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BOIKEN	1 May		<p>Weather: Raining. Strength : 33/682</p> <p>D coy patrol, strength one pl, Comd Lt MORT left at 0800 hrs. From 0830 hrs onwards during morning our A/C were seen bombing MUSCHU & KAIRIRU Islands. At 0915 hrs D coy patrol reported that they had passed through the forward tps of 2/2 bn and were proceeding on patrol. At 0930 hrs CO held conference with comds of arty units who are under comd 2/4 bn. At 1010 hrs D coy report their posn 950 yds EAST of HAWAIN RIVER - NMS. Remainder of D coy warned to move to point EAST of HAWAIN R during day. Reason for this being that due to rain the HAWAIN R had risen and if the tanks did not cross now they would be unable to do so when ops commenced. D coy is to protect them across river until D day. Int sec preparing diagrams of known enemy posns for coys. At 1025 hrs D coy patrol reported their posn as 207193- NMS. At 1200 hrs D coy patrol reported on objective and observing for movt, tracks, state of road etc. At 1215 hrs reported returning to base. At 1430 hrs the patrol returned to base after completing task. At 1300 hrs IO gave Topo and infm ref future ops to all offr. At 1330 hrs D coy moved across HAWAIN R and reported their disposns in square 1820 at 1715 hrs. Maj PEGG & Lt FORD arrive from BUT 1730 hrs- small rear party still to come fwd.</p>	
BOIKEN	2 May		<p>Weather: Hot-sunny. Strength : 33/680</p> <p>At 0915 hrs unit was issued with Union Jack and Australian Ensign by Salv Army Offr. 13 pers of 4 pl move up to D coy posn at 1200 hrs- task, to protect tanks. At 1000 hrs CO held conference with all offr and under comd units and issued op orders (ref appx "A") At 1100 hrs CO & Adjt visited D coy. At 1330 hrs CO visited all coys and addressed them as to future ops. Bn requests Tac/R on CAPE WOM by 030930 hrs. Unit packing and preparing for move at 0730 hrs on 3 may.</p>	

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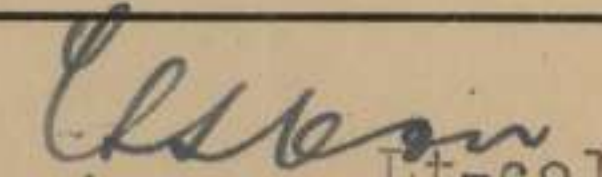
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BOIKEN	3 May		<p><u>Weather</u>: Rain morning, hot afternoon <u>Strength</u> : 33/680 Reveille 0500 hrs. All sub units ready to move by 0730 hrs. D coy to move from posn occupied HAWAIN R. At 1015 hrs D coy had crossed the SL and reached 210185. C coy & Tac HQ plus protective dets then HQ coy, then main HQ, then B coy, then A coy, followed D coy. At 1100 hrs D coy reached first bound 218175 NMS. Head of main force then at 210180 at 1145 hrs. At 1230 hrs D coy stopped for lunch at CAPE PUS. Main body at 215176. At 1330 hrs Pte KINCADE of C coy and Cpl REIDY of D coy were accidentally wounded- Pte KINCADE died soon after. Bn def posn for night in area PUS LAGOON-Bn HQ 239163. A coy 237164. B coy 237164. C coy 240160. D coy 241151. Tk Sqn 238164. 1500 hrs D coy killed 5 japs at 241154 (incl one 2nd Lt) Captured documents, two wireless sets (U/S) and one large transmitter. Saw lights CAPE WOM at 2030 hrs. During night contact patrols operated to D coy at 2100 & 0100 hrs. B coy sent sec patrol comd Lt WRIGHT to 2000 yds fwd of D coy- task, roadrecce and report on side tracks. An extremely arduous march through heavy sand. Average load seventy pounds per man.</p>	
CAPE PUS	4 May		<p><u>Weather</u> : Hot & sunny after rain early hours. XXXXXX At 0150 hrs C coy reported area clear to D coy but heard motors in bay and thought that enemy barge landed at CAPE WOM approx 0145 hrs. At 0215 hrs B coy patrol returned and from patrol comds report CO decided to send A coy at 0430 hrs to occupy def posn 2000 yds fwd of D coy to cover bn adv on 4 may. At 0345 hrs lt AA fire observed coming from WOM area. Similar fire came from sea from vicinity RABOIN IS. Stand to 0515 hrs stand down 0630 hrs. At 0530 hrs B coy patrol contacted D coy. No enemy movt during night. War correspondent put in first report. At 0820 hrs C coy as van guard continued bn adv. Main body followed at 040900k. Many wrecked MT seen during day.</p>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX


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CAPE PUS	(cont) 4 May	XXXXXXXXXX	<p>Air strike on WOM observed at 0845 hrs. At 1010 hrs received translation docs captured on 3 may- gave strength & weapons on WOM as one offr 36 OR with 27 rifles, 2 mortars, 1 sec MMGs. Adv continued to tr junc 251129 ref map WEWAK WEST 1 in 1 mile. Two MT at this point-one used recently but plugs missing. Found tr parallel to coast, some 20⁰ yds SOUTH of coast tr. Good MT road. Coast tr from this point foot pad only. Large jap garden & caterlillar tr marks seen 1000 yds SE along this southern tr. D coy moved along it. WOM was secured at 1300 hrs and exploitation carried out to bridge 275107. NO contact during adv or on WOM. Large HQ & stores dump was found in area 253128 containing much sig eqpt, new clothing, docs and ordnance stores. At 1515 hrs patrol to URFIP CREEK reported NMS but bridge over mouth of creek down. 500 yds further along coast rd a fire could be seen but NO movt. Signs of approx 12 enemy in past 24 hrs and one 6 wheeled MT in past 3/4 days having moved along tr from 277113 to URFIP CREEK bridge. At 1530 hrs B coy est bridgehead across URFIP CREEK - NMS. At 1730 hrs bn commenced digging in for night. B coy killed one jap at 280093. (Was in good condition & well clothed) Contact & clearing patrols throughout night 4/5 may. By 1700 hrs D coy had covered WOM and reported it clear of enemy. Found only old huts in wrecked condition, NO signs gun posns. By first light B coy to send pl fwd as holding force to cover any further movt of coys during day- took up posn 280093. At 1910 hrs B coy report lights on WEWAK POINT. At 1923 hrs a searchlight was seen flasking from WEWAK POINT and simultaneously possible 20 MM gun fired out to sea from WEWAK POINT. At 2000 hrs MT lights seen 312075 and at same time a sig light flashing towards WEWAK POINT from EASTERN end MUSCHU IS.</p>	

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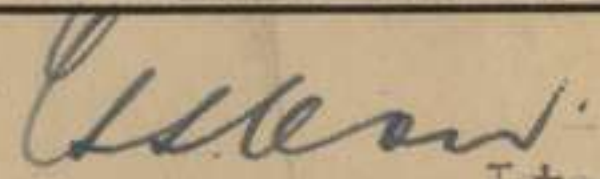
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CAPE PUS	(cont) 4 May		<p>Harassing fire throughout the night on WEWAK POINT. Air strike arranged on WEWAK POINT not later than 050830k. If FBE is functioning across URFIP CREEK by 051100k remainder of B coy will move fwd to its outpost posn on WARINGE R and then send pl fwd to secure track junc 286086. If this happens A coy will move from present posn to B coy present posn during 5 may with view to moving attack YARABOS 244106 on 6 may. Request made for police boy to be sent to this HQ early 5 may who may know track to YARABOS which is difficult to locate on ground. If this boy arrives and does know track A coy will possibly move to YARABOS on 5 may. C coy found JUKI HMG in their area, gun was loaded but jammed by double feed—otherwise gun in good condition, box amn beside gun.</p>	
WOM	5 May		<p><u>Weather: Raining.</u></p> <p>At 0145 hrs one enemy approached pl posn B coy but escaped. At 0425 hrs B coy advise that pl unable to cross URFIP Cr due to high tide. At 0645 hrs this pl crossed and moved to 280093. Recce patrol from this posn crossed WARINGE R with engr and moved fwd 600 yds. Found some huts and killed two japs in one of them. Between URFIP C and WARINGE R three enemy seen carrying two rifles and one sword. D coy warned to prepare to move to area WARINGE R not before 1300 hrs. D coy found complete M3 less sights at 277113 with bomb stuck in barrel. Three UXB American 500 lb bombs in same area. OP est 279113 to observe WEWAK POINT. Total enemy killed since 030900k now 8. A coy sent small recce patrol to locate any tracks shown on maps leading to YARABOS. Translations of maps & documents captured on 4 may show enemy disposns and strengths YARABOS & posn of mines at WOM and WARINGE R.</p>	


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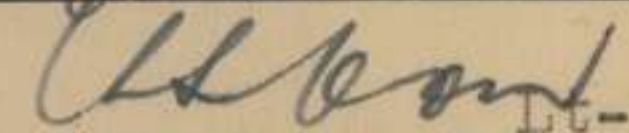
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WOM	(cont) 5 May		<p>Air strikes on WEWAK POINT area well covered. At 1020 hrs LIBERATORS bombed WEWAK POINT. At 1030 hrs one man was wounded by American Para bomb in area 265117. All coys warned and pnr pl searching for others. At 1010 hrs recce patrol from A coy killed one jap in area 263114, he carried no weapons or eqpt & tried to run away. His pocket contained a torn surrender leaflet and some snails.. All this area is very swampy, water waist high and no tracks found to YARABOS which could be used by tps.</p> <p>Result of D coy search of WOM Point—one BROWNING in good order two dual purpose 20 mm guns—sights damaged, also found one small power plant. On EAST side found generator in tunnel which had been used by searchlight unit. At 1110 hrs OP saw one jap moving in undergrowth on WEWAK POINT, again sighted him at 1125 hrs. Huts can be seen at 317083, overgrown and missed by air strike.</p> <p>At 1145 hrs pl B coy moved to track junc 288086 to take up holding posn. 1200 hrs OP saw large column of smoke at 320070. Work proceeding by engrs to bridge URFIP Cr. At 1330 hrs a patrol from C coy to go down track at 275104 as far as Govt Rd at 260095.</p> <p>At 1240 hrs B coy report that they were moving to posn WARINGE R and 10 pl had captured track & road junc 287086. 10 pl-report a good road leading SOUTH suitable for MT at 287086. 150 yds from this point patrol from 10 pl found huts recently used and sighted one jap 400 yds fwd of the track junc. 150 yds WEST of huts the track becomes foot pad and is not jeepable. Another track led away to SE with sig line. 1350 hrs B coy in posn with 12 pl est WARINGE bridge. TacR dropped to 2/8 bn indicated five camo huts at 230104 under trees and numerous huts at 243105 in garden area. Estimated 20 japs moved NW along YARABOS track in past 24 hrs.</p>	


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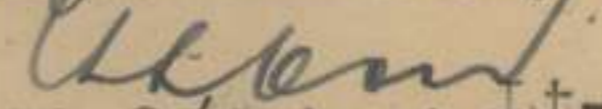
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WOM	(cont) 5 May		<p>At 1530 hrs OP reports dull explosions heard in area 320070- suggested demo being performed. At 1605 hrs OP reports pill box or bunker 317086 NMS. FOO registering. B coy report in their area 288085 four U/S trucks and on beach same area search light and predictor both U/S. At 287085 is truck in good order which may have supplied power to the searchlight. Same area found 15/20 cases 100 lb bombs. At 1625 hrs 10 pl saw three japs 100 yds SE of their posn- killed two & wounded the other who escaped-all were carrying vegetables. C coy patrol to Govt road report track impassable from 271101. Water waist high. Requested Tac R for 6 may area YARABOS track EAST to WEWAK, also air strike on NW tip WEWAK POINT. Bde advise both granted and that 24 BEAUFORTS would bomb WEWAK at 061400k. 2220 hrs OP reports dull light on WEWAK POINT. Arty to fire 150 rounds during night. Intentions for 6 may. B coy est posn 288086 with U/C two dets M3 and one sec MMG. C coy est posn 293083 with U/C one sec MMG. D coy est posn area 286082. A coy est posn 285085. Tac HQ est 284088. Main HQ and details no move before 1100 hrs. B ech to move to area WEST bank WARINGE R at 0900 hrs.</p>	
WOM	6 May		<p>Weather: Fine sunny. 0815 hrs TacR message dropped reveals signs enemy at YARABOS. At 1000 hrs air strike carried out on WEWAK. A coy recce-ing new posn 285082 saw six japs carrying LMG--killed one and captured LMG. At 1030 hrs B coy sec patrol along YARABOS track were fired on by four rifles at 284081--they attacked but found japs gone, found three packs and some documents. At 1250 hrs A coy killed one jap at 286081. At 1140 hrs D coy in posn. 1150 hrs C coy in posn. 1250 hrs A coy in posn. Contact patrols between coys active.</p>	


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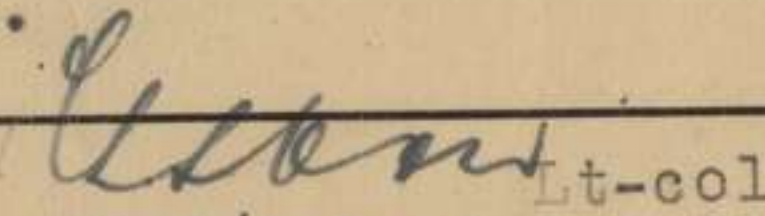
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WOM	(cont) 6 May		<p>1400 hrs A coy patrol from bridge 285084 to KUNAI patch in square 2509. All map refs still WEWAK WEST 1 inch to 1 mile.</p> <p>At 1407 C coy est standing patrol at 295080—patrol to withdraw at night. This area found dump of 150 lb bombs. At 1407 D coy recce patrol returned and reported seeing seven japs at 286073, all dressed in khaki uniforms. As patrol was purely recce it did not engage but withdrew 200 yds and observed. Japs did not pass them, they had evidently seen patrols foot marks. Patrol reported the track along WARINGE R to be solid foot track and tanks could pass along it. 1410 hrs D coy sent a pl fighting patrol to find and engage the seven japs. A coy sent in two jap flags with pictures and writing on them. All air strikes in afternoon on WEWAK covered the area well. TacR in afternoon again reported movement in YARABOS area. At 1550 hrs C coy FOO reported jap counter battery fire falling on WOM from approx 353060--a 75 mm AA gun. First shell exploded over WEWAK POINT second in sea EAST of WOM, next four burst in air above gun posns on WOM—no damage. Our arty engaged and silenced gun. At 1730 hrs A coy patrol to KUNAI patch returned and reported track passable to tps. In time allotted patrol could only travel 3000 yds to 263083. Saw one jap who ran into bush. Patrol could not reach KUNAI patch in time allotted. On way back saw three japs at 267081—killed one, others threw away rifles. At 1750 hrs D coy patrol along WARINGE R killed one jap in hut 286073, also found well prepared def system with twelve bunkers astride river. Also twelve huts in fairly good order and signs of recent occupation by 15/20 japs. Enemy killed since 3 may now total 15 killed 1 wounded.</p>	


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WOM	(cont) 6 May		<p>At 1925 hrs report received from police boy that on his patrol to YARABOS he could only as far as creek through garden at 253098 where he saw two japs who fired on him with automatics mortars and rifles. Intentions for 7 may as follows. A coy to capture YARABOS and gardens and deny area to enemy. Time out 0830 hrs route—from present area to YARABOS track to YARABOS. With them FOO party and sig line party. One pl^{boy} to occupy A coy posn. C coy to maintain standing patrol comd by offr strength two secs at 274952 on creek by 0800 hrs. B-coy to maintain patrols strength each one sec in rear of A coy at 0900, 1200, hrs. Patrols to contact A coy on track and then return to base. Patrol comd by Lt FORD with Lt GORDON and five OR to patrol to WEWAK night 6/7 may. Time out 1930 hrs time in not later than 0600 hrs. Route along coast road to 314079 to 319078 and back same way. C coy to station standing patrol one sec at 302075 to cover withdrawal of WEWAK patrol. At 2130 hrs C coy report firing of OWEN gun and grenades from direction of WEWAK patrol. At 2205 hrs ANGAU advised that two natives would be moving with A coy to YARABOS to act as sentries and scouts. At 2359 hrs arty brought down harrassing fire on MISSION POINT 335061. At 2359 hrs the WEWAK patrol returned to base. After passing through C coy they saw two japs cross track 150 yds further on from fwd tps. Engaged them with no success. Took 30 minutes to re-organise during which time jap mortar fired from area of MINCA track junc, bomb falling in D coy area. Patrol moved fwd to MINCA track junc where fired on by 2 LMGs and 3/4 rifles. Simultaneously flare fired by japs from 20 yds EAST of junc. Lt HARLOCK and Pte BROWN of C coy who were members of covering party were killed. Jap posns could not be located but patrol fired in direction of enemy. Bodies then hidden and patrol returned to base. Made report on engagement and state of track to MINCA junc from C coy.</p>	

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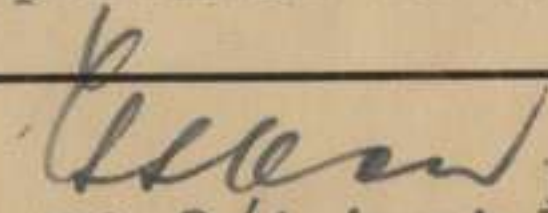
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WARINGE CREEK	7 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Dull overcast</p> <p>Bn posns as 0800 hrs. Bn HQ 283090. A coy 285082. B coy 288086 C coy 293083. D coy 286083. At 0125 hrs a patrol from C coy moved out to recover bodies of 2 killed on WEWAK patrol. Returned at 0420 hrs bringing bodies with them. Pte KIDD wounded in foot. At 0705 hrs D coy reported AA gun firing from bearing 110 degrees magnetic from their posn. Own arty registering immediately. At 0830 hrs Padre KEYTE performed burial service for Lt HARLOCK and Pte BROWN. At 0930 hrs 5 LIGHTNINGs bombed strafed WEWAK POINT.</p> <p>A coy en route to YARABOS killed one jap at 281082. Patrols as mentioned 6 May operating as per instr. 1035 hrs A coy report C coy patrol made contact with them. At 1050 hrs A coy reach first bound 267081. At 1123 hrs A coy again on the move-going very heavy. At 1125 hrs AC bombed WEWAK good coverage. At 1135 hrs A coy reached 266089, going getting tougher and doubtful of accuracy of track as plotted on map. At 1220 hrs A coy contacted enemy strength unknown at head of gardens at 259095. Report track 8 inches of mud. Foot pad only to 275083 then widens to 12/14 feet. At 1330 hrs 2/1 fd regt moved back to their main HQ leaving IO with us. At 1340 hrs relief patrol to C coy standing patrol were fired on by 1 LMG and rifles from three japs who ran away. Own one wounded. Patrol strength 1 sec from D coy sent to cut off enemy. At 1350 hrs D coy est pl in enemy bunker posn astride creek at 285073 with line comm to D coy. At 1410 hrs A coy reported in posn 256097-400 yds from enemy posn as reported by police boy. Approach to enemy posn through SAC SAC very difficult so A coy using arty fire. COs conference at bde future ops-subject to DIV approval, 2/7 Cav plus 2/11 bn capture SAURI Hills and Villages 9 may. 2/4 bn capture WEWAK 10 may, 2/6 cav landing BORAM BAY possible 11 may.</p>	


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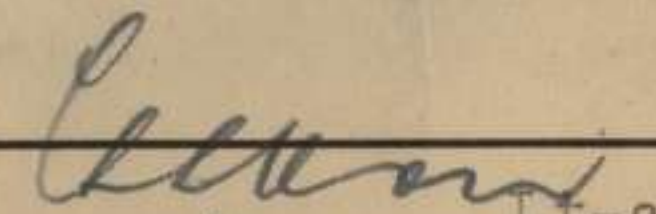
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WARINGE RIVER	(cont) 7 May		<p>At 1425 hrs we saw 3 LIGHTNINGS bomb and straff own arty posns on WOM-some casualties. Reason for mistaken objective not yet known.</p> <p>At 1435 hrs A coy report their attack held up on enemy due to comd post on WOM being blown out and crew killed. At 1450 hrs bridge at 285083 made jeepable but track to bridge not yet jeepable. At 1525 hrs informed bde of our intentions for night 7/8 may. As follows-C coy est out post posn at 302076. A standing patrol one sec will then be est at bridge MINGA CREEK 308075. Contact patrols D to B and B to C.</p> <p>At 1550 hrs contact patrol B to A reported NMS on way. At 1555 hrs D coy patrol which had tried to cut off enemy returned to base NMS. C coy main force being pulled back to 293081 when their standing out post pl in posn. At 1805 hrs it was decided to send C coy outpost to its objective at 2100 hrs. Moving behind arty barrage. Object of securing posn at 302076 and bridge at 308075 is to allow engrs to recce and repair bridge. At 1800 hrs A coy reported by RT (22 set) their posn for night 248101, patrol had gone into YARABOS and reported it clear of enemy. No contact with A coy during night- line thought to be cut. At 2100 hrs requested AIR STRIKE on WENAK POINT, not later than 1030 hrs to knock out enemy cave posns. At 2100 hrs 2/1 fd regt advised us that they were in comm with A coy and would pass on any message received. Dispons night 7 may as follows. Bn HQ 283090. A coy near YARABOS 248101. B coy less 11 pl 288086. 11 pl 286083. C coy 293081 with standing patrol at 295080. D coy less 16 pl 286084. 16 pl 286072. During afternoon Pte DUNSTAN of C coy who had been wounded in jap ambush died and was buried by Chap KEYTE. At 2200 hrs. C coy report its outpost pl on SL.</p>	


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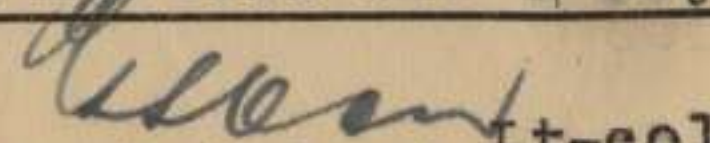
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WARINGE RIVER	8 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Hot.</p> <p>At 0005 hrs C coy report pl comd by Lt POINER had reached it's objective - NMS. Recce patrol to MINGA Cr bridge moved off at once. At 0210 hrs recce patrol returning to 302076 ran into an enemy party of unknown strength on 14 pl EASTERN FDLs. A clash occurred and an recce patrol patrol had one offr of 2/4 Armd Regt and one OR wounded. Casualties in 14 pl were two wounded and one BREN gun destroyed by a grenade. Recce patrol was disorganised and members of it returned to Bn HQ area individually. At 0257 hrs 4 grenades thrown into 14 pl area- NO casualties. At 12 0330 hrs 14 grenades thrown in 14 pl area- casualties, 1 killed, two wounded. Shrapnel from genades were Jap. At 0545 hrs one pers 14 pl was killed. At 0735 hrs A coy report patrol from 248101 moved along track to track junc 235106 to est base and patrol 1000 yds along each fork in track. NMS to date. At 0745 hrs D coy pl at 286072 (16 pl) killed 2 japs of a party of four. Enemy looked like a recce patrol and there was possibly 1 native with them. A coy reported their posns as follows. Standing patrol one sec at 259094. 2 secs and main CHQ 248101. Two pls est base 235106-patrolling fwd. At 1000 hrs A coy patrol at 235106 contacted enemy - killed three japs then adv to 230105 and killed one more. At 1045 hrs 16 pl at 286072 report that A coy patrol returned to base 248101. A coy ETD from YARABOS 1200 hrs, ETA this HQ 1630 1630 hrs.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs B coy commenced to adv with tanks, Arty, Flame throwers, mortars and MMG. Objective to est bridge head across MINGA CR to cover repair work by engr on bridge. At 1335 hrs tanks engaged a bunker across the creek where 6 japs had been seen. At 1420 hrs 12 pl crossed the river & exploited for 300 yds. Found 1 dead in bunker, killed by tank fire. At 1430 hrs BOOBY TRAP exploded in C coy area wounding 1 man. At 1435 hrs B coy report that dead</p>	

jap in bunker had LMG and plenty amm.


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WARINGE RIVER	8 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Hot.</p> <p>At 0005 hrs C coy report pl comd by Lt POINER had reached it's objective - NMS. Recce patrol to MINGA Cr bridge moved off at once. At 0210 hrs recce patrol returning to 302076 ran into an enemy party of unknown strength on 14 pi EASTERN FDLs. A clash occurred and and recce patrol patrol had one offr of 2/4 Armd Regt and one OR wounded. Casualties in 14 pi were two wounded and one BREN gun destroyed by a grenade. Recce patrol was disorganised and members of it returned to Bn HQ area individually. At 0257 hrs 4 grenades thrown into 14 pi area- NO casualties. At is 0330 hrs 14 grenades thrown in 14 pi area- casualties, 1 killed, two wounded. Shrapnel from grenades were Jap. At 0545 hrs one pers 14 pi was killed. At 0735 hrs A coy report patrol from 248101 moved along track to track junc 235106 to est base and patrol 1000 yds along each fork in track. NMS to date. At 0745 hrs D coy pl at 286072 (16 pi) killed 2 japs of a party of four. Enemy looked like a recce patrol and there was possibly 1 native with them. A coy reported their posns as follows. Standing patrol one sec at 259094. 2 secs and main CHQ 248101. Two pis est base 235106-patrolling fwd. At 1000 hrs A coy patrol at 235106 contacted enemy - killed three japs then adv to 230105 and killed one more. At 1045 hrs 16 pi at 286072 report that A coy patrol returned to base 248101. A coy ETD from YARABOS 1200 hrs, ETA this HQ is 1630 hrs.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs B coy commenced to adv with tanks, Arty, Flame throwers, mortars and MMG. Objective to est bridge head across MINGA CR to cover repair work by engrs on bridge. At 1335 hrs tanks engaged a bunker across the creek where 6 japs had been seen. At 1420 hrs 12 pi crossed the river & exploited for 300 yds. Found 1 dead in bunker, killed by tank fire. At 1430 hrs BOOBY TRAP exploded in C coy area wounding 1 man. At 1435 hrs B coy report that dead jap in bunker had LMG and plenty amm.</p>	

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WARINGE RIVER	8 May		<p>At 1500 hrs B coy lost one man killed by LMG & were coming under fire from WEWAK POINT. It was rifle and LMG fire and the coy was engaging with M3 and tanks. Enemy fire was spasmodic-10/12 auto bursts and approx 12 rifle shots. B coy digging in. Snipers operating on WEWAK POINT. Tanks scored 3/4 direct hits on hut at 317080. At 1630 hrs B coy HQ at 307075, 12 pl fwd, 11 pl rear. Snipers firing from 316080. 12 pl being fired on by 70mm gun. At 1655 hrs B coy reported shelling bridge on QMINGA CREEK. Gun seemed to be firing from direction WEWAK DROME-mag bearing 135°. B coy could not see gun and FOO was not in direct touch with his battery. Messages from him being relayed through this HQ. B coy sustained one killed and two wounded in last shelling. At 1730 hrs a patrol comd by Sjt SHEARER of D coy moved out to recce track from fx 289077 to jap gardens at 305057 returned and reported that at 1515 hrs at approx 287067 they saw four japs with LMG sitting on right of track. One was digging. Behind these japs some 15 yds was a hut and around it were at least 20 japs walking around and another digging. On left of track opposite they saw 5 more japs. At 1535 hrs four japs approached our patrol which was observing from 15 yds away. Patrol killed three and remaining one ran back. Japs opened up with at least 2 LMGs and many rifles. Fire came from posns up to 20 yds on left of track. Patrol heard movement from right flank as though an encircling move was being made. An LMG fired from the hut as well. Patrol withdrew NO casualties. Foot prints on track indicated recent movement of 20/30 enemy to area of contact. At approx 288070 patrol returning saw 3 old huts recently occupied and SAC/SAC food plant. Also fresh weapon pit. B coy found an INDIAN (SIHK) grave at 307076 with full particulars as to identity. A coy warned to have a patrol in posn by 090845 hrs approx 100 yds short of enemy posn located by Sjt SHEARERS patrol. Object of</p>	

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WARINGE RIVER	(cont) 8 May		<p>this to provide security for 2/11 bn who is moving through that area on 9 may. If 2/11 bn pass through in time A coy patrol will then attempt to make contact with enemy but must return to base by 1200 hrs. Patrol to WEWAK comd by Lt GORDON will move from present area to 316078 and est a base. From that point Lt GORDON will and 2 ca will proceed to 315080 to 315082 to 321083 to 317079. Note back along spur to coast road. Time out 090100k time in not later than 090630k 090630k. Strength of patrol one offr 12 OR. The arty will fire star shells at 0230 hrs over point 315080 and at 0300 hrs at point 320080. At 2130 hrs it was decided that the A coy standing patrol to cover 2/11 bn move would now be a fighting patrol and would leave at 0630 hrs and attack the enemy posns at 287076. At 2300 hrs 16 pl reported seeing two enemy and considerable movement around their area. Contact patrols between coys throughout night 8/9 may.</p> <p><u>Weather: Dull but fine.</u></p>	
WARINGE RIVER	9 May		<p>At 0050 hrs D coy reported 16 pl all quiet but enemy still moving around. At 0930 hrs CO issued orders on sand table for capture of WEWAK. At 0610 hrs recce patrol to WEWAK returned and reported it had not reached its objective due to route being impassable. Patrol struggled through swamp for three hours. At 0630 hrs the fighting patrol from A coy departed to engage enemy located on previous day. At 0810 hrs C coy patrol reported MINGA VILLAGE clear. Found old pwer station in wrecked condition. At 1000 hrs B coy again under shell fire from same gun posn. Seven shells one dud NO casualties. At 1245 hrs B coy reported that carrion birds were hovering over hut on which tank had scored direct hits. At 1300 hrs fighting patrol from A coy returned. NO enemy found in posn as reported yesterday, but as patrol was coming back it was fired on from 284066 by 6 japs with LMGs and rifles. Own one wounded and enemy party withdrew.</p>	

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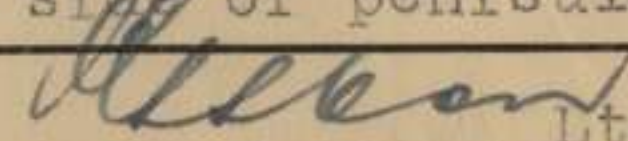
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WARINGE RIVER	(cont) 9 May		In the afternoon the entire unit assembled in area MINGA CREEK. Final orders were given for the attack on WEWAK. H hour to be dawn-0523 hrs.	
MINGA VILLAGE - CREEK area.	10 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Dull & rain morning-fine later.</p> <p>Reveille 0300 hrs. Breakfast 0330 hrs. IO and party moved to SL 200 yds EAST of MINGA CREEK bridge at 0345 hrs. The SL was marked by a masked torch on either side of track. During the night the engr's had constructed a bridge across the river and the approach to this was also marked - by a blue light. D coy moved to the SL at 0510 hrs and remainder of unit assembled for their own fwd moves. At 0523 hrs it was decided that the light was too bad to cross SL and open the attack. This was due to rain causing first light to be late. The arty had already commenced shelling according to programme but CO decided to put H hour back to 0610 hrs and arty programme was re-commenced accordingly at 0555 hrs. D coy crossed SL at 0610 hrs and B coy at 0620 hrs. At 0635 hrs D coy was under fire from knoll 317080. At 0638 hrs area xxx MINGA BRIDGE was under shell fire for 10 minutes from direction WEWAK drome. Several shells did not explode and NO casualties. At 0641 hrs D coy captured the knoll and adv to KINGS CROSS 318082 and had taken it's objective by 0647 hrs. At 0702 hrs C coy crossed SL with task of relieving D coy on knoll. By this time D coy was consolidating with two pls on KINGS CROSS objective while the pl on the knoll was under fire from a bunker on the EAST side of the knoll. By 0735 hrs C coy had reached a point 200 yds from EAST xxxx end PITT STREET and was under fire from three bunkers in area 321082. At 0739 hrs D coy had two pls on the 140 feature on the peninsular extending to the EAST coast with CHQ at KINGS CROSS. C coy had come under fire from 75mm gun direction WEWAK drome. B coy was having difficulty all this time with a series of snipers in bunker posns on the side of the escarpment on WEST side of penisular.</p>	


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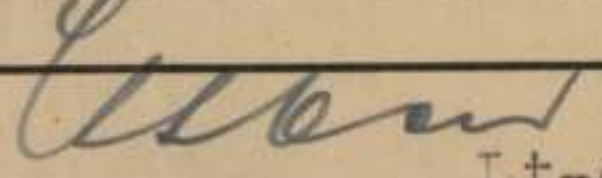
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MINGA VILLAGE - CREEK area	(cont) 10 May		<p>By 0745 hrs B coy had its right fwd pl upon the crest of the escarpment with the left fwd pl moving up to crest at 317074. The rear pl was engaging the snipers in caves on the side of the escarpment. These caves were very hard to see and one sniper persisted until 1400 hrs before he was killed. During this time he accounted for own one killed and five wounded incl Lt WRIGHT. Later on examination seven enemy dead were found in this cave—they had been killed by tank fire. Flame throwers were continuously used to mop up these cave posns. The caves were actually long connecting tunnels running through the hill. Some of them were as long as 300 feet from end to end. Japs had evidently used them for sleeping as well as fighting. They were in a filthy condition rubbish everywhere and very dark. In one of them was a box of shoes, all new and some childrens, womens and mens. All EUROPEAN style. C coy occupied the knoll at 0757 hrs and the pl of D coy moved fwd and rejoined the remainder of the coy. At 0800 hrs two fwd pls of B coy had reached the coy objective while rear pl was still searching for snipers below the crest. At 0816 hrs C coy was shelled continuously for ten minutes. By 0830 hrs WEWAK POINT was captured and mopping up commenced. A pl of C coy moved around EAST side of the penisular at 0850 hrs, to engage an LMG firing on them. The other two pls were then astride the EAST end of PITT STREET. At 1026 hrs a further bunker posn past the stone jetty on EAST side XXXXXX of the penisular was located. LMG fire coming from it. Flame throwers were brought up but one member of the crew of two was wounded and no other pers knew how to operate the instrument. Tanks could not approach due to the rough country. A pl C coy then moved to top of crest above cave and attacked downhill successfully—killing three enemy. At 1130 hrs B coy was trying to locate snipers on WEST side of escarpment, firing tank howitzers at 100 yds range into mouths of caves. Bn HQ was est at WEST end of knoll by this time.</p>	


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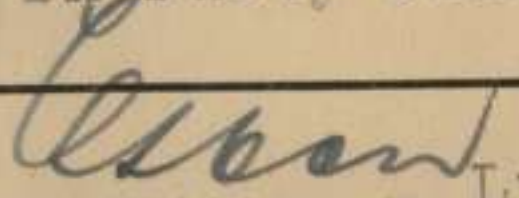
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WEWAK	(cont) 10 May		<p>At 1140 hrs C coy again shelled by 75mm gun. Much eqpt had been captured by this time. Later when posn was stabilized large quantities of documents were found incl 31 cases of documental records. Several maps and op orders were also found. Casualties to 1200 hrs were Own 1 killed and 14 wounded. Known enemy were 36 killed. An airforce bombing strike on WEWAK MISSION area, where guns appeared to be stationed that were shelling us. Target area was well covered. At 1215 hrs A coy was ordered to move around WEST side of WEWAK POINT to NW tip to mop up any enemy. D coy ordered to mop up fwd of KINGS CROSS to NORTH and EAST east of peninsular. B coy to clean up caves in side of escarpment on WEST side of peninsular. C coy to hold astride EAST end PITT STREET. At 1340 hrs C coy reported that while mopping up a bunker in their area, flame throwers were used and apparently ignited a dump of bombs. The bunker was blown to pieces. At 1400 hrs the troublesome sniper on WEST side escarpment was killed. He was six feet tall and weighed approx 14 stone. During A coys mopping up, several occupied caves were found. These were picuetted until engr arrived. The mouths of each cave was then demolished by explosives and the caves sealed up completely. On one occasion enemy were heard trying to dig themselves out. They were unsuccessful. By 1540 hrs D coy had cleared the N and NE tip of the point. B coy had cleared NW tip, finding some old bunkers, old trucks and 12 X 44 gal drums of petrol. At 1710 hrs A coy and Bn HQ were shelled from direction WEWAK drome. During the night small parties of enemy trapped on the peninsular tried to infiltrate through our posns and escape. One enemy was killed seven yds from Int office. Known enemy killed to 2400 hrs were 65. Own 1 killed, 1 died of wounds and 17 17 wounded. Total casualties from 3 may. Own 10 killed 26 wounded, 1 died of wounds. Known enemy killed, 88 and 2 wounded. Plus at least 50 sealed in caves. Captured eqpt now incl 3 x 75mm guns, 2 x 20mm guns, 1 LMG several rifles and 1 English BRIEN gun in rusty condition.</p>	


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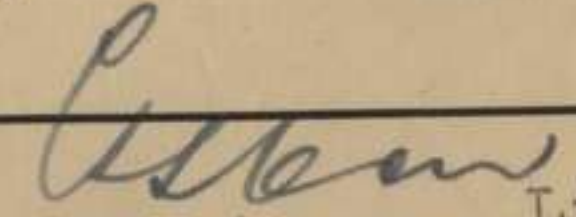
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WEWAK	11 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Dull morning. Fine afternoon.</p> <p>At 0640 hrs 2 enemy guns shelled area MINGA BRIDGE. Eight shells fired.</p> <p>At 0850 hrs C coy had moved to FIVE DOCK and one pl exploited to 100 yds. C coy then adv to MASCOT junc after being relieved at FIVE DOCK by MMG pl.</p> <p>At 0940 hrs A coy found a saw bench in good condition on WEWAK plateau, also a 4 HP diesel motor air compressor attached with 3 x 38 inch blades recently used. Also found same area a steel safe. Engrs blew door and safe was found to contain rolls of invasion money. At 0955 hrs a serviceable 20mm gun and large supply of amm found in cave near Bn HQ. Shell in breach of gun and gun covered by cloth. This and other caves were being found and sealed by demolition. Two japs in one cave had committed suicide. Found badges of rank and photographs of a Lt-General, also his photograph album. Could not identify the general among the jap dead. At 1100 hrs A coy found water pumping unit apparently used by salt producing unit. It was in good order. At 1120 hrs C coy captured a PW in area FIVE DOCK. Could speak little English and claimed to be a CELEBES islander brought to NG by force. A coy killed one enemy in hut NE tip WEWAK POINT. He was sleeping beside a two weeks dead jap which was covered with maggots. Many caves found in cliff face with engr stores dump and 2 x 20mm guns in good condition. A coy found a BROWNING and 2 AA guns approx 3 inch calibre. Amongst enemy dead to date are at least 5 offrs and 2 Sjt-Majs. WEWAK POINT completely cleared of enemy by 1200 hrs. At 1425 hrs while on the way to link up with and hand over to 2/11 bn the tanks bogged and unable to go on to 2/11 bn. No enemy seen but engr deloused 4 of 6 tank mines made from aerial bombs. At 1700 hrs CO issued orders for move to WEWAK drome on 12 may.</p>	


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WEWAK	12 May		<p><u>Weather</u> : Fine hot.</p> <p>At 0940 hrs a patrol from D coy to NE tip of peninsular saw NO sign of enemy. A coy moved from WEWAK POINT at 0830 hrs and adv along coast rd to track junc at 322067. At same time C coy adv down WEWAK drome. At this stage the bn was disposed as follows, A coy 322067. B coy 322059. C coy 317063. D coy less one pl on WEWAK POINT and one pl at track junc 311068. Bn HQ with C coy. By 1220 hrs B coy had adv through C coy and was at SE end of drome when fired on by HMG from 325047. NO casualties. Patrols from A coy along coast rd and inland tracks for topo information. At 1230 hrs D coy reported finding one dead jap in cave. Cave very dark and contained 5 x 20mm guns which were destroyed. A jap voice was heard but patrol did not seek owner. Cave was sealed by explosives. At 1520 hrs A coy sent a patrol to WIRUI RIVER and information concerning tracks and creeks was gained. Saw signs of bare feet and wheel marks on track 331059 to coast. These tracks led to WIRUI MISSION and as toes were close together and not spread apart like a NG natives. It is presumed that CELEBES ISLANDERS or INDIANS had been used to drag gun carriage along the track. The signs were quite recent. At 1540 hrs B coy saw three japs digging in a gun on ridge at 319046. Our own arty engaged and caused some damage. At 1800 hrs a C coy patrol across country on compass bearing to contact patrol of 2/11 bn and survey a route for a line to be laid returned having failed to make contact. Had seen signs of two enemy in a hut at track junc 312053. At 1930 hrs a light was seen flashing from WEWAK POINT towards WIRUI MISSION indicating some enemy still occupying unfound caves. NO answering flashes were seen. During night while a 25 pr gun was being moved into B coy area, the tracks fouled a booby trap and one own was killed four wounded and four arty pers wounded. Capt RD BAYDEN & Lt NR FORD marched out to join INDIAN ARMY. Lt JB WELLS assumed duties as Adjt.</p>	

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WEWAK DROME	13 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine sunny</p> <p>A coy moved to 331061 and was in posn by 0825 hrs on WIRUI CREEK.</p> <p>At 1130 hrs the MMG pl of 2/8 bn relieved 17 pl D coy at 311068. This pl reverted to comd D coy and the coy moved from WEWAK to 325064 on coast rd. At 1120 hrs 6 pl of 2/2 fd coy captured 2 PW in swamp at 318072. One was wounded prior to capture. At 1215 hrs our own arty engaged an enemy gun at short range at 319047. Hits were scored all around the gun causing considerable damage and a definite hit was scored on a bunker. At 1215 hrs a patrol and line party returned from contacting 2/11 bn standing patrol at 312053. The line from 2/4 bn was connected with 2/11 bn. In a hut at 312053 which was found by similar patrol yesterday from which 2 rifles were taken and destroyed, a new rifle was found and destroyed. At 1245 hrs a patrol returned from 2/11 bn standing patrol by track leading from NW end of drome to SW through jap gardens in square 3005 to SE to track junc 312053. At 308065 three enemy were seen in huts. One was killed and two escaped, one was wounded. The gardens were in good condition and bearing vegetables. There were several huts in the area all showing signs of recent use by approx 60 enemy. During afternoon recce patrols from A coy obtained information concerning bridges to WIRUI CREEK and tracks in the area. They located more aerial bombs set in the ground as mines and several cases of unidentified Anti-pers mines. Remains of a large wood and brick building found at mouth of inlet XXXXXX at MISSION POINT. Patrol observed BORAM POINT -NMS. At 1630 hrs our arty engaged a gun posn and bunker on WIRUI HILL 322045. They knocked out the gun and destroyed the bunker. A hut was located by a B coy patrol at 324058, it had been recently occupied.</p> <p>At 1830 hrs D coy saw 4 japs moving towards B coy. B coy notified to look out for them. Enemy casualties now amount to 150 killed, 2 wounded and 3 PW. This makes a total of 254 killed, 2 wounded and 6 PW since unit arrived in NG.</p>	

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WEWAK DROME	14 May		<p>Weather: Fine sunny.</p> <p>At 0600 hrs five shells fired from CAPE MOEM fell into sea. Movement of small numbers of enemy observed on WIRUI MISSION. The CO decided to attack the feature in the afternoon. Accordingly the bn moved into the following disposns. A coy 327050. B coy 332062. C coy 330060. D coy 328057. Tac HQ with D coy. At 1200 hrs CO, IO, and OC C coy made recce of feature to be attacked from A coy posns. At 1230 hrs orders for the attack were given and H hour set as 1400 hrs. Coys to attack were, C coy for phaze one, A coy for phaze two and B coy for phaze three. D coy in reserve with 1 pl fwd to protect SL. At 1400 hrs C coy crossed the SL. Going was hard and slow in high KUNIA grass, light opposition was encountered from bunkers hidden in grass. Slow progress was made and by 1430 hrs C coy had captured its objective. Nine enemy were killed, own one wounded. The arty support prior to the attack and the tank support during it was very effective. Our tps located 3 enemy lying in the grass beside the track along which the tanks were moving. They had mines fixed to sticks and intended to place them under the tanks. All three were killed. After C coy had commenced to consolidate and mop up, A coy passed through them to take the second objective and B coy moved onto the SL in readiness to pass through A coy. A coy encountered little opposition and it was decided that A coy would move straight onto B coys objective. This was accomplished and WIRUI MISSION was completely in our hands by 1507 hrs. B coy moved to A coys original objective and consolidation and mopping up commenced. Tac HQ and later main HQ moved into posn rear of B coy. Snipers were active against us and were hard to locate. Owing to the rough ground a patrol from 2/11 bn was unable to make contact with us. By dusk a few sniper posts still remained active. Most of them had been located but the actual posns had not been pinpointed. Enemy killed during day, 18. Own, three wounded. There was no unusual happenings during the night.</p>	

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WIRUI MISSION	15 May		<p>Weather: Fine sunny</p> <p>At 0800 hrs the 2/11 bn notified us that a contact patrol had left at 0745 hrs to contact us on the MISSION feature. The patrol made contact at 0930 hrs. Mopping up continued and at 0900 hrs a patrol from A coy was engaged from a well placed bunker posn by HMG & LMG fire. Own two wounded. Patrol withdrew while arty brought fire down on the area. Same patrol had killed three japs in the morning. At 1200 hrs/am amm dump found in C coy area was blown up. Captured eqpt on the MISSION at this stage was, -8 respirators in good condition, a box of spare parts for 20mm gun, 2 x 20 mm guns in good condition, 4 boxes 20mm amm. 4 HMG with tripods in good condition, 2 HMG telescopic sights, 3 AA type HMG sights, 1 AA LMG with drum type mags, 4 cases point 256 amm, 103 good rifles, one good and one U/S 75mm gun, a welding plant in good order, the iron framework of a partly built boat, 1 twin barrel BROWNING, 7 U/S BROWNINGs, 1 repairable motor bike and side car, 1 U/S transmitter, documents and unit identity tags, 2 repairable trucks, 6 U/S trucks, 1 repairable 1 U/S staff cars, 1 x 6 wheeled panel van - front wheels missing otherwise alright, XXXXXXX 1 x 2½ ton English make battle buggy u/s, 1 American jeep, 1 generator in good order, 8 telephones - 2 of which needed repairs. At 1315 hrs tanks moved up to WIRUI MISSION HILL to engage the bunker containing the HMGs and LMGs. After several direct hits a white flag was shown from the bunker. A patrol from A coy moved down and took 1 PW in a dazed condition from the bunker. Another jap committed suicide by holding a grenade to his head. This one was a Sjt-maj. At 1355 hrs B coy moved back to its old posn on WEWAK DROME. At 1455 hrs 6 additional dead had been counted among the ruins of the same bunker from which the PW had been taken--they had been blown to pieces by tank and arty fire. At 1515 hrs C coy killed one jap in a hut. A coy also killed two in a hut at 318045.</p>	

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WURUI MISSION	(Cont) 15 May		<p>At 1525 hrs a patrol from A coy down BIG ROAD contacted a 2/11 bn standing patrol at 317047. At 1745 hrs A coy killed one jap at 317046. At 1805 hrs Dcoy reported finding 14 graves at 316051. They were all japanese and three of them were approx two weeks old, the others being much older. Also three graves approx 3 weeks old found at 326056. By this time additional eqpt captured incl 1 good 20mm gun, 1 good BROWNING with plenty of amn, 1 BROWNING in fair condition and 2 U/S. 1 U/S HMG, 1 Aust rifle, 1 LEWIS gun and plenty of amn, 1 jap LMG good condition, 1 grenade discharger, 1 HMG in good order, another three BROWNINGs good order, 1 water cooled SMG another twin barrel AA LMG. Total casualties since 3 may now stand at:- own 12 killed, 2 died of wounds, 39 wounded, 2 wounded remaining on duty. Enemy:- 182 killed, 2 wounded, 4 PW. Apart from 2/3 grenades going off at night the situation was quiet. From the heights of WIRUI MISSION we could see the lights of CAPE WOM, now a safe area which houses the MDS and HQ 19 bde. We heard to-day that an INDIAN came through the swamp and surrendered to MDS pers.</p>	
WIRUI MISSION	16 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine sunny. Early in the morning B coy which had gone back to the drome, reported that a jap hut in their area, previously deserted was now heavily booby-trapped. Engrs were sent to delouse the instruments but on examination found them to be rat traps. At 0830 hrs Bn HQ moved from WIRUI to the beach at 332061. The unit was then disposed as follows:- A coy on WIRUI MISSION feature 321044. B coy on WEWAK drome. C coy on lower spur WIRUI MISSION at 326047 and D coy which was under comd 2/8 bn for their attack on KREER had CHQ and 16 pl at 331059, 17 pl at 332056 and 18 pl at 328054. A & C coys continued clearing the MISSION.</p>	

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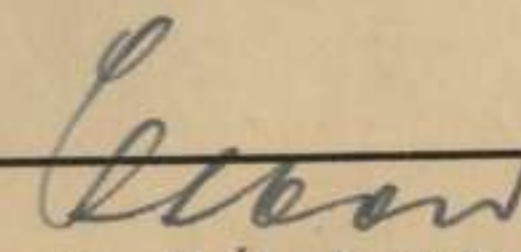
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WIRUI MISSION	(cont) 16 May		<p>A coy killed one jap at 318046. During the morning patrols from 2/8 and 2/11 bns contacted A coy. We were now in line comm with both units.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs a patrol from B coy contacted C coy of 2/11 bn and our own A, C, D coys. They saw no enemy but found one dead with a rifle at 316047.</p> <p>At 1300 hrs A coy est a standing patrol of one sec at 319038. At 1310 hrs patrol from C coy comd Lt BLACKWOOD found two huts at 327049 which had been used as a jap hosp. There were several empty boxes marked with a red cross. In the same huts were two British rifles. In the river bank vicinity 328047, 5 caves were found unoccupied. A large unmapped village of 30 huts was located in same area, some of the huts showed signs of recent occupation. One hut had apparently been used as an offrs mess since it contained several cushioned chairs. In this area the patrol found quite a lot of engr stores and tools, 1 dynamo, 1 anti-tank rifle similar to our BOYES rifle, a quantity of HMG amm and mountain gun amm, 2 U/S trucks one containing a lathe and the other an AA twin mounting. The same patrol shortly after this killed 2 japs in a hut at 331044 and wounded a third who escaped. Some documents were captured by the patrol. At 1330 hrs patrols from A & B coys of 2/11 bn passed through A coy posn. At 1340 hrs a local clearing patrol from A coy found 11 huts at 317046 containing 1 AA tripod for an LMG, 1 grenade discharger in good order, 1 U/S motor, 1 HMG in good order, 3 LMGs with drum type mags and they destroyed 7 rifles. At 1700 hrs Lt GORDON and a party of TKA pers burnt 10 huts at 306057 in jap garden area previously located by him. They brought back a new HMG which was still in it's cover. At 1855 hrs C coy found 2 more enemy, killed by arty fire near their coy HQ.</p>	2/8


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WIRUI CREEK	17 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine sunny</p> <p>At 0700 hrs C coy found another dead jap, killed by arty fire near their CHQ. At 0745 hrs A coy killed a jap in a hut 347046. At 0930 hrs C coy moved on to the beach road at 330061, just WEST of Bn HQ. During the morning some additional eqpt was found on the MISSION feature, it amounted to 9 cases mixed hammer heads, 1 case bicycle tubes, 4 cases arc welding rods, 26 cases leather eqpt incl pouches and belts, 3 cases wood bits, 14 tins of grease, 2 cases mm barrels and parts, 1 case 81mm mortar bombs, 1 case of strips of nylon samples, 3 cases 37mm amm, 11 cases MT parts, 3 U/S wireless sets, several sets of scales. At 321054 near WEWAK drome a hut was found by B coy - it was 6 ft by 6 ft and built up 8 ft from ground. It contained a good transmitter and receiver set, 18 spare valves and 2 boxes of batteries. At 1110 hrs A coy patrol found a jap in a hut at 319046. His leg had been blown off by arty fire some three days ago but he was still alive. As patrol approached he committed suicide by holding a grenade against his head. At 1345 hrs a hut was located at 326057 with dead japs in it who had committed suicide within the past 12 hours. From one of them was taken an American identity disc marked as follows:—"GEORGE M VAFIADI; 36874988, T43; A P". At 1400 hrs another enemy committed suicide in a hut at 323044. D coy which was placed U/C 2/8 bn moved to 345055 at 1415 hrs. During the day representatives of FFS and Enemy Equipment Bureau moved through the area of operations examining and collecting samples of the eqpt captured by the unit.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	18 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Rain morning hot sunny afternoon.</p> <p>At 0910 hrs D coy reverted U/C 2/4 bn and the bn area of responsibility was increased to include KREER VILLAGE at 337046. D coy occupying the village.</p>	

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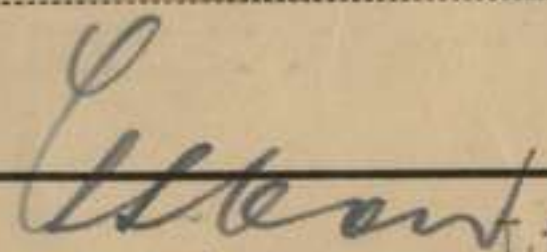
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 18 May		<p>Leaving 16 pl comd by Lt JONES at 343052. The bde comd held a conference of all comds 19 bde group at our HQ at 0930 hrs. At the same time General STEVENS visited our HQ and went with Maj MADDERN to A coys posn on WIRUI MISSION. Lt D FOLLINGTON who was adm comd C coy made a recce for a suitable tactical site for an outpost and finally selected one on a high feature EAST of WIRUI MISSION at approx 328040. This posn will be occupied by the pnr pl comd by Lt GRAHAM. As from 0900 hrs Lt C N B GORDON assumed duties as assistant adjt. Local patrolling for security was carried out by the coys during the day but except for D coy no contact was made. At 1815 hrs as Capt HAWKE (OC D Coy) and a sec was on a recce for a new posn to be occupied, the fwd scout was fired upon and wounded in the head by enemy in newly dug posns at 333037. The patrol withdrew leaving 4 men to cover the party assisting the wounded man. When this rear party eventually withdrew two men who were on the right of the track on their own became seperated and followed a wrong track for some distance before realising their mistake. Knowing that the enemy may have moved fwd to cover the track along which they had moved, the two men cut through the jungle and eventually reached a coy of 2/8 bn. One had injured his ankle and reported to RAP the other returning to D coy.. During the afternoon the CO and IO visited A B & D coys. Quite a lot of fish have been caught in the sea opposite C coy and Bn HQ to-day. Some hand lines have been used but grenades are more effective. At 1800 when a relief party was moving out from A coy to their standing patrol they encountered a single jap approaching the coy posn. When he saw the patrol he fled into the jungle.</p>	


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WIRUI CREEK	19 May		<p><u>Weather</u> : Fine sunny</p> <p>The unit is still mainly resting but D coy and pnr pl are in tactical posns. At 1000 hrs Lt JP GRAHAM and pnr pl moved out and occupied a posn as an outpost on a high feature at 327038. Native carrier trains are required to supply the outpost with food water and amm. At 1200 hrs D coy moved to knoll just WEST of the track junc where their recce party encountered enemy at afternoon 18 may (332038). During the night arty harrassing fire had been brought down on the enemy posn and this morning when D coy moved up they were gone. One pl of D coy was left at KREER VILLAGE at 337046. In D coys new posn they found a tree with a ladder attached to it. From the top of the ladder a good view could be obtained of WEWAK harbour and portion of the coast. It had obviously been used as an OP. At 1400 hrs a local patrol from C coy found a jap cooking a meal in a hut some 300 yds from Bn Hq. He was unarmed and was taken prisoner. At 1425 hrs D coy found fresh water in a creek 100 yds from their posn. At 1800 hrs a patrol returning to D coy saw 4/6 enemy near the creek at 321037 where 4 huts had been burnt earlier in the afternoon. From a captured jap map some tracks not shown on our maps were plotted in during the evening and on 20 may patrols from A & D coys will go out and look for them.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	20 May		<p><u>Weather</u> : Heavy rain during morning. Very foggy out at sea.</p> <p>At 0645 hrs a clearing patrol from D coy killed three japs in a hut at 333036. They had three rifles. Two documents in a sealed envelope were captured. They were on the body of a serjeant.</p>	

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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 20 May		<p>In the same area were freshly dug weapon pits and they were newly camouflaged. During the morning B coy was relieved at the drome by a coy of 2/2 bn and moved over to the beach into the posn occupied by C coy. C coy moved out and took up posn at 343051, along the track to KREER. A pl of D coy occupied this posn a few days ago. Recce patrols from A & D coys were active all day endeavouring to locate on the ground tracks shown on captured maps and on aerial photographs. Several tracks were found and several huts and garden areas located. At 1400 hrs C coy killed one jap lying in a hole in their new area. At 1645 hrs D coy found a jap shrine beside the track in front of their posn. It was an ordinary bush timber hut with a gable in the front. The hut was burnt and the floor proved to be a cellar in which was buried many small boxes, some 9 inches square, each one wrapped in calico with japanese characters thereon. Inside each box were small calico bags containing finger bones. At 1745 hrs a patrol from D coy found 2 japs smoking in a hut at 335036. One was killed and the other fled EAST. In a steep bank nearby were 5 unoccupied caves.</p> <p>Weather: Hot sunny.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	21 May		<p>At 1150 hrs a pl from A coy moved to the 280 feature 347042 & relieved a pl of 2/8 bn at that posn. C coy occupied the unnamed village at 328029 without opposition. An inspection of the jap shrine revealed many more boxes of ashes. It is estimated that ashes of seven thousand enemy are contained in these boxes. 5 pl departed posn 328040 at 1100 hrs & took up posn at 344052 during afternoon.</p>	

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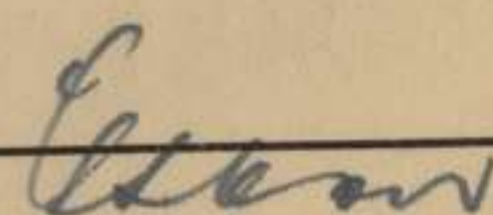
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 21 May		<p>At 1545 hrs a patrol from D coy moving SOUTH along track toward KOIGEN were fired upon from enemy posn 333033 by one LMG and some rifles. Patrol approximated enemy strength 8/10, depth of posn 30 yds astride track. Arty fire was brought down on this posn and at 1800 hrs one pl moving up to attack found that the enemy had reinforced to approx 20/30 with at least 3 LMGs which together with the approach of dusk forced the pl to return to coy area. Arty fire was brought down immediately and harassing fire continued throughout the night. Lt DG HEALEY assumed duties as IO, Lt EH FOX being warned for evac to hosp.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	22 May		<p>Weather: Mainly clear with occasional showers.</p> <p>By 1200 hrs D coy had been relieved by B coy and 18 pl relieved at KREER by 5 pl. D coy moved out to rest area on coast 348056. Enemy probing on C coy front during night 21/22 May resulting in one enemy killed and a patrol sent out to locate possible posns were fired on and engaged enemy at 323019. Enemy strength estimated at 30 with 4 LMGs and some rifles used during engagement which lasted from 0950 to 1015 hrs when our patrol withdrew under heavy fire. Arty was brought down on enemy posn. A further patrol moved out at 1400 hrs towards KOIGEN and on reaching fwd slopes of feature 332025 were engaged by enemy from dug in posns around crest. Several huts were sighted and some enemy movement confirming assumption from aerial photos that posn of KOIGEN on 1/20000 maps is incorrect and should be on NORTH slopes of this feature. At 0530 hrs (23 May) A coy perimeter was harassed by several enemy who threw two grenades and then fled, wounding three.</p>	


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WIRUI CREEK	23 May		<p>Weather: Overcast, heavy rain 1000-1400 hrs.</p> <p>During the morning the CO, Lt-col G S COX, accompanied by IO visited B & C coys. A patrol from C coy returned at 1100 hrs having moved direct from posn to KOIGEN track 335032, SOUTH of enemy posn contacted by D coy 21 may. NMS and heavy rain hindered extensive recce. At 1630 hrs an enemy patrol of five approached the coy area and were fired on by a sentry who killed one, remainder fled EAST towards KOIGEN. At 1500 hrs a patrol from B coy moved SOUTH along KOIGEN track and killed one enemy at 333033. Proceeding further, 3 packs were found containing rice and biscuits and clothing. A short distance further on patrol found 3 enemy dead who had been killed by arty fire which had evidently forced enemy to withdraw from 333033. XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	24 May		<p>Weather: Cloudy with showers.</p> <p>NO change in bn disposns. At 0330 hrs there was some movement on 5 pl front and during the resultant stand-to, one enemy was killed. NO further movement until 0530 hrs when a grenade was thrown in, wounding four, two of whom were evac to MDS. A coy discovered a small dump in MISSION area incl one box of booby traps, another containing 30 equivalent to our MOIOTOV cocktail and nearby were 15 recent graves. A,B coy patrol from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs reached KOIGEN feature and recce established that the village was misplaced on 1/20000 map, actually being on the crest at 334025.</p> <p>On returning to coy along track as on map the patrol encountered 10 enemy who were apparently suprised while preparing an ambush posn to cover NORTH along track. Six were killed and the remainder took to bush. The same patrol again went out to observe KOIGEN from 1400 to 1800 hrs, sighting several huts and possible bunker posns but observing NO movement. On searching the NE and EASTERN slopes for a good approach</p>	

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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 24 May		<p>to the village two enemy were killed on the track who were seemingly in posn as sentries. A recce of track running SE disclosed a sig wire in good condition and while cutting this an attack was made by three enemy with fixed bayonets who were killed. On return ing to base patrol was again fired on from high ground EAST of track at 335025 and one enemy was killed. During the afternoon a C coy security patrol killed one enemy in posn as listening post 100 yds from FDLs on track leading SOUTH to enemy posn at 324019. XXXXXXXXXX Total enemy killed during day was 14.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	25 May		<p>Weather: Fine & hot. B ech area 314072 on WEST end WEWAK drome was engaged at 0700 hrs by an enemy 75mm gun. Four shells landed & our casualties were one killed & one wounded. A local patrol SOUTH from B coy to a log culvert at 337028 found it mined with aerial bombs, electrical firing apparatus was disconnected and engrs dispatched to delouse. During morning a C coy recce patrol was again active on KOIGIN feature killing two enemy and taking one PW. This jap had been wounded by arty the preceeding night and his companion killed. He stated that he thought KOIGIN village was still defended but knew NO details, his own group and coy comd being some two miles WEST of him. Rice and biscuits rations for fourteen days were held by defenders and he understood that HQ with General NAKANO was at PASSAM to which comm was by line. Resulting from this patrol 13 pl moved out at 1400 hrs to secure KOIGIN village and feature preparatory to occupation by B coy. The village was found to be lightly but tenaciously held and on successful occpn by 1630 hrs 8 enemy had been killed having to be individually located and destroyed. In this process we suffered one casualty Cpl WHALAN, who was killed at the mouth of a cave while killing his opponent. B coy less one pl took over posn at 1845 hrs and 13 pl returned to base.</p>	

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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 25 May		12 pl remaind at 333035 for security of L of C. During the afternoon a patrol from 9 pl on 280 feature found five huts at 350040 vacated approx two weeks and containing two enemy dead. The G111 (Int) 6 Div Capt MOULDEN this morning visited our B coy to view the enemy shrine containing 7000 caskets of cremated enemy which are to be forwarded by RED CROSS to japan in the hopes of reciprocal action re our 8 div pers.	
WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 26 May		<u>Weather: Clear and hot.</u> B ech again came under enemy shell fire between 0700 and 0800 hrs. fourteen shells in the area, NO casualties but some damage to stores and tentage. This gun was flash spotted by 2/1 fd regt on WENAK and one battery is now laying for it. 9 pl was relieved at 1200 hrs on 280 feature by 2/8 bn and in turn relieved 12 pl at 333035 which rejoined B coy at KOIGIN. CO. Lt-col G S COX accompanied by adjt visited B & C coys. Bn activities for the day, local and security patrols only. A coy killed one jap in the morning at 322040 and in the vicinity found a small generator and motor in good condition. B coy reported enemy casualties NOT previously reported from yesterdays action, 2 killed, 4 found dead by arty fire. Eqpt at KOIGIN incl:- point 5 BROWNING AAMG. 1 LMG, rifles, 1 tractor, 1 tracked vehicle, 2 U/S trucks, 1 U/S transmitter, misc sig gear, 1 20mm gun. At 1800 hrs Bn disposns were as follows. Bn HQ 332061. A coy less p pl 321044. 9 pl 333035. B coy 333025 (KOIGIN) C coy 328029. D coy 348056 (rest area on beach) 5 pl 337046.	
WIRUI CREEK	27 May		<u>Weather: Fine generally-occasional showers.</u> A patrol from A coy during the morning contacted and killed 2 japs at 320040 and located in the MISSION area a further 2 bodies resulting from action 15 May. A B coy patrol sighted 9 enemy scouts on EAST bank of creek	

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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 27 May		at 339025 who fired a warning shot and disappeared towards fresh dug in posns which our arty immediately ranged. The patrolling and final occupation of KOIGIN from 20th to 25th May has resulted in enemy cas 46 killed 1 PW. An adv sig centre was est at KREER.	
WIRUI CREEK	28 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Overcast NO rain.</p> <p>C coy FDLs were approached by an enemy party of three who were fired upon by a sentry and 2 killed. A contact patrol en route to A coy at the MISSION contacted 5 japs at 326031, killing 4 and capturing BROWNING AC LMG and rifles. Own cas 1 wounded. At 1930 hrs an enemy party of unknown strength harassed the coys WEST flank with two grenades and some rifle fire resulting in own cas 2 killed (Cpl TURNER - Pte McURLEY) and 2 wounded. After this incident NO further movement occurred. From A coy a patrol SOUTH to WIRUI CREEK discovered and searched an old unoccupied HQ area. While thus engaged 3 japs were sighted and killed, probably stragglers from action on WIRUI MISSION. Samples of U/S wireless and sig gear were brought in. Enemy dead apart from above mentioned located during day totalled 6. Bn dispsns unaltered. Coy comds conference was held by CO during morning and possible future developments discussed.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	29 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine hot.</p> <p>B coy patrol discovered a serviceable 75mm gun at 339028, the breech block having been hidden in the scrub some distance away. 30 expended and 30 un-expended shells were beside the gun and arty offrs inspection of the lay showed that this piece had been employed on us during the attack and after occupation of WEWAK peninsular. In the same area 2 japs were found dead resulting from the ambush which our patrol had engaged and dispersed the previous day. A report from an engr party engaged on development of KOIGIN track stated that 3 japs had been sighted EAST of KREER.</p>	

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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 29 May		<p>A patrol from 5 pl went out to comb the area without result and during the afternoon the engr's discovered a dump of 9 enemy packs containing tinned food and rice, clothing and documents and one wrist watch still going, together with a sword and 2 carbines. A further patrol from 17 pl then went out to search further EAST and sighted 4 japs at a distance who fled xxxx into the scrub towards BORAM creek before ^{patrol} could engage. By 1200 hrs a relief had been effected between A & D coys, the former moving from WIRUI MISSION to a rest area at the beach adjacent to Bn HQ, 9 pl having been relieved by 17 pl on the KOIGIN track at 333035. Local patrolling by B & C coys met NO opposition and continued topographical recce. At night in Bn HQ area an experiment was carried out by CO and Sig Offr igniting a 2" Mortar para flare by remote xxxxxx electric contact for possible employment in conjunction with booby traps on FDLs.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	30 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Overcast with occasional showers.</p> <p>At 0630 hrs, 5 pl reported that a jap who was one of a party who attempted to harass the posn in the early hours of the morning, was found dead having been wounded by OSMG and then had a fatal accident with a booby trap. The CO and Adjt this morning took Brig SINTON (V C) RAMC and the ADMS to inspect C coy. Brig SINTON was very interested in our anti-malarial measures. Also very interested in seeing the conditions under which our troops lived while in contact with the enemy in jungle warfare. A recce party from B coy under Sjt SMITH contacted a party of 4 japs on BORAM creek ref 344038 who opened fire with an LMG, but on our patrol closing in, contact was lost. The task of a C coy patrol was to clear a high ridge SOUTH of their posn. A strong enemy posn was encountered at 322019 & engaged, killing 4 enemy and capturing an LMG, but the</p>	


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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 30 May		<p>patrol could not shift the main resistance and was forced to withdraw, en route back to base they found a further 3 enemy dead as a result of our harassing arty fire the previous night. During the night the enemy were again active in cutting our sig lines NORTH of B coy on KOIGIN track also the line from B to C coys. Several booby traps were sprung fwd of FDLs but no results were found. During the day adv elements of B ech moved from WEWAK drome to new posn on KOIGIN track at 343052. Two bottles of beer per man were drawn from AACS, one of which was the VE celebration bottle and the other being provided from regtl funds. This will become available to troops in turn as they come out of contact to the rest area on the beach.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	31 May		<p><u>Weather:</u> Overcast and humid with heavy showers.</p> <p>Patrols from 5 pl, 17 pl and C coy EAST of KOIGIN track made no contacts with enemy. In these areas the steep featured foothills of the PRINCE ALEXANDER RANGE, the terrain is particularly rugged formed of razor backed spurs and covered with heavy timber and dense undergrowth making the movement of our patrols an arduous task in itself. The one bright spot for a patrol in this area is the SALVATION ARMY post at 17 pl posn conducted by Capt Doug CHRISTIAN dispensing hot coffee at all hours of the day. B ech move to 343052 was completed. Until engr's push jeep head through beyond the shrine at 332038, the native carrier train is operating from jeep head on WIRUI creek at 327047 on track joining main KOIGIN track at 333040. Pnr pl has corduroyed & stepped the track to C coy from ref 333036 and widened to about</p>	

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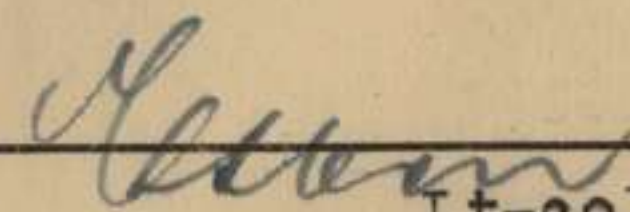
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 31 May		<p>four feet, considerably reducing travelling time for the supply train. Recce patrol from B coy reached high ground in rear of enemy posns and found two parties of enemy improving defs and constructing bunkers, one of which had just been completed when patrol dispersed the japs and demolished it. Two more clashes en route resulted in enemy cas 2 killed, own 2 wounded.</p>	

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"	U	(1)		C in C message of congratulations.
"	V	(1)	(2)	Summary of operations WEWAK AREA 1 May 45 to 21 May 45.

Field Returns W 3008 W3009 for Month of MAY 45.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
2 May 45.

Copy No 16

2/4 AUST INF BN OP ORDER NO 2

Ref Maps - KAIRIRU WEST 1 in to 1 ml
WEWAK WEST 1 in to 1 ml

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

Issued verbally (See Appendix "A")

2. Own Tps

Issued verbally except to tps under comd and in support.

- (a) Under Comd C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less 3 tps as from 0900 hrs 2 May 45.
Flame Thrower Pl less 2 secs as from 0900 hrs 2 May 45.
- (b) In Support 2/1 Aust Fd Regt as from 0900 hrs 2 May 45.
X Bty as from 0900 hrs 2 May 45.
Det RAE 6 Aust Div as from 0900 hrs 2 May 45.
- (c) Airstrikes CAPE PUS NOT after 0900 hrs 3 May 45.
Main effort 3 May 45 CAPE WOM.

INTENTION

3. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will advance to the EAST with a view to capturing CAPE WOM.

METHOD

4. Summary of Ops

Advance along track securing in succession -

- (a) creek crossing at 218174
- (b) EASTERN end of PUS LAGOON 241153
- (c) coast road and track junc approx 257123.

5. Preliminary Moves

Under separate orders Bn will move to HAWAIN area early on morning of 3 May 45.

6. Tps

- (a) Vanguard comd - Capt G J HAWKE
- (b) Vanguard - D Coy with under comd one tp C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, Sec Flame Thrower Pl.
No4 Pl less 2 secs and guns to act as tank protective det.
2 dets 3" Mortars.
Det 2/2 Aust Fd Coy with bulldozers and in support -
Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt (FOO and 2 jeeps)

- (c) Main Body - C Coy
 - Mod Pl less 2 secs and guns
 - ✓ Tactical HQ
 - 2 Dets 3" Mortars
 - B Coy
 - ✓ Main HQ
 - HQ Coy less dets
 - Flame Thrower Pl less 3 secs
 - C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less 4 tps
 - RAP
 - Det 2/7 Aust Fd Amb
 - A Coy
 - B echelon
 - Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy less dets

Intervals between sub-units main body 200 yds.

- 7. Start Time - Vanguard 0900 hrs
Main body 0945 hrs
- 8. D Day - 3 May 45
- 9. Start Point - Bridge 192201
- 10. Bounds - (a) Creek crossing 218174
(b) EASTERN end PUS LAGDON 241153
(c) Coast road and track junc approx 257123
- 11. Halts 10 mins in the hour. First halt Main body 1050 hrs.
- 13. Arty Probable Tasks
 - (a) 25 prs - CAPE PUS
Coast road and track junc 257123.
 - (b) 155 mm - Coast road and track junc 257123
CAPE WOM
WENAK POINT
- 14. Engrs Road maintenance det with 1 bulldozer and 2 vehs
will work in rear of Vanguard on road construction and marking
off unexploded bombs.
- 15. Probable action on securing coast road and track junc 257123
 - (a) Establishment of bn defensive position as base for ops against
CAPE WOM.
 - (b) One coy establish position 276107 and prevent any enemy
withdrawal SOUTH-EAST along coast road.
- 16. Hostile Shelling
 - (a) The possibility of shelling by hostile btys situated on the
SOUTH coast of MUSCHU ISLAND and in the WENAK area must at
all times be considered.
 - (b) Vehs and tps must always be dispersed and concealment and
maximum possible amount of dispersion in bivouac areas and
fixed defences must be provided.
 - (c) A blackout will operate EAST of HAWAIN RIVER.
 - (d) It is important that hostile shelling reports be forwarded
by the quickest available means - for fwd tps Arty FOO
channels are usually the fastest.

ADP
17.

Tpt

With exception of -

CO's jeep

Sig jeeps

Arty jeeps

2 x 3" Mortar jeeps

RAP jeep

Jeep ambulances, all tpt and tk & guns will move in bounds in rear of column under control of QM 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

18.

Amm

100 rds per rifle

250 rds per Bren

200 rds per SMG

2 x 4 sec grenades per man

1 x 7 sec grenade per man

10 x 2" Mortar HE per Mortar

2 x 2" Mortar Smoke per Mortar

36 x 3" Mortar HE per Mortar

6 x 3" Mortar Smoke per Mortar

12 belts per MMG

res to move with B echelon.

19.

Water

All bottles will be filled prior to leaving present area. No replenishment by bn may be expected before evening of D Day. Water from local resources may be used after sterilization.

20.

Rations

One day's field ops ration

One day's SWPA ration, and

unexpired portion to be carried on the man

21.

Tools

3 jungle shovels, 1 pick, 1 pr wire cutters per sec and all available machetes will be carried.

22.

POL

All vehs will move with full tanks and 50 mls res.

23.

Medical

Evac by coy stretcher bearers to RAP

Evac by jeep ambulance to ADS,

RMO will move with C Coy.

24.

PsW

To be passed under escort to Tactical HQ and comd under custody of RP sjt.

25.

Natives

Local natives in this area are known to be in sympathy with the enemy. ALL natives encountered will be treated as hostile and passed back through the column to B echelon

26.

Security

No unit identification e.g. mail envelopes, diaries etc, to move fwd of present location. Disposal of mail envelopes in field vide Bn Standing Orders.

INTERCOMIN

27. (a) Ground

i. Main artery laid by sig sec 19 Aust Inf Bde with Vanguard. Sub-units will "tee-in" at all halts and on contact will "listen out". Telephone buzzers and bells will NOT be used on main artery. Sig Offr will establish control post on main artery in HAWAIN area.

ii. Alternate Means

108 wireless to all sub-units incl B echelon. Sets will be on "receive" from start point on.
5 x SCR 536 sets to each D and C Coys.
4 x CSR 536 sets to No3 Pl.
3 x SCR 536 sets in res under Sig Offr.

(b) Air

Leading coy will carry air panel strips and use during long halts and when in def position. Sig Offr will retain other sets in res at Tactical HQ. Tac R reports dropped by aircraft will be despatched to Tactical HQ by quickest possible means.

(c) Synchronisation

ABC Time Signal 0700 hrs D Day.

28. ACK.

W. J. Rawden
Capt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(R. D. Rawden)

Time of Signature

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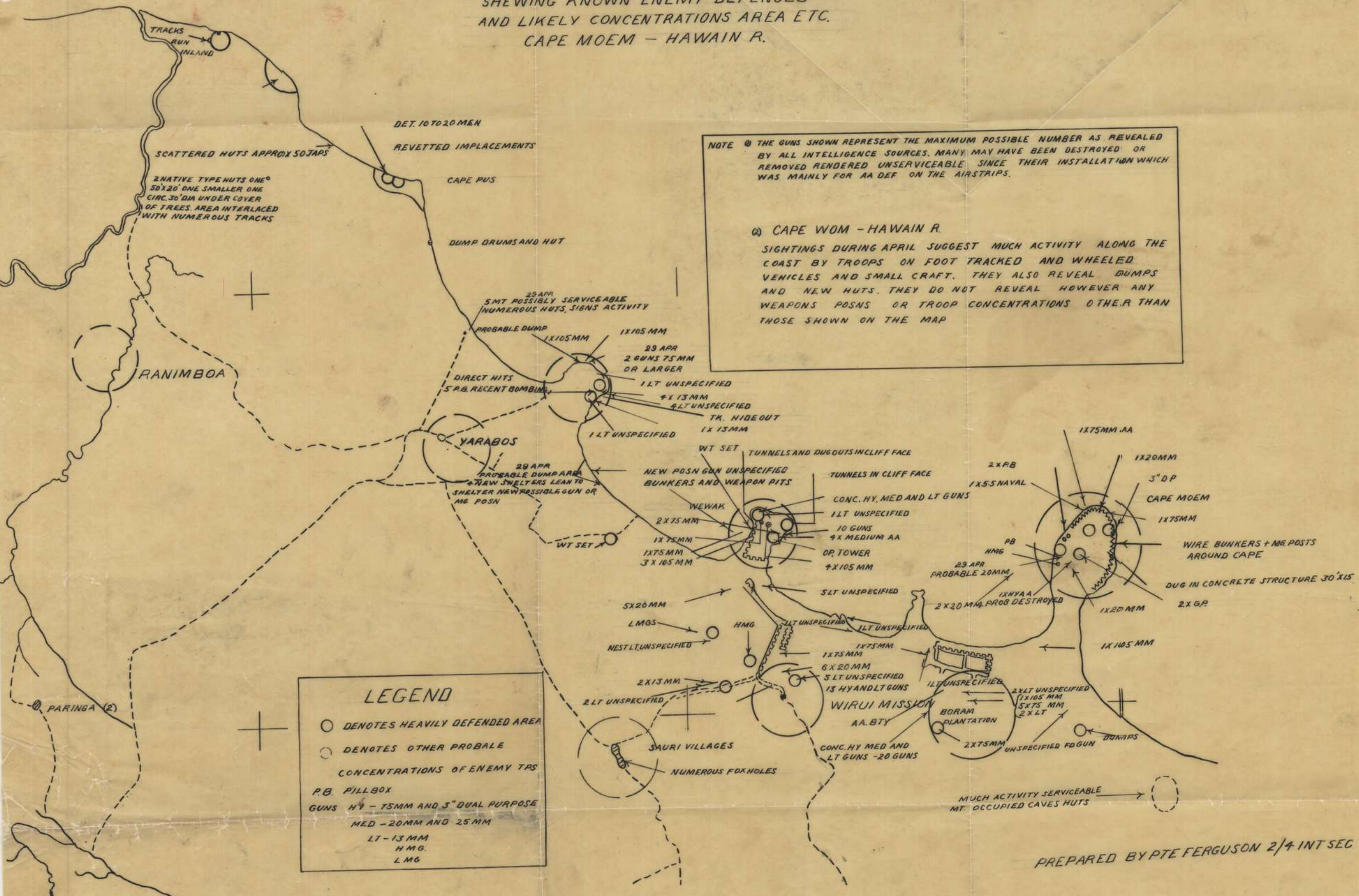
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D Coy	4
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X Bty	9
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	10
Flame Thrower Pl	11
CO	12
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RMO	18
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ENEMY INFM MAP

APPX A O.P. ORDER NO 2

SHOWING KNOWN ENEMY DEFENCES
AND LIKELY CONCENTRATIONS AREA ETC.
CAPE MOEM - HAWAIN R.



NOTE ① THE GUNS SHOWN REPRESENT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER AS REVEALED BY ALL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES. MANY MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR REMOVED RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE SINCE THEIR INSTALLATION WHICH WAS MAINLY FOR AA DEF ON THE AIRSTRIPS.

② CAPE WOM - HAWAIN R.
SIGHTINGS DURING APRIL SUGGEST MUCH ACTIVITY ALONG THE COAST BY TROOPS ON FOOT TRACKED AND WHEELED VEHICLES AND SMALL CRAFT. THEY ALSO REVEAL DUMPS AND NEW HUTS. THEY DO NOT REVEAL HOWEVER ANY WEAPONS POSNS OR TROOP CONCENTRATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE SHOWN ON THE MAP

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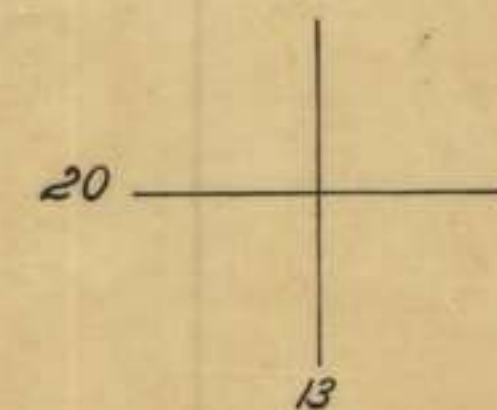
- DENOTES HEAVILY DEFENDED AREA
- DENOTES OTHER PROBABLE CONCENTRATIONS OF ENEMY TROOPS
- P.B. PILLBOX
- GUNS HY - 75MM AND 5" DUAL PURPOSE
- MED - 20MM AND 25MM
- LT - 13MM
- H.M.G.
- LMG

PREPARED BY PTE FERGUSON 2/4 INT SEC

PATROL REPORT BIKA 4 PATROL

REF MAPS BOIKEN R.F. 1:20,000
DALLMAN HARBOUR 1:20,000

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Main track 10'-12' wide
Sandy but firm, well drained

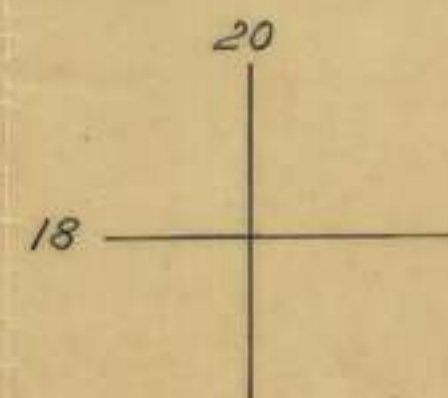
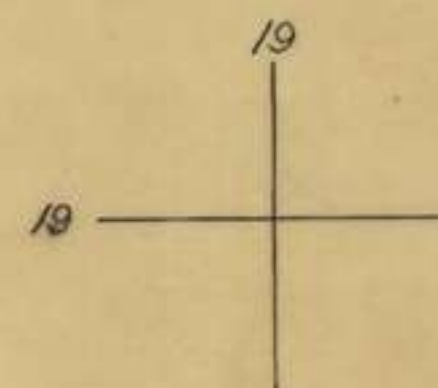
Jap bridge broken down
Track sandy, heavy going Beach track
to main track requires some work

Passage through swamp SOUTH
of road impracticable

Large log across track

Observed CAPE PUS from this
point. NMS

Jap hut deserted approx
5 days. No signs of def.



Patrol Comd.	LT. MORT D Coy
Strength	1/31
Weapons	PI weapons
Type of patrol	Recce
Time Out	010800K
Time In	011335K
Route Out	To HAWAIN R. by v.h. thence along coast track to 210189
Route In	Same as Route Out

Object. (1) Protect engr recce party
(2) Plot all tracks off main track.
(3) Observation of CAPE PUS.

Part 1 (2) No tracks located
(3) NMS

Part 2 See overlay.

Prepared by
NX46527 Sjt Chaseling J.K.
Int Sec, BIKA
01/500K

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11 May 45.

19 AUST INF BDE LANG SEC

DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION OF PW NO 2.

CAPTURED AT WEWAK BY 2/4 AUST INF BN 11 May 45.

Personal Details:

Name: WILDEMAR Budiman (Celebes)
Rank: Pvt 1st class
Unit: YABE Force (1st Company, 1st Platoon)
Duty: Medical Personnel

Assessment:

PW was a member of the NEW DUTCH GUINEA ARMY. PW was taken prisoner by the Japanese troops upon their occupation of NEW GUINEA on 8 May 42. Since his capture by the Japanese troops PW has been put to work as medical personnel. PW escaped from the Japanese troops due to cruel treatment on 26 Nov 44. Since his escape from the Japanese troops PW has been taken refuge in the mountains subsisting on SAK-SAK. PW has fair knowledge in Japanese and English aside from his own language. Since PW was a PW of the Japanese troops, military information is necessarily limited.

Unit Strength and Dispositions:

PW has no knowledge of the present strength of YABE FORCE since PW had been taking refuge in the mountains escaping from the Japanese troops. Prior to his escape PW states YABE Force was composed of 7 men.

Weapons:

PW states there are 3 MG posted on WEWAK Peninsular and 5 10cm Mtn guns at WEWAK. PW also states there are 5 LMG along coast of WEWAK.

Other Units:

PW states approximately 1000 men escaped inland carrying with them about 3 HMG and 5 mtn guns. PW states approximately 200 men composed of Garrison unit remaining at WEWAK which he saw about a wk ago.

ORGANISATION FLAME-THROWER PL.

Pl. H.Q.
Lieut.
BATMAN.
3 Ptes ORDERLIES + SPARE OPERATORS.

1 SEC.

NCO.
PTE... SPARE OPERATOR

2 SEC.

3 SEC.

4 SEC.

A DET.

2 Ptes.

1 FLAME-THROWER.

B DET.

Press Reports

APPX C No 1

Press Telegram Press Collect

Telegraph Brisbane Sun Sydney Herald Melbourne

News Adelaide Daily News Perth.

Pasmil John Quinn New Guinea May three break ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

It is almost sunset and around me the men of the battalion are digging in for the night stop They are tired and dirty their clothes are sweat black break It has been a hard and gruelling day today stop We are nine miles from Wewak stop We have advanced four and a half miles along the coast into enemy territory but actually the companies have marched nine miles since leaving Boiken this morning break

It was rather a remarkable achievement in this country stop The infantrymen were heavily loaded some of them carried up to eighty ~~sixty~~ pounds on their backs stop And they slogged it out for nine weary miles break

As they moved out this morning eye heard one man grumble quote Ive got so much gear that eye had to leave my false teeth behind unquote break

The first few miles was over a road thick with mud for last night it rained stop We passed through the artillery and over the Hawain River stop One man had dropped out and sat wearily by the road side and as we went by a lieutenant told me that three months ago he had been shot through the foot at the Danmap River stop Three weeks ago his foot came out of plaster and now he was back on the job stop

Eye was travelling with only a haversack stop Having no illusions about my carrying capacity eye send my gear along with an obliging ~~xxx~~ jeep driver stop Some of the men put their gear on jeeps too and others shrewdly stacked their on four matilda tanks that were following us up but for the ~~majority~~ majority of the men it was sweat and carry break

Lightly burdened as eye was the miles stretched out eith muscle sore weariness stop We had a/ ten minutes halt ~~at~~ each hour and their were short halts in between but as they day wore on it became more and more difficult to keep going between halts ~~stop~~ break There was a break of an hour for lunch and eye shared a tin of spaghetti with ~~xxxxx~~ two signallers stop We ~~xxx~~ pooled out water and boiled the billy/ over a can of tinned heat useful stuff stop They were private Hec Gellie of Derrinallum Victoria and Private Alan Lindsay of Belmore Sydney break

Hec Gellie was pleased about the Wewak show stop It gave him a certain amount of satisfaction to be chasing Japs because he was one of the Rabaul garrison who escaped after the enemy landing the re in nineteen forty two break

After lunch eye came across one of those tragedies that seem unavoidable in war stop A man had been accida tally killed and eye arrived just as they were burying him in a shallow grave between the jungle and the sea stop As they padre read the burial service to the six of us standing around the grave the long line of infantrymen marched past some of them glancing at us curiously but for the most part their eyes were fixed on the feet of the man in front brea

3

We passed beyond Cape Pus and there we camped stop There also we contacted our first Japs stop The forward company killed five of them including a second lieutenant break

Out on the perimeter the men are standing to stop Tomorrow they move on Cape Wom and Quinn

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Telegraph Brisbane Sun Sydney Herald Melbourne

News Adelaide Daily News Perth.

Pasmil from John Quinn New Guinea May five break Following
Thursdays march of nine miles through mud and sand this battalion
yesterday continued its remarkable advance by thrusting another
four miles towards Wewak break

Yesterday afternoon it was in position on Cape Wom looking across
the bay to Wewak Point little more than four miles away break
The first serious opposition was expected at ~~Sape~~ Wom and before
moving from Pus we watched a concentration of RAAF Beauforts
bombing suspected Jap positions on the Cape break

The march to Wom was ~~much easier than the~~ easy compared to the previous
day stop There were frequent halts and during one of these on
the neck of land running between Pus lagoon and the sea eye met
Lance Corporal X Sandy McNaughton a Collarenebri New South Wales
man stop Three years ago we were both serving in the same regiment
break

While we were talking a transport plane flew low overhead and
dropped us a bundle of papers stop They were Sydney papers and
only two days old ~~stop~~ break

The sand of the neck was covered with some sort of creeper that
had flowers like morning glory the lavender trumpets still
diamanded with the nights rain stop So we sat in the vines and
read that Hitler was dead and looked at those terrible pictures
of Mussolini hanging by his heels and we didnt give a damn stop
The flowers were certainly pretty though break

We could hear the sound of gunfire back in the hills where another battalion was attacking Ranimboa village and a little later we heard they had taken their objective break

As we approached Wom the number of wrecked vehicles and huts along the road increased stop At one spot eye found two Victorians Private Colin Farrel of Terang and Private Sam ^{CLARK} from Hawthorne looking longingly at the remains of a staff car stop They said if that was in ~~xxxx~~ running condition itxx would make things a lot easier for their feet break

We came to some gardens and near them were ~~some~~ huts apparently a headquarters for they were comfortably furnished and from the looks of things had only been abandoned a few hours earlier/ stop The souvenir hunters had a fine time stop One of them found a gramophone and a stack of records that he carried away stop He played the lot but the only thing he could recognise was ~~the~~ My Blue Heaven and the Toreador Song stop He saidx they didnt sound too good in Japanese either break

During x lunch bully beef eaten from the tin in a bomb crater a signaller told us that the the tanks and infantry had gone into Wom unopposed stop quote The xaps unquote he said quote must have gone through like a Bondi tram unquote break

~~During lunch~~ The talk swung around to the landing of a ^{famous} Middle East Division of Borneo stop A sergeant observed that it mightnt do any harm to give ^{little} ~~some~~ fame to the ^{Cooper} ~~war~~ slogging it out in New Guinea and looking at the tired men around me some of them Middle East veterans too eye was inclined to agree with him break

3

The end is not far at Wewak stop Yesterday afternoon the twenty five pounders came up and all night they hammered at the Japs last New Guinea stronghold stop Now the bombers are over again this morning and the ground is shaking as they continue the non stop attack ends quinn

74th Jap

19 AUST INF BDE LANG SECTION.

DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION BY PW NO 6
CAPTURED WIRUI MISSION BY A COY 2/4 AUST INF BN
15 MAY 45

Personal Details

Name: FUJIMOTO, Shogi Age: 28
Rank: Leading Pvt
Unit: Garrison Coy (KEIBI) YO 9615 Force
(TN 25 Airfield Bn, 6 Flying Regt)
Duty: Vehicle Driver (HMG Gunner)
Education: Higher Elementary School (2 year)

Assessment:

PW NO 6 surrendered to A Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn waving a white flag at WIRUI MISSION. PW held the duty of vehicle driver before taking the position as HMG gunner. PW has been subsisting on rice and dry bread prior to his surrender. PW sustained wound on his right ear during Aust troops occupation of WIRUI MISSION. PW seemed quite well educated and intelligent. His information may be considered quite reliable.

Strength: PW States 25 Airfield Bn is sub-divided into Maintenance Coy and Garrison Coy (KEIBI).

Maintenance Coy: 70 to 80 men
Garrison Coy (KEIBI): About 100 men

Disposition:

PW states he heard the troops are dispersed in SAURI and in the mountain rear of WIRUI MISSION.

Armament:

Anti-Aircraft Machine Cannon: 10 (Demolished by fire power)
MG: About 10 (Demolished)
HMG: 1
Rifle: About 180 - - 120 rds per person,
Hand Grenade: 2 rds per person.
Grenade Discharger: About 2 - - 10 rds per gun
Anti-tank mine: About 5.

Personalities:

Bn CO: Capt KATO, Morio
Maintenance Coy CO: Capt ICHIHARA, Saburo
2nd Lt KURODA (Deceased due to Malaria during February)
Garrison Coy CO:(KEIBI): Capt KATO, HIKARA
2nd Lt ITO, Daisuke
2nd Lt SHIGEMATSU
2nd Lt HIRATA
2nd Lt YAMAKA
Staff Officers: 2nd Lt SHIOMUKI
WO NISHIUCHI, Toshio

Remarks:

Communication: Communication maintained from NT KANPA to Japan by wireless

Rations: Rice and wheat

Sickness: Malaria takes big toll.

Второй: ...

Третий: ...

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HQ 19 AUST INF BDE.

LANG SEC

Documents captured Jap HQ (Map ref: 253128) by BIKI 4 May 45. Received 19 Aust Inf Bde Lang Sec 4 May 45.

ITEM I: Bound mimeograph sheets of Operation Orders, entry dated 22 Feb 45. Seal reads TAZAWA, 14 pages.

- A. SHIN Operation Order Appendix No 14.
Left Sector Unit Defensive Plan
22 Feb 45.
Left Sector Unit.

EXTRACT:

I. METHOD

1. Engage in the coastal defence West of PAPARAMU - No 2 SAURI WEWAK Peninsular (aforementioned excluded). Maintain a key point within the sector against approaching Allied troops, carry on hand to hand combat and endeavor to destruct the Allied strength.

II. SUMMARY

4. In the coastal area, utilize ammunition, heavy weapons and weapons to its best advantage. Mainly, carry out hand to hand combat. Carry out a tenacious hand to hand combat within the jungle and swampy area North of SAURI Hill and western portion of SARUBOKO (T.N. Presumably SAMEUKAUA) and annihilate the Allied strength.

III. DISPOSITION

11. The sector units strategic point will be WEWAK and vicinity of YARABOS and SARUBOKO will be the sector units strategic mountain position.

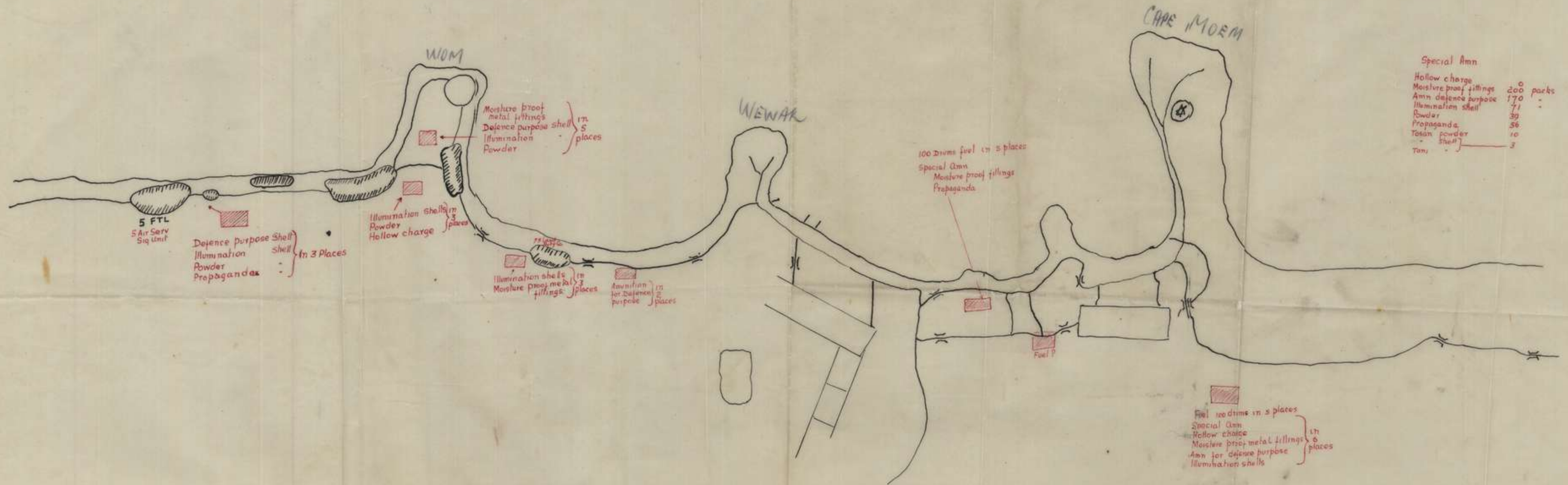
15. Duty of each force:

- (2) MORIYAMA Independent Section of 14 Fld Air Repair Depot will defend vicinity of MUBOI at time of Allied landing.
- (3) A portion (KOIZUMI Unit) of 27 Fld Motor Transport Depot will defend YARABOS strategic point at time of Allied landing.

IV: GUARD AND TRANSFORMATION FROM GUARD TO COMBAT

- (3) The emergency assembly area of the sector unit is as follows:-
 - (a) Vicinity of WOM HQ ----- 36 Fld Road Construction Unit (Excluding force commander).
 - (b) Vicinity of No 2 YARABOS village -----
2 Bn Independent Unit, 27 Motor Truck Unit, 14 FH Independent Squad (T.N. presumably Fld Howitzer).
 - (c) Vicinity of SARUBOKO Coy bivouac area entrance -----
Each SARUBOKO Occupational Force and Main strength of Agricultural Squad.

APPX. H 101
 Translation of Jap map captured
 on 4 July. WOM area.



Special Amn

Hollow charge	0
Moisture proof fittings	200 packs
Amn defence purpose	170
Illumination shell	71
Powder	39
Propaganda	56
Toson powder	10
Shell	3
Ton	3

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Passil from John Quinn New Guinea May six break

This morning the entire battalion moved down from Cape Wom and took up a position across the Waringe River stop We will probably stay

here a few days ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ until other units move into position for the final assault on Wewak stop A lot of the men think that

the battalion could ~~xxxxxxx~~/Wewak town tomorrow if it wanted to ^{take}

but the general scheme is to cut off the entire area and annihilate the Japs trapped there break

Personally eye will ~~xxxx~~ not mind stopping in the one spot for a

while stop Since this advance started ~~xxx~~ eye am quite satisfied

that the infantry on the march make Bedouins look like staid

home lovers stop An entire battalion can bivouac for the night

and the following morning within an hour vanish into the jungle break

~~xxxxxxxx~~ It is a pleasant spot here stop We are hidden in the

scrub just off the beach where we can look across ^{the water} at Wewak Point

less than two miles away ~~across the water~~ stop ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Ke Also we have an excellent view of the almost ceaseless air and

artillery attack on the Jap position break

The gunners have an open field of fire across the bay ~~where~~ ^{and} the

bombers cruise over ^{leisure} at their ~~xxxxxxxx~~ stop This afternoon eighteen

Beauforts did the point over and they flew in so slow that we could

follow the bombs from the planes to the ground break

While this was going on Corporal Keith Costello a member of Bondi

^{Club} Surf who is with the tank attack platoon came wandering down the

track stop

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 News Adelaide Daily News Perth

Pasmil from John Quinn New Guinea May seven break

Last night eye was talking to a patrol that was ~~ga~~ just setting out to try and get into Wewak stop You could only see the whites of their eyes because their faces were blackened stop After a while one of them said quote well so long stop We have to get going unquote stop And they moved off into the night break They didnt get very far stop A few hundred yards outside our perimeter they ran into a Jap position and were caught in machine gun and rifle fire stop The men eye was talking ~~xxx~~ to all came back but an infantry section that went with them to provide cover lost two break

An officer told me about it as eye was shaving this morning stop quote Its bad luck ~~xxxx~~ unquote he said quote but its all in the game unquote break

The infantry are used to that sort of thing break

My camp is just across the track from the battalion pioneers stop These men are infantry engineers stop They are the handymen around the place and can do almost anything from building a bridge to repairing a watch stop They havent the heavy equipment of the ~~engineers~~ field engineers and do most of their ^{heavy} work with picks and shovels axes and ~~sledgehammers~~ sledgehammers break

After lunch eye went out with Lieutenant Jim Graham of Canterbury

Sydney and some of his pioneers stop They were going to put new decking on an old Jap bridge along one of the tracks break

It was a narrow track and the men had to carry heavy sheets of
 arc mesh for some distance through greasy mud stop They were
 dripping with sweat by the time they reached the partly
 demolished bridge break

While they were working on it eye went further along the track
 to a platoon position stop It was dug in around a small
 clearing stop In the middle of the clearing was a mound of evil
 smelling sak sak that the Japanese had used as food and the men
 took a very poor view of the disgusting stuff break

Eye wandered over to a group of five and found myself in the
 middle of an interstate team stop The men were Sergeant Bill Gregg
 of Newtown Sydney Private Peter Hele of Adelaide Lance Corporal
 Harry Cox of Cloncurry Private Stan Walton from Collingwood ~~XXXXXX~~
 Melbourne and Private Jim Scully a Darwin native break

Eye left them to their sak sak ~~just as it started to rain and~~
 returned to the bridge just as the pioneers ~~were~~
 were finishing it off stop From the time we left battalion
 headquarters until the job was finished was little more than an
 hour and that is pretty fast work break

Tomorrow they are going back to the clearing to take over from
 the platoon stop Eye forgot to mention that pioneers are also
 fighting infantrymen break

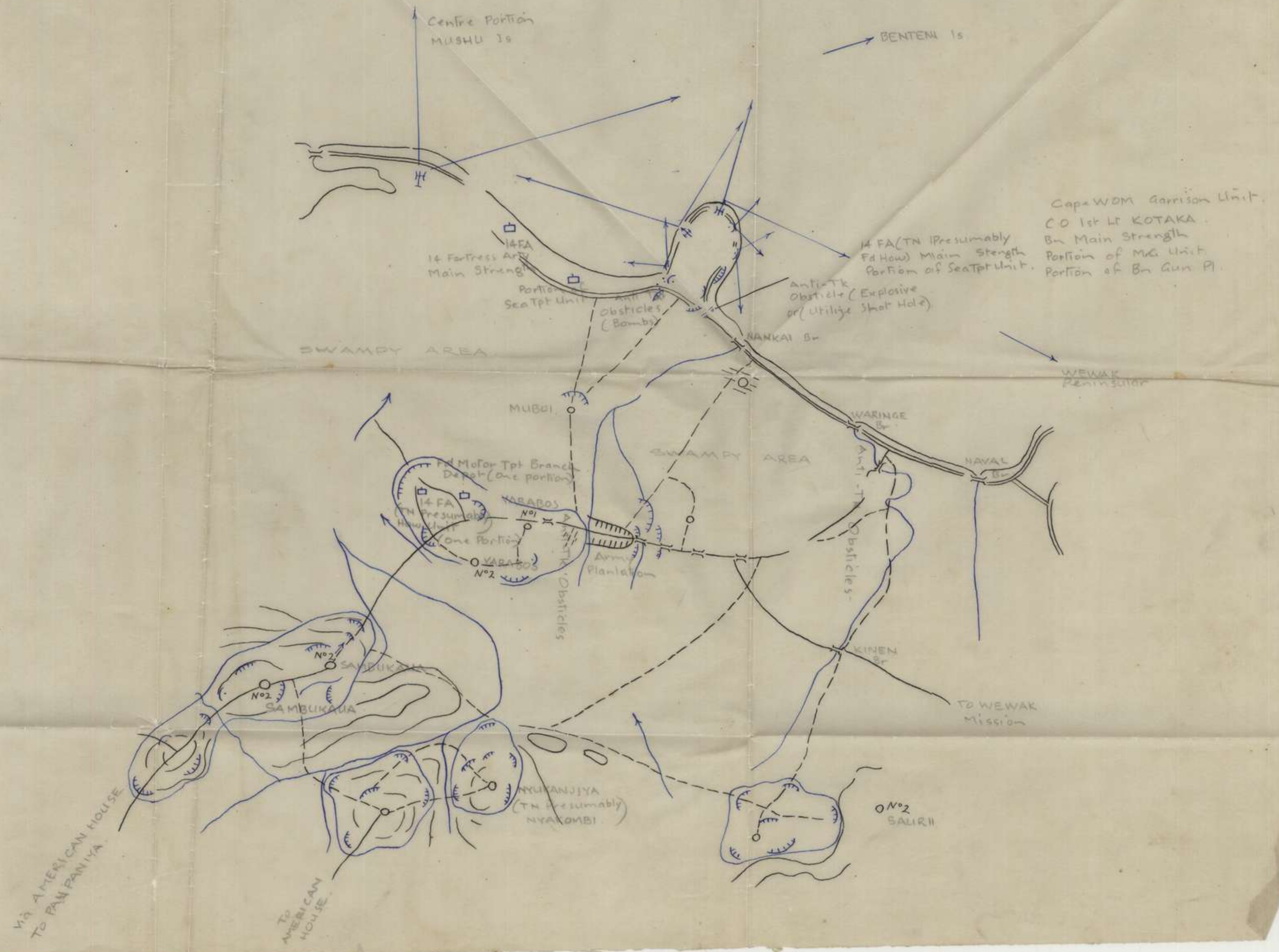
A Company set out for Arabas this morning and the report has just
 come in that after travelling over a filthy track they entered
 the village and found it clear of the enemy break
 That is also all in the days work stop A hard days slogging
 and nothing at the end of it ends quinn

DISPOSNS OF LEFT SECTOR UNIT

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Translation sketch Captured Jap HQ.
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LEGEND

- Occupied Posns - - -
- Inf Units - - -
- Line of Guns - - -
- Machine Cannon ㄗ



Cap WDM Garrison Unit.
CO 1st Lt KOTAKA.
Bn Main Strength
Portion of MG Unit.
Portion of Bn Gun Pl.

Via AMERICAN HOUSE
TO PAN PANIYA

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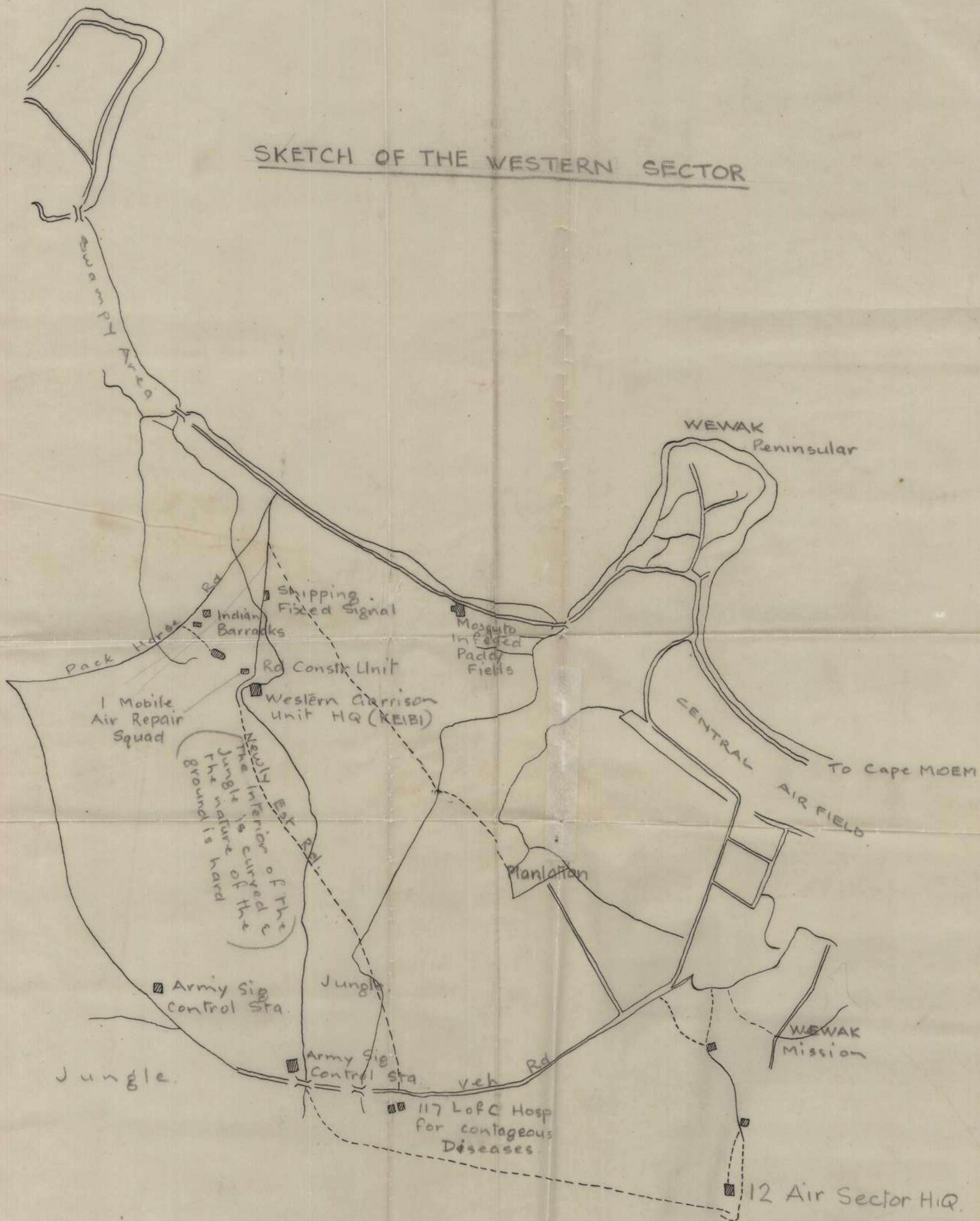
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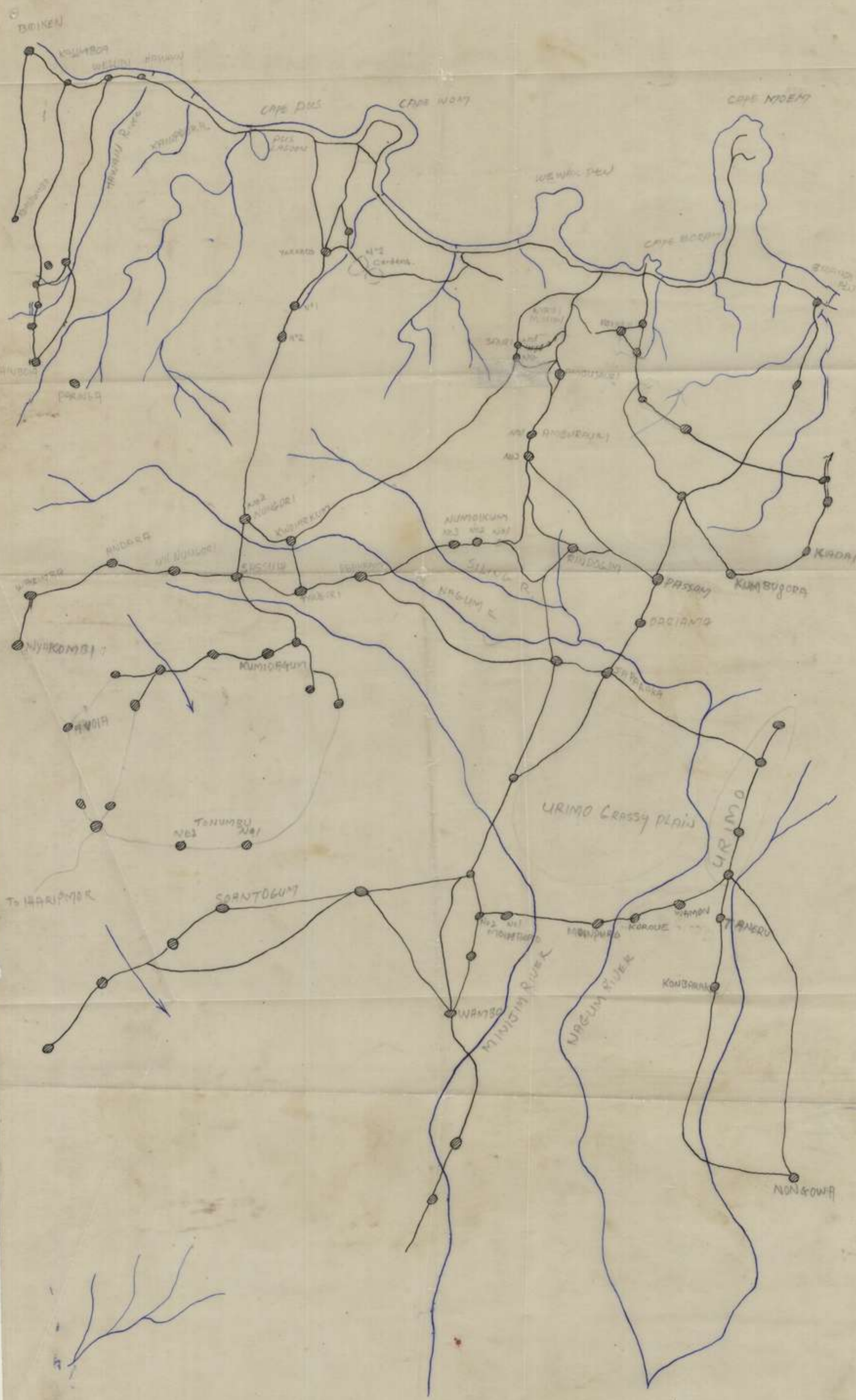
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Passim from John Quinn New Guinea May eight break

Today was VE Day break Today the battalion had five men killed break

The news of the peace in Europe had little visible effect on the men outside Wewak stop About the only comments eye heard were expressions of envy for the troops fighting the Germans because for many of them the war was over break

Quote Theres still not much future for the footslogger up here unquote said Private Bob Roach of 1st Yetman New South Wales and that seems to be the general feeling stop ~~XXXXX~~ It is not a complaint but a statement of fact break

Private Roach enlisted in 1939 and fought in the Middle East and Greece stop He has had five and a half years of war as have a lot of others in the battalion stop A man develops a cynical philosophy after five and a half years in the infantry break

For the past six months the battalion has been part of the force that fought its way from Aitape to Wewak over incredibly difficult country stop In that time more than three thousand Japs have been killed and the score is mounting daily stop It has been a war of hunter and hunted stop They have never had the satisfaction of defeating the enemy in a major battle stop Until now it has been mainly a war of patrols where the men have sweated over the mountains and penetrated to remote villages to annihilate the small forces of Japs hiding there break

proceeds

and because of this ~~immense~~ slow ~~pace~~ of attrition the magnitude of their task has passed almost unheeded stop The only time public attention seemed to focus on them was not due to their action against the enemy but to an argument over equipment break

Also for six months they have operated under a cloak of anonymity ~~that they cannot discuss~~ and they fail to see any reason for it stop The formation operating in New Guinea is a proud one with a proud record and it would like the world to know it is in action/ break It has seen much ^{service} action and it ~~expects~~ expects to see much more ~~in the future~~ break

Because of all these things VE day was just another day ~~that~~ stop The battalion came up against the first signs of enemy resistance ~~since~~ since the drive on Wewak started stop During the day they killed a number of Japs break

In the early morning a small force of the enemy attacked the perimeter and all day there were patrol clashes break

~~At~~ ⁱⁿ the afternoon a company established a bridgehead across Minga Creek towards Wewak so that the engineers could build a bridge in preparation for the final assault on the Jap position ^{The company} stop ~~it~~ came under fire and we suffered casualties ~~and~~ break

And that was VE Day for us break

Only at night was there any sort of demonstration stop Just after dark a regiment of artillery fired a salvo to celebrate peace

in Europe but even that was ~~not~~ not entirely spontaneous for the Japs at Wirui Mission were on the receiving end ends quinn

APPX
P19 AUST INF BDE LANG SECTIONDOCUMENTS CAPTURED NEWAH PENINSULA BY
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19 AUST INF BDE LANG SECTION 11 MAY 45Full translation:

Item I: Two loose handwritten sheets listing force's strength and weapon conditions, belong to 4 Coy, 4 Sea Tpt Bn, ARITA Unit, AKATSUKI 6191 Force, (TN 4 Sea Tpt Unit). Dated 30 Apr 45. Issuing authority NOT stated.

A.

4 FORCE'S STRENGTH4 Coy, 4 Sea Tpt Bn,
ARITA Unit, AKATSUKI
6191 Force.

30 Apr 45

Distinction in Rank	Present Strength	Patients	Active Service Personnel
Officers	3		3
WO and NCOs	17	7	10
Men	22	10	12
Civilian Employees	36	19	17
Total	78	36	42

Disposition of Strength:Right Sector Unit:

NEWAH:

Distinction in Rank	Present Strength	Patients	Active Service Personnel
Officers	2		2
WOs and NCOs	11	3	8
Men	14	4	10
Civilian Employees	10	4	8
Total	26	11	28

No 1 Plantation:

Officers	1		1
WOs and NCOs	2	1	2
Men	2	1	2
Civilian Employees	2	1	2
Total	7	3	7

SAURI:

Officers			4
WOs and NCOs	4	2	5
Men	5	1	19
Civilian Employees	17	9	
Total	26	12	28

Left Sector Unit:WOM:

Officers			1
WOs and NCOs	1		3
Men	3	3	4
Civilian Employees	4	1	
Total	8	4	8

2/4 Aust Inf Bn CO No 3

Ref Map - WEWAK WEST
Trace attached Appendix "A"

INFORMATION

1. (a) Enemy

Issued verbally

(b) Own Tps

Issued verbally except tps under comd and in sp.

2/2 Aust Fd Regt less 1 Bty in sp as from 1000 hrs 8 May 45.
Sec 75 mm guns - 2/1 Tk A Regt - in sp as from 1000 hrs 8 May 45
2/1 Aust Fd Regt ceases to be in sp after prelim cover on D Day.

INTENTION

2. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will capture WEWAK PT.

METHOD

3. Summary of Ops

Attack will be carried out in 2 phases -

(a) Phase I - capture by D and B Coys of area crest-Kings Cross.

(b) Phase II - capture by C and A Coys of Fivedeck and Mascot tracks
Junc.

4. Preliminary Moves

Under separate orders bn will concentrate in area MINGA CREEK on
9 May 45. No move before 1100 hrs.

5. Phase I

Fwd Tps (a) D Coy with in sp one tp tks and one sec flame throwers

(b) Objective - CREST from incl Kings Cross to EAST.

(c) B Coy with in sp one tp tks and one sec flame throwers
will move in rear of D Coy.

(d) Objective - CREST excl Kings Cross to WEST.

6. Inter-coy Boundary

West end Pitt St to Kings Cross incl D Coy.

7. Axis of Adv

COAST ROAD - WEST end of Pitt St thence to objectives.

8. Rate of Adv

100 yds in two mins.

9. Start Time

To be taped by Int Offr NOT later than H - 30.

D Coy 200 yds EAST MINGA CREEK BRIDGE.
B Coy 500 yds SOUTH WEST D Coy on WEST BANK MINGA CREEK.

10. Assembly Area

Concentration areas as allotted in orders for concentration.

11. Timings

Times for movement from Assembly Area to Start Line to be notified.

13. Reserve

C Coy and A Coy to remain Assembly area prepared to move on success of Phase I.

PHASE II

15. Fwd Tps

C Coy with under comd one tp tks
Objective - Wivedock.

14. Axis Of Adv

Start Line Pitt St SOUTH to objective.

15. Rate of Adv

100 yds in two mins.

16. Start Line

500 yds NORTH EAST MINGA CREEK.

17. Assembly Area

As for Phase I.
Move from Assembly Area to Start Line on orders from this HQ.

18. Reserve

A Coy be prepared to move through C Coy and seize Mascot track junction on orders this HQ.

19. Date

D Day - 10 May 45.

20. Times

H Hour - Phase I - 0525 hrs

SUPPORTING ARMS

21. Tks

Phase I - (a) One tp under comd each D and E Coys
(b) One tp in res at Assembly Area

Phase II - (a) One under comd D Coy support mopping up operations
(b) One tp under comd C Coy
(c) Tks will "marry-up" as allotted in coy Assembly Areas by 2000 hrs D - 1.
(d) Tk Sqn Comd move with Tsc HQ.

22. Arty

Ser No	Unit	Target	Time From	To	Rate	Rounds Expended
1	2/1 Fd Regt	B	H - 15	H - 4	1	264
			H - 4	H + 2	3	432
			H + 2	H + 6	4	384
2	2/2 Fd Regt less one bty plus one sec 75 mm	A) X)	H	H + 10	3	480
3	2/1 Fd Regt	C	H + 6	H + 10	3	336
4	2/1 Fd Regt plus one sec 75 mm	D	H + 10	H + 20	1	240
5	2/2 Fd Regt less one bty	X	H + 10	H + 15	2	160
			H + 15	H + 20	1	80
			H + 20	H + 25	3	240
6	2/2 Fd Regt less one bty	D	H + 25	H + 30	2	160
					Total	2728

- (a) FOOs to report B and C Coys by H - 60.
- (b) Regtl Comd to move with Tac HQ
- (c) FOOs with coys will register DF tasks as requested on capture of objective.

23. Engrs

- (a) One sec under comd each B C and D Coys for mine lifting. To report to coys NOT later than H - 60.
- (b) Remainder to RV at MINGA CREEK area by H + 60 and check in to OC HQ Coy.
- (c) 2 x 3 ton loads are mesh to be on wheels available for fwd move when required.
- (d) OC pl move with Tac HQ

24. MGs

- (a) Remain concentration area and on success Phase I, one sec come under comd each D and B Coys. Move fwd under orders this HQ.
- (b) OC will move with Tac HQ

25. Mtrs

Ser No	Sub Unit	Base Plate Posn	Target	Time From	To	Rate	Rounds Expended
1	4 dots	WEST BANK MINGA CK	L	H - 2	H + 4	5 rpm	120
2	4 dots	do		H + 4	H + 6	5 rpm	40
						Total	160

- (a) FOOs to report D and B Coys by H - 60
- (b) 4 dets in reserve on tpt prepared to move fwd to area WATSONS BAY. Prepared to move on orders from this HQ.
- (c) OC Pl to move with Tac HQ.

26. Tk A

- (a) One det less gun will protect Tac HQ. To report NOT later than H - 60.
- (b) One det under comd B Coy for protection of tks.
- (c) Two dets under comd C Coy for protection of tks. To report to Coys NOT later than H - 60.

27. Pnrs

- (a) Two secs under comd D Coy for protection of tks.
- (b) One sec under comd B for protection of tks. Report to coys NOT later than H - 60.

28. Flame Throwers

- (a) One sec under comd each D and B Coys.
- (b) Pack sets on man.
- (c) To report to coys NOT later than H - 60.

29. Patrols

Patrols for D - 1 and D Day will be notified.

ACTION ON CAPTURE

- 30. Phase I - (a) D Coy will consolidate on CREST from incl Kings Cross SOUTH WEST to coast and KNOLL.
- (b) B Coy consolidate on CREST excl Kings Cross to NORTH EAST.
- (c) On orders this HQ, A Coy will move to area WEST end of Pitt St and Watsons Bay.

31. Tks

On orders from this HQ, tks will rally in area Watsons Bay Pitt St and after replenishment of amm will be available for mopping up operations on WEWAK PT.

32. Arty

Sp mopping up operations and register DF tasks as required by coy comd

- (a) FOO with D Coy will register Fivedock as soon as possible after capture of D Coy's objective.

33. Engrs

Pl less dets remain RV at MINGA CREEK until called fwd.

34. Flame Throwers

Fuel for flame thrower replenishment will be supplied to coys on objectives.

35. MMGs

- (a) One sec under comd D Coy.
- (b) One sec under comd B Coy.
- (c) Move fwd on orders from this HQ.

36. Mtrs

- (a) Two dets in sp each E and D Coys
- (b) Four dets to move fwd on orders from this HQ to Watsons Bay area prepared to sp C Coy in Phase II.

37. Tk 4

Remain with tks as allotted.

38. Pnrg

Remain with tks as allotted.

ADM

39. Tpt

OC HQ Coy will control all fwd movement of all MT from MINGA BRIDGE. Movement as ordered by this HQ after success of Phase I.

Traffic Control point will be established at WEST end of Pitt St by Tpt Sjt on success of Phase I. Tpt Sjt will move fwd from Start Line with Tpc HQ reporting NOT later than H - 60.

40. Visitors

No visitors will be allowed past MINGA BRIDGE without permission from this HQ.

41. Amn

No change.
SAA Rec Watsons Bay area on orders this HQ.

42. Rations

One day's Pd Ops Rations
One day's SWPA Ration
Unexpired portion to be carried on the man

43. Water

All bottles will be filled prior to leaving this area. Water from local resources may be used after sterilization. Water cart to be filled and ready at MINGA BRIDGE NOT later than H+120.

46. Tools

3 small shovels and one pick per sec or equivalent.

47. POL

All vehs full tanks and 50 mls res.

48. Medical

RAP establish MINGA BRIDGE area and move on orders from this HQ to Watsons Bay area.

49. PW

Sjt
RP/will establish PW cage NOT later than 15 mins after success of Phase I at junc Pitt St and Coast Road. Coys will escort PsW to cage.

50. Natives

All natives will be treated as hostile and escorted back to PW cage.

INTERCOMM

51. Ground

(a) Main Artery laid by Sig Sec 19 Aust Inf Bde. Line will be laid behind D and B Coys during Phase I and behind C Coy during Phase II.

(b) Alternate Means

108 sets to all sub-units incl B Echelon. Sets will be on "Rece vs" from Start Line on.
SCR 536 sets - 4 to each B and D Coys - 3 to C Coy - 3 to 3 Pl.
Remainder in res under Sig Offr.

(c) Success Signals

D Coy Code Word - SAC SAC - by LT, RT and runner.
B Coy Code Word - PIT PIT - by LT, RT and runner.
C Coy Code Word - SWAMP - by LT, RT and runner.

52. Air

Panel code strips with A and C Coys to be used on objectives. HQ Identification Panel with Tac HQ.

53. Bn HQ

(a) Phase I - Tac HQ established WEST bank MINGA BRIDGE. Move fwd on success to WEST of the KNOLL. Main HQ MINGA VILLAGE.

(b) Phase II - Tac HQ established area EAST Watsons Bay. Main HQ remain MINGA VILLAGE.

54. Synchronisation

AEC Time Signal 091900 K.
Check by Sig Offr 100400 K.

55. ACK

Time Of Signature 090850 K

R. D. Bawden Capt
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(R. D. Bawden)

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No</u>		<u>Copy No</u>
A Coy	1	CO	19
B Coy	2	2 IC	20
C Coy	3	Adj 2/4	21
D Coy	4	Int Offr	22
HQ Coy	5	QM	23-24
No1 Pl	6	RMO	25
No2 Pl	7	RSM	26
No3 Pl	8	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	27-28
No4 Pl	9	War Diary	28-30
No5 Pl	10	File	31
2/4 Aust Armd Regt	11-12		
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	13-14		
2/2 Aust Inf Coy	15-16		
1/2 Aust Inf Coy	17		
2/7 Aust Inf Amb	18		

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The Telegraph Brisbane Sun Sydney Herald Melbourne

News Adelaide Daily News Perth

Pasmil from John Quinn New Guinea May eleven break

Australians in New Guinea on Thursday launched a full scale attack on Japanese in the Wewak area stop The assault was made by men of the Sixth Australian Division break

The final advance on Wewak started a week ago when a battalion moved ~~rapidly~~ across the Hainan River and thrust twelve miles down the coast stop The advance was a jungle blitzkrieg stop Planes and guns blasted ~~positions~~ enemy positions in the path of the ~~advancing~~ infantry stop Engineers moved with the forward companies and swiftly bridged rivers as they came to them break

In three days the battalion was outside Wewak waiting for the rest of the assault force to move up stop By a miracle of organisation within the week a tremendous amount of supplies and equipment were moved over a narrow jungle track break

When the men moved on the enemy stronghold their fighting equipment was on a scale ~~seldom~~ ^{never before} seen by Australian troops in New Guinea stop They were ~~backed~~ backed by an overwhelming concentration of artillery stop They had tanks and flamethrowers stop Planes of the RAAF attacked the Japanese in ever increasing numbers as D Day approached break

The air attacks culminated in a sixty bomber raid on the neck of land below Wewak point stop Beauforts made this devastating ~~strike~~ strike on the afternoon before the infantry ~~attack~~ ^{went in} break

The whole operation took the form of a vast encircling move designed to trap and kill all the Japanese in the area and cut off those remaining in New Guinea from their last supply base break

While a battalion launched a direct attack on Wewak a force of commandos moved back deep into the hills to cut off and destroy the enemy in the Sauri Villages stop A third force drove between them and the sea with Wirui Mission as their objective break

Long before dawn on Thursday morning the troops ~~started~~ below Wewak Point Moved through darkness and drizzling rain down a rutted track to the start line stop They were faced with a difficult task for they had to advance along a narrow track hemmed in by swamp and sea stop They were unable to deploy until they were almost on their objective break

The Japanese could bring devastating fire to bear on the track from the caves and bunkers around ~~Wewak~~ Wewak Point stop The point itself is a ~~small~~ small triangular plateau a thousand yards long by eight hundred yards ~~wide~~ wide stop It rises steeply to over a hundred feet and is almost bare of vegetation break

The men of the tanks and infantry moving up/ through the darkness saw Cape Wom ~~Wewak West~~ where our guns were massed washed with waves of fire as the barrage opened stop The southern slopes of Wewak Point up which they would attack disappeared in/ the smoke of bursting shells break

In an hour the gunners put down four thousand rounds on the point ~~break~~ break

~~At first~~ A medium machine gun opened up just after the assault troops left the start line but it was promptly knocked out by a tank stop At first light the barrage lifted and the infantry and tanks stormed their first objective break

Driven to earth by the intense bombardment the Japanese had no time to man their ~~gun~~ forward defences before the Australians were on them stop ^{leading} the ~~first~~ company ~~reached~~ reached its first objective with only four casualties break

When the Japanese recovered they opened up with machine guns and mortars stop Two field guns ~~opened up~~ ^{fired} on our troops advancing up the slope but they were soon silenced by our own guns break

The Matilda tanks advanced on bunkers and caves firing at point blank range stop Flamethrowers ~~was~~ scrambled from position to position hosing fire into enemy strongpoints break

From caves in the cliff Japanese dropped grenades on the troops below stop Flamethrowers worked their way to the top of the cliff ^{and} ~~was~~ attacked from above stop By ten o'clock infantry and tanks were on top of the plateau and our men ^{then} concentrated on eliminating pockets of resistance break

Snipers were active stop One entrenched ^(half way up a cliff) in a bunkered cave ~~defied~~ defied tanks infantry and flamethrowers ~~was~~ stop He wounded several men before he was killed early in the afternoon break

The victorious Australians found Wewak ~~was~~ ^{and tunnels} a warren of caves/stop

A number of them had been sealed by bombing and shelling before we attacked and ^{when} ~~we~~ we occupied the point the engineers blew in the entrances of ^{the} others stop ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

At two o'clock a company commander hoisted the Union Jack over

Wewak stop He had carried this flag through the Middle East stop

It was handed to him in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ by nineteen thirty nine ^{took}

by a man who ~~carried~~ carried it through France ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in the

last war with the parent battalion of the one which captured Wewak

It now flies over the cratered desolation that was once the most powerful enemy base in New Guinea break

The forces/ which attacked inland advanced slowly during the day over ~~XXXXXXXX~~ heart breaking country stop The commandos struggled ^{across} ~~over~~ a wilderness of razor backed ridges towards the Sauri

Villages four miles inland from Wewak break

The infantry advancing towards Wirai Mission hacked and dragged their way through a waist deep sago swamp break

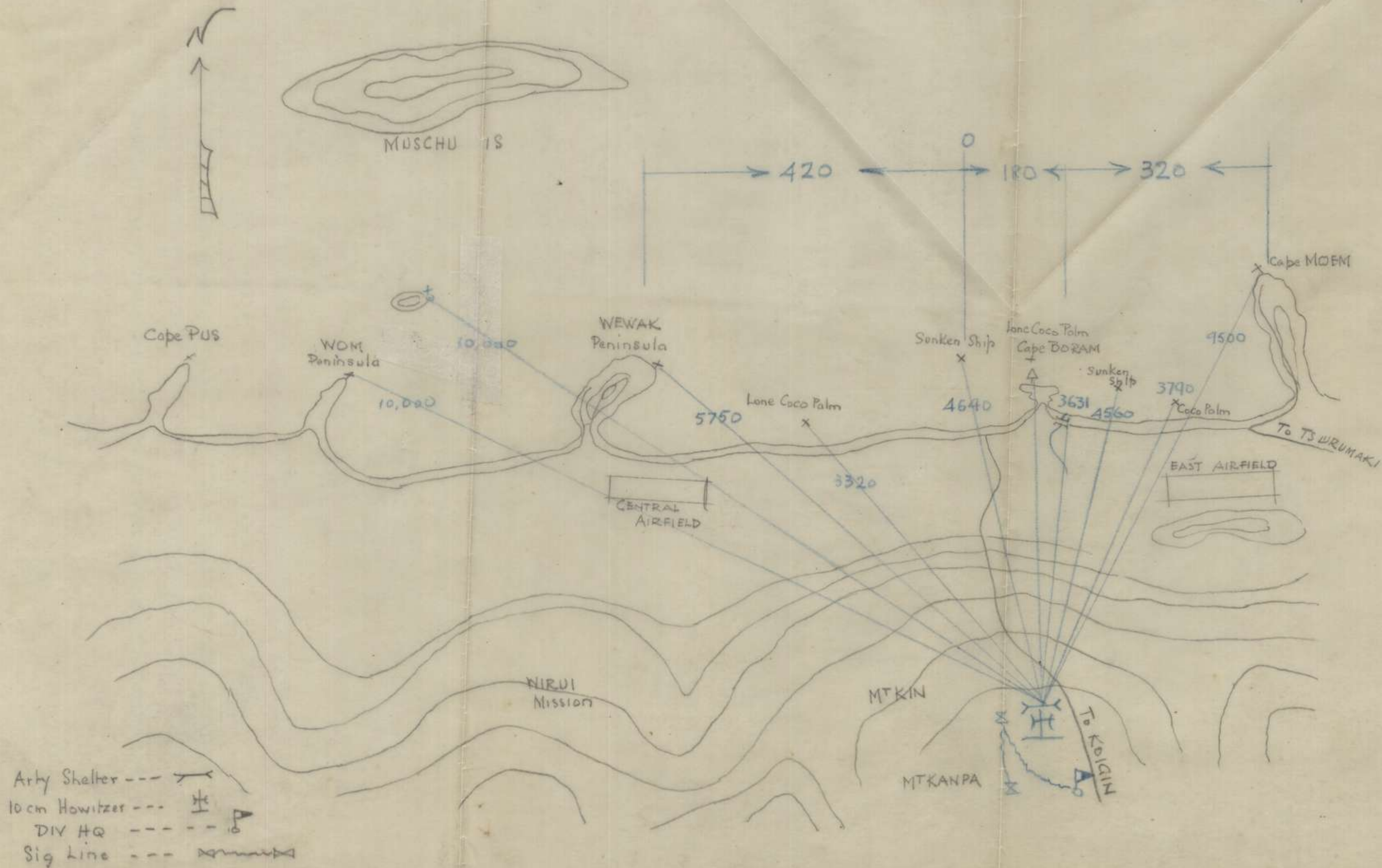
On Friday morning they attacked their objectives while tanks ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ pushed along the road ~~XXXXXXXX~~ from Wewak ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ them to link with them break

The last move in closing the death trap on the ~~enemy~~ ^{Jap source.} came with the commando landing on Friday morning below Cape Moem which will ^{their} close ~~the~~/escape route eastward break

The final tally of Japs cannot be estimated but the first days bag on Wewak was sixty seven killed while at a conservative estimate at least a hundred probably many more are sealed up in the caves and tunnels stop Our own casualties ~~WERE~~ have so far been amazingly light ends quinn

Translation of map captured by 3/4 BH 20 May 45

ITEM II
10cm HOWITZER POSN
in vicinity of MTKIN



War Diary

APPX - T(1)

SECRET

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
May 45

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2/4 AUST INF BN OP INSTR NO 4

Ref Map - WEWAK DROME 1 : 20000
TRACE TRACK REPORT BIKA 3 18 May

Lt GRAHAM

INF M

1. Patrol from C Coy 18 May reports NO enemy seen in area 600 feature 328040. D Coy patrol reports enemy posns at least see strength at tr june 332038.
D Coy will move to tr june 332038 19 May.

TASKS

2. (a) Establish pl outpost on 600 feature at 328040
(b) Protect SOUTHERN approaches to WIRUI MISSION.
(c) Gain infm of enemy in immediate vicinity of outpost posn.

METHOD

3. Timings
In posn by 191000K
4. Route
As per trace
5. Sp Weapons
In sp ; 2 dets 3" Mortars.
MOR FOO will move with pl. RV tr june 238049 at 190730K.

ADM

6. (a) Rations
2 days and unexpired portion and emergency ration carried on the man.
(b) Cooking Gear
Under arrangements QM.
(c) Sups incl Water
By native carrier.
7. Packs
Full equipment will be carried.

INTERCOMM

8. Line to be laid to outpost. Phone to be manned continually. 2 hourly reports to Int See between 0600-2000 hrs daily and on any unusual occurrence.

Time of Signature

Rooters

Cox Lt-col
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(G. S. Cox)

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HQ 6 Aust Div
15 May 45

Ref No : G1501

The following signal has been received from the C-in-C
General Sir Thomas Blamey :-

"Warmest congratulations to the old Division on its
great success (.). Its splendid achievements during
the present campaign are worthy of its grand history
(.) Please convey to all ranks my deepest appreciation
of their efforts"

2. The Divisional Commander desires that the above message
be conveyed immediately to all ranks.

J A Bishop Lt-col
G6 6 Aust Div

COPY

HQ 6 Aust Div
15 May 45

Ref No : G1500

GOC 6 Australian Division has received a signal from
GOC First Aust Army Lt Gen V A H STURDER CB CBE DSO congrat-
ulating all units of the Royal Australian Navy, 6 Australian
Division and the Royal Australian Air Force on the splendid co-
operation resulting in the successful operations in this area.

2. Maj Gen J E S STEVENS desires that the Army Commander's
message be conveyed to all ranks.

J A Bishop Lt-col
G6 6 Aust Div

Handwritten initials

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2/4 AUST INF BN

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

WEWAK AREA

Ref Maps : WEWAK WEST - 1 in to 1 ml
WEWAK DROME - 1 : 20000

For Period 1 May to 21 May 45

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

2/4 AUST INF BN

PERIOD 3 MAY TO 21 MAY 45

PART I

1. During the period under review, the bn captured in succession CAPE PUS - CAPE WOM - YARABOS - WEWAK PENINSULAR - WEWAK DROME - WIRUI MISSION.
2. On the coast rd no serious opposition was encountered prior to the attack on WEWAK, although minor clashes and patrol activities during the adv accounted for a number of enemy.
3. Resistance on WEWAK PENINSULAR and in the WIRUI MISSION area was fierce.
4. Further inland YARABOS was cleared by our tps, minor opposition being encountered and some enemy killed.
5. The un-named village at 328029, approx 600 yds WEST of KOIGIN, was occupied without opposition on 21 May 45.
6. Casualties for period under review -

<u>Enemy</u>	3 May to 10 May - 25 killed
	10 May to 21 May - 200 killed, 3 wounded, 5 PW
Total	3 May to 21 May - 225 killed, 3 wounded, 5 PW

<u>Own (incl att tps)</u>	3 May to 20 May - 13 killed, 3 died of wounds, 40 wounded.
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PART II

1. The bn passed through the bridgehead across the HAWAIN R at 1015 hrs 3 May and adv against no opposition to PUS LAGOON where 5 enemy were killed, incl a 2 nd lt. Documents, two U/S wireless sets and a large transmitter were captured.
2. The adv continued on 4 May, one coy adv 2000 yds before dawn in order to secure the axis of adv for the bn. CAPE WOM was secured unopposed at 1300 hrs. Many wrecked MT were passed along the route of adv and much eqpt captured. A large HQ and stores dump was located at 253128, containing much sig eqpt, new clothing and other ordnance stores. This HQ showed signs that it was hastily vacated NOT more than 12 hrs before our occupation.
3. Patrols to URFIP CK reported signs of approx 12 enemy and one 6 wheeled MT having moved SOUTH along the EAST side of WOM within 12 hrs previous to our occupation. A bridgehead was established across URFIP CK at 1530 hrs. No opposition was encountered, but one enemy, well fed and well clothed, was killed near the mouth of WARINGE R by our patrol.
4. MT lights and a searchlight were seen on WEWAK POINT on night 4/5 May, while a possible 20 mm gun fired out to sea. Signal flashes were also observed from MUSCHU IS directed towards WEWAK.

5. At 0645 hrs 5 May, a pl crossed URFIP CK and moved into posn at mouth of WARINGE R. A patrol across the river for 600 yds found huts and killed two enemy in one of them.
6. Patrols searching for suitable track to YARABOS from WOM were unsuccessful, but one enemy was killed on a corduroy log track impassable to tpt leading SW from approx 251130 towards YARABOS. This was mistaken by Tac R aircraft as a good track, and shown as such on the map. At 1530 hrs our tps occupied YARABOS track junc at 287086. Patrols SW along YARABOS track found huts recently occupied by small parties of enemy. Three enemy were seen at 1625 hrs at 288085. Two were killed and the third escaped.
7. Tac R dropped during morning reported huts and fresh tracks in YARABOS area.
8. Lights were again seen on WEWAK night 5/6 May.
9. On 6 May the bn was concentrated in area at mouth of WARINGE R. Our patrols were active and encountered strong resistance for the first time. At 1000 hrs 6 enemy carrying one possible HMG approached our perimeter from the direction of YARABOS. One was killed. At 1030 hrs a patrol mov along YARABOS track was engaged by 4 rifles at 284081. At 1405 hrs 7 enemy, well dressed in khaki uniforms, were seen approaching from the SOUTH along the WARINGE R track. Three more enemy were killed around the perimeter during the day.
10. Enemy CB fire was directed against our gun posns for the first time at 1550 hrs, when a possible 75 mm AA gun shelled CAPE WOM. Six shells were fired. One burst in sea and remainder in air over WOM. One shell from same gun was fired at same point at 2030 hrs.
11. A night patrol to WEWAK POINT saw 2 enemy move across track at 295080. Patrol engaged enemy unsuccessfully and an enemy mortar fired one bomb from area of MINGA track junc. Patrol mov fwd to this junc and were fired on by 2 LMGs and 4/5 rifles. Enemy fired one flare over our patrol. Two members of the patrol were killed incl one offr. Their bodies were hidden and patrol returned to base. A fighting patrol sent out to recover the bodies was successful. Enemy at MINGA track junc had withdrawn.
12. At 0930 hrs 7 May an airstrike was made on WEWAK by LIGHTNING. Target area was well covered.
13. At 0830 hrs one coy moved to secure YARABOS. Small parties of enemy were encountered along the track, but YARABOS village was found clear of enemy. The sig line from our tps in YARABOS to Bn HQ was out during late afternoon.
14. Local clearing patrols were again active on 7 May, but only one party of 3 enemy was encountered. This party ambushed a patrol and wounded one man. At 1530 hrs our tps occupied a strongly constructed but undefended enemy bunker posn astride WARINGE CK at 285073. Seven enemy graves were found at 286083, approx 2 mths old.
15. One pl mov to MINGA track junc 302076 at 0005 hrs 8 May and took up an outpost posn. From this base a recce patrol mov fwd the same night with engr and tk recce parties to MINGA CK. When returning to outpost posn, a clash occurred between our recce patrol, an enemy party and the outpost. The tk recce offr and a sjt were wounded. At 0657 hrs 4 enemy gren were thrown into the outpost and from then until 0600 hrs 14 gren were thrown by the enemy, killing one and wounding two of our tps.
16. At 0735 hrs our tps at YARABOS had est a patrol base at track junc 235106 WEST of YARABOS village. No enemy were seen. Patrols operated fwd of the track junc and killed 4 enemy. The coy was relieved by other tps at 1200 hrs 8 May.

17. An enemy recon party of 4/5 with one possible native, approached the posn occupied by our tps at 286072, where strongly prepared bunker posns had been found deserted on 7 May. The enemy were lightly clad and carried one LMG.
18. Air strikes on WEWAK during the day covered the target area well.
19. At 1200 hrs 8 May, one coy adv with tks, flame throwers, arty, MMG and M 3" sp to est a bridgehead across MINGA CK to cover engr work on the br. No contact was made during the adv and MINGA CK was reached at 1310 hrs. Tks then engaged a bunker on EASTERN side of the ck where 6 enemy were seen. At 1410 hrs our tps effected the river crossing in assault boats, covered by tks, arty and MMGs and exploited for 300 yds. Opposition was encountered from an LMG in a bunker and fire came from WEWAK POINT. Enemy fire was spasmodic. Own tps engaged enemy targets with tk and arty fire. Enemy MG fire was located as coming from a bunker on WEST side of WEWAK PENINSULAR at 317080. Tks scored direct hits on this bunker and fire ceased. Our tps consolidated with fwd elements on EAST side of the river. Snipers were active from WEWAK POINT. At 1630 hrs the fwd tps came under fire from a possible 105 mm gun and at 1655 hrs the shelling lifted to MINGA CK br. The enemy gun was fired from the direction of WEWAK DROME. Our own cas were one killed and two wounded as a result of this shelling.
20. A recon patrol to JAP gardens at 305057 located approx 20 enemy at 287057. There were two huts in this area and the enemy were digging in. Our patrol killed 3 enemy and being outnumbered broke off the engagement. A fighting patrol on 9 May was unable to locate this enemy party, which had apparently withdrawn to the EAST.
21. During the night 8/9 May the outpost at 285073 reported 2 enemy seen and considerable mov around their posn.
22. At 0610 hrs 9 May a recon patrol, which had attempted to reach WEWAK POINT, returned to base. Owing to the impassible nature of the swamp traversed, the patrol had been unable to reach its objective. Our patrol reported MINGA village clear at 0810 hrs 9 May.
23. The fwd tps on MINGA CK again came under shell fire from same gun as on previous day. Seven shells landed of which one failed to explode.
24. A patrol was engaged by one LMG and 4/5 rifles at 284066 at 1300 hrs 9 May. The enemy withdrew before an attack could be made. Own cas one wounded.
25. At 0900 hrs 9 May orders were issued for the attack on WEWAK PENINSULAR and during the afternoon of 9 May the bn was concentrated in area MINGA CK and MINGA village; in preparation for the attack. H Hour was set at dawn - 0523 hrs - 10 May. On night 9/10 May engrs constructed a br across MINGA CK and our tps crossed the ck at low tide, approx 0100 hrs.
26. Fwd tps for the attack moved to SL at 0510 hrs 10 May and remainder of force assembled to await their own mvt. It was decided at 0515 hrs that owing to rain the dawn would not appear until approx 0600 hrs and that at 0523 hrs it would be too dark for assaulting tps and tks to see their objectives. The arty programme had commenced but it was stopped and repeated from 0555 hrs. H Hour was changed to 0610 hrs.
27. Shortly after crossing the SL, assaulting tps came under MG fire from KNOLL 317080 and a bunker near the WEST end of PITT ST. Shell fire was encountered during the adv and MINGA br came under shell fire at 0638 hrs from gun posns in the area WEWAK DROME. Several shells did not explode. At 0641 hrs the KNOLL 317080 was captured and fwd tps continued adv to KINGS CROSS 313082, which was secured by 0647 hrs. Res com relieved night fwd coy on KNOLL and came under shell

- fire from a possible 105 mm gun. MG fire also came from a bunker on EAST side of KNOLL.
28. Fwd tps on WEST side of WEWAK POINT were encountering heavy fire from MGs and snipers in caves and tks and flame throwers were used against the posn. It took three hrs to reduce one particular post in which eight enemy incl two offr were killed and seven own tps incl one offr were wounded. Enemy were located in bunker posns over mouths of caves, which were up to 200 ft long and had more than one exit.
29. At 0816 hrs the KNOLL area was again shelled for 10 mins.
30. By 0830 hrs WEWAK POINT was secured and mopping up of cave posns proceeded. Small isolated pockets of resistance were located and liquidated during the afternoon and further shelling was encountered. Much eqpt was captured incl weapons, amm and documents. Thirty - one packed cases of documents were taken from one cave. As they were located, caves were piquoted until flame throwers arrived, when the jet was directed into the cave, followed by improvised blast bombs, the mouth of the cave then being sealed by demolitions prepared by the negrs.
31. During night 10/11 May, small parties of enemy unsuccessfully tried to escape through our posns and a number were killed. On 11 May additional captured eqpt was found on the PENINSULAR, incl 5 x 75 mm AA guns. Many caves contained MMGs, incl 20 mm types and BROWNINGs and a large quantity of amm. Captured eqpt included a saw-bench with 3 x 38 in blades, a steel safe containing invasion notes, engr stores, tools, U/S MT, twelve drums petrol and a water-pumping unit. Badges of rank and photographs of Lt-Gen NAKANO were found, but we were unable to find the body. It is assumed that he escaped prior to the attack. It was found on checking badges of rank taken from enemy dead on WEWAK, that at least 5 offr and 2 sjt majors were killed. All resistance had completely ceased on the PENINSULAR by 1200 hrs 11 May. It is estimated that a minimum of 50 enemy were entombed in caves.
32. During the day one coy moved to FIVEDOCK 317073 and on to MASCOT track junc 315071. Mov was unopposed and one PW was captured at FIVEDOCK. He could speak a little English and claimed to be a CELEBESE islander. Later he gave his true identity and was of a Japanese unit. Fear of the treatment he would receive at our hands prompted by enemy propaganda, caused him to initially give false particulars.
33. On 12 May our tps adv on WEWAK DROME and had reached the SE end of the DROME by 121220 K. No opposition was encountered during the adv, but fwd tps at EASTERN end of DROME were fired on by MMGs from WIRUI MISSION feature. Enemy mvt was obs on WIRUI MISSION feature during the afternoon and our arty engaged a party of enemy who were digging in a gun at 319046.
34. A contact patrol to the SOUTH to a flanking unit was unsuccessful due to heavy swamp.
35. Simultaneously with move on to the DROME another sub-unit adv along the coast and without opposition occupied track junc 322067. Patrols operated to WIRUI R mouth and along river as far as br at 328055. No enemy were encountered but bare foot prints and wheel marks of a gun carriage were found at 331059, leading towards WIRUI MISSION.
36. Local inter-sub-unit contact patrols during night 12/13 May reported NMS.
37. On 13 May our coy on the coastal track adv to 331061 at mouth of WIRUI CK.

38. Two PW, one of them wounded, were captured in swamp near coast at 318072. When interrogated by AMIS pers they gave false particulars and claimed to be wrecked fishermen of Chinese extraction. Later they confessed to being members of a Japanese unit (25 AMTD BN).
39. Engns found and deloused a series of aerial bombs set up as A Tk mines on WIRUI DROME and an unidentified type of A pers mine was located at 328057.
40. Enemy mov was again seen during morning of 13 May on WIRUI MISSION feature and our arty on aged bunker posns with a 25 pr sniping gun which had been brought up during the night to posn of fwd tps. This gun caused considerable damage to enemy posns on the MISSION feature.
41. Contact was made with flankin unit at 1215 hrs on 13 May and line cover est. Patrol to JAP and ns in square 5005 killed one of three enemy in huts at 308065. Signs of recent occupation by approx 60 enemy were found at this point.
42. At 0600 hrs 14 May, 5 shells were fired from CAPR 107M towards WIRUI. All fell into the sea.
43. More enemy mov was seen on WIRUI MISSION feature, a number of bunkers being occupied. It was decided to attack the MISSION feature on afternoon of 14 May and bn was concentrated in area of the plantation by 1300 hrs.
44. Orders for attack were issued at 1230 hrs and H Hour set at 1400 hrs.
45. Fwd tps crossed the SL on time and adv through high bunch grass on to their objective. Opposition was encountered from bunkers. Three enemy with A Tk mines lay beside the track where tks were mov, but they were obs and killed by inf, before they could do any damage. As fwd tps reached the first objective, a second wave passed through and captured the top of the feature. Due to the nature of the ground it was necessary to modify timings for the arty programme and for Phase II of the attack, arty sp was fired by obs and controlled by R/T by the coy comd.
46. WIRUI MISSION was in our hands by 1507 hrs and mopping up proceeded. Snipers and MGs from well-concealed bunkers were active, but by nightfall resistance remained only on the NW spur of MISSION feature.
47. Contact by a patrol from flankin unit was made at 0930 hrs 15 May.
48. Clearing of the final pocket of resistance took place during the morning of 15 May. Inf patrols sp by tks and arty succeeded in silencing the posn after some hrs of bitter fighting. Several direct hits were recorded by the tks and at 1515 hrs a white flag was displayed from the bunker. Our tps took one PW from this posn in which eight enemy were killed and several .5 MGs captured. A second enemy, an offr, suicided when our tps approached the bunker. All resistance had now ceased, but stragglers were located and killed during the day.
49. A large quantity of eqpt was captured on the WIRUI MISSION feature's incl respirators, 2 x 20 mm guns, 4 HMGs, 2 IRMG telescopic sights, 3 AA type HMG sights, 1 AA LMG, 1 Lewis gun with mags, 2 x 75 mm guns, 8 BROWNING MGs, numerous LMGs, over 100 rifles, a welding plant, motor bike and side-car, a jeep, a transmitter, 9 U/S RT, 2 U/S staff cars (one flying a square blue pennant) tools and stores.
50. It is estimated that the area was defended by approx 60 enemy of whom 40 were killed and the remainder escaped. At least 75% of the defenders were armed with automatic weapons.

51. On 15 May 45 the bn became responsible for the security of WEWAK airstrip and WIRUI MISSION feature, while other tps of the bde continued the adv to the EAST. By the morning of 16 May, dispositions were -
- Bn HQ - 332061 - on coast near mouth of WIRUI CR
A Coy - 321044 - on WIRUI MISSION feature
B Coy - 32060 - at EAST end of WEWAK DROME
C Coy - 326047 - on lower spur of WIRUI MISSION
D Coy - was in res in the plantation area and was on call to 2/8 Bn.
52. Clearing patrols continued to operate on the MISSION feature and an enemy hospital was located at 327049. Bank of cr in vicinity of 328047 contained 5 unoccupied caves. A large un-mapped village of 30 huts was located in the same area. One hut contained cushioned chairs and had probably been occupied by an enemy officer. Large quantities of enemy stores, some weapons and ammo were found in the village. Huts located at 317046 contained several MGs and one Thompson rifle and near WEWAK DROME an airforce control set and operator's log book were found. Six enemy were killed during the day by clearing patrols and from one of the enemy killed was taken an American identity disc. Of the six killed, 4 committed suicide as our tps approached.
53. Local clearing patrols were again active on 17 May and a further six enemy were killed.
54. The coy on the lower spur of WIRUI MISSION feature at 326047 moved to coast at 330061 on 17 May.
55. On 18 May, one coy relieved tps of 2/8 Bn at KREER village. Local patrolling continued, but the only contact was at 333037, SOUTH of KREER, where our patrol was fired on and the fwd scout wounded.
56. On 19 May an outpost was est on high feature EAST of WIRUI MISSION at 327038. The same day our tps occupied a knoll near track junction 332038 on KREER-KOIGIN track. This was where patrol was fired upon on 18 May. In this area was found a 105 mm gun and a tree with ladder attached, from top of which a clear view could be obtained of WEWAK POINT, the harbour and part of the coast. This was probably one of the guns which shelled our tps during the attack on WEWAK, the tree being an OP.
57. During the day a PW was taken while preparing a meal in a hut approx 300 yds from Bn HQ.
58. A clearing patrol at 0615 hrs on 20 May killed 3 enemy in hut at 333036. In this area were freshly dug and camouflaged weapon pits.
59. Our tps on WEWAK DROME were relieved and mov to coast at 330061 and one coy occupied a post at 333051 on the track to KREER. One enemy was killed in this area.
60. Recon patrols were active all day seeking tracks shown on captured enemy maps and those taken from aerial photographs. Several tracks were located and some garden areas found. Patrols entered the un-named village at 328029 and found it unoccupied, although sig wires ran into the village from the NORTH and beyond it to the SOUTH. One coy occupied the village on 21 May 45.
61. An enemy shrine was located at 332038. On it were found many boxes packed with smaller boxes approx 5 ins square, each one wrapped in silk or calico. Inside each smaller box was a small calico bag of ashes and bones. It was found upon examination that the boxes contained ashes of 7000 enemy.

62. Dispositions at the end of the period under review were -

- Bn HQ - 332061
- A Coy (less one pl) - 321044 with outpost at 318036.
- B Coy - 330061
- C Coy - 328029
- D Coy less 18 Pl - 332038. 18 Pl 337046
- 5 Pl - 344052
- 9 Pl - 347041

63. Units of 51 Div of which elements were encountered during the operation to date were -

- WEMAK - 4 Coy 4 Sea Tpt Bn. ARITA unit. AMATSUKI 6191 Force.
- WEMAK - 39 Indop Auto Cannon Unit
- WEMAK-WIRUI PLN - 25 Machine Cannon Coy
- YAMABOS - 27 Fd Mot Tpt Det
- WIRUI MISSION - 5 Air Sig Unit
- WIRUI MISSION - 25 Airfd Bn.

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| A Coy | 1 |
| B Coy | 2 |
| C Coy | 3 |
| D Coy | 4 |
| HQ Coy | 5 |
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
18 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/5 /194 5 2/4 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	1		1	*									
	2		2	*									
	2		7	Lieut.-Colonels									
			25	Majors	AAIE	1							
		5		Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	5	35			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	38										38
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
IX27105	Lt	STRONACH W L	Hospital	2/5	
IX12457	Lt	WELLS J B	Staff School (Aust)	30/4	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 5 5 / / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (Class 1)	MX6576	COX	G S	Comd	Yes		
Maj	MX47	PEGG	F J	2 IC	"		
Maj	MX2025	MADDERN	R	OC HQ	"		
Capt	MX120773	ATHKINSON	W J S	OC B	"		
Capt	MX5485	SMITH	E P A	OC A	"		
Capt	MX2030	HAWES	G J	OC D	"		
Capt	MX46374	BOHNS	A H M	OC C	"		
Capt	MX5782	WATSON	W G	OC M	"		
Capt	MX54899	HILLS	J H	SIC B	"		
Lt	MX12457	WELLS	J B	ASICD	"		
Lt	MX54905	POLLINGTON	D A	ASIOC	"		
Lt	MX70734	BROWN	J H	ASICA	"		
Lt	MX15807	MICHELL	H E	Super	"		
Lt	MX55366	CRUTCHETT	P F	10 Pl	"		
Lt	MX5514	MORT	T L	17 Pl	"		
Lt	MX51311	POX	H H	10	"		
Lt	MX57190	WRIGHT	J G	12 Pl	"		
Lt	MX53929	GRAHAM	J P	5 Pl	"		
Lt	MX27103	STROBACH	W L	Super	"		
Lt (T/Capt)	MX5036	BANDER	R D	Adjt	"		
Lt	MX5992	HEALTY	D G	3 Pl	"		
Lt	MX133119	NEIBSON	W J	2 Pl	"		
Lt	MX5302	FORD	H R	Asst	"		
Lt				Adjt	"		
Lt	MX138172	GALLARD	H E	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	MX5989	BENTLEY	K	11 Pl	Yes		
Lt	MX101692	HARLOCK	P	15 Pl	"		
Lt	MX12230	GOOD	A H	18 Pl	"		
Lt	MX5691	WILSON	H J	1 Pl	"		
Lt	MX50471	POINER	R J	14 Pl	"		
Lt	WX25973	JONES	E A	16 Pl	"		
Lt	VX52679	BLACKWOOD	A F	13 Pl	"		
Lt	MX122375	SMITH	S R	T O	"		
Lt	MX146395	GYNGELL	G F	7 Pl	"		
Lt	VX104281	LOVE	T J	9 Pl	"		
ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN WE							
Capt	MX114064	WILLIAMS	O U	RMD	Yes	From AAMC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
NOT WITHIN WE					
Maj	VX64452	KEYE T P	19 Bde	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	B3/243	CHRISTIAN D W	Saly Army	27/4/45	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

R. J. Barran Capt

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 34th Anti Tank Bn (Unit)

W.E. 129 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 149 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1 Reinfts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Reinfts. Required.
	1			W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II.		1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
		2	34	Sergeants	92	114	8	1	
	5		62	Corporals	8	11	6	2	
	115	37	580	Troopers, Privates, etc.	141	13	14		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	411	221	29*	3	*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	716									716
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19 Bde			1	19 Bde		
4	2nd MG			25	19 Bde		
1	2nd 3rd MG			10	19 Bde		
2	19 Bde			1	2nd 3rd MG		
				1	MG Bde		
				1	MG Bde		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

UNIT 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX 'A'
Date 5 May 45

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	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	REQUIS	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	6	6				
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1				
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	2				
Int Duties)	Pte	7	7				
Signallers)	Cpl	4	4				
Signallers)	Pte	22	22				
<u>TRADE GROUP 121</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6	6				
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4		1		
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1			1	
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	3				
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
ISM	WO1	1	1		1		
OSM	WO11	5	5				
ISME	WO11	1	1				
OSME	S/sjt	5	5				
Pl Sjt	Sjt	27	27			2	
Batman	Pte	34	34	120	1	10	
Dr MF	Pte	15	15			4	
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	3		2		
Eye Duties	Pte	4	4				
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	36		1		
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	275	86			
GROUP I Nos)	Cpl	2	1		1		
MG Nos)	Pte	20	14		6		
GROUP II Nos)	Cpl	5	5			1	
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	60		8		
GROUP III	Pte	32	32				
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	2		2		
Pioneers)	Pte	28	21		7		
Asstl Police)	Sjt	1	1			1	
Asstl Police)	Pte	6	7				
Stretcher	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	2				
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	17		1		
GROUP IV	Cpl	4	4			17	
GROUP V	Pte	15	17			5	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
Dvr MF	Cpl	1	1			28	
Date of despatch 5 May 45							
Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn							
TOTAL c/f		769 767	659	120	10		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	PTS REQUIRED	X
Total b/f		767 ⁹	659	120	10		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAIC</u>							
Chiropracist	Cpl	1	/				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	/				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	/				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	/				
<u>AAOS</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	/				
AAIE							
Armourer	Sjt	1	/				
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1	/				
Fitter Gun Gp 1	Pte	1	/				
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	/				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	/				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	/				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	/				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	4	1			
Cooks)	Cpl	5	3	2			
Cooks)	Pte	13	13				
<u>TOTAL.</u>		802 ¹	688	123	10		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE. 28

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NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

Date: 5 May 45

W. J. Gammann Cpl
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
5 May 45

SURPLUS NCOs

No.	Rank	Name	Qualifications	Mod Class
MX60523	Sjt	McWHINNEY	L Band Sjt	A1
MX 6001	Sjt	LYONS	J Pl Sjt	A1

Rosamund Capt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 5 / 5 2/4 Aust Inf / 1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11 12 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7		8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	101	3	127 33	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAIC	1							
	3	3	33			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.		34									34
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
HX101682	1st Lt	HARLOCK P	-	8/5	Killed in Action
HX57190	1st Lt	WRIGHT J G	Hospital	10/5	Wounded in Action

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 5 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJ (TLA-ee)	IK9576	COX	G S	Comd	Yes		
MAJ	IK47	PECK	F J	2 IC	"		
MAJ	IK2025	MADDEN	R	OC HQ	"		
MAJ	IK128773	ATHINSON	W J S	OC B	"		
MAJ	IK5483	SMITH	E P A	OC A	"		
MAJ	IK2030	HOWE	G J	OC D	"		
MAJ	IK46374	BOHSE	A H H	Supd	"		
MAJ	IK5082	MARTIN	W G	Q M	"		
MAJ	IK54899	WILES	J H	2 IC	"		
MAJ	IK12457	WELLS	J B	ASICO	"		
MAJ	IK34893	POLLINGTON	D A	ACC C	"		
MAJ	IK70734	BROWN	J H	ASICA	"		
MAJ	IK18907	MURPHY	H E	Supd	"		
MAJ	IK35566	CRITCHETT	F P	12 PI	"		
MAJ	IK3214	MERT	T L	17 PI	"		
MAJ	IK31311	FOX	E H	I O	"		
MAJ	IK55990	GRAHAM	J P	5 PI	"		
MAJ	IK27108	STROMACH	W L	Supd	"		
MAJ (T/Capt)	IK5088	BAIDEN	R D	ASIC	"		
MAJ	IK5902	HEALEY	D G	3 PI	"		
MAJ	IK136119	WILSON	W J	2 PI	"		
MAJ	IK5202	FORD	N R	Asst	"		
MAJ	IK138172	GALLARD	K E	Supd	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
MAJ	IK5089	BEATTIE	K	11 PI	Yes		
MAJ	IK119930	GOOD	A H	18 PI	"		
MAJ	IK9601	WILSON	H J	1 PI	"		
MAJ	IK90471	FOINER	H J	14 PI	"		
MAJ	WX25073	JONES	E A	16 PI	"		
MAJ	QY5390	GORDON	C M B	4 PI	"		
MAJ	VY62679	BLACKWOOD	A P	13 PI	"		
MAJ	IK122276	SMITH	S R	T O	"		
MAJ	IK146306	CYNGILL	G P	7 PI	"		
MAJ	VX104291	LOVE	T J	0 PI	"	Seniority not determined	
<u>ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN V B</u>							
MAJ	IK114064	WILLIAMS	O U	RIID	Yes	From AAID	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MAJ	VX64152	KYTS	T F	19 Dec 44	Chaplain
MAJ	B3/243	CHRISTIAN	D W	27/4/45	Army

[Handwritten Signature]

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/5/1945 (Unit)

W.E. 7/129 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1			W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II.					
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	2	2	34	Sergeants	92	113	7	2	
	8		59	Corporals	91	13	6	2	
	136	34	536	Troopers, Privates, etc.	141	15	14		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	411	220	25*	4	*
	145	36	659						

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	195									685
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	17/56			1	Old Regt		
4	8/116			25	15th Regt		
1	3/4 24/116			10	17/56		
2	1/9 15/56			1	1/12 6/116		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

UNIT. 2/A INF BATT. DIV

APPENDIX "A"
Date. 12 MAY 48

WE 11/12c/5

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	REMARKS	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1					
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	6					
Int Duties)	Sjt	1					
Int Duties)	Cpl	2					
Int Duties)	Pte	7					
Signallers)	Cpl	42					
Signallers)	Pte	224					
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1					
Clerk)	Sjt	2					
Clerk)	Cpl	5					
Clerk)	Pte	4					
Eupt Repairer	Pte	1					
Range Taker	Pte	4					
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1					
Storeman Tech	Pte	3					
Tailor)	Sjt	1					
Tailor)	Cpl	1					
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
ISM	WO1	1					
CSM	WO11	5					
QMS	WO11	1					
CQMS	S/sjt	5					
Pl Sjt	Sjt	34					
Batman	Pte	34					
Dr MF	Pte	13					
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3					
Hyg Duties	Pte	4					
LMG/Rifloman)	Cpl	36					
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361					
MMG Nos)	Cpl	5					
MMG Nos)	Pte	20					
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5					
Mortar Nos)	Pte	58					
Orderlies	Pte	64					
Pioneers)	Cpl	4					
Pioneers)	Pte	50					
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1					
Regtl Police)	Pte	6					
Storeman	Pte	6					
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1					
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2					
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	13					
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4					
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	15					
Water Duties	Pte	2					
DVP 12	Cpl	1					
TOTAL c/f		757	630	240	0		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RPES REQUIRED	X
Total b/f		703 587	699	149	0		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMU</u>							
Unropodist	Cpl	1					
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1					
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1					
Med Orderly)	Pte	1					
<u>AACC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1					
<u>ABMS</u>							
Armourer	Sjt	1					
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun Gp 1	Pte	1					
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1					
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1					
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1					
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1					
Cooks)	Sjt	5		00			
Cooks)	Cpl	5		00			
Cooks)	Pte	13					
<u>TOTAL.</u>		701 602	697	159	0		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

<u>GROUP I</u>	2	2
Bricklayer	1	1
<u>GROUP II</u>		
Gun Op		
Painter		
Boat M		
<u>GROUP III</u>		
Dvr Boob	17	17
Gun Layer	5	5
	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
12 May 45

SURPLUS NCOs

Army No	Rank	Name		Qualifications	Med Class
HK80523	Sjt	McKENNEY	L	Band Sjt	A 1
HK6001	Sjt	LYONS	J	Pl Sjt	A 1

J. B. Wells Lt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(J. B. Wells)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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20/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/5/1945. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	3	3	1 1 6 23	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAIC	1										
	5	3	31			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	32									32		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
IK34899	Capt	HYLES J H	Hospital	17/5	
QX38893	Lt	WHITEHOUSE E R	"	18/5	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
IK5096	T/Capt	DAWSON R D	ODD SYDNEY	12/5	On discharge for service with British Army in India
IK5202	Lt	FORD H R	" "	12/5	
IK34899	Capt	HYLES J H	Hospital	13/5	
IK47	Major	PEGG P J	Staff School	17/5	

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 5 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major (T/ Lt-col)	VX6576	COY	G S	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX2025	MADDURN	R R	2 IC	U		
Capt	VX129773	ATHINGTON	W J S	CC B	U		
Capt	VX5483	SMITH	W P A	CC A	U		
Capt	VX2030	SMITH	C A	CC D	U		
Capt	VX46374	BOWEN	A H M	Super	U		
Capt	VX5092	MARTIN	W C H	2 H	U		
Capt	VX34899	MYLES	J H	2IC B	U		
Lt	VX12457	WELLS	J D B	Adjst	U		
Lt	VX34893	POLLINGTON	D A	ACC C	U		
Lt	VX70734	BROWN	J H	ASICA	U		
Lt	VX13207	MITCHELL	H H	ASICD	U		
Lt	VX36366	CRITCHETT	H J	10 P1	U		
Lt	VX5214	MERR	H J	ASICC	U		
Lt	VX31311	POE	H H	1 O	U		
Lt	VX53929	GRAHAM	J H	5 P1	U		
Lt	VX27103	FRONCH	W L	17 P1	U		
Lt	VX5092	HEALEY	D O	3 P1	U		
Lt	VX135110	WILSON	W J	2 P1	U		
Lt	VX138172	GALLARD	K E	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	VX5089	BRATTLE	K A	11 P1	Yes		
Lt	VX112230	GOOD	A H	19 P1	U		
Lt	VX0691	WILSON	M J	1 P1	U		
Lt	VX00471	POINER	H J	14 P1	U		
Lt	VX25973	JONES	E A	10 P1	U		
Lt	VX5330	GORDON	C H B	Asst	U		
Lt	VX62079	BLACKWOOD	A F	13 P1	U		
Lt	VX59393	WHITEHOUSE	B R	8 P1	U		
Lt	VX12275	SMITH	S R	12 P1	U		
Lt	VX146395	STAGELL	G P	7 P1	U		
Lt	VX104281	LOVE	T J	9 P1	U		
(Seniority NOT yet determined)							
ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS NOT WITHIN U R							
Capt	VX114064	WILLIAMS	O U	RHD	Yes	From AASC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
			NOT WITHIN U R		
Capt	VX64452	MYLES T P	19 Bde	8/8/44	Chaplain
Lt	33/243	CHRISTIAN D V	Salv	Army 27/4/45	

MAY 20 1945
Date of Despatch

Comd. 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/5/1945 24th Unit W.A.F. (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/13 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1			W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II.					
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
32		2	34	Sergeants	92	113	7	2	
57	9		58	Corporals	11	13	6	2	
658	144	36	550	Troopers, Privates, etc.	41	12	18	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	* 155		* 652	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	41	12	27	5	*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	679									679
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units. Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19th Bde			1	24th Unit		
4	REME			25	24th Unit		
1	24th Unit			1	19th Bde		
2	19th Bde			10	19th Bde		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPENDIX "A"
Date 19 May 45

UNIT T. 2/4. 1945. 115. 55
WE 11/12c/5

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	REPS REQUIRED	%
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	6					
Int Duties)	Sjt	1					
Int Duties)	Cpl	2					
Int Duties)	Pte	7					
Signallers)	Cpl	42					
Signallers)	Pte	224					
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1					
Clerk)	Sjt	2					
Clerk)	Cpl	5					
Clerk)	Pte	4					
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1					
Range Taker	Pte	4					
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1					
Storeman Tech	Pte	3					
Tailor)	Sjt	1					
Tailor)	Cpl	1					
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
BSM	WO1	1					
CSM	WO11	5					
RMS	WO11	1					
QMS	S/sjt	5					
Pl Sjt	Sjt	24					
Batman	Pte	34					
Dr MT	Pte	12					
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3					
Hyg Duties	Pte	4					
LMC/Rifleman)	Cpl	36					
LMC/Rifleman	Pte	361					
MMG Nos)	Cpl	22					
MMG Nos)	Pte	20					
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5					
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68					
Orderlies	Pte	33					
Pioneers)	Cpl	4					
Pioneers)	Pte	26					
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1					
Regtl Police)	Pte	6					
Storeman	Pte	6					
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1					
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2					
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	13					
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4					
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	15					
Water Duties	Pte	2					
	Cpl	1					
TOTAL c/f		767	694	215	20		
		760					

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	FPTS REQUIRED	K
Total b/f		787	802	115	15		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAIC</u>							
Chiroprapist	Cpl	1					
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1					
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1					
Med Orderly)	Pte	1					
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1					
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sjt	1					
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1					
Witter Gun Gp 1	Pte	1					
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1					
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1					
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1					
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	Woll	1					
Cooks)	Sjt	5					
Cooks)	Cpl	5					
Cooks)	Pte	13					
<u>TOTAL.</u>		802	802	115	15		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

<u>GROUP I</u>					
Bricklayer			1		1
<u>GROUP II</u>					
Gun Op			1		1
Blason			1		1
Painter			1		1
Boch M			1		1
<u>GROUP III</u>					
Over Boch			17		17
Over Major			0		0
			<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>

Date of Disposition 11 May 45
This column NOT to be used.

AGJO 2/4 Aug 45
(J. B. 70220)

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
12 May 45

SURPLUS NOOs

Army No	Rank	Name	Qualifications	Med Class
HK80533	Sjt	McWHIRNEY L	Band Sjt	A 1
HK6001	Sjt	LYONS J	Pl Sjt	A 1

J. B. Wells Lt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(J. B. Wells)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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21 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 5 / 1945 2/4 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 709 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	2		1 1 7 20	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAIE	1							
	4		20			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		30									30
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
HC31311	1st	POE E H	Hospital	25/5	
WX25972	1st	JOHN S A	Co	25/5	

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 5 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major (714001)	HK8576	COX	G S	Comd	Yes		
Major	TK2025	MADDERN	R	2 IC	"		
Capt	HK128773	APKINSON	W J S	Super	"		
Capt	HK5483	SMITH	R P A	OC A	"		
Capt	HK2030	HAYES	G J	OC D	"		
Capt	HK46374	BOHLE	A H N	Super	"		
Capt	HK5082	MARTIN	W O	Q M	"		
Capt	HK34899	WILSON	J H	OC B	"		
Capt	HK12457	WELLS	J B	Adjt	"		
Capt	HK34893	POLLINGTON	D A	ACC C	"		
Capt	HK70734	BROWN	J H	ASICA	"		
Capt	HK15207	HITCHELL	H E	ASICD	"		
Capt	HK35306	CRUTHERFT	P P	10 Pl	"		
Capt	HK8214	HORT	T L	ASICD	"		
Capt	HK33223	GRAHAM	J P	5 Pl	"		
Capt	HK27103	STRONACH	W L	17 Pl	"		
Capt	HK5082	HEALY	D O	I O	"		
Capt	HK135119	HEISON	W J	2 Pl	"		
Capt	HK130172	GALLARD	K E	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/5
Capt	HK5080	BEATTIE	K	11 Pl	Yes		
Capt	HK112230	GOOD	A H	18 Pl	"		
Capt	HK9691	WILSON	M J	1 Pl	"		
Capt	HK00471	POINER	H J	14 Pl	"		
Capt	QX5390	GORDON	C M B	Asst	"		
Capt	VX62679	BLACKWOOD	A P	13 Pl	"		
Capt	QX38805	WILKINSON	R R	8 Pl	"		
Capt	HK122275	SMITH	S R	12 Pl	"		
Capt	HK146398	CYNHILL	G P	7 Pl	"		
Capt	VX104281	LOVE	T J	9 Pl	"	Seniority NOT yet determined	
<u>ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN WE</u>							
Capt	HK114004	WILLIAMS	O U	RHD	Yes	FROM AAID	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
NOT WITHIN WE					
Capt	VX64452	HEYS	T F 19 Dds	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	DS/243	CHRISTIAN D W	Salv Army	27/4/45	

MAY 26 1945
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Lt. Col

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/5/1945 (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		1			
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	2	2	32	Sergeants		9			
	10		57	Corporals		5		3	
	177	30	575	Troopers, Privates, etc.		15	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					
	157	32	614			30	1	3	

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

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	644									644
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19th			1	R. Recs		
4	ACMC			25	R. Recs		
1	3rd			1	HK 62nd		
2	17th			10	17th		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

APPENDIX "A"
Date. 26 May 45

INF 1. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12c/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIRED	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	6				
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1				
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Int Duties)	Pte	7	5	2			
Signallers)	Cpl	4 12	4				
Signallers)	Pte	22 24	20	2			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6 13	5	1			
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	3	1			
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	4		1		
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
FSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	4	1			
IQMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/sjt	5	4	1			
Pl Sjt	Sjt	25 124	25				
Batman	Pte	35 134	29	6			
Dr MT	Pte	11 112	14		3		
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1	2			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	6		2		
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	32	4			
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	232	129			
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2 13	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	12	8			
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	4	1			
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	59	9			
Orderlies	Pte	32 134	25	7			
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	3				
Pioneers)	Pte	28 126	19	9			
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	6				
Storeman	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	2				
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	18				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	3	1			
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	15	14	1			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
DVF MT	Cpl	1	1				
TOTAL c/f		769 767	588	187	6		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	REQUIS	X
Total b/f		767	588	197	0		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AACC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AMEE</u>							
Armourer	Sjt	1	1				
Armourer Op 1	Pte	1	1				
Fitter Gun Op 1	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	2	3			
Cooks)	Pte	13	14		1		
<u>TOTAL.</u>		801 1002	618	190	7		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP II

Gun Op

2

2

Iron

1

1

Painter

1

1

Mech HT

1

1

GROUP III

Dvr Mech

17

17

Gun Layer

3

3

20

20

This column NOT to be used.

Despatch. 26 May 45.....

Order to Capt
AGJG 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
20 May 45

SURPLUS NCO'S

Army No	Rank	Name		Qualifications	Med Class
WKG0523	Sjt	McWHIRNEY	L	Band Sjt	A 1
WKG001	Sjt	LYONS	J	Pl Sjt	A 1

Presented to
for Capt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(J. B. Wells)


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Unit 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WIRUI CREEK	1 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u>: Clear & hot. <u>Strength</u> : 28/580</p> <p>The CO, Lt-col G S Cox, arrived at B coy on KOIGIN at 0900 hrs to confer with Capt HYLES & Lt FOLLINGTON in regard to the patrol policy & enemy diposns as located. 11 pl fighting patrol moved out at 0945 hrs & came under LMG fire from enemy posns dug in on a razor back ref 334024. Patrol had one wounded & withdrew to recce a favourable approach while B coys M3 dets from KOIGIN put 60 HE into area. At 1300 hrs the same patrol while attempting to outflank the posn and gain high ground again came under fire & suffered a further two wounded. Without extensive recce the terrain was unsuitable for an attack & patrol returned to coy. A fighting patrol from C coy had the task of clearing area 325019. The enemy was found to be holding on this feature & the patrol immediately attacked & captured the posn, killing 6 enemy and finding an additional 7 dead resulting from arty harassing fire of previous night. Own casualties from this action were 2 wounded. Enemy casualties from 3 May 45, now total 287 killed, 4 PW. Own casualties same period, 16 killed, 3 died of wounds, 53 wounded, 5 wounded remaining on duty.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	2 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u>: Overcast with occasional showers. <u>Strength</u> : 28/567</p> <p>B coy again sent a fighting patrol against the jap pockets located previously & on contact, assaulted and captured a def spur ref 338023. The supply position made occupation impossible for the present so patrol returned to base & arty ranged for harassing fire through the night. Security patrols during the</p>	


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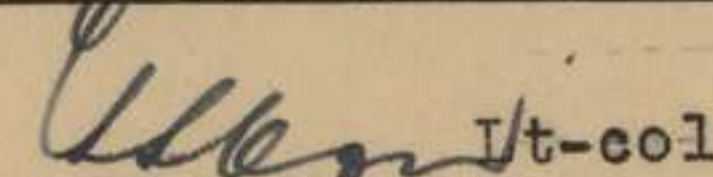
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 2 Jun		during the day combed areas flanking our L of C along KOIGIN track but NO contact was made although single japs evidently are in hiding as sig wires are cut practically every night.	
WIRUI CREEK	3 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine & hot. <u>Strength:</u> 28/556</p> <p>B coy continued patrol activity over BORAM CREEK & 11 pl made contact ref 336023 & were fired upon. In outflanking this post 100 yds to SW they again came under fire. From the nature of the terrain and the extent of the area held by the enemy the patrol was forced to break contact & return. Arty FOO immediately brought down a concentration. A fighting patrol from C coy moved against the high ground SW of KOIGIN & found a strong force occupying old posns ref 328019. Our patrol probed the FDLs & killed 8, & for the first time in the present phase the jap had reverted to wearing steel helmets- an admission of the excellent results of our arty support. Cpl YOUNG was killed during this engagement. Security patrols through inter-coys & L of C found all clear. A coy was relieved on MISSION HILL by D coy & moved to Bn HQ area. The CO, Lt-col G S COX, spent the morning visiting B & C coys posns to discuss probable action re located defs & to co-ordinate patrol responsibilities.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	4 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Overcast-heavy showers. <u>Strength:</u> 28/554</p> <p>Bn activity was confined to patrolling. C coy patrolled with one pl against 1800 feature ref 325019 & found it unoccupied although the area had been sited & def posns prepared possibly</p>	


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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 4 Jun		<p>some months previously. A coy moved to C coy area to bivouac overnight prior to occupation of 1800 feature ref 328019 the following day. Bn Op Instr No 4 (see appx "A") was issued covering this operation. B coy patrol made NO contact in moving SW across BORAM CREEK but an ANGAU native accompanying who had lived in KOIGIN area, sighted 5 japs of feature ref 339019. Patrol returned to KOIGIN & FOO registered that feature for harassing fire.</p>	ref appx "A"
WIRUI CREEK	5 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Clear & hot, showers at night. <u>Strength:</u> 25/553</p> <p>A coy with a covering pl from C coy moved out on track SOUTH of C coy posn & deployed in preparation for adv on 1800 feature. Arty concentration was brought down & immediately following, the force moved up the steep spur leading to the posn. On approaching to within 40 yds the route was overlooked by a large knoll forming the top of the feature rising 10/12 feet all round and bounded on EAST & WEST by sheer re-entrants. At this point the enemy opened up with several LMGs, an AC MG & rifles. With only one line of attack open, two pls straddled the track & engaged with full fire power, while the assaulting pl dashed fwd to the ledge of the knoll, each throwing a grenade over the top & following the explosions, scrambled over the ledge. The force & speed of the assault shook the japs to such an extent that they abandoned their posns & withdrew into heavy undergrowth on the spur leading SOUTH but under cover from the scrub, several remained to cover the escaping party with it's automatic weapons. Occupation was effected within a few minutes without further expectation opposition. Only 4 enemy</p>	


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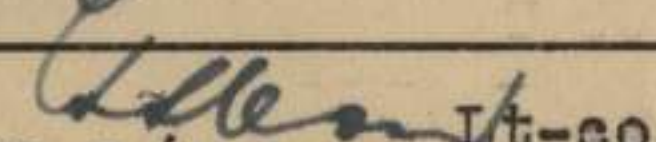
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 5 Jun		<p>dead were located in the area but from heavy blood trails it is considered that a further number may be found in future by patrols. Own casualties were 1 killed & 8 wounded. B coy patrolled against the reported enemy posn ref 339019 & were fired on by outpost sentries. Recce revealed signs of heavy timber recently cut & track usage indicates a force NOT less than 20 in number engaged on construction of solid timbered defs. Our arty continued to harass the area frequently throughout the night.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	6 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Overcast, occasional showers. <u>Strength</u> 24/540 Ref map WEWAK DROME 1:25000. * As from to-day above maps replace those previously in use. The bn disposns as follows :- Bn HQ 332060. A coy 327015. B coy 333022. C coy 327025. D coy less 17 pl 320042. 17 pl 332031. 5 pl 331033. B ech 344049. This morning D coy was relieved on WIRUI MISSION by 2/11 Bn & moved down to Bn HQ area for a brief rest on the beach before taking up posn on KOIGIN track at 17 pl. B coy patrol again reced approaches to enemy located at 337019 & were fired upon from well concealed posns sited above their line of approach on a narrow spur. The patrol attacked the posn but came under heavy fire from at least 2 LMGs, an AC MG & rifles & was forced to withdraw. Known enemy killed were 2 & own casualties, 2 wounded. An indication as to the terrain is that the time taken to carry these 2 stretcher cases back to KOIGIN track, a distance of approx 1½ miles, was 4½ hrs. A coy located a further 4 enemy dead as a result of yesterdays attack. W/C CONAGHAN & Flt Lt DUNN of 100 Sqn arrived at HQ. to spend a few days observing our requirements for air support.</p>	<p style="color: blue;">X APPX "F"</p>


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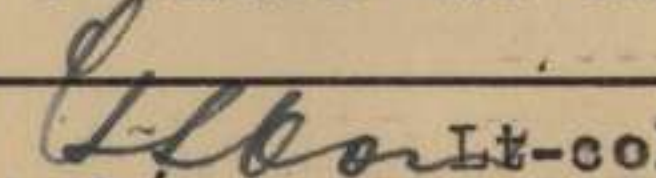
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WIRUI CREEK	7 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u>: Fine & hot. <u>Strength</u> : 24/535</p> <p>The CO, Lt-col G S COX accompanied by Adjutant visited A, B, & C coys during the morning. A coy clearing patrol 100 yds SOUTH of FDLs sighted & killed one jap. A fighting patrol moved EAST along track & approx 300 yds from coy area were fired on. One jap was killed & as patrol deployed astride track an LMG opened up from each flank of enemy posn supplemented by rifles. The patrol comd decided to withdraw & have FOO bring down arty concentration on the area to be followed by an immediate attack. This program was carried out & the posn after good arty coverage was assaulted & captured, 2 enemy being killed & the remainder escaping SOUTH. Own casualties were 1 killed (Sjt MURPHY) 1 wounded remaining on duty. 17 pl posn was harassed just before dawn with grenades & the clearing patrol found 1 jap killed on the BOOBY TRAPS. Cpl LAMOND was wounded. Security patrols from B & C coys made NO contact; D coy moved from beach to 17 pl area on KOIGIN track ref 332031/</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	8 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u>: Fine & hot. <u>Strength</u> : 24/532</p> <p>A conference of coy comds had been arranged for 0900 hrs at B coy as from this posn a good view of the ground comprising the Bn responsibility could be obtained. The CO, Lt-col G S COX was accompanied to KOIGIN by the GOC, Maj-Gen J E S STEVENS & Lt-col J A BISHOP, adm comd 19 Aust Inf Bde. At the conclusion of the coy comds conference the GOCs party returned and the CO went on to visit A & C coys.</p>	


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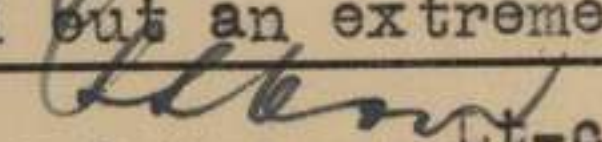
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 8 Jun		<p>An A coy patrol to 331015 killed 2 enemy, ranks identified as 1st Lt & a superior pte. Jap killed the previous day confirmed as being a Capt & probably the most recent comd of 25 AIRFIELD Bn who are the nucleus of our present opposition. A recce party from B coy located a more suitable casualty evacuation route for the area EAST of BORAM CREEK leading from 342018 through 460 & 280 features. D coy patrolled against the enemy defs located by B coy ref 337019 & found enemy still in posn & alert. The enemy opened up with LMGs & rifles, dominating the line of approach & the patrol engaged with fire while a recce was made with a view to an attack & occupation of the posn by D coy the following day. Our casualties were three wounded. B coy had one man wounded at dusk from our own BOOBY TRAPS. Enemy encountered over the past few weeks have shown marked aggressiveness and a determination to fight to the last. This being an indication of a better type of soldier now opposing us.</p>	
WIRUI CREEK	9 Jun		<p><u>Weather: Clear & Hot.</u> <u>Strength: 24/527</u></p> <p>Bn HQ moved to new posn on KOIGIN track known as the "SHRINE" ref 331033. Jeep head is now at this point with a jeepable track constructed by our pnr pl down C coy L of C to water point on creek ref 339032. A bn comd post was est for the day at B coy to direct attack by D coy on enemy posn ref 338018. A no 22 R/T set was at comd post to control the air strike by 8 & 100 Sqns on this posn which began at 0850 hrs. Both sqns completed bombing, the second having some difficulty with low clouds & then returned to strafe. AC fired approx 20,000 rounds & bombing results were excellent. The coy carried out an extremely arduous</p>	


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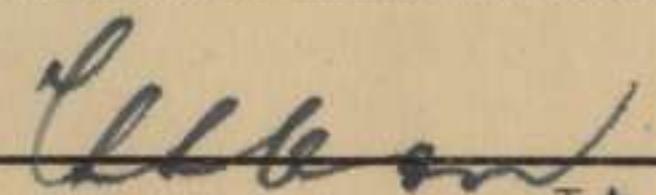
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WIRUI CREEK	(cont) 9 Jun		<p>approach march, with full packs up, from KOIGIN track across BORAM CREEK to within 300 yds of the enemy defs where they deployed & rested. H hour was set for 1330 hrs & the support fire program commenced with arty concentration at 1301 hrs to after H hour, the guns fired a total of 1660 rounds. M3" & a sec of MMG also supported from B coy with direct observation of target area. The coy during the attack & occupation met with light opposition, killing 2 enemy & capturing a JUKI HMG. The defs were extensive & heavily timbered foxholes covered about 200 yds along the ridge, all of which had been constructed within the last week. Several huts remained containing a considerable quantity of clothing, food, medical gear & the usual junk which the jap seems to find indispensable. In one pack was a new khaki shirt still in its cellophane wrapping with the trade mark "VAN-HEUSEN" - made in ENGLAND. Owing to debris & fallen timber from arty & bombing it is not possible to estimate number of enemy killed but it is considered that the defending force was NOT less than 40 in strength. Our casualties were 1 killed (Cpl O H RUSSELL) & 5 wounded. During the morning a recce party, from A coy outpost killed 1 jap atvref 332015. From A & D coys we now hold good bases for recce of approaches to Mt TAZAKI ref 333005, which from PW interrogation appears to be the HQ of the enemy in this area. TacR also reports usage of tracks & habitation on the Mt.</p>	


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SHRINE (ref) { 331033 }	10 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine & hot. <u>Strength:</u> 24/517</p> <p>5 pl moved from SHRINE area to A coy area with the task of building steps along track from C coy. At 0700 hrs 1 B coy pers was wounded by own BOOBY TRAP. At 0900 hrs a patrol from B coy under comd Lt BEATTIE with a strength of 1/10, moved out via C coy water point to ref 327017 - task to clear enemy from spur at that posn. At ref 330017 they found a track running NORTH. Along this track were found some good def posns with over head cover but unoccupied. Two dead enemy, one a 1st Lt were in the vicinity and it was estimated that they had been dead 4/5 days. More defs were found at ref 332015 and here the patrol killed one enemy. He carried no fire arms, only a bayonet. The defs in this area were newly dug. Although the tracks were all well used they were found to be clear. D coy sent out a recce patrol accompanied by a native boy, SOUTH of their posn, task, to clear track. Five japs were sighted at 347020 by the native. These japs were living in a hut, they appeared to be without boots and food stocks very low. Their only arms were rifles. The native boy fired on them and they fled EAST. It is assumed that the enemy in these areas are supplied with food etc from PASSAM area.</p>	
SHRINE	11 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine & hot. <u>Strength :</u> 24/506</p> <p>A fighting patrol, strength -/20, comd by Woll BLABY, from A coy plus FOO party moved out at 0815 hrs from their outpost at ref 329015, SOUTH for 800 yds. The patrol was fired on by an AC/MG & rifles at 328010. NO casualties but 1 jap was killed</p>	

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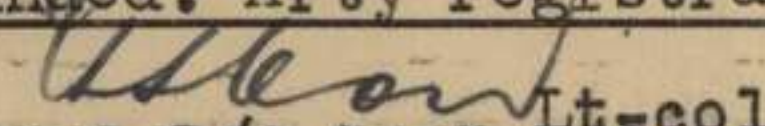
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SHRINE	(cont) 11 Jun		<p>by our return fire. The enemy were in posn on a knoll, approx 500 yds from the coys outpost posn. The only approach was down the track. The patrol withdrew & arty registration was made on the posn. This was to be followed by an attack, but it was cancelled as the arty coverage was NIL. The patrol returned at 1215 hrs and further arty registration was carried out. The patrol reported seeing a uniformed dummy on a tree at 327015 and the immediate vicinity was covered by an LMG. The enemies plan to draw fire from our patrol was NOT successful. Further dummies, in the course of construction were found in a hut nearby - complete with uniforms. A patrol from B coy, strength 1/15, comd Lt BEATTIE, moved through A coy outpost to spur at ref 329017 then to ref 334019. Patrol moved out at 0830 hrs and at ref 333018 six enemy were sighted in what appeared to be an enemy bivouac area. One enemy was killed and the remainder fled to prepared def posns on the knoll overlooking the approach, and here they opened fire on the patrol. The patrol withdrew and called on support fire from the coy. The spur was too narrow to give adequate covering fire so the patrol returned to base. This def posns is apparently the last posn on the approaches to the main razor back spur. D coy patrol moved out at 0815 hrs under comd Lt STRONACH with a strength of 2/21 - FOO party being incl. The patrols task was to recce approaches to MOUNT TAZAKI. Moving SOUTH along the track the patrol came under fire from def posns at ref 338012. The enemy had 1 JUKI HMG, 2 LMGs, rifles & 1 OSMG (captured from our tps in previous patrol). 1 jap was killed by return LMG fire. Patrol withdrew bringing with them 2 of our own wounded. Arty registration was</p>	


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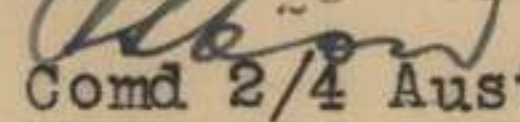
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SHRINE	(cont) 11 Jun		<p>then called down and a further patrol moved out at 1600 hrs to observe the results of the mortar 3" and arty fire. The coverage was excellent. The enemy in the huts at ref 347020 sighted on 10 Jun were fired on by LMGs from D coys posn at 1730 hrs. Later three japs were observed moving out with packs up. We received translations of docs captured 10 Jun by A Coy (see appx "B"). It has been decided to operate a bn rest area on the beach at the old Bn HQ site, ref 332060. Period to be spent in the camp will be three complete days. 5/6 pers from each coy would be included each period. Transport to the nearest picture show will be arranged and the camp comes into operation on 12 Jun. Amended posns A coy 325019, outpost posn 327018. D coy 337018.</p>	ref appx "B"
SHRINE	12 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u> : Fine & hot. <u>Strength</u> : 24/504</p> <p>First party for rest camp (called MANLY) moved out at 0800 hrs. CO, Lt-col G S COX and IO visited A coy during the morning. A patrol from A coy under comd Lt LOWE with a strength of 1/19 moved out to harass enemy posns at ref 327012. At 0900 hrs they sighted 1 jap at ref 327013 who fled SOUTH when fired on. Patrol then took up posn at base of knoll. NO enemy were observed but much movement seen. The whole area was harassed by our LMGs & as NO fire was returned the patrol withdrew and returned to base at 1150 hrs. A fighting patrol from B coy under comd the OC, Capt HYLES, with a strength of 3/22 moved out at 0800 hrs. FOO party accompanied the patrol whose object was to clear & occupy spur at ref 334018. M3" was brought down on the posn prior</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 12 Jun		<p>to the attack. The patrol moved out via C coy water point and A coy outpost, thence EAST down spur to ref 332017 where 2 japs were killed. At ref 334017 the patrol came under fire from the enemy posn. Further M3" was brought down and following this, we attacked killing a further 7 japs and suffering 1 own killed (Pte JUSTER). The enemy were in dug in posns. Two huts and a kitchen area were located nearby. Several packs found in the huts containing some documents. Very little food was found in the area. Approx 20 yds from the kitchen was found a dug in sig office with 1 phone & two sig lines running down the track. 10 pl occupied the area as an outpost ref 334018 and the patrol returned to base via the footbridge ref 335019. At ref 335017 the patrol fired on 1 jap who fled. D coy patrol under comd Sjt SHEARER with a strength of 19 moved out at 0930 hrs to harass known enemy posn at ref 336012. 2 bty of M3" each fired 20 rounds on the area before the patrol moved out. At 0950 hrs 1 jap was killed at ref 337013 approx 30 yds from enemy posn. The patrol then took up a posn and fired on the posns. NO enemy or movement was observed nor was there any return fire but 1 grenade with booster charge was thrown at the patrol from the EAST side of the track - causing NO casualties. The patrol returned at 1015 hrs. At 1400 hrs a sentry at an ambush posn 150 yds down SOUTH track from D coys posn killed 1 jap moving up the track. His badges of rank denoted that he was a 1st Lt. He carried no other identification or papers and arms consisted of a bayonet, pistol & 1 grenade in pocket. At 1430 hrs 3 japs were seen from D coys posn at ref 341016 and at ref 342016 several huts were observed, these were engaged by M3".</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 12 Jun		<p>At 1700 hrs a patrol moved to the hut area to investigate the results of the M3" shoot saw 2 japs moving SOUTH. The M3" coverage was good. Patrol found a track running WEST from this posn that showed signs of much use recently. From 19 bde we received 2 sets of air photos covering the KOIGIN area. The photos were quite excellent and had be taken as recently as the 11 jun.</p>	
SHRINE	13 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Hot & fine, rain in the evening. <u>Strength:</u> 24/501</p> <p>Adjt & RMO visited D coy area in morning. F force (1 bty 2/1 TKA Regt) comes under comd at 1200 hrs and moved into B ech area. IO & Int Sjt visited A coy with a set of aerial photos received the previous day. A patrol from A coy comd by Lt LOWE strength 1/12 moved out at 0900 hrs to harass enemy posn at ref 327012. Patrol fired on the area but no movement was seen. Arty & M3" was carried out during the afternoon. A recce patrol from B coy comd by Sjt WILSON with a strength of -/12 moved out via A coy, thence EAST down the spur through 10 pl outpost across footbridge & then back to coy. An outpost of 4 men was left at ref 334017 later to be relieved by 10 pl. 6 fresh graves & 1 jap dead (approx 24 hrs) were found in 10 pl area during the morning - probably killed by HF. M2" fire from D coy and directed by B coy was brought down on enemy posn at ref 333018 - D coy firing from their posn. At 0825 hrs a clearing patrol from D coy to 10 pl outpost sighted 12 huts at ref 335018, all unoccupied & they estimated that 5 japs had slept there recently. Some of the huts the patrol burnt. Many</p>	

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SHRINE	(cont) 13 Jun		<p>fresh dug in posns were around the huts. At 0950 hrs a D coy patrol, comd by Sjt WALLACE with a strength of 18, moved out to harass enemy posns at 336012. 1 jap sentry was killed at ref 336013. We suffered 1 wounded. NO movement was observed on the posn but heard sounds of chopping & digging. The patrol returned to base & at 1455 hrs moved out again to observe the same posn. They found that the enemy were still in occupation by the amount of movement and although no enemy were seen more sounds of chopping & digging were heard. The patrol harassed the areas of movement & the enemy retaliated with rifle fire. The patrol returned at 1645 hrs. NO casualties suffered by either side. Very heavy rain fell during the afternoon. Lt S R SMITH RTU ex hosp.</p>	
SHRINE	14 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Very heavy rain. <u>Strength:</u> 24/509</p> <p>Very heavy rain fell during the night and as the HQ is sited in a SAGO swamp the whole area resembles a quagmire & is most unpleasant to work & live in. A recce patrol from A coy, comd WOll BLABY with a strength of 30 & accompanied by FOO party moved out at 0800 hrs to recce enemy posns at ref 327012. If the results were favourable A coy was to attack & capture the feature. The patrol contacted groups of enemy in twos & threes en route & a total of 6 japs were killed without loss to the patrol. On reaching the approaches to the enemy posn the patrol harassed movement seen & then withdrew to allow arty concentration. At 1230 hrs two pls of A coy moved fwd to attack. The leading pl were fired on by a BROWNING MG but continued to advance.</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 14 Jun		<p>At 1310 hrs the 1st small feature had been occupied but were still being fired on by LMGs & rifles. At 1415 hrs the original objective had been taken and the coy were in the process of consolidation. The coy cmd, Capt E P A SMITH, decided to occupy the higher feature further SOUTH. At 1445 hrs the highest point of the feature had been taken at ref 325010.</p> <p>Mopping up & clearing patrols continued whilst the stores were being brought up by carrier train. The coy commenced to dig in for the night and at 1500 hrs the area was declared clear. Only 1 jap was killed during the attack & he had been hit by arty. A coy suffered NO casualties XXXXXXXXXXXX throughout the whole action & the total enemy killed for the day were 7. The arty coverage as usual had been excellent. Many bunkers & foxholes were found in the area occupied. At 1445 hrs a fighting patrol from D coy, cmd Lt STRONACH with a strength of 1/16 moved out via 10 pl (ref 334018) thence SOUTH to enemy posn at ref 336012. 150 yds SOUTH from 10 pl the patrol crossed BORAM CREEK on a three log bridge and proceeded up the track which ran up a steep embankment. 50 yds over the bridge, while only half of the patrol had crossed, the enemy from his posn on top of the spur thought it opportune to throw grenades & use their rifles. 8/10 grenades were thrown, we suffered NO casualties but killed 2 japs with our return LMG fire. The patrol then withdrew through 10 pl to the coy area.</p> <p>The native boy working for the day with D coy reported that the enemy occupy 3 small knolls in that area (ref 336012).</p> <p>The C in C General Sir Thomas BLAMEY accompanied by Lt-Gen BERRYMAN & the GOC Maj-Gen J E S STEVENS visited the SHRINE</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 14 Jun		area during the afternoon. Lt S R SMITH who after returning from hosp has been stationed at the rest area on the beach was to-day posted back to B coy.	
SHRINE	15 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Raining & very dull <u>Strength:</u> 24/504</p> <p>D coy reported movement on their perimeter at 0400 hrs. The coy suffered 1 casualties when 1 of our grenades went off. A patrol from D coy, comd Sjt SHEARER, strength 22, accompanied by the native boy, went out at 0915 hrs to harass enemy posns at ref 334015. The patrol observed the enemy from ref 334016. They were well dug in in what appeared freshly dug posns. Much movement was observed on the SOUTHERN slope of the spur and 7 japs were seen. There being no suitable approach for an attack, the patrol took up a posn & engaged both the areas of movement and the sighted japs, with LMGs & rifles. 4 japs were killed - 2 of which rolled down the side of the spur. NO fire was returned & patrol withdrew, returning to base at 1350 hrs. The patrol comd gave an amended posn for the 3 log bridge, placing it on a branch of BORAM CREEK. At 1430 hrs a patrol from 2/11 bn evacuated 1 seriously wounded through D & B coys to our RAP, thence to ADS. Other coys only had local patrols through the day and had made NO contact. Altogether a very quiet day.</p>	
SHRINE	16 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Raining & very dull. <u>Strength:</u> 24/498</p> <p>Owing to future ops the rest camp at the beach has temporarily been cancelled. A patrol from A coy, comd Lt IOWE strength 1/18</p>	


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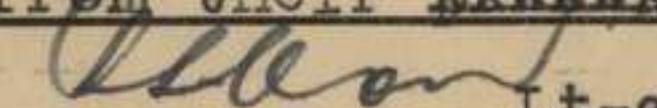
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SHRINE	(cont) 16 Jun		<p>moved out at 0800 hrs to recce enemy posns at ref 334016. The going was very heavy & the patrol had to return without having located the enemy. A fighting patrol from D coy comd by Lt STRONACH with a strength of 1/11 moved out at 0815 hrs from base to 333013. The patrol moved to ref 338014 & followed the creek for 300 yds NORTH where they observed two jap sentries. Patrol observed the area for five minutes & seeing NO movement fired on the sentries killing one & causing the other to flee into the scrub. 100 yds further NORTH a water hole was observed with a well worn track leading EAST up the spur. Presumed to be the enemies water point. The patrol returned WEST thru the scrub arriving at 1045 hrs having made NO further contact. Local patrolling by other coys reported NMS. In A coys area, a jap pit that had filled with water and being utilised as a washing hole for the troops provided a shock. As the water receded with use a dead jap came into view. He had been killed by arty fire during the action on the 14 jun. The CO, Lt-col COX, Capt Hawke OC D coy & Lt MORT OC C coy, flew over MOUNT TAZAKI in a WIRRAWAY to recce the approaches for the coming attack on the Mt. During the afternoon ATIS pers visited the SHRINE to investigate some of the remains & to look for any new enemy OOB. Several fountain pens (jap) and flags were uncovered. Lt JONES & Lt GYNGELL RTU ex hosp. Lt F F CRUCHETT evac to hosp.</p>	
SHRINE	17 Jun		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Dull but fine. <u>Strength:</u> 26/490</p> <p>During the day B coy moved from KOIGIN & took up a posn with D coy at ref 337017 & C coy moved from their posn posn to</p>	


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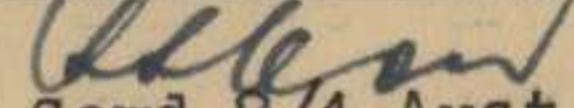
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SHRINE	(cont) 17 Jun		<p>to KOIGIN with 5 pl. F FORCE comd by Lt STUBBS took over C coys posn at ref 326015. At 0600 hrs an arty harassing barrage on ref 341017 was followed by much firing & grenade explosions from the jap posns. They evidently thought the HF was a prelude to an attack & commenced to fire indiscriminately. The CO, Lt-col G S COX accompanied by Lt-col GREEN CO 2/11 Bn & Lt-col PARRY OKTON of 30 bn, visited D coy to recce approaches around the area. At 0800 hrs a fighting patrol from A coy comd Lt LOWE strength 1/19, moved out to harass enemy posns at 334016. Patrol saw 4 pers sleeping under ground sheets near 10 pl outpost, being unable to identify the patrol checked with 10 pl as to the exact posn of their outpost and finding that the sleepers were japs they returned & engaged killing 3 and suffering NO casualties. The patrol returned to base at 1300 hrs after observing the area for some time. NMS. At 1745 hrs 1 jap penetrated 10 pl perimeter. When noticed & fired upon he fled in a WESTERLY direction, setting off a booby trap on his way out. This had NO effect on him & a patrol sent out to investigate he could not locate him. At 1445 hrs a contact patrol from 2/11 bn reached D coy and reported NMS. Lt GORDON who had been A/Adjt was posted to D coy & Lt JONES recently returned from hosp assumed duties as mortar offr. Very heavy rain & a rather strong wind caused many booby traps to explode during the night.</p>	
SHRINE	18 Jun		<p>Weather: Fine but cloudy. Strength : 25/487</p> <p>A clearing patrol from A coy saw 1 jap SOUTH of their FDLs- he fled SOUTH. Very heavy rain fell all night flooding the area.</p>	


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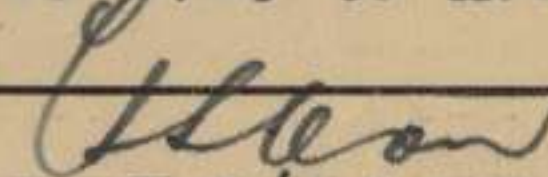
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SHRINE	(cont) 18 Jun		<p>causing the already muddy tracks to become just so much worse. The peace & quiet of Bn HQ perimeter was rudely shattered in the early hours of the morning when one of the hygiene pers was awakened by a pair of hands - real or imaginary - clutching at his throat. The mosquito net, that well known first line of def, proved its worth & the assaulted one made a hasty & well timed departure, leaving his assailant entangled on the perimeter side of the net. Neither side suffered casualties but it is understood that the RAP was converted into a veritable stronghold until dawn. With the reports of jap attacks on our flanking units' during the past few nights, all pers are rather on the "QUI VIVE". The attack by D coy on the enemy posn at 341012 was postponed owing to the infiltration by the enemy into the 2/11 bn area on BORAM DROME the previous evening. It is anticipated that the attack will take place on the 19th when it is expected that the BORAM area will be declared clear. The QM brought in the new type SMLE 303" carbine & bayonet to be given a test in actual combat. At 0800 hrs a patrol from A coy comd Lt GRAHAM strength 1/19 moved out to recce enemy posns at 334016. Patrol observed for some time but NMS. They fired on what could have been a sentry but apparently it was a dummy. NO fire was returned. The patrol then recce the EAST approaches to the posn & found them very difficult. Patrol withdrew & returned to base at 1300 hrs. En route back at ref 334015 they sighted 3 japs but NO contact was made. At 1830 hrs a booby trap in 10 pl area exploded - NMS. XXXXX A member of B coy reported seeing 3 japs in a tree - he had a temperature of 104 & was evac to hosp. Very heavy rain again throughout the night.</p>	


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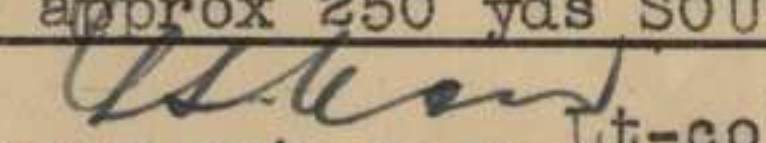
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SHRINE	19 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u> : Fine & cloudy. <u>Strength</u> : 25/494</p> <p>At 0600 hrs D coy reported 2 japs killed by booby traps during the night - 1 on the EAST & 1 on the WEST approaches: A coy also reported one killed under similar circumstances. This fellow had been carrying carbine, grenade & amm. A patrol from A coy comd Lt GRAHAM with a strength of 1/24 incl M3" FOO moved out at 0800 hrs to again recce the enemy posns at ref 334016. Difficulty has been experienced in actually pin pointing these posns & this is the third patrol on succeeding days to gain infm as to the exact posn & approx strength of the force holding it. The patrol approached & killed 2 japs & fired on others. NO return fire so M3" ranged on the suspected posn. The patrol further harassed the area before returning to base at 1415 hrs. We suffered 1 killed (Pte BURRIDGE of the mortar pl). An air strike was made at 0815 hrs on the enemy posns at 341012, followed by arty & M3" barrages & heavy fire from MMGs. D coy adv on the posn & came under hy fire & opposition from LMGs & snipers. The adv continued however and despite bitter fighting the enemy was finally routed & D coy occupied the posn at 1030 hrs having killed 16 japs. Own casualties were 1 killed (Pte PLANT of B coy, protection party to RMO) & 3 w unded. One of the wounded, Pte CLARK a member of the RP sec bodyguard to the CO was shot in the head by a sniper & later died at the ADS. This sniper accounted for all our casualties before being killed. The arty & M3" coverage was good. 1 LMG, several rifles & some documents were captured. At 1530 hrs a patrol from 17 pl with the native boy ("KOIGI") moved out to approx 250 yds SOUTH</p>	


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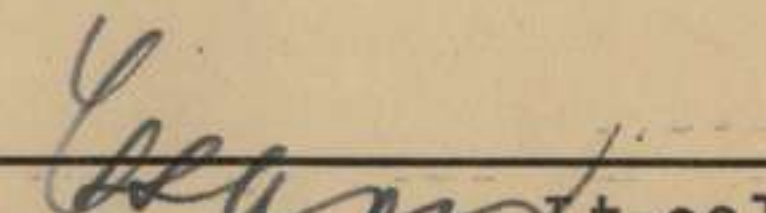
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SHRINE	(cont) 19 Jun		<p>towards TAZAKI. The ^{boy} killed 1 jap & was then slightly wounded in the shoulder. The boy had placed the patrol in posn after sighting a sentry further along the track. He then went bush & circled around the sentry but struck 3 more japs coming down the track from the huts 50 yds up the track. He fired at the three killing one & was then wounded by the sentry who at this stage was behind him. He rejoined the patrol who withdrew after harassing the huts with LMG fire. The enemy returned rifles fire but NO further casualties occurred. These huts are on the fwd slopes of MT TAZAKI. B coy of 2/11 bn moved into D coys area at 341042 in order to concentrate for their attack the following day. Later this plan was changed when 2/11 bn decided to attack & occupy immediately. This was successful. At 1830 hrs 1 pers of C coy was wounded when own booby trap exploded. All tracks had suffered from the rain the previous night and the going was heavy both for troops & the carrier trains. The bn disposns as at 191800 hrs were asx follows :- Bn HQ plus 4 pl ref 331033. A coy less 7 pl ref 326015. -7 pl ref 325019. B coy ref less 10 pl ref 337016. 10 pl ref 334018. C coy/ref 337018. D coy ref 341012. 5 pl ref 333022. F force ref 326025. Enemy killed during the day total 22 & the grand total since 3 may 45 up to & incl 19 may 45 now reads 374 killed & 4 PW. Coy tallies are as follows :- Bn HQ 1, HQ coy 14, A coy 70 plus 1 PW, B coy 64; C coy 99 plus 3 PW, D coy 91, found dead due to arty fire 35.</p>	


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SHRINE	20 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u>: Fine hot. <u>Strength</u> : 25/489</p> <p>A Tac HQ was this morning est at B coy. CO Lt -col G S COX, IO, Int Cpl, Sig Offr plus 6 sigs, M3" Offr, Padre, RSM & RP sec. RMO & 3 orderlies were already est with B coy. Remainder of Bn HQ group re-organised into a smaller perimeter - OC main HQ Maj R MADDERN. A patrol from A coy, comd Sjt HILL with a strength of 25 moved out at 0830 hrs to make contact with enemy at the posn engaged on the two preceeding days. The patrol moved SOUTH down the spur to the knoll ref 334015. Found the enemy had departed from the feature so occupied. At 1030 hrs the patrol comd decided to recce further up the spur which rose rather sharply from the knoll. Followed a track up for 200 yds - this track had wooden built in steps at frequent intervals and a hand rail. At 1115 hrs the leading scout sighted a jap about to aim his rifle. The scout ducked for cover & was joined by Sjt HILL. The scout & jap evidently rose to-gether as the scout just got the first shot in & the enemy fell as if hit. As if pre-arranged with the firing of the first shot, the enemy opened up with LMGs & 6 rifles. The bren gunner with the fwd sec was (Pte ADDISON) was killed & the sec leader wounded. Pte DICK just fwd of the bren, dashed behind a tree & engaged with his OSMG but he was continually fired on & 3 grenades were thrown in his direction. It was only the thick gnarled roots of the tree that saved him. Pte TOZIER of the fwd sec moved fwd & threw 2 grenades which silenced the fire & allowed the wounded man to be brought out. Pte ADDISON (who had been killed instantly) & his bren were in such a posn that it was most difficult to recover. Sjt HILL made 2 attempts to get to him but each time was driven back by</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 20 Jun 45		<p>heavy fire. On his third attempt he was hit in the shoulder but managed to crawl back to his pl. Runners were sent back to the coy for a stretcher party. At 1215 hrs the stretcher party with OC A coy Capt E P A SMITH arrived. Capt SMITH after reconnoitering the area sent back for M3" FOO & 2 secs of 7 pl from their out-post posn. During this time the enemy continued to hurl grenades at odd intervals. Stretcher bearers sent back thru 10 pl for a THOMAS splint & med gear. When all was quiet at 1345 hrs 1 enemy was observed moving down the track with the intention of capturing the bren - he was killed when only 6 yds from his objective. At 1415 hrs the M3" began to range & the intention was to attack the hill after a concentration with the object of occupying the hill & recovering the body & bren. The 2 ranging shots were answered by bursts of fire by the enemy. At 1600 hrs the adv commenced & the posn was taken without opposition, the enemy having withdrawn SOUTH. Pte ADDISON & his bren were recovered & at 1730 hrs the patrol returned to coy area where a native carrier train awaited to transport the wounded to Bn HQ where an amb was ready for evac to ADS. Only 1 known enemy killed throughout the actions & our casualties, 1 killed 2 wounded. C coy moved from their posn at 0830 hrs with the intention of adv as far as possible towards MT TAZAKI. They moved thru D coy & reached the area approx 250 yds SOUTH of D coys posn where a patrol on the previous day had made contact with the enemy in some huts. They found this area clear but further on they contacted a strong enemy force with HMGS, LMGS & rifles. Coy suffered 1 wounded & withdrew for arty concentration. Following the concentration the coy adv & encountered fierce</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 20 Jun		<p>opposition all the way. The jap was in posn everywhere along the spur leading to TAZAKI. The adv continued in bounds with arty support & a knoll at ref 338009 was eventually captured. Heavy opposition continued as the coy moved fwd & as the area was completely dominated by the high ground on the Mountain it was decided to withdraw back to the knoll ref 338009 where the area was more suitable for def. Here the coy took up their posn for the night. We killed 12 japs with the count incomplete & captured 2 JUKI HMGs & several rifles & documents. We suffered 1 killed (Pte BULLOCK) & 3 wounded. B & D coys indulged in local patrols only. Location changes :- Tac HQ ref 337018. C coy ref 339012. At 2030 hrs 2 japs openly walked down the main KOIGIN track to main HQ at the SHRINE. The sentry allowed them to approach within 10 yds of the perimeter where they stopped suddenly & it is thought they may have sighted a tent or a jeep within the perimeter. The sentry stepped out from cover with his tommy gun & aimed at the easy target but the gun jammed & with the click of the re-cock the japs dashed for the scrub. The camp was awakened and stood to but nothing further occurred.</p>	
Main HQ - SHRINE Tac HQ -ref 337018	21 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine hot. <u>Strength:</u> 23/477</p> <p>At 0500 hrs there was further movement outside main HQ perimeter when 2 boosted grenades (boosted with picric acid) were thrown. One failed to explode & in the search at daylight this dud was found only 6 feet from the sentry post. Another grenade with the pin still intact was found 20 yds along the track. No casualties & NMS. C coy found a further 2 dead japs resulting from</p>	


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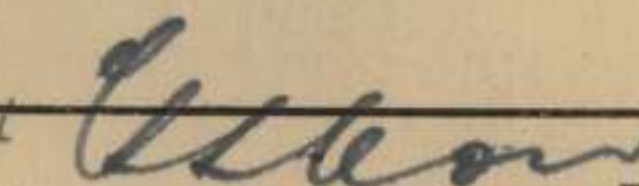
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	(cont) 21 Jun		<p>their adv yesterday. This makes their total for that action now 14. D coy also reported 3 more found dead by arty fire from their attack on the 19th. The engr's stirling work on the main KOIGIN track is showing marked results & the gravelled surface has now reached the SHRINE area ref 331033 & is continuing on at a fast pace to KOIGIN. 23 pers of F force to-day came under comd D coy & moved to that coys area, leaving the remainder in their present posn as a holding force. 10 pl moved fwd from their outpost posn & est a standing patrol at ref 334015. An air strike on MT TAZAKI at 0800 hrs was only fair, several bombs failing to explode. All coys had a quiet day with local patrolling only. C & D coys preparing for their two coy attack on MT TAZAKI the following day. The native carrier train is now a familiar sight as they pass through each morning on their way to the fwd coys. Also their greeting of "good day number one master" has become a monotonous habit. A train to each coy of approx 30 boys carries food and amm & on arriving are used to carry water from the various water points, & when necessary carry wounded back to main HQ. Each train is accompanied by ANGAN pers & their protection is supplied by this bn TKA pl.</p>	


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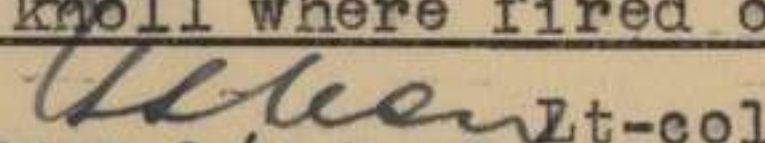
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SHRINE	22 Jun		<p><u>Weather</u> Heavy rain <u>Strength:</u> 23/479</p> <p>H hour for the attack on MOUNT TAZAKI was set for 0800 hrs and at H-20 mins the terrific arty concentration began. (see appx "C") A total of apprx 3000 rounds were fired. C coy were the van-guard of the attack and at 0855 hrs the main adv commenced. With a 2 pl front the coy adv up the track to approx 200 yds from the top. NO enemy were encountered to this point but many bunkers were passed that had been blown in by arty and 5 dead japs counted, also due to the arty barrage. Continuing on the coy came under heavy fire from 2 JUKI HMGs and at least 8 well placed snipers. A pl from D coy moved fwd to protect the rear and flanks of C coy. All approaches to the top were well covered and the leading pls were held down but managed to give covering fire with LMGs while the third pl moved around on the left flank in an attempt to reach the top or to cover the main adv up the track. This pl reached a posn approx 100 yds SOUTH of the holding force and there came under fire from an LMG. We suffered 1 wounded and the pl with a strength of only 11 were needed to extract him from the posn. Although the arty coverage had been excellent - it had laid waste an area of 200 yds right along the track - it was thought that the country on the crest had not been sufficiently covered. The coy withdrew to a safe area and a further 500 rounds were brought down. New H hour was set for 1410 hrs and at this time the coy again adv under the barrage. They arrived at the posn previously held and were again fired on from above. Two pls held at this point and the third pl again manouvred around on the left with the object of capturing the small knoll where fired on from before.</p>	ref appx "C"


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SHRINE	(cont) 22 Jun		<p>They fought fwd killing three japs and taking the posn. The country near the top is a series of knolls and re-entrants, giving false crests and each knoll is dominated by the other, making it ideal for def. D coy moved fwd, following the C coy pl on the left flank and here took over the battle in this sector. With covering fire from C coy at the holding force posn, D coy moved fwd to take the further knoll. The enemy astride the track at this posn withdrew taking their auto weapons with them. 3 japs were killed and D coy occupied. A pl moved further SOUTH from this posn to the next knoll but struck fierce opposition and could not capture. They withdrew to the coy posn and here D coy formed a perimeter at ref 335006 and C coy pushed up the track and linked up. The two coys here took up a def posn for the night. Known enemy killed during the day were 11 in close fighting and 5 found dead due to arty. A complete and accurate count may not be possible as the devastation caused by the arty has probably buried many in smashed bunkers and the debris off the track. The going up the track was reasonable, rising rather steeply in parts but the main difficulty being in the amount of debris and fallen timber both on and off either side of the track. Our casualties were 2 killed (Pte GREEN of C coy and Pte HAYES of D coy) and 2 wounded. Tac HQ which had followed the attack through, returned to B coy. 12 pl moved from B coy to assist in the def of the new area. A hot meal was provided for the weary troops who had been at it from early morn until dusk. Maj MADDERN with a party of 17 from main HQ had left at 0645 hrs and they followed the attack through carrying water in two gal tins to the new posn. A coy who from their posn were right out of the picture in respect</p>	

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SHRINE	(cont) 22 Jun		<p>to the attack were kept in touch with progress reports relayed through main HQ. They sent a patrol 200 yds SOUTH of their posn to see if it were possible to observe the action. This patrol came under fire from an AC MG from higher ground approx 50 yds further SOUTH. Patrol returned - NO casualties. Changed locations for the night:- G and D coys ref 335006. F force (2) 341012. 12 pl ref 339012.</p>	
SHRINE	23 Jun		<p><u>Weather:- Raining.</u> <u>Strength:- 23/479-</u></p> <p>At 0510 hrs a JUKI HMG from higher ground above C and D coys opened fire indiscriminately. They were not firing at visible targets and there were NO casualties. Very heavy rain throughout the night made conditions most unpleasant for the tps on TAZAKI. All pers were wet through and suffering a little from the cold. Mud everywhere and all trenches filled with water. A coy sent a patrol (8 pl) to clear enemy from posn ref 327010 where they had been fired on yesterday. They found the posn clear and 9 pl moved down and est an outpost posn at that point. While moving out a slight accident occurred when a tree that had been weakened by M3" fire fell in the path of the patrol. 2 members were injured but remained on duty. B coy patrol, comd Lt BEATTIE with a strength of 1/17 moved out to investigate known enemy strong points SOUTH of their area. NO contact was made but they located a village which is presumed to be KOIGIN 2 at ref 337012. Huts in the village were of an elaborate nature, some having raised floors and cushioned chairs and tables. One large hut had eva evidently been used as a hospital and the hygiene arrangements in</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 23 Jun		<p>the area were a much better class than is usual when we take a jap posn. Evidently it has been a main HQ quite recently with at least 1 high ranking offr in occupation. The huts had recently been vacated and damaged and many freshly dug posns were found in the area. The patrol returned to base reporting NMS. A patrol from D coy, comd Lt GORDON with a strength of 1/18 moved out WEST flank of TAZAKI and reported a good outpost posn astride EW track at ref 334005. 18 pl moved out to occupy and coinciding with their arrival at outpost posn the patrol scouts killed 3 japs attempting to use tracks. Some enemy fire was drawn from SOUTH ridge of TAZAKI to EAST of posn so both pls remained to form the outpost. A further 3 japs were killed before dusk and they seemed to be quite disagreeably suprised to find their main L of C occupied. While the patrol was out the sentries around the coy perimeter observed 4 japs walking around a hut just SE of their posn. The japs appeared most unconcerned and after observing them for some minutes the sentries killed all four. Location changes for the night :- 9 pl outpost ref 327010. 12 pl ref 338017. 16 & 18 pls ref 333004.</p>	
SHRINE	24 Jun		<p><u>Weather:- Raining</u> <u>Strength :- 23/480</u></p> <p>Booby traps exploded around D coy perimeter during the night & clearing patrol in the morning found 2 dead japs as a result. A third jap was killed as he approached WEST towards to the coy at 0700 hrs. Adm Comd 19 bde, Lt-col BISHOP, CO 30 bn, Lt-col PARRY-OCTON and Capt ERE-SMITH adjt 30 Bn, visited fwd coys during the morning. A patrol from A coy to 10 pl thence to ref</p>	


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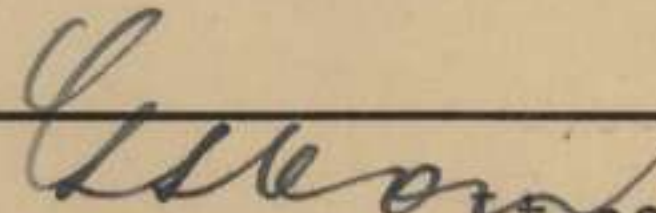
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SHRINE	(cont) 24 Jun		<p>333010 thence to 9 pl report area clear. Recently vacated def posns indicate hurried departures. ALL areas NORTH of refs 327010, 335006, 341012 now clear except for probable stragglers. A further patrol from A coy moved out at 1450 hrs to ref 327007 .</p> <p>contacted enemy unknown strength who broke contact when fired on. Patrol returned NO casualties. A patrol from B coy comd Lt BEATTIE with a strength 1/17 had the task of clearing track from present posn to SOUTH TAZAKI and so link up with C coy. Further investigation of the track and village KOIGHN 2 revealed many wireless sets indicating probably 51 Div HQ at this posn during the past few months. Eight wireless sets in all of the type used by jap Div HQ. All had been damaged and immersed in water holes along the creek. Also two small motors, one of which was attached to a home made crushing machine used to prepare SAC SAC. Several boxes of radio valves, fuses, condensers and odds and ends. Arrangements were made through FSS pers for salvage to collect. Sxx A new L of C track is now clear from 10 pl to C coy. Patrol from C coy to ref 329005 sighted 5 enemy who fled into scrub. Following a mortar barrage D coy occupied without opposition the SOUTHERN crest of TAZAKI which is the comd feature of the mountain. Village in area with several huts recently vacated. One jap was found who had suicided by hanging. 2 JUKI HMGs, one of which had been stripped, were captured. Location changes for the night:- D coy ref 335005, 7 pl withdrew to coy posn from 325019. Capt COHEN, RTU ex ^{LNO Tac} staff school BEENLEIGH.</p>	


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SHRINE	25 Jun		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine & cloudy <u>Strength:-</u> 23/489</p> <p>A coy patrol, comd WOll HAWKINS strength 19, moved out at 0800 hrs to engage the enemy posn at ref 325007. They came under fire from an AC MG, LMG & 8/10 rifles. Patrol withdrew to allow arty to be brought down following which the patrol intended to attack and occupy. The arty had fallen too far to the EAST and the enemy were still in occupation so the patrol returned to coy after harassing the area. B coy local patrolling only. NMS. C coy moved from their posn to and occupied the posn where a patrol yesterday had sighted 5 japs at ref 329005. The coy sent a patrol out to locate a track leading to A coy. Found 2 tracks running in general direction A coy - both well used and 1 contained built in steps and had a sig wire running along it. Owing to time factor patrol did not complete recce and returned reporting NMS. D coy patrol, comd Lt GORDON strength 1/12 moved from base xxxxxx SE along main track for 600 yds to ref 343002. At 1100 hrs 4 japs were sighted who when fired on, fled SE away from the patrol. At 1200 hrs 1 jap was killed at ref 342002. He had NO weapons - only a grenade and carried 200 yds of sig wire, pliers and some insulation tape and it is thought he was out fixing sig lines.</p> <p>There were many freshly dug def posns, NO over head cover and all facing EAST running along the track. Main track runs SE and another well defined track to the SOUTH. Patrol heard 1 shot from 100 yds ahead - evidently a warning shot. Patrol returned to base having made no further contact. A second patrol from D coy, comd Sjt LISTER moved from base WEST along track 150 yds to track running SOUTH. Followed this track for 600 yds - NO contact. Track showed signs of recent use. Approx 200 yds along found an aeroplane tail</p>	

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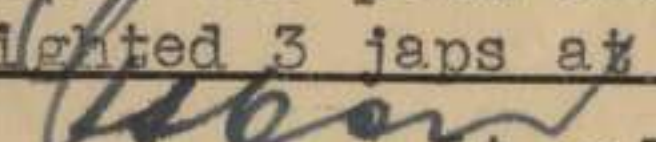
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SHRINE	(cont) 25 Jun		no markings on it. Tac HQ returned to main HQ at the Shrine. Wing/Comd BARTON of 7 Sqn stayed overnight at main HQ. Location changes for the night:- C coy ref 329005. To-day, the first BROs since the unit was located at BUT were issued (see Appx "D")	ref Appx "D"
SHRINE	26 Jun		<p><u>Weather:-</u> Dull overcast. <u>Strength:-</u> 24/497</p> <p>Heavy rain throughout the night. Wing/Comd BARTON and Capt COHEN plus members of the Int sec visited B,C,D coys during the day. Wing/Comd BARTON is staying in the area for a few days to picture ops from the infantry point of view. Lt-col PARBURY, CO 2/7 bn with his Adjts, Capt BAIRD visited the bn to discuss present ops. WOll HAWKINS, (HQ coy) WOll BLABY (A coy) WOll DEAN (B coy) Sjt SHEARER (D coy) received first appointment to A/Lieut and posted pl comds to D,B,A,C coys respectively. 2 offrs and 13 OR of 30 bn arrived in area as adv party of relieving bn. A patrol from A coy moved to enemy posn at ref 325007 to harass the posn from the NORTH while a patrol from C coy, comd Lt NEISON with a strength of 1/28 attempted to attack from the SE. The estimated strength of this pocket is 30 enemy with at least 1 JUKI HMG, an AC MG, 2 LMGs and many rifles. C coy moved around but could not find a suitable approach. The enemy are in a posn in what appears to be a very narrow razor back comd all sides of the spur. From C coys line of adv it was a matter of a one man approach only and the leading scout, (Pte HALL) was killed and strong covering fire had to be given to enable a member of the patrol to crawl fwd to recover the body. The patrol returned and reported that another line of approach would have to be located before the posn could be successfully attacked. C coy recce patrol sighted 3 japs at ref 325005.</p>	


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SHRINE	(cont) 26 Jun		NO contact was made. B and D coys local patrolling only -NMS. Locations for the night unchanged.	
SHRINE	27 Jun		<p>Weather:- Dull & overcast. Strength :-27/493</p> <p>Further rain throughout the night. A coy suffered 1 wounded when own booby trap exploded. CO, Lt-col G S COX, OC A coy, Capt E P A SMITH, Capt P R COHEN, OC C coy, Lt T MORT went for air recce in a BEAUFORT to view the general area. Our patrols were again active against the enemy pocket between A & C coys. A patrol from A coy, comd Lt GRAHAM with a strength of 1/22 moved out to approach the NORTH end of the ridge. They found that the enemy had vacated this posn - probably due to arty HF overnight. He had taken all his gear and arms with him. The patrol occupied without opposition and est an outpost at this point ref 325009. The area contained a few huts and had evidently been a bivouac area accomodating approx 25 pers. They found the main track running SOUTH and 1 sec recce fwd but after traversing 60/70 yds were fired on by a sniper and suffered on e wounded. It is estimated that 400/500 yds seperates the A coy outpost from the C coy patrol endeavouring to approach from the EAST and the ridge between is held by the enemy in well concealed posns. The C coy patrol under comd Lt BLACKWOOD with a strength of 2/29, FOO party incl, moved out at 0800 hrs along the SE track and contacted the enemy on a knoll at ref 326005. They killed 3 japs but again failed to find a suitable approach for attack. Patrol then withdrew and est an outpost posn on a knoll at ref 327005 from which the arty FOO registered. D coy patrol, comd Lt HAWKINS strength 2/27 moved out at 0800 hrs to recce SE track from coy posn.</p>	


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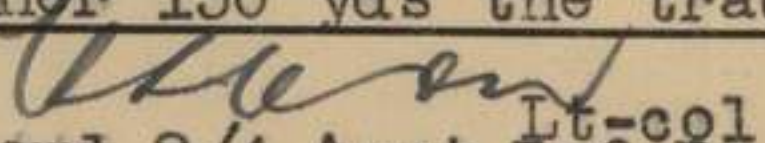
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SHRINE	(cont) 27 Jun		<p>The track contained new unoccupied defs. After traversing 500 yds along reached a track junc and 1 sec moved down the SOUTH prong and sighted 2 sentries at the foot of a spur ref 339002. The enemy fled as the patrol approached. It is presumed that the enemy are holding def posns on the spur. The patrol returned to base - NO contact. 36 reinfs marched in at 1700 hrs and staged at B ech. Instrs were issued for the bn rest period at the beach (see appx "E"). A party of 28 pers moved all coys moved to rest camp (MANLY) for the 3 day rest period at old Bn HQ site on the beach. Changed locations for the night:- 8 pl ref 327009. 15 pl ref 327005.</p>	ref appx "E"
SHRINE	28 Jun		<p><u>Weather:- Dull & drizmal.</u> <u>Strength:- 27/524</u></p> <p>Capt E P A SMITH posted OC HQ coy. Capt P R COHEN takes over comd A coy. Visitors during the morning were :- Brig DUNCAN (RMA) Brig REDDISH (CRA 6 Aust Div) Maj HARRIS (BMRA) who inspected the area and visited KOIGIN: Maj R MADDERN moved down to the beach to prepare bn rest area. Patrols from A & C coys again probed around enemy posns at ref 326005 and ref 327005. Main task to pin point enemy posns and to locate suitable approach for attack. Patrols harassed the areas and fire was exchanged. Enemy casualties unknown - own NIL. Arty registration completed by arty R AC on posns. D coy patrol, comd Lt GORDON with a strength of 2/18 moved out at 0800 hrs and followed same route as yesterday along SE track. After traversing approx 700 yds down the track they were fired on by 3 rifles but the enemy fled EAST when engaged - NO casualties. Patrolling a further 150 yds the track was found</p>	


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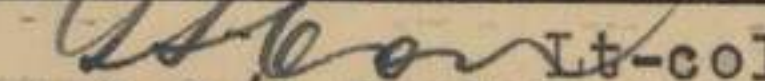
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SHRINE	(cont) 28 Jun		to rise slightly and here the patrol could hear voices. Observed the area for the 30 mins - NO movement so the patrol withdrew and est an ambush at track junc ref 339002. No contact and the patrol returned to base at 1700 hrs.	
SHRINE	29 Jun		<p><u>Weather:- Fine</u> <u>Strength:- 27/522.</u></p> <p>A patrol of 1/10 comd Lt DEAN from A coys outpost posn at ref 327009 moved fwd 80/100 yds to harass ey posns on the rising spur just SOUTH of the outpost. Patrol harassed the area with all auto weapons, rifles and EY rifle. The enemy retaliated with rifle fire - NO casualties. Patrol returned to base leaving a listening post 50 yds fwd of the outpost. Following an arty concentration on enemy posn ref 326005, C coy attacked and captured the knoll against light opposition. 3 enemy were killed and an AUST type BREN recovered. We suffered 1 wounded. Well used tracks running NORTH SOUTH & WEST were found and the coy exploited for 300 yds WEST and contacted further enemy defs at ref 324004 with an estimated strength of 3 LMGs and at least 15 rifles. NO suitable approach for attack and the coy withdrew to the captured knoll to allow a further arty concentration to be followed by a frontal attack. At 1330 hrs the coy again adv and found the enemy still in occupation and additional rifles and an HMG were identified on the posn. The attack was halted by heavy fire and the coy returned and occupied the knoll ref 326005. A patrol from D coy, comd Lt HAWKINS with a strength of 2/14 moved along SE track to ref 339002 where they were fired on by 5 rifles. NO casualties and the patrol replied with LMG harassing fire and 6 grenades. 1 known enemy killed. Movement was heard on</p>	


 Lt-col
 Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
 (G S Cox)

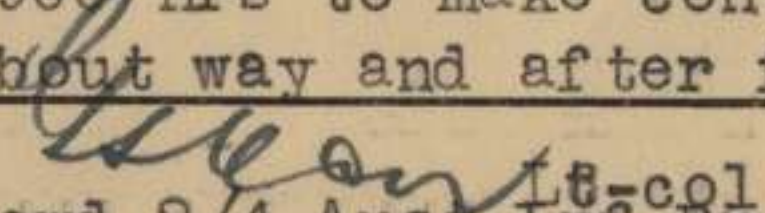
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Army Form C. 18.
(Adapted)

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Unit 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SHRINE	(cont) 29 Jun		on the left flank and patrol withdrew to est an ambush 500 yds back along the track. Observed for an hour but NMS. Patrol then returned to base. Location changes for the night; C coy ref 326005. 16 pl ref 329005.	
SHRINE	30 Jun		<p><u>Weather:-</u> Hot & sunny. <u>Strength:-</u> 27/524</p> <p>CO, Lt-col G S COX, Capt P R COHEN (OC A coy), Lt T MORT (OC C coy) again flew over the enemy pocket at ref 324004 to recce for a further attack on the feature. At 0900 hrs F Force (2) moved from their posn to jap HQ ref 337012. 2/4 Bn Pnr pl were relieved by 30 bn pnr pl and together with B coy moved to the Bn rest area on the beach. Rest area to be known as BONDI at ref 318070. A coy of 30 bn moved to TAZAKI and took up posn at ref 336005 being 100 yds WEST of our D coy. A patrol from A coy comd Lt GRAHAM with a strength of 1/7 moved along spur to a KUNIA patch approx 110 yds of outpost posn. Probed around the patch and located several old enemy weapon pits. Saw no movement but heard sounds on top of the feature - the timber here being very thick. Patrol took up a posn in the enemy pits to observe the area. They were fired on by some rifles from a bunker posn 30 yds ahead. Patrol withdrew and har/assed the area with EY grenades. No known results and the patrol returned to base-NO contact and NO casualties. Activity around C coy perimeter in the early-hours of the morning resulting in 1 jap killed by booby trap. A patrol from C coy drew fire from enemy posn ref 324004. NO casualties. Patrol returned to base NO contact. A second patrol from C coy moved out at 0900 hrs to make contact with A coys outpost. Moved in a round about way and after following</p>	


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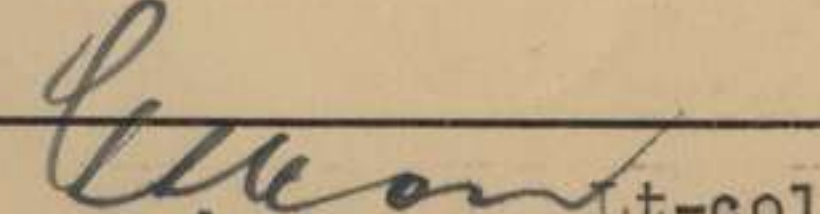
WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.278.
(Adapted.)

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Unit 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SHRINE	(cont) 30 Jun		<p>BORAM CREEK for some distance they struck NORTH and moved along the ridge behind the enemy posns.. It had been arranged with A coys outpost to fire OSMG at 10 mins intervals and with this as a guide contact was made at 1040 hrs. NMS en route and the patrol had laid 1100 yds of sig wire between the two outposts. Remainder of Bn SITNOR. Location changes for the night :-</p> <p>F force (2) ref 337012. B coy plus 5 pl ref 318070 (BONDI) and under comd A coy 30 Bn ref 336005. 5 pl 30 Bn ref 334022..</p> <p>Total enemy killed since 3 May 45 now reads 436 plus 4 PW.</p>	


 Lt-col
 Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
 (G S Cox)

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2/4 Aust Inf Bn
3 Jun 45

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2/4 AUST INF BN OP INSTR NO 4

Ref Map : WENAK DROME 1 : 20000

Capt E P A SMITH

Copies to :-

B Coy
C Coy
51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
3 Pl
Int Offr
Sig Offr
QM
War Diary (2) ✓
File

TASK

1. A Coy will capture high feature 534019 by 051400 K.

METHOD

2. Preliminary Moves

- (a) A Coy will move from present posn 4 Jun and stage night 4/5 Jun in area C Coy.
- (b) (i) 2 dets 3 mor will move to B Coy 4 Jun and will be in sp B and C Coys.
- (ii) 2 dets 3 mor will move to C Coy 4 Jun and will be in sp A Coy.
3. One pl C Coy as a covering force will come under comd A Coy at 050600 K revert to C Coy on completion of occupation.

ARTY

4. 51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp

ADM

5. Packs will be carried during move under coy arrangements
6. Cooking gear, coy stores and rations under arrangements QM.
7. DOT sprays will be taken to coy area.
8. Movement of 3 mor under arrangements QM.
9. WP 326023

INTERCOMM

10. Line will be laid behind A Coy during occupation.

G. S. Cox
Lt-col
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(G. S. Cox)

Signed at 031500K

Method of Distribution

ITEM IV

One loose handwritten sheet of "Operation Order" dated 22 May 0600 at Southwest Mt triangular road.

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Extract:

2 COY GIBBS

22 May 0600
Southwest Mt triangular rd.

1. In view of their failure in the attack of the Southwestern Mountain command post, yesterday the 23rd, the Aust troops are spt to plan their attack on Southwest Mountain by strengthening their troops between 0900-1500 today the 23rd. Apparently the Aust troops will also attack Mt GRADA with one portion of their strength.
2. Each platoon will deploy their strength, take cover so as not to be seen by the Aust troops and pursue the Aust troops as shown in the sketch. (TN sketch on separate sheet). Concentrate machine gun fire from the flank as much as possible.

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10 Jun 45

W/D

19 AUST INF BDE LANG SECTION.

Documents captured Map Ref W333013 by A Coy, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
10 Jun 45. Received 19 Aust Inf Bde Lang Section 10 Jun 45.

Item 1:

One loose mimeographed sheet of "Organization Chart" belonging to 2
Coy, 39 Independent Motor Transport Bn. Dated 1 May 45.

Extract:

2 Coy, 39 Independent Motor Transport Bn

Coy CO:	Capt OKUBO.
Command Squad:	Medical Prob O KAWAII, Genzi.
	NCOs: 3
	Men: 16
1st Platoon:	Platoon Leader: 1st Lt MURAKA
	NCOs: 4
	Men: 24
2nd Platoon:	Platoon Leader: acting CO Sjt-Maj HARADO
	NCOs: 6
	Men: 21
3rd Platoon:	Platoon Leader: acting CO Sjt-Maj KAIKOE
	NCOs: 6
	Men: 21

KONPAKURA Motor Transport Depot Squad:

CO:	2nd Lt TSUGHIYA
	NCOs: 2
	Men: 6
	Total Strength: 120 men

Item 11

One loose carbon copied sheet of "Organization Chart" belong to 2
Coy (2nd Presumably element of 51 Airfield Bn) Dated 8 May 45.

Extract

2 Coy Organization Chart

Coy CO:	Capt OKAZAKI, Hatsutaro
Attached Coy:	Capt ICHIHARA, Shigeru
Command Squad:	CO: WO HAGIWARA, Toshioda
	Medical: 2nd Lt HANADA, Naganori
	NCOs: 2
	Men: 4
	Rifle: 10 (80) (2nd presumably numbers in parenthesis representing rounds of ammunition)
1st Platoon:	Platoon leader: 1st Lt TSUJIMOTO, Toshiaburo
	1st Section: NCOs: 3
	Men: 4
	Disposition: Entrance to Mt KIN — SHRINE
	2nd Section: NCOs: 3
	Men: 5
	Disposition: Hill 247 — ?
	3rd Section: NCOs: 2
	Men: 1
	Machine Cannon: 5 (1500)
	Rifle: 4(80) 15 (55)
	Granade Discharger: 2(10)
	Disposition: Mt ISUMI — KREER

2nd Platoon: Platoon leader: 1st Lt OKADA, Keiichi
 Attached: WO ODAGAWA, Jinnojo
 1st section: NCOs: 3
 Men: 1
 2nd section: NCOs: 1
 Men: 2
 3rd section: NCOs: 1
 Men: 3
 MG: 1 (600)
 Rifle: 10(80) 2(55)
 Disposition: Southwest Mt (Right)

3rd Platoon: Platoon leader: 2nd Lt ISHII, Daisuke
 1st section: NCOs: 2)
 Men: 2) Disposition: Former
 2nd section: Men: 4) 51 Div HQ.
 3rd section: NCOs: 1
 Men: 3
 MG: 3(600)
 Rifle 13(80)
 Type 100 mortar (TU illegible):
 1(10)
 Disposition: Southwest Mt (Left)

Duty Personnel: WO HASEBE, Monichi
 NCOs: 5
 Men: 8
 Rifle: 12(300)

ITEM 5

One loose carbon copied sheet entitled "Method of Utilizing Rations", dated 1 Jun 45:

Method of Utilizing Rations

1 Jun 45
 Command Squad

Full translation:

1. Each person will carry 3.18 pints of rations.
2. Fixed rations per day is as follows: Combination of 1.431 pint of starch and one half bag of biscuits.
3. Each person will, when carrying his own rice (excluding 3.18 pints rations), consume the rice to make it last for five days. For this reason, those who do not have polished rice will use starch as supplement.
4. Each person is expected to make the final issue of polished rice last for ten days. 19.03 pints per person.
5. Distribution (Increase the ration on hand by 10 day)

ISHIWARA Unit (5 men)	Starch	15.90 pints	
ISHII Unit (5 men)	"	3.97 gals	12.97 pints
OKADA Unit (5 men)	"	3.97 gals	9.54 pints
Signal Station (8 men)	"	15.90 pints	
Command Squad (9 men)	"	7.94 gals	9.54 pints

Furthermore combined rations of biscuits on hand will be utilized by each unit. The biscuits will be consumed for 15 days.

6. Further starch will be issued after receiving from the headquarters. However, each unit will determine the length of time required to consume five day rations carried by each man. This amount of rations will be subtracted from the increased ration.
7. Distribution: Starch will be issued on 1st and 2nd June 45, therefore, for security measure, it is desired that men be sent to the command squad to receive the starch.
8. As instructed by the higher command to economize ration, it is desired that consideration be made in consumption of ration due to the difficulty in supply same.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPX "C" (1)

ARTY programme for attack on MOUNT TAZAKI 22 Jun 45
(issued verbally in the field)

Serial	Unit	Target	Time	Rate	RPG	Total	Remarks
1	2 bty	1	H-20	H-5	3	45	720
			H-5	H	4	20	320
2	1 bty	2	H	(H plus) (10)	2	20	160
3	Regt	2			65		15 mins rate 3
4	bty	3		2		1560	5 min rate 4
					20	320	on call time to be decided during attack.

MORTAR 3"

1	2 dets	3		4	80	160	20 mins on call time to be decided during att.
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Arty FOO to move with each C & D coys.
Arty Comd to move with Tac HQ.

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APPX "D" (1)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt-Col G.S. COX M.C.

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

Serial 6/45

25 Jun 45

22. DUTCH CURRENCY

Recently Dutch currency has been sighted enclosed in mail matter. LHQ MIS 917 of 10 May 45 specifically prohibits the sending of Dutch currency as souvenirs or otherwise, and forbids any reference to :-

- (a) The use of Dutch currency
- (b) The exchange rates of pay

23. PREVENTION OF SKIN DISEASES

1. The frequent and excessive use of soap must be avoided. Soap should be used only once daily and particular care must be taken to remove it adequately from the axillary and crural regions.
2. Hot showers are NOT advised more frequently than once weekly, even if such are available daily.
3. Clothing should be boiled weekly whenever possible and washed with cold water as often as possible. The boiling is limited to once weekly to retain BETTY in the material. After washing, particular attention must be paid to the removal of soap and other preparations such as 'Lux' and 'Persil'.

24. CLOTHING RATION COUPONS

1. It is anticipated that clothing coupons for rationing year commencing on 4 Jun 45 will be available shortly.
2. Sub-Units will be advised later regarding issue.

25. 'NO STAMPS AVAILABLE' CONCESSION

1. The "NSA" concession is available only to those troops who are located in remote areas where normal facilities such as canteen and pay are not available.
2. In all other cases where transmission by air is desired, the normal airmail surcharge will be paid.

J. B. Wells Capt
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
(J. B. Wells)

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
27 Jun 45.

Subject : BN REST AREA

The following instructions will apply during the bn's rest period in the WENAK area.

1. ROUTINE

0600	Reveille
0730	Breakfast
0815	Atebrin Parade
0830	Arms inspection (eqpt to be worn)
0845 - 0915	Arms drill and strengthening exercises
0930 - 1030	Lectures and discussions on - Use of maps; Use of compass; Lessons on recent ops; Current affairs (AES will be able to assist during this hour)
1230	Lunch
1700	Evening meal
1800	Retreat Mary Parade (may be advanced if personnel desire to leave earlier for pictures)
2200	Last Post
2215	Lights Out

Band Sgt will play all normal calls.

2. DRESS

- (a) Coys will take stock of clothing position and will requisition to bring all ranks up to 2 good sets of clothing plus necessary socks, boots, etc. Redragled hats will be replaced and worn with hatband. Web belt will be worn.
- (b) When swimming or showering troops will undress and dress on the beach. Under no circumstances will clothing be removed when inland.
- (c) Coys will insist on correctness of dress at all times, particularly cinema parties and personnel on leave during the day.
- (d) QM will deliver AITAIPE and BOIKEN sandbags to coys. At conclusion of period these will be remarked and packed. Instrs on collection will be issued later.
- (e) Boots will be polished.
- (f) QM will replace fault or missing articles of personal eqpt. All webbing will be thoroughly scrubbed in salt water and remarked plainly with identification marks.

3. SALUTING AND ARMS DRILL

- (a) All officers will insist on correct compliments being paid to commissioned ranks.
- (b) Each morning, immediately following atebrin parades, pls will spend thirty minutes on squad drill and rifle exercises, and strengthening exercises, with the object of regaining smartness of movement.

4. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Will be conducted strictly on a standing camp basis as per Bn Standing Orders.
- (b) Bn hygiene personnel will spray coy areas with DDT prior to occupation.

5. HYGIENE AND SANITATION

- (a) Latrines will be sited by bn 2 IC in conjunction with coy 2 ICs. Indiscriminate urinating on the beach or adjacent to coy areas will NOT be permitted.
- (b) Kitchen refuse will be separated into wet and dry. Wet garbage will be strained into sand through a grease trap. Dry garbage and tins will be burned and buried. Sites for these areas will be chosen by Bn 2 IC with coy 2 ICs.
- (c) Rubbish from lines will be burnt and buried with dry kitchen refuse.
- (d) All kitchen utensils and troops mess gear will be cleaned with sand and then given frequent scrubblings in hot water.
- (e) On no account will rubbish of any kind be emptied into the sea.

6. ARMS

Will be checked carefully. Coys requiring presence of armorer and permission to fire will give Bn HQ 24 hours notice of intentions.

7. CONTROLLED STORES AND TOOLS

QM will conduct a census of controlled stores and tools and will arrange redistribution where necessary.

8. MAPS

Int Sec will make a check of maps held and arrange to resupply where possible.

9. RECORDS

- (a) All sub-unit records will be brought up to date. Where necessary, records of transferred personnel will be exchanged. This check will include paybooks and AABs 83, attendance rolls, anti malarial rolls and anti mite rolls.
- (b) QM will deliver all category boxes to coys for repacking.
- (c) Coys will notify bn 2 IC when records are ready for an inspection.

10. SECURITY

- (a) Each coy will be responsible for its own security by day and night, and will maintain sentries on a basis of one pair of prowlers per pl.
- (b) One officer and one NCO will remain on duty within each coy lines. In particular they will move throughout the coy lines by day, until 2200 hrs, checking on dress, anti malarial precautions, etc.

11. TENTAGE

QM will supply tentage as follows :-

(a) <u>Bn HQ</u>	CO	1	Padre	1
	2 IC	1	Visitors	1
	Adjnt	1	Offrs Mess	2
	Int Office	1	RAP	1
	Orderly Room	2	Pay & Post	1
	Canteen	1		
(b) <u>HQ Coy</u>	Kitchen	1	MMG Store	1
	Orderly Room		Sig Store	1
	& Q Store	1	Mtr Store	1
	Offrs Mess	1	Pnr Store	1
	Sig Office	1		
(c) <u>Each Coy</u>	Kitchen	1		
	Orderly Room			
	& Q Store	1		
	Offrs Mess	1		

12. AMENITIES

- (a) Picture programmes and locations will be advised as soon as they come to hand. When tpt is available an allotment will be made to coys on a pro rata basis. Each coy in this case will include one officer from the coy who will especial attention to the maintenance of discipline of his party.
- (b) The following articles of sporting gear may be obtained from bn 2 IC -
Quits, battington sets, volley ball sets, circlos sets, cricket material, footballs.
- (c) Canteen will be established near Bn HQ.
- (d) Beer will be made available to coys as sups come to hand.
- (e) Each coy hq will be provided with one wireless set.
- (f) Coys may grant local leave for troops up to 50% of personnel at a time during the day. For picture shows, security personnel are all that are required during performances.
- (g) Hot showers will be available at 1600 hrs daily.
- (h) Reading matter at present on issue to coys will be exchanged by mutual arrangement.
- (j) Salvation Army have arranged to supply writing tent lit by power lamps.
- (k) Pay will be made available. Pay Sgt will be available to adjust tps financial matters.

R. Maddern
Major
2 IC 3/4 Aust Inf Bn
(R. Maddern)

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	HQ Coy	Int Offr	Hygiene Sgt
B Coy	CO	QM	Salvation Army Offr
C Coy	2 IC	RIO	War Diary (?)
D Coy	Adjnt	RSN	File

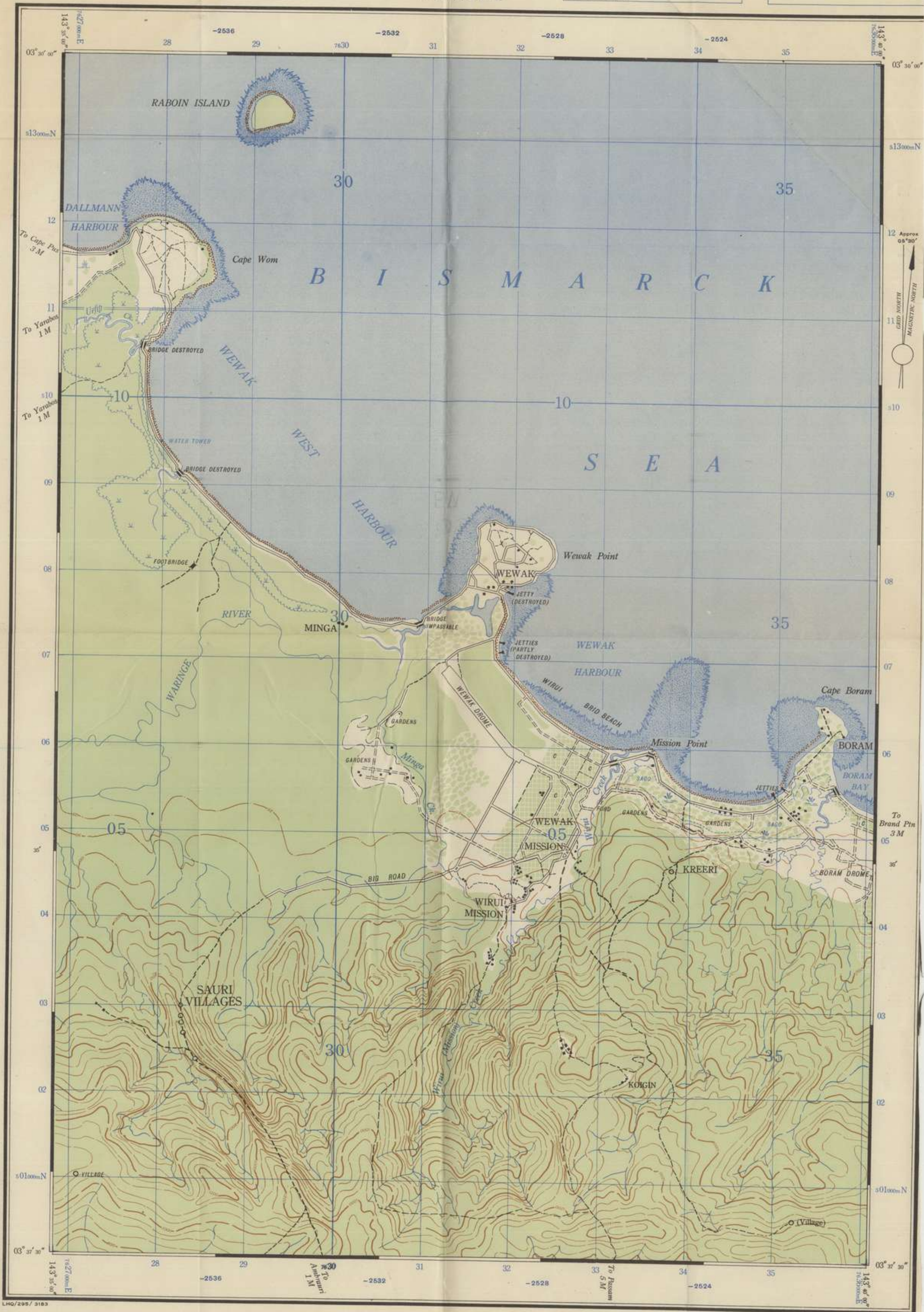
NEW GUINEA WEWAK

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

WARNING
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WITH GRID ON No. A 54 / 16 WEWAK WEST
1 INCH SERIES

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
NO 3183 WEWAK 1:25,000 SERIES

1:25,000



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APPX "F" (1)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
21 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 / 1945 2/4 Asst Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 53 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 53 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	2 2 1		1 1 7 19		* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAIC	1									
	5		23			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.		29								29		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX146395	Lt	CINWELL OF	2/11 ACH	26/5	

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/5/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj	TK2025	MADDRE	G S	COMD	YES		
Maj	TK2025	MADDRE	R	2 IC	"		
Capt	TK128773	ATHLISON	W J S	Super	"		
Capt	TK3483	SMITH	E P A	OC A	"		
Capt	TK2030	DAVIS	G J	OC D	"		
Capt	TK46374	BOYLE	A H M	Super	"		
Capt	TK5082	MARTIN	W G	Q M	"		
Capt	TK34899	HILLS	J H	OC B	"		
Capt	TK12457	WELLS	J B	Adjt	"		
Major Lt	TK34893	POLLINGTON	D A	OC C	"		
Lt	TK70734	BROWN	J H	2IC A	"		
Lt	TK13207	KITCHELL	H E	2IC D	"		
Lt	TK35366	CRUTCHETT	P F	10 PL	"		
Lt	TK5214	BURT	T L	2IC B	"		
Lt	TK53929	CHAHAN	J P	5 PL	"		
Lt	TK27103	STROMACH	W L	17 PL	"		
Lt	TK5992	HEALY	D G	10	"		
Lt	TK135119	NELSON	J W	2 PL	"		
Lt	TK138172	GALLARD	K E	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	TK5089	BEATTIE	K	11 PL	Yes		
Lt	TK112230	GOOD	A H	18 PL	"		
Lt	TK9691	WILSON	H J	1 PL	"		
Lt	TK90471	POLNER	H J	14 PL	"		
Lt	TK5380	GORDON	C M B	Asst	"		
Lt	VX62679	BLACKWOOD	A P	13 PL	"		
Lt	TK36993	WHITEHOUSE	E R	9 PL	"		
Lt	TK122275	SMITH	S R	12 PL	"		
Lt	VX104281	LOVE	T J	9 PL	"	Seniority NOT yet determined	
<u>ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN WE</u>							
Capt	TK114064	WILLIAMS	O U	RID	Yes	From AAIC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
<u>NOT WITHIN WE</u>					
Capt	VX64462	HOYE T F	19 Bde	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	83/245	CHRISTIAN D W	Selv Army	27/8/45	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Lt.-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 / 1945 74th Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1243 OFFRS. 23 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																											
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	1		5	W.Os. Class II.																																			
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
				Staff Sergeants																																			
	4	1	39	Sergeants				92	11	5		9																											
	15		52	Corporals				9	11	12		5																											
	218	35	478	Troopers, Privates, etc.				14		12		2																											
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
* 239				* 39				* 569				* 31				* 20				* 27				* 5				*											

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.									
A	596										596
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	19 Bde		
5	RENE		
1	24 7th PL		
2	19 Bde Sigs		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	6th Recs		
22	19 Bde Recs Detach		
1	4th Bde		
8	19 Bde		
2	4th School		
	of C & C, 6 Bde		

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

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

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
2 Jun 45

SURPLUS NCOs

Army No.	Rank	Name		Qualifications	Med Class
NE00523	Sjt	McWHINNEY	L	Band Sjt	A1

Shelley Capt
AQIV 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

UNIT 1. 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn

APPENDIX "A"
Date... 2 Jun 45

WE 11/12e/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUI RED	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	6				
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1				
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Int Duties)	Pte	7	5	2			
Signallers)	Cpl	4	4				
Signallers)	Pte	22	24	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6	5	1			
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	4		1		
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
ISM	WOL	1	1				
CSM	WOLL	5	4	1			
RMS	WOLL	1	1				
QMS	S/sjt	5	4	1			
P1 Sjt	Sjt	25	24	1			
Batman	Pte	35	34	1			
Dr MT	Pte	11	12	7			
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1	2		3	
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	6	2		2	
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	27	9			
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	200	162			
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	10	10			
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	3	2			
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	47	21			
Orderlies	Pte	32	34	5			
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	3	1			
Pioneers)	Pte	28	26	11			
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	6				
Storeman	Pte	6	6		2		
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	10	8			
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	4		1		
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	7	15	8			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
DVF MT	Cpl	1	1				
Gun Layer	Pte	8	3	5			
TOTAL c/f		767	547	239	17		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIRED	X
Total b/f		769 767	547	230	17		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
AAAD Chiro podist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1		1			
AAOC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
AAAD							
Armourer	Sjt	1					
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1					
Plumber Gp 1	Pte	1					
AAPS Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
AAPC Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
AACC Caterer	Woll	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	2	3			
Cooks)	Pte	13	12	1			
<u>TOTAL.</u>		801 802	574	244	17		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP II

Gun Op

2

2

Mason

1

1

Painter

1

1

Boch MP

GROUP III

Dvr Boch

16

16

22

22

NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

Date of despatch. 2 Jun 45

J. Lewis
Capt
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Bn 22 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945 2/4 Aust. Inf. (Unit)

W.E. II / 129 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC								
	2		1	Majors									
	2		7	Captains			1						
	5		15	Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	9		24				1						
		DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		A.		25									25
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX112230	Lt	GOOD A.H.	Hospital	4/6	
NX80471	Lt	POINER H.J.	do	4/6	
NX122275	Lt	SMITH S.R.	do	4/6	
QX38893	Lt	WHITEHOUSE E.R.	do	5/6	Wounded in Action

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (TLtcol)	NX8576	COX	G.S.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	TX2025	MADDERN	R	2 IC	"		
Capt	NX128773	ATKINSON	W.J.S.	Super	"		
Capt	NX5483	SMITH	E.P.A.	OC A	"		
Capt	NX2030	HAWKE	G.J.	OC D	"		
Capt	NX46374	BOHLE	A.H.M.	Super	"		
Capt	NX5082	MARTIN	W.G.	Q.M.	"		
Capt	NX34899	HYLES	J.H.	OB B	"		
Capt	NX12457	WELIS	J.B.	Adjt	"		
Lt	NX34893	FOLLINGTON	D.A.	OC C	"		
Lt	NX70734	BROWN	J.H.	2IC A	"		
Lt	NX13207	MICHELL	H.E.	2IC D	"		
Lt	NX35366	CRUTCHETT	F.F.	10 Pl	"		
Lt	NX5214	MORT	T.L.	2IC C	"		
Lt	NX53929	GRAHAM	J.P.	8 Pl	"		
Lt	NX27103	STRONACH	W.L.	17 Pl	"		
Lt	NX5992	HEALEY	D.G.	I.O.	"		
Lt	NX135119	NEILSON	W.J.	14 Pl	"		
Lt	NX138172	GALLARD	K.E.	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	NX5089	BEATTIE	K	11 Pl	Yes		
Lt	NX9691	WILSON	M.J.	1 Pl	"		
Lt	QX5380	GORDON	C.M.B.	Asst	"		
Lt	VX62679	BLACKWOOD	A.F.	Adjt 13 Pl	"		
Lt	VX104281	LOWE	T.J.	9 Pl	"	Seniority NOT yet determined	
ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN W.E.							
Capt	NX114064	WILLIAMS	O.U.	RMO	Yes	From AAMC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
NOT WITHIN W.E.					
Capt	VX64452	KEYTE T F	19 Bde	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	B3/243	CHRISTIAN D W	Salv Army	27/4/45	

[Handwritten Signature]

Lt.-Col

Comd. 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 12 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
1 Reinf'ts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 A.M. of Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Reinf'ts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
			5	W.Os. Class II.		1				
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
	6		26	Sergeants	92	115	9			
	16		51	Corporals	81	112	5	3		
	243	35	450	Troopers, Privates, etc.	14	13	13	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
	267	35	537	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	311	221	28	4	*	

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

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	565									565
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19 Bde			1	6th Div		
3	AEME			22	Res Depots		
1	2/4 3/4 Bn			1	HR 6 Div		
2	19 Bde Sigs			8	19 Bde		
				2	4th Sch of C 62		
					6 Div		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

UNIT... 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX A
Date... 9 Jun 45

WE 11/18c/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIRED	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	6				
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1				
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Int Duties)	Pte	7	4	3			
Signallers)	Cpl	4 2	4				
Signallers)	Pte	12 24	18	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	5	5	1			
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	2	1			
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
ISM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	4	1			
RMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/sjt	5	4	1			
Pl Sjt	Sjt	25 24	19	6			
Batman	Pte	33 34	27	6			
Dr MT	Pte	11 12	13		2		
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1	2			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1		
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	26	10			
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	194	167			
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2 13	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	11	9			
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	3	2			
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	45	23			
Orderlies	Pte	32 34	25	7			
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	3	1			
Pioneers)	Pte	23 26	15	13			
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	8		2		
Storeman	Pte	6	5	1			
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	18				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	4				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	7 15	15		8		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
DVF HF	Cpl	1	1				
Gun Layer	Pte	8	3	5			
TOTAL c/f		769 767	515	267	13		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	PTS REQUIRED	X
Total b/f		767	515	267	15		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAEC</u> Chiropractist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u> Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>ABMS</u> Armourer	Sjt	1	1				
Armourer Op 1	Pte	1	1				
Water Gun Op 1	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAPS</u> Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u> Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u> Caterer	Woll	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	5	3			
Cooks)	Pte	13	13				
<u>TOTAL.</u>		801 802	543	271	15		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP II

Gun Op
Mason
Painter
Mech HT

2
1
1
1

2
1
1
1

GROUP III

Dvr Mech

16

16

22

22

NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

Date of despatch. 2. Jun 45.....

J. Jones
..... Capt.
Adj. 3/4 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Dn 24 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 6 / 1945 5 2/4 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II 1203 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels									
	3		1	Majors									
	3		6	Captains	AAIE	1							
	3		17	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	8		25			1							
		DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		26									26
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
IK122275	Lt	SMITH S.R.	Hospital	15/6	
WX25973	Lt	JONES E.A.	do	15/6	
VX146395	Lt	GYNGELL C.F.	do	15/6	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
IK46394	Capt	DOHLE A.H.W.	Hospital	31/5	
IK34893	Lt	POLLINGTON D.A.	5 DIV Reception Camp	15/6	Transferred to R.S.L. from 1 Jun 45

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (Tlt Col)	HK8576	COX	G.S.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	TK2025	MADDEN	H.	2 IC	"		
Capt	HK128773	ATKINSON	W.J.S.	Super	"		
Capt	HK5483	SMITH	S.P.A.	OC A	"		
Capt	HK2030	HAWKE	G.J.	OC D	"		
Capt	HK5082	MARTIN	W.G.	L.N.	"		
Capt	HK34899	MYERS	J.E.	OC B	"		
Capt	HK12457	WELLS	J.B.	Adjt	"		
Lt	HK70734	BROWN	J.H.	2IC A	"		
Lt	HK13207	MITCHELL	H.E.	2IC B	"		
Lt	HK35366	CRUTCHETT	P.P.	10 Pl	"		
Lt	HK5214	MERT	T.L.	1/00 C	"		
Lt	HK53929	GRAHAM	J.P.	8 Pl	"		
Lt	HK27103	STROMACH	W.L.	17 Pl	"		
Lt	HK5992	HEALEY	D.G.	T.O.	"		
Lt	HK135119	NELSON	S.J.	14 Pl	"		
Lt	HK138172	GALLARD	K.E.	Super	"	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	26/3
Lt	HK5089	BEATTIE	K.	11 Pl	"		
Lt	HK9091	WILSON	H.J.	1 Pl	"		
Lt	HK25973	JONES	E.A.	16 Pl	"		
Lt	QX5380	GORDON	C.H.B.	Asst Adjt	"		
Lt	VK62679	BLACKWOOD	A.P.	13 Pl	"		
Lt	HK122275	SMITH	S.R.	12 Pl	"		
Lt	VK146396	GYNGELL	G.F.	Super	"		
Lt	VK104281	LOVE	T.J.	9 Pl	"	Seniority NOT yet determined.	
<u>ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN W.S.</u>							
Capt	HK114064	WILLIAMS	O.U.	R.N.O.	Yes	From AASC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
NOT WITHIN W.S.					
Capt	VK64452	KYTE	T.P. 19 B Co	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	B3/243	CHRISTIAN	D.S. Salv Army	27/4/45	

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/45.

16 June 45

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/6/1945 34 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 24/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 269 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
	1		5	W.Os. Class II.	1	1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	6		26	Sergeants	92	115	9		
	19		48	Corporals	5	11	4	4	
	276	34	416	Troopers, Privates, etc.	14	12	12	2	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	* 302	34	501 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	311	219	26 *	6	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	527									527
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19 Bde HQ			1	Bland River		
4	REME			15	Rear Detach		
2	19 Bde Sigs						
				272	4th Bde HQ of C & C		
				10	49 Bde		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

UNIT. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX 1
Date. 16 Jun 45

WE 11/12c/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RFTS REQUIRED	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	0				
Int Duties)	Sjt	6	1				
Int Duties)	Cpl	1	1	1			
Int Duties)	Pte	2	4	3			
Signallers)	Cpl	7	4				
Signallers)	Pte	4 2	4				
		22 24	13	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6 5	5	1			
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	2	1			
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>Gun Layer</u>	Pte	8	8				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
FSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	4	1			
RMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/sjt	5	5				
Pl Sjt	Sjt	25 24	10	6			
Batman	Pte	35 34	20	9			
Dr MT	Pte	11 12	14			3	
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1	2			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5			1	
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	24	12			
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	172	189			
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2 3	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	10	10			
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	3	2			
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	44	24			
Orderlies	Pte	32 34	24	8			
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	2	2			
Pioneers)	Pte	38 26	13	15			
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	6				
Storeman	Pte	6	5			1	
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	1	1			
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	13	5			
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	4				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	7 15	15			8	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
Dvr HT	Cpl	1	1				
TOTAL c/f		769 757	481	302	14		

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIENCY	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIRED	X
Total b/d		769 767	481	308	14		
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAAB</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	-	1			
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AAEE</u>							
Armourer	Sjt	1	2				
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun Gp 1	Pte	1					
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	1	4			
Cooks)	Pte	13	12	1			
<u>TOTAL.</u>		801 802	507	308	14		

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP II

Gun Op

2

2

Mason

1

1

Painter

1

1

Wch HT

1

1

GROUP III

Dvr Wch

14

14

20

20

NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

Date of despatch. 16. Jun. 45.....

Order to for Capt.
Adjc 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

25 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 6 / 194 5 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels								
	3		1	Majors								
	4		6	Captains	AAMD	1						
			18	Lieutenants								
				Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	9		24			1						
		DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		A.	35									35
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
IX35366	Lt	CRITCHETT P P	Hospital	20/6	
VX146395	Lt	BYNELL G P	6 Aust Div	20/6	Detached
VX14281	Lt	LOVE T J	Rec Camp	20/6	"

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 6 /194 5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (TLSCol)	HK8876	COX	G.S.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	HK8885	MADDERN	H.	2 IC	"		
Capt	HK128773	ATHLSON	H.J.S.	Super	"		
Capt	HK5483	SMITH	H.P.A.	OC A	"		
Capt	HK8030	SMITH	H.J.	OC D	"		
Capt	HK5088	MARTIN	H.C.	H.M.	"		
Capt	HK4809	HYLES	J.H.	OC B	"		
Capt	HK12457	WELLS	J.B.	Adj	"		
Lt	VK104201	JOSE	T.J.	Super	No	Det 6 Aust Div Rec Camp	19/6
Lt	HK70734	BROWN	J.H.	SIC A	Yes		
Lt	HK13207	MITCHELL	H.S.	SIC D	"		
Lt	HK5214	MORT	T.L.	A/OC C	"		
Lt	HK53029	GRAHAM	J.P.	3 P1	"		
Lt	HK27103	STROMACH	H.L.	27 P1	"		
Lt	HK5932	HEALSY	D.O.	1 O	"		
Lt	HK135119	WILSON	H.J.	14 P1	"		
Lt	HK138172	GALLARD	K.E.	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	HK5089	BEATTIE	K.	11 P1	Yes		
Lt	HK9691	WILSON	H.J.	1 P1	"		
Lt	HK55973	JONES	H.A.	3 P1	"		
Lt	QNS380	GORDON	C.M.B.	18 P1	"		
Lt	VK62079	BLACKWOOD	A.P.	13 P1	"		
Lt	HK122275	SMITH	H.R.	12 P1	"		
Lt	VK146395	CYNDELL	G.P.	Super	No	Det 6 Div Rec Camp	18/6
ATTACHED WITHIN UNIT							
Capt	HK114064	WILLIAMS	G.U.	RMD	Yes	From AASC	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
NOT WITHIN UNIT					
Capt	VK64452	KEYE	7 P 19 Bde	8/8/44	Chaplain
Capt	ES/245	CHRISTIAN	D 9 84th Army		

23 Jun 45
Date of Despatch
Truth-7/45.

Remondern Major
Signature of Commander
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

25/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/6/1945 ²⁴ Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1243 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm.	Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.								
			1	W.Os. Class I.																	
	3		3	W.Os. Class II.																	
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																	
				Staff Sergeants																	
	8		24	Sergeants						92	115			9							
	21		46	Corporals						81	112			5						3	
	281	17	394	Troopers, Privates, etc.						14	12			12						2	
				Civilians counting as O.R.																	
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						311	220			27						5	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	500									500
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	19 Bde		
4	REME		
2	Bde Sigs		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Blind Recs		
13	Recs Details		
2	LHR School of C & C		
	6 Bde		
11	19 Bde		

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

UNIT 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A"
Date 25 Jun 45

WE 11/12c/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIRED	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	5				
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1		1		
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	1		1		
Int Duties)	Pte	7	4		3		
Signallers)	Cpl	4	4				
Signallers)	Pte	22	24	2			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6	5		1		
Clerk)	Pte	4	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	1		2		
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
Gun Layers	Pte	8	8				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
FSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	5				
RMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/sjt	5	5				
Pl Sjt	Sjt	24	17		7		
Batman	Pte	34	23		11		
Dr MT	Pte	11	11				
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1		2		
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4				
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	23		13		
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	182		179		
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	10		10		
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	2		3		
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	36		32		
Orderlies	Pte	34	33		1		
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	2		2		
Pioneers)	Pte	26	14		12		
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	6				
Storeman	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	1		1		
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	12		6		
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	4				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	15	7		8		
Water Duties	Pte	2	1		1		
DVF MT	Cpl	1	1				
TOTAL c/f		760 1000	450	313			

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RPTS REQUIRED	X
Total b/f		767 767	456	313			
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAIC</u>							
Chiropract	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AAPE</u>							
Armourer	Sjt	1	1				
Armourer Cp 1	Pte	1	1				
Water Gun Cp 1	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAPS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	Woll	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	5				
Cooks)	Pte	13	13				
<u>TOTAL.</u>		801 802	488 ³	318 ⁸			

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.

GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP II

Full Mason

1

1

Painter

1

1

Boch HT

1

1

GROUP III

Dvr Boch

13

13

17

17

NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

Date of despatch. 23 Jun 45

Russell M. Major
for Capt
ADJUTANT GENERAL

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
26 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 6 / 1945 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels												
	2		1	Majors												
	1		7	Captains	AASC	1										
			19	Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	5		28			1										
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										29		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX1258	Capt	COHEN P.R.	1HQ The Sch	24/6	
NK6121	Lt	HAWKINS J.	First Appt	19/6	Auth 6 Aust Div A12468 of 23 Jun 45
NK2002	Lt	DEAN S.	" "	21/6	Auth 6 Aust Div A 12471 of 26 Jun 45
NK51837	Lt	SHEARER G.J.	" "	21/6	do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 6 / 194 5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (PLtCol)	MX8576	COX	G.S.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	MX2025	MADDERN	R.	2 IC	"		
Capt	MX5483	MITE	H.P.A.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	MX128773	ATKINSON	W.J.S.	Super	"		
Capt	MX5483	MITE	H.P.A.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	MX1258	COHEN	P.R.	OC A	"		
Capt	MX2030	MITE	G.J.	OC D	"		
Capt	MX5082	MARTIN	W.G.	Q M	"		
Capt	MX34899	MITE	J.H.	OC B	"		
Capt	MX12457	MITE	J.E.	Adjt	"		
Lt	VX104281	LOVE	T.J.	Super	No	Det 6 Div Rec Camp	19/6
Lt	MX70734	BROWN	J.H.	2IC A	Yes		
Lt	MX13207	MITCHELL	H.W.	2IC D	"		
Lt	MX5214	MITE	T.L.	A/OC	"		
Lt	MX53929	GRAHAM	J.P.	SP1	"		
Lt	MX27103	STRONACH	W.L.	17P1	"		
Lt	MX5992	HEALEY	D.C.	1 O	"		
Lt	MX135119	MITCHELL	W.J.	14 P1	"		
Lt	MX138172	CALIARD	K.R.	Super	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div	24/3
Lt	MX5089	BEATTIE	K.	11 P1	Yes		
Lt	MX9691	WILSON	W.J.	1 P1	"		
Lt	MX25973	JONES	E.A.	3 P1	"		
Lt	MX5380	GORDON	C.M.B.	18 P1	"		
Lt	VX62679	BLACKWOOD	A.F.	13 P1	"		
Lt	MX122275	MITE	S.R.	12 P1	"		
Lt	VX146395	SYNGE	G.F.	Super	No	Det 6 Div Rec Camp	18/6
Lt	MX6121	MARTIN	J.	16 P1	Yes		
Lt	MX2002	DEAN	S.	7 P1	"		
Lt	MX51837	SHEARER	G.J.	15 P1	"		
<u>ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS WITHIN WE</u>							
Capt	MX114064	WILLIAMS	O.U.	RMD	Yes	From AANS	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
<u>NOT WITHIN WE</u>					
Capt	VX64452	KEYS	T.P.	19 Dec	8/8/44 Chaplain
Capt	B3/243	CHRISTIAN	D.W.	Salv Army	27/4/45

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/48.

Comd. Signature of Commander

[Handwritten Signature]

Lt. Col.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/6/1945 2nd Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 7/120/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
	5		1	W.Os. Class II.						
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
	8		24	Sergeants	92	115			9	
	24		43	Corporals	8	116		1	9	
	240	17	435	Troopers, Privates, etc.	14	12			12	
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	3	11234			31*	
	277	17	509					1	2	

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	540									540
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
11	19 Bde			1	Blundell		
4	REME			8	Rear Det		
25	2/17th Regt			11	19 Bde		
1	FSS			1	2/17th		
15	2nd Aech						
4	RASC						
9	30 Bn						
44	F Force						

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
UNIT.....

APPENDIX "A"
Date. 30 Jun 45

WE 11/12c/3

	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RETS REQUIR'D	X
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>							
Carpenter	Pte	5	5		1		
Int Duties)	Sjt	1	1		1		
Int Duties)	Cpl	2	1		1		
Int Duties)	Pte	7	4		3		
Signallers)	Cpl	4 2	3		1		
Signallers)	Pte	22 24	19		3		
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk)	Sjt	2	2				
Clerk)	Cpl	6 5	5		1		
Clerk)	Pte	4	3		1		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Range Taker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech)	Sjt	1	1				
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	2		1		
Tailor)	Sjt	1	1				
Tailor)	Cpl	1	1				
Gun Layers	Pte	8	3		5		
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS.</u>							
FSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	-		5		
QMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/sjt	5	5				
Pl Sjt	Sjt	25 24	17		8		
Batman	Pte	35 34	23		12		
Dr ME	Pte	11 12	11				
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	1		2		
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4				
LMG/Rifleman)	Cpl	36	21		15		
LMG/Rifleman	Pte	361	218		143		
MMG Nos)	Cpl	2 3	2				
MMG Nos)	Pte	20	11		9		
Mortar Nos)	Cpl	5	2		3		
Mortar Nos)	Pte	68	37		31		
Orderlies	Pte	32 34	24		8		
Pioneers)	Cpl	4	2		2		
Pioneers)	Pte	23 26	15		8		
Regtl Police)	Sjt	1	1				
Regtl Police)	Pte	6	6				
Storeman	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher Bearers)	Sjt	1	1				
Stretcher Bearers)	Cpl	2	1		1		
Stretcher Bearers)	Pte	18	11		7		
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Cpl	4	4				
Tk/A Gun Nos)	Pte	7 15	7				
Water Duties	Pte	2	1		1		
DVF ME	Cpl	1	1				
TOTAL c/f		769 767	492	277			

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Total b/f		767 783	492	277			
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
AAED							
Chiropractist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Sjt	1	1				
Med Orderly)	Pte	1	-	1			
AAOC							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
AAEE							
Armourer	Sjt	1	1				
Armourer Gp 1	Pte	1	1				
Fitter Gun Gp 1	Pte	1	1				
AAPS							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
AAPC							
Pay Clerk)	Sjt	1	1				
Pay Clerk)	Cpl	1	1				
AACC							
Caterer	Woll	1	1				
Cooks)	Sjt	5	5				
Cooks)	Cpl	5	6		1		
Cooks)	Pte	13	12	1			
		801 802	523	279	1		
<u>TOTAL.</u>							

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE.GROUP I

Bricklayers

1

1

GROUP IIMason
Painter
Mech MF

1

1

1

1

1

1

GROUP III

Dvr Mech

13

13

17

17

NOTE: "X" This column NOT to be used.

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