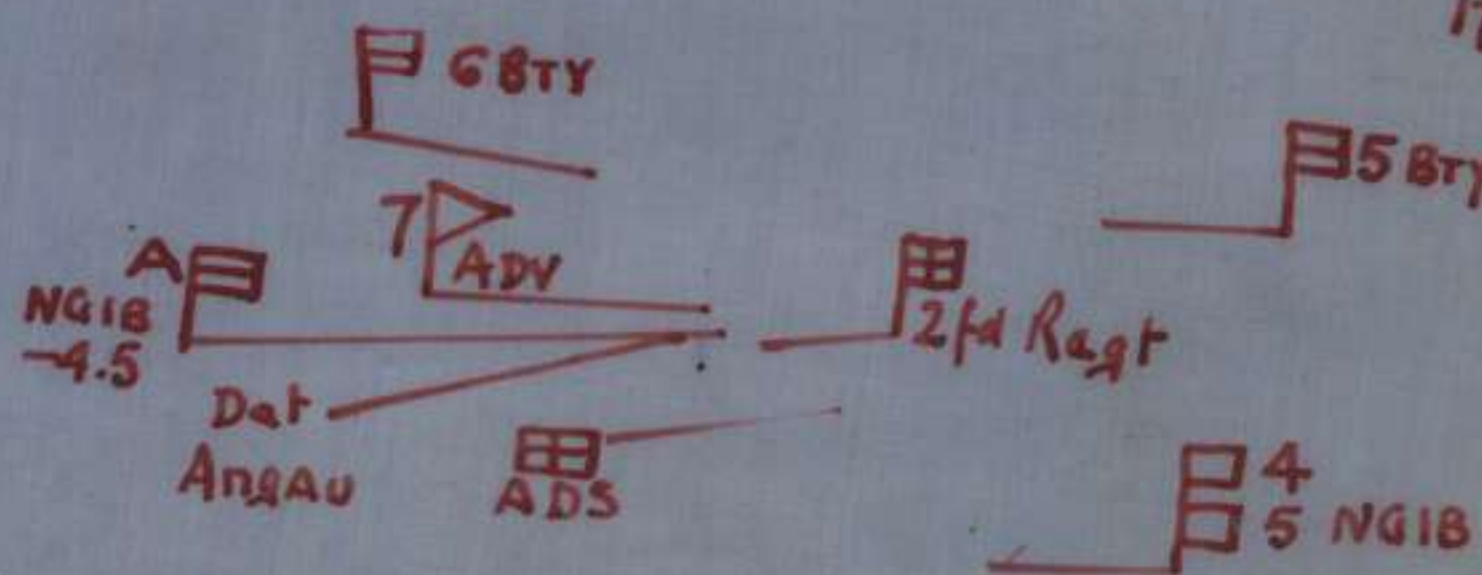
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2/8 CDO
ADV + B TP



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disposns of Taust Inf Bde gp as at 160900L



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