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123		Dropping 3" mortars	2 Jun
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125	G4/53	Accommodation and Staging	10 Jun
126	0226	Request air photos	12 Jun
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128	0227	R ply AQ686 re droppings	12 Jun
129	0229	Reply AQ686 ref 0227	12 Jun
130		15 Bde Adm Instn No 1/43	8 Jun
131	Q4	Reply AQ689 Holding Fd Ops	12 Jun
132	0237	Order to 58/59 re machets	13 Jun
133		Reply Div Adm Instn 23/43 para 8 Maintenance Stores	14 Jun
134	Q 10	Reply AQ701 re amn	14 Jun
135	0245	Reply AQ692 re dumping programme	14 Jun
136	0247	Reply AQ686 re movement of supplies	14 Jun
137	0250	Reply AQ703 re emergency rations	15 Jun
138	0243	Boyloads Stores 58/59 Bn	14 Jun
139	2/3	Indep Coy R ply to G4/53 - 122	15 Jun
140	Q17	To CASC re balanced rations	15 Jun
141	Q24	Re reserve rations	16 Jun
142	0265	Revised target dumping plan	16 Jun
143	Bde Comd's	Appreciation <i>employment of well party 58/59 Bn</i>	19 Jun
144	A 411	Reply AQ726 re dropping grounds	19 Jun
145		Report to Sigs 3 Aust Div by OC L Sec Sigs	21 Jun
146		15 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 1	22 Jun
147	0296	Alteration of Code Name of Op	22 Jun
148		Move of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn	22 Jun
149		Sequence of Events	22 Jun
150		Reply to and action on 03507 GOC's Special message	23 Jun
151		Move of D Coy 58/59 Bn and 2/3 Sec	23 Jun
152	J 2	D Coy 58/59 Bn reverts to 58/59 Bn	24 Jun
153	0320	Amendment to G11/148	25 Jun

15 Bde

G11/	151	0321	Request Air Support D Day	25 Jun
	152	0322	Outline Plan 58/59 Bn	25 Jun
	153		15 Bde Op Order No 1 Amendment No 1	25 Jun
	154	0323	Reply Q1044 re BUGASU Ground	26 Jun
	155	0324	Reply Q1042 re KUNDA ground	26 Jun
	156	0325	Reply 03554 re 'r strike	27 Jun
	157	0326	Further to 0325 re air strike	27 Jun
	158	0327	Re move Bde HQ D - 1	27 Jun
	159	0328	Further to 0325 re airstrike ³	27 Jun
	160	0331	Ack of 3560	28 Jun
	161	0332	Re security of maps and documents	27 Jun
	162	0333	Ack to 2/3 Indep Coy Op orders 5 & 6	27 Jun
	163	0336	Outline plan 2/3 Indep Coy	28 Jun
	164	0338	Movement of Bde HQ 29 Jun	28 Jun
	165	0337	Order of the Day to 58/59 Bn	28 Jun
	166	0342	Location of Units	28 Jun
	167	0349	Report to 3 Div on tp movements	29 Jun
	168	0344	Ack to 03577	29 Jun
	169	0345	Ack to 03575	29 Jun
	170	0348	Outline plan to 3 Div of Phase 2	29 Jun
	171	0332	Bde Comd's Instn Security	27 Jun
	172	0367	Order for move 2/3 Coy Phase 2	30 Jun
	173	0373	Reply to 03600	30 Jun
	174		15 Bde Op Instn No 2	1 Jul
	175	0409 ⁵	Employment of 2/3 Indep Coy	1 Jul
	176	0437	Re NEW ASINI tracks	4 Jul
	177	0440	Summary of future events	4 Jul
	178	0476	Ref 03755	6 Jul
	179	0486	Plan for Ops 58/59 Bn	7 Jul
	180		15 Bde Int Instn No 2	7 Jul
	181		15 Bde Op Instn No 4	8 Jul
	182		15 Bde Op Instn No 5	8 Jul
	183	0519	Reply to 03819	9 Jul
	184	0520	Reply to 03823	9 Jul
	185		Notes on Adm	9 Jul
	186		Answers to questions 58/59 Bn	7 Jul
	187		Phone conversation and questions see 186	7 Jul
	188		Notes on Ops	8 Jul
	189	0521	Move one coy 17 Bde	9 Jul
	190	AF 32	Disposns of 2/3 Indep Coy	9 Jul
	191		Instn to CO 58/59 Bn	10 Jul
	192		Phone conversation with Major WARFE	9 Jul
	193		15 Bde Adm Instn 3	7 Jul
	194	0549	Move one coy 2/5 Bn	10 Jul
	195	0562	Request Tac R	11 Jul
	196	0584	Officers	11 Jul (T/ferred to Offrs File)
	197	0580	Shortage of personnel	11 Jul

198		Notes by Brig HAMMER on position	11 Jul
199	0607	Information re enemy plans	13 Jul
200	0610	Suggested plan relief 2/3 Indep Coy	13 Jul
201	0614	Message from GOC repeated	13 Jul
202	0615	Reply to GOC	13 Jul
203	0634	Attack on Jap ambush WELLS track	13 Jul
204		15 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 6	14 Jul
205	0652	Completion of 2/3 Indep Coy relief	14 Jul
206	0651	Plan future ops	14 Jul
207	0523	Request airstrike mtn gun	9 Jul
208	0 603	Request airstrike mtn gun	12 Jul
209	0613	Air attack required Reply 03906	13 Jul
210	0619	Reply 03906 Time immaterial	13 Jul
211	0636	Request airstrike ORODUBI	14 Jul
212	0646	Request Airstrike Staging camp, gun posn	14 Jul
213	0649	Reply 03949 Request airstrike Vickers posn	14 Jul
214	0650	Request airstrike ORODUBI	14 Jul
215	0664	Request airstrike 3 targets	15 Jul
216	0665	Priority for airstrike	15 Jul
217	0676	Plan future ops 2/3 Indep Coy	16 Jul
218	0677	Request airstrike 3 targets	16 Jul
219	0599	Future Ops 2/3 Indep Coy	12 Jul
220	0670	Repeating GOCs message	15 Jul
221		Notes for Narrative of events	14 Jul
222	0687	Suggest Mtn gun support ops	17 Jul
223	0693	Tasks 58/59 Bn	17 Jul
224	0691	Request airstrike Wirraways	17 Jul
225	0700	Request airstrike on mtn gun	18 Jul
226	0707 c	Request airstrike on MCDONALDS JUNC	18 Jul
227	0714	Future Ops 2/3 Indep Coy	19 Jul
228	0722	Request airstrike BUIRALI CK	19 Jul
229	0725	2/3 Indep Coy fully committed	20 Jul
230	0731	Request release 2/3 Indep Coy responsibility	20 Jul
231	0743	Employment 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	20 Jul
232	0744	Request airstrike ORODUBI SUGARCANE RIDGE	21 Jul
233		15 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 7	20 Jul
234	0748	B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will attack AMBUSH KNOLL	21 Jul
235	0752	Reply to 04089 0731	21 Jul
236	0776	Reply to 04123	23 Jul
237	0775	Congrats to CO 2/3 Indep Coy	23 Jul
238	0788	Request airstrike	23 Jul
239	0804	Request airstrike	23 Jul
240	0805	Guides for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	24 Jul
241	0808	Plans for ops	25 Jul
242	0812	Request airstrike	25 Jul
243	0818	Request airstrike	25 Jul
244		Notes of conference	26 Jul
245	0820	Plan for attack	26 Jul
246	0828	Notes for discussion with CO 58/59 Bn	26 Jul
246	0828	Reply to 04193	26 Jul
247		15 Bde op Instn No 8	26 Jul

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15 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTN NO 8

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
26 Jul 43

Ref Map: KOMIATUM 1:25000

OBJECT

- 1. To destroy enemy in the HASKINE CR and OLD VICKERS GUN POSITION areas and gain complete control of BOBUBI RIDGE.

INFORMATION

2. Enemy

- (a) The enemy retains his original positions at COCONUTS, OLD VICKERS POSITION, HASKINE CR, GRAVEYARD and GROCURI.
- (b) K/20 enemy, estimated 60, on BUNNIS CR ambushed a patrol at 703994. K/21 enemy again ambushed a ration party at same place.

3. Own Troops

- (a) 59/59 Aust Inf Bn:
 - A Coy GWAIBOLON area 698946
 - B Coy HASKINE CR area 698947
 - C Coy RIDGE TRACK 698965-698984-698985.
- (b) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy:
 - Coy HQ HANLING 691938
 - A Pl GWAIBOLON 697948
 - B Pl HANLING RIDGE 698957
- (c) 17 Aust Inf Bde:
 - (i) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn are in defensive positions in area MT TAM TAMBU - GOODVIEW JUNG.
 - (ii) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 - Bn HQ WELLS JUNG 694926
 - A Coy 694911 - 694922 - 698920-698924
 - B Coy 694925-698929-698928-691933.
 - C Coy AMBUSH HOLL 698935.
 - (iii) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less two coys and portion of HQ Coy is moving into 15 Aust Inf Bde reserve in area HUNNS POST. Expected time of arrival HUNNS POST - 28 Jul.
 - (iv) US Troops consisting of approximately one Inf Bn supported by artillery are moving north and northwest in area TAMBU BAY.
- (d) Artillery. In support 15 Aust Inf Bde are two troops of 2 guns each of 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. OPQ is established at WELLS CP. OPQ is also established at GWAIBOLON.

Comment

- (I) With pressure being exerted by 2/6 Aust Inf Bn from the south and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy from HANLING RIDGE, the enemy position in the GRAVEYARD is NOT as threatening as it was previously.
- (ii) It is thought A Coy 59/59 Aust Inf Bn positions are actually further south than previously believed. It is definite however, that the enemy force in GRAVEYARD and that in HASKINE CR area are separated by our troops.
- (iii) Control of BOBUBI RIDGE and KOMIATUM TRACK can be gained most quickly by the capture of HASKINE CR and OLD VICKERS POSITION and containing the enemy forces in COCONUTS and GRAVEYARD areas.

INTENTION

4. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will drive the enemy from known enemy localities on BORDUBI RIDGE by the capture of HASKINS CK area and OLD VICKERS POSITION.

METHOD

5. The operation will be carried out in two phases :
- (a) PHASE I - Attack and capture of enemy positions in HASKINS CK area on 27 Jul 43.
 - (b) Phase II - Attack and capture OLD VICKERS POSITION NOT before 30 Jul 43.

6. PHASE I

- (a) One coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn with, under command, A Pl 8/3 Aust Indep Coy, will capture enemy positions in HASKINS CK area and exploit to KOMIATUM track. ~~XXXXXXXX~~
- (b) After exploitation to KOMIATUM TRACK positions will be taken up to prevent any enemy movement north or south along KOMIATUM TRACK.
- (c) Re-organize and consolidate quickly on BENCH CUP TRACK in depth to prevent attack from north and south.
- (d) Hold eastwards of the junction of the HASKINS and BUIHALI CKS as a base for operations on the KOMIATUM TRACK.
- (e) This attack will be a planned deliberate attack with fire support as ordered by CO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. In no way is the attack to be considered a raid.

7. PHASE II

- (a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will capture the OLD VICKERS POSITION.
- (b) Organize immediately reliable recon parties to recon all approaches to OLD VICKERS POSITION.
- (c) Cover any noise of recon parties when close to enemy positions by harassing fire.
- (d) From information obtained, organize attack in sufficient strength to ensure success.
- (e) See Appendix A for points to consider in organizing the attack.

8. PATROLS

Fighting patrols instructed to :

- (a) Obtain definite information of any enemy strength on BENCH CUP between HASKINS CK and OSBORNE CK
- (b) Exploit to track junctions 705967 and 703968.
- (c) Harass any enemy encountered.
- (d) If clear establish strong fighting patrol at track junctions with supply line along GRIFFS TRACK east from C Coy.
- (e) Ascertain enemy activity and intentions in the BUIHALI CK area north of FRANCISCO R.

9. MOPPING UP

Ensure that arrangements are made for mopping up isolated posts. Men are to be detailed to watch for snipers

10. Consolidation
- (a) Rapid re-organisation and consolidation is essential on success.
 - (b) Defence in depth with immediate digging to ensure holding of positions gained.
 - (c) Adequate tools are to be carried.
 - (d) Avoid huddling in the consolidation layout.
 - (e) Place standing patrols out quickly for all round protection and to widen frontage held.
 - (f) A suggested sketch of defensive layout Appendix B.
11. Arty.
- (a) CO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will make arrangements with OPGs at GWAIBOLON and WELLS for arty support required.
 - (b) Arty support for planned attacks and definitely located enemy targets only to be arranged.
 - (c) All requests for harassing tasks to be made through this HQ.
 - (d) Arty support will be limited to ammunition made available by OPGs and the requirements of other troops in the area.
12. MMGs and Mortars
These weapons are to follow closely the attack ready for close support during the attack, reorganisation phase, and consolidation.
13. Deception
Use any methods that will harass and demoralize the enemy. See Appendix A.
14. Offensive spirit
All ranks must be fully seized with the vital importance of these operations and be determined to defeat the enemy.
15. Zero
To be advised by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

ADMINISTRATION

16. Rations
- (a) Three days reserve will be placed at GWAIBOLON and C Coy area by 15 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) Hot meals for forward troops at earliest opportunity.
17. Ammunition
- (a) Adequate reserve to be held at GWAIBOLON and C Coy area prior to attacks so that offensive operations may be easily maintained.
 - (b) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will retain sufficient ammunition to meet any emergency.
 - (c) Ammunition carried on the man will be sufficient to maintain the force in the attack and to resist counter attacks. Consideration is to be given to the fact that it may be difficult to get reserve ammunition forward.
18. Tools
Picks, shovels, entrenching tools and machettes to be carried on the man in the attack.
19. PW
GWAIBOLON thence Bde HQ.
20. Medical
~~///~~ (a) ADS KELLYS CAMP (WLIAP CK) 684941.

- (b) Wounded men evacuated by SBs only. Adequate SBs to be arranged.
- (c) The attacking ^{force} will NOT be used for carrying wounded.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 21. L/T
 - (a) L/T laid close behind attacking troops to enable rapid communication with higher Hq. Alternatives to be h id.
 - (b) All lines to be checked by linesmen for faults. Lines to be built up.
- 22. W/T
 - (a) SOS sets with attacking coys.
 - (b) L/T and W/T to Bde Hq at HUNNS POST.
- 23. Runners
 - (a) Runners detailed and instructed.
 - (b) Establish report centres to save runners' time. R
- 24. Reports
 - (a) Immediate reports of own and enemy situation to be sent back at frequent intervals by all possible means
 - (b) Sketch maps showing dispositions on success and requests for ammunition, support, etc, to be sent back rapidly.
- 25. signals
 - (a) success signal will be arranged.
 - (b) SOS - Arrange signal and task with arty.
- 26. Synchronisation of Watches
By sigs at 1800 hrs D minus 1.
- 27. ACKNOWLEDGE.

ack'd 58/59

B. H. Lamm.
Major
EM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Signature: *075* hrs

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Instn</u>	<u>APPX A</u>	<u>APPX B</u>	<u>Method of Issue</u>
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No 1	1	1	Hand
2/3 Aust Indep Coy	2	2	2	Hand
Comd	3	3	3	Hand
SNO	4	4	4	Hand
5 Aust Div	5	5	5	DRLS
17 Aust Inf Bde	6	-	-	DRLS
File	7	6	6	
War Diary	8	7	7	

1. PLANNING

- (a) Careful planning is essential to ensure a successful operation.
- (b) All ranks should be fully informed of the situation and the details of the operation.
- (c) If Comds and men know clearly their tasks, routes, objectives action on success etc before the operation is commenced, or in other words they have their drill for battle, their minds are free to think and use their initiative.

2. RECCE

- (a) Immediate recce will be made of all approaches to OLD VICKERS POSITION and BASKINS CK.
- (b) Recce Parties and Guiding
 - (i) To enable routes, assembly areas, start lines and objectives to be planned.
 - (ii) Blaze tracks by marking trees, use of cable for guiding, noting prominent objects etc to guarantee that routes can be followed by attacking forces day or night.
 - (iii) Note time taken to easy recognizable objects at the speed that an attacking force would move.
 - (iv) Allowance for pauses to recover from fatigue.
 - (v) The times noted will permit the use of supporting fire if required, and the use of harassing fire to cover noise of approach.
 - (vi) Reliable recce parties who can be relied on to produce the information required will be selected. Recce parties will need to be briefed in detail as to their tasks and study ground over which they intend to move.
 - (vii) Recce parties will later be available to act as guides
 - (viii) Consider use of army pattern torch lamps with the open face covered with coloured paper to reduce beam for the purpose of guiding parties by night to assembly areas close to the objective. These lights would be hung on trees facing the line of our advance and would be switched on only when in position.
 - (ix) Compass bearings taken to give an accurate or general bearing of the attack whichever is suitable as an alternative means of keeping directions.
 - (x) Train ~~the~~ key men in the above methods so that they will have confidence in the methods employed. For instance, viewing the lights from the enemy side and noting that the beam can only be seen at a few yards.

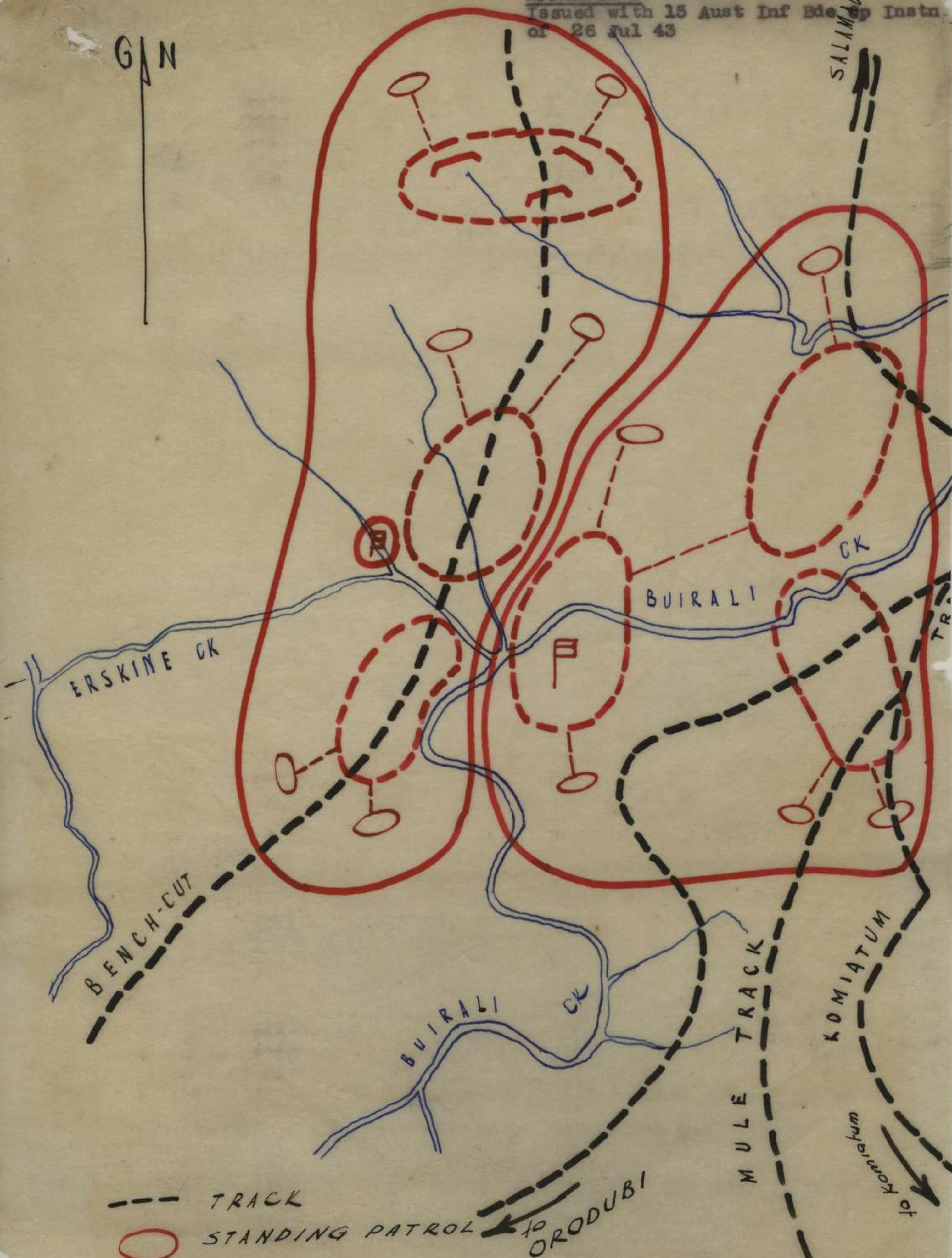
3. DECEPTION

- (a) Carry out a program of harassing fire tasks during the period leading up to attacks, at the same time that harassing fire may be used to cover noise in the approach during the actual attack.
- (b) Consider use of coloured Verrey Lights fired directly at the enemy during the attack. Frightening tactics. Tracer ammunition could be fired at night from positions surrounding the enemy to confuse him as to dispositions and strengths.
- (c) Use of enemy whistle signals to confuse him further. The enemy use whistles made from kunda.
- (d) Employ mortar smoke occasionally to make the enemy used to it. May be necessary later for guiding and screening recce parties and for future attacks.
- (e) Use any methods that will harass the enemy and make him jittery.

INFORMATION

- (a) All subordinate comds down to sec comds should be instructed regarding the necessity to pass back accurate information with the utmost speed to the next higher comd.
- (b) Information obtained from wounded men is seldom reliable. The only man worth believing is the one who says "we are winning".
- (c) Information that our troops are "cut to pieces" and "there is no one left" should be ignored.
- (d) The only reliable information is from a comd who is at his post determined to carry on the battle.

G/N



- TRACK
- STANDING PATROL
- - - PL AREA
- COY AREA
- ~ CREEK

Int Sec, HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
W. GREEN. Pte.

SKETCH SHOWING A DEFENSIVE LAY OUT SUITABLE FOR ERSKINE CK AREA
(Diagrammatic only)

1. Defence in depth from south to north along BENCH CUT TRACK at ERSKINE CK.
2. Defence in depth from east to west from junction BUIRALI and ERSKINE CKS to BENCH CUT.
3. Patrols pushed forward to cut KOMIATUM TRACK.
4. Standing patrols out to widen frontage and for all round protection
5. Links of Listening Posts and/or standing patrols between pls and co

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NOTES FOR 58/59 AUST INF BN
For BM to discuss with Lt-Col STARR at GWAIBOLON

see 2/4

1. What are the arrangements for neutralising GRAVEYARD to prevent counter attack from that area on 27/28 Jul. Arty, mortars, MMG, etc.
2. Strong patrol to OSBORNE CK on BENCH CUT - push forward to track junctions. Recce immediately and arrange the strong patrol for 30 Jul.
3. Concentrate MMG, mortars and ammunition into the areas where best used.
4. Necessity to push defence in depth north along BENCH CUT after capture ERSKINE CK to prevent counter attack from north and to extend our holdings to eventually link up with an OSBORNE CK force.
5. Necessary to retain a defence in depth back to RIDGE track.
6. Ascertain arty tasks and zone of observation of OPOs, GWAIBOLON - WELLS.
7. May be necessary to select an alternative position for GWAIBOLON OPO to shoot at OLD VICKERS and GOCONUTS on 30 Jul.
8. OPOs well prepared in advance for Ops and tasks for future events.
 - (a) The track junction area may be a desirable target.
 - (b) Junction ERSKINE and BUIRALI CKS to soften enemy for final assault or as an SOS area on success.
 - (c) OLD VICKERS POSITION AND GOCONUTS.
 - (d) Enemy position on BUIRIS CK north of FRANCISCO R.
 - (e) Mountain gun - KOMIATUM TRACK.
 - (f) SALAMAUA footbridge.
 - (g) ~~XX~~
~~XX~~
Neutralize BRAVEYARD area.
9. Check
9. Check communication arrangements - must have rapid link with forward coys.
10. How is the link between 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at NAMLING and A Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn south of GWAIBOLON being maintained?
11. What is the most suitable time for Zero?
 - (a) ERSKINE CK attack.
 - (b) OLD VICKERS POSITION.

Consider the necessity for attack to be joined when enemy unbalanced. When is he most likely to be off his guard?

12. Check general arrangements - Make sure everybody knows the intention of the attack and his own particular task.

H A Hammer

Brigadier
Comd. 15 Aust. Inf. Bde.

To : 3 aust div rptd 17 aust inf bde

From : 15 aust inf bde 0 820

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
24 Jul 43.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE BRIG, BM, BM(L), SC 2100K/24

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1. PHASE I

(a) It is now planned that one coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn plus 60 pers 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will capture WERSKINE CK and control BENCH CUT.

(b) GRAVEYARD position will NOT be attacked now.

(c) A Coy will contain GRAVEYARD position while attack is launched on 27 Jul (if possible then). Mortar fire from AMBUSH KNOLL to harass GRAVEYARD.

2. PHASE II

(a) Relief of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Coy area NEW BOEDUBI by one coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) C Coy and above coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will attack OLD VICKERS POSITION.

3. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

K/25 A Pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy to GWAIBOLOMS

K/26 Recce

K/27 Attack

4. COMMAND

Lt-Col STARR will command all troops in area.

5. INFORMATION

Lieut COULTER will remain GWAIBOLOMS K/25 to gain accurate information re -

- (a) Tracks and track traverses,
- (b) Dispositions,
- (c) Bearings,
- (d) Orientation of ground.

6. AMMUNITION

SC to move all available ammunition as follows to GWAIBOLOMS:

- 3" mortar
- 2" mortar
- Grenades
- Stripless belt MMG.

7. SUPPLIES

3 days reserve to be put at GWAIBOLOMS.
Capt JOHNS to organize the above at GWAIBOLOMS K/25 and K/26. SC to arrange.

8. AMENITIES

SC to move forward as much amenities as possible to boost morale. Items as follows :-

- (a) Razor blades
- (b) Toothbrushes
- (c) Soaps
- (d) Clothing
- (e) A barber and gear (Order 58/59 Bn to arrange)
- (f) Scones
- (g) Tobacco.

9. DECEPTION FOR OPS

(a) Use of Verey pistols to fire at Japs.

(b) Shooting of Verey lights and tracer in area.

(c) Recce for route to put coy 2/7 Bn to march up and down to simulate movement of troops to BOEDUBI area from MUNNS area.

(OVER)

PROST 280000

10. WEAPONS

(a) SC to check holdings of Verey pistols and pyrotechnics.

(b) One additional MMG to be sent to GWAIBOLOMS, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to provide crew. 15 Aust Inf Bde C802 advises this. SC to move MMG K/25.

R. H. Evans

Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

*List
-
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Send *444*
To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy
From : 15 aust inf bde 0 818 25 *see 243*

air request (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 (.)
NOT coordinated with movt friendly tps (.) enemy
staging camp reported june BUIRALI BUIUMBU CKS
map ref 707949 ASP 11 E222 (.) indications
are this is june of 3 jap L of C tracks
from KOMIATUM ORODUBI GWAIBOLON and SALAMAUA (.)
request heavy bombing 1000 XXX ~~xxx~~ *the bombs* 1400K/26 on
area ASP 11 E025 E018 E818 E825 (.) Romblin
(.) no friendly tps east of map ref north
south gridline 70 (.) please advise TOT (.)
This bombing will be followed by attack am
27 jul

B11 train immediately
may 6 3 Div *7240*
TOO
THI

Double!

0 J E 1816

To 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy
From : 15 aust inf bde 0 818 25

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 27 jul

B. Strauss immediate ^{TOO} *2240.*
may 16 3 Div ^{THI}

bound

W.H.H.

To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn

From : 15 aust inf bde 0812

25

242 ✓

air request (.) request airstrike ^{heavy} bombing OLD

VICKERS POSN COCONUTS (.) bomblines as per signal

0691 of 17 jul (.) request strike 1030K/26 and

1030K/29 (.) 58/59 bn will smoke target with 3

inch mortar (.) please advise TOT

B. Havers. Important TOO 1054
maj. THI

Doublet

out 1770

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From : 15 aust inf bde 0812

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To 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy
From : 15 aust inf bde 0808 25 241
MOST SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) just returned from conference
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coy to GRAIBOLON 25 Jul (.) consider 58/59 bn holding
further south than reported (.) forward tps at 696944
cutting BENCH CUT and dividing enemy GRAVEYARD force
from HRSKINE CK force (.) checking disposns and BENCH
CUT TRACK own and enemy force (.) 2/3 indep coy
HAWLING making contact A coy 58/59 bn today (.)
expect any pressure 17 bde from AMBUSH KROLL and
SUGAR CANE RIDGE will embarrass enemy GRAVEYARD (.) feel
sure SUGAR CANE only lightly held now (.) future
planning (.) one (.) decided to hold enemy GRAVEYARD
neutralize with fire (.) two (.) attack with det 2/3
indep coy one coy 58/59 bn on HRSKINE CK 27 Jul
exploit to KOMIATUM TRACK (.) three (.) relieve / reserve
58/59 bn at 6927 with coy 2/7 bn concentrate force
available for ~~for~~ attack on OLD VICKERS POSN NOT
before 30 Jul (.) four (.) force available then to
clean out COCONUTS and hold track juncs 705967 and
708968 (.) five (.) concentrating res sups at GRAIBOLON
and C coy 58/59 bn area (.) need adequate reserves
ann rations MURRS POST (.) six (.) require by airstrike
26 Jul HRSKINE CK area will advise details after recc
TOO
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Doublet

To 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy
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 TOO
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DOUBLET

OUT 1748

~~240~~

To : 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde

O 305

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2/3 indep coy will provide two guides at WELLS

JUNC to lead bn HQ and one coy 2/7 bn to

KUNDA IS (.) time guides to report to WELLS

JUNC will be advised (.) route WELLS JUNC WELLS

OP ULIAP CK KUNDA IS (.) ACK

*B. B. ...
maj*

TOO 2245.
THI 2247

DOUBLET

OUT 17 49

To : 17 aust inf bde rptd 3 aust div

From : 15 aust inf bde 0 804 24 04138

from 3 aust div (.) FIRST (.) stages

beyond PILMUNG (.) MISSIM MEARES CAMP (.)

SECOND (.) route beyond BASE 4 (.) WELLS

OF ULIAP CK KUNDA IS thence move by night

to MEARES CAMP (.) 2/3 aust indep coy will

provide guides ~~KUNDA~~ at WELLS JUNC to guide

along ULIAP CK to KUNDA IS (.) please

advise ETA WELLS JUNC (.) THIRD (.) stages

(.) BASE 4 (.) ULIAP CK where track from

WELLS OP meets ULIAP CK map ref 678935 (.)

KUNDA IS

*CC Newman
Capt*

important

TOO 2302
THI 2303

DOUBLET.

~~HHH~~ **OUT 1692**

To 3 aust div rptd 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde

0 788

23

238

air request (.) not coordinated friendly tps (.)

ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 (.) 1800K/23 mtn gun

and japs seen old pesn bamboo clump ASP3

A843 (.) 92 japs moved along SNGAR CANE RIDGE

692932 did NOT move NORTH into ORODUBI believed

moved into BUIRALI CK (.) reported possible jap

staging camps BUIRALI CK 704938 702940 707948 (.)

194 japs moved north into SALAMAUA no mvmt

seen past LOGUI CHURCH 744002 ASP 13 I784 (.)

suggest staging camp CHURCH area (.) request

bombing heavy bombs 24 jul in following

priorities (.) first (.) staging camps 704938

702940 707948 ASP refs NOT known (.) second

(.) mtn gun ASP 3 A843 (.) third LOGUI

CHURCH 744002 ASP 13 I 784 (.) bomblines (.) no

friendly tps east of line 700935 to ORODUBI 6

696939 to ERSKINE CK **7**00950 (.) no tps south

of east west line through ERSKINE CK 700950

(.) request by bombs LIBERATORS if possible (.)

request strike as early as possible day 0930

hrs (.) please advise TOT (.) request special

consideration strike on staging camps as total

216 japs reported moving north from SNGAR CANE

RIDGE afternoon 23 jul

*Behan
Capt*

immediate

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wanting 2* *1111*

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TO 2/3 Aust indep Coy

FROM 15' Aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0 775

Date

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In Reply to Number

may	WARFE	from	brig	HAMMER	⊙
extremely	pleased	with	the	magnificent	stand
made	by	your	Coy	on	AMBUSH
KNOCK	⊙	it	was	a	fine
sample	of	put	it	determination	and
the	will	to	hold	on	and
fight	it	out			

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TO *3 and div*

FROM *15 and inf bde*

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0776

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In Reply to Number

04123

<i>secret</i>	<i>☉</i>	<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>reserve</i>	<i>most</i>
<i>helpful</i>	<i>☉</i>	<i>would</i>	<i>appreciate</i>	<i>if</i>	<i>GOC</i>
<i>could</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>way</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>one</i>
<i>coy</i>	<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>relieve</i>	<i>D coy</i>	<i>58/59 bn</i>
<i>☉</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>holds</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>firm</i>
<i>base</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>seldom</i>	<i>involved</i>	<i>☉</i>
<i>D coy</i>	<i>them</i>	<i>released</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>offensive</i>	<i>ops</i>

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Originator's Number

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on	BOBDUBI	RIDGE	①	remainder	2/7 br
at	BUGASU	on	MEARES	CAMP	which
is	earlier ✓	for	supply	from	NUNNS
POST					

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TO **3 aust div 17 aust inf bde**

FROM **15th aust inf bde**

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

0752

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ref	3 aust div	04089	17 bde	0731	①
Clearly understand	who	Commands	2/6 CW	②	
TRIVERS sent	to	Cooperate	Give	Tactical	
situation offer	suggestions	best	method	B Coy	
2/6 bn	in	to	task	and	arrange
relief	2/3	and coy	south	of	NAMLING
③	any	words	in	my	0743

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FROM	Originator's Number 0 752	Date	In Reply to Number
<i>and</i>	<i>0748</i>	<i>meant</i>	<i>cooperation</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>action</i>	<i>taken</i>
<i>After</i>	<i>conference</i>	<i>TRAVERS</i>	<i>NARFE</i>
<i>B coy</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>O.C.</i>	<i>B coy</i>
<i>accord</i>	<i>when</i>	<i>radical</i>	<i>situation explained</i>
<i>enemy</i>	<i>strength</i>	<i>WELLS</i>	<i>TRACK</i>
<i>insiderable</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>medical</i>	<i>facilities</i>
			<i>supplies</i>
			<i>and assistance</i>
			<i>was done</i>
			<i>and O.C.</i>
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TO 3 aust div rpld 17 aust inf bde

FROM 15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0 748

Date

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In Reply to Number

B Coy	16 hrs arrived	WELLS	OF	686928
contacted	by	BM	who	issued
instructions	according	to	0 743	⊙
one	pl	were	DIEKE	OF
686920	⊙	expect	remainder	attack
South	AMBUSH	KNOLL	689929	1500 K/21

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15 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 7

58/59 AUST INF BN

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
70 Jul 43

Ref Map: KOMIATUM 1:25000

OBJECT

1. To maintain control of BOBDUBI RIDGE and to gain control of KOMIATUM TRACK.

INFORMATION

2. Enemy

- (a) The enemy retains his original positions at COCONUTS, OLD VICKERS POSITION and ORODUBI.
- (b) 1930K/14 Enemy forced 8 pl out of ERSKINE CK 701950 and consolidated. 1325K/20 it is estimated he has strength of 80 at 700950 and 100 at 701952.
- (c) 1700K/17 enemy was forced out of GRAVEYARD 697941 and it was found that he had extensive defences along NORTH-SOUTH RIDGE and bench cut EAST of GRAVEYARD and GWAIBOLON. 18 Jul, he re-occupied GRAVEYARD.
- (d) 0930K/16 Enemy was forced from AMBUSH KNOLL 691932. 1235K/20 enemy approached AMBUSH KNOLL from NE and SOUTH and after digging in close to our perimeter there attacked from the SOUTH.
- (e) 1510K/19 Signs of enemy movement were found along BUIRIS CK night 18/19 Jul. Traces of 50 Japs were found. 1515K/19 enemy fired on a patrol near BUIRIS CK.

Comments

- (a) The enemy is strengthening in GWAIBOLON-ERSKINE CK area and will probably try to regain BOBDUBI RIDGE by extending westward and occupying the RIDGE track.
- (b) The enemy is strengthening his position ORODUBI - WELLS to prevent any threat to his right flank and possibly to gain the southern part of BOBDUBI RIDGE and threaten our proposed L of C to MUBO area.
- (c) The BUIRIS CK area is being probed to prevent us surprising him in that area and probably to ascertain the strength of our left flank.

3. OWN TROOPS

58/59 Aust Inf Bn- C Coy: Ridge track, area 696965-698964-696963.
 B Coy: ERSKINE CK, area 700951-702953-703952.
 A Coy: GWAIBOLON, area 697949 - 698946.

2/3 Aust Indep Coy- Coy HQ and ^{A pl} ~~B and C~~ Pls NAMLING area 691938.
C pl and Two secs B Pl AMBUSH KNOLL 691932.
 One sec B Pl WELLS OP 685926.

Comment

- (a) It is considered that patrols moving between A Coy and C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn are NOT sufficient to close the gap between these coys and to prevent the enemy occupying in force positions on the RIDGE TRACK.
- (b) Energetic action is necessary to prevent the increase in enemy activity developing until he gains the initiative.

INTENTION

- 4. 15 Aust Inf Bde will continue offensive operations to maintain control of BOBDUBI RIDGE and to gain control of KOMIATUM TRACK.

METHOD

- 5. Place standing patrols on RIDGE TRACK between GWAIBOLON and OLD VICKERS POSITION.
Task: To hold BOBDUBI RIDGE and prevent enemy from occupying RIDGE TRACK.
- 6. Maintain pressure on all enemy positions.
Task: To prevent further enemy movement westward.
- 7. Send strong fighting patrol to BUIRIS CK area.
Task: To closely watch and wipe out the enemy in that area.
- 8. ~~Maintain reconce patrols to GOSCONUTS~~
Task: To gain definite information of enemy strength and whether enemy is being reinforced.
- 9. Harass the enemy continually day and night by patrols and fire to prevent him going on the offensive and taking the initiative.
- 10. When putting into operation the above tasks, COs will
 - (a) Give definite tasks to sub-units and ensure that definite answers are received,
 - (b) Arrange the tasks in detail to ensure that there is a definite plan clearly understood by subordinates thus making the execution of the plan more simple and effective.
- 11. The En 2 i/c will move to A, B and C Coy areas to check coy dispositions and co-ordinate defence.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 12. Intercommunication must be rapid and accurate. All comds are to be impressed with the necessity to pass information quickly to higher cmd.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

B. E. Newman Capt
in Major

Time of signature: 1855 hrs

BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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To : 3 aust div rptd 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde 0744 21

air request (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 (.)

NOT coordinated mvt friendly tps (.) enemy in

strength ORODUBI map ref 696939 SUGARCANE RIDGE

map ref 696935 (.) dug in with head cover

(.) very thick country prevents observation and

effective fire (.) request airstrike 21 jul

as follows 1000 lb bombs if possible no

straffing (.) first ORODUBI map ref ~~696939~~ ASP

11 J255 (.) second SUGARCANE RIDGE map ref

696935 ASP 11 ~~X233X~~ H765 (.) bomblines both

strikes no friendly tps east of north-south

line through M in NAMLING map ref 692948 no

friendly tps south of east-west line through

GRAVEYARD 697941 (.) run from west to east

(.) please advise TOT

*C. G. Newman
Capt*

immediate


T00 0052
TH1
TOR

Doublet

out 1492

To : 3 aust div ~~xxxx~~ 17 aust inf bde rptd 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde 0743 20

23 

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) suggest B coy 2/6 bn

occupies areas DIEKE and WELLS (.) BM 15 bde will

meet at WELLS and give tactical situation (.) may

be possible to clean out japs between WELLS and

AMBUSH KNOLL 21 jul (.) second coy 2/6 bn pass

through WELLS and relieve 2/3 indep coy at AMBUSH

KNOLL 690931 and LULUAI HUT 691935 (.) 2/3 indep

coy move only when 2/6 bn satisfied to release (.)

2/3 indep coy will then reinforce NAMLING RIDGE area

as necessary move remainder of force to GWAIBOLON

2330

*66 Newman
Capt*

immediate

TOO

THI

Doublet

230

OUT 1458

To : 3 aust div

From : 15 aust inf bde

O 731

20

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) study of captured enemy documents indicates a fear by enemy of attack from WEST on SOUTH MOUNTAIN PASS (TAMBU SADDLE) (.) every indication ~~was~~ ^{now} that he is strengthening the west flank to prevent attack this area (.) the carrying out your plan ref your 03926 13 jul seems desirable at earliest (.) 15 bde responsibility as stated incl NAMLING on SOUTH (.) release of 2/3 indep coy from responsibility further SOUTH to carry on other tasks stated and prevent enemy penetration in GWAIBOLON area.

*CG Newman
Capt*

*Emerg Ops
Immediate*

TOO 1150
THI

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<i>present</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>move</i>	<i>DIECKE</i>	<i>STEPHENS</i>	<i>TK</i>
<i>BRSEH</i>	<i>via</i>	<i>BURALI</i>	<i>CK</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>2/5</i>
<i>By</i>	<i>informed</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>further</i>	<i>details</i>	<i>later</i>
<i>O</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>own</i>	<i>chared</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>ind</i>
<i>Co</i>	<i>force</i>	<i>cannot</i>	<i>proceed</i>	<i>GWAIBALOM</i>	<i>O</i>
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To : 3 aust div rptd 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde³

0722

19

Handwritten: 11/11 / 228

air request (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 (.) NOT

co-ordinated movt friendly tps (.) reported jap position map

ref 697936 south of creek running EAST into BUIRALI

CREEK (.) request airstrike heavy bombs 20 jul on

enemy position ref ASP 11 G958 (.) bomblines (.)

no friendly tps EAST of NORTH SOUTH line through

G in NAMLING map ref 694938 (.) no friendly tps

SOUTH of EAST WEST line through graveyard map ref .

697941

Handwritten: Lt Newman
Capt

Handwritten: immediate

TOO 2135
THI

Doublet

out 1396

227

To : 3 aust div

From : 15 aust inf bde

0 714 19

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) B pl 2/3 indep coy which
 moved EAST ORODUBI 17 jul for attack being recalled
 to NAMLING RIDGE as success unlikely (.) now intend
 to move 2/3 indep coy less force holding NAMLING
 RIDGE DIEKE to GWAIBOLON to attack NORTH to SOUTH
 to clear BENCH CUT and gain GRAVEYARD (.) this
 necessitated by puerile efforts A coy 58/59 bn (.)
 A coy will attack again (.) BM at NAMLING to
 co-ordinate with WARFE and STARR (.) cannot expect
 attack before 21K

*J. Pearson
Capt*

Immediate

TOO 1540
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TO *3 aust div*

FROM *15 aust inf bde* Originator's Number *0 707* Date *19* In Reply to Number _____

<i>an</i>	<i>request</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>NOT</i>	<i>Coordinated</i>	<i>movt</i>
<i>friendly</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>16 jul</i>	<i>apparently</i>	<i>naval</i>
<i>gun</i>	<i>moved</i>	<i>MCDONALDS</i>	<i>JUNE</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>wire</i>
<i>entanglements</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>18 jul</i>	<i>steps</i>
<i>148</i>	<i>gun</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>firing</i>	<i>MUBO</i>	<i>⊙</i>
<i>request</i>	<i>airstrike</i>	<i>19 jul</i>	<i>gun</i>	<i>MCDONALDS</i>	<i>JUNE</i>
<i>ASP 13</i>	<i>H 085</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>please</i>	<i>advise</i>	<i>TOT</i>

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Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146

Doubles.

HHH

one 1323

229

To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy.

From : 15 aust inf bde 0700 18

request air strike (.) FIRST (.) infm (.) known enemy

mtn gun well dug in under NORTHERN of two clumps

BAMBOO on KOMIATUM TK gun known to be camouflaged

(.) request bombing and strafing NORTHERN of two

BAMBOO clumps ref ASP 3 A843 repeat A843 ref ASP 10

E459 repeat E459 ref ASP 11 D754 repeat D754 (.) no

friendly tps in area (.) please advise TOT (.)

SECOND (.) infm (.) suspected enemy staging camp junc

ERSKINE CK KOMIATUM TK (.) request heavy bombing area

ASP 10 E270 repeat E270 (.) no tps EAST of line

E080 to D070 to C060 (.) please advise TOT

B.N. Drans may important

T00 1255

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TO

3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bde

FROM

15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0691

Date

17

In Reply to Number

03988

request	airstrike	WIRRAWAYS	TOT	1030K/18	⊙
bombline	ref	ASP 9	no	4ps	north
of	east	west	line	J 066	to
G 866	no	4ps	east	of	line
H 565	north	to	BUIRIS	CR	G 428
⊙	please	confirm	TOT	un	line
to	move	find	4ps		

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BM

above on our order 223 where

*Get details of weapons
OUT 0693 17/12/71
17/12/71*

To : 58/59 aust inf bn
From : 15 aust inf bde

tasks for 58/59 bn for 17 jul 18 jul (.)
 FIRST (.) send fighting patrol to prevent movt
 on KOMIATUM TK (.) SECOND (.) D coy to se
 send patrol to COCONUTS to discover infm re
 jap movt (.) THIRD (.) all movt on KOMIATUM
 TK to be harassed by fire (.) all visible
 points off tk to be registered and harassed (.)
 FOURTH (.) night shoots by all weapons on
 known enemy localities will be fired night
 17/18 jul (.) FIFTH (.) ORODUEI to be
 registered but task NOT to be carried out
 unless ordered by this HQ (.) SIXTH (.)
 vigorous patrolling to harass enemy will be
 carried out night 17/18 jul (.) SEVENTH (.)
 preparations will be made for relief of B
 coy by D coy as discussed with CO 58/59
 bn (.) this relief will be effected ONLY
 on orders of this HQ

*B/B names missing
may* TCO 1600
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MANNING CHART

3 Jul 43

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SC(L) Lieut MOYES W.H. (PILMUNG)

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LO 11 Lieut EVANS J. (58/59 Bn fwd)
LO 111 Lieut EWART R.B. (SALAMAUA OP)
Att Lieut COULTER R. (3 Aust Div)

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Postal Sgt Sgt JONES L.

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To : 3 aust div rptd 17 aust inf bde, 2/3 aust indep coy, 58/59 aust inf bn

From : 15 aust inf bde 0 687 17

222

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) suggest mtn bty now reported
 by 17 bde at 700896 be used support ops ORODUBI
 area and to harrass KOMIATUM TK (.) WELLS OP and
 NAMLING RIDGE suitable OPS (.) comms (.) we provide
 ll set at WELLS (.) L/T to BENNETT FORCE already
 linked (.) required L/T link from bty to BASE 4
 or BENNETT FORCE

(sgd) B.H. Travers
Maj

Immediate
to 3 Div
17 bde

T00 1040
THI

DOUBLET

Taken to 30 W by
Lieut Coulter

SECRET

NOTES FOR NARRATIVE OF EVENTS - DOUBLET

MISSIM AREA

15 Jul

22!
14 Jul

- 30 JUN Ops opened in bad weather. Visibility nil till 1100 hrs. 0830 hrs 4 BOSTONS bombed ridge. closed 0910 hrs 0900 hrs tps moved fwd, first contact at 1100 hrs. 1100 hrs bombing of SALAMAUA carried out. 1500 hrs C Coy in objective and B Coy passing through. There was no comm with A Coy since 0910 hrs when tps began to move fwd, pl... disconnected, C Coy attempted OLD VICKERS POSN but failed. Adm - All responsibility behind Bn HQ was taken by Bde and stores were sent forward. 2 days rations carried onman. Amn, sufficient fwd. casualties light. Hygiene Officer's report not good. Intercomm good under circumstances. Infm slow to come in - Coys at fault. Coys in Comm at 1200 hrs. 1600 hrs all traffic clear at Bde. SWANS patrol chased out. Brig and CO pleased with show as whole. LEWINS patrol went off half cock when surprised. Nothing heard of B Coy. A Coy were reported to have moved from NAMLING pm/30 and in contact at ORODUBI. Attacked ORODUBI unsuccessfully. Ordered at night to contain ORODUBI and move on to GWAIBOLOMS.
- 1st JUL A and B Coys were fly in ointment today. A Coy attacked ORODUBI again. One sec went into blue precluding use of Mortar and no move was made to GWAIBOLOMS. B Coy were still unable to get down on BENCH CUT and comm still very difficult with them. Coy comd relieved of Comd. BM (L) was sent to contact A Coy and then move via C Coy to Bn with full instructions for Coy Comd to get on with the job. (His report on return was that Coy Comd stated Op order required capture of ORODUBI.) Afternoon 2 pls A Coy moved on to GWAIBOLOMS as a result of much pushing by Bde. 7 pl holding ORODUBI. A report on LEWINS patrol leads to belief they were betrayed by natives. As a result of movement in SALAMAUA concern was felt about JAP counter and reserves very light. D Coy were held in readiness and efforts made to improve situation on B Coy front. /24 Aust Inf Bn also warned. D Coy
- 2 JUL Enemy brought gun on KELA HILL into action. Only effect was to improve the morale of troops. Visited Bn HQ where CO was satisfied and troops generally with tails up. CO ~~was~~ was ordered to try for OLD VICKERS POSN and get B Coy in position as the essential tasks at that stage. B Coy - 2 pls had been brought back to KUNDA this am, They moved pm to again attempt BENCH CUT but were weary after carrying heavy stores and scrub bashing.
- 3 JUL Weather was still bad and interfering with plane droppings; therefore rations situation becoming grim. B Coy passed through A Coy but were still short of objective Elsewhere tps holding confidently. 2/3 Indep Coy commenced movement via BOBDUBI and were used as left flank protection. B Coy this pm gained objective and had engaged enemy; Brig HAMMER arrived to Comd Bde so the operations were in a more or less static state for his take over.
- 4 JUL The battle still remained quiet on this day, except for some early morning shelling by the KELA gun. Rations were very light. A feature of the ops to date is the lack of accurate detailed information. Brig HAMMER'S first concern after taking over was left flank protection. Patrol along BUIRIS CK arranged and LO visited HOTE area to check defences. Comms were ordered to be checked by Bde Sig O who visited Bn to check Bn set up. Object eradicate delays in messages from Coys to Bn ~~successful~~ successful. D Coy made/attack successful on NORTH COCONUTS.

- 5 JUL Shelling again. LOs detailed for duties.
58/59 Bn:-
1. Orders to clean up OLD VICKERS POSN.
2. Concerned with lack of depth, planned to possibly withdraw position of A Coy when 2/3 Ind Coy in ~~position~~ position KOMIATUM area.
3. Check B Coy for concentration in defensive posns. Ensure sufficient dispersal.
4. Booby traps.
5. Check on cover on ASINI track.
- 24 BN:-
1. Defences
2. Ambush posn.
3. Intercomm
4. Gen admin
5. standing patrol ASINI.
- D Coy driven out of COCONUTS. 100 JAPS. Only 2 men in posn remainder away for rations. 2/3 Ind Coy en route BASE 3. As a result of the failure of B Coy to catch 100 JAPS going to SALAMAUA from BOBDUBI? Bde Comd gave orders to get stuck in and hit everything.
- 6 JUL Little or no action. B Coy ambushed 20 JAPS. Another patrol encountered a large party without firing. 2/3 Ind Coy carrier line ambushed. Planned to attack OLD VICKERS POSN 7 Jul.
- 7 JUL Plan:-
(a) Bomb 1000 hrs to 1500hrs
(b) 1500 hrs C Coy attack with mortar support.
(c) C Coy exploit to COCONUTS.
(d) B Coy prevent escape.
(e) D Coy hold fast firm base for L og C. JAP ambush which ambushed carrier line pushes out of posn by 2/3 Ind Coy and withdrew to NAMLING having sharp encounter with A Coy, en route. C Coy commenced attack 1630 hrs. 14 Pl ~~was~~ reached posn forward of huts and held by mortar and MMG. 2 pls on WEST flank reached spot 60 yds from pillbox digging in and will press night attack. D Coy attacked by 30 JAPS. 2/3 Coy recovered most of stores. 25 men at ambush posn were to set up mortar to cover NAMLING if necessary if things developed there. 2/3 Coy difficulty with comm.
- 8 JUL 2/3 Coy gradually gaining objectives KOMIATUM area, first having to clear enemy. Enemy appeared to be in strength and were contacted everywhere 2/3 Coy struck. A thorough check was made of strength available with which 2/3 Coy could do task. Certain adjustments between Pls were found necessary. B pl heavily attacked and withdrew. Documents captured in this area today eventually prove most valuable. JAP mountain gun made its first appearance today but was not recognised as such. Shelled A Coy area at GWAIBOLOMS and then shifted to ERSKINE CK mortar posn. 8 Pl in contact 696944
D Coy engaged COCONUTS
KELA gun 31 shells late evening.
B Coy allowed 75 to get through to SALAMAUA. Comms improved recently to 58/59 Bn in particular. After most people along L of C had gone forward. Too many people on line in early stages of ~~xxxx~~ battle. C Coy attack deferred, no ASP available.
- 9 JUL A Coy withstood attacks NAMLING area. C Coy made another unsuccessful attempt on OLD VICKERS POSN after air attack. Little information from 2/3 Coy; comm difficult. Bde HQ moved fwd to NUNNS POST.
- 10 JUL C Coy attack on OLD VICKERS POSN was planned to continue during night but tracks could not be located. B Coy supply line ambushed. A Coy MMG posn also overrun and party from B Coy sent to salvage supplies ambushed apparently all by same party JAPS. JAPS occupied MMG posn. To counter these enemy moves C Coy to be held in readiness as reserve to A and B Coys. Patrol sent to NORTH side of river at KOMIATUM track junc. Recce for mortar or ~~MMG~~ MMG posn. 2/3 Coy attack on GOODVIEW unsuccessful. JAP strength appeared to be coming from KOMIATUM - TAMBU areas.

11 JUL

A Coy shelled and mortared causing withdrawal to new posns 100 yds away. B Coy contact with A Coy severed by previous day's JAP attacks re-established when Coy HQ and 2 pls moved SOUTH by out-flanking JAP posn to WEST. 2/3 Indep Coy established ambush posns on KOMIATUM track. The situation on B Coy front was becoming a little unbalanced so Col STARR was called to Bde HQ. Comds notes are attached. Col STARR to visit Coys on 12th, BM to move to Bn HQ in his absence.

12 JUL

JAP a/c make first appearance and bombed and strafed their own posns more than ours. 2 shot down. Plan by B Coy to recapture lost posns found JAPS evacuated. He was contacted slightly further NORTH. 2/3 Ind Coy relief by 2/5 bn commenced and 2/3 Ind Coy began move to WELLS area. WELLS OP reported JAP movt WEST out of ORODUBI. Swift arrangements made to counter any JAP offensive. NAMLING strengthened by A Coy and one pl 2/3 Ind Coy hurried to WELLS. Orders to hold ground. Brig had been anxious to close this gap previously.

13 JUL

No eventualities until afternoon when 2/3 Indep Coy moving to NAMLING area struck JAP ambush presumed the JAPS who left ORODUBI. They were by-passed and 2/3 Ind Coy pl are in posn. Another late report from WELLS OP set wheels in motion again. ~~2~~ 2 movts in ORODUBI point to possible attack on 14th. Op Instns issued to gain control of *(track)* KOMIATUM and plan made for attack by 2/3 Ind Coy on ORODUBI. Airstrike requested for 14th.

14 JUL

Rece by 2/3 Ind Coy for attack on NAMLING. ~~Plan~~

- Plan 1 Capture JAP ambush
- 2 " junc ORODUBI track and BENCH CUT TRACK
- 3 " GRAVEYARD
- 4 " ORODUBI

Airstrike accurate but apparently no damage. JAPS attacked 3 pl by moonlight, 8 pl withdrawn.

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To : 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy, D coy 24 aust inf bn, Fd amb MEARES CK, AASC NUNNS POST, ANGAU NUNNS POST, A coy 24 aust inf bn

From : 15 aust inf bde 0670 15

following signal has been received from GEN SAVIGE (.) begins (.) hereunder unabridged signal from gen HERRING (.) quote (.) personal for GEN SAVIGE from GEN HERRING (.) now that battle of MUBO has been successfully concluded would congratulate yourself and all ranks under your comd on your achievement (.) please convey to MOTEN and MACKECHNIE my appreciation of the efforts of their tps (.) also convey to HAMMER my appreciation for the part played by the tps under his comd (.) their action has contributed largely to success at MUBO (.) to you all good luck in your next push (.) you can and I know you will drive the enemy over the FRANCISCO river (.) UNQUOTE (.) any recognition by higher authority of our good work is shared by my commanders my staff my tps and myself equally (.) I have already intimated to you my feelings of profound gratitude for your excellent leadership and gallantry your tps (.) in passing above message I extend my affectionate regards to you and every man under your comd (.) please promulgate gen HERRING message (.) we will capture SALAMAUA if required (.) ends (.) please promulgate above

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message to all ranks

all informed

*B. H. Evans
maj.*

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TO 3 Amst Bde rptd 17 Bde 2/3 Indep Coy.

FROM 15 Amst Inf Bde

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Date
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SECRET	WARFE	DOUBLET	Enemy	Brig	Conversation
with	2/3	Indep	Coy	holding	with
of	track	large	NO	pos	astnd
KOMBATUM	considered	KOMBATUM	heavy	estimate	strength
but	of	physically	good	heavy	MG's
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OUT 1209
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To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy

From : 15 aust inf bde 0677 16

request^m airstrikes 17 jul (.) ref ASP 9 (.) FIRST (.)
 bombing and strafing OLD VICKERS POSITION and COCONUTS
 area (.) bomblines no tps NORTH of EAST WEST line
 J066 to G866 no tps EAST of line H565 NORTH to
 BUIRIS CK G428 (.) strike 16 jul too concentrated
 on COCONUTS request concentrate OLD VICKERS N POSITION (.)
 please advise TOT (.) SECOND (.) bombing and strafing
 ORODUBI (.) request strike between 1100K and 1230K 17
 jul (.) please advise TOT (.) THIRD (.) essential
 this HQ be notified TOT in time to move forward
 tps from area (.) no TOT advised this HQ for
 strike 16 jul (.) result our tps bombed and
 strafed (.) fortunately no casualties

*B. H. Harris. Important
Maj.*

T00 1720.
THI

1100K. Coy due to move at this time? Spink.

DOUBLET LOG

~~OUT 1223~~

To : 58/59 aust inf bn 2/3 aust indep coy rptd 3 aust div 17 6hr
 From : 15 aust inf bde 0676 16 217
 2/3 indep coy has cleared ambush position 691930 (.)
 enemy retiring to ORODUBI (.) first (.) 16 jul (.)
 2/3 indep coy will mortar and machinegun known
 targets ORODUBI incl smoke (.) A coy 58/59 bn will
 range on smoke and also engage (.) A coy will
 immediately send patrols to maintain contact enemy NORTH
 of ORODUBI (.) second (.) 17 jul (.) 1100 hrs
 2/3 indep coy will attack enemy position NORTH of
 ORODUBI from WEST to EAST (.) A coy 58/59 bn
 will attack simultaneously SOUTH down bench cut (.)
 code word for recognition APPIES (.) countersign PEARS
 (.) 2/3 indep coy plans attack ORODUBI 1500 1600/17
 (.) third 2/3 ~~xxx~~ indep coy to reorganise on line
 GWAIBOLON ORODUBI WELLS DIEKE OP

*68 human
cap immediate*

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TO *3 Aust div rptd 58/59 bn*

FROM *15 Aust inf bde*

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Date

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<i>ref</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>0664</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>view</i>
<i>later</i>	<i>information</i>	<i>request</i>		<i>first</i>	<i>priority</i>
<i>air</i>	<i>strike</i>	<i>16 Jul</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>targets</i>	<i>old</i>
<i>VICKERS</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>COCONUTS</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>targets</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>described</i>	<i>previously</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>toneline</i>	<i>still</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>0649</i>	<i>14 Jul</i>		

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3 aust div rptd 58/59 on 2/3 indep copy

FROM

15 aust inf bde

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FIRST	<i>0</i>	<i>request</i>	<i>air</i>	<i>strike 16 Jul</i>	<i>060</i>
VICKERS POSITION	<i>as</i>		<i>per</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>0649</i>
<i>14 Jul</i>	<i>0</i>	SECOND	<i>0</i>	<i>request</i>	<i>air</i>
<i>strike 16 Jul</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>0650</i>
<i>18 Jul</i>	<i>0</i>	THIRD	<i>0</i>	<i>request</i>	<i>air</i>
<i>strike 16 Jul</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>0646</i>
<i>14 Jul</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>above</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>order of priority</i>	

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out 1053

214

To 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn
 From 15 aust inf bde 0 650 14
 air request (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 (.)
 bombing NOT coordinated with movement of friendly
 tps (.) information (.) enemy in ORODUBI village
 map ref 696939 (.) suspect pits under huts also
 in undergrowth (.) target struck by BOSTONS 14
 jul correct (.) request airstrike 15 jul on
 ORODUBI map ref 696939 repeat 696939 (.) request
 more bombing than in todays strike (.) no
 friendly tps south of line 700947 691947 EAST of
 line 691947 691932 NORTH of line 691932 700932
 (.) please advise TOT

E. Newman
Capt

immediate

T00 2000
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out 1049

213

TO: 3 aust div rptd 08/59 aust inf bn

FROM: 15 aust inf bde 0 649 *14* 0 3949

air request (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000

(.) bombing co-ordinated with movt friendly tps

(.) information (.) known enemy locations OLD

VICKERS POSITION map ref 697970 ASP 9 H 463 H 963

(.) enemy has pillboxes head cover. (.) own

tps nearest locations map ref 697965 698964

699964 and 698974 696975 695973 (.) request

air-strike tankbusters 15 Jul on OLD VICKERS POSITION

map ref 697970 repeat 697970 ASP 9 ~~H 463~~ H 963

repeat H 463 H 963 (.) bomblines SE corner of

GARDEN map ref 695965 ASP 9 H 566 NORTH EAST

along crest of ridge to map ref 701972

ASP 9 G 759 WEST to map ref 693970 ASP 9

J 359 SOUTH to map ref 695965 ASP 9 H 566

(.) request TOT between 1000 hrs 1100 hrs (.)

please advise TOT and duration.

*Be Newman
Capt*

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TO: 3 aust div, rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy.

FROM: 15 aust inf bde 0 646 14 03949

air request (.) targets suggested your
 03949 NOT considered suitable (.) ~~request~~ request
 15 Jul strikes / as follows (.) first (.)
 bombing NOT co-ordinated movt friendly troops
 (.) target (.) suspected enemy staging
 camp photo ref ASP 9 area D 866
 repeat D 866 map ref KOMIATUM 1/25000
 707950 repeat 707950 (.) request heavy
 bombing and straffing (.) second (.)
 bombing NOT co-ordinated movyt friendly troops
 (.) target (.) known enemy gun position
 in tall BAMBOO clumps photo ref ASP 10
 E 359 repeat E 359 ASP 11 D 853 repeat D 853
 map ref 708936 repeat 708936 (.) request
 heavy bombing and straffing (.) comment bombing
 of gun position 1345/k 10 Jul was 2000 yards
 SOUTH of target (.) bomblines for first and
 second targets line of ~~BURIALI~~ ^{BURIALI} CK ASP 9 E 057 to
 D 971 to E 575 (.) please advise TOT.

B. Newman
Capt

immediate

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TO

3 aust div

FROM

15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0636

Date

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In Reply to Number

information request	ref bombing	15 bde strafing	0634 early	13 jul as	⊙ possible
14 jul 1/25000 reference	ORODUBI 696939	village ⊙ please	map unable	ref for TOT	KOMINTUM ASP

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TO

3 Aust Div

FROM

15 Aust Inf Bde

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TO *3 Aust Bde*

FROM *15 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number

0613

Date

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In Reply to Number

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TO

3 Aust div

FROM

15 Aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0603

Date

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<i>request</i>	<i>airstrike</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>suspected</i>	<i>gap</i>	<i>mountain</i>
<i>guard</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>bambusa</i>	<i>clump</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>top</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>steps</i>	<i>KOMIATUM</i>	<i>Trench</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>ASP 9</i>
<i>D 976</i>	<i>ASP 11</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>KOMIATUM</i>
<i>708936</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13 put</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>possible</i>	

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out 595
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3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn 2/3 aust indep coy adv

From : adv 15 aust inf bde 0 523 9

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information re suspected mountain gun (.) ref
 map KOMIATUM 1/25000 location 708936 (.) ref
 ASP (.) there are two opinions as
 to location of gun (.) one (.)
 above map ref gives on ASP 10 E954
 (.) two (.) (XXX second opinion gives gun
 as ASP 9 D 678 to D 976 ~~on~~
 ASP 11 at area E 447 (.) only definite
 description of target is that it is
 in bamboo clump on KOMIATUM TRACK eastward
 of ORODUBI (.) bearing is 130 degrees
 magnetic from map ref 700950 (.) ~~ref~~
 request airstrike ref my ~~0520~~ 9 JUL para
two attack BOTH above areas 2311

All drawings important.
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DOUBLET

out 15/4

206-123

To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn 2/3 aust indep coy
 From : 15 aust inf bde O 651 14 O3926
 and O3920 (.) SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) plan B
 coy 58/59 bn attack NORTH along BENCH CUT TRACK
 to gain track juncs (.) on success pl D coy
 move NORTH flank ford river 716974 cut track and
 junc B coy 705967 (.) B coy attacked 1245K
 advanced 400 yds by 1630K in contact receiving two
 casualties (.) attack continuing (.) enemy infiltration
 between ORODUBI and GWAIBOLOMS and on BENCH CUT
 hampering 58/59 bn control KORIATUM TRACK (.) 58/59
 XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XXXX
 bn patrolling vigourously to close gaps (.) plan
 2/3 indep coy (.) providing supplies arrive (.)
 attack jap ambush approx 690933 1500K/15 exploit to
 HAWLING RIDGE 693938 at 1700K/15 junc with 58/59
 bn (.) K/16 attack and capture graveyard VICKERS
 POSITION 696340 and ORODUBI (.) K/17 relieve A coy
 58/59 bn who act offensively KORIATUM TK (.) 2/3
 indep coy responsible DISK incl to GWAIBOLOMS incl

64 Newman Creek

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~~205~~ 1083

To : 17 aust inf bde rptd 3 aust div

From : 15 aust inf bde 0652

ref my 0641 (.) 2/3 indep coy report relief

completed (.) 5 guides left to assist comd in

area (.) GOODVIEW JUNC XMM comd now under 17 bde

(.) 15 bde stg offr sent NO ll set to

BENNETT FORCE K/14 (.) L/T comms to this HQ

~~7/14/~~ taken over intact (.) all ACK

*69 Newman
Capt*

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T00 2135

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~~SECRET~~

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15 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 6

204

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
14 Jul 43

58/59 AUST INF BN

Ref Maps: KOMIATUM 1:25000

OBJECT

- To maintain offensive action against the enemy on the BOBDUBI RIDGE from NAMLING to the FRANCISCO R.
 - To gain control of KOMIATUM TRACK to assist operations by 17 Aust Inf Bde on the south.

INFORMATION

2. Enemy

WELLS OP reports:

1735K/12 63 Japs moved west out of ORODUBI

1200K/13 Jap ambush located area 690932 between WELLS and NAMLING.

1615K/13 - 1745K/13 29 Japs in consultation at ORODUBI after which 15 dispersed into the scrub, the remainder studied two maps for some time. Continuous movement was observed in ORODUBI during afternoon 13 Jul.

Comment: It is thought that the enemy located in the ambush position 690932 may be some of the 63 Japs seen in ORODUBI on the afternoon 12 Jul. An attack by the enemy from ORODUBI on 14 Jul is possible.

3. Own Troops

(a) GOODVIEW area: B Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

(b) BASE 4 : HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

(c) WELLS JUNG (685926) : C Pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

(d) NAMLING : One Pl C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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INTENTION

- 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will attain the objects mentioned in para 1 (a) and (b) above.

METHOD

- Patrol vigorously with strong fighting patrols strength NOT less than one platoon between GWAIBOLON along the ridge track to OLD VICKERS POSITION.

Task: To prevent enemy securing the RIDGE TRACK (possible movement from BENCH CUT TRACK west to RIDGE)

- Patrol vigorously BENCH CUT track north to junction with SALAMAU track (705966)

Task: (a) To harass the enemy and prevent him establishing himself on the BENCH CUT track.

(b) Enable 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to gain control of track junction area 708967.

7. On completion of "Tank buster" airstrike on 14 Jul 43, to assault and capture OLD VICKERS POSITION.
8. Patrol south-east from NAMLING to locate route from ORODUBI used by Jap to establish himself on NAMLING-WELLS OP TRACK at about 690930.
9. Be well balanced around the ORODUBI - NAMLING area for a possible attack by the enemy from ORODUBI (See information re enemy from WELLS OP and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy as per 15 Aust Inf Bde 0634 of 13 Jul).
10. The above tasks will be put into operation forthwith and CO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a continual pressure to ensure that the initiative is held by our forces.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

B. H. Trauss.
Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Signature 0030 hrs

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DOUBLET

OUT 981-203

To 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, adv 2/3 aust indep coy, 2/2 aust fd amb MISSIM

From : adv 15 aust inf bde 0 634 13

FIRST (.) information delayed owing failure
 comms (.) enemy 1735K/12 63 japs moved
 west from ORODUBI 1200K/13 jap ambush located
 area 690932 between WELLS JUNG and NAMLING
 (.) 1615K/13 to 1745K/13 20 japs in
 consultation ORODUBI 15 dispersed remainder studied two
 maps for some time continuous mvt seen
 ORODUBI afternoon 13 jul (.) comment (.) thought
 63 japs K/12 may have moved to
 ambush posn K/13 (.) enemy attack from
 ORODUBI 14 jul likely (.) own tps (.)
 BASE 4 HQ 2/3 indep coy WELLS JUNG
 685926 C pl 2/3 indep coy NAMLING one
 pl C coy 58/59 bn (.) SECOND (.) relief
 portion 2/3 indep coy to be effected
 a m 14 jul for move WELLS OP area
 (.) 2/3 indep coy will be responsible
 for WELLS BASE 3 T. of C and will clear
 enemy from WELLS NAMLING TRACK (.) 58/59 bn
 prepared meet any attack in NAMLING area
 (.) request airstrike on ORODUBI 14 jul details
 following (.) all ack

*B. Drayman
maj
Emergency
Ops.*

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10 : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn, adv 2/3 aust indep coy, 2/2 fd
amb MIS/TH

From : adv 15 aust inf bde 0 634 13

FIRST (.) information own tps BASE 4 HQ

2/3 indep coy WELLS JUNG 635926 C pl

2/3 indep coy NAMLING one pl C coy

58/59 bn (.) enemy 1735K/12 63 japs moved
WELLS out of ORODUBI 1200K/13 20 japs

in consultation ORODUBI 15 dispersed remainder

studied 2 maps for some time continuous

movt seen in ORODUBI afternoon 15 Jul (.) comment

(.) thought (.) seen K/12 msg

have moved to ambush posn K/13 (.)

an attack by the enemy from ORODUBI

on 14 Jul is likely (.) SECOND (.)

relief of portion 2/3 indep coy to

be effected on 14 Jul for move to

WELLS UP area (.) 2/3 indep coy

will be responsible for WELLS BASE 3 E of C

and will clear the enemy from the WELLS

NAMLING TRACK (.) 58/59 bn prepared to meet

any attack in NAMLING area (.) request

airstrike on ORODUBI 14 Jul details following

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To : 3 aust div, 58/59 aust inf bn, adv 2/3 aust indep coy

From : adv 15 aust inf bde

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reply to ORDER OF DAY by GENERAL
 SAVIGE from BRIGADIER HAMMER (.) units please
 promulgate to all ranks (.) your sterling
 message received (.) assure you of every
 endeavour on our part to maintain a
 relentless pressure on the enemy (.) despite
 the conditions every ~~unit~~ is campaigning well
 and there is every sign of an
 offensive eagerness that will turn these new
 troops into grim and determined veterans (.)
 our one aim will be to kill

Recorder here Immediate

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To : 58/59 aust inf bn, adv 2/3 aust indep coy

From : adv 15 aust inf bde

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for comd (.) message from GOC (.)
 quote (.) the enemy has been defeated
 and is desperately attempting to withdraw from
 his forward positions at MUBO (.) he
 is trapped (.) we will destroy him
 (.) some of you are experienced fighters
 but for the majority this is your
 first fight (.) captured enemy documents disclose
 that your comd in MISSIM area played
 a part which cracked the enemys fighting
 qualities and started him on the road
 to defeat (.) this has enabled our
 team of which you are a small
 part to achieve a splendid victory hastening day
 of peace (.) you have been severely
 tried by appalling weather conditions frightful country
 and difficult fighting (.) I am unable
 to promise early relief from your trials
 (.) I offer you only that which
 demand great capacity for courage and endurance
 (.) the enemy is smashed (.) victory
 is within our grasp (.) you must
 keep on top of him repel his
 attacks ~~xxx~~ and fight with that courage the
 birthright handed you by your kin
 who proved the aust soldiers second to
 none (.) I am proud of your
 effort and want every man to know
 it (.) your experience will make you
 better (.) good luck and GODS blessing
 (.) unquote

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~~PASTERN~~ *HW*

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To : 17 bde rptd 3 aust div, adv 2/3 aust indep coy

From : adv 15 aust inf bde 0 610 13

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) ref 3 aust
 div 03887 (.) suggested plan your consideration
 (.) on arrival B coy 2/5 bn (.)
 B and C coys 2/5 bn relieve 2/3 indep
 coy (.) task relieving posns held by
 2/3 indep coy cutting KOMIATUM TRACK in
 TAMBU SADDLE area to prevent enemy movement
 north or south (.) your responsibility to
 include STEPHENS TRACK BASE 4 south L of C (.)
 15 bde responsibility L of C DIEKE OP WELLS NAMLING
 (.) relief effected when OC your force
 satisfied release 2/3 indep coy probably NOT
 after 1200 hrs 15 jul (.) you then assume
 comd

*CG Neumann
Capt Immediate*

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TO **53/59 [unclear] 2/3 [unclear] Coy**

FROM **15 anti Inf Bde**

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0607

Date

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In Reply to Number

inform enemy	received	as	follows	5 p.m.
of	decided	to	withdraw	MV30
but	this	order	was	cancelled
in	status	issued	to	defence
KOMIATUM	KOMIATUM	area	also	in
area	area	to	take	action
against	our	the	BOBIVBI	RIDGE

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later	orders	indicate	more	emphasis	on
defence	than	offence	on	KOMIATUM	area
successful	therefore	on	view	of	17 batt
most	action	on	12 Jul	considerable	enemy
KOMIATUM	can	be	expected	northwards	into
the	critical	phase	of	the	operation

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NOTES BY BRIG H.H. HAMNER COMD 15 AUST INF BDE
AT NUNNS POST 11 JUL 43

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1. SITUATION 11 JUL 43 2030 HRS
Phoned to 3 Aust Div (Lt-Col WILTON) 11 Jul.

58/59 Bn

Jap ambush 10 Jul BENCH CUT TRACK between A and B Coys caused Bn to become unbalanced.

A Coy GWAIBOLOMB - ORCUBI area. Small post at NAMLING.
Two pls C Coy with A Coy.

Bomb happies.

B Coy One pl at northern end of BENCH CUT. Two pls. endeavouring to get behind enemy ambush to attack west and ^{from} north at dawn 12 Jul 43.

C Coy Coy HQ)
one pl C Coy) area VICKERS posn.
One pl D Coy)

D Coy One pl north river FRANCISCO
One pl D Coy) South of River FRANCISCO.
One composite pl)

Deductions

- (a) Present posn unbalanced.
- (b) Pls Coys mixed up - difficult for control.
- (c) Posn is OK if ambush cleared and coys re-organised.
- (d) Firm base still sound.
- (e) Gap on south between 58/59 and 2/3 Indep Coy NOT good
 - (i) access to BASE 3 L of C)
 - (ii) access to ULIAP OK L of C) By ensay.

Action

A and B Coys to clear up BENCH CUT TRACK posn and return to comd of KOMLATUM TRACK.
Lt-Col STARR to move to A, B, C Coys to reorganise and clearly set out the tasks.

2. (1) (WILTON) phoned 2200 hrs 11 Jul 43.
1. Coy 2/5 to take over role 2/3 Coy.
2. 2/3 Coy responsible south flank between WELLS OP BASE 4 etc.
3. Relieve A Coy for A Coy reserve.
Brig to consider and ring 1100 12 Jul 43.

3. 3 Aust Div 63875 to 15 bde rptd 17 bde -

confirming conversation brig HAMNER Lt-col WILTON (.) on arrival coy 2/5 bn to reinforce 2/3 indep coy in TAMBU SADDLE area disposns allotted should be such that if necessary 2/3 indep coy could be withdrawn from that area to protect southern flank of 58/59 bn in NAMLING ORCUBI area (.) 2/3 indep coy would NOT be withdrawn until your 2/5 bn is firmly established and dug in suitable position in GOODVIEW JUNG area and L of C from BASE 4 to GOODVIEW JUNG secure (.) brig HAMNER to advise his final views on above matter on 12 Jul

Immediate

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4. 3 aust div 03877 to 17 Bde rptd 15 Bde

it will probably be necessary in the immediate future to move 2/5 indep coy from GOODVIEW JUNG area to NAMLING ORODUBI area to protect southern flank of 58/59 bn which is at present insecure (.) it is appreciated that it may not be possible for you to move 2/5 bn north to GOODVIEW JUNG for some days (.) suggest ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ you give consideration to moving on 12 jul one coy from 162 US regt north along main KOMIATUM track to GOODVIEW JUNG to clear track and remain in close support to coy 2/5 bn and 2/3 aust indep coy (.) if this move is effected coy 2/5 bn would be secure when withdrawal of 2/3 ind coy takes place (.) it would appear that this suggested move by US COY could be made without opposition (.) advise your views urgently rptd 15 bde

Emergency Operations T00 2340/11
THI 2343/11
TOR 0013/12

5. 17 aust inf bde 0621 to 3 Aust Div rptd 15 Aust Inf Bde
In reply to 03877

could NOT move coy before 14 jul 43 (.) have committed force 12 jul as follows (.) one coy SADDLE one coy LABABIA BASE preparing for attack on PIMPLE 15 jul 43 (.) one coy less one pl MAT MAT (.) one pl and one coy containing enemy posn south end OBSERVATION HILL which they will attack 0800k/12 (.) one coy astride XXXX VIALS TRACK one coy attacking enemy pockets of resistance on log C south of FOOTBRIDGES commencing 0800k/12 (.) one coy BASE 4 (.) 1 bn 162 US regt committed as follows (.) one coy attacking enemy posts on l of c from footbridge to the north commencing 0900k/12 (.) one pl moving to area 703896 with a view to occupying ambush posn and preventing enemy from escaping from MUBO area and also to recon tracks to the north (.) one coy moving in posn for attack on GREEN HILL (.) one coy less one pl astride l of c at south west corner BITOI RIDGE (.) consider aust coy should move to TAMBU SADDLE NOT american coy due complicated sup problem and subsequent slower movement (.) after mornings activities situation should be sufficiently clarified to further advice

Immediate T00 0150/12
THI 0156
TOR 0350

6. Notes on 3 Aust Div Suggestion of Relief 2/3 Coy

- 1 (a) Coy 2/5 Bn relieve 2/3 Ind Coy
- (b) 2/3 Ind Coy move ORODUBI area to protect south flank
 - (i) Responsible protection BASE 3 L of C and ULIAP CK L of C.
 - (ii) Relieve A Coy 58/59 Bn to become Bn reserve.
 - (iii) 2/3 Coy available for offensive ops on KOMIATUM TR.

2. Conversation with WARFE 2/3 Coy 1000 hrs 13 task of 2/3 Coy.

(a) WARFE satisfied that 2/5 Bn coy can do task of 2/3 Coy.

(b) The relief NOT to be completed until 2/5 Bn coy dug in and secure.

3. A Coy 58/59 Bn could:-

- (a) Move into area between GWAIBOLOMS and the JUNCTION on bench cut to operate on KOMIATUM TK - ERSKINE CK area.
- (b) Move via OLD BOBDUBI area on route recd by D Coy to cut SALAMAUA - KOMIATUM TRACK south of river at 715973.
- (c) Relieve B Coy 58/59 Bn for offensive ops along BOBDUBI-SALAMAUA TRACK.
- (d) Used as Bn reserve
 - (i) To assault VICKERS posn.
 - (ii) To thicken up firm base and protect L of C.

ENEMY

- 1. Could drive a wedge into ORODUBI area between 58/59 Bn and MT TAMBU SADDLE Force and threaten BASE 3 and ULIAP CK L of C.
- 2. Reinforce COCONUTS and VICKERS area and drive down MISSIN L of C.

Deductions

No 2 Least likely. Threat to northern flank covered by D Coy and Jap L of C harassed by B Coy with C Coy mtop of ridge.

No 1 Most likely - enemy testing now may launch attack shortly. Therefore imperative to strengthen southern flank in ORODUBI - NAMBLING area as early as possible

~~Comd~~

Details in MORESBY

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DOUBLET

11 Jul

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To 3 aust div

From : adv 15 aust inf bde

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MOST SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) L of C and
shortage Bde HQ personnel making situation most
difficult to control (.) Bde HQ personnel
doing escort duties but NOT adequate (.)
fwd units can NOT spare vpersonnel for
escorting duties behind units (.) one additional
coy to support 58/59 bn and to carry
out escort duties would relieve situation (.)
lack of reserves limiting offensive operations

*Bramm
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To : 3 aust div

From : adv 15 aust inf bde

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request TAG R 12 Jul following areas (.) one (.)
 KOMIATUM MT TAMBU area (.) task locate
 enemy dispositions (.) two (.) area 708936
 (.) task locate suspected mtn gun (.)
 description of area is bamboo clumps ^{in KOMIATUM TRACK} on
 top of sharp rise which has steps
 cut in it (.) three (.) recce
 MALOLO 704041 track to MALAGOWAN 695037 and
 vicinity 686029 (.) task to discover suspected
 jap camps in these areas (.) please
 advise TOT (.) suggest preliminary report be dropped
 NUNNS POST before aircraft depart (.) if
 this be done essential report be adequately

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BH draws
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To : ~~adv~~ 2/3 aust indep coy rptd 58/59 aust inf bn rear 15 aust inf bde

From : adv 15 aust inf bde
 ADS MISSIM
 0 549 10

3 aust div 03846 (.) begins (.)
 to reinforce area now held by 2/3
 indep coy and ensure that enemy do
 NOT escape NORTH from MUBO area 17 bde
 will send one coy to BASE 4 (.)
 move to commence early as possible morning
 11 JUL (.) to ensure rapid unopposed movement
 mthis coy will move via LIPNOS GARDENS
 TRACK (.) if however VIALS TRACK is
 clear of enemy this latter route may
 be used at discretion comd 17 bde (.)
 coy will come under comd 2/3 indep
 coy on arrival BASE 4 (.) 2/3 indep
 coy will send liaison officer and guides
 to ~~XXXXX~~ BASE 4 to await arrival of 17 bde
 coy (.) when 2/5 bn less one coy
 arrive GOODVIEW JUNC Area at later date

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~~COXX~~ CO ~~XXXX~~ 2/5 bn will assume comd all
troops that area (.) ends (.) 2/3
indep coy will advise this HQ proposed
employment of this coy (.) guides will
be arranged as ordered above (.) ^{all} ACK

2205.

*BH Travers
maj*

*Emergency Ops
to 2/3 indep
coy*

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15 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 3/43

MOVEMENT ADV BDE HQ

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
7 Jul 43

1. Adv HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde will move to NUNNS POST 8 Jul 43.

COMPOSITION OF PARTY

2. Party detailed in Appendix "A" will be ready to move from Bde HQ at 0800 hrs 8 Jul 43.
3. CSM WELCH will move in charge of party and escort boyline carrying Bde stores.

DRESS

4. Marching Order.

BLANKETS

5. Blankets will NOT be carried but each man will hand in his blanket to CSM before 0730 hrs 8 Jul and be re-issued on arrival NUNNS POST.

RATIONS

6. Adv HQ will be rationed on and after 9 Jul from AASC NUNNS POST. Each man will carry ^{one} two days rations.

AMMUNITION

7. (a) 1 Bren gun and filled magazines will be carried on boyline.
(b) Each man will carry 1 bandolier and 2 grenades.

STORES

8. Only essential stores will be taken. G, I and A offices, L Sec Sigs will notify SC before 1800 hrs 7 Jul number of boyloads required 8 Jul.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. Adv HQ will open NUNNS POST at a time to be advised.

R. Blundy

Lieut
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

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ADV BDE HQ

Offrs

Brig HAMMER H.H.
Lt-Col GUINN H.C.
Major TRAVERS E.H.

ORs

Cpl NICHOL G.H.
Pte THORPE R.
Pte BENNETT L.J.
Cpl TRUETT A.J.
Cpl HUDSON H.
Pte LESLIE J.H.
Pte ALDEIDGE Q.G.
Pte CARROLL P.S.
Pte SULLIVAN N.F.
Pte MILES N.J.
Pte TACEY J.E.
Pte DUNCAN R.C.

Cooking
utensils
lamp
kerosene

Capt NEWMAN C.E.
Capt LEFFERS A.E.
Cpl BEVERIDGE T.A.
Pte VIDEAN R.M.

Already at
NUNNS POST

Lieut EVANS J.
Lieut EWART R.B.

When
available

Sigs

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ALREADY AT
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IN 650
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
9 Jul 43

by Bde Comd.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MAJOR G.R. WARFE,
CO 2/3 AUST INDEP COY AM 9 JUL

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Discussed general situation.

WARFE informed that 2/3 Indep Coy now holding WEST of KOMIATUM TRACK, having been driven off in afternoon 8 Jul.

Instructed WARFE that his reported strengths of 45 men in each of B and C Pls was NOT sufficient to be involved in any battle and he must increase his forward platoon strength and that command of KOMIATUM TRACK must be obtained.

Major WARFE later received by signal at 1215K/9 that strength men now B Pl 60 to be reinforced by 27 from A pl; C pl 66. Remainder of his available strength being Coy HQ, BASE 3 and BASE 4, WELLS, VEILS and on carrier line escorts.

B.H. Hauns, Maj.

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IN 649
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
10 Jul 43

by Bde Comd

INSTRUCTIONS TO LT-COL P.D. STARR CO 58/59 AUST INF BN
AT ADV HQ 15 AUST INF BDE NIGHT 9 JUL

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- XX** Instructed Lt-Col STARR that air request made for further bombing OLD VICKERS POSITION 10 Jul. C Coy to continue to press attack in this area.
A and B Coys to continue command of KOMIATUM TRACK to prevent movement WEST to BOBDUBI and SOUTH to KOMIATUM. Parties of any size to be attacked.
A Coy further responsible for holding on GWAIBOLON - NAMLING.
D Coy to be retained as firm base.
An all-out effort for next three days to be passed on to all coys to take pressure from 17 Bde on the SOUTH.

B. H. Traums may.

To : 2/3

From: adv 2/3

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strength for infm Brig

BASE 3 - 1 Q staff, 2 carrier line escorts, 3 sick

VEILS - 1 Q staff, 2 escorts, 4 sigs, 3 sick

BASE 4 - 1 Q staff, 2 escorts, 2 RAP, 3 on patrol, 1 sig, 3 sick,
1 wounded

Coy HQ - 3 Int sec, 9 sigs, 3 Q staff, 3 runners, 3 RAP

C pl group - 66

D pl group - 60 to be joined by A pl 27

WELLS OP - 3 track 6,

TOTAL - 212 incl 9 sick 2 wounded

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TO 58/59 Aust inf br 213 Aust indep Coy (advanced)

FROM

15 bde

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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0440	4 jul	fourth	part	⊙	3 div
signalled	17 bde	thus	quote	⊙	is
it	your	intention	to	move	one
coy	north	by	VEILS	TRACK	⊙
if	this	is	oo	GoC	desires
this	movement	should	Commence	as	early

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of	213	indep	copy	and	clear
a	supply	route	for	use	when
required	①	suggest	thus	copy	should
establish	from	base	at	BASE 4	and
patrol	east	and	northeast	of	that
area	②	advise	urgently	uptd	15 bde

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NOTES ON OPS MISSIM AREA BY 15 AUST INF BDE

by BRIG. H.H. HAMMER - 8 JUL 43

1. ENEMY

(a) The Jap seems to be probing in many areas looking for the weak spot but as yet seems unaware of our actual dispositions viz:-

- (i) Jap counter attack on COCONUTS area 5 Jul. 43
 - (ii) Ambush of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy carrier line South of NAMBLING 6 Jul 43.
 - (iii) Attack on NAMBLING area 7 Jul 43.
 - (iv) Jap ambush of D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn patrol on MALAGOWAN Track.
- (b) Jap hold VICKERS posn and COCONUTS on BOBDUBI RIDGE. No movement West to BOBDUBI RIDGE from SALAMAUA Tk reported on 7/8 Jul to 1500 hrs 8 Jul.

2. OWN TPS

(a) Lt Col GUINN is in possession of detailed dispositions of our tps up-to-date.

(b) In the main we are holding the vital positions of BOBDUBI RIDGE with the exception of VICKERS posn and COCONUTS but this is offset by the neutralising posn of B Coy East of the RIDGE.

(c) D Coy provides the firm base along main L of C but is also responsible for the Northern flank - the firm base is weak and reserves for counter moves practically Nil.

(d) When C Coy gains VICKERS posn, reserve forces and firm base will improve.

(e) Comd of KOMIATUM Tk from Junc with FRANCISCO R. to ERSKINE CK is being sought by A and B Coys and it will be necessary for A Coy to junction with 2/3 Aust Indep Coy South along the NAMBLING Tk to WELLS OP.

(f) Our tps have been forced out of two posns, i.e. COCONUTS and NAMBLING due to :-

- (i) Inexperience in battle.
- (ii) Lack of determined junior leadership.
- (iii) Overestimation of enemy strength and a few individual faint hearts.

Against this B and C Coys have fought well and have totted up a nice score of enemy dead. Early on, B Coy had a tendency to observe the enemy and ~~not~~ **HIT** him, but that now seems to be cured.

D Coy on 7 Jul repulsed three attacks and stood fast.

The necessity for determination and an offensive eagerness has been stressed to Bn Comd and I feel that this is now permeating through the unit and will be reflected in future ops.

3. The intention of the ops is being kept well in mind and it is hoped that today will see the capture of the VICKERS posn and command of the Northern end of the KOMIATUM Tk.

4. 58/59 AUST INF BN

(a) See remarks above.

(b) C O has had difficult task with new tps and officers and lack of reserves to force the situation. The necessity to maintain a firm base on the L of C has ~~been~~ restricted the employment of D Coy.

(c) Strength of unit today is approx 21 officers 560 ORs which is well below WE strength. 3 offrs 98 ORs are still in MORESBY and BULWA. The concentration of these personnel would be most helpful.

(d) Casualties have been light and I feel that when they take more casualties themselves they will be more successful.

5. 2/3 AUST IND COY - Maj G. WARFE

(a) Launched attack today (8 Jul). B pl on KOMIATUM Tk at GOODVIEW JUNC. C pl on STEPHENS Tk facing East opposed by Jap who has been reinforced from KOMIATUM Tk. A pl - Reinforcing

C pl and holding WELLS OP.

(b) Experience of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy shows that while good types, are inclined to exaggerate and treat things with a wave of the hand. Careful planning is NOT a general attribute with this Coy.

WARFE for instance was adamant that Jap tps would never move on the tracks where on 7 Jul they ambushed part of his force and today have prevented his moving along STEPHENS Tk. It is unwise to underestimate the ability of the moves of one's opponent.

6. D COY 24 AUST INF BN

(a) Lieut COULTER sent on 5 Jul to check defensive arrangements of this Coy. Coy Comd had NOT up to this stage visited his forward pl ambush position in direction of MALAGWAN. COULTER reports the general layout sound, most digging completed, pillbox construction restricted owing to the lack of axes.

(b) Medical stores are light on and men have running sores on faces. M O being sent and medical stores but these are limited.

7. REPORTS AND INT. INFORMATION.

It is a constant battle to get accurate information - sig wires run hot checking back on the most appalling reports and I recently had to resort to asking a series of set questions to get definite answers.

Times, map ref, numbers, directions don't seem to mean a thing to these people, but by constant reiteration we are making them learn.

8. L of C

(a) I am preparing orders for the proper conduct of the L of C from POWERHOUSE but the L of C needs constant supervision. It really needs an officer to move along it frequently - at present I am NOT in a position to do it from my end and would appreciate any assistance from Div.

(b) Natives and ANGAU This is handled quite well although there are verbal reports by ANGAU that the natives are tired and hungry, sickness rate increasing etc. My staff report one Capt McLEOD as unco-operative.

At present I am trying to build up good relations and endeavouring ^{to see} that the natives are properly cared for. However we must supply out tps and the natives are the ones to do it.

(c) DROPPING GROUNDS

The NUNNS POST ground is almost foolproof - it is a long kunai basin and the pilots can't miss. It should take any quantity of supplies and is only 3/4 hr carry from DID to 5B/59 Aust Inf Bn HQ at ALLENS CK junction.

SELEBOB, No 2 and HOPE grounds for L of C requirements only.

(d) MEDICAL The closest co-operation is given by Lt Col REFSHAUGE 15 Aust Fd Amb. He is right on the job and plans well ahead for future events.

(e) COMFORTS

- (1) Tobacco, chocolate are always acceptable.
- (11) Mail. First class mail could be dropped at NUNNS POST without possibility of loss. This would assist greatly in maintaining morale.

9. INTERCOM.

/ for maintenance

(a) CABLE Recovery has been good and we are able to establish all desired conn. A further reserve of eight miles is required.

(b) PHONES The extension of the L of C, droppings grounds etc require more telephones - 20 telephones are required. This would enable L/T conn to isolated pls.

(c) 208 SETS Fair only. Much maintenance required. Five sets out of action requiring valves. A total of 30 sets needed in the area

(d) BDE HQ

- (1) Adv Bde HQ established at NUNNS POST area. I will move to this HQ on 9 Jul.
- (11) Main Bde remains present location.

10. GENERAL

(a) SCHOOLS There have been some demands for personnel to attend schools. Generally the officers are saturated with schools and need now the best school of all - battle.

It was insisted that one "I" personnel from Bde HQ attend a 7 days school necessitating at least 6 days travel there and back. This man would have learnt more in 7 days here than at any school.

(b) REAR DETAILS The concentration of all personnel on WE with the unit would be a great help.

H. H. Hammer

Brig
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Questions + Answers to 58/59 Bn for ops

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Jul 43

7 Jul + 8/9 Jul.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

for 8 Jul 43

1/1 Confirming tasks allotted to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn by Bde Comd during telephone conversation afternoon 7 Jul 43.

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1. A and B Coys

(a) To gain control of the KOMIATUM track from junction 709967 to ERSKINE CK.

(b) To prevent movement of enemy ^{NORTH} north and ^{SOUTH} south.

2. C Coy

To capture OLD VICKERS POSITION.

3. Patrolling along crest of ridge between OLD VICKERS POSITION and ORODUBI.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened at NAMLING?

2. Who was at NAMLING?

3. How many Japs were seen?

4. To where did ^{our ops} the Jap withdraw?

5. Did our troops oppose the Jap?

6. What time did it happen?

7. Did the section north of ORODUBI see any movement ^{EAST} east of Jap personnel?

8. What is the detailed situation of C Coy?

9. What is the CO's outline plan for ops on 8 Jul 43.

(a) Tasks of Coys.

(b) Times of action.

(c) Fire support by MMGs and Mortars.

10. Detail layout of Mortars and MMGs within the Bn area.

B.H. Dams,
Major

BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

2. Cam 17 Red kamara

5.00, full up

W. H. B. B. B.

Copy of the report

as SC. War

Protection of Namby

(a) To gain control of the...
(b) To prevent movement of enemy forces...

To capture and...
to capture and...

to capture and...
to capture and...

1. What happened at...?

2. How was it...?

3. How many... were there?

4. To what... did they...?

5. Did any... oppose the...?

6. What time did it...?

7. Did the... see any movement...?

8. What is the... of...?

9. What... did you... on...?

(a) ...

(b) ...

(c) ...

10. Detail layout of... and... with the...?

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10
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see 187

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PUT TO 58/59 AUST INF BN - 7 JUL 45

1. WHAT HAPPENED AT NAMLING?

1330k Listening post of 3 men outside ORODUBI was attacked from WEST i.e. between them and their base NAMLING. They killed two and got away to LMG position NORTH of ORODUBI. 1500 hrs - Pl Comd Lieut HOUSTON left base 1000 yds EAST NAMLING, to find out what was going on forward. He was informed of firing by sigs laying cable to ORODUBI.

Found Japs between him and ORODUBI - went back to base. Found two of sec coming out on way back. Story of sec: Attacked from 200 yds along track NORTH of NAMLING - saw Japs come out of gully between them and NAMLING - knocked 4 killed 1 - no further Jap attempt. Jap move back into gully. 15 mins later sec area attacked from both sides - same Jap party supported by mortar and 2 LMGs. Japs at same time coming up from gully left rear. A Sec WEST with job to cover NAMLING from ULIAP CK. Whole time of action this sec did NOT fire a shot. OC doesn't know why no fire. When got 3 legged attack sec Comd ordered withdrawal.

2. WHO WAS AT NAMLING?

HOUSTON and 9 pl. 1 sec covering track from ORODUBI with listening post. 1 sec, track from WELLS. 1 sec track from NAMLING.

3. HOW MANY JAPS WERE SEEN?

44 Japs were seen. Support - mortar and at least 2 LMGs.

4. TO WHERE DID OUR TROOPS WITHDRAW?

2 secs withdrew in direction of ORODUBI - 14 still missing.

5. DID OUR TROOPS OPPOSE THE JAP?

4 certain killed, 3 wounded.

6. WHAT TIME DID IT HAPPEN?

1500K/7

7. DID THE SECTION NORTH OF ORODUBI SEE ANY MOVEMENT EAST BY JAP PERSONNEL?

No. Source of information: HOUSTON and men who returned.

8. WHAT IS THE DETAILED SITUATION OF C COY?

Position at 1850 hrs - one pl and coy HQ occupying BAMBOO KNOLL approx 150 yds from right flank of the OLD VICKERS POSITION. Two pls reached position forward of village 150 yds from OLD VICKERS POSITION at dark. Coy was ordered to push on the attack on night 7/8 Jul.

9. WHAT IS THE COY'S OUTLINE PLAN FOR OPS ON 8 JUL?

(a) Tasks - A Coy

(a) Restore position in NAMLING using minimum force.

(b) Set ambush KOMIATUM TRACK.

(c) Patrol ridge from ORODUBI to C Coy area on OLD VICKERS POSITION.

B Coy

Prevent all movement over KOMIATUM TRACK, SALAMAUA TRACK, BOBDUBI TRACK.

C Coy

Continue attack on OLD VICKERS POSITION. Orders issued to continue attack by night 7/8 Jul.

D Coy

Hold present position with 17 and 18 pls and send 16 pl to move 1/2 hr from C Coy's position up the ULIAP CK.

HQ Coy

Ordered to organise a pl to occupy positions vacated by 16 pl forward 1/2 of NEW BOBDUBI.

B Echelon to organise a fighting patrol of all available personnel ready to move as directed.

(b) Times of Action

All operations to commence or continue at first light approx 0540 hrs.

(c) Fire Support by MMGs and Mortars

Mortars:

- 1 with 18 pl 699983 to engage COCONUT ridge.
- 2 mortars BAMBOO KNOLL 686974 support C Coy
- 1 on WEST side of FRANCISCO R. 687975 to assist C Coy.
- 1 each under command A, B, C, D, Coys.

MMGs ;

- 1 with A Coy 704952 - movement on KOMIATUM TRACK.
- 1 with 18 pl 701982 - movement on COCONUT RIDGE.
- 1 BAMBOO KNOLL 686974 - defence of KUNDA BRIDGE area.
- 1 with C Coy supporting attack.

10. DETAIL LAYOUT OF MORTARS AND MMGs WITHIN THE BN AREA.

See 9 (c) above.

Above details received from Lt-Col STARR and Lieut SPINK by phone at 2315 hrs 7 July '43.

B. H. Evans
Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

8 Jul 43

SECRET

NOTES ON ADM - 8 JUL 43

by

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)
9 Jul 43

SC 15 AUST INF BDE

1. SUPPLIES

It is realised that it is impracticable to maintain present force by the boy line. Reliance must be placed on adequate droppings at the right place at the right time. Because of the irregularity of plane droppings the carrier line is being continually strained to ensure an unbroken flow of supplies.

With the movement forward of troops it has been difficult to get supplies up to the forward areas within two days of any droppings. When droppings are made at SELEBUB, supplies reach troops at STEPHENS HUT four days afterwards.

The following are the average carrier times:-

(a) SELEBUB - MISSIM	-	1 1/2 hrs
(b) MISSIM - BASE 3	-	6 hrs
(c) BASE 3 - BASE 4	-	5 1/2 hrs
(d) BASE 4 - STEPHENS HUT	-	3 hrs

(e) MISSIM - MUNNS POST	-	4 hrs
(f) MUNNS POST - KUNDA IS.	-	2 hrs

2. L of C

Owing to its abnormal length and difficulty of passage, L of C is somewhat unwieldy. Boyline leaving POWERHOUSE arrives MISSIM 4 1/2 days later. Efficiency of the line depends on proper loading lists and adequate escorts. To ensure this an officer was placed at each staging post but the trouble has not been cured.

Pilfering and tampering with stores and items such as tobacco has occurred. It is suggested that if each line had at least three escorts this would cease.

The present great shortage of personnel precludes this.

3. NATIVES

Generally the sickness rate is high owing to the arduous nature of the country and the poor physical state of the natives.

In June 43 many of the natives were without blankets, groundsheets and sweaters. Though these needs have now been supplied, sickness rate has NOT improved.

At present a native hospital is being erected at MISSIM, where the daily sick has been 48.

Owing to the irregularity of rations and the lack of tobacco, native carriers have been responsible for pilfering on the boyline.

4. ANGAU

Relations on the whole have been friendly, but there does NOT appear to have been the fullest co-operation.

Sgt MACKIE with over 200 MARKHAM natives is doing an excellent job in the 58/59 Aust Inf Bn area.

Capt McLEOD has on two occasions submitted reports direct to ANGAU without reference to this HQ. Several times, without notification to this HQ, he has given instructions to his local ANGAU representative, contrary to those of Bde.

5. DROPPINGS GROUNDS

(a) MUNNS POST Considered very suitable for dropping - of sufficient length to accomodate almost any number of planes dropping on a mission

DROPPING GROUNDS (cont)

(b) BUGASU DROPPING GROUND Whilst further forward than SELEBUB, would have an equally difficult recovery. If for any reason droppings can NOT be made at HUNNS POST, it is recommended such droppings be made further forward than in rear of it.

(c) SELEBUB No 1 ground is a razor back where recovery is most difficult - 100 natives working all day would probably recover 4 plane loads if dropping was good.

No 2 ground - in a valley - has quicker recovery and is more suitable.

When BOEDUBI RIDGE is held, there will be opportunities for droppings further forward and SELEBUB dropping except for maintenance will be unnecessary.

(d) HOPE Good dropping ground - recovery 90%. Requires maintenance dropping only for force in area.

R. Blouby

Lieut
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

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To : 3 aust div rptd 58/59 aust inf bn adv 2/3 aust indep coy
 From : adv 15 aust inf bde 0 520 9 03823
 and 03825 (.) one (.) request bombing BOBDUBI RIDGE
 on COCONUTS area and OLD VICKERS POSITION VICKERS POSITION
 as in my 0501 8 JUL (.) / main target (.) request
 A 20s which bombed on 8 JUL as ~~XXXXXX~~ these
 were ~~XXX~~ far more accurate than MITCHELLS which
 bombed 9 JUL (.) two (.) ref airstrike KOMIATUM no
 strike south of 707925 KOMIATUM 1/25000 sheet
~~xxx~~ no strike north of 708948 (.) request
 special attention to vicinity 708936 where 58/59 bn
 suspect mountain gun (.) this area ASP 10
 area E 954 (.) this information re mountain
 gun is calculated on EX ASP 10 from bearings
 given by 58/59 bn (.) TOO
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BKS*

To : 3 aust div

From : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ adv 15 aust inf bde

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0 3819

SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) ref your 03819
 (.) regret my move to adv HQ
 delayed reply (.) I share concern of
 GOC re action B coy 58/59 bn (.) have
 constantly endeavoured to spark up action this
 coy (.) bn comd assures me he
 has made clear their action (.) I
 instructed that from 7 JUL B coy must shoot
 at all enemy movement irrespective of size
 party (.) this was again strongly stressed
 on 7/8 JUL I stated that if coy
 NOT offensive coy comd be relieved (.)
 today 9 JUL B coy ambushed 30 enemy KOMIATUM
 TRACK killing 9 (.) bn comd meeting
 me to discuss situation tonight (.) C coy
 more offensive ~~today~~ today but still unsuccessful VICKERS
 task (.) provided A and B coys bottle
 up KOMIATUM TRACK VICKERS NOT vital but
 am pressing on this task

H.H. Hammer

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 Important*

15 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 5HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
8 Jul 43Ref Map: SALAMAU 1:25000
KOMIATU? 1:25000

Ref 15 Aust Inf Bde signal O.440 of 4 Jul 43, para six.

OBJECT

1. (a) To establish a firm base in area WEST of MALOLO for raids on LAE-SALAMAU TRACK.
- (b) Prior reces -
 - (i) To establish firm base in area MALAGOWAN with present ambush 651033 as backstop.
 - (ii) To locate and recce routes to SALAMAU-LAE TRACK.
 - (iii) To set ambush positions on TRACK.
 - (iv) To locate enemy establishments in native villages and to inflict damage on these camps by raids.

INFORMATION

2. Enemy
 - (a) ANCAU reports from natives lead to ^{the} belief the natives in the following villages are PRO JAP :
ASINI, NEW ASINI, BUKAUP, BASAMA, QUADO (NORTH of BUSAMA)
 - (b) Native sources also state that the Japanese use these village natives as spies on our movement.
 - (c) Patrols indicate the enemy to be in MALAGOWAN on 6/7 Jul. Numbers estimated to be 50 Japanese.

INTENTION

3. D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will establish a firm base in the area WEST of MALOLO from which to carry out harassing raids on the coastal track LAE-SALAMAU.

METHOD

4. Date of Commencement of Operations
Operations will commence on advice from this HQ but NOT expected before 13 Jul 43.
5. Patrols
 - (a) D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will establish as much information about the enemy movement and dispositions by recce patrols.
 - (b) This information will be obtained prior to commencement of ops.
 - (c) Information obtained will be forwarded by 13 Jul to 15 Aust Inf Bde together with plan for ops by D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn. Sketch maps will be included.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Time of signature 1200 hrs

Method of Issue: ~~initials~~DISTRIBUTION:

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B. H. Davis
Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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(A) To establish a base in area...

(B) To establish a base in area... (i) To establish a base in area... (ii) To locate and record routes... (iii) To set ambush positions... (iv) To locate enemy establishments...

INFORMATION

(A) ANCAU reports from natives... in the following villages...

(B) Native sources also state... (C) Reports indicate an enemy force...

REMARKS

(A) It may be noted that...

CONCLUSIONS

(A) It is expected that...

RECOMMENDATIONS

(A) The information will be obtained...

(B) Information obtained will be forwarded...

(C) RECOMMENDED.

G. H. ...

Time of signature 1200 hrs

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15 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 4DEFENCE OF CISSEMBO - HOTE AREAHQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
8 Jul 43Ref Map: SALAMAUA 1:25000
KOMIATUM 1:25000INFORMATION

1. Enemy
As per 3 Aust Div and 15 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps to date.
2. Own Troops
D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn
One Det Mortars 24 Aust Inf Bn
1 MMG 24 Aust Inf Bn
3. Topography
The CISSEM BOB-HOTE area is the general area bounded by the villages HOTE - LABODU - DAHO 1 - DAHO 2 - CISSEMBOB - HOTE.

INTENTION

4. D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will provide left flank protection to 15 Aust Inf Bde operations in the BOBDUBI area.
5. Tasks of D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn
 - (a) To deny to the enemy the CISSEMBOB - HOTE area, thereby acting as left flank protection to 15 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) To secure the CISSEMBOB-HOTE area as a firm base for future operations towards SALAMAUA when ordered by this HQ.
 - (c) To establish control of HOTE- MALOLO track by offensive patrolling, by the establishing of ambush positions and the manning of GPs.
 - (d) To make recce towards the native villages of MALAGOWAN - MALOLO.
 - (e) To collect and forward information of enemy strengths, dispositions and movements.

METHOD

6.
 - (a) OC D Coy will prepare an appreciation of the situation as at 1200 hrs 9 Jul 43.
 - (b) This will be submitted to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde for approval.
 - (c) OC D Coy will then implement the plan adopted.
7. Patrolling
 - (a) D Coy will ensure that the tracks within the area are covered regularly to ensure there has been no enemy movement.
 - (b) One patrol will be sent every two days to MISSIM to provide lateral communication.
8. Works Policy
 - (a) Weapon pits, section posts will be dug.
 - (b) LMG will be pillboxed.
 - (c) Defences will be camouflaged.

MINISTRATION

9. Ammunition, Supplies, Water

(a) Scale A will be held in Section Posts.

(b) Three Pd Ops and three days reserve of water per man will be held in each section post.

10. Medical

(a) ADS - MISSIM

(b) D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will make arrangements with local ANGAU representative to evacuate to MISSIM.

11. Hygiene

(a) Section latrines will be dug.

(b) All tins and rubbish will be buried.

(c) Malarial precautions will be taken.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

12. Main HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde is at MISSIM.

13. (a) W/T 308 set will be used at Coy HQ to Bde HQ.

(b) W/T 208 set will be used for intercommunication between the ambush position and Coy HQ.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

B. H. Davis

Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Signature 1130 hrs

Method of Issue: ~~Letter~~

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15 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION NO 2

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

7 Jul 43

INTRODUCTION

1. Unnecessary work and a considerable waste of signal time has been incurred at this HQ owing to the necessity to telephone to originators of messages to obtain complete details of reports and actions against the enemy.
2. 15 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No 1 gives full particulars of what is required in reports. However to freshen the memories of those concerned, the points are recapitulated below. All details no matter how trivial it may seem to the observer will be reported.
3. Reports will not be forwarded to higher formations in an incomplete form. On the few occasions when complete information is not available such will be stated and every effort will be made immediately to procure the information and forward it immediately.

4. All Incidents

(a)

- (i) Designation of observer. i.e. "B Coy" standing patrol!
- (ii) Position of observer.
- (iii) Time of observation.
- (iv) Where observed.
- (v) Direction of movt.
- (vi) Number and description of enemy (description includes dress, appearance and size.)
- (vii) Equipment carried.
- (viii) Comment (noted as such)

Enemy Attack

(b)

- (i) Position attacked giving own strength and time.
- (ii) Direction of attack.
- (iii) Number of enemy involved.
- (iv) Weapons being used by enemy.
- (v) Effectiveness of attack.
- (vi) Casualties - own and enemy.

Own attack

(c)

Similar heading as for (b).

OP Reports

(d)

Ref 15 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Instruction No 1, which sets out a pro-forma as under

OBSERVATION POST REPORT

OP LOG

No	Map ref	Date	Manned by	
Serial No	Time	Bearing distance	Approx Event or Deduction Infm	Action Taken

5. This instruction will be passed on to all personnel and will be adopted forthwith.

B. N. Kauris

Major
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

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- (VIA) **DISTRIBUTION :**
 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.
 D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn.
 3 Aust Div - for information
 Bde Comd. ✓
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INTRODUCTION

1. Unnecessary work and a considerable waste of time has been incurred in the past in the preparation of reports and the distribution of messages to units in the front and to the rear.

2. It is the intention of the new instructions to give full particulars of what is required in reports. However in the case of those concerned, the points are emphasized below. All details in reports are to be given in full and the observer will be required to

3. Reports will not be forwarded to higher formations in an incomplete form. On the few occasions when complete information is not available, this will be stated and every effort will be made to forward the information as soon as it is available.

4. All incidents
(a)

- (i) Direction of observer. i.e. "a Coy" standing patrol
- (ii) Position of observer.
- (iii) Time of observation.
- (iv) Where observed.
- (v) Direction of movement.
- (vi) Number and description of enemy (description included)
- (vii) Dress, appearance and size.
- (viii) Equipment carried.
- (ix) Comments (noted as above)

5. Enemy Attack
(a)

- (i) Position assumed giving own strength and time.
- (ii) Direction of attack.
- (iii) Number of enemy involved.
- (iv) Weapons being used by enemy.
- (v) Effectiveness of attack.
- (vi) Casualties - own and enemy.

6. Air Attack
(a)

Similar heading as for (a).

7. Reports
(a)

It is the intention of the new instructions to give full particulars of what is required in reports. However in the case of those concerned, the points are emphasized below. All details in reports are to be given in full and the observer will be required to

8. Observations from the rear

to be

9. This instruction will be issued to all personnel and will be accepted forthwith.

A. H. ...
Major
3rd Aust Inf Bn

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 58/59 aust inf bn
FROM 15 aust inf bde

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MOST SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) 15 aust inf bde op inst
 no 3 (.) plan for ops by 58/59 aust inf bn 8/10 Jul
 (.) one (.) object (.) to prevent enemy
 movement WEST to BOBDUBI ridge NORTH and SOUTH
 along KOMIATUM track from JUNCTION with
 FRANCISCO RIVER ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000
 710968 to ERSKINE CK 706950 to
 assist ops of 17 aust inf
 bde by control of KOMIATUM track
 (.) 58/59 aust inf bn plan
 for ops for 8/9 Jul will
 be submitted this HQ by 0700K/3
 (.) ack

*BN Drans important
may*

*Log and
return to Bch*

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MESSAGE FORM

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To : 3 aust div

From : 15 aust inf bde 0 476

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MOST SECRET (.) DOUBLET (.) ref your
 0 3755 timed 1752 hrs (.) cannot understand this
 query as bde comd already advised G 1
 at 1000 hrs that one reason for his
 movement to 58/59 bn today was to discuss
 the subject mentioned in your signal of
 1752 hrs (.) ~~the~~ comd informed the G 1
 that he could NOT understand B coy allowing
 the large enemy parties passing by without
 opposition and was going forward to boost
 up the offensive spirit (.) further infm
 reveals that a patrol of B coy
~~was~~ ~~on~~ on the KOMIATUM TRACK killing 3
 enemy while another patrol observed the large
 enemy parties (.) the area is NOT
 suitable for MMG (.) one 3 inch
 mortar is with the coy but the
 terrain is NOT helpful to its employment
 (.) brens and OSMG are just as
 effective on limited range targets (.) arrangements
 made with C O 58/59 bn by bde comd
 today were to increase the tempo of
 offensive action from 7 JUL with an all
 out effort on 9 JUL to assist the
 advance of 17 bde (.) B coy today killed
 10 japs with probables 2 which indicates
 an increase in offensiveness as arranged with
 58/59 bn by L/T last night

Brens important way

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One 195

Hold
5 feet

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58/59 aust inf bn 2/3 aust indep coy D coy 24 aust inf bn
15 aust inf bde

0440

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MOST SECRET	(.)	DOUBLET	(.)	following
is	summary	of	future	events
(.)	REF	KOMIATUM	SALAMAUA	1/25000
according	to	plan	exploitation	phase
(.)	FIRST	(.)	intention	(.)
to	drive	the	enemy	NORTH
of	FRANCISCO	RIVER	and	isolate
SALAMAUA	by	denying	the	enemy
use	of	coastal	track	LAE
SALAMAUA	(.)	implementing	following	is
outline	of	tasks	to	be
carried	out	(.)	SECOND	(.)
FIB	coy	will	establish	bridgehead
vicinity	LOKANU	758957	also	establish
outposts	on	LOKANU SPUR	in	area
762963	25 and	on	SCOUT HILL	753973
(.)	THIRD	(.)	2/3	indep
coy	is	to	occupy	a
898A	MOUNT TAMBU	SADDLE	area	square
7091	ed and	prevent	escape	NE
or	North	of	enemy	from
MUBO	area	(.)	FOURTH	(.)
25	bn	17	bde	is
to	exploit	Northward	until	contact
is	made	with	2/3	indep
coy	(.)	subsequently	this	bn

will	move	North	via	main
KOMIATUM	SALAMAUA	track	to	area
in	vicinity	junction	OSBORNE	and
BURALI	CRS	703965	(.)	subsequent
task	25 bn	will	be	to
advance	Eastward	and	secure	high
ground	south	of	river	in
square	● 7296	(.)	op	of
this	bn	will	be	supported
by	15 sust inf	bde	from	BOBUBI
RIDGE	area	(.)	FIFTH	(.)
2/3	indep	coy	after	completion
of	above	task	will	move
to	NOTE	area	and	take
over	role	of	D	coy
24	sust	inf	bn	(.)
SIXTH	(.)	D coy	24	sust
inf	bn	will	establish	a
firm	base	in	the	area
west	of	HAUOLO	from	which
to	carry	out	harassing	raids
on	the	coastal	track	LAE
XXXXXXXXXX	(.)	ack		
SALAMAUA				

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IMMEDIATE

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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OUT

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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 3 aust div

FROM 15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number
0437

Date
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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally) MOST	SECRET	(.)	DOUBLET	(.)	5
sgt	SWAN	2/3	indep	coy	10
reports	excellent	track	from	junc	15
ALLANS	CK	and	BURRIS RIVER	683979	20
to	BURRIS	CK	703989	to	25
village	NEW	ASINI	710034	(.)	30
2/3	indep	coy	at	present	35
holding	this	area	but	move	40
of	2/3	indep	coy	5 JUL	45
will	mean	that	rear	of	50
58/59 bn	completely	unprotected	(.)	58/59 bn	55
instructed	at	1200 hrs	4 JUL	to	60
patrol	this	track	with	strong	65
fighting	patrol	(.)	D coy	24 bn	70
instructed	to	place	standing	patrol	75
from	16 pl	ambush	posn	to	80
NEW	ASINI	track	(.)	an	85
enemy	move	down	this	track	90
could	be	swift	and	embarrassing XXXXXXXXXXXX	95
and	may	completely	cut	off	100
58/59 bn	(.)	if	sufficient	warning	105
is	obtained	of	any	enemy	110
move	it	would	be	necessary	115
to	withdraw	portion	of	58/59 bn	120
from	BOBDUBI	RIDGE	to	prevent	125
encirclement	(.)	lt-col	GUINN	concur	130

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
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FROM 15 aust inf bde

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0 405

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In Reply to Number

0 3650

(Write horizontally)					5
object	(.)	cut	JAP	L. of C	
at	TAMBU	SADDLE	area	695910 XXXXXX	10
exploit	south	to	BUIRO	CK	15
6989	dig	in	and	prevent	20
all	enemy	movement	(.)	method	25
(.)	movement	own	troops	MEARES	30
CREEK	BOBDUBI	NAMLING	WELLS	DIERKE	35
STEPHENS	HUT	(?)	strike	5 JUL	40
(.)	details	of	strike	as	45
per	third	para	my	0 373	50
30 JUN	(.)	details	your	0 3616	55
and	0 4625	will	be	adhered	60
to	and	have	been	passed XXXX	65
on	verbally	by	comd	to	70
CO	2/3	indep	coy	(.)	75
exact	area	of	strike	is	80
shown	better	on	MISSIM	sheet	85
2 inch	which	shows	relationship	of	90
STEPHENS	track	BT to	STEPHENS	JUNG	95
and	GGODVIEW	JUNG	(.)	area XXXXXX	100
of	defence	is	between	these	105
two	junctions	(?)	03616	refers	110
only	to	object	(.)	this	115
HQ	holde	no	signal	referring	120
to	non-approval	of	method	(.)	125
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all	enemy	movement	(.)	method
(.)	movement	own	troops	MEARES
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per	third	para	my	O 373
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STEPHENS	track	KT to	STEPHENS	JUNC
and	GOODVIEW	JUNC	(.)	area
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HQ	holds	no	signal	referring
to	non-approval	of	method	(.)
request	Information			

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<i>(Write horizontally)</i> MOST SECRET	(.)	one	(.)	following	5
message	is	written	confirmation	of	10
verbal	orders	given	to	CO	15
2/3	aust	indep	coy	by	20
Bde	Comd	at	093OK/1	(.)	25
two	(.)	15	aust	inf	30
bde	op	instn	no	2	35
(.)	object	and	method	as	40
per	2/3	aust	indep	coy	45
plan	for	ops	against	Jap s	50
L of C	in	TAMBU	area	(.)	55
my	0373	to	3	aust	60
div	refers	(.)	no	exploitation	65
SOUTH	of	BUI EO CK	6989	(.)	70
tasks	on	consolidation	to	dig	75
in	clear	fire	lanes	to	80
control	KONIATUM	track	and	to	85
establish	standing	patrols	(.)	large	90
fighting	patrols	will	NOT	be	95
used	(.)	ADM	(.)	L of C	100
will	be	established	BOBDUBI	NANLING	105
WELLS	DIERKE	STEPHENS HUT	(.)	alternative	110
L of C	BASE 3	JEFFERYS	VEILS	PIONEER	115
JUNC	BASE 4	STEPHENS HUT	(.)	natives	120
at	present	BASE 3	under	comd	125
2/3	aust	indep	coy	(.)	130

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additional	boys	for	casualties	to	10
be	based	on	NAMLING	or	15
BASE 3	depending	on	L of C	used	20
(.)	evacuation	by	ULIAP CK	(.)	25
INTERCOMN	(.)	L/T	to	be	30
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bde	op	instn	no	2	35
(.)	object	and	method	as	40
per	2/3	aust	indep	coy	45
plan	for	ops	against	Japs	50
L of C	in	TAMBU	area	(.)	55
my	0373	to	3	aust	60
div	refers	(.)	no	exploitation	65
SOUTH	of	BUI EO CK	6989	(.)	70
tasks	on	consolidation	to	dig	75
in	clear	fire	lanes	to	80
control	KOMIATUM	track	and	to	85
establish	standing	patrols	(.)	large	90
fighting	patrols	will	NOT	be	95
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TO 2/3 aust indep coy rptd SC

FROM 15 aust inf bde

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(Write horizontally)					
MOST	SECRET	(.)	15	aust	5
inf	bde	op	instn	No	10
2	(.)	object	and	method	15
as	per	2/3 2/3	agst aust	indep	20
coy	plan	for	ops	against	25
Jap	L of C	in	TAMBU	area	30
(.)	my	0373	to	3	35
aust	div	refers	(.)	no	40
exploitaton	SOUTH	of	XXXXXXXX BUI E O CK	6989 6989	45
(.)	tasks	on	consolidation	to	50
dig	in	clear	fire	mes lanes	55
to	control	KOMIATUM	track	and	60
to	establish	standing	patrols	(.)	65
large	fighting	patrols	will	NOT	70
be	used	(.)	ADM	(.)	75
L of C	will	be	established	BOBDUBI	80
NAMLING	WELLS	DIERKE	STEPHENS HUT	(.)	85
aternative	L of C	BASE 3	JEFFERYS	VELLS	90
PIONEER JUNG	BASE 4	STEPHENS HUT	(.)	natives	95
at	present	BASE 3	under	comd	100
2/3	agst aust	indep	coy	(.)	105
SC	will	make	available	32	110
additional	boys	for	casualties	to	115
be	based	on	NAMLING	or	120
BASE 3	depending	on	XXXXXXXX L of C	used	125
(.)	evacuation	by	ULIAP CK	(.)	130

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TO 3 aust div

FROM 15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number
0 373

Date
30

In Reply to Number
03600

(Write horizontally) MOST	SECRET	(.)	FIRST	(.)	5
outline	plan	2/3	aust	indep	10
coy	(.)	object	(.)	cut	15
JAP	L of C	at	TAMBU	SADDLE	20
exploit	NORTH	to	KOMIAPUM	SOUTH	25
to	BUISSAVELLA	CK	dig	in	30
and	prevent	all	enemy	movt	35
(.)	SECOND	(.)	movt	of	40
own	troops	(.)	1 Jul	HQ	45
and	C Pl	MEARES	CK	A Pl	50
concentrate	MISSIM	(.)	2 Jul	HQ	55
and	C Pl	NAMLING	B Pl	VEILS	60
A Pl	MEARES	CK	(.)	3 Jul	65
HQ	and	C Pl	DIERKE	B Pl	70
BASE 4	A Pl	VEILS	(.)	4 Jul	75
HQ	and	C Pl	STEPHENS	B Pl	80
GOODVIEW	A Pl	BASE 4	(.)	5 Jul	85
strike	(.)	THIRD	(.)	method	90
(.)	C Pl	ambush	STEPHENS	689912	95
B Pl	ambush	GOODVIEW	698906	Coy HQ	100
687909	(.)	consolidate	689912	and	105
exploit	to	STAGING	CAMP	708918	110
consolidate	698906	and	exploit	towards	115
MUBO	(.)	FOURTH	(.)	ref	120
para	2	and	3	your	125
03600	agree	(.)	unwise	permit	130

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TO	Originator's Number 0 373	Date 30	In Reply to Number 03600
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<i>(Write horizontally)</i> movt	2/3	aust	indep	coy	5
from	MEARES	CK	until	BOBDUBI	10
established	firmly	established	(.)	FIFTH	15
(.)	supplies	(.)	before	movt	20
of	coy	from	MEARES	CK	25
it	is	essential	that	dropping	30
plan	as	requested	at	NUNNS	35
POST	be	adhered	to	(.)	40
SIXTH	(.)	suggest	alternative	plan	45
for	use	2/3	aust	indep	50
coy	(.)	occupation	of	feature	55
715978	to	722988	to	725995	60
NORTH	and	EAST	of	BOBDUBI	65
(.)	occupation	of	these	features	70
with	harassing	raids	on	SALAMAUA	75
would	tend	to	weaken	enemy	80
base	position	and	at	same	85
time	prevent	reinforcements	to	or	90
evacuations	from	MUBO	(.)	ACK	95
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TO	2/3 undep coy		
FROM	15 Aust Inf Bde	Originator's Number 0367	Date 30
SECRET	0	2/3	undep coy
be	prepared to	move	sk
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TO

58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy, D coy 24 aust inf bn, rptd 3 div, bde staff.

FROM

15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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FROM 15 aust inf bde

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0 348

Date
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0 3577

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	doublet	(.)	5
on	receipt	of	instns	from	10
div	for	execution	of	phase	15
two	in	KOMIATUM	area	time	20
to	commence	ops	in	TAMBU	25
KOMIATUM	area	requires	X 5 five	days	30
(.)	outline	plan	for	this	35
operation	provides	D	minus	5	40
concentrate	MISSIM	D	minus	4	45
BASE	3	D	minus	3	50
VEILS	D 4/4/4	minus	2	BASE	55
4	D	minus	1	STEPHENS	60
TRACK	and	GOODVIEW	JUNG	(.)	65
D	day	strike	(.)	earliest	70
possible	day	of	strike	is	75
D	plus	9	as	2/3	80
indep	coy	can	NOT	complete	85
concentration	MISSIM	till	D	plus	90
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TO *3 anst dw*

FROM *15 anst inf bde*

Originator's Number *0345* Date *29* In Reply to Number *03575*

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TO	<i>3 must die</i>		
FROM	<i>15 must in hand</i>	Originator's Number	Date
		<i>0349</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>MOST</i>	<i>SECRET</i>	<i>doublet</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>work</i>	<i>proceeding</i>	<i>according</i>	<i>to</i>
			<i>troop plan</i>

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TO **3 armt div** (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM **15 armt inf bde** Originator's Number **0 342** Date **28** In Reply to Number

most SECRET	0	doublet	0	ny
3	du	order	No	11
para	12	(a)	0	bu
ana	MEARES	CK	BUGASU	JUNC
2/3	indup	copy	MISSIM	BASE
special	parties	as	per	ny
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TO **58/59 aust inf bn**

FROM **15 aust inf bde**

Originator's Number
0 337

Date
28

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
HOT	SECRET	(.)	ORDER	OP	5
THE	DAY	prior	order	es	
the	day		to	operations	10
In	SALAMAU	area	30	JUN	15
43	(.)	To	comd	officer	20
58/59	aust	inf	bn	and	25
all	personnel	under	comd	(.)	30
you	have	been	allotted	a	35
most	important	task	in	operations	40
commencing	on	30	JUN	43	45
(.)	BOBUBI	RIDGE	which	is	50
your	objective	is	the	key	55
to	the	situation	extending	SOUTH	60
to	MUBO	area	(.)	its	65
occupation	means	that	we	will	70
be	placed	in	a	position	75
to	prevent	the	enemy	reinforcing	80
or	supplying	their	forward	areas	85
(.)	further	those	forward	will	90
be	trapped	like	rats	in	95
a	trap	it	will	be	100
your	duty	to	see	that	105
they	are	annihilated	in	attempting	110
to	get	out	(.)	by	115
your	determination	and	courage	to	120
carry	out	the	heavy	task	125
allotted	you	will	win	the	130

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day	thereby	adding	your	first	
battle	honours	to	a	unit	10
with	a	fine	tradition	during	15
the	years	1914 - 18	(.)	as	20
cond	of	operations	in	this	25
area	I	wish	you	all	30
good	hunting	and	the	very	35
best	of	luck	(.)	remember	40
lads	AVENGE	MALAYA	(.)	what	45
you	gain	you	hold	(.)	50
HENRY	G	GUINN	LE-COL	adm	55
cond	15	asst	inf	bde	60
					65
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TO *58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust ind coy, D Coy 24 aust inf bn, 2/2 Pd Amb, AASC SERIPUN, AEGAT PLEUNG, 3 aust div, 17 bde, L and also, 15 aust inf bde MISSIM, S. Capt.*

FROM *15 aust inf bde* Originator's Number *0 330* Date *28* In Reply to Number

SECRET	(.)	Bgo	NQ	closes	present
location	0800 hrs	29	Jun	43	and
opens	0800 hrs	29	Jun	43	at
MISSIM	ref	KOMIATUM	1:25000,	598962.	
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>				

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TO
 3 aust div
 FROM
 15 aust inf bde
 Originator's Number
 0 336
 Date
 28
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MOST	SECRET	(.)	DOUBLET	(.)	5
ref	3	aust	div	op	10
order	No	1	para	10	15
(c)	(.)	outline	plan	2/3	20
aust	indep	coy	(.)	one	25
(.)	MALOLO	(.)	Lieut	LEWIN	30
15 ORs	2	engineers	1	med	35
orderly	moved	MISSIM	D	minus	40
3	to	HOTE	(.)	take	45
posn	overlooking	MALOLO	prior	dawn	50
D Day	(.)	no	strike	before	55
daylight	D Day	(.)	on	completion	60
maximum	damage	return	via	HOTE	65
arriving	MISSIM	D	plus	4	70
(.)	two	(.)	KELA	HILL	75
(.)	object	maximum	damage	installations	80
and	personnel	KELA	HILL	area	85
(.)	Comd	Sgt	SWAN	and	90
5 ORs	(.)	D	minus	3	95
departed	MISSIM	(.)	D	minus	100
2	move	to	head	waters	105
SANDY	CREEK	(.)	D	minus	110
1	recce	(.)	D	Day	115
demolitions	NOT	to	be	fired	120
before	0400 hrs	(.)	D	plus	125
2	return	MISSIM	(.)	Intercomm	130

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TO 15 AUST INF BDE

FROM 58/59 AUST INF BN

Originator's Number
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Out 690

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TO

58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy, D coy 24 aust inf bn,

rptd 3 div, bde staff.

FROM

15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0 332

Date

27

In Reply to Number

the	Bde	Comd	directs	that	every
step	to	ensure	security	is	taken
(.)	officers	are	to	search	men
for	documents	(.)	pl	comds	will
NOT	carry	maps	other	then	sketches
of	their	own	area	(.)	coy
comd	will	carry	one	ONLY	KOMIATUM

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FROM

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5000	(.)	These	sketches	and	maps
11	be	destroyed	if	liable	to
11	in	enemy	hands	by	action
or	in	event	of	casualties	(.)
K	0	all	informed		

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3 ant div

FROM

15 ant inf bde

Originator's Number

0331

Date

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SIGNATURE *W.H. James Maj*

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TO

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FROM

15 aust inf lde

Originator's Number

0 328

Date

27

In Reply to Number

03559

Further	my	0 326	①	OLD	VICKERS
GUN	position	is	knife	edge	ridge
extending	EAST	WEST	from	H 862	to
H 862	①	my	ASP	9	①
understand	position	can	be	sun	from
air	①	request	air	strike	

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GR. **158**

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TO **3 aust div** (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM **15 aust inf bde**

Originator's Number
0327

Date
27

In Reply to Number

MOST	SECRET	0	double	0	bde
HQ	will	move	MISSIM	D	minus
one	0	details	will	be	notified
later	0	PILMUNG	will	then	held
only	necessary	personnel		from	ASC
and	staging	camps.			

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15 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER NO 1.

AMENDMENT NO 1.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
25 Jun 43

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ABOVE ORDER.
AS THERE ARE ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ABOVE ORDER
HEADINGS WILL BE SET OUT AND RE-NUMBERED WHERE NECESSARY.

Ref map KOMIATUM 1:25000

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

- (a) It is estimated.....(as in original order).
- (b) Latest information of known enemy positions is given on sketch handed to Comds.
Enemy is known to be in ORODUBI-GWAIBOLOMS-NORTH, SOUTH and CENTRE COCOANUTS-GARDENS in area 693965.
- (c) Resume of the enemy movements 5 to 21 Jun based on patrol reports during this time was also handed to Comds.

2. OWN TROOPS

Stet.

INTENTION

3. Stet.

4. AIR SUPPORT

- (a) Air support will be given by bombing and straffing of;
 - (i) ORODUBI(697938)
 - (ii) GWAIBOLOMS (697948)
 - (iii) GARDEN/ AREA (693965)
 - (iv) OLD VICKERS POSITION (697968)
 - (v) NORTH, SOUTH and CENTRE COCOANUTS (area 703975)
- (b) Time over target will be 0830 hrs D Day. There will be no bombing after 0900 hrs.

METHOD ; STAGE 1

5. 58/59 AUST INF BN

(a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, by night approach on D-minus 1/D Day on D Day will capture BOBDUBI RIDGE from ORODUBI incl to NORTH end of ridge. Limit of exploitation to EAST is general NORTH-SOUTH line of KOMIATUM track. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will supply 12 guides - One for each forward platoon and one for each Coy HQ. Guides will report to HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn MEARES CREEK, 1500 hrs D minus 2.

(b) Stet.

(c) Works policy

- (i) Section pits
- (ii) Clearings and clearing of fire lanes.
- (iii) Booby traps.
A plan of all booby traps laid will be prepared and forwarded to Bde HQ.
- (iv) Section posts.
- (v) Reserves of ammunition, water and rations.

(vi) MMGs and LMGs will be pillboxed sufficiently strongly enough to resist aerial bombing, artillery and heavy mortar fire.

(d) Patrolling policy

- (i) No movement of the enemy is to be permitted without our knowledge.
- (ii) By offensive patrolling, features NORTH of BOBDUBI and on the NORTH side of the FRANCISCO RIVER will be vigourously patrolled daily.
- (iii) The enemy must NOT be permitted to establish positions on these features.

6. 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

(a) Stet.

(b) Delete three men and insert six men.

(c) Stet.

(d) Delete whole paragraph.

7. (a) D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will prepare ambush positions forward of HOTE towards MALOLO and inflict maximum casualties on any enemy moving towards HOTE.

(b) Comd of above ambush personnel will establish a booby trap and mine-field forward of the ambush mentioned in para (a) above.

(c) If enemy withdraws, contact will be maintained.

(d) If enemy appears in strength, limit of withdrawal of own troops will be CISSEMBOB-DAHO area. CISSEMBOB-DAHO area will be held against attack from any direction. The area will be held at all costs.
There will be NO withdrawal from this area.

ADMINISTRATION

8. Ammunition

(a) Stet.

(b) Stet.

(c) Stet.

(d) Location of reserves.

BUGASU DROPPING GROUND - One scale "B" 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
MISSIM - One scale "B" 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.
SELEBUB - One scale "B" for whole force.

9. Small Rations

Stet.

10. Medical

(a) Light Section Posts MEARES CREEK.

(b) Operating det. BASE 3.

(c) ADS MISSIM. (60 beds)

(d) Evacuation of casualties will be co-ordinated with ANGAU by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.

11. Tools

Stet.

12. Security

(a) Stet.

(b) Stet.

(c) Insert : All troops will be searched prior to D Day and papers bearing identifications of units will be removed. Identification discs will be worn.

13. Water

Stet.

14. POW

(a) POW will be returned under escort to MISSIM.

will establish POW

(b) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy[^] and will be responsible for the safe custody of POW.

(c) All prisoners will be thoroughly searched. Any documents or papers found on prisoners will be immediately removed and forwarded to Bde HQ.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

15. HQ.

(a) Bde HQ will be established at MISSIM (600964) on D minus 1. Comd post will be established BUGASU JUNCTION area (608971).

(b) ~~Delste ; Details to be notified later.~~

16. 11 Sets.

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17. 208 Sets.

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18. L/T

(a) Stet.

(b) Stet.

(c) Stet.

(d) Direct L/T communication to Bde HQ through the Comd post will be established.

19. Visual

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20. Wireless Silence

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21. Maintenance

Stet.

22. Signal diagram.

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23. GOC's Instruction
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24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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15 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER NO 1.

AMENDMENT NO 1.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

23 Jun 43

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INFORMATION

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2. OWN TROOPS

Stet.

INTENTION

3. Stet.

4. AIR SUPPORT

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 - (ii) GWAIBOLOMS (697948)
 - (iii) GARDEN AREA (693965)
 - (iv) OLD VICKERS POSITION (697968)
 - (v) NORTH, SOUTH and CENTRE COCOANUTS (area 703975)

- (b) Time over target will be 0630 hrs D Day. There will be no bombing after 0800 hrs.

METHOD ; STAGE 1

5. 58/59 AUST INF BN

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- (b) Stet.

- (c) Works policy

- (i) Section pits
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- (iii) Booby traps.
A plan of all booby traps laid will be prepared and forwarded to Bde HQ.
- (iv) Section posts.
- (v) Reserves of ammunition, water and rations.

(vi) Mags and LMGs will be pillboxed sufficiently strongly enough to resist aerial bombing, artillery and heavy mortar fire.

(d) Patrolling policy

- (i) No movement of the enemy is to be permitted without our knowledge.
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8. Ammunition

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2. OWN TROOPS

Stet.

INTENTION

3. Stet.

4. AIR SUPPORT

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<i>via</i>	BASE	3	<i>to</i>	NAMLING	35
<i>Objectives</i>	ORODUBI	GWAIBOLOMS		<i>June</i>	40
<i>of</i>	<i>Track</i>	<i>and</i>	ERSKINE	<i>CK</i>	45
<i>705977</i>	0	<i>one</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>to</i>	50
<i>contain</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>known</i>	<i>dispositions</i>	55
<i>area</i>	<i>698996</i>	0	<i>one</i>	<i>coy</i>	60
<i>approach</i>	<i>up</i>	ULIAP	<i>CK</i>	<i>then</i>	65
EAST	<i>Objectives</i>	@ GARDENS	<i>696988</i>	VICKERS	70
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<i>701986</i>	0	<i>reserve</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>area</i>	80
KUNDA	ISLAND	<i>task</i>	<i>watch</i>	<i>approach</i>	85
<i>from</i>	NORTH	<i>over</i>	BURRIS	RIVER	90
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<i>coy</i>	<i>move</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>control</i>	KOMIATUM	100
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most	secret	(.)	doublet	(.)	5
gar <i>av</i>	request	(.)	photo	ref	10
ASP 9	map	ref	KOMIATUM	1	15
to	25000	(.)	mission	co-ordinated	20
with	movement	friendly	troops	(.)	25
BOBDUBI	RIDGE	known	enemy	locations	30
(.)	one	(.)	ORODUBI	photo	35
ref	G 375	repeat	G 375b	map	40
ref	697939	repeat	697939	(.)	45
two	(.)	GWAIBOLOMS	three	huts	50
photo	ref	G 773	repeat	G 773	55
map	ref	697494g	repeat	697949	60
(.)	three	(.)	NATIVE	GARDEN	65
OLD	VICKERS	GUN	POSITION	photo	70
ref	H 966	H 366	H 964	H 463	75
repeat	H 966	H 366	H 964v	H 463	80
map	ref	NATIVE	GARDEN	square	85
6996	central	repeat	6996i	central	90
OLD	VICKERS	GUN	POSITION	697970	95
repeat	697970	(.)	four	(.)	100
three	cocanut	clumps	vicinity	OLD	105
BOBDUBI	on	line	photo	ref	110
G 056	to	G 253	repeat	G 056	115
to	G 253	map	ref	704975	120
to	704976	repeat	704975	to	125
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to	occupy	area	ORODUBI	GWAIBOLOMS	10
one	coy	move	from	ULIAP	15
CK	to	occupy	NATIVE	GARDEN	20
OLD	VICKERS	GUN	POSITION	one	25
coy	through	NATIVE	GARDEN	to	30
occupy	area	photo	ref	E 662	35
E 061	E 658	E 058	repeat	E 662	40
E 061	E 658	E 058	map	ref	45
706964	709964	706967	709968	repeat	50
706964	709964	706967	709968	(.)	55
request	bombing	strafing	D Day	on	60
ORODUBI	GWAIBOLOMS	photo	ref	G 375	65
G 773	repeat	G 375	G773	map	70
ref	697939	697949	repeat	697939	75
697949	NATIVE	GARDEN	OLD	VICKERS	80
GUN	POSITION	photo	ref	H 966	85
H 366	H 964	H 463	repeat	H 966	90
H 366	H 964	H 463	map	ref	95
NATIVE	GARDEN	square	6996	central	100
repeat	6996	central	OLD	VICKERS	105
GUN	POSITION	697970	repeat	697970	110
cocoanuts	OLD	BOBDUBI	photo	ref	115
G 056	G 253	repeat	G 056	G 253	120
map	ref	704975	704976	repeat	125
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line	8	repeat	8	EAST	10
of	line	along	ULIAP	CK	15
photo	ref	J 380	J 840	repeat	20
J 380	J 840	SOUTH	of	gridline	25
4	repeat	4	(.)	T O T	30
0830 hrs	(.	no	bombing	after	35
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(sgd) C.E. NEWMAN Cap Immediate

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request	⊙	photo	ref	10	
map	ref	KOMIATUM	1	15	
25000	⊙	mission	coordinates	20	
movement	friendly	troops	⊙	25	
RIDGE	known	enemy	locations	30	
one	⊙	ORODUBI	photo	35	
G 375	repeat	G 375	map	40	
697939	repeat	697939	⊙	45	
⊙	GWAIBOLOMS	three	huts	50	
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ref	697949	repeat	697949	60	
three	⊙	NATIVE	GARDEN photo	65	
OLD	VICKERS	GUN	POSITION	70	
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repeat	697970	⊙	four	⊙	100
three	cocoanut	clumps	vicinity	OLD	105
BOBDUBI	on	line	photo	ref	110
G 056	to	G 253	repeat	G 056	115
to	G 253	map	ref	704975	120
to	704976	repeat	704975	to	125
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GUN	POSITION	photo	ref	H 966 85
H 366	H 964	H 463	repeat	H 966 90
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NATIVE	GARDEN	square	6996	central 100
repeat	6996	central	OLD	VICKERS 105
GUN	POSITION	697970	repeat	697970 110
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line	9	repeat	8	east	10
of	line	along	ULIAP	OK	15
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J 380	J 840	South	of	gridline	25
4	repeat	4	⊕	TOT	30
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FROM

15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

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TO	2/3 indep coy, D coy 58/59 bn, 58/59 bn rpld 15 Bde		
FROM	15 Aust inf bde.	Originator's Number	In Reply to Number
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D	Coy	58/59	bn	reverts	to
comd	58/59	bn	as	from	2130
hrs	24 Jun				

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IMPLEMENTING OF OP ORDER NO 1

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

23 Jun 43

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Ref para 5(d) of 15 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 1.

1. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

(a) One pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will relieve D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn in BUGASU - NEARES CREEK area by 1000 hrs 28 Jun 43. D Coy will concentrate in NEARES CREEK area on afternoon 28 Jun ready to cross open kunai spur to forward coy area after dark or in misty conditions.

2. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

(a) By 1200 hrs 26 Jun, 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will dispose one section, one half at SELEBUB and one half at PILIMUNG.

(b) This section will be under command HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and will be used for local defence of the area and escort duties.

3. Staff Captain will co-ordinate movement of stores and will arrange accommodation and rationing at PILIMUNG and SELEBUB.

Er Newman Capt

for Major

BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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15 aust inf bde

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0 300

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In Reply to Number

0 3507

for	GOC	from	adm	comd	⊙
your	special	instruction	received	and	passed
out	to	all	under	comd	⊙
have	every	confidence	in	this	bde
carrying	out	its	task	⊙	men
are	keen	and	morale	high	

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TO 58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 aust indep coy, D coy 24 aust inf bn, det 2/2 aust fd and MISSIM, Det ASC SHLEBUR, L sec sigs.

FROM 15 aust inf bde

Originator's Number
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following	special	instruction	from	GOC	5
for	promulgation	to	all	leaders	10
down	to	see	conds	(.)	15
quote	(.)	jap	very	vulnerable	20
when	attacking	as	proved	by	25
recent	fighting	particularly	that	now	30
in	progress	HUBO	area	(.)	35
own	troops	DUG	in	with	40
firelanes	cleared	kill	jap	in	45
large	numbers	with	insignificant	losses	50
ourselves	(.)	21 jun	one	coy	55
2/6 bn	defeated	determined	attack	one	60
jap	bn	by	standing	fast	65
(.)	attack	finally	crumbled	in	70
places	only	ten	yards	from	75
our	fwd	positions	(.)	every	80
leader	see	cond	upwards	is	85
the	medium	to	create	confidence	90
and	success	or	fear	and	95
defeat	(.)	leaders	must	develop	100
attitude	of NINE	mind	which	will	105
inspire	tps	under	their	cond	110
to	stand	fast	(.)	remember	115
always	truth	of	maxim	fear	120
and	be	slain	(.)	unquote	125
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your	special	instruction	received	and	5
passed	on	to	all	under	10
cond	(.)	have	every	confidence	15
in	this	bde	carrying	out	20
its	task	(.)	men	are	25
keen	and	morale	high	(.)	30
unquote	(.)	notify	15 bde	when	35
above	duly	promulgated	(.)	all	40
informed.					45
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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

22 Jun 43

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3 Aust Div.

1. For your information, am forwarding "Sequence of Events" which I have introduced for DOUBLE T.
2. Operation Order has been completed by Brig Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde and forwarded. There will be minor alterations of which you will be informed by D minus 3 together with outline plan by Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
3. Patrolling of BOBDUBI RIDGE indicates that this feature is NOT as heavily occupied as at first thought. Patrols have been able to gain the top of the ridge without being observed, by moving via track from ULIAP CREEK. Patrols to features directly North of BOBDUBI RIDGE report these features are NOT occupied by enemy. MALOLO, outside small parties, is NOT occupied at present.
4. Supplies
If majority of rations and ammunition dropped regularly at SELEBUB, scheme outlined will be practicable.

Henry G. Quinn Lt-Col
Adm Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS PROCEEDING DOUBLE T

Ser. Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
1 D minus 9	A party, 120 of 58/59 Bn arrive PILIMUNG	360 rations at staging camp PILIMUNG				Maintenance strength 873 Natives 850
2 D minus 8	A party 58/59 Bn move SELEBUB B party 58/59 Bn arrives PILIMUNG	82 loads Fd Ops by special line to SELEBUB. A Coy 58/59 Bn will carry 120 Fd Ops in addition. Arrange rations C Coy arriving p.m. Normal maintenance to MISSIM		Collection ord- nance stores at SELEBUB	Comd 58/59 arrives PILIMUNG pm.	Maintce 993 Natives 850 Accommodn to be com- pleted SELEBUB for A Coy

Ser.	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
3	D minus 7	A party 58/59 stay SELEBUB. B Pty stay PILIMUNG. C Pty 58/59 arrive PILIMUNG. ✓	Arrange 120 rations MISSIM A party D minus 6 D minus 5. Normal mtce to MISSIM and BUGASU.	Proportion scale A to 2/3 Indep Coy MISSIM. Proportion scale A 58/59 Bn see remarks.	Douglas load of ordnance stores to be dropped. Check POWERHOUSE for 85 loads stores. 58/59 Bn stores to BUGASU. See remarks.	Bde recce and 0 Gp to BUGASU. Includes Comd 58/59 Bn. 2/3 Indep Coy OC D Coy 24 Bn	Maintce 1113 Natives 850 100 loads SELEBUB BUGASU DROPPING GRD 100 loads twice to MISSIM. 100 on dropping ground SELEBUB
4	D minus 6	A party 58/59 move MISSIM. Tfer natives to BUGASU DROPPING GROUND 200. B party 58/59 move SELEBUB. ✓ C party 58/59 Bn remain PILIMUNG. ✓ D party 58/59 Bn arrive PILIMUNG.	Rations B pty MISSIM ✓ Reserve as planned D minus 7.	Reserve as planned D minus 7.	Move Med stores MISSIM. 58/59 Bn stores BUGASU DROPPING GROUND.	D Coy 58/59 Bn reverts. D Coy 24 Bn to Bde Comd. Bombing SALAMAUA-mouth FRANCISCO R. Bde R & 0 gps to vicinity MEARES CK. Bde R group at MISSIM p.m.	Maintenance 1233 Natives 850

Ser	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
5	D minus 5	<p>A party 58/59 Bn move Base } stay MISSIM. B party 58/59 Bn move MISSIM. C party 58/59 Bn move SELEBUB. D party stay PILIMUMG. ✓</p>	<p>SWP rations for 58/59 Bn at MEARES CREEK. ✓ Rations for A & B parties MEARES CREEK. Rations for C & D parties MISSIM. Reserve to MISSIM.</p> <p><i>90 amn tomorrow Hops all parties rationed up to 27th</i></p>	<p>Complete 2/3 Indep Coy scale A at MISSIM. <i>Not yet</i> Complete D coy 24 Bn scale A at CISSEMBOB. <i>? dropping</i></p> <p><i>2/3 have most Scale A D Coy 24 Small portion 58/59 on the main PILIMUMG part Scale A Selebub very little. plus droppings 24 Jan</i></p>	<p>Hydro burners and fuel for 58/59 Bn to MEARES CREEK. Water containers. <i>only 2 gals range fuel + 1 Bde hydro burners</i></p>	<p>Div Sig <i>not left</i> L Sec Sigs estab- lish maintenance point MISSIM. Details to Div of Air strike. Recce group to PILIMUMG</p>	<p>Maintenance 1283 Natives 850</p>

6	D minus 4	<p>A party 58/59 Bn move MEARES CREEK. B party 58/59 Bn move MEARES CK. C party 58/59 Bn move to MISSIM. D party 58/59 Bn move to MISSIM.</p> <p><i>Adv Party Bde HQ moves to SELEBUB</i></p>	<p>Rations C & D party MEARES CK. Reserve rations as planned D minus 7.</p>	<p>Reserve move- ment as planned Diminus 17/</p>	<p>Dropping of Med stores complet- Div Q 841</p>		
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Ser	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
7	D minus 3	C party move MEARES CK. D party move MEARES CREEK.		Reserve BUGASU DROPPING GRD- MEARES CREEK	Troops at MEARES CK carry stores from BUGASU DROP- PING GROUND.	US combat team in pposition LASANGA ISLAND. All troops to be in prelimin- ary positions. Not- ify 3 Div(para 12 of Ddv 00) Bombing barges LABU LAGOON. Outline plan from 58/59 Bn to be submitted to Bde.	
8	D minus 2			Reserve BUGASU DROPPING GROUND- MEARES CK.	58/59 Bn stores BUGASU DROPPING GROUND-MEARES CREEK. troops and natives.	1300 hrs 12 guides from 2/3 Indep Coy report 58/59 Bn	Patrolling

Ser	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks	Remarks
9	D minus 1	Bde HQ moves SELEBUB		Scale A for 58/59 Bn MEARES CK-complete	Additional tools for 58/59 Bn at BUGASU DROPPING GROUND. Cable dump at 58/59 Bn HQ	Fighting patrols 24 Bn in position North of BUANG R. 17 Bde patrol div- ersion BITOI R. Bombing SALAMAUA- mouth FRANCISCO R. Night. 3 men 2/3 Indep Coy fire demolition charges NOT before 0400 hrs Night. US bridge- head NASSAU BAY.		Patrolling
10	D Day				See Ops(tools)	Check digging in tools up to ridge. 1100-1200 bombing mouth FRANCISCO R. and track west to BOBDUBI(see air plan) A/C avail- able for impromptu tasks.	Fwdmof air sup port request 15 No 16 in POSTERN "IN file. 3 days reserve of water in defen sive position. Bring up reser -ves ammunition and rations.	

Ser	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
11	D plus 1					Fires on BUGASU DROPPING GROUND if ridge scoured- every day thereafter Check digging in. Early morning - bombing mouth FRANSCISCO R and track to BOBDUBI (bomblines see air plan) also opportunity targets east of BOBDUBI at our request.	Ambushes and patrolling KOM) - IATUM track 3 Div Op Instn 3.
12	D plus 2					Early morning bombing mouth FRANSCISCO R and track.	

Ser	Date	Movt of personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks
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13 B plus 3

Early morning NOT
before D plus 3
bombing enemy
KOMIATUM - we re-
quest.
p.m. or night -
bombing mouth
FRANSCISCO R.

14 D plus 4

15 D plus 5

Ser	Date	Movt pf personnel	Rations	Ammunition	Stores	Ops	Remarks.
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16 D plus 6

Phase 3 should commence after D plus 5 opportunity targets east BOBDUBI ridge at our request

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

22 Jun 43

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MOVE OF 58/59 AUST INF BN.

- The following plan shows move of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn into forward area. Four parties each NOT exceeding 120 will arrive at places shown on dates indicated.

PLACE	21 JUN	22 JUN	23 JUN	24 JUN	25 JUN	26 JUN	27 JUN
HEARES CK						A ¹ B	C D
MISSIM				A	A ¹ B ¹	C D	
SILKBUB		A	A	B	C ¹ <i>passo</i>		
PILIMUNG	A	B	B C	C D	D		

Notes:-

- A - A Coy
- B - HQ Coy
- C - C Coy
- D - B Coy

- Each party will collect one Pd Op ration at PILIMUNG for use during operations. Each man moving forward of PILIMUNG should have two Pd Op Rations and one Emergency Ration.
- Pioneers at HEARES CK area constructing COs office and shelters for stores, also developing tracks to water and obtaining bamboo water containers and drums.
- Rece party, less those at HEARES CK, moves to MISSIM 22 Jun. Daily trips will be made by small parties to HEARES CK to recee thoroughly Coy areas. Coy representatives on recee party will form their Coys at MISSIM and guide them to selected areas.
- Every precaution will be taken to prevent enemy observation of the move. Open stretches of track will be reconnoitred by guides and will be crossed in small parties. No smoke will be allowed to be visible in daytime. Move from SILKBUB to MISSIM will be made at night or in misty conditions.

6. Most forward Coy area selected at HEARNS CK should be left vacant for D Coy which will concentrate and move to HEARNS CK on afternoon 27 Jun, and will move forward to its ^{Coy} area after dark.
7. Staff Captain will arrange staging and will have rations, cooking utensils and tools at HUGASU D.G. area ready to be picked up by each party.

B. H. Frazer.

Major

BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

58/59 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No	1
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D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn		3
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3 Aust Div		6
File		7-8

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP 144

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TO *58/59 aust inf bn, 2/3 indep coy, D Coy 24 bn*

FROM *15 aust inf bde*

Originator's Number: *0296*

Date: *22*

In Reply to Number: _____

<i>MOST</i>	<i>SECRET</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>aust</i>
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<i>⊙</i>	<i>operations will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>repeated to</i>		
<i>my</i>	<i>code word</i>	<i>DOUBLE</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>and</i>
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15 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER NO 1

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

22 Jun 43

Ref Maps: MT MISSIN 1st edition 1 inch to 1 mile
 SALAMAUA Revised 1 inch to 1 mile
 MUBO 1:25000

INFORMATION1. ENEMY

It is estimated that 1100 enemy are in MUBO - KOMIATUM area and 200 are at DUALI. BONDUBI area is believed to be held by approximately 500 although patrol reports indicate a lesser number actually in the area at present. SALAMAUA strength is estimated at 2600. This can readily be reinforced by sea.

2. OWN TROOPS

- (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde and a Battalion combat team from 162 US Regiment is to capture present enemy positions in MUBO area and exploit north towards KOMIATUM and north-east towards LOKANU. It is anticipated that this exploitation will be proceeding on D plus 8.
- (b) Strong fighting patrol of B4 Aust Inf Bn is to move to the north of RIVER BUANG and establish ambush to prevent enemy movement along coastal track in either direction. This patrol is to be in position by D minus 1 and remain as long as possible to inflict maximum casualties.
- (c) Direct Air Support for initial attack will be available on pre-arranged plan, after which requests for Air Support will be sent to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde for transmission to 3 Aust Div.
- (d) Order of Battle 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp is shown in Appendix "A".

DEFENSE3. Phase 1

15 Aust Inf Bde Gp will capture and hold BONDUBI RIDGE against expected counter attack and prevent enemy movement in vicinity of BONDUBI along L of C SALAMAUA - KOMIATUM.

Phase 2

After completion of Phase 1, 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp will capture and hold KOMIATUM area. Separate orders will be issued for Phase 2.

METHOD : PHASE 14. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

(a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn by night approach on night D minus 1/D day and dawn attack on D day will capture BONDUBI RIDGE from inclusive Old Vickers Gun position northwards to north end of BONDUBI RIDGE. Limit of exploitation to the east is general north-south line of KOMIATUM TRACK, and to the south UWAYBOLONS.

2/3 Aust Indep Coy will supply 12 guides - one for each forward platoon and one for each Coy HQ. Guides will report HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn MEARES CREEK 1500 hrs D minus 2.

(b) BONDUBI RIDGE will be consolidated immediately it is captured and will be developed as a defensive position against attack from any direction.

Stages will be :

(i) Hastily dug and sited individual weapon pits and slit trenches for immediate protection against counter attack.

(ii) Development of a connected defence system.

5. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

- (a) Detachment 2/3 Aust Indep Coy NOT exceeding 20 all ranks will raid enemy positions at MALOLO, and, after inflicting maximum casualties, make a clean break and withdraw to MISSIN.
- (b) On night D minus 1/D day a patrol of NOT more than 3 men from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will move into KWLA area to place (XXXXXXXXXX) demolition charges on anti-aircraft weapons, dumps or other installations/NOT before 0400 hrs D day.
to be fired
- (c) One platoon 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will be based at BASE 3 to resist any enemy attack on this flank, and provide a base for Phase 2.
- (d) Until Phase 2 is ordered 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will base one platoon to provide a firm base in MEARES CREEK - BUGASU JUNCTION area, and one section at SELEBUB PILIMUMG.

6. D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn

D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn will prepare ambush positions forward of HOPE towards MALOLO and inflict maximum casualties on any enemy moving towards HOPE. If enemy appears in strength limit of withdrawal will be CISEMBOB. If enemy withdraws contact will be maintained. CISEMBOB - DAMO area will be held against attack from any direction.

ADMINISTRATION

7. Ammunition

- (a) Scale A ammunition for 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will be dumped at MEARES CREEK by D minus 1.
- (b) Deficiency in 2/3 Aust Indep Coy Scale A will be delivered to MISSIN by D minus 5.
- (c) Deficiency in D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn Scale A will be delivered to CISEMBOB by D minus 5.
- (d) Location of Reserves :-
BUGASU DROPPING GROUND: One Scale B for 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
MISSIN : One Scale B for 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.
SELEBUB : One Scale B for whole force.
PILIMUMG : Two Scale B for whole force.
One Scale B for D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Rations

- (a) MEARES CREEK: All ranks 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will pick up at SELEBUB rations sufficient to outfit each man with 2 Pd Ops and one emergency ration which will be carried forward to MEARES CREEK and constitute unit reserve. SWP rations will be dumped at MEARES CREEK to maintain 58/59 Aust Inf Bn until night D minus 1.
- (b) Reserves:
BUGASU DROPPING GROUND: 2 days Pd Op rations for 600 - 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
4 days Pd Op rations for 30 troops at BUGASU DROPPING GROUND.
MISSIN : 4 days Pd Op rations for 300 - 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.
SELEBUB : 2 days Pd Op rations for 600 - 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
2 days Pd Op rations for 300 - 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.
1 day SWP and 4 days Pd Op rations for 30 local troops.
PILIMUMG : 4 days Pd Op rations for 120 local troops.
1 day SWP rations for whole force less 30 at SELEBUB.
CISEMBOB : 6 days Pd Op rations for 140 - D coy 24 Aust Inf Bn
BOHADU : 4 days Pd Op rations for local troops - 30 men.

(c) After D plus 3 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will be maintained by droppings at BUBASU DROPPING GROUND.

9. MEDICAL

MEARES CREEK : One light section 15 Aust Pd Amb.
MISSIM : ADS 2/3 Aust Pd Amb.

10. TOOLS

(a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will carry forward picks, shovels and axes for Stage 1 of consolidation.

(b) Additional tools will be dumped at BUBASU DROPPING GROUND. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn plan will provide for supply of these forward for Stage 2 of consolidation.

11. SECURITY

(a) No unusual movement of troops or smoke from fires will be allowed to come to the notice of the enemy.

(b) Four Hydre Burners less stands and 20 gals range fuel will be provided at MEARES CREEK for cooking. Cooking fires may be lit at NOT more than two kitchens. NO other fires will be permitted.

12. WATER

During Stage 1 of consolidation, 3 days reserve of water will be established in defensive position.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

13. HQ.

(a) Hqs HQ is established at PILIMUNG, map ref NT MISSIM 1 inch 550000.

(b) HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy is at MISSIM, map ref SALAMAUVA Revised 1 inch 603967.

14. 11 SETS

(a) One No 11 set and operators will be allotted to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will maintain one No 11 set.

15. 208 SETS

On any move of HQ of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn or 2/3 Aust Indep Coy communications will be maintained by 208 set to Hqs HQ during daylight.

16. L/T.

(a) Line communication exists to NUNNS POST, map ref SALAMAUVA 1 inch 667991, and BASE 3, map ref SALAMAUVA 1 inch 673956.

(b) A cable dump will be maintained at HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn for replenishment of expenditure.

(c) When L/T is established from Bn HQ to companies, lateral lines will be laid.

17. VISUAL
Visual stations for alternative means of communication will be sited.

18. WIRELESS SILENCE
Until contact is gained wireless silence will be maintained.

19. MAINTENANCE
L Sec Sigs will establish by D minus 5 at MISSIN a maintenance point for all signal equipment.

20. SIGNAL DIAGRAM
Signal diagram is attached as Appendix "B".

21. ACKNOWLEDGE.

B. H. Travers
Major
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Time of signature 2/5 hrs.

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2/3 Aust Indep Coy	2	"
D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn	3	"
Det 3 Div AASC, SELBUB	4	"
Det 2/3 Aust Pd Amb	5	"
17 Aust Inf Bde	6	IRLS
1 Bn 162 US Regt	7	IRLS
3 Aust Div	8	IRLS
Comd	9	Hand
EC	10	Hand
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APPENDIX "A"
to 15 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 1
of 22 Jun 45

ORDER OF BATTLE 15 AUST INF BDE FOR POSTERN

To commence at a time to be notified

1. HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
L Sec, Sigs 3 Aust Div
2. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
3. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
4. D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn
5. Det AASC 3 Aust Div.
6. Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.
Light Section 15 Aust Fd Amb
7. ANGAU
8. A Coy less two pls 24 Aust Inf Bn (L of C)

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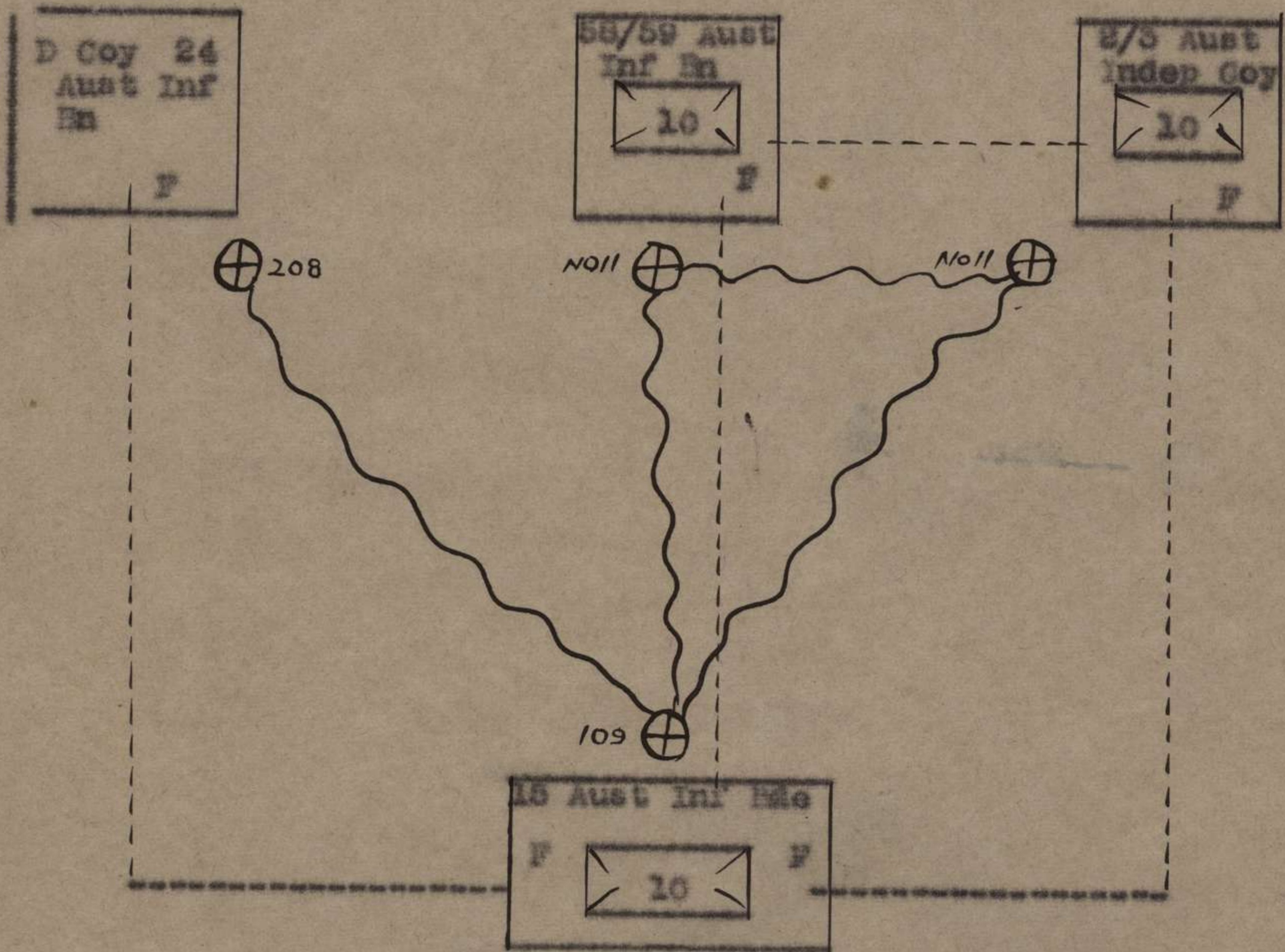
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to 15 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 1
of 22 Jun 45

SIGNAL DIAGRAM NO 1



NOTE

Daily change of call signs and frequencies on 58/59 Aust Inf Bn -
2/3 Aust Indep Coy W/T group will be as per sequences issued
by Bde.

D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn W/T link will be a fixed frequency and Call
Sign :

Frequency	2.580
Call Sign	3 10

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REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS 15 AUST INF BDE AREA

BAB x/6

"L" Sec Signala,
att. HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
21 Jun 43

Signals,
3 Aust Div.

- 1. The general conditions in this area are continual showers of rain on very muddy mountainous tracks. The conditions make earth return circuits almost un-usable owing to induction. The position reference lines are as follows:-

BRIGADE HQ, SELEBUB, DROPPING GROUND,	2/3 AUST IND COY	-	Earth return
"	" 58/59 AUST INF BN	-	" "
"	D COY 24 AUST INF BN	-	" "
2/3 AUST IND COY to 58/59 AUST INF BN		-	" "

All these lines have various subscribers in series on them. These lines are of primary importance and it is considered that they should be metallic pairs.

- 2. SELEBUB dropping ground is of sufficient importance, and has sufficient traffic to warrant a separate line. Normally when operational traffic begins, this line will be rather over-loaded. The shortage of operators will NOT allow a fuller phone to be placed in series with line. As the route to D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn is 7 hours walking and maintenance is difficult, it is therefore desirable to lay a lateral link via BUGASU-CISSEMBOB. This requires 4 mile of cable. The Commander anticipates no movement of this HQ until initial operation is completed.
- 3. When this HQ does move to anticipated location, vicinity MISSIM the following line communication will be available:-


BRIGADE HQ to 58/59 AUST INF BN	-	Metallic
" " 2/3 AUST IND COY	-	Earth return
PILMUNG, SELEBUB, MISSIM	-	Earth return (which allows D 8 to Div to be carried through on B 111 for MISSIM)

The lateral to D Coy through BUGASU will become of more importance; also lateral 2/3 Aust Ind Coy to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn would be necessary. This could be laid immediately 58/59 Aust Inf Bn consolidated. It is anticipated from previous operations by 2/3 Aust Ind Coy in this area that both 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Ind Coy will need to lay 15 miles of cable each.

It is on the situation that the request for 50 miles of cable is made.

20 miles	BRIGADE	- nil held at present(8 miles in transit)
15 miles	58/59 AUST INF BN	- Nil held at present(8 miles in transit)
13 miles	2/3 AUST IND COY	- Nil held at present.

3. (Cont) With 30 miles of cable, communication can be established, but with 50 miles within the Brigade Group communications would be such as to have a very small margin of breakdown. As this L of C will be extending, more phones etc will be needed for staging camps, dropping grounds etc.
4. 208 SETS It is anticipated that after initial operation 208 sets will be used in lieu of No 11 sets on BRIGADE, BATTALION, INDEPENDANT COY group and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Ind Coy will use at least ten 208s each. As these sets are not very robust and subject to frequent breakdown, It is felt that 30 208s will be needed in this area. At present there are only 16 208 sets in this area, 5 of which are under repair. Batteries are discharged at the rate of one every 30 hours on operational conditions. Weekly estimate of battery replacement for 208 sets is 5 sets per week.
5. Stationery is being used at the rate of 1000 message forms per day by L Sec and 300 per day for Battalion or equivalent unit, with associate registers etc.
6. Please find attached signal diagram and route plans.


Capt
OC "L" Sec Sigs

MESSAGE FORM

Repl. March, 1942—a.w. 10m pads.

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TO 3 Aust Div

FROM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

A 411

Date

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In Reply to Number

AQ 726

(Write horizontally)

Secret	①	Two	Dropping	ground
①	first	①	NOTE	area
suggested	in	our	A 398	of
18 low	①	to	other	suitable
in	that	area	and	maximum
handling	capacity	under	present	conditions
8	planes	for	Series	①
suggest	2	planes	SW P	rather
2	planes	rather	4	planes
am	①	second	①	suggest
second	side	at	SELEBUR	map
ref	PILIMUNG	2 inch	587974	South
of	MISSING	track	①	Planes
can	make	circuit	South	over
FRANCISCO	RIVER	①	Nearest	point
of	circuit	three	quarters	mile
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which	runs	Northwards	over	to
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APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION BY BRIGADIER F. HOSKING

AT PILIMUNG AT 1500 HRS 19 JUN 43

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
19 Jun 43.

OBJECT

- (a) To place 58/59 Aust Inf Bn in MEARES CREEK area, and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy less two sections in MISSIM - BASE 3 area.
- (b) To place Bn stores at MEARES CREEK
- (c) To place WE ammunition for Bn in MEARES CREEK area.
- (d) To place rations for maintenance of force as operationally disposed, and to dump Field Operation rations for use after D day.

FACTORS AFFECTING ATTAINMENT OF OBJECT.

1. One coy and a recce party 58/59 Aust Inf Bn are already forward - total strength 170 approx. - leaving 480 yet to move (maximum). This move will commence on 19 Jun and should be completed in four groups.

Staging capacity at PILIMUNG is 120, at SELEBUB 220, at MISSIM 120. With vacation of present hospital by Fd Amb, MISSIM could stage 200. Hospital is being transferred at present.

Between PILIMUNG and SELEBUB an open space is open to observation if visibility is very good. Between SELEBUB and MISSIM long area in open unless misty conditions prevail. Between MISSIM and MEARES CREEK three open areas have had detours constructed to allow passage without coming into view from ground observation.

Deductions

Staging facilities are sufficient for move of remainder of unit in two groups. Moves PILIMUNG to SELEBUB and SELEBUB to MISSIM must be controlled depending on atmospheric conditions.

Decision

Issue necessary orders to implement this, also insist that no extra fires be used in any staging area, and no exposure be permitted of troops on skylines. At MEARES CREEK stringent precautions must be observed to avoid any indication of a concentration of troops.

2. Coy of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn already in area has taken over forward responsibilities thus allowing partial concentration of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at MISSIM and BASE 3.

Deduction

This is a step in the required direction.

Decision

Continue concentrations to permit resting as many as possible 2/3 Aust Ind Coy before again calling in them for operations.

(OVER)

3. L of C POWER HOUSE - PILIMUNG has a maximum capacity of 85 boy loads per day.

Deduction

This L of C can ONLY be used for passage of essential unit stores, non-droppable stores (chocolate ration "D?"), medical requirements and mail. Rations MUST be excluded. I cannot reduce after D day as line may be required for evacuation of casualties.

Decision

Confirm and re-iterate instructions already issued re passage of above items only. Mail to be carried by escorts NOT boys. Rations for BRANCH CREEK to be supplied by double loading from POWER HOUSE three times per week; rations for BAIUNE by back loading from PILIMUNG.

4. On a dropping ground for a four plane dropping, 100 boys are required in collection for one day if dropping is good. Weather is uncertain and pilots cautious. Journey SELEBUB to MISSIM is 1½ hours forward and 2 hours return.

Deduction

If boyline makes an early morning run to MISSIM they could return in time for collection of any droppings. If no droppings, they could make a second run.

Decision

Instruct that SELEBUB sends line forward 0600 hrs, collect droppings, if any, on return. If no droppings, to make a second run to MISSIM.

5. An AASC detachment has been located at BUGASU DROPPING GROUND. This is located 4 hours from SELEBUB.

Deduction

A line of carriers for unit stores and WE ammunition can now function SELEBUB - BUGASU DROPPING GROUND.

Decision

Confirm that BASCO has translated G dropping programme into actual commodities and supplied figures to SC, and that movement of unit stores and WE ammunition goes forward to the maximum. Boys must be based BUGASU DROPPING GROUND before D minus 5 to make the final lift to MEARES CREEK. Bn personnel will probably have to assist in this lift.

6. Rations for troops in area are already short, and weather is today preventing droppings. More than half the field operation rations required are held.

Deduction

Field operation rations can be carried forward and dumped as required. Troops in transit must be held in vicinity of dropping grounds until sufficient supplies are available to be carried forward with, or ahead of, the troops.

Decision

Impress this on staff and if position is NOT improved by droppings 20 Jun order one third reduction in ration scale.

PLAN

- (a) Concentrate remainder of battalion in PILIMUNG - SELEBUB areas to permit forward move in two groups only - last group to arrive MEARES CREEK on D minus 3.
- (b) Base 100 natives, who tomorrow commence to move into area, on SELEBUB. Task; supplement line to BUGASU DROPPING GROUND. On D minus 6 transfer two hundred to BUGASU DROPPING GROUND for forward carrying to MEARES CREEK.
- (c) On D minus 3 all available troops MEARES CREEK area to make one lift BUGASU DROPPING GROUND to MEARES CREEK of stores, ammunition and rations.
- (d) All troops in MEARES CREEK area apart from necessary protective duties, to rest D minus 2 and D minus 1 excepting any detachments required to commence on operational role on those days. Troops will be required to carry forward on MEARES CREEK on night D minus 2/D minus 1.

Time of signature 1600 hrs.

F. B. King
 Brig
 Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

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APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION BY BRIGADIER P. HOSKING
AT PILIMUNG AT 1500 HRS 19 JUN 43

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
 19 Jun 43.

OBJECT

- (a) To place 58/59 Aust Inf Bn in MEARES CREEK area, and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy less two sections in MISSIM - BASE 3 area.
- (b) To place Bn stores at MEARES CREEK
- (c) To place WE ammunition for Bn in MEARES CREEK area.
- (d) To place rations for maintenance of force as operationally disposed, and to dump Field Operation rations for use after D day.

FACTORS AFFECTING ATTAINMENT OF OBJECT.

1. One coy and a recce party 58/59 Aust Inf Bn are already forward - total strength 170 approx. - leaving 480 yet to move (maximum). This move will commence on 19 Jun and should be completed in four groups.

Staging capacity at PILIMUNG is 120, at SELEBUB 220, at MISSIM 120. With vacation of present hospital by Pd Amb, MISSIM could stage 200. Hospital is being transferred at present.

Between PILIMUNG and SELEBUB an open space is open to observation if visibility is very good. Between SELEBUB and MISSIM long area in open unless misty conditions prevail. Between MISSIM and MEARES CREEK three open areas have had detours constructed to allow passage without coming into view from ground observation.

Deductions

Staging facilities are sufficient for move of remainder of unit in two groups. Moves PILIMUNG to SELEBUB and SELEBUB to MISSIM must be controlled depending on atmospheric conditions.

Decision

Issue necessary orders to implement this, also insist that no extra fires be used in any staging area, and no exposure be permitted of troops on skylines. At MEARES CREEK stringent precautions must be observed to avoid any indication of a concentration of troops.

2. Coy of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn already in area has taken over forward responsibilities thus allowing partial concentration of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at MISSIM and BASE 3.

Deduction

This is a step in the required direction.

Decision

Continue concentrations to permit resting as many as possible 2/3 Aust Ind Coy before again calling in them for operations.

(OVER)

3. L of C POWER HOUSE - PILIMUNG has a maximum capacity of 85 boy loads per day.

Deduction

This L of C can ONLY be used for passage of essential unit stores, non-droppable stores (chocolate ration "D"?), medical requirements and mail. Rations MUST be excluded. I cannot reduce after D day as line may be required for evacuation of casualties.

Decision

Confirm and re-iterate instructions already issued re passage of above items only. Mail to be carried by escorts NOT boys. Rations for BRANCH CREEK to be supplied by double loading from POWER HOUSE three times per week; rations for BAIUNE by back loading from PILIMUNG.

4. On a dropping ground for a four plane dropping, 100 boys are required in collection for one day if dropping is good. Weather is uncertain and pilots cautious. Journey SELEBUB to MISSIM is 1½ hours forward and 2 hours return.

Deduction

If boyline makes an early morning run to MISSIM they could return in time for collection of any droppings. If no droppings, they could make a second run.

Decision

Instruct that SELEBUB sends line forward 0600 hrs, collect droppings, if any, on return. If no droppings, to make a second run to MISSIM.

5. An AASC detachment has been located at BUGASU DROPPING GROUND. This is located 4 hours from SELEBUB.

Deduction

A line of carriers for unit stores and WE ammunition can now function SELEBUB - BUGASU DROPPING GROUND.

Decision

Confirm that BASCO has translated G dropping programme into actual commodities and supplied figures to SC, and that movement of unit stores and WE ammunition goes forward to the maximum. Boys must be based BUGASU DROPPING GROUND before D minus 5 to make the final lift to MEARES CREEK. Bn personnel will probably have to assist in this lift.

6. Rations for troops in area are already short, and weather is today preventing droppings. More than half the field operation rations required are held.

Deduction

Field operation rations can be carried forward and dumped as required. Troops in transit must be held in vicinity of dropping grounds until sufficient supplies are available to be carried forward with, or ahead of, the troops.

Decision

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EMPLOYMENT OF RECCE PARTY 58/59 AUST INF BN

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
16 Jun 45
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1. OBJECT
To employ most usefully personnel of Recce Party 58/59 Aust Inf Bn (at present at FILMUNG) and at the same time NOT to overload forward area.
2. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL
 - (a) OC Recce Party (Capt HILBERT) may send any member of party to SLEBUB or BOBADU without reference to this HQ, provided these personnel carry own rations.
 - (b) NO personnel will move to MISSIM or forward of BOBADU without approval of this HQ.
3. TASKS OF RECCE PARTY
 - (a) To enlarge staging camp FILMUNG to hold at least 2 Rifle Coys.
 - (b) To do any building as directed by SC.
 - (c) To learn as much as possible of forward areas by movement of small parties.
 - (d) To learn as much as possible about movement of boylines, handling of natives, supply in this area, inspection of ammunition.
4. PARTIES TO BE ATTACHED D COY 58/59 AUST INF BN
 - (a) Two parties comprised as under will be sent forward for recce duty with D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

First Party
 Capt HILBERT
 One Coy 2 1/e
 Pnr Offr
 1 batman
 2 ORs

Second Party
 Two Coy 2 1/cs
 1 batman
 2 ORs

- (b) Task of first party will be to recce Bn site in MEARES CAMP area.
- (c) Parties will be under command D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, and will only move forward of MUGASU JUNG if OC D Coy considers tactical situation permits.
- (d) OC D Coy will make use of parties as he deems fit, but will NOT allow personnel to go forward of MEARES CAMP.

(e) Movement of Parties

	<u>Dep FILMUNG</u>	<u>Return FILMUNG</u>
First Party	17 Jun	20 Jun
Second Party	20 Jun	25 Jun

(OVER)

5. EMPLOYMENT OF KEY PERSONNEL OF RECCO PARTY

Key personnel will be employed as under in the SELEBUB - PILDUNG area:

- (a) Sig Offr Att 2/3 Aust Indep Coy MISSYM till further notice.
- (b) I Offr To contact Hqs 10 for instructions.
- (c) WMO Offr To move to SELEBUB and check WMOs.
- (d) Asst Adjt) To contact SC for instructions re witnessing
RQMS) of air dropping, movement of supplies by
Sgt Caterer) boyline, rations and indents.
- (e) Pioneer Offr After reece of Bn site MEARES CAMP, to be attached to 2/3 Aust Indep Coy to gain knowledge of booby traps.
- (f) REM To contact Sgt McCARRON, Ord Amn Examiner, to gain knowledge of inspection of ammunition after air droppings.

6. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy is requested to give every possible assistance where indicated.

CO 2/3 Aust Indep Coy may alter details of above without reference to this HQ, but will NOT alter policy.

CO 2/3 Aust Indep Coy may also cancel the movement of any party in the forward area, if he deems tactical position prevents it.

B. H. Evans

Major
BN 15 Aust Inf Bde

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- Reece Party 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
- 58/59 Aust Inf Bn (for infm)
- SC (for infm)
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15 aust inf bde

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<i>two</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>offer</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>ORs</i>	<i>Q</i>
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SECRET	POSTERN	⊙	XXXXXXXXXX	5
revised	target	rations	dumping	10
MEARES	CK	one	day	15
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fd op	for	600	three	25
SWP	for	30	two	30
fd op	for	30	MISSIM	35
day	fd ops	for	300	40
days	SWP	for	300	45
three	days	SWP	for	50
two	days	fd op	for	55
PILIMUNG	two	days	fd op	60
120	three	days	SWP	65
120	CISSEMBOB	two	day	70
for	140	three	days	75
140	BOBADU	two	days	80
for	30	three	days	85
for	30	⊙	NATIVE	90
BUGUSU	three	days	for	95
MISSIM	five	days	for	100
SELEBOB	five	days	for	105
plus	two	days	for	110
PILIMUNG	five	days	for	115
HOTE	five	days	for	120
BAIUNE	five	days	for	125
BRANCH	CK	three	days for	130

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for	to	backload	native	and	20
desires	rations	from	PILIMUNG	to	25
European	this		would	appropriate	30
achieve	views		COMD	also	35
your	possibility	of		plans	40
contemplates	of	storing	commodities	to	45
dropping	holdings		he	expresses	50
balance	at	various	of	rations	55
concern	food	areas	and	is	60
in	that	fuller	measures	be	65
anxious		increase	in	stocks	70
possible	sugar	and	flour	is	75
of	desirable		backloading	will	80
cost	DOUBLE	MOUNTAINS	and	UPPER	85
is		do	you	require	90
BALUNE	loading	of	petrol	kerosene	95
back	and	amm	boxes		100
drums	dropping	proceeding	satisfactorily		105
are	desires	3	weeks	supplies	110
CONDOR	tobacco	papers	matches	blades	115
of	tools	soap		is	120
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 15 JUN 1943
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SLEEPING STORES WATER COOKHOUSE

EUROPEAN NATIVE RATIONS TIME FOR
 & AMM EUROPEANS
 ROOFED UNROOFED TOTAL SIZE in IN SIZE IN
 FEET MINS. FEET

NATIVE CAMP	-	-	-	150	10 X 15	5	-
LOWER KUNDA	80	20	100	-	-	5	10 X 10
HAPPY VALLEY	30	-	30	-	-	5	-
MISSIM VILLAGE	190	-	190	-	(12 X 35 (15 X 20)	5	12 X 16
OFFICERS AND ADMIN QUARTERS	40	-	40	-	-	-	-
TOTAL MISSIM LESS HOSPITAL	250	20	270	150			
OLD FDL CAMP	15	5	20	-	6 X 8	60	6 X 12
BUGASU JUNC	5	-	5	-	6 X 8	150	8 X 12
BUGASU POST	15	5	20	-	-	120	6 X 6
DROPPING GROUND POST	10	10	20	-	-	150	-
DROPPING GROUND	10	-	10	-	12 X 12	30	-
MEARES CK	5	130	135	-	10 X 12	30	8 X 10
NUNNS POST	-	10	10	-	-	60	-
TOTAL BUGASU AREA	60	160	220	-			
BASE 3	90	-	90	20	12 X 12	10	9 X 15
VEILS	10	-	10	-	-	35	-
JEFFERYS	-	10	10	-	-	30	-
TOTAL BASE 3 AREA	100	10	110	20			

15 Aust. Inf. Bde.
 Ref. memo 10 June 43. Survey as at 1200 hrs 12 June

13 June 43

R. H. ... Capt for Major
 c/o 2/3 Aust Indeflog

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if my 0245 @ one day that emergency ration referred to is carried on the man

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Date now 13 JUN.

Ration strength 600 whites 600 blacks.

Date	Issue
JUN 20	1050
29	1050
28	1050
27	1050
26	1050
25	950
24	850
23	750
22	650
21	600
20	600
19	600
18	600
17	600
16	600
15	600
14	600

13250
 7350
 20600

= 20.6 Plane Loads.

7x1050

N 24 x 600

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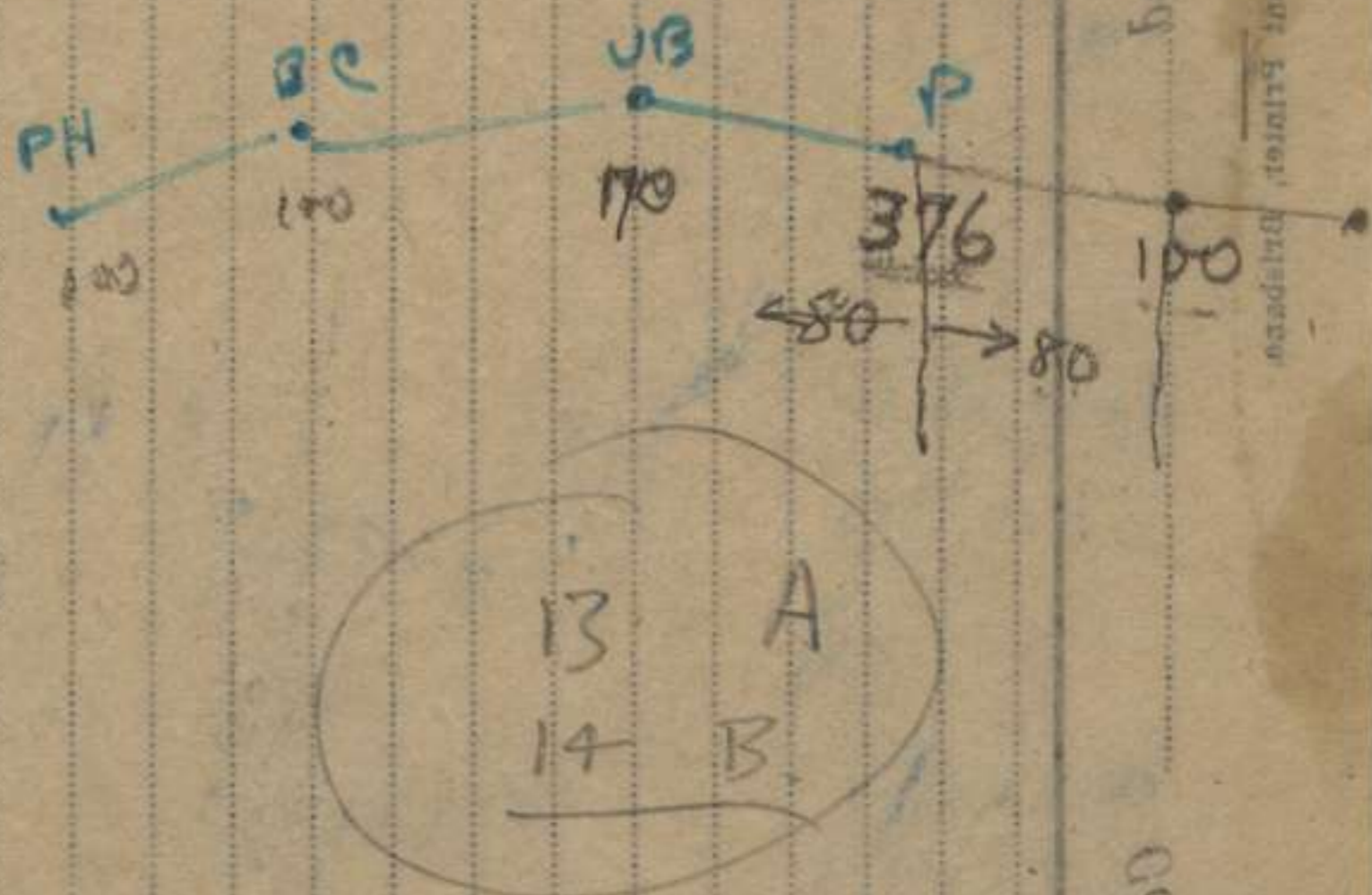
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58 in 14 days = average 4 per day thus 2 planes extra.

Carrying forward Ration 7x1050 to Meares Creek



REQUISITION FOR ORDNANCE
 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
 (To be forwarded to A.A.O.D. in duplicate)
 Carrying forward

To provide maintenance to end of month and seven days reserve rations required to 30 JUN
 To provide maintenance and seven days reserve and ammunition
 These loads required at PILIMUNG as follows European rations four
 rations for ammunition eight. That eight plane loads required
 SELEBUD as follows European rations eighteen Native rations eight ammunition
 essential two plane loads per day diet at PILIMUNG and four plane loads
 in accordance with above requirements to complete droppings by 25 JUN
 Carrying forward SELEBUD to BUGASU JUNC requires 250 bags
 BUGASU JUNC to MEARES CREEK requires further 250 bags
 PILIMUNG only required to handle unit stores, POWER HOUSE to
 MAIL medical stores, reserve, BRANCH CREEK
 Success of release requires
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most	secret	⊙	POSTERN	⊙	5
reply	to	first	⊙	to	10
provide	seven	day	reserve	nations	15
and	required	amm	to	30 juv	20
plus	maintenance	planeloads	required	PILMUNG	25
four	european	four	native	nations	30
eight	amm	⊙	at	SELEBUB	35
eighteen	european	eight	native	nations	40
seventeen	amm	one	ord	stores	45
⊙	to	complete	droppings	by	50
25 juv	essential	daily	two	planes	55
PILMUNG	four	SELEBUB	⊙	carry	60
SELEBUB	to	BUGASU	JUNC	will	65
require	250	boys	daily	⊙	70
BUGASU	JUNC	to	MEARES CK	will	75
require	further	200	from	D-7	80
15	D-1	⊙	These	NOT	85
available	and	Aps	will	have	90
to	carry	⊙	Success	of	95
scheme	requires	boyline	POWER HOUSE	PILMUNG	100
NOT	depleted	and	carry	only	105
unit	stores	mail	med	stores	110
and	BRANCH CK	reserves	and	nations	115
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FROM 15 aust inf bde

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Date
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AQ 692

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POSTERN	⊙	most	secret	⊙	5
Target	dumping	program	⊙	European	10
ractions	MEARES CK	2 days	fd op	1 days	15
emerg	for	bw	⊙	BUGASU	20
dropping	gd	2 days	fd op	for	25
bw	⊙	SELEBUB	8 days	fd op	30
3 days	SWP	for	force	⊙	35
PILMUNG	1 days	fd op	for	force	40
3 days	fd op	3 days	SWP	for	45
local	4 ps	⊙	MISSIM	4 days	50
fd op	for	2/3	ind coy	⊙	55
CISSEMBOB	2 days	fd op	3 days	SWP	60
for	NOTE	area	⊙	PILMUNG	65
1 days	fd op	for	NOTE	area	70
⊙	native	ractions	SELEBUB	4 days	75
BUGASU	dropping	gd	3 days	for	80
natives	fuwd	PILMUNG	⊙	PILMUNG	85
7 days	for	PILMUNG	BAIUNE	⊙	90
CISSEMBOB	7 days	⊙	Target	amm	95
⊙	PILMUNG	one	Scale B	inf	100
coy	two	scale B	force	⊙	105
SELEBUB	one	scale B	force	⊙	110
BUGASU	dropping	gd	one	scale B	115
bw	⊙	MEARES CK	one	Scale A	120
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MAINTENANCE STORES

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
14 JUN 43

3 Aust Div

Ref 3 Aust Div Admin Instruction 23/43, para 8. The following is minimum reserve(excluding ammunition and rations) :-

(a) Articles required prior to D Day

Note:- Items 1 to 24 were shown in signal 0229, as components of Douglas load to be dropped before D Day, except for Item 6 of which portion only was included.

TYPE	NUMBER	TOTAL WEIGHT LBS	BOY LOADS	REMARKS
1. Picks 4½ lbs and helms	100	550	15 2/3	
2. Shovels G.S.	100	350	10	
3. Axes felling	40	240	7	
4. Flannelette	1200 yds	30	1	
5. Atebrin(tins of 3 tins 4300)		45	1 1/3	
6. Solidified x Alcohol	5000 tins	1250	35 2/3	x 1000 only
7. Sterilizing outfits indiv.	150	50	1½	asked for in Douglas
8. Nets mosquito	200	400	11½	
9. LMG Bren barrels spare	5	20	2/3	
10. LMG Bren springs return	10	5		
11. LMG Bren magazines	100	150	4 1/3	
12. SNG Owen mags.	150	300	8½	
13. SNG Thompson mags, box type	100	150	4 1/3	
14. Sheets ground	50	200	5 2/3	
15. Blankets G.S.	200	825	23 2/3	
16. Salt tablets	2000	22	2/3	
17. Dubbin		100	3	
18. Boots AB prs. x	200	700	20	x sizes as on attached list
19. Trousers prs x	100	200	5 2/3	x assorted sizes
20. Shirts x	100	200	5 2/3	x assorted sizes
21. Gaiters American	100	75	2	
22. Towels	100	85	2½	
23. Sox prs	200	50	1½	
24. Bootlaces prs	200	7		

TYPE	NUMBER	TOTAL WEIGHT LBS	BOY LOADS	REMARKS
25. Kerosene 3 gal drums	12 drums	890	12	Reduced to make 1 boy load per drum
26. Petrol - 3 gal drums	60 "	2100	60	" " " " " "
27. Lotion mosquito 4oz bottles	360	200	5 2/3	
28. Batteries dry lamp elec.(flat)	100	50	1 2/3	
29. Soap common		250	7	
30. Rifle oil 3 gal drums	5 drums	175	5	Reduced to make 1 boy load
31. Kettles camp oval- 12 qt.	40	400	11 1/2	
32. Field dressings	300	50	1 2/3	
33. Malarisol 3 gal drums	6	210	6	Reduced to make 1 boy load
34. Cellignite		100	3	
35. Dets No 6	100	100	3	
36. Dets elec.	10	1	-	
37. Gunpowder blasting		20	2/3	
38. Fuse safe	100 feet	5)		
39. PID or Cordite or Primcord	200 feet	12)	1	
40. G/C or CE primers	20	5)		
41. Switches	30	5)		
42. Cable D 111 x	50 miles	3500	100	incl. wirraway dropping
43. Tape insulating	20 reels	10)		
44. Signal registers	500	5)		
45. W/T diaries	400	2)		
46. Batteries 208 sets	150	1425	40 2/3	
47. Batteries X cell	50	35	1	
48. Oil 2 gal drums	12	264	7 2/3	for battery chargers
49. Valves				
1A 7 GT	30)		
1D 8 GT	30	35)	3 1/2	
1Q 5 GT	30)		
50. Message forms pads of 100	300	120	3 1/2	
51. Pencils	50	2		
52. Carbon paper foolscap sheets	300	1		
53. Orderlies Receipt Books	50	6		
54. Cotton waste		35	1	

TYPE	NUMBER	TOTAL WEIGHT LBS	BOY LOADS	REMARKS
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(b) Articles required to be dropped at BUOASU on Douglas' (D 4 3 to D 4 5)

TYPE	NUMBER	TOTAL WEIGHT LBS	BOY LOADS	REMARKS
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1. Flannellette (lbs)	600	15	-	
2. Solidified alcohol (tins)	2500	625	18	
3. Sterilizing outfits indiv.	150	50	1½	
4. Blankets G S	200	825	23 2/3	
5. Salt tablets	2000	22	2/3	
6. Dubbin		100	3	
7. Boots AB prs	100	350	10	assorted sizes
8. Trousers prs	100	200	5 2/3	
9. Shirts	100	200	5 2/3	
10. Gaiters American (prs)	50	35	1	
11. Towels prs	100	85	2½	
12. Sox prs	200	50	1½	
13. Bootlaces prs	100	3½	-	
14. Kerosene 3 gal drums	6	210	6) reduced to make 1 boy) load per drum
15. Petrol 3 gal drums	30	1050	30	
16. Lotion mosquito 4 oz bottles	360	200	5 2/3	
17. Soap common		250	7	
18. Rifle oil	5	175	5) reduced to make 1 boy) load
19. Malarial 3 gal drums	6	210	6	
20. Oil 2 gal drums	6	132	3 2/3	

Totals for (a):-

15525 lbs : 445 1/3 boy loads

Totals for (b) :- 4787½ lbs :

136½ bot loads

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Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

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BOOTS - SIZES REQUIRED

<u>SIZE</u>		<u>NUMBER OF PAIRS</u>
5/5	-	10
6/5	-	10
7/4	-	30
7/5	-	30
8/4	-	30
8/5	-	30
9/4	-	20
9/5	-	20
10/4	-	10
10/5	-	10
11/4	-	2
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Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
9 Jun 43

L OF C BULOLO-NISSIN AREA

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COMMAND

1. As from 2359 hrs on 8 Jun 43, 15 Aust Inf Bde assumes command of L of C BULOLO-NISSIN Area from Jeephead POWHOUSE to Hq of units under command.

GENERAL

2. Maintenance of troops in this area is
 - (a) by aircraft dropping supplies at selected forward areas, and
 - (b) by supplies on boylines.
3. The dropping aircraft are loaded at MORSEBY as requested by 3 Aust Div, and their loads are the result of forward planning based on the information submitted from appropriate sources.
4. All comds will pay particular regard to the maintenance of their troops, including early appreciation and advice to this Hq of any requirements not part of normal maintenance.

STAGING IN Ls of C

5. Staging facilities in accordance with the appended table will be provided forthwith by A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn, less two platoons. Facilities, including blankets, will be provided for overnight accommodation. Sufficient reserve of rations will be held for provision of meals where necessary.

Staging Posts

BRANCH CREEK
BAIUNK

Scale of Accommodation

(100 personnel in addition to
(L of C Personnel.

At PARTIP IV and DOUBLE MOUNTAIN tea and meals will be provided by prior arrangement with CG L of C POWHOUSE.

MAINTENANCE OF L OF C

6. A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn less two platoons at present stationed along L of C will be responsible for maintenance of L of C from incl POWHOUSE to excl PILIMUNG, as shown in Appendix "A".
7. Stores required for the permanent maintenance of staging posts at BRANCH CREEK and BAIUNK, i.e. picks, shovels, axes, cooking gear, etc., will henceforth be station stores and taken on charge by AASC representative thereat. Stores required for maintenance at PARTIP IV and DOUBLE MOUNTAIN will be on charge to A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn. CG L of C POWHOUSE will notify this Hq forthwith of requirements for each staging post - PARTIP IV and DOUBLE MOUNTAIN. The notification will include the quantity of each type of stores already held at each staging post.

RESPONSIBILITY OF L OF C

- 9. (a) OC L of C POWERSHOUS will signal this HQ on the movement forward of all personnel and supplies. In the case of supplies signal will include number of boyloads, number of packages and particulars of type of cargo carried.
- (b) Prior to movement of each boyline, OC L of C will ensure that separate loading lists are prepared in duplicate for supplies proceeding direct to PILINGHO and intermediate staging posts. Loading lists will set out in order of priority of movement the serial number of each package ^{specified} by letters A, B, C etc., for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday etc., of each week together with the contents of each package. One copy of the loading lists will then be handed to one of the escorts in charge of the boyline and delivered by him to the local cmd at successive staging posts.
- (c) Each local cmd will check loading lists with the escort in the presence of ANBAU representative. Any discrepancies will be reported immediately to OC L of C for advice to HQ.
- (d) Senior local cmd at an intermediate staging post ^{will} notify OC L of C when there are insufficient native carriers available at ^{that} intermediate staging post for movement of supplies received by boylines.
- (e) OC L of C will NOT allot to personnel moving forward any boys to carry gear etc unless authorised by this HQ.

MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES

- 9. Native labour provided for the daily movement of supplies along the L of C is based on the following average percentage allocations for specific types of cargo -
 - 75% Amn and supplies (European and Native)
 - 25% Ordnance and Miscellaneous stores.
 All cmds must realise that any large variation of this average percentage allocation in favour of a particular type of cargo will mean a consequent reduction in the movement forward of all other cargo.

PRIORITIES OF MOVEMENT

- 10. Priorities of movement of supplies will be determined by staff Capt 15 Aust Inf Bde and signalled daily to OC L of C POWERSHOUS.
- 11. To facilitate the determination of priorities, units under command will signal this HQ by 1700 hrs daily -
 - (a) Ration strength.
 - (b) Number balanced rations held.
 - (c) Number fd of rations held.
 - (d) Native ration strength.
 - (e) Changes in holding of amn or explosives.
 - (f) Losses of weapons or controlled stores.

- (g) Losses of engineer tools and camp equipment.
- (h) Changes in mailing list.

12. Until further notice Capt J.N. BLACKSHAW will supervise priorities for movement of stores of 15 Aust Inf Bde units in accordance with para 10 hereof.

MAIL

13. (a) Movement of supplies will include incoming mail and arrangements will be made by this HQ for carriage of outgoing mail from areas forward of PILINGO.

ANGAU

14. The following is repeated from 3 Aust Div Adm Instrn 9/43 for information:

ANGAU is an organisation created to

- (a) Assist comd in control of native labour.
- (b) Advise on matters peculiar to NEW GUINEA.
- (c) Gather and forward intelligence reports.

ANGAU personnel are allotted to various duties by their HQ as // directed by general policy of 3 Aust Div.

ANGAU HQ is responsible for issue of all service instrns to ensure the efficient functioning of that service including

- (i) Local ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ allocation and marshalling of native carriers.
- (ii) Organisation of carrier line between staging posts.
- (iii) Administration of punishment to natives for pilfering.

ANGAU personnel allotted for duty on the L of C are

- (a) Subject to direction by the senior local comd at each staging post as to the duties to be performed by the native labour available.
- (b) Responsible direct to ANGAU HQ for the internal economy and administration of the allotted labour.

AASC ORGANISATION

15. AASC will issue the necessary service instructions to ensure that

- (a) In conjunction with appropriate comd, AASC reps are stationed at each staging post.
- (b) In conjunction with other services all loads are packed in accordance with requirements of ANGAU in this L of C.
- (c) A system for the accurate weighing at place of making up of all boy, etc, loads with respective weights marked on or affixed to each package is instituted.
- (d) Packages are accurately weighed at each staging post in the presence of carriers and ANGAU representatives and for the reporting of discrepancies.

A. Blauby

Lieut

SG 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

55/59 Aust Inf Bn

2/3 Aust Inf Coy (2)

Comd

3 Aust Div

Staff (2)

APPENDIX "A"
to 15 Dec Adm Instr 1/43
of 9 Jun 43.

<u>L of C</u>	<u>Staging Post</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
MISSIM	POWER HOUSE	A Coy, less 2 pls, 24 Aust Inf Bn
	BRANCH CREEK	do
	BATHURST	do
	PILBINGUNG	15 Aust Inf Bde

A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn is responsible also for maintenance
of PANTHER IV and DOUBLE MOUNTAIN.

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DOUGLAS	plane	load	stores	in	15
priority	☉	ITEM	NUMBER	WEIGHT	20
as	follows	☉	picks	100	25
550 lbs	Shovels 65.	100	350 lbs	axes	30
felling	40	240 lbs	flannel etc	1200	35
gas	30 lbs	atebrian	3 tins	45	40
lbs	solidified	alcohol	1000	250 lbs	45
sterilising	outfit	150	50 lbs	nets	50
mosquito	200	400 lbs	Bren	spare	55
barrels	5	20 lbs	bren	springs	60
return	10	5 lbs	bren	maps	65
100	150 lbs	0mm.	SMG	maps	70
150	300 lbs	Thompson	SMG	maps	75
bisc	100	150 lbs	sheets	ground	80
50	200 lbs	blankets	200	825 lbs	85
salt	tablets	2000	22 lbs	dubbin	90
100 lbs	boots	AB	200 pro	700 lbs	95
trowsers	100 pro	200 lbs	shirts	100	100
200 lbs	gaiters	american	100	75 lbs	105
towels	100	85 lbs	sock	200 pro	110
50 lbs	bootlaces	200 pro	7 lbs	☉	115
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