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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject : OPS MUBO AREA
PERIOD 13 APR - 2 JUN 43

2/7 AUST INF BN
Quote N/438
23 JUN 43

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Ref 17 AUST INF BDE signal 0326 of 17 JUN 43. Subtended
below is report on OPS during above period.

1. GENERAL

Due to nature of role this unit was committed to, - action consisted mainly of patrols. These patrols consisted of deep recce patrols, fighting and ordinary routine patrols, thus affording the unit far greater experience in this respect than had hitherto been possible in active operations.

Several Coy attacks were attempted with little success, and on one occasion one Coy was subjected to heavy and sustained attack from the enemy.

It was the first time direct air support was at the disposal of the unit, - invaluable experience was gained in interpretation of air photos and requisitions for air support.

A sounder appreciation of administrative difficulties was possible due to long Ls of C. Generally speaking ops in such areas are entirely governed by availability of supplies, - water and native boys for evacuation of wounded.

2. JAP TACTICS

No new developments were noted : the following points are categoried in elaboration or confirmation of anything submitted previously by this unit.

JAP ATTACKS : Conforms to the sound policy of avoiding direct attacks on defended posns til the area had been isolated by encircling movement, thereby ensuring reinforcements and supplies are denied to defending troops. Original approach was silent, feint attacks and considerable volume of fire to direct our attention whilst encircling movements continued from another flank.

Complete disregard for silent movement after first contact, - and on completion of encircling movement, attacks put in on our various sectors of the perimeter were preceded by Mortar Discharger and heavy automatic fire.

Whilst admitting that the terrain and heavy jungle makes it extremely difficult to "close in" it is this unit's opinion that the Jap lacks determination in this respect and relies mainly on his fire power and "war of nerves" to take defended posns.

JAP AMBUSH POSNS : Generally to be found fwd and along approaches leading to defended localities, - a high proportion of automatic weapons in comparison to number of troops occupying posn. Main fire power as a rule devoted to one flank, - fire lanes thinned out to waist height with heavy boughs tied back with lawyer vines. These lanes were extremely difficult to recognise, - every effort to conceal prepared lanes was made by the enemy. Where trees had been cut away the tree had been completely removed together with branches and chips and the butts left in the ground covered with earth.

Snipers were generally placed fwd of ambush area but did not open fire until our troops were engaged by main body.

The most notable feature of enemy ambush posns was that NO attempt was made to "Close" the ambush before opening fire. Undoubtedly heavy casualties would have been suffered by our troops if leading scouts had been allowed to pass through and our main body engaged.

This suggests a certain nervousness on the part of the enemy and a deterioration in fire control against that previously encountered.

DEFENSIVE POSNS : Attention paid to depth in these posns, fire lanes similar to those of ambush so made to give mutual support in an all round defence.

Snipers again fwd of defended localities generally situated to assist in protection of LMGs, with LMGs in turn sited to protect MMGs and always with alternate tasks. A noticeable difference in defence to ambush posns was that in defence every endeavour was made to trap troops with fire. Our advances were allowed to continue until within close range - fire would then be directed from front and rear forcing troops to go to ground and making it extremely difficult to move in any direction.

It was noticed repeatedly that troops wounded in fire lanes were immediately covered by an automatic weapon. Any endeavour to succour the wounded or recover weapons resulted in further casualties.

Circular weapon pits, roughly 3' across, were excellently camouflaged, were/reinforced with logs, with slits similar to those in pillboxes constructed for firing of weapons.

/in some instances

During attacks on the "PIMPLE" on no occasion were our troops able to definitely "pinpoint" enemy weapons despite the fact our fwd elements were within close proximity of same. This is due mainly to excellent camouflage of defended posns, heavy jungle and terrain where sound is inclined to echo, giving only a general direction of fire.

OWN TROOPS : General doctrine of tactical trg has been confirmed during recent ops.

In patrols of recce nature never more than 3 men should be employed. A maximum of one full pl is considered essential for fighting patrols - with another pl situated midway between the base and objective for any patrol of long duration. This affords a covering force for the fwd pl to fall back on should it find difficulty in extricating itself from a superior force. Timings for patrols MUST be elastic and generous. The difficult nature of the country makes it virtually impossible to dictate times for return.

Both in attack and defence the use of 3" and 2" Mortars and discharger cup was negligible. Lack of suitable OPs and clearances through jungle were the main reasons for this. In prepared defensive posns these weapons should be considered and could no doubt be used to good effect.

It is doubtful if mortars can be considered as a support weapon for attack in close country such as LABABIA.

AIR SUPPORT : Direct air support to attacking infantry did not have the desired results.

The distance of 800 yds from target to bomblines and bomblines to own tps nullified the effect of bombs.

Movement of troops through heavy country is slow and the 30 minutes taken to move fwd again allows the enemy time for any adjustments to be made.

Prior to withdrawal of own troops preparatory to air attack it is essential measures are taken to deny ground occupied. Only effective means is by booby trapping the area, and this entails a longer delay in mvt fwd as booby traps have to be deloused.

Quick support is, of course, impossible, the time lag between requisition and TOT generally being 16 hours. During this time more favourable or vital targets may come to hand, but the fwd ground comd is not able to switch the target area. It is appreciated such targets would possibly present difficulties whereby the tasks requested by A/C would be impossible. It is considered that this could be overcome by an air officer being attached to BnHQ and act in an advisory capacity with direct communications to A/C. The above suggestion is only made where situations peculiar to that of this Bn arise. i.e. One Bn front.

ARTY SUPPORT : Considered more practicable as close support than A/C. Troops do not have to withdraw to any great distance and after ranging completed can move well fwd prior to barrage. Lack of suitable OPs and the steep slopes of "PIMPLE" prevented any real benefit being gained by attacking body.

It is evident only a complete saturation by bombs and shells of such areas would soften up the defences sufficiently to be any advantage for pressing home attacks.

ADMINISTRATION : Control of Ls of C and priority of mvt fwd of stores should be the sole responsibility of AASC. Control of native stretcher teams is most difficult unless an ANGAU representative is fwd with CAP or advanced RAP.

Providing recovery of planes is effective scale of SWP ration was excellent and sufficient.

While it is admitted FD OP rations contain the necessary vitamins, after 2 or 3 days troops complained of hunger. This, no doubt, is due to the lack of "body" in this ration and not through any deficiency in vitamin compounds.

In defended posns adm arrangements must be those similar to "fortress defence". At least 4 days supply of rations, amn and water in each sec post should be available.

CONCLUSIONS : Absence of patrolling on the part of the enemy and forceful patrolling by our troops enabled us to retain the initiative.

The Jap in defence is a determined fighter and attacks on his prepared defensive posns proved costly. The posn when reversed has the same results.

Well trained and determined troops can repulse any attack against superior forces, at the same time inflicting heavy casualties with negligible losses to themselves.

Booby traps again proved invaluable. These give ample warning of any mvt on the flanks and are a weapon the Jap heartily dislikes. Areas too heavily trapped are an embarrassment to own troops. It is again stressed that we have very little to learn from Jap tactics or weapons.

The general basis of our equipment and methods of jungle trg are sound and require little alteration to meet varying local conditions.

The following figures showing percentage of losses in killed and wounded of officers, NCOs and men since 29 Jan may be of interest.

OFFICERS	NCOs	ORs
30%	22%	15%

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 ADM/COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

29 May 43.

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3 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 4

C1.

DEFENCE OF WAU-BULOLO-MARKHAM AREA

Ref Map: HUON GULF (Special) 4 miles to 1 inch

THIS INSTRUCTION CANCELS OPERATION INSTRUCTION
NO 1 WHICH WILL BE DESTROYED

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. As per 3 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 6 of 28 May 43.
2. Own Tps. Order of Battle showing groupings of units for command see Appendix "A" attached.
3. Role of 3 Aust Div.
 - (a) Deny to the enemy the airfields at WAU, BULOLO, BULWA and ZENAG.
 - (b) Prevent the enemy from entering the WAU - BULOLO - PATEP 2 area by any approaches, especially from the east, north and west via the WATUT and WAMPIT RIVERS.
 - (c) The enemy is not to be allowed to obtain a secure base and develop operations south of the MARKHAM RIVER in the northern sector of the divisional area.

TOPOGRAPHY.

4. The BULOLO VALLEY is defined as that area through which the BULOLO RIVER flows, from KAISINIK to SUNSHINE.
5. For convenience of reference, 3 Aust Div Area will be subdivided into five areas as under:-
 - (a) MARKHAM AREA

The general area, bounded on the south by excl the line of the track MISSION POINT - MALOLO - HOTE - DOLI - KWATOMANE - BULWA, and bounded on the north by incl the south bank of the MARKHAM RIVER.
 - (b) MISSIM AREA

The general area, bounded on the north by incl the track, MISSION POINT - MALOLO - HOTE - DOLI - KWATOMANE - BULWA and on the south by incl the general line LOKANU - KOMIATUM, thence excl the watershed between the BITOI and FRANCISCO RIVERS (PIONEERS RANGE).
 - (c) MUBO AREA

The area south of the southern boundary of the MISSIM area.
 - (d) WAU AREA

That portion of the BULOLO VALLEY from excl KAISINIK to excl the bridge over the BULOLO RIVER at W 33 84 but excluding the entrance to the valley from the MUBO area.

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(e) BULOLO - BULWA AREA

That portion of the BULOLO VALLEY from incl. the bridge over the BULOLO RIVER at WASS 84 to incl. BULWA, but excluding the entrance to the valley from the MISSIM and MARKHAM areas.

AREAS OF OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

6. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

MUBO area

7. 24 Aust Inf Bn

MARKHAM area

8. 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp

MISSIM area

9. WAU Fixed Defences

WAU area

10. BULOLO Fixed Defences

BULOLO area

TASKS.

11. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (a) Prevent the enemy from entering the BULOLO VALLEY through the area of operational responsibility allotted.
- (b) Secure the MUBO - GUADAGASAL - WAIPALI area as a firm base for either offensive or defensive operations.
- (c) Active patrolling along the south bank of the BITOI RIVER.
- (d) To ease problems of maintenance, not more than two coys of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will be moved forward of jeep-head on the WAU - BALLAMS - SUMMIT - SKINDEWAI track without reference to this HQ.
- (e) Make reconnaissance and plans to destroy enemy forces in the MUBO area. To assist in this task an Battalion American/Combat Team will be available to operate on the right flank of 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (f) Collect and forward information of enemy strengths, dispositions and movements.

12. 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (a) Prevent the enemy from entering the BULOLO VALLEY through the area of operational responsibility allotted.
- (b) Secure the MISSIM - PILIMUNG - HOTE area as a firm base to enable offensive raids to be carried out towards KOMIATUM and SALAMAUA, when ordered by this HQ.
- (c) Maintain standing patrols to control all tracks leading west from the coast through the MISSIM area.

- (d) Make reconnaissance and plans for the capture and securing of BOBDUBI RIDGE and subsequent exploitation to KOMBATUM.
- (e) Make reconnaissance and plans for a diversion against SALAMAUVA in the KELA HILL area.
- (f) Collect and forward information of enemy strengths, dispositions and movements.

13. 24 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) Prevent the enemy from entering the BULOLO VALLEY through the area of operational responsibility allotted.
- (b) Close defence of the airfields at ZENAG and FULWA. Attack by enemy airborne troops and raids by small parties must be provided for.
- (c) Carry out active patrolling forward to the MARKHAM RIVER. For this purpose one coy will be located in the WAMPIT area with the following tasks:-

- (i) Maintain standing patrols and/or OPs at GABENSIS, MT NGARANENO, KIRKLANDS and also in the vicinity of MARKHAM POINT.

- (ii) Act offensively against enemy patrols attempting to cross or move south of the MARKHAM RIVER. In the event of a large enemy force succeeding in crossing the MARKHAM RIVER and attempting to move via the WAMPIT VALLEY to PATEP 2, the maximum delay and casualties possible are to be inflicted and contact maintained.

- (iii) Collect and forward information of enemy strengths, dispositions and movements.

- (d) Prevent any enemy movement through the PATEP 2 area. For this purpose the defensive position in PATEP 2 area will be completed and maintained.
- (e) One coy will be located at PATEP 2 for the preparation and maintenance of the defensive position and to provide standing patrols at PATEP 1, KWASANG and MAPOS.
- (f) To ease the difficulty of supply not more than two coys will be moved north of jeep-head without reference to this HQ.

14. WAW Fixed Defences

- (a) Close defence of the WAW airfield. Attack by enemy airborne troops and raids by small parties must be provided for.
- (b) In the event of an emergency to assume operational command of all troops in the immediate vicinity of the WAW airfield and allot them posts in the fixed defences of WAW.
- (c) Existing plan for the Fixed Defences of WAW will not be altered without reference to this HQ. (For detailed instructions see 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No. 2).

25. BULOLO Fixed Defences.

- (a) Close defence of the BULOLO airfield. Attack by enemy airborne troops and raids by small parties must be provided for.
- (b) In the event of an emergency, to assume operational command of all troops in the immediate vicinity of the BULOLO airfield and allot them posts in the fixed defences of BULOLO.
- (c) Existing plan for the Fixed Defences of BULOLO will not be altered without reference to this HQ.
(For detailed instructions see 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No. 3.)

16. Force Reserve - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Disposed as follows:-

One bn less two coys WAU area
Two coys BULOLO area.

17. Arty

(a) AA Defence

OC 156 Lt AA Bty is appointed AA defence commander in 3 Aust Div area and will carry out the following tasks:-

(i) Command the AA units allotted for the defence of the airfield at WAU and BULOLO.
No change in the allotment of the present units will be made without reference to this HQ.

(ii) In conjunction with commanders of WAU Fixed Defences and BULOLO Fixed Defences, he will allot ground targets to AA units for defence against ground attack.
In the event of a ground attack not combined with an air attack, the local AA commanders in each case will come under command of the ground defences of the airfield concerned.

(b) Fd Arty

1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt will carry out the following tasks:-

(i) Be prepared to give arty support to any of the following:-

17 Aust Inf Bde
WAU Fixed Defences
BULOLO Fixed Defences

In order to prepare plans to carry out this task, OC 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt will maintain close liaison with the commanders of the above forces.

(ii) OC 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt, in addition to performing the normal duties of a Bty commander, will act as Arty adviser to GOC 3 Aust Div.

(iii) The initial dispositions of the Bty will remain as at present in the WAU area.

(iv) Allot tasks to Det of 2/6 Aust Svy Bty as may be required.

Engns

In addition to normal maintenance tasks, RAE 3 Aust Div will carry out the following tasks:-

- (a) Continue the jeep track now being constructed on the route WAU - BALLAMS - SUMMIT - SKINDEWAI - GUADAGASAL.
- (b) Construct a jeep track from SUNSHINE to PATEP 2. This track to follow a route which would be capable of development into a motor road through to the MARKHAM RIVER.

19. Signals

Sigs 3 Aust Div will carry out the following special tasks:-

- (a) Complete construction of permanent line from WAU to GUADAGASAL.
- (b) Construct a permanent line from SUNSHINE to PATEP 2. At a later date this line will be continued forward to the MARKHAM area.
- (c) Restoration and repair of existing communications in the BULOLO VALLEY.
- (d) Improve existing communications to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde at PILIMUNG.

ADMINISTRATION

20. In accordance with 3 Aust Div Administrative Instructions Nos. 1 - 24.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

21. Div HQ is located at BULOLO 297897.

22. Sigs 3 Aust Div will provide communications as under:-

(a) Line and W/T communication from HQ 3 Aust Div to:-

- 15 Aust Inf Bde
- 17 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- HQ Fixed Defences, WAU
- HQ Fixed Defences, BULOLO

(b) W/T communication only, to:-

LAE and SALAMAUA OPS

(c) DRLS service as may be directed.

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In addition to normal maintenance tasks, RAE 3 Aust Div will carry out the following tasks:-

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15 Aust Inf Bde	1		DRLS
17 Aust Inf Bde	2	(d)	DRLS
24 Aust Inf Bn	3		DRLS
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	4		DRLS
HQ Fixed Defences, WAU	5		DRLS
HQ Fixed Defences, HULOLO	6		DRLS
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	7		DRLS
156 Lt AA Bty	8		DRLS
RAE 3 Aust Div	9		HAND
Sigs 3 Aust Div	10		HAND
AASC	11	(a)	HAND
NGF (for infm)	12		AIR SAFE HAND
41 US Div (for infm)	13		AIR SAFE HAND
1 Air Sp Party 5 AF	14	(d)	HAND
HQ ANGAU (MARKHAM District) (for infm)	15		DRLS
Comd	16		HAND
GSO I	17		HAND
AA & QMG	18	(c)	HAND
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ADMINISTRATION

In accordance with 3 Aust Div Administrative Instructions No. 1 - 24.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

21. The HQ is located at MARKHAM DISTRICT.

22. RAE 3 Aust Div will provide communications as under:-

(a) Line and W/T communication from HQ 3 Aust Div to:-

- 15 Aust Inf Bde
- 17 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- HQ Fixed Defences, WAU
- HQ Fixed Defences, HULOLO

(b) W/T communication only to:-

156 Lt AA Bty and Sigs 3 Aust Div

(c) W/T service as may be directed

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5 AUST DIV OOB
SHOWING GROUPING OF UNITS FOR COMMAND

Serial	Unit	Serial	Unit
<u>HQ</u>			
1	HQ 3 Aust Div	45	2/34 Aust Sup Depot Pl.
2	13 Aust Def & Emp Pl	46	Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery
3	Det E Sec FS Wing.	47	3 Aust Div Tpt Pool
<u>15 AUST INF BDE GP</u>			
4	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	48	3 Aust Div Pack Tpt Unit
5	L Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div	49	
6	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	50	
7	2/3 Aust Indep Coy	<u>AAOC</u>	
8	One coy 24 Aust Inf Bn	51	82 Aust FAD
9		52	83 Aust FAD
10		53	102 Aust FOD
11		54	
<u>17 AUST INF BDE GP</u>			
11	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	55	3 Aust Div Wkshp Det.
12	K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	56	2/46 Aust LAD
13	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	57	231 Aust LAD
14	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	<u>AAMC</u>	
15	One sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty	58	2/2 Aust Fd Amb (plus deta
16			2/9 AGH and 2/2 Aust CCS
17		59	Det 15 Aust Fd Amb incl
18			Dental Sec
<u>WAU FIXED DEFENCES</u>			
19	B Coy 7 Aust MG Bn	60	D Sec 85 Aust Dental Unit
<u>BULOLO FIXED DEFENCES</u>			
20	A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	61	
<u>DIV TROOPS</u>			
21	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	62	<u>AA Postal C.</u>
22	24 Aust Inf Bn (less one coy)	63	3 Aust Div Postal Unit
23		64	
24		65	<u>AAPC</u>
<u>FD ARTY</u>			
25	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	66	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
26	2 Sec 2/6 Aust Svy Bty	67	
<u>AA ARTY</u>			
27	156 Aust Lt AA Bty (AIF)	68	<u>AA Pro C.</u>
28	708 CA (AA) Bty US Army	69	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy
<u>ENGINEERS</u>			
29	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	65	<u>AUST SVY CORPS</u>
30	2/8 Aust Fd Coy		Det 8 Aust Fd Svy Coy
31	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	66	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
32	HQ and one sec 2/25 Aust	67	HQ ANGAU (MARKHAM District)
	Fd Park Coy	68	ANGAU - WAU
33	2 Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy	69	Det 2 Aust AL Sec
34		70	Sta Comd WAU
<u>SIGNALS</u>			
35	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div	71	Sta Comd BULOLO
36	No 1 Coy Sigs 3 Aust Div	72	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit
37	Det NG L of C Sigs	73	Det 28 Aust L of C Salvage
38	Sub Area Det 1 Aust Special	74	3 Aust Div Reception Sec
	Wireless Coy.	75	Transit Camp, WAU
39	3 Aust Div Cipher Sec (AIF)	76	2/2 Aust Graves Regis-
40			tration unit.
<u>AASC</u>			
41	HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	77	3 Aust Div Rest Camp
42	HQ (plus 3 & 4 Pls) 1 Aust	78	3 Aust Div Fd Punishment
	Sup Depot Coy ASC		Centre
43	D Pl 2/2 Aust Coy ASC	79	Det Aust Def Centenna
44	3 Pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy ASC	80	Services.
<u>RAAF</u>			
		81	A Pl 4 AC Sqn.
		82	306 RDF Unit
		83	2 Aust Adv Comm Sec
		84	
<u>US ARMY AIR CORPS</u>			
		85	1 Air Sp Party 5 AF
		86	11 Fighter Control Sub-sec/
		87	US Weather Det
		88	478 Services Sqn US Army
		89	
		90	

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Subject: - Report on recent action.

General sequence of events day by day

No 1 ~~Company~~ Platoon No 13 + 15 Pls less 1 Section plus Reserve Coy # 4

Attack on Pimple commenced at 19.30 hrs on 24.4.43

with Mater fire by No 13 Platoon with 3 two inch Mortars - each Mortar fired 3 bombs. Myself this fire 2 sections of 13 Platoon advanced to within 80' - 100' of Pimple, & fired 12 grenades into the "Pimple" from E.Y. Rifles. Mortar & grenade fire was very accurate, although doubtful if effective. No 1 section was on right flank & No 3 section on left. Both sections moved forward, & encountered stiff enemy resistance. No 1 section suffered 3 casualties, after approx 1/2 hrs engagement, & I ordered Lieut Wark to bring forward his reserve section No 2, & relieve No 1. I then contacted No 3 section on left flank - they were pinned down with heavy L.M.C. fire, had one man killed, but were in good positions. No 15 Platoon who were in reserve were brought forward from advanced dump, & held at advanced Company H.Q.

Information that came to hand that May

Nelson was moving down with No 2 Platoon & was
taken Command.

Up to this time no news had come from
Capt Tringle who was moving into the "Temple"
from the rear with No 14 Platoon.

At 1645 Maj Nelson decided to attack with
No 3 section & No 13 Platoon with myself in
Command moving in from left flank, No 2 ~~Platoon~~ ^{& No 1 Sect}
moving in from right flank, & No 2 Platoon
attacking down the centre. No 2 Platoon after
being committed broke into 2 columns - one
section ~~was~~ went to right, & eventually contacted
No 1 & 2 sections without engaging the enemy. The
remaining 2 sections of No 2 Platoon with Capt Ellis
in Command ~~swung~~ swung too far to the left
& joined my force in the rear. Darkness was
now coming on. I reported back to Maj Nelson
& gave him the situation. He ordered me to
hold the ground gained until the following
morning. Casualties on left flank had been heavy
in endeavouring to move forward in anticipation
of linking up with No 2 Platoon for the final
assault.

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No 2 Column No 14 Pl + 1 section 15 Pl + Advanced Coy H.Q.
April 24th
No 2 Column moved from assembly area (junction Laws
& Vick's track) at 0730 hrs. Contact was made with
enemy at approx ~~123~~ 1130 hrs. Stiff enemy resistance
was encountered estimated at 10 LMG + Snipers.
Contact was maintained with the enemy all day, & at
nightfall it was decided to form a perimeter defence.
Casualties up to nightfall were 3 wounded.

April 25th

Capt Pringle contacted No 1 Column & took over
command.
Artillery plan was decided upon & No 1 Column was
withdrawn to Forward base.

No 2 Column at first light observed party of approx
5 enemy approaching from direction of Green Hill. These
were engaged, & one was accounted for. By 0800 hrs
50-60 enemy were in area, all had apparently
come from Green Hill. Encircling tactics were adopted
by this force, & at approx 1000 hrs due to shortage
of ammunition it was necessary to withdraw. A
number of the enemy were accounted for - our casualties
were nil. No 2 Column moved back & took up
a position at junction of Laws & Vick's tracks.

After artillery concentrations a fighting party
commanded by Capt Ellis & consisting of No 2
Platoon & 1 section of both 13 & 15 Pls were moved forward

observed & heard considerable enemy activity in the form of digging, & withdrawals.

April 26th

Air strike followed by Recce patrol into "Pimple". Patrol nothing to report.

April 27th

Air strike. Bombs short in Coy area. One killed 3 wounded. No patrols.

C.O. ordered withdrawal of No 2 column to rejoin 13 & 14 Pls.
Capt Pringle evacuated.

April 28th

Air strike. No 13 Pl followed up strike with patrol into "Pimple". No 3 section on left No 1 section on right & No 2 section in centre. No 1 & 2 sections occupied enemy positions. No 15 Platoon were moving forward to consolidate their positions, when Nos 1 & 2 sections were forced to withdraw in face of strong enemy attack from centre of "Pimple" & encircling movement on right flank. Force was then withdrawn to Forward base.

April 29th

No 15 Pl relieved by No 8 Pl A Coy

April 30th

Relief by A Coy completed.

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Line learned.

Intercommunication. Lack of communication between No 1 & 2 columns by line or W.F. resulted in lack of cooperation between these two forces. Runners are slow & very vulnerable. — This was proved when runner sent from No 1 column to contact No 2 column ~~was~~ with order was killed.

Ammunition. Ammunition dumps should be established as far forward as possible, & with all speed. No 2 column were forced to withdraw on morning of 23rd due to lack of ammunition.

Numerous mis-fires were experienced with 303 due possibly to dampness. Number of blind grenades was out of all proportion. Causes (1) dampness (2) hardening of wax around firing pin. Remedy (1) Grenades should not be primed until last possible moment — detonators kept in water-proof tins. (2) Firing pin should be tested by removal, & all wax cleaned away. This should also be done at last possible moment as wax is for purpose of keeping out moisture.

Grenades used as booby traps should be inspected & possibly changed regularly.

1 Splintering of Sea



Bad loss of control
important that Pl be contained
as fighting force

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Use of Reserves

Three sees find meant loss
of P.M.H.E.

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Never split a force (copy)

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Notes

M.M.G's are well covered in front & to the flanks by L.M.G's. L.M.G's in turn well protected by snipers. Fire is usually first encountered from automatic weapons, & an endeavouring to move forward & locate these snipers are well able to observe the movement, & are usually responsible for majority of casualties.

The enemy used the following phrases.

- (1) In reply to a remark passed by Capt Pringle he said "Officer, I can control you from here. I have got you surrounded - surrender at my terms"
- (2) "You had better go & have a look at your cook-house now boys"
- (3) "Come out & fight you Kingoes - you Hun killers"

Noise

In this country due to "echoes" it is almost impossible to determine the position & direction of fire.

W. J. Moore
4/10/1917
C. Coy

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

H.Q.
2/5 AUST INF BN.
30 MAY 1943.
QUOTE:

SECRET.

SUBJECT:- ROLE BLACK CAT FORCE.

(1) TOPOGRAPHY.

The main dividing range between SALAMAUA and WAU, provides a defensive barrier by denying the ENEMY entrance into the BULOLO VALLEY unless known and defined routes are used.

The 2/5 AUST INF BN is responsible for the securing of all ways of entry from the NORTH & NORTH EAST.

In the BLACK CAT area means of access for the ENEMY are considered to be via the MISSIM, BLACK-CAT, JAP and subsidiary Kanaka pads to these tracks.

For detailed topography of BLACK-CAT area refer:-

WAU-WEST REVISED	1 - 63360
WAU-EAST REVISED	1 - 63360
SKETCH MAP TRACKS -LAE-SALAMAUA-WAU	4 Miles-1 Inch.
DEFENCES BLACK-CAT AREA	4 inches-1 mile
DEFENCES FRASER'S MINE AREA	1 inch - 50 yards
DEFENCES GAP AREA	1 inch - 50 yards
DEFENCES KUNAI GRASS AREA	1 inch - 100 yards.

(2) ROLE.

(a) One platoon "C" coy 2/5 AUST INF BN will prepare and develop suitable defensive positions in the general area of:-

- (i) AREA known as KUNAI PATCH.
- (ii) AREA known as JUNCTION TRACKS MISSIM-BLACK-CAT.
- (iii) AREA known as BLACK-CAT MINE.
- (iv) AREA known as FRASER'S MINE.
- (v) AREA known as WANDUMI-JAP TRACK JUNCTION.

(b) The platoon will give early warning of an enemy approach to these positions, will maintain all defences constructed, and will delay by every possible means an ENEMY approach into the BULOLO VALLEY via tracks referred to in PARA (1) of this instruction.

(3) ADMINISTRATION.

(a) MEDICAL.

A medical post will be maintained under company arrangement. Evacuation direct to R.A.P 2/5 AUST INF BN.

(b) AMMUNITION.

First and second line ammunition will be maintained

(c) TRANSPORT.

Native carrier lines will be arranged from time to time, as considered ^{desirable} by this HEAD-QUARTERS.

(d) SUPPLIES.

- (i) Q.M. 2/5 AUST INF BN will arrange weekly, or as convenient, supply of rations, and a minimum of 3 days rations will be held as a platoon reserve in a concealed dump.
- (ii) Blankets will be issued on a basis of three per soldier and a small reserve ^{will be carried} for staging personnel.
- (iii) All accommodation stores left in the area by previous units will be listed, and a copy of the inventory handed over if, and when any relief takes place.
- (iv) All other stores will be supplied as required by Q.M 2/5 AUST INF BN.
- (v) Platoon Commander will ensure that all personnel are equipped with ANTI-MALARIAL issues, and that a supply of ATREBRIN is maintained.

(4) INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (a) Signal Officer will lay and maintain L/T, and an alternate means of intercommunication - 2/5 Bn.H.Q.- Platoon H.Q.
- (b) In cases of emergency intercommunication will be by runner direct to nearest contact with own troops.

(5) SECURITY.

- (a) Attention will be given to concealment and camouflage of all positions, huttings, dumps etc, from ground and air.
- (b) Platoon Commander and Coy Commander by check at regular intervals, will ensure that routine security measures laid down in Standing Orders are OBSERVED.

DISTRIBUTION

- (1) C.O.
- (1) ADJT
- (2) C.COY
- (3) WAR DIARY
- (2) FILE
- (1) HAND OVER FILE

SIGNED BY

E. J. Smith ADJT
Capt.

2/5 AUST INF BN

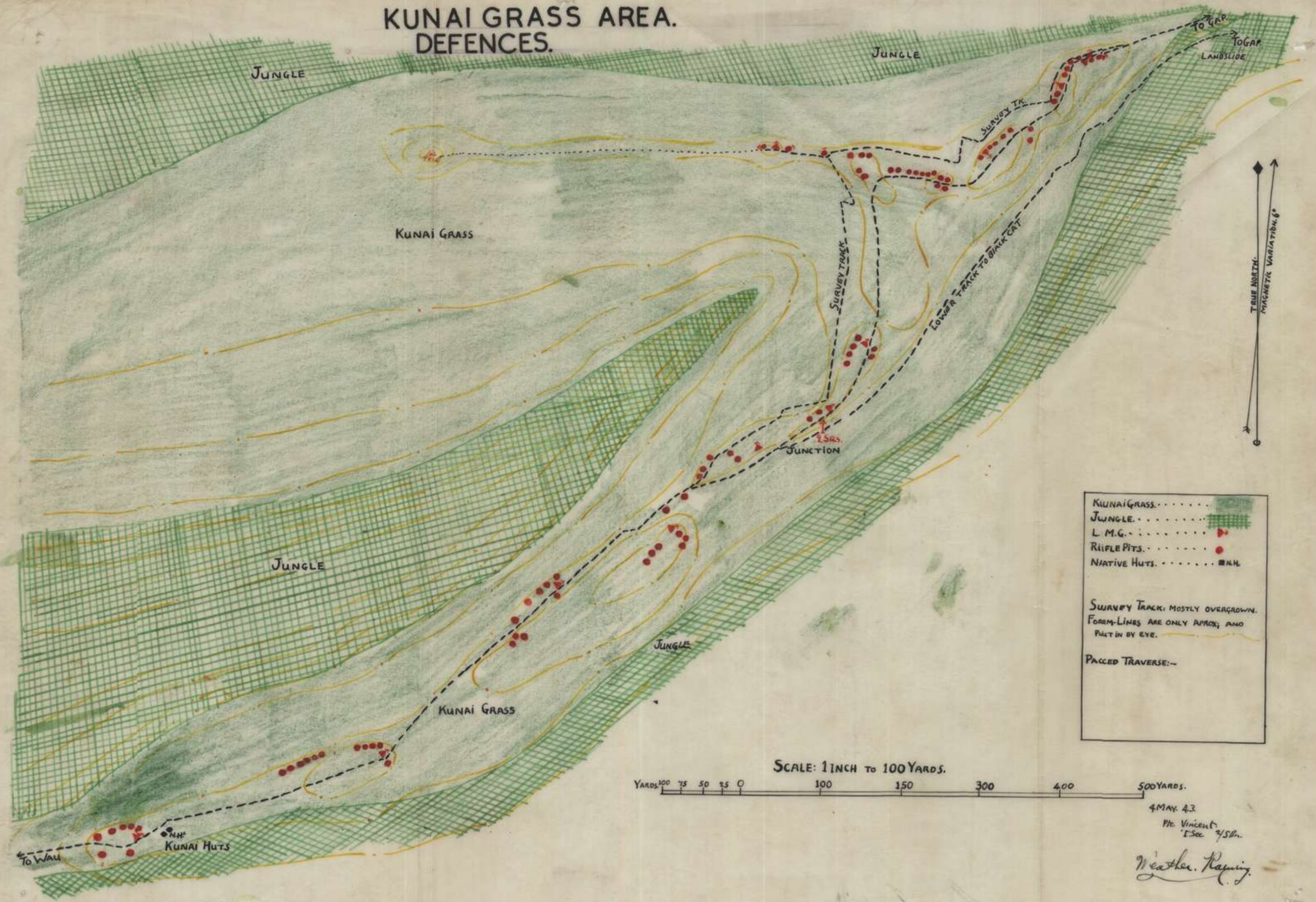
IN THE FIELD

1800. HOURS

29 MAY 43

DELIVERED BY

KUNAI GRASS AREA. DEFENCES.



KUNAI GRASS	
JUNGLE	
L. M. G.	
RIFLE PITS	
NATIVE HUTS	

SURVEY TRACK: MOSTLY OVERGROWN.
FORM-LINES ARE ONLY APPROX. AND
PULLED IN BY EYE.

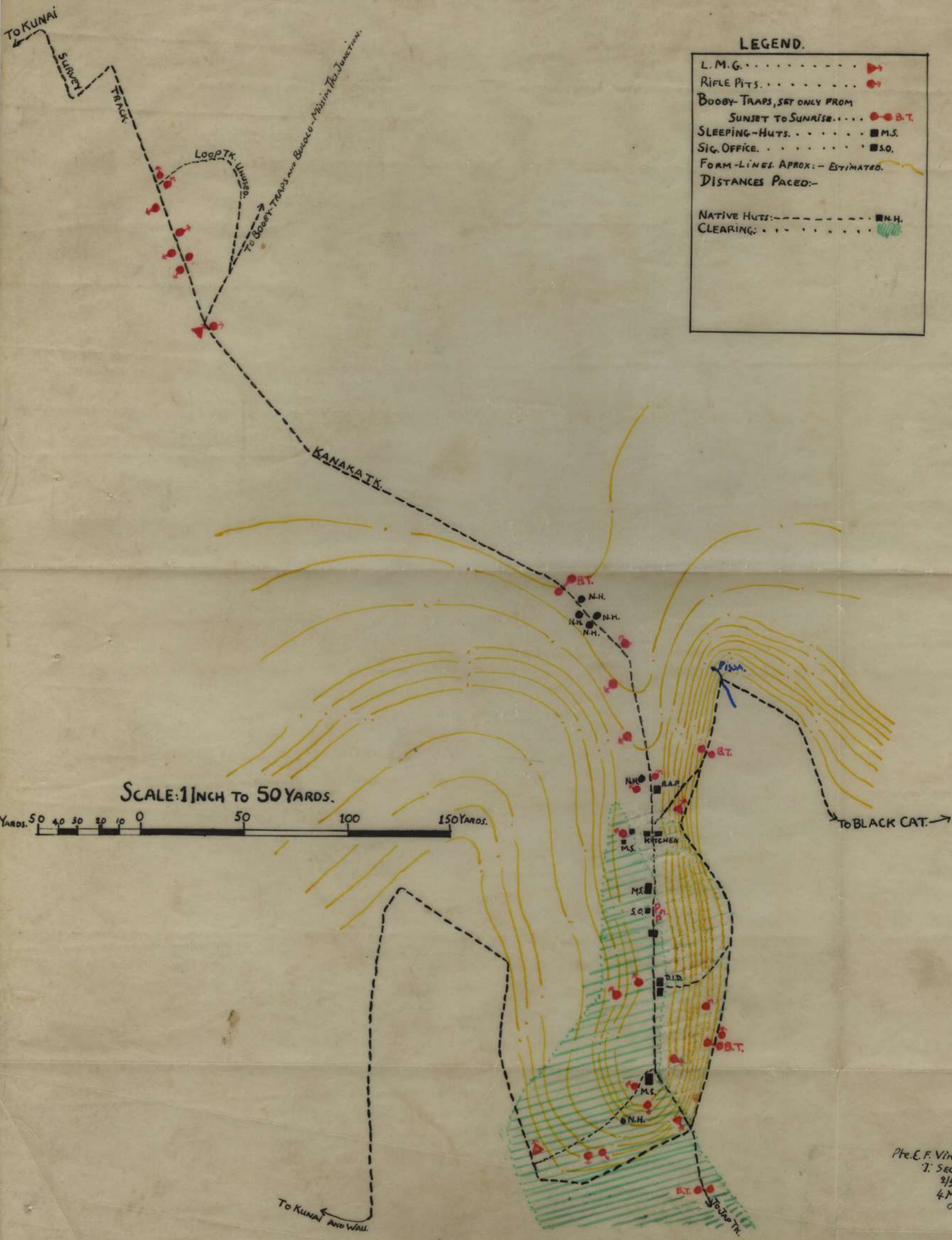
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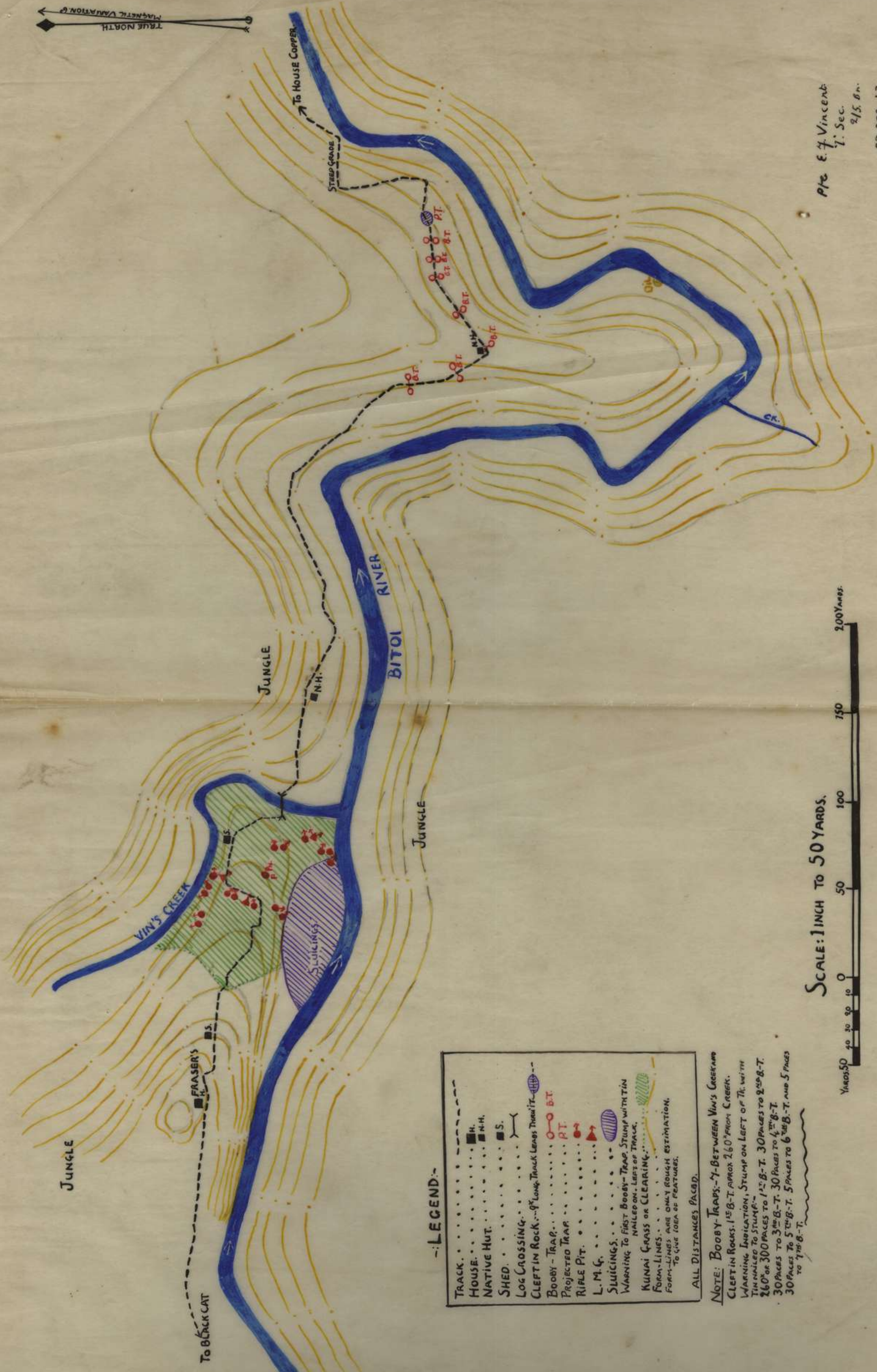
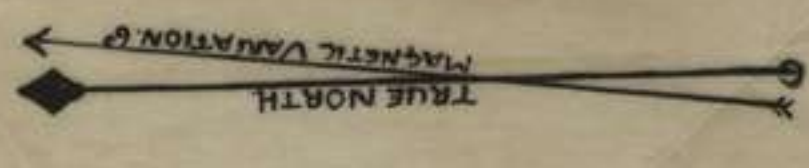
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4 MAY. 43
Pte Vincent
I. Sec 4/5th
Weather. Raining.

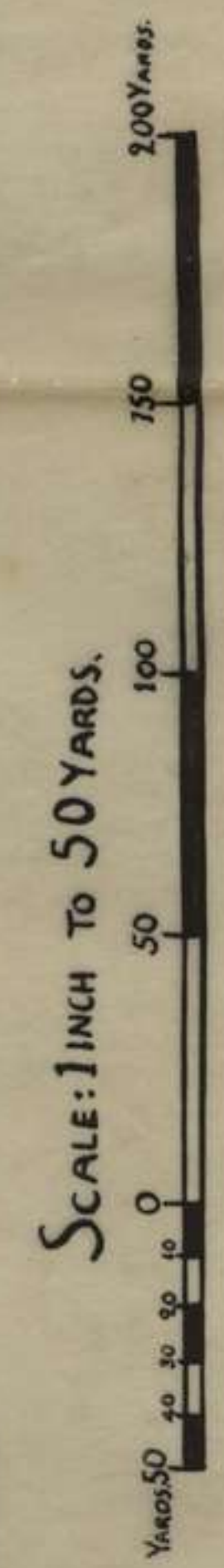
THE GAP AREA. DEFENCES.



FRASER'S MINE AREA. DEFENCES.



Pte E. F. Vincent
I. Sec.
2/15. 02.
28 APR. 43.

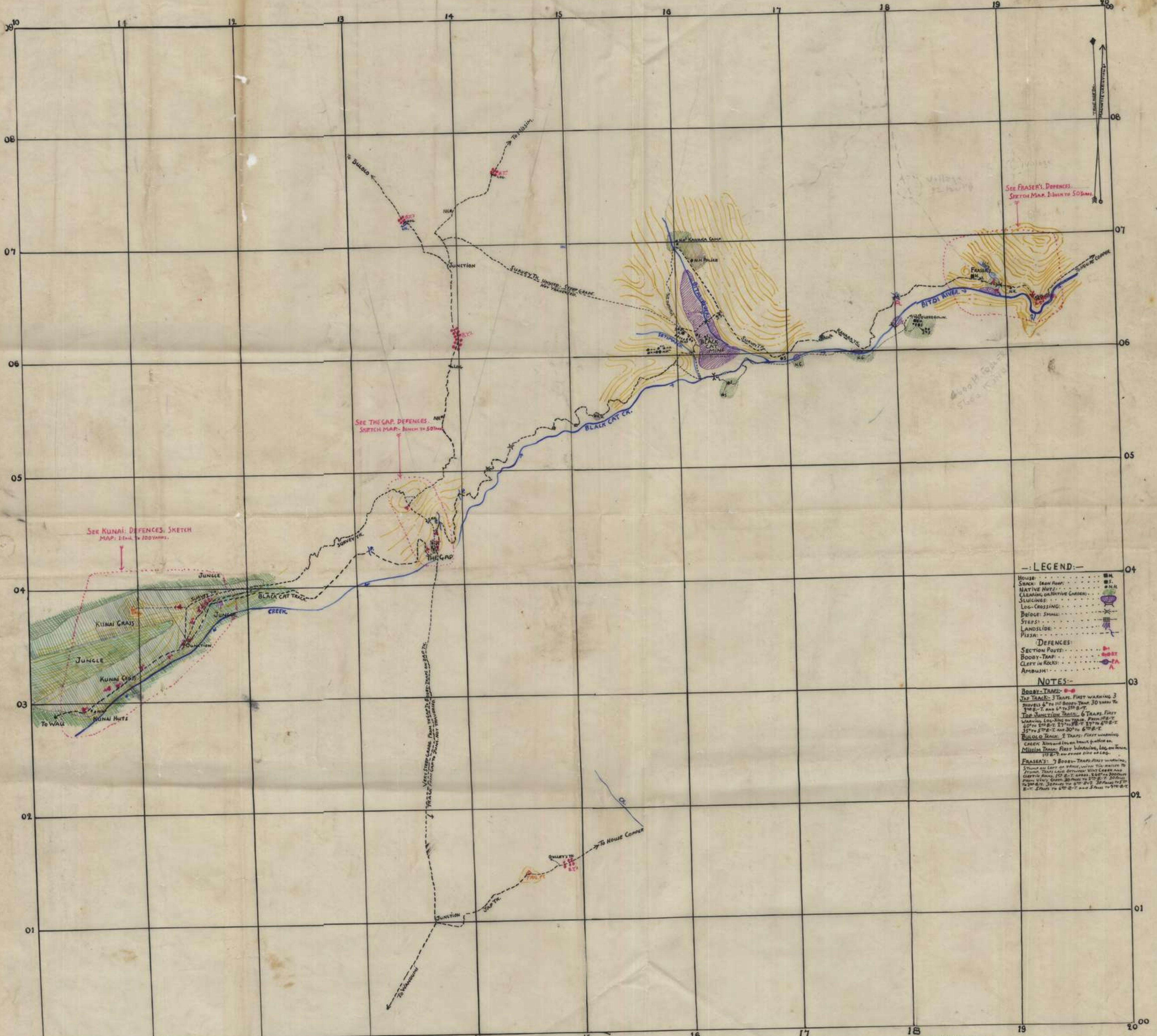


- LEGEND:**
- TRACK
 - HOUSE
 - NATIVE HUT
 - SHED
 - LOG CROSSING
 - CLEFT IN ROCK
 - BOOBY TRAP
 - PROJECTED TRAP
 - RIFLE PIT
 - L. M. G.
 - SLUCINGS
 - WARNING TO FIRST BOOBY TRAP
 - KUNAI GRASS OR CLEARING
 - FORM-LINES
- ALL DISTANCES PACED.

NOTE: BOOBY TRAPS - 7 - BETWEEN VIN'S CREEK AND CLEFT IN ROCK. 1ST B-T APPROX 260' FROM CREEK. WARNING INDICATION, STUMP ON LEFT OF TR. WITH TIN NAIL TO STUMP. 260' or 300 PAGES TO 1ST B-T. 30 PAGES TO 2ND B-T. 30 PAGES TO 3RD B-T. 30 PAGES TO 4TH B-T. 30 PAGES TO 5TH B-T. 5 PAGES TO 6TH B-T. AND 5 PAGES TO 7TH B-T.

BLACK CAT AREA MAP

LOCAL GRID.



LEGEND

- HOUSE: [Symbol]
 - SHACK: [Symbol]
 - NATIVE HUT: [Symbol]
 - CLEARING ON NATIVE GROUND: [Symbol]
 - STUCCO: [Symbol]
 - LOG-CROSSING: [Symbol]
 - BRIDGE: [Symbol]
 - STEEP: [Symbol]
 - LANDSLIDE: [Symbol]
 - PIZZA: [Symbol]
- DEFENCES:**
- SECTION POST: [Symbol]
 - BOOBY-TRAP: [Symbol]
 - CLEFT IN ROCKS: [Symbol]
 - AMBUSH: [Symbol]

NOTES

BOOBY-TRAP: 3 TRAPS. FIRST WARNING 30 YARDS TO 100 YARDS. SECOND 40 TO 100 YARDS. THIRD 20 TO 40 YARDS. TRAPS FIRST WARNING 100 YARDS TO 150 YARDS. SECOND 150 TO 200 YARDS. THIRD 200 TO 250 YARDS. TRAPS FIRST WARNING 250 TO 300 YARDS. SECOND 300 TO 350 YARDS. THIRD 350 TO 400 YARDS.

FRASER'S: 3 BOOBY-TRAPS. FIRST WARNING 100 YARDS TO 150 YARDS. SECOND 150 TO 200 YARDS. THIRD 200 TO 250 YARDS. TRAPS FIRST WARNING 250 TO 300 YARDS. SECOND 300 TO 350 YARDS. THIRD 350 TO 400 YARDS.

NOTE: Steep climbing from Buldo River King to Kunai Hut, walking up. Camps are just over. Bottom down to the Gap and Black Cat, fairly good, steep grades just before and after Black Cat. Kunai Hut - Black Cat to Fraser's very muddy and some steep grades. The Gap to the top of this point - Kunai Hut - fairly good, steep, and some time. Number of traps indicated, and a note for difficulty on the trail. Old Survey Track, Junction, Kunai Hut, to the Gap, fairly steep grade.

DISTANCES - TRAVEL - PAID
FORCES - LINES ONLY. APPROXIMATE.

SCALE 4 INCHES TO 1 MILE

ACCOMMODATION:
THE GAP: [Symbol] PLATON
BLACK CAT AREA: [Symbol] COMPANY
FRASER'S: [Symbol] PLATON
Between BLACK CAT and FRASER'S: [Symbol] PLATON

AVERAGE WALKING TIMES:

BULLDO RIVER KING TO KUNAI HUTS	2 hrs
KUNAI HUTS TO THE GAP	1 hr
THE GAP TO BLACK CAT	1 hr
BLACK CAT TO FRASER'S	1 hr
THE GAP TO BULLDO RIVER KING	1 hr
B-M JUNCTION TO BULLDO RIVER KING	1 hr
THE GAP TO THE GAP	1 hr
THE GAP TO THE GAP	1 hr

Map compiled and Transferred by [Name]
[Name]
[Name]

HQ 3 Aust Div.
7 Jun 43.~~3~~ 22

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The following instructions are intended to clarify the position as it now exists, with regard to air photos and topographical information.

AIR PHOTOS.1. Demands.

All demands for air photos by subordinate formations and units will be made in writing to this HQ in triplicate, as per Appendix 1 to FSPB Pamphlet 3, and 3 Aust Div Standing Orders.

2. Scale of Supply.

Scale of supply will be as per NGF G(c)525 of 21 Apr 43.

3. Use of Template for Ungridded Photos.

References on ungridded photos are given from the air photo template. This will be fully distributed as supplies are available, together with instructions for its use.

4. Photo Annotation.

Forward units should annotate photos in their possession both for their own use, and for recording topographical information to be included in future maps of the area concerned.

Indian ink is ideal for this purpose; it can be carefully removed if necessary by spirit or petrol. Care should be taken not to obscure essential details by the annotations.

A trace of such annotations should be made and forwarded to this HQ, quoting full details of photograph, together with date and source of information. Alignment marks should be made on the trace to correspond with the collimation marks on the photo.

MAP CORRECTIONS.

5. In order to ultimately obtain accurate and detailed maps, it is essential that the existing issues be amended by personnel with first hand knowledge of the ground.

Intelligence sections should keep 'Master Copies' of maps covering their area, and these should be kept up to date from information obtained by patrols and reconnaissance.

A copy of the amended map, or a trace of the amendments will be immediately forwarded to this HQ.

Traces will not be elaborate and will only show :-

- (a) Actual amendment.
- (b) Title of original map sheet.
- (c) Two grid line intersections to enable alignment of trace on map sheet.
- (d) Date and source of information.

C.P. REPORTS.

6. In establishing an OP the following should be noted :
- (a) Draw a panorama showing true bearings to identified points.
 - (b) Prepare a visibility chart, shading in the dead ground.
 - (c) Forward a copy or trace of the above to higher formation.
 - (d) Make out a periodic report on activity noted during the period, with any comments or deductions thereon.
7. TRACK GOING MAPS.
Owing to the inaccuracy and lack of detail of present maps, it is essential that all units collect as much information as possible concerning the topography of their area. Further, in heavily timbered and mountainous country it is often found that maps are of little assistance. It has been found that the "Track going map", as described below, provides the best solution to both these problems.
8. The "track going map" is intended for recording topographical information. If an operational patrol covers new country, one should be included as an appendix in the patrol's report. If convenient, the operational report may make reference to the track going map, by cross references using letters.
9. A specimen is attached as Appendix "A", and the form illustrated will be followed. In the centre panel is drawn as accurate a sketch as possible of the country traversed. In the right is shown the track times between each feature. In the left is written a description of the track and country on either side of it. The track should be divided into convenient sections so that the map will fit on to foolscap size sheets at a suitable scale. It should be noted that the track going map does NOT supersede a large scale sketch map. A brief sketch however is better than none at all.
10. In preparation, attention will be paid to the following points :-
- (a) General concise summing up of track traversed, dated and signed by person compiling it.
 - (b) Starting and Finishing points. Where possible give reference of these points on standard map. This will assist in assessing approximately scale of going map.
 - (c) Each feature described will be serially numbered.
 - (d) Time of travel from each feature to the next. The times will be shown thus 1/20. The figures on either side of the arrow represent hours of travel and the arrow represents the approximate bearing of travel. Thus 1/20 represents one hour twenty minutes in a direction approximately N. Similarly 1/35 represents one hour 35 minutes in a SW direction. In addition to giving a rough bearing this method enables differences in time of travelling in the reverse direction to be shown up.
 - (e) Total time travelled.
 - (f) The left hand panel will be ruled off so as to clearly indicate which information applies to a particular feature, and which to the track between.
 - (g) Class of track - hunting pad, native, bench out surface; under fine and wet weather conditions. Whether capable of being made into jeep or MT track.
 - (h) Grades. Whether up or down. If possible, estimate gradient.
 - (i) Indication of hill features and reentrants by form lines. This is important for the identifying of localities on air photos.

Ref Map : BUMWA 1/4" strat

WOGO VILLAGE - ANGAU TRIG

1/40 1/50

Report. Track generally good and could be made into a jeep track with little work in jungle and swampy parts. WOGO natives friendly and will supply food.

(Sgt) P. SCHICKELGRUBER Cpl
 23 May 43.
 "X" Bn.

Natives friendly.
 ANGAU. Native food for 20 men. Overlooked from Mt NARO.
 Track branch to KARTA and TIMBU
 Accomodate 30 men.
 cover fair, water good

Narrow track through heavy jungle. likely ambush posns, well screened

Open kunai, track quickly widened. ELG could be cleared and extended, approaches good

10'W, 7'D steep banks, timbered. Bridgeable possible camp site water good. 2 posts. No ford. log crossing

3 dilapidated huts
 No food or natives
 sig wire passes here

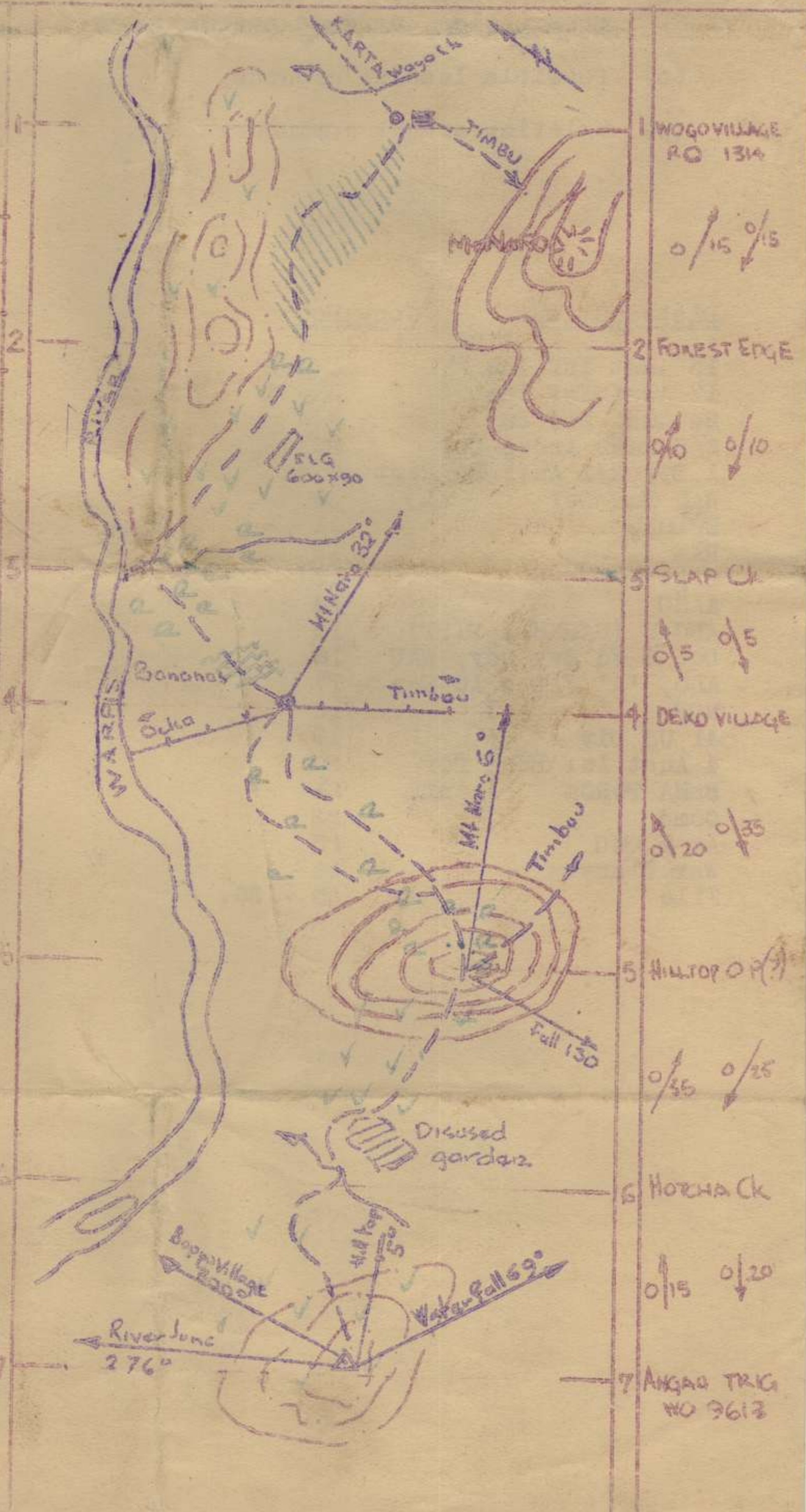
Timbered track, slippery in wet. Alternative track branch at 2 dead trees. 1/5 grade.

Good view but steep open approach
 WATER

Open grade 1/3

Swampy trickle. ground would make jeep track difficult

Open but all round view



- (j) Alternative tracks and branch tracks leading from route.
- (k) Water courses. Width, depth, rate (for large streams) and direction of flow, navigability, whether fordable, approaches and possibility of constructing a bridge.
- (l) Observation points. Features from which surrounding country can be seen. Give true bearings to any prominent landmarks. If possible give bearings to same landmarks from a different point.
- (m) Cover from observation; aerial and ground.
- (n) Bivouac sites. Notes on water, accommodation, cover from observation, defence possibilities, native foods, pests, etc.
- (o) Possible landing grounds.
- (p) Existing signal communications.

<u>Distribution.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
15 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 2
17 Aust Inf Bde	3 - 6
24 Aust Inf Bn	7
2/3 Aust Indep Coy	8
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	9
WAU Fxd Def	10
BULOLO	11
RAE	12
Sigs	13
AASC	14
ANGAU (MARKHAM DIST)	15
Det 8 Fd Svy Coy, WAU	16
ALO, 'A' Flt 4 AC Sqn.	17
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HAND-OVER FILE

DOCUMENTS.

SERIAL No.	SUBJECT	REF No.	RUN	AREA	PHOTO No.	COPIES
1.	OP INSTN 2/7 BN No.8		5 in	OBSERVATION HILL	2	1
2.	OP INSTN No.7 KANGA		SERIES	" "	3	1
3.	OP INSTN No.8 17 BDE	Copy 2		" "	4	1
4.	OP INSTN No.9 17 BDE	" 1		PIMPLE AREA	11	1
5.	Policy for OPs MUBO	G13/21		WOODY ISLAND	12	1
6.	Use of MTN BTY	G4/18		" "	12	1
7.	Report Enemy Engagement LABABIA	C/14		" "	13	1
				" "	14	1
8.	Lieut TROON's Patrol Report DUALI	C/6		PIMPLE AREA	15	1
				KITCHEN CK	16	2
9.	Enemy Infn DUALI by Maj MCCADIE			KOMIATUM	16	1
				OBSERVATION HILL	16	1
10.	Infn re enemy DUALI by 2/5 BN			GREEN HILL	17	1
				DRY CK BED	17	1
11.	OPs DUALI, LABABIA I	G6/4		MUBO DROME	17	1
12.	Infn resume DUALI LABABIA Is			MUBO - VICKERS	17	1
				GREEN HILL	18	1
13.	Lieut WATSON's report	026		SKINDEWAI		2
14.	Tac/R report 11/4/43			DUALI - NASSAU BAY	2 to 18	1 set
15.	Tac/R report 10/5/43			SACHEN BAY	33 to 49	1 set
16.	Tac/R report 14/4/43			DUALI	1	1
17.	Tac/R report	G10/14		LABABIA ISLAND	1	1
18.	Brief of KITCHEN CK raid			LABABIA ISLAND	1	1
19.	Weather reports	G11/37		NASSAU BAY	1	1
				" "	1	1
				DUALI	1	1
				"	1	1
				"	2	1
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				BITOI OVERFLOW	2	1
				NASSAU BAY	3	1
				LABABIA ISLAND	3	1
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				BADEN BAY	6	1
				" "	7	1
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				NASSAU BAY	11	1
				BITOI OVERFLOW	14	1
				" "	15	1
				BADEN BAY	32	1
				DUALI	52	1
				"	53	1
				BITOI OVERFLOW	55	1
				NASSAU BAY	54 to 58	1 each
				DUALI	59	1

- AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS -

RUN	AREA	PHOTO No.	COPIES
85X	WAIPALI - LOKANU vert	1 to 29	1 set
83/M	SALAMAUA AREA Obliques	1 to 10	2 sets
"	" " "	11 to 15	1 set
35/1	GUADAGASAL - MUBO - SALAMAUA obliques	50	6
"	ditto	51 to 56	1 each
"	"	57 to	2
"	"	59 to	2
"	"	60	1
"	"	61	1
"	"	62	3
"	"	63 to 69	1 each
"	"	71	1
"	"	74	1
"	"	75	1
"	"	77	2
"	"	78	2
"	"	79 to 85	1 each
"	"	87	1
"	"	88	1
52/1	WAIPALI TRAIL	11	2
"	" "	12V	1
"	" "	15V	1
"	" "	17V to 19V	1 each
"	" "	38V	2
30/X	MAU - BAYERN BAY	33V to 36V	1 each
53/Y	VARIOUS RUNS R L & V	1 to 137	1 set
	Less :	14R	
		17R	
		95L	
		86L	
		99L	
		104V	
		129L	

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WITH COYS

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy 2/6 BN

83 SALAMAUA AREA obliques 2 to 4
1 each

35/1 GUADAGASAL - MUBO -
SALAMAUA 57 1
" ditto 58 1

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TEMPLATES

1 held by D Coy 2/6 BN
1 " " BnHQ.

TITLE	SCALE	COPIES	TITLE	SCALE	COPIES
MUBO LOCALITY	1/25000	4			
BUIGAP to LOKANU	4 in	6			
SKETCH MAP DUALI	4 in	1			
TRACK MAPS	2 miles to 1 in	10			
SALAMAUA REVISED	1 in	20			
PHOTO MAP WAU - SALAMAUA		12			
HUON GULF	4 miles = 1 in	12			
Mt MISSIM	1 in	9			
BULOLO	1 in	11			
WAU WEST REVISED	1 in	6			
SKETCH MAP MUBO AREA	4 in = 1 mile	4			
" " WAIPALI -MUBO	4 in = 1 mile	3			
BADEN BAY WEST	1 in	11			
LAE LOCALITY	1 in = 200 yds	2			
WAU EAST	1 in	2			
AIR PHOTO MAP WAIPALI		6			
" " " MUBO		14			
A.S.P.1		5			
A.S.P.2		4			
A.S.P.3		5			
A.S.P.4		5			
MUBO AREA SKETCH	1/4600	2			
SKINDEWAI - MAMBOO TRACKS		5			
MUBO	1/25000	42			
PANORAMA FROM LABABIA		1			
SKETCH DROPPING GROUND		1			
2/7 BN FIRE AND DEF PLAN		1			
2/7 BN ROUTINE PATROLLING PLAN		1			
ARTILLERY GRID	1/25000	1			
M.M.G. FIRE PLAN		1			
SIG DIAGRAM		1			
STEREOSCOPE		1			

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ENEMY MOVEMENTS BUIRIS CK AREA

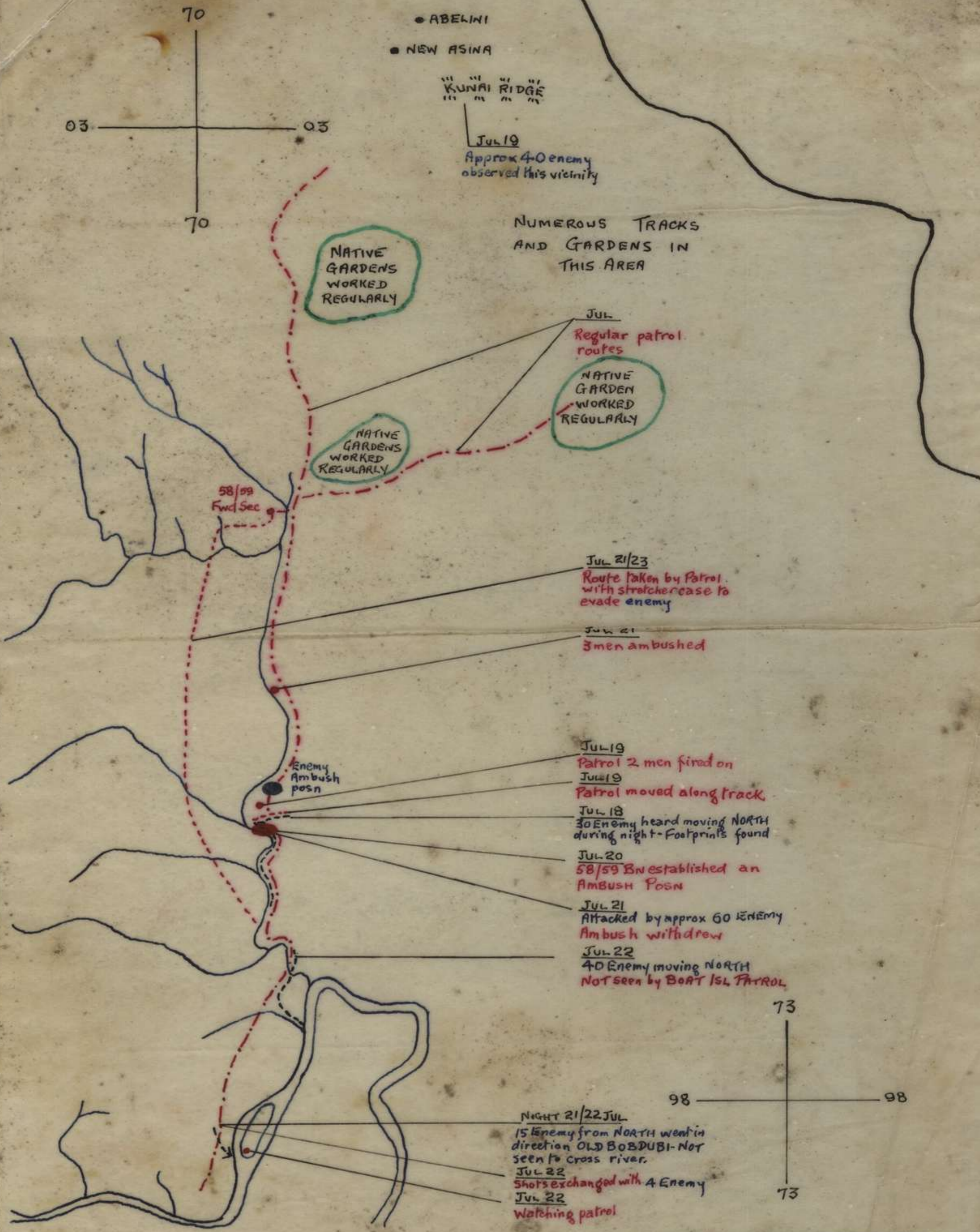
1. Recent activity observed indicates that the enemy has a more active interest in this area than was previously suspected.
2. Following is a list of the main enemy movements along the BUIRIS CK:
 - 18 Jul Approx 20 enemy heard moving north along BUIRIS CK night 17/18 Jul. Investigating patrol found footprints morning 18 Jul. These turned east from CK at approx 703994.
 - 19 Jul patrol moved to this track (703994) and were fired on 10 mins along it. 2 men fired on by enemy at approx 704995.
 - 20 Jul 58/59 Aust Inf Bn established ambush position 703994.
 - 21 Jul 3 men ambushed 703001. Our ambush at 703994 attacked by estimated 60 enemy. Ambush withdrew.
 - 22 Jul Night 21/22 Jul 15 enemy observed moving from north to vicinity ford at 702997. They went in the direction of OLD BOBDUBI but were NOT seen crossing R. A watching patrol established on BOAT IS 702997 saw 4 enemy in same position as above; shots exchanged, both parties dispersed. Reports received show that -
 - (a) Sec at 703010 had NOT been attacked.
 - (b) Approx 40 enemy had moved north up BUIRIS CK. (These had NOT been seen by the BOAT IS watching patrol.)
 - (c) BUIRIS CK track was more worn than previously.
3. Further to the information in para 2, is a report from a patrol that was in the area. The report states :
 - (a) Native gardens are numerous in the general area 700030 -730030-730010 - 700010. These gardens are worked regularly by natives. Recently pig traps have been dug in the gardens.
 - (b) On 19 Jul, approx 40 enemy seen on kunai ridge, sq 7103.
 - (c) When enemy ambushed party in BUIRIS CK, our troops cut track west from the sec post and back to the BUIRALI CK. (see sketch). This track was used to bring a stretcher case in to Bn HQ. The party observed signs of enemy movements in creeks and on ridges traversed by this track. Dog footprints were also seen in the same places. An OP is being established in the sq 6999 with the object of observing movement along the ck and particularly east towards WELA HILL area.

OVERLAY OF ENEMY MOVTS

BUIRIS CK AREA

To be superimposed over SALAMAU - KOMIATUM - 1:25000

27 BN



Traced by Sgt BURNHEIM F.J.
I Sec. HQ 15 AUST INF BDE

Information Supplied by
Cpl LESLIE J.B. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

ADM :

LOCATION OF BnHQ: known as Comd Camp, has Orderly Room, Q Store, RAP, Sig Office, sleeping quarters with bunks for about 80, 2 kitchens, mess hut, Bakehouse.

A number of unoccupied and uncomplete huts could be used to accomodate a Med Post and personnel required for any special task up to total of 150.

Actual Comd Post at _____ to be constructed to accomodate Comd, Adjt, Sig terminal etc..

<u>STAGES</u>		
SUNSHINE	Accomodation 20,	cooking done by 24 Bn. Useless as a stage.
MUMENG	Acc 80. Blankets held 60,	cooking arrangements adequate, Rations held 50. AASC hold 100 reserve. A well run camp with RAPP
PARTEP II	Acc 80. Blankets held 90.	Cooking arrangements inadequate. Rations held 100 AASC nearby reserve. Not yet as finished as it should be.

REMARKS Both these camps would need to accomodate at least one Coy. Some further supplies of blankets and extension of cooking facilities are necessary.

L of C :

JEEPHEAD at SUNSHINE.

Sunshine to MUMENG Boyline up to 200.

MUMENG to PARTEP II. Pack Tpt about 50 mules and horses.

PARTEP fwd - Boyline.

ZENAG DROME - dropping ground for ASC supplies ONLY, cleared to PARTEP II by Pk Tpt.

AASC have depots at SUNSHINE and PARTEP with a representative at MUMENG.

ANGAU at SUNSHINE and PARTEP.

REMARKS : Jeep track being constructed from SUNSHINE at present about 1/2 hour past SUNSHINE but lacks box culverts to make track passable. Once onto DUCHATELS DROME should be easily constructed.

B ECH :

No purpose would be served by having B Echelon astride the L of C, the Staging camp at PARTEP in close proximity to ANGAU and AASC would seem best. A fwding agent and rear store could be kept at SUNSHINE.

GENERAL :

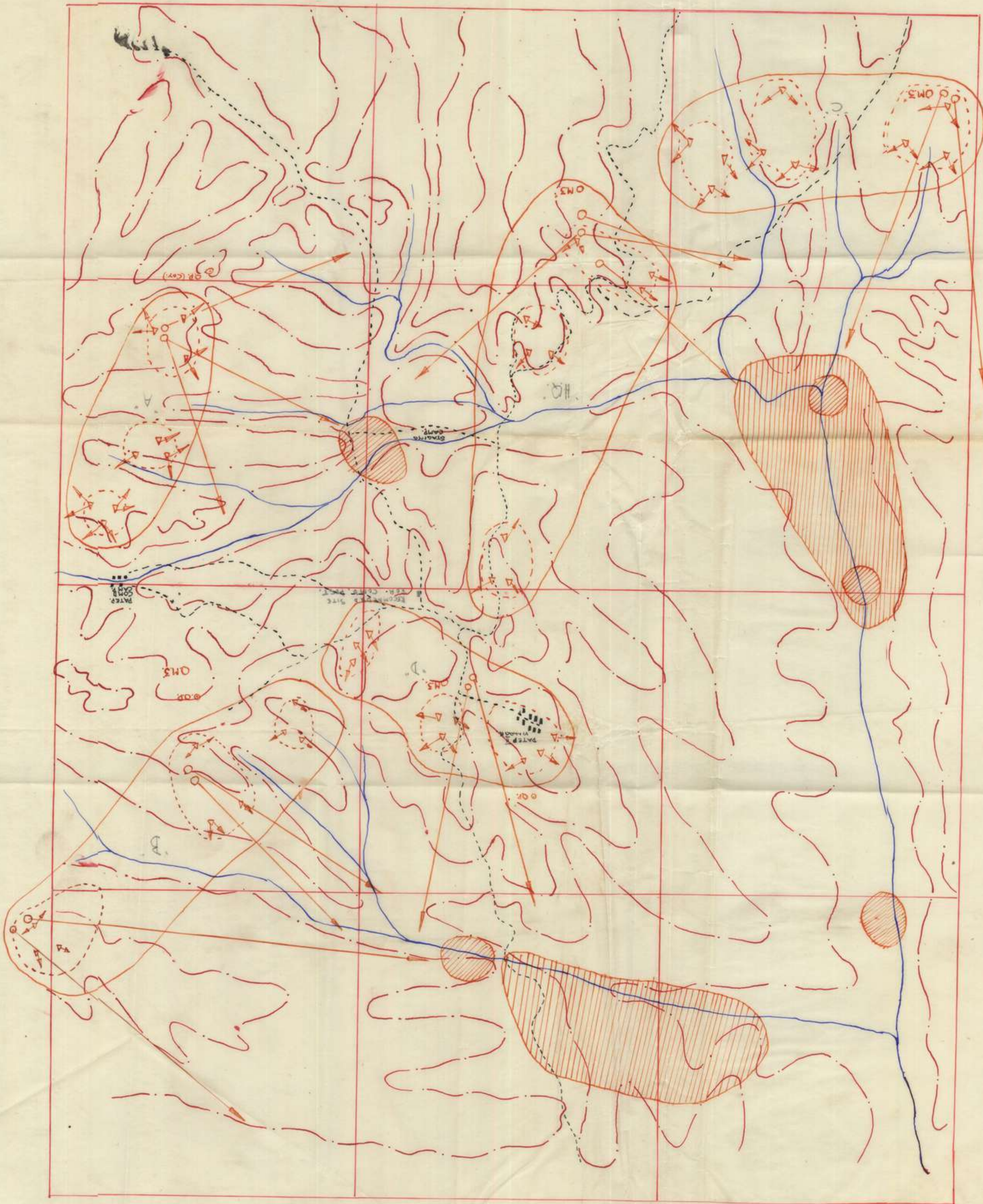
Water supplies are easily obtainable at all points.

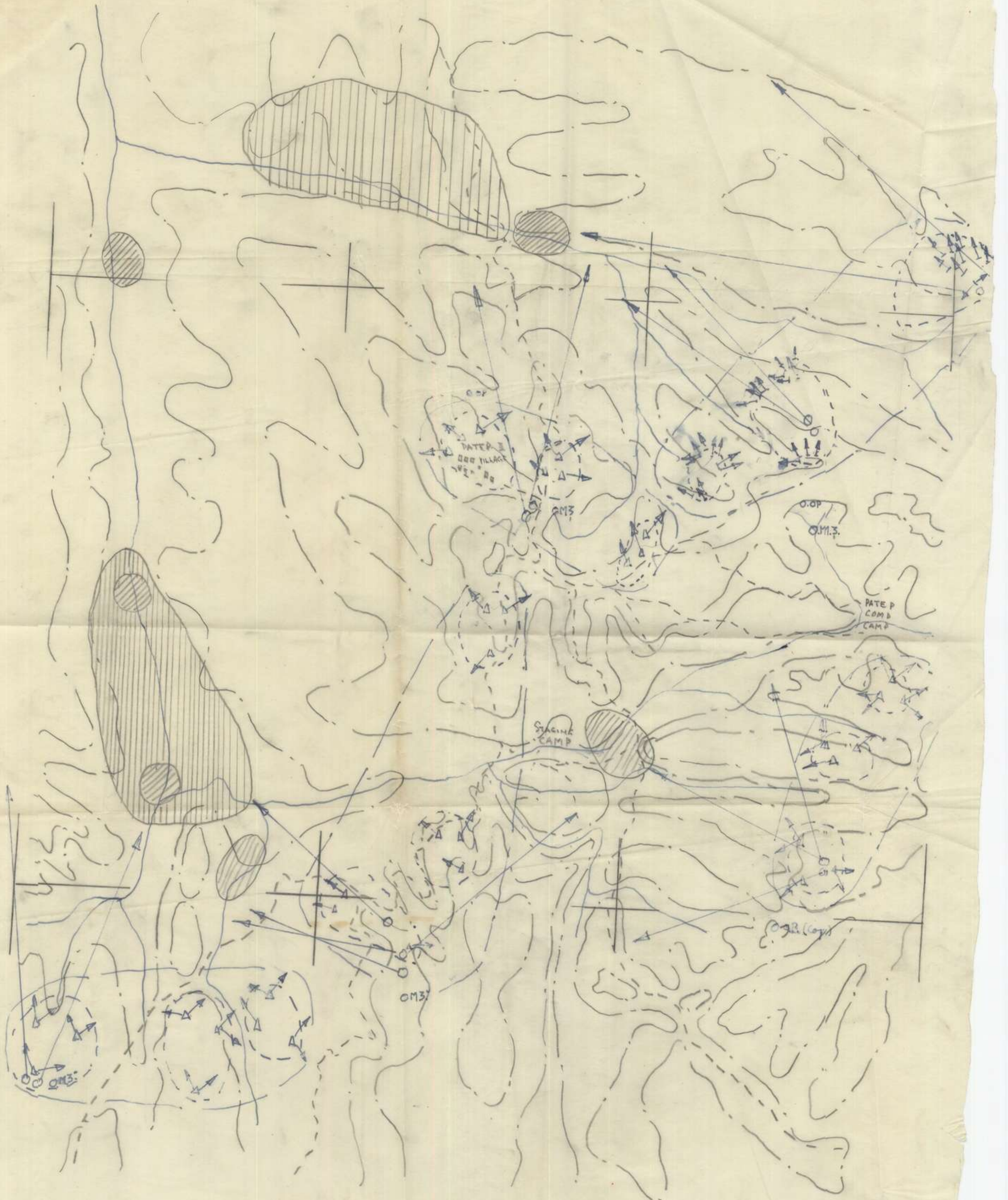
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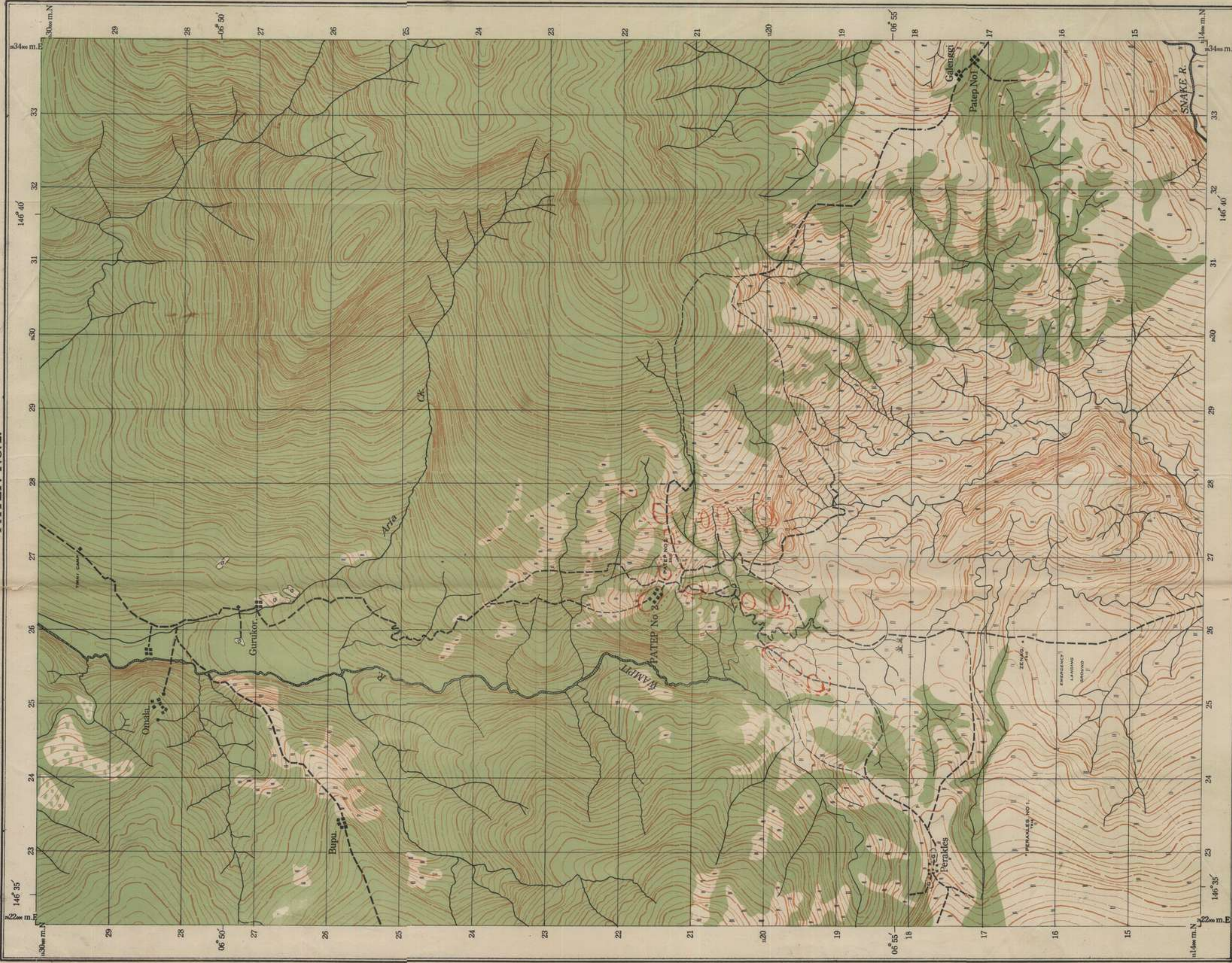
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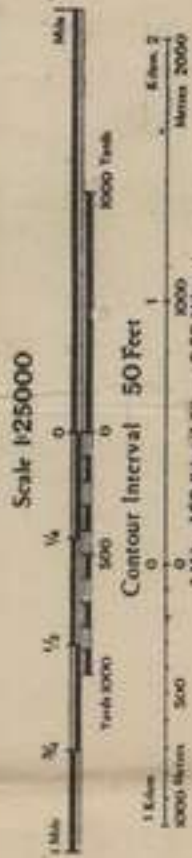
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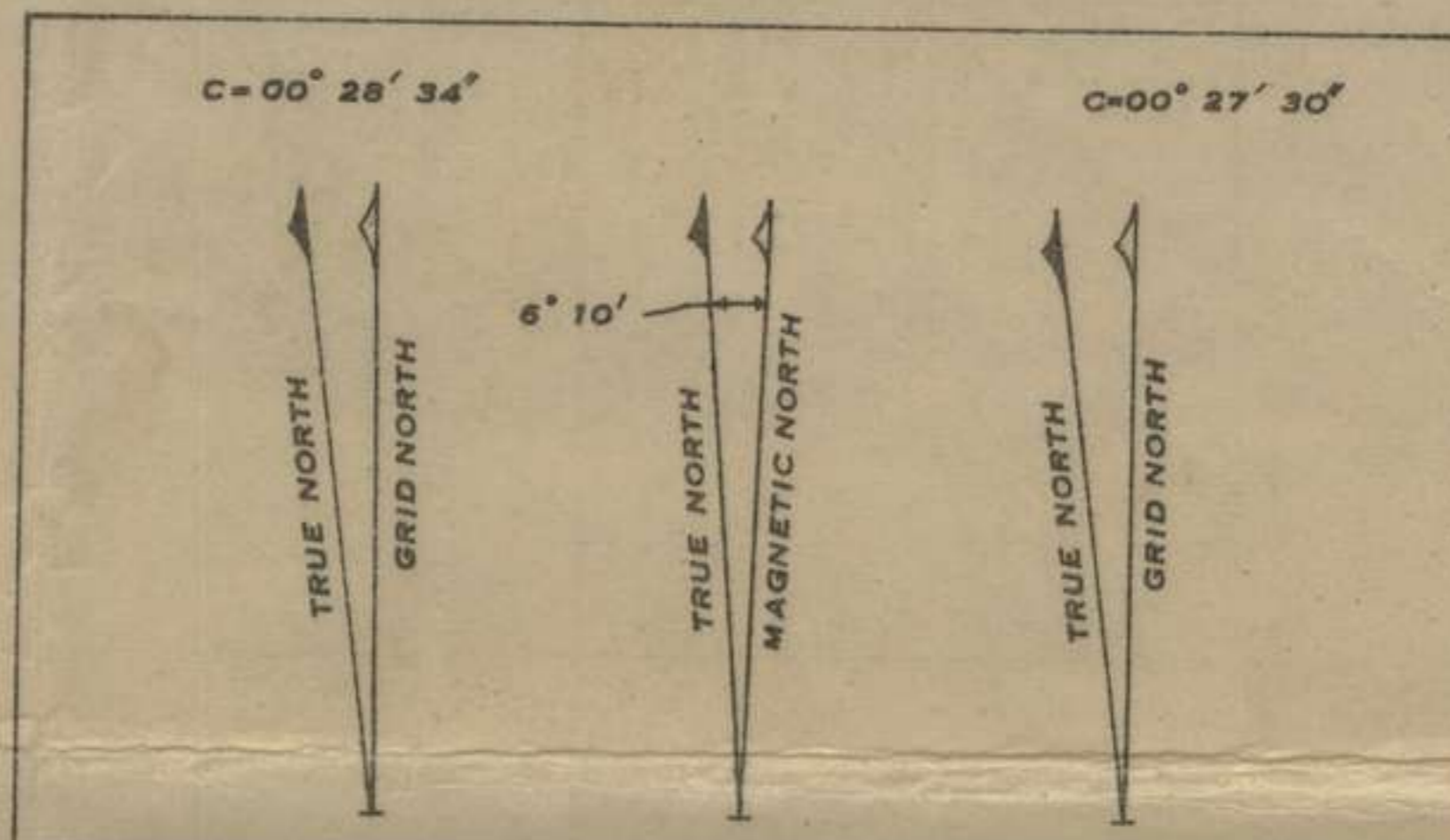
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875	17 th Dec	2114	2200			Q68	returning NE 1035 K/1 @ similar plane observed flying NE 1150 K/1 @ LABABIA OP reports smoke observed southern shore HUON GULF bearing 13 deg MAG 1045 K/1 A boy 2/6 Bm will stage BANANA night 1/2 Jun will arrive MAT MAT approx 1200 hrs 2 Jun @ remainder of schedule unchanged.
876				FOX AREA 1555	I356		forward @ SOLID
877	17 th Dec	1550	1616			0191	air strike not advised
878	17 th Dec	1820				I357	Sidcup So 1800 K/1 @ enemy mortar opened fire 1700 K/1 @ three rounds VICKER'S area saw rounds MUBO. drone three rounds drone to food MAT MAT feed area @ Mdn. trip fired 5 rounds KITCHEN CK area suspected pos enemy gun 1730 K/1 @ O.P. reports smoke observed 1 deg north SALAMAU 1240 K/1 @ fire observed KITCHEN CK 1535 K/1 @ Patrol number 41 strength 30s moved out 0730 K/1 returned 1430 K/1 @ route out along gap track returning same route @ Maria sin @ patrol moved food gap track to pos reached patrol 39 @ moved 40 yards to East then food 60 yards @ Shumping heard direction track 100 yards food assumed

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867	(cont)						SKINDEWAI @ E Coy 2/6 Bn arrived GUADAGASAL @ D Coy 2/1 Bn staging MCDUFFS between SKINDEWAI and HOUSE BANANA @ 1500K/31 B Coy 2/5 Bn plus small numbers B HQ HQ C and D boys arrived WAN from BULOLO @ LAE OP @ 0930K/31 bombing attack LAE @ heavy bombs NE MT LUNAMAN @ 4 bombs on old wreck @ 3 bombs mainly AA positions SE end of airfield all informed
868				5AF SAGP	0635	I352	CAT 90 unlimited
869				176de	0715	I353	ref to 0700 K/1 @ patrol number 41 strength 3 OR proved out 0615 K/31 see enemy ambush pap track at A boys old pen
870				176de	0803	W1	AIR STRIKE @ ref air photo 59 @ 35M @ GUADAGASAL MUBO SALAMAVA 57/63 @ NOT coordinated with ground ops mit @ patrols report enemy has increased strength of AMBUSH points OBSERVATION Hill to average strength 20 @ request bombing shuffling concentrations for AM 2 JUNE in following AMBUSH areas B5U7 B8U8 C3T4 @ patrol will follow STRIKE @ own ops SOUTH bimline D7R6 BDT9
871				5AF SAGP	0815	I354	CAT 12 unlimited
872	FIBA	0805	0820			W092	ref to 0800 K/1 @ sitnor
873	KODU	0845	0850			W2	ref @ sitnor patrols out as advised
874				176de	1210	I355	ref to 1200 K/1 @ 0900 K/1 five MITCHELL bombers flew over area in southerly direction @ 1012 K/1 twin engine v/1 bomber flew high over area towards SW

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883				17bde	2050	0112	<p>1st Coy sent 5 into KITCHEN CK area on suspected gun from 1730K/1 o 2/5/ Bulha opened Ballamos 476676 at 1120K/9 o from PL Mr Duff 568740 o Wau East. ref map MVB0 locality 1/25000 o note made by comd 2/7 low WAIPALI area for suitability for dropping ground o this area not suitable o suggest extension geological dropping ground by clearing southern end ref 2714 o Guide circled by plane would increase capacity to see planes over area at same time</p>
884	17bde	0600	0740			1356	<p>See rep 79 So 0600K/20 No change</p>
885				17bde	2200	1358	<p>patrol report o patrol number 37 moved out 0730K/30 returned 0830K/1 strength 2 ORs o route out from Labaha OP to Bira River thence east along Bira to river junction ref Mulo locality 1/25000 6445 o Narrative o patrol moved from Labaha OP north down spur to Bira River ref 4949 o faint track found north side river followed to ref 5253 where river was crossed to south bank o faint track continued to ref 6246 where track branched o southern branch followed up LABABIA station and track to river junction contacted o faint track located was difficult to follow and in bad state due to mud slide o patrol number 35 strength 1 offr 1 OR moved out 0730K/30 returned 1000K/1 o narrative</p>

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							digging @ heard rifle ceased thumping noise ceased @ 1st Lt withdrew to listening post no further not heard @ OP reports 1820K/1 three boats all carrying several persons moved from DUALI to LABABIA ISLAND @ One power driven two rowing boats Setup 78 to 1900K/1 @ Enemy mortar fire 1700K/1 rd! VICKERS area 3rd rd MUBO drone 3rd rd drone to foot of MAT MAT feature @ 5th rd KITCHEN CK area on suspected gun gun at 1730K/1 @ 2/5 1st rd @ opened. BALLAMS 476676 at 1200K/1 @ PNR PL. McDUFFES 568 740. WMAU. EAST all informed
879	17th Lt. 1915	2000					1st Lt Denimore reported that at 2100K/1 15 PL heard not in sight WEST - MATMAT @ Coy STOOD/TO
880	Coy 2130						1st Lt Denimore reported Coy STANDING DOWN 2200K/1 no further not had been heard @ not had rounded like twigs crackling @ Coy will STAND-TO 15 minutes earlier 2 JUNE @
881	Coy 2155						Setup 78 to 1900K/1 @ enemy mortar fire 1700K/1 3rd rd VICKERS area 3rd rd rounds MUBO drone 3rd rd drone to foot MAT MAT feature @ mt
882	17th Lt. 1915	2000					

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					Patrol moved with 36 37. Patrols from Lalabra OP north to Bita Rena rd 4949. Patrol then moved west 100 ft above river on southern side eventually climbing 500 ft above river. Progress impeded by fallen trees & steep encounter after 1000' moved to 50 ft above river. Patrol track found on approaching GREEN HILL. Area country vicinity river flattened out but thickly covered by jungle. Green Hill well steep jungle covered. moved 100 yds into flat. Patrols but ground in clearing empty of vegetation apparently recently opened for but a patrol continued to rd 3851 where features both sides river extremely steep. a spur GREEN HILL to BUICAP river visible but actual gaps not observed. Patrol returned to rd 4247 then moved up feature to Lalabra OP.
886			17Bde 0700		strip 75 to 1900K/1. 3rd Lt Siv advised. 1430K/1 90 gaps fully equipt moved south along KOMINTUM track. 30 coolies detained followed by 12 yaps.
887			17Bde 0715 0359		strip to 0700K/2. enemy with direct further two two rounds. Lower slopes Mt Mat totalling 90 yds 1700K/1 to 1805K/1. usual few Army let area also new fire of Mabo locality 1/25000 3956 observed 1830K/1 OP reports aerial activity direction SE 0300K/2 to 0330K/2.

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							up plane flew to NE 0605K/2 two explosions heard northern shore Suva Gulf
888				17 bde	1155	0113	<p>air strikes of ref air photo 78/0 of strikes not coordinated with ground the most recent patrolling indicates increased enemy activity in Pimple Green Hill Buzgiff like areas a request bombing striking concentrations AM 3 Jan following areas of enemy consolidation along gap track in area ref 037V5 of enemy from Pimple of 036V4 of enemy left to Pimple of 036V4 036V9 033V4 of enemy concentration GREEN HILL areas ref 32Y2 035W7 039W5 of enemy into first PM 1 Jan from Pimple area ref 038W5 of line of Buzgiff like low ref 039W0 to terminal area of 038X2 which along CX running NE to area ref 027Y8 when long fire observed late PM 1 full for first time indicating enemy has moved on our the south bank from 049V3 040V8 030V8 & no harassing strikes have been carried out these areas since 9 MAY</p>
889				17 bde	1215	14	<p>strip to 1200K/2 of Sabara 9P photo square located south end Sabara Island apparently fishing 10830 K/2 of 12 up seen engines up observed west of 0P0 flying NW direction of enemy twin engines up observed flying south to north of explosion heard immediately</p>

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5		3 Div	0700		UR	Sitrep to 0700K/3 @ sitinov challenge to play 2/5 Bn aust Rules football next Sunday. Challenge accepted by Maj Dunkley. 2/5 Bn will provide their own rations if we provide some place to cook and eat same. A Coy suggested.
6	verbal message		0830			capt Scott 2/5 Bn.
7	2/7 SKINDY		0830	0915	A76	19 OR's departed 0745 @ lunch SUMMIT ETA BALLAMS 1000.
8	ADV 17 Bde		1100	1420	0207	please advise this H.Q. by 5 June of all personell who have taken more than 3 weeks to reach first aust con reception camp returning from schools on the mainland. (repeated to B. below)
9	17 BDE		1912	2025	i468	sitrep as to 1800K/3 @ MUBO AREA @ patrols laid 21 grenade Booby traps 2950 @ patrols parallel route JAP TRACK heard voices and scrub cutting vicinity former H.Q. A Coy 2/7 Bn @ B Coy 2/6 Bn stage HOUSE BANANA tonight all informed.

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10	3DIV		2005	2225	03277	Secret 0 Sitrep 86 2000K/3 0 MARKHAM area 0 1452K/3 24Br penetrated beyond old JAP ambush posn MARKHAM POINT 0 when returning contacted party 6/8 JAPS at ambush posn 0 fire exchanged 0 our casualties NIL ENEMY casualties NOT known 0 MISSIM area 0 0724K/3 H.Q. 15 Bde left BULWA 0 1500K/3 arrived BRANCH CK 0 MUBO area 0 B coy 2/6 Br staging house banana 0 WAU BULOLO area 0 K/3 B and D coys arrived all informed.
11	3DIV		2220	0700	03278	2/7 Br will relieve C coy 2/5 Br from guard duties at FSD by 10 June 0 responsibility for patrol BLACK CAT remains 2/5 Br responsibility until further notice
12	17Bde		0707	0730	i474	Sitrep 832 0700K/4 0 sitrep
13	3DIV		0750		i3	Sitrep to 0700K/4 0 sitrep
14	3DIV		0915	03281		Secret 0 Sitrep 829 K/4 0800 0 Sitrep 0
15	2/7 SKINDY		0830	1040	A80	2 offrs 80R0 depart 0830 lunch SUMMIT stage BALLAMIS ^{ETA} 1600
16	2/7 SKINDY		0830	1040	0332	Col Guinness and Capt. Dixon depart SKINDY 0830 hrs 0 please arrange tpt. at jeephead at 1500 hrs.
17	3DIV		1325		i4	loc state 1300 hrs 4 JUN 0 B.H.Q. GORDONS FARM H.Q. coy SWIMMING POOL area 0 A coy in area known as D coy reserve area WAU DEFENCE PLAN 0 C coy in port IR W.D. PLAN. 0 B and D coys BULOLO

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18	SUMMIT			1405	NC 78	2 offrs 34 OR's C. Coy depart 1300 hrs transport arranged to W... could you provide quarters and evening meal.
19	217 SKINDY		1200	1440	A 82	15 OR's departed 1200 stage SUMMIT ETA 1600 hrs
20	1305		1430	1545	A 36	Ref Skind Div RO 176 at N4F rd A221 also N4F 22190 Please send return soon EST possible 0 attention also directed to Stra Div RO 176
21	WAY				199	Motor Detel. 215 on will carry out MORTAR shoot at 1430 to FRIDAY 4 0 Maj ref WAY Secality 1" 1 mile 421695 0 ALL 61
22	17 Bde	1930	1930	2035	A 476	Sitrep 84 to 1900 K/4 0 Lababia OP reports a/c heard to SE flying SOUTH 1245 K/4 0 1740 K/4 OP reports small craft left Lababia Island towards DUALI appeared heavily laden contained two occupants
23		3 DIV	0740		i 5	Sitrep 85 at 0700 K/5 0 sitnos.
24	17 Bde		0707		i 478	Sitrep 85 to 0700 K/5 0 sitnos.
25		3 Ant			6 6	Reece for 20 WAW Secality 20 Bulolo Mfco. to 3 Ant 9212
26		3 Div	0830	1010	03293	Secret 0 Sitrep 89 to 0800 K/5 MISSIM area 0 0725 K/4 HQ 15 Bde left BRANCH UK 1600 K/4 arrived BAIUND all informed
27	17 Bde		0845	1130	I 479	following received from 3 Div 0 air attacks by 3 A/C on KOMIATUM - SALAMAVA track 0 ref photo AE (12) from AE A6T7 to AE A2Y4 approved 0 own troops NORTH and WEST of bombline 0 grid lines AR and AE 3 0 second 0 air attack by 3 Div A/C PIMPLE GREEN HILL area ref photo 78 0 track 036V4 to 034V9 to 033V4 to clearing 038W5 mortar posts to 039W0 to 035X2 (NE) along creek to 037Y8 0 own troops south of bombline 049U3 040U8 030U8 0 attack will be made either 5 6 Jun 0 Date 4 T. 0 T advise later
28		3 DIV	1900		i 7	Sitrep to 1900 K/5 0 sitnos
29	3 DIV		2023	2200	03305	Secret 0 Sitrep 90 to 2000 K/5 MISSIM 0 MUNN O.P. 0 1330 K/5 12 BOSTONS strafed south to north mouth of Fricco bothmas airfield 0 2 bombs dropped vicinity isthmus 0 H7 AA fire mouth of Fricco river 0 1410 K/5 one Jap aircraft made strafing runs SE to NW on east side of MISSIM 0 1412 K/5 Jap new A/C circled HOTE and CISEMBOB 0 0800 K/5 HQ 15 Bde left BAUINE

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29 cont.						1205K/5 arrived POLNONG @ 1400 1500K/5 208 Japs moved SOUTH towards KOMIATUM @ 110 Japs moved NORTH towards SALAMAHA @ LAE OP 1320K/5 are HAP patrolling MALANANG airfield @ WAW BULOLO area @ Camp east WAW area @ all informed
30		3DIV	0710		i 8	litref to 0700K/6 @ sitref
31	17Bde		0710	0820	i 485	litref 87 to 0700K/6 sitref all informed
32	3Aust215					Sitref 88 to 2000 hrs K/4 MARKHAM Area @ 1025K/4 Patrol 24 Bn report JAP but ref sitref 95 occupied by small party Japs @ MISSIM area @ 4pm H.A. D. Coy 216 Bn arrived BOBADU from PILLIMUNG @ WAW-BULOLO Area @ H.R. at A by 2/4 B. established in WAW area. all informed.
33		3DIV	1130		i 9	ack OP inst No 4. Eight Enemy planes bombed strafed WAW drone and vicinity @ 0445K/6 @ 4pm 2/5 two bombs hit log area Two bombs on drone @ ONE building destroyed ONE slightly damaged No personnel damage to Drone @ No casualties @ C. Coy report No Bombs or Drooping in Area @
34	3DIV		2021	0700	03315	Secret @ litref 93 to 2000K/6 MISSIM area @ 16 fl 24 Bn left 2 plcs moved from BOBADU to OHIBE @ 1130K/6 @ Coy 58/59 Bn arrived BRANCH CK from BULWA @ WAW BULOLO area @ during air attack ref 92 2 A/C strafed MJS WAW @ no damage no casualties @ inspection WAW airfield show it completely serviceable @ all informed
35		3DIV	0715		i 11	sitref to 0700K/7 @ sitref
36	15Aust		2200		1484	Sitref 88 to 1900K/6 @ A/C which alt'd WAW flew WEST over GUARDASAL-SKINDEWA 0920R/6 @ 0930 hrs JAP single engine A/C left on previously through EASTING course SOUTH of SKINDEWA apparently from NEILS CK continued to BITOI @ 0935 JAP A/C 2 engine make flew SOUTH crossed LABADIA O.P. OBS Hill - MAT MAT area then SOUTH along coast returned NORTH 0945/6 all informed
36			1120		03310	91. Sitref at 300K/6 Biton
37						Sitref 92 to 1100K/6 WAW BULOLO area 0920/0940K/6. 16 Japs Vals. 4 Japs H.A. B. and strafed WAW area @ target varied 2500/3000 ft 2 Bn on str

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							after in northern direction @ 1200K/2. Two more boats are containing two occupants other unknown number moved from Duali Point Island Island @ relief Recv. OP effected 0900K/2 @ 2/6 bn took over comd area 1200K/2
890				17 bde	1210	0114	HR 2/7 chv close Guadalguanal 1200K/2 @ open Wau 1200K/2
							Setref 91 [unclear] - Notes added in 30 mins @ 3 holes in WIRRFWDY still possible @ no communication reported to date @ AA hit one a/c observed smoking and falling height direction BLACK-CNT. 0933K/6 Bulolo AA find on 3 HAPS returning from WAD. Nil result further detail later all informed
37		0850		14 Bde	0915	1491	Setref 89 to 0700K/4.6 Setref @ all informed
		1300		3A [unclear]	0915	0182	Setref 94 0900K/7 @ 10435 K/6 @ one JAP a/c detected WATE comd LABABIA OP - OBS - HILL - MAT MAT all informed
38		1300		WAV FIX DEP			2/5 Bn will hold 2 positions shot 1400 hrs SAT K/12 @ [unclear] Ref WAVEHOL-ALITY 426696 to 421695 @ all informed

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39	B DIV	2250	No 30				Unit locations @ 2 nd Bn @ Bn HQ A Coy BALLANS B Coy less 1 pl WIRE BRIDGE one pl KAISINIK @ P Coy HQ KAISINIK one pl WAU v/c 2/25 FD PK one pl EDIE CREEK v/c one Aust supply depot one pl BLACK CAT FRAZERS MINE @ D Coy SUMMIT @ HQ Coy less mortar pl and PNR pl CRYSTAL CREEK @ Mortars detached to coys @ pmr pl. McDUFFS @ 2 nd Bn ref map MUBO LOCALITY @ BN HQ QUAD HQ ASAL 2717 @ A Coy HQ plus subsec 2 pl sec 3 pl MAT MAT 3140 @ 7 pl less one sec 3139 @ one sec 7 pl BITOI BR 3134 @ 8 pl less one sec MAT MAT 2939 @ one sec 8 pl VICKERS RIDGE 2542 @ 9 pl MAT MAT 2345 @ B Coy HQ HOUSE KIAP 1212 10 pl plus det Mortars WIPALI 1716 @ 11 pl less one sec @ 11 @ one sec 11 pl HOUSE DOCTOR BOY 1211 @ 2 DRS JUNCTION CAMP @ 12 pl VICKERS RIDGE 3741 @ C Coy HQ with subsection MMG det mortars 3223 @ D Coy HQ plus 4 pl and det

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39	Cont						<p>mortar BASE CAMP 38380 16 pl 17 pl LABABIA RIDGE 39400 18 pl RIVER JUNE 6545 0 8 ORS LABABIA OP 4542 0 MG PL 2/7 Bn one pl 7 MG Bn one sec MG pl 2/6 Bn TRACK JUNCTION 2425 0 Remainder 17 0 Coy 2/6 Bn SKINDEWAI in Transit GUADAGASAL all informed</p>
40				3 Div	1910	112	2 pl arrived HQ in area 1600k/7 0 situation sitna
41	3 Div	1920	0700			1497	<p>sitna 90 to 1400k/7 0 0906k/7 up a/c flew high over mulo area low north to south 0 0910k/7 up a/c heard to east of Pandai heading north very high</p>
42	17 Bde		0800			1498	<p>sitna 91 to 0700k/8 0 w/ map mulo locality 0 0830k/7 vicinity 704845 by patrol 54 and native patrol came independently 0 search revealed footprints 3 or 3 gaps 0 0800k/7 pl MG low left Hill 7 0</p>
43				3 Div	0715	113	sitna to 0700k/8
44	3 Div					3333	Secret 0 0800k/8 0 Sitna all informed
45	Colley	0800	1000			118	<p>2/5 Bn conducting TRF shoot 9-10 June Area ref W170 Area locality H 426696 0 direction 225° from 426696</p>
46				3 Div	1900	115	Sitna to 1900k/8

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47	12 Bgd	1915				1505	Sitrep 92- 1900 1/2 @ Ten explosions and no fire heard towards DUALI 0900- 0930 hrs and further two 1100 hrs otherwise SITREP
48	East Div	2020				08742	Secret @ Sitrep 97 to 2000 1/2 @ MARKHAM AREA @ AM 8 JUN our recon patrol vicinity gap camp MARKHAM point fired on by LMG several rifles @ casualties nil @ MUBO AREA @ LABABIA OP 0900 to 0930 1/2 ten explosions and no fire heard location DUALI @ 1100 1/2 two further explosions all informed
49	East Div	2025				08791	SECRET @ Sitrep 95 to 2000 1/2 @ MISSIM AREA @ 7 Jun HQ D Coy 24 Bn plus one sect 16 pl left OHIBE for DHHO @ MUBO AREA @ result our air attack 1000 1025 1/2 @ approx 12 bombs dropped and strapping runs from MUBO airfield up BITOI and BULCAP to 700880 MUBO 1/25000 @ all bombing and strapping extremely accurate @ IAF OP @ 0550 1/2 one Liberator dropped 6 bombs TERRACE area @ apparently incendiary and the TERRACE and north end WEST RUNWAY @ 0607 1/2 bombs dropped NW MT LUMMANAN all informed

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50				3 Div	0715	116	Sitna to 0700 K/9
51	17 Bde	0718				110	Sitna 93 to 0700 K/9 @ Sitna all informed
52	3 Div	0815	0830			0534	subp to 0800 K/9. Mission area 2359 K/8. 15 a/c and 1000 look over cond of all the air Mission area and on power house following Lofc.
53				3 Div	1915	117	Sitna to 1900 K/9
54				3 Div	0735	118	Sitna to 0700 K/10
55	17 Bde	0720	0800			119	subp 95 to 0700 K/10. Sitna
56	3 Div	0815	0830			03360	subp 100 to 0800 K/10. Sitna
57				3 Div		120	ack message Wau Buloh. area for period 1700 K/8 to 1659 K/15
58				3 Div		119	ack inter service recognition procedure copy 13
59	3 Div	2015	1130			03384	Secret @ subp 99 to 2000 K/9 @ MARKHAM @ patrol 24 Bul report. No enemy WEST of Deep Creek @ our ops in force on west bank @ MISSIM @ 1800 K/8 Day 58/59 Bw arrived PUNMUNG all informed
60	17 Bde	1915	1130			117	Subp 94 to 1900 K/9 @ Sitna
61				WAV COYS	1700	121	Message for period 1700 K/10 to 1700 K/11. GLOBULE
62				3 Div	1910	122	Sitna to 1900 K/10
63	3 Div	1930	2000			124	subp 96 to 1900 K/10. ref map Wau West. Coys 26 in loc 1 pl 452677. on pl loc see blackst. on sk Kaserik @ Mulo area. ref map Mulo 1/2500. listening post 6948 kb exchanged shots with

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							Two japs 1245K/10. Cas one wounded enemy unknown & patrol searched area without result & special patrol along Beta track reached approx 792838 nil report.
64				3 Div	0715	123	Patrol to 0700K/11
65	17 Bde	0710	0830			6527	Patrol 97 to 0700K/11. Status
66	3 Div	0815	0930			63873	Patrol to 0800K/11. Markham Area. If strip 1st two men identified as natives wearing shorts to Mission. 2/3 and 1st patrolled with Francisco River reports 12 japs digging 710001. Out sep.
67				all comp	1445	124	Strip from 2000K/7 to 0700K/11. MARKHAM area. AM 8 JUN - vicinity JAP camp MARKHAM hit fire on by LMG and rifles. One cas nil. Patrol 24 Bn report NO enemy WEST of DEEP CK. One the in form on WEST bank of MISSIM area 10 jun 2/3 incl. sep. patrol. NORTH FRANCISCO report japs digging in at 710001. ref SALAMAU revised. MUBO area. LABABIA OP reports 10 explosions and MG fire heard near DUALI from 0700 to 0930K/8 and further 2 explosions at 1800. Air strike on PIMPLE GREEN HILL KITCHEN CK STONY CK 1000 to 1025K/9 dropped 14 Bombs and many straffing runs reported very accurate. 2 japs approached our listening post PIMPLE area.

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67 cont.							shots exchanged @ out cas 1 wounded JAP cas unknown patrols searched area without result
68				all corps: 1415	125		password from 1700K/11 to 1659K/12 @ STILTS
69				3 lvs	1900	126	Prep as at 1900 hrs. K/11 @ Refuse
70	126de	1915	2100			533	Sidrep gr. 1900K/11 @ MUBO AREA @ ref map MUBO 1:25000 MAT MAT OP at 682850 reports 0945K/11. 3 to 4 Japs crossed BITOI from east at approx 692866 @ between 1600 and 1700 K/11 further 12 Japs crossed same direction @ 2/5 hrs @ ref map WAU. loc 4 WAU. map A @ C. Coy less 2 pls at 452677 @ 1 pl KAISINIK. 1 pl FRAZER'S MINE @ D. Coy less 2 pls Summit 2 pls SKINDY enroute BANANA @ all informed
71	3 lvs	2017				0 3279	Secret @ Sidrep 108 to 2000K/11 @ MISSIM area @ 0940K/11 WELL'S O.P. @ 8 Mitchels made several low level attacks on footbridge near FRANCISCO RIVER @ 30x destroyed @ Japs now using boats to cross river @ ACK ACK, KELA HILL JUNG ISTHMUS and mainland south end of airfield @ 0945K/11 4 Beaufighters STRAFED own ops on GUADAGASAL RIDGE @ own cas NIL @ 2 natives slightly wounded approx 200 missing @ All informed

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72				3 Lhw	0700	127	Pichep So 0700 K/12 @ Pichur
73	3 Lhw	202	0620			337	SECRET @ SITREP 101 So 2000 K/10 MARKHAM AREA 1410K/10 BENS OP observed 2 men at 133 443 NADZAB one in h pachel investigating MISSIM AREA ref SALAMAVA road road pachel north of NAMLING 7/9 JUNE reports enemy occupying GWAI BOLON 705983 701987 hut at 692987 Jap search post 200 yards west GWAI BOLON @ MUBO AREA @ 9 JUNE pachel along south arm BITOI fired on at 815526 MUBO 1:25,000 by LMG one officer believed killed @ 1245 K/10 listening post 694846 exchanged shots with 2 Japs @ Our casualties one wounded enemy casualties unknown @ All informed
74	12 Lhw	0726	0645			1524	Pichep 99 So 0700 K/12 @ Pichur all informed
75				along 1000		128	libel to 0700 K/12 @ MUBO area @ MATIAT OP report 300 Japs crossed Bitoi Rv from EAST near STONYER 0945 K/14 further 12 at 1400 1700 @ 4 BEAUFIGHTERS straffed area on GURDAGASAL RIDGE @ own cas nil @ 2 natives slightly injured approx 300 missing @ patrol to coast fired on by LMG 9 JUNE one officer believed killed @ MISSIM area @ near patrol north of NAMLING 7/9 JUNE

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75 cont							report enemy occupying GWARIBOLON OWELLS OP reports 8 MITCHELLS made several low level attacks on footbridge near FRANCISCO RV 30 yds of bridge destroyed & japs now using boats to cross river SALAMOVA OP reports heavy explosion KEHA PT.
76				3DIV	1902	129	sitrip to 1900K/12 @ sitrip
77	3 Dec 1942					3991	Secret @ Sitrip 105 to 2000K/12 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 0830K/12 one jap. rece A/C circled 0109041302 since 2326K/12 2 japs rece A/C A/C circled WAMPIT @ 1015K/12 let. by patrol towards BWUSS1 heard 20/40 rifle shots approx LR 5320 HUON GULF special @ MISSIM AREA 0900K/12 D. Coy 58/59 bw left less 18 pl. came under cond 2/3 indep. coy and moved to SELEBUBARRISING 1200K/12 @ 11 japs repairing bridge mouth FRANCISCO river @ MUBO AREA @ 1110 1205K/12 one type Val A/C received LofC between SOMMIT and BILLAMSO also circled MUBO @ WAU BUOLO from south to north height 1200 feet @ all informed
78	12 Dec 1942					1439	Sitrip 100 to 1800K/12 @ ref map MUBO 1:25,000 @ 2/6 lens @ during day total 10 japs generally heavily equipped and

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							with LMA crossed BITO 1 from EAST at 190806 @ Spanish rifles only crossed from WEST @ 1/5 hrs @ HQ Coy less pioneer pl BALLAMS par pl McDUFFS @ A. Coy Summit B Coy less epl McDUFFS 2 pl BANANA @ 1110K/13 4 single engine aircraft flew down BUISAVIAL passing SOUTH of GUAPAGASAL and SKINDI 3/5000 feet @ followed over SKINDI by one VAL which inspected LOC between Summit and BALLAMS, returned over SKINDI and circled MUBO area departing 1205K/13 @ all informed
79		12hdc 0715				544	Dispatch 1st to 0700K/13 Return @ all informed
80				3DIV	0800	530	Dispatch to 0700K/13 @ Return
81		17hdc 1130				131	code list used by this H.Q. @ 1st DIV code instruction number one dated 12 MAY to commence 1 JUNE 43 @ B.M.H.R. BIMO Acay DAPA Bcay HOFO Ccay LABO Dcay HEXV Hcay FAT A secret @ sitry 106 @ 0800K/13 @ MISSIM area @ 0900K/12 @ B pl 2/3 indiv coy less one sec moved to base 3 from MISSIM. @ 1530K/12 20 bedon Japs moved south across footbridge at mouth FRANCISCO @ B appears to have been repaired with portons @ 1945K/12 Dcay 08/59 Bm less epl arrived MISSIM all informed
82	3DIV	0819	1125			332 95	

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83				all corps	1605	132	password from 1700K/13 to 1659K/14 @ PLEBIAN.
84				3 Div	1910	133	Sicrip to 1900K/13 @ Siduan
85	17 Div	1907				1584	Sicrip 102. to 1900K/13 @ MUBO area to 1200 hrs @ 10 japs with packs crossed BITOI all WEST to EAST @ all informed
86				3 Div	1675	134	Sicrip to 0700K/14 @ Siduan
87				all corps	0950	135	Sicrip to 0700K/14 @ MARKHAM area @ 12 JUN 4 japs A/C type OSCAR flew over WAU BULOLO from SOUTH to NORTH @ one type VAK rec'd LofC from BALLAMS to SUMMIT @ MISSIM area @ 12 JUNE 10 japs heavily equipped carrying 2 LMG crossed BITOI from EAST to WEST at ref MUBO 1/25000 692866 @ 8 with rifles only crossed from WEST to east @ MISSIM area @ 1530K/12 20 japs heavily laden crossed footbridge at mouth FRANCISCO to SOUTH @ bridge appears to have been repaired with portions @ AM 13 June 10 japs crossed BITOI from WEST to EAST carrying packs @ Lieut GIBBONS who has been reported wounded and missing was carrying a copy of MUBO 1/25000 @ This map must now be considered compromised.
88	3 Div	0815	1000			03406	Sicrip @ Sicrip 108 to 0800K/14 @ MARKHAM area 13 Jun @ NGARANEN @ OP reports enemy have erected OP square 4554 NADZ AB one inch @ 1710K/130.

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88 cont							Jap near A/C vicinity NGARANENO @ Missim area @ 13 June C Pl 2/3 indep Coy moved from BUGASU since to MISSIM all informed
89	12 bde	0715				1551	Sidrop 108 to 0700 K/14 @ some further moves across BITOI at north end. Woody island 1525 to 1700 K/13 @ all informed
90	17 bde	1115				1552	Following secured from 3 Lhw @ Sidrop to 0800 K/14 @ 13 June NGARANENO OP reports enemy have erected OP square 4554 NADZAB 1 ind @ 1710 K/13 Jap near A/C vicinity NGARANENO @ Missim area @ 13 June Cpl 2/3 indep Coy moved from BUGASU since to MISSIM all informed
91				3 Lhw	1905	137	Sidrop to 1900 K/14
92	3 Lhw	1955				3410	Sidrop 0190 to 2000 hrs K/14 @ Sidrop
93				Call sign		136	Password for period 1700 K/14 to 1659 K/15 @ SALAM
94	3 Lhw	0815				3265	Sidrop 104 to 0800 K/12 Sidrop
95	12 bde	0715				1555	Sidrop 105 to 0700 K/15 @ Sidrop all informed
96				3 Lhw	0715	138	Sidrop to 0700 K/15
97	3 AWD					03122	Sidrop 110 @ Sidrop @
98	3 AWD					03425	Sidrop 111 to 2000 K/15 @ MARKHAM Area 014 June O.P. at 508425 NADZAB 1" report 33 men with stores crossed from SOUTH BANK MARKHAM RIVER to 7 hrs on ISLAND approx 5914200 MISSIM AREA 1330/1401 K/15 @ WELLS O.P. report 405 JAP moved south along KOMIATUM TR @ move coming at 1700 K/15 All for

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99	1780E		1910		1910	1557	Subref 106 to 1900K/15 O Ref map MVBO 2 nd edition confirmed movement river crossing 692866 during day 26 Japs & 2 natives from WEST & JAPS from EAST O MA LABABBA ISLAND to DUDLI 0630K/15 2 canoes 1425K/15 Small sailing crafts all captured
100				3 Aust	1410	146	Subref to 1900 K/15
101	B. De		B. De		1200	139	summary of events to 2000K/14 o Mulo area o patrol on gap track report enemy in occupation at ref 695851 Mulo map 1/25000 where this line runs 40 yds long coverage. o 2/6 line has established patrol at the following points 691850 692848 693847 695845 698854 698851 each being linked by line look traps o 1215K/10 small party gaps moved south to latitude just south of 694849 site exchanged over ca 1 wounded o patrol gaps observed crossing Biter of 692866 o then moving to east heavily laden other moving to west carrying packs o patrol to Dudli area engaged by enemy ref 819828 one left missing o natives captured patrol SALUS LABABBA ISLAND not occupied by japs o main concentration at BASSIS on NASSAU BAY o Markham area o evidence increased enemy interest this area o enemy OP reported recently NAIZAB o patrol recently Markham Point fired on by LMG rifle o an actual aim o Boat destroyed bridge across mouth Francis River o gaps using small boats and repairing damage o Beautyfleur strafed over the headquarters o two natives wounded others dispersed o enemy o japs need

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							planes have inspected LofC War to Gaudrygul also Markham area 12 Jan o 4 OSCARS flew over Bulolo area 12000 ft
102	17 ltr	1925	0800			1104	further met across Biter at north end woody island o 25 japs crossed from east to japs and 1 native from west during day o house fl 1 2/5 bw has moved to Mulla lek from McDuff.
103				allcys	1300	1140	subp to 0700K/15 o 25 japs crossed from east over Biter River from japs 1 native moved from west during 14 Jan o Markham area o enemy OP located nearby Madzab o enemy seen plane flew over NGARANENO.
104				A.C. HQ	1600	1141	password of period 1700K/15 to 1659K/16 o LUDICROUS.
105				3 Div	0720K	1145	subp to 0700K/16
106				Deoy	1600	1142	password by DR Bulolo area
107				Bray	1600	1143	" " " "
108	3 div	0815	1000			03433	subp 112 to 0800K/16 o Markham area o ref subp 111 o the 33 men made 3 trips with stores for south bank to Island o remained on island after third trip
109	17 ltr	0730	0815			1559	subp 107 to 0700K/16 o subp
110				Allcys	1315	1146	subp to 0700K/16 o Mulo area o further enemy met across Biter River o saw japs two natives moved east to West, 7 japs moved east to west o suggested that Green Hill Storey lek area is enemy base camp met Kitcher lek

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							405 gaps observed morning dawn Pomutans track PM 15 Jun. others following late evening. 0630K/16 two canoes moved Talabu Island to Suahi to. 1425K/15 small sailing craft moved same direction. Markham area. 33 men observed three times carrying stores from south bank Markham river to island of map. Track Mark 2 miles to reach 503405. remained on island after third trip.
111				HQ AC	1600	147	password for period 1700K/16 to 1659K/17. WALTER
112	1780E	1800			2030	1561	Subref 109 to 1400K/16. Ref MUBD 1/25000 2nd Edition 21 JAPS & ONE Native Xd BIFDI from EAST at 092866 clearing day. 0900 to 0920 MT BTy fired 9 rds 694866 while JAPS were 01606K/16 2 rds 1691866. Xing dispersed following shelling 02/5 Br 0MM9 Pt now at SKINDEWA from BALLAMS 0
113				3rd Div	1905	148	Subref to 1900K/16
114	1456						Subref 109 to 0400K/14. ZITRON
115				3rd Div	0715	149	Subref to 0700K/17
116	3rd Div	0818			1000	03441	Subref 114 to 0800K/17. Mulo area 1155 to 1200K/16 result an attack by 30 bombs dropped started from north Kitcher lake to mouth Buzaf. lake smoke seen but main list could not be pinpointed. bombing directly along track

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117				Abbay	1300	150	sitrep to 0700K/17. Mubo area a sea balloon dropped 20 bombs and strafed track from KITCHEN CK to junction BITOI BUI GAP 1155K/16. further 21 gaps crossed Bitoi from east during 16 gun a min by first 11 rds after which many lips dispersed & scattered down gaps. tracks perched to up and Mubo 1/25000 landing enemy equipment and seg line a patrol laid body trap on track which exploded 30 mins later a post at up 702855 reports chopping up 702858
118				HRAC	1300	151	password for period 9700K/17 to 1659K/18 complete
119	001 19 Oct	1800				1567	GUADAGASAL area bombs by four A/C 1250 hrs 1300 damage to MDS office mess but no casualties @ 8000 A/C at 1245 followed by four dive Bombs 1250 Kord further recd 1305 @ 4 to 10 fighters patrolled for ten mins after attack at 2000 to 2500 ft and to SE GUADAGASAL
120				BATAVIA	1800	152	Sitrep to 1400K/17 @ U/I plane flew high over WAW in SE direction 1230K/17 @ U/I A/C observed circling BLACKCANT area 1300K/17 @ ditto
121	12 Oct	1910				1593	sitrep 1100 to 1900K/17 @ MUBO area to 1200K/17 @ 34 JAPS crossed WEST to EAST at usual crossing 692866 @ Mountain Bty fired 17 rounds this area all informed

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122	30449	2035					SECRET @ SITREP 115 to 2000 K/17 @ MISSIM area @ WELLS OP 16 JUN total movement along KAMLATUM tracks 175 JAPS 30 crossed SOUTH 58 JAPS NORTH @ MURBO AREA 1200 - 1300 K/17 4 dive bombers attacked GUARAGASAL AREA one hut damaged @ No casualties @ 7 to 10 fighters patrolled area 2000 to 1500 ft for 10 minutes after attack to 1800 K/17 @ 34 JAPS crossed BITOI WEST to WEST 192866 MURBO 1/25000 @ mountain Pt. fired 17 rounds This area @ WAFU BULOLO area 1230 K/17 1 type DINAH over WAFU BULOLO area height 25000 feet @ 1300 K/17 1 type V191 circled VAFAC height - 13000 ft all informed sitrep to 0700K/18
123				Sdn	0710	153	
124	17td	0730	0900			1574	sitrep III to 0700K/18 @ M
125	17td	0905	0930			0340	all officers will practise and familiarise themselves with latest code insts issued by a/c d/w @ letter follows
126				AC HQ	1400	154	sitrep to 0700K/18 @ Wau area @ 1230K/17 @ enemy DINAH flew over

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area. 1300K/17 enemy VAL circled area to NW of Mulo. 4 enemy bombers escorted by 67/10 fighters attacked ~~Guadajacal~~ ^{MAPO} me but MDS damaged no cas. 34 japs crossed BITOI west to east. mtn bty fired 17 rds into area. Late P.M further 8 japs crossed and 18 returned east to west. 7 rds fired by mtn bty into gaps. 165 japs 60 cookies observed moving south to Khamstun. 180 japs seen to cross bridge mouth. Increased River. enemy patrol ambushed on track approx 2 miles to south 501403. 3 japs shot.

127				AC HQ		155
128	3 div	0815	1700			03150
129				3 div	1901	156
130				3 div	0710	157

password for period 1700K/18 to 1659K/19. melancholy
sitrep 116 sitna

sitna to 1900K/18

sitna to 0700K/19

131	17 Aust Bgd	2040				152
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AIRSTRIKE 1600 to 1625¹⁹/17 five BOSTONS bombed strafed KITCHEN CK STONY CK reported extremely accurate approx 20 bombs dropped @ 1635 to 1645 three BEARFIGHTERS hit in by one BOSTON heavily strafed same area @ LEFS OP reports ack ack fire from STONY CK possibly eight MG. OP reports ack ack fire from GREEN HILL and BITOI ridge vicinity 702870. All informed

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122	3001st Div	2035				03449	SECRET @ SITREP 115 to 2000 K/17 @ MISSIM area @ WELLS OP 16 JUN total movement along KAMIATUM tracks 175 JAPS 50 cookies SOUTH 58 JAPS NORTH @ MURBO AREA 1200 - 1300 K/17 4 dive bombers attacked GUADAGASAL AREA one hut damaged @ no casualties @ 7 to 10 fighters patrolled area 2000 to 1500 ft for 10 minutes after attack to 1800 K/17 @ 34 JAPS crossed BITOI WEST to EAST 192866 MURBO 1/25000 @ mountain ptg fired 17 rounds this area @ WAFU BULOLO area 1230 K/17 1 type DINAH over WAFU BULOLO area height 25000 feet @ 1300 K/17 1 type V191 coded VVAC height 13000 ft all informed sitrep to 0700K/18
123				3div	0710	153	
124	17th	0730	0900			1574	schip III to 0700K/18 @ M
125	17th	0905	0930			0340	all officers will practise and familiarise themselves with latest code instr issued by asst div @ little follow
126				AC HQ	1100	154	sitrep to 0700K/18 @ Wafu area @ 1230K/17 @ enemy DINAH flew over

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132				3 Aust Div	0710	554	Sitner to 0700 15/17
133	3 Aust Div	2025				03166	SECRET @ 06117 to 2000 15/18 @ MARKAM 0715 15/18 @ one JAP aircraft fired two bursts NGARRKENO OP OKO damage or casualties @ MISSIM area 0630 15/18 @ one type VAL circled HOTE and MISSIM @ MUBO area @ 1730 15/17 @ two men entered enemy positions along JAP TRACK under cover of darkness @ fired on enemy sitting around camp fire @ 9 JAPS believed killed or wounded @ 1700 - 1800 15/17 - 8 JAPS crossed BITOI WEST TO EAST at 629866 MUBO 1/25000 @ 1755 15/17 MTN BTY fired seven rounds when crossing @ 0711 15/18 single see aircraft over QUADAQASHAL - SKINDI @ 0726 15/18 one aircraft made one strafing run over SUMMIT @ No damage or casualties @ 18 June @ 29 JAPS crossed BITOI at same position MTN BTY fired 18 rounds into the area @ all informed

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134	1789d	1935					1575 SITREP 11212 to 1900 K/18 @ Single see aircraft over following area 0716 hrs SOUTH over GUADAGASAL passed SKINDI 0720 hrs and made three runs over SUMMIT low altitude 0725 including one strafing run @ NO damage or casualties @ 1350 hrs single up AC over BILLAMBO BITOI CROSSING 29 TAPS EAST during day @ MTN ISTY fired 6 rounds 0655 K/18 and 12 rounds 1420 K/18 all on BITOI CROSSING @ all informed
135	3 Div	0819	0950			03489	strip 118 to 1600K/19. Mulo area. 1600 to 1643K/18. result an attack Ketchen lke. by two bombers 3 beanfighters. area heavily strafed approx 20 bombs dropped. report extremely accurate. during attack A/A fire possibly HMG from Striny lke. also suspected A/A fire from Green Hill and Bitai Ridge vicinity 702870
136	176d	0720	0900			1576	strip 113 to 0700K/19. Mulo area. single enemy a/c over Guadagasal to
137				AC HQ		159	strip to 0700K/19. Mulo area. single enemy a/c over Guadagasal to Skindl 0715K/18 great strafing run over Summit 0726K/18. no damage

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						a car o 29 japs crossed BITOI a mtu lty found 18 rds into area. an shots 5 balloons and 3 beaufighters on Kitchin lch 1600K/17 to 1645K/17. reported that A/A for directed at attacking planes from Green Hill along lch Bita Ridge a mtu crew entered enemy zone along japs track under cover darkness & attacked enemy mound. Am killing possibly muni.
138				AC HQ	160	password for period 1700K/19 to 1650K/20. WILLINGLY
139				3 div	161	ack C/D/11
140				3 div	1910 162	situa to 1900K/19
141				3 div	0715 163	ptrip to 0700K/20. up plane over Wan area from 0515K/20 to 0535K/20 thru area sitna
142	3 div Dir				03477	Secret o situp 120 to 0800K/20 @ MISSIM area 1530K/19 H Coy 58/39 Bn arrived BRANCH CK @ WAO BULOLO area @ 0523 0524K/20 and 0538 0601K/20 H1 A/C over WAO
143	17 lch	1926	1000		1581	situp 114 to 1900K/19. o mtu 3 japs and one native crossed east to west across Bita mth. of Warty Island today
144	17 lch	0736	1050		1581	situp 115 to 0700K/20. d. sitna
145				W.F.D.	1115 164	cap what is damage to car from enemy fire.
146				all org	1115 165	situp to 0700K/20. o mtu Bulo area & up a/c over area from 0520K/20 to 0600K/20. Mulu area o mtu 3 japs 1 native crossed Bita during 19 JUN

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144				Waucho	1300	166	A and B says report no bombs dropped in area during enemy attack 1200 hrs. H. Q. says reports strike bombs near swimming pool and in area. slight damage to cook house also, when slightly by strafing.
145	Phon from Blackcat				1300		It Johnston reports that three enemy planes circling area 1/2 mile East from main Blackcat bb and Buldo R dropped 3 objects about 3 1/2 x 12 miles. at 1015 hrs. At 1030 hrs two further planes circled area dropping a white object.
146	Phon to 3 div				1315		Text of above message.
147				3 Ant		169	Sitrep to 0400 K/21
148				3 Ant		167	Ack
149				3 Ant		168	Sitrep to 1900 K/20. Slight damage to building H. Q. area and more slightly injured by strafing during bombing 1200 K/20 otherwise sitrep
150	1754					A.99	3 div advises King for estimated D. SO. to VX 4790 MAJOR K WALKER
151	3 Ant					03483	SECRET O Sitrep 121 to 1300 K/20 WAD BULDO area 1035 K/20 19 typh OSCAR over WAD @ height 10,000 ft @ 1045 K/20 2 OSCAR attempted strafing on airfield 01 OSCAR hit 0 no damage no cas

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@ 12.00 K/20 4 Lily Bombers Banded WAO Reylet 10,000 ft @ 20 bombed
 dropped @ 12.10 to 12.15 K/20 planes banded BALLAMS at WAO - Ballons Rd
 @ 12.15 K/20 planes banded BALLAMS at WAO - Ballons Rd
 Buloko height 10,000 @ 12.14 K/20 some planes over
 No Damage all informed
 Setref 116 to 1900 hrs K/20 @ dispaters 2/5 Bn @ B.H.Q & H.Q BALLAMS
 M.M.G. Pl McPuff Pioneer NEILS ck O.A. Coy McPuff B Wire Bridge
 B Coy left 1 Pl Summit 1 Pl Black But O.B. Coy Beano @ one
 slight casualties during Bombing BALLAMS @ GONDAGASAL @ 10.42
 1 A/c approached from S.W dropped 3 bombs ~~near~~ near Hospital
 and strafed HQ area @ 10.30 to 10.50 MAT MAT down Banded and
 strafed by behind 14 Bn and a fighter @ LOR dead of wounds
 @ A/c in 1389 which Xd SKINDI included tiff Lily and
 Xd GONDAGASAL 1100 hrs single A/c whole area accosasionally
 strafing GONDAGASAL & SADDLE @ (Part 2) during
 A.M bombing 6 JAPS observed vicinity ARCHWAYS apparently
 endeavoring sig A/c with Red & White JAP flag @ 14.55
 K/20 one A/c dropped two Bs M'KENZIE Knoll A/c used until

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153	11Bde					1589	1510K/20 O 1550 to 1545K/20 was to 10 twin engine Dive Bn left unknown bombed & strafed GAUDAGASAL Ridge at least 30 bombs NO case piped into ASL DUMP containing 100 3" MORTAR B & rd zone S.A.A. @ 1251 K/20 over the vicinity WENPER observed JAPS and fired killing one believed officer. During afternoon estimated 50 JAP with 4 Automatic weapons attacked right & left flanks our posns without slightest success our casualties one wounded. ENEMY concentration 9 killed 11 wounded. ANGAN-GAUDAGASAL reports no natives returned to 1800 hrs.
154	11Bde					A100	Rear Ade H.A. does present location 1800 hrs 20 Jun & Report Summit 1800 hrs 20 Jun
155	11Bde					I591	Subef 119 to 0100K/21 nothing to report
156						03475	SECRET to subef 119 to 2000K/14 MARKHAM area @ 1900 hrs Recce Patrol encountered JAP patrol with 2 mt 15. with 2 m. 3 LMGs one MMG 2/5642 NADZAB one ind O one OR many O MISSIMK/19 B Coy 58/59 left BULWA for Branell CK
157	3rd Div					03485	see (message 156) Additional Enforcements. DAMAGE air attack WAD. 1200K/20 one slightly wounded O seven vehicles one Amb 14 tyres 3 car Batteries 3 tents Damaged.

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158				allways	1340	170	<p>strip to 0700K/21. 19 OSCAR fighters were seen. 1035K/20. two attempted strafing run in diome. one believed hit. 7 B-17 bombers bombed Wau Ballams and Wau-Ballams Rd. damage caused to HQ in kitchen also. vehicles eqpt building, LAD. one man slightly injured Wau and Ballams.</p> <p>1030K/20 to 1055K/20 14 dive bombers attacked Mat Mat. one man killed.</p> <p>1550K/20 19 bombers. bombed strip. CUADAGASAL dropping ground dropping 50 bombs. no cas but small bomb dump received direct hit. single aft strip. CUADAGASAL 1145K/20 dropped four bombs McKenzie's Knoll 1155K/20. 9 jets fired on plane of Mubo 125000 695845 killing one later.</p> <p>50 jets attacked that strip without success. est 9 jets killed 11 wounded. Markham area. seen patrol encountered enemy. down 15 with one MMG. this MMG in Wau held 4 miles 5743. 01 one OR missing.</p>
159				AC No	1340	171	<p>passover for period 1700K/21 to 1659K/22. HILLTOP</p>
160	3 Dnt		1910	1505 03441			<p>Strip 124 to 1500K/21. MARKHAM 12 ENEMY Bombers 9 fighters intercepted by 12 P38. WAMPIT area O.P 455439 NABZAB 1" report One P38 down 8 to 10 miles away on bearing 134. Rep may 02. 7 EKES down bearing 120</p> <p>2140 days 0 MISSIM area ref Strip 123 0 now reported did NOT strafe HOTE but dropped bombs and strafed BURRAS RVR NORTH LUNNS OP 0 MUBO area 01430K/21. Line party to LABADIA OP</p>

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							<p>03441 Contd. contacted JAPSON to 300x of EAST of D Coy Pozn and NORTH from Jc several booby traps lead to exploded. Interdicted Jc. ENEMY attack unknown. No T. considered great. Unknown No. CAS ENEMY. Own cas NIL. 1130K/21 4 BOSTONS dropped 12 bombs STONY CK. PIMPLE 5 bombs KITCHEN CK. 1132 K/21 6 ENEMY Lumber SOUTH over LABABIA RIDGE evidently just arrived. Bombed on 500 lead SE of SADDLE. 1145K/21 4 of Sommites 9 single eng ENEMY A/c flying NORTH dropped bombs vicinity GARD - drop 9 rounds. All bombs fall active Quater. One Police boy wounded. All active missing. WAB-BULALO over 1137K/21 one P.38 affected. BULALO from NW losing height rapidly smoking badly. Disappeared behind hill bearing 275 degs from 293843. BULALO 1" distance 6 miles all in.</p>
161	14 DDE	2001	2200			T:594	<p>Set 119 to 1400K/21 @ 1345K/21 WARNING Order to C by 2/6 Bn Move to LABABIA RIDGE @ 13 Pk reach D Coy 1630 K/21 @ 1415 K/21 LABABIA quiet, Pozn being prepared for 3" mortar @ 1455 K/21 Considerable MORTAR fire heard LABABIA RIDGE @ 1510 K/21 D Coy reported being attacked in force @ 1510 A Coy stood to when MAT MAT reported Met. EAST side Bitai vicinity.</p>

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161	contd					KUNDA bridge towards patrol to area returned 1545 reported NMS @ 1715 D eny 2/6 2 pls arrived SADDLE @ 1800 D. ay 2/6 Bn reports attack REPULSED and all Bunk @ ENEMY CAS heavy own 2/6 small killed & wounded @ details not yet to hand @ ANGAU reports not available urgent stretcher cases only @ other areas section ALL inf
162				3 DIV	1572	Set up to 6400K/22
163				3 DIV	1573	Set up to 1900K/21
164	14 DDF	1345	1352		1592	Set up 118 to 1300K/21 (2 ce Set up @ 3491) 19
165	2/7 Bn				1574	in reply 9 12/11 @ Hek
166	13 Bn				03484	Set up 123 to 800K/21 @ MISS IM area @ 1450K/21 @ ONETYLE 2 VAL on Pass stretcher 401 @ area
167	17 Bn	0730	0940		1596	Set up 120 to 0700K/22 @ D eny 2/6 reports all quiet during night. although enemy heard few FDLs same area as yesterday @ than attack on night flank
168				all day	1015 175	Set up 12 0700K/22. Mulo area @ 1046K/21 thru Mitchell's dropped supplies gradual @ 1130K/21 for position bombed Stony like Camp Kitcher like. 1132K/21 six enemy bombers flew over Sabala and evidently jetisoned bombs on Mulo area returning north 1135K/21 @ 1145K/21 thru enemy single

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							engined ofc flew over Mat. Mat four bombed. Quadrangle all bombs landing. match quarters & police bay badly wounded. all natives missing. line party 0730K/21 found gaps. astral track Base Camp to OP. D Coy 2/6 hrs heavily attacked 1500K/21 in Base Camp area. attack repelled with heavy loss to enemy. night very quiet but enemy heard sound of FDLs & later moving to Passant. D Coy 2/5 hrs moving to saddle. Markham enemy VAB bombed HOTE 1450K/20 & 12 lightning intercepted. 12 enemy bombed 9 lighter Waniput area & 2 ZEKES shot down. one lightning down on apparently badly hit.
169	37 Div	0825	1015			03498	Attack 128 to 0800K/22. 210 gun. 4 men ambushed 3 japs on Komiatum track at 706916 w/ KOMIATUM 1/25000. all japs killed. Mulo area. japs attacked D Coy with few all 1 hr were within 10 yds of foot post between Base Camp and Takahi Ridge & now believed to have withdrawn north towards Pimpfe leaving over 100 Cas & one cas 5 killed 11 wounded.
170				3rd Div		i77	Situa to 0700/22
171				3rd Div		i76	Situa to 1900/22
172				3rd Div		i77	ack
173				3rd Div		i78	ack.

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174	3 Aust Div					23506	<p>Secret @ Sitrep 127 2000^{1/2}/₂₂ MISSIM area @ 1700^{1/2}/₂₂ BHQ HQ Coy 1 pl "C" Coy 58/59 Bn and light sec 15 Incl Amb PILIMBINGO "C" Coy 58/59 has 1 pl BATUME @ "B" Coy POWERHOUSE @ MUBOO Japs make further attacks on Ron Coy 2/6 Bn at ellidday but were again repulsed our cas 3 wounded est in Cas 4 @ Bn still in contact with our fwd posns @ our patrols searching for en flanks @ Sit well in hand 1230^{1/2}/₂₂ Bostons bombed and strafed PIMPLE GIVEN HILL Area @ further det not to hand @ rpt Rt 4 men since D/W @ Total cas 9 killed 10 wounded @ all informed</p>
175	3 Aust Div	0740	0800			1812	<p>Sitrep 112 to 0700^{1/2}/₂₂ through out 22 June contact maintained and enemy appeared constantly firing our posns from EAST and NORTH and occasionally from the west WEST @ Bn cas for day estimated 54 our total to date 11 killed 11 wounded @ during evening enemy fired considerable small</p>

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175	Cont						mortar and SMA our fwd right flank @ Enemy appeared in strength in this section until approx 2030 hrs then all quiet @ no patrol activity during night 22/23 June owing close proximity of enemy @ 0545 K/23 enemy fire reappeared @ other areas sitnor @ all informed
176	1st Lt D. 08230885					03213	Secret @ Sitrep 128 to 0800 K/23 @ MUBO AREA @ 1000 K/23 @ Remaining 2 PLNS D Coy 2/5 Bn arrived SADDLE @ 1245 to 1630 K/23 SAP MORTAR suspected posn LABABIA TRIG fired intermittently into our perimeter @ HQ 2/6 Bn now at 672314 GUADARASAL // 2500 @ Total casualties D Coy 2/5 Bn // Killed // wounded all informed
177	1st Lt D. 21002105					1601	Sitrep 12K @ 0000 K/22 @ BATOL BUYAWYAN 0933 K/22 pt of D Coy River Junction reports retaining communication FROM BIA OP and had sent

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contact patrol to OPD BASE CAMP area
 0745 4/22 two small Jap parties observed left
 flank @ NOT again reported 1100 hrs @ 1000 remainder
 "D" Coy 2/5 Bn arrived SADDLE @ 1200 hrs one
 pl "D" Coy 2/5 Bn moved from SADDLE to
 secure track SADDLE BASE CAMP and to
 patrol NORTH from track @ 1245 to 1430 hrs
 Jap mortar suspected from LABABIA Trig fired
 intermittently into our perimeter @ 1400 to
 1430 hrs communication saddle to Base
 camp cut by mortar bombs fighting patrol
 12/11 22 June moved towards LABABIA OP
 from base camp and encountered enemy SOUTH
 of OP track @ Returned to BASE CAMP
 without reaching track @ at 1800 hrs in
 contact to NORTH and EAST @ 1800 4/22 patrol
 one pl D Coy 2/5 Bn mentioned above reported
 reached 692 804 No enemy seen @ HQ 2/6 Bn
 now at 672 814 ref map QUADRANTAL provincial activity

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							front and left flank o'riv 3" mortar fired silencing jap mortar. 10950K/23 Mtn Bty fired fire on enemy vicinity former site. A.2/7 Bn close target shoot dropping to within 150 yds on FDLs o' front the report being extremely accurate squealing heard o' 3 enemy automatic weapons on left of FDLs o' on surface at flank continuous inflict by cas on jap who is 30/40 yds from perimeter o' cas on. but enemy nearest available
198	19 BDE	2120				I809	Retief 124 to 2000 K/23 in 2 parts o' PART ONE o' BASE CAMP area o' JAP mtn thought to be left & part of Pon BC/my 2/6 Bn o' 18/12/5 Bn m/o SOUTH of the BASE CAMP-LABABIA TRIG and cut track at 401844 without contacting ENEMY o' ONE sec round to O.P. remainder Pt returned BASE CAMP 1620K/23 reported zigline cut many places o' 1810K/23 HT at BASE CAMP LABA O.P. and he reported clear of ENEMY o' fatal ENEMY bus today estab 200 documents and eqpt being found o' down ca to date 12-12 o' Woody IS fop met also during afternoon area Woody IS BANANA patch o' OBS HILL o' 1635K/23 cob smoke also after OBS HILL o' 1155 has explosion at blood of smoke N.W slope OBS-HILL o' 1900K/23

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177	Cont						observed WOODY ISLAND and DRY CK BEOL during morning Mountain Bty fired 4 rounds this area B all informed
178			Allways	1330	178		<p>Subj. to 0700K/23. enemy maintained contact with force in BASE CAMP area from east and north occasionally from west apparently endeavoring to get on force. mortar suspected at LABABBA big fire intermittently into base camp during PM and early night. bombs cut line saddle to Base Camp. contact with OP maintained through river game. also contact patrol. patrol from base camp to OP contacted enemy south of track forced to return. pl 2/5 bn maintaining track saddle Base Camp and patrolling north of track. Pelkas track found clear of enemy. HQ 2/6 bn now at ref Mulo 1/25000 1672814. by cao of day 5th since commencement operations 11 killed 11 wounded. the below bombed strafed Purple Green Hill no details available</p>
179			A.C HQ	1330	179		<p>Password to period 1700K/23 to 1659K/24. Calling</p>
180	17bde	1240	1550		1604		<p>Subj. 123 K 1200K/23. Lababi OP 0330K/23 1 and 11 arrived OP from River game further 11 move 0530K/23. Base Camp 0715K/23 Day 2/6 reports intermittent fire including light mortar continuing</p>

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180							1700K/23 REEVES O.P. & SADDLE BOTH report smoke rising AREA 687864 end of Part one. Part 2 following
	14 ODE						
180							1309 Pat 2. O ARTI, O MAT MAT area of lower GUADAGASAL ridge shelled by 40 m m. JAP gun and also by repeated 74 m.m. Jap gun while some flight 17 sec O BITAI VALLEY shelled with vicinity KUNDA BR O Planes reported SOUTH and Dry ck led O 1910 to 1920 two own Mts BTY lined 11 Rds at smoke also 687864 O 1935 hr Mts BTY send 4 Rds into KITCHEN CK O at least 50 Rds by enemy O 2/5 BR location HQ less 1 pl now SKINDI O R 9th BANANA 2 pl SKINDI 1 pl SUMMIT 5 pl NEILS CK O A boy GUADAGASAL O boy SUMMIT O B boy less 1 pl SKINDI 1 pl BLACK CAT O D boy less 1 pl SADDLE O 1 pl D boy less 1 sec BASE camp 1 sec LABABIA O P O
182	3 OW 202 2						08517 1296 1700K/23 MISSIM AREA O 1700 K/23 G. Boy 58/59 Br less 1 pl arrived PILIMUNY O B Boy staging BALUNE 1512K/230 large personnel or vehicles also unloading stores at jetty NORTH side SALAMUA ISTHMUS O MUBO area O D boy 2/6 reports intermittent firing during morning O our 3" mtr silenced. JAP light mtr on WEST of perimeter. A Mtn BTY engaged close Jorgala within 150x of our FDLs O speaking heard our mtr continuing to inflict cas on the ENEMY who are within 30/40x of our EAST flank O no Est of Gas

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183				3 PIV	I80		Set over to 1900K/23
184				PIV	I81		Set over to 0900K/24
185	3dir	0818	1050		03519		<p>Set over to 0830K/24. Mission area. 2120 S/L for Salamaua set up shore but few second seen from SELEBOB. Mission area. 1810K/23 track from camp Salatra 6p. reported close of enemy. patrol en cas 23 Jan at 20.00 seen the gun from 21 Jan to 2200K/23. 12 killed, 12 wounded. PM 23 Jan mist observed, Woody Island. 1705K/23. Mist mist and breeze. Shattered shells by 70 mips gun. Kanda Bu area shelled with 50 shells. Shell reported south. Day like Bed. 50 shells fired by enemy. night 23/24. Beach camp, reports all quiet.</p>
186	17th	0825	1030		0380		Bde HQ after Skunkton, reports Guadalcanal 0900K/24
187				all reg 130	182		<p>Set over to 0700K/24. patrol from Base camp found track clear to OP 1810K/23. sig line found but many places now restored. dummy line was 3' high engaged in mist silencing same. mist lty dist 150' found on FDL 5. 3' high engaged in mist silencing same. mist lty dist 150' found on FDL 5. enemy 70 mips gun fired. Mist mist, lty. Kanda Bu area shelled with 50 shells. Shell reported south. Day like Bed. En mist observed, Woody Island. Beach camp, reports all quiet. PM. 0.00 reported enemy L/C</p>

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							over next and Bitu Ridge to re-entrant 702861 thence to Stone Lake o Salamani o searchlight lit up show for few seconds 2130K/23
188				AC HQ	1130	183	password for period 1600K/24 to 1659K/25 o Galstaff
189				3 DIV	1501	184	sitrep to 1900K/24 o sitnos
190	178DE 3 DIV	1950				1703	Sitrep 126 to 1900 K/24 o BASE CAMP area o track to VICKERS RIDGE and LABABIA OP reported clear of enemy JAP track reced to DIFZVB of MUBO 2nd edition NMS but considerable number of pits round our FDL and right flank of posns o patrol all round area reports NO movements burial parties engaged all day burying JAPS dead o LABABIA OP o 1300 K/24 18 PL 2/16 Bn had one sec arrived OP from river junction o captured equipment including GAS respirators with stocking like face and green grey canvas believed NOT similar those captured WAV also contained bitumene anti gas powder o 2/5 Bn Bn H.Q. and A Coy GUADAGASAL B Coy SUMMIT C Coy BANANA has one pl moving from BLACK CAT o D Coy under command 2/16 Bn SADDLE AREA HQ Coy has 4 and 5 pl SUMMIT o 4 pl SADDLE 5 pl NEALS CR all informed.

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191	3 DIV	2020				05527	<p>litel 0 litel 131 to 2000 K/24 0 MISSIM area 0 0815 K/24 WELLS OP reports 9 allied bombers bombed and strafed SALAMAVA airfield 0 portion footbridge mouth FRANCISCO destroyed 0 oil dump south of airfield ignited causing black smoke 1000 ft high 0 SALAMAVA OP 0 reports near miss 0 ADAS HOUSE 0 confirms hit on oil dump 0 MUBO area 0 0900 K/24 HQ 17 Bde closed SKINDEWAI no fire same time GUADAGASAL all informed</p>
192				3 DIV	0740	285	litel to 0750 K/25 0 litel
193		0720	0800			2708	litel 127 0750 K/25 0 nothing further to report all informed
194	3 DIV	0825	1000			03531	<p>secret 0 litel 132 to 0600 K/25 0 MISSIM area 0 1910 K/24 25 JAPS seen at 453006 SALAMAVA one inch 0 MUBO area 1100 K/24 four hostons accurately bombed and strafed DRY CK BED BANANA PATCH ARCHWAY 0 MUBO area 200 yds tracks from BASE CAMP LABABIA OP and VICKERS RIDGE reported char of enemy 0 JAP TRACK reced to 694347 MUBO 1/25000 no more seen but number of weapon pits found to north and west of area posns 0 other patrols all round area report no more enemy 0 a patrol from R/3 side of camp reached MAT MAT and reports VIKERS track clear of enemy all informed</p>

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195				A.C.H. Coy	1450	183	password from 1700 K/25 to 1659 K/26 @ CAMOUFLAGE.
196				MDS		186	<p>sitrep to 0700 K/25 @ MUBO area @ patrols report all areas vicinity, BASE CAMP and O.P. clear of enemy @ burial parties engaged all day burying gap dead @ equipment captured included anti gas respirators canisters and powder of type not captured WAW @ 17 Bde H.Q. and Bn H.Q. 2/5 bn now at GUADAGASAL @ four hostons accurately, bombed DRY CK bed BANANA PATCH and ARCHWAYS 24 JUN @ SALAMAUA @ 9 BOMBERS bombed and struffed airfield also mouth FRANCISCO RIVER when portion footbridge destroyed @ dump south airfield ignited causing black smoke 1000 ft high @ 25 japs observed at ref SALAMAUA one inch 753006</p>
197	17 Bde	1155	1500			1710	<p>Understood that following whistle signals used within coys by 3 coy 1 Bn 66 Regt in attack WABABIA RIDGE 21 JUN @ dah attack @ dit dah advance @ dah dit halt @ dit dit dah right @ dit dit dit dah left @ dah dah assembl @ dah dah dit one pl @ dah dah dit dit 2 pl @ dah dit dit dit 3 pl @ dit dah dit understand @ used by 3 coy 1 Bn 66 Regt MUBO 21 JUN.</p>

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198	3 div	1910	187	strip to 1900k/25	upr plane flew high over area in NW direction
199	3 div	2021	2100	03537	strip 133 to 2000k/25. Salamaua OP 0650k/25. bombs dropped 5 bombs on police barracks area Salamaua 1/2000. 734015. Mission area 1900k/25. HQ 58/59 low HQ. A Coy Mission Bay less two pls. Selob two pls. Selomung. 6 of less 2 pls Mission two pls. Selob. 1100k/24. shells OP. reports to mouth Francisco. repaired. Mabo area. 1800k/22. D Coy 2/6 low plane four pls HQ Coy arrived from Beta. Bayan. River. from Talbra one pl D Coy 2/5 low now at Base camp of Wau Bulolo area. 1220/1220k/25 one high. Denial over Wau Bulolo wall informed.
200	17th di	1930	2100	1712	strip of 3 div strip above
201	3 div	0700	188	strip to 0700k/26	
202	17th di	0725	0830	1713	strip to 0700k/26
203	3 div	0822	0850	0354	strip to 0800k/26
204	17th di	1930	2000	1728	Strip 130 to 1400k/26 Ref HQ Mabo 2nd Edition Patrol both glances JAP 3rd report records ENEMY activity DIEZNOO Disputed HQ Bay 2/5 strip 128 should HQ Bay 2 pl 5 pls SKINIDIBAI 2 pl SADDLE 5 Pls NIELS CK 0
205	17th di	0725	0800	1720	Strip 316 0700k/24 0 Strip

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206				ALL Coy	1300	i	Sitrep to 0700K/26D WAW-BULOLO area O ENEMY Supr DINAP flew high over area 1220 K/250 MUBO D by 2/6 plus P ground to June BITOI BUY, warm time 25 June O C Coy plus P 1 D 2/7 in BASE camp O MISSIM area O 58/59 in near concentrated MISSIM area O SALAMUA 00 P reports damage to Bx X north FRANISCO has been repaired O Hy Bombs dropped 5 bombs near police barracks.
209	3 DIV				0300		SECRET O Sitrep 137 to 2000 hrs MUBO area 26 June patrol both sides JAP to report sound of ENEMY activity 694 856 MUBO 1/25000 O MARRALINAN area O 24 June 3 police boys found & beaten by MARON village natives L Q 9034 MARKHAM STRATE O rifles and ammo stolen O boys escaped reports threats against WAW-BULOLO area white-men O 1022 to 1023 K/20 A ty Lilly over WAW-BULOLO-SUNSHINE height 2000 ft Morning 26 P 1 B B coy less 4 pm arrived WAW-BULOLO
208				ALL Coy	1300	168	password for period 1900 K/26 to 1659 K/27 O GALLOPING
209				DIV	0710	144	Sitrep to 0700K/28
210				3 DIV	1950	193	Sitrep to 1900K/27

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211	3 DIV	0817	2100		08559		<p>Sitel 138 to 0800K/24 O MARKHAM over 0602 0608K29</p> <p>3" mtr fired 36 bombs in JAP camp posn 565432 NNDGAP 1"6 Jap replied with 10 mtr bombs O our casualties NIL O ENEMY cas not known O MISSING Area 1900K/26 A Coy 58/59 around BASE camp O B Coy and whole of C Coy now at MISSING</p>
212	17 DIV	19 30			1729		<p>Sitel 132 to 1900K/24 O ref map MUBO 2nd ed O ENEMY activity heard by patrols who moved to following Posns W CSPNA DLY PAX WCT PNY KIP ZRM O</p>
213				AIC COY	192		<p>Sitel to 0700K/29 Bul also over Jute Lily flew over Area 1030K/26 O Coy P1B one Coy arrived during day MUBO O Patrol, also JAP for report heard ref MUBO 1/25000 14/856 O MARKHAM O JILLI R MARUN Village Bould heat 3 police bags also stole Area on SAH O Reg. search report threats against WHITE over O 36 bombs fired by 3" mtr in to JAP posn MARKHAM post over JAP replied with 10 mortar bombs over cas nil</p>

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214	M Bgd	1722				1956	SITREP 139 to 0700 ^K /28 Sitrep
215	B Gnd	0815				1957	SECRET @ Sitrep 140 to 0800 ^K /28 @ MUBO AREA @ 0855 to 0930 ^K /27 @ air attack by 6 bombers on KITCHEN PK GREEN HILL PIMPLE @ 24 bombs dropped 26 strafing runs made @ reported very accurate all informed
216	A.C. HQ 6013 MDS					195	Sitrep to 0700 ^K /28 @ MUBO AREA @ 6 BOMBERS attacked KITCHEN PK GREEN HILL PIMPLE @ 24 bombs dropped 26 strafing runs @ MARKHAM @ three 30 ft power launchers with masts and 17 native outriggers on sand strip between Markham point and Island.
217	A.C. HQ Cops					196	password from 1700 ^K /28 to 1659 ^K /29 VALERIE
218				AHQ	1400	195	sub to 0700 ^K /28 @ MUBO area @ 6 bombers attacked Kitchen pk green Hill Pimple @ 24 bombs dropped 26 strafing runs @ Markham @ three 30 ft power launchers with masts and 17 native outriggers on sand strip between Markham Pt and Island
219				3div	1960	196	sub to 1900 ^K /28 @ w/a plane flew high over area NW direction 1125 ^K /28
220				3div	0700	197	Sitrep to 0700 ^K /29

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221	17bde		0700			1723	Alt 134 to 1900K/28. met Day 2/6 km and Bank proceeding as planned. 1 jaf. track area. 1 patrol sent on 4 jafs WIFZVC. believed one jaf hit results other jaf's. sent seen DIDZRT. return to WIFZVC and RCCPAS. heard chopping
222							
222	3div	1925	0700			03373	Alt 144 to 2000K/28. Markham area. 1345K/28. B. Coy PIB less 7 jaf. arrived Dunchino and came under cond 19/6 km. Mission area. H.Q. 58/59. In arrival Mean OP 643974 Komutun 1/25000. Mulo area. 28 jaf. patrol sent on 4 jafs ref 694849. Mulo 1/25000. 1 jaf. believed hit. Wan Bulolo area. 1058 to 1118K/28. 1 type Dunchi area. 2000 ft
223	17bde	0700	0815			1735	Alt 135 to 0700K/29. all quiet
224	3div	0812	0848			03518	Alt 142 to 0800K/29. all quiet
225				allcys	1300	198	Alt 130 to 0700K/29. Wan Bulolo. enemy type Dunchi flew high over area 1058K/28 to 1118K/28. Mulo. patrol down jaf. track sent on four jafs ref Mulo 1/25000 694849. one believed hit
226				AC HQ	1300	6100	passing 1700K/29 to 1659K/30. observed.
227				3div	1300	6199	act. 6/12/11

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228	3 Aust Div	1146				03580	MOST SECRET all 2/7 Btn personal with BENA FORCE will be concentrated at BENA 1st July @ Will return to unit as soon as possible after that date
229	17 Bgd 2000					1738	Secret Sitrep 136 to 1900 ^h /29 @ DUALI NASSAU BAY @ Heavy bombing and strafing DUALI area 1542 ^h /29 to 1645 ^h /29 by unknown number of MITCHELLS and BOSTONS @ 1555 ^h /29 three explosions vicinity NASSAU BAY @ 4 to 5 dull explosions DUALI area @ 1700 ^h /29 heard by LABABIA OP @ 1 Pl B Coy 2/5 Bn moved from BANANA to WAIPALI arriving 1600 ^h /29 @ 12 pl 2/6 Bn arrived HILL 7 1700 ^h /29 all informed
230	3rd Div 2045					03592	SECRET @ Sitrep 143 to 2000 ^h /29 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 0632 ^h /29 26 th Bn mortar fired 16 rounds into gap defensive positions square 5643 NAB SAB 1 inch @ gap replied with 25 rounds from believed 70 mm gun probably on MORTAR

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930	Cont						<p>bank MARKHAM @ 0905 1/29 party approx 20 gaps ambushed at 545430 @ enemy casualties 6 killed 3 wounded @ Ben casualties nil @ enemy withdrew with but covered the bodies with LMG @ 1147 1/29 mortar fired further 28 rounds into gap positions including LMG positions @ 1155 - 1202 1/29 gap gun replied with 9 shells @ 1130 1/29 B Coy PIB less 7 pl arrived MUMENGA from SUNSHINE @ MARILANAN AREA @ 0930 1/29 7 pl PIB and detachment Sig 3Dw arrived PFAH @ 7 pl PIB estab SURAK OK 957 295 ROAMER lunch @ MISSIM AREA @ 0800 1/29 HQ 15 Bgd closed PILAMUNG and reopened MISSAM same time @ C Coy 58/59 An resting for day at 669974 KOMIATUM 1/25000 @ Raiding party 6 men to KELFA HILL fired on by gap sentry on top of KELFA @ sentry reinforced @</p>

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230	Cont						our party withdrawn to MEARS CA 1155 7/29 long column of smoke SALAMUA 1/25000 227027 after one A/C had been over area of MUBO 19REF @ 1400 7/29 forward elements of Coy 2/6 Br at 810827 MUBO 1/25000 @ 1548 - 1445 7/29 LABA 1317 OP reports heavy bombing and strafing DUALI NAISSU BAY area All informed
231				3 div	0800	0900	sub 144 to 0800K/30
232	A/W 1300					00603	Sub 145 to 1145K/30 @ MUBO area No definite news MACKECHENIE yet to land of D Coy 2/6 report all quiet than front but can hear rifle fire to south of MASSIM area @ NO detailed report air attack BOBDOBBI available yet but O.P. reports sound of BOMBS and strafing that area 0845 0915 K/30 also that 18 Mitchell's bombed SALAMUA area at 1103K/30.
233							ALL COYS 1103 HAWKWARD for period 1500K/30 to 1659 K/1 @ FLATLY
234						I 102	ALL COYS Sub of MUBO area D Coy 2/6 Br much food within 600x2 TSEARCH at DUALI 10 sounds of Motors heard throughout night 2930 @ MITCHEL cont BOSTON had bombed strafed DUALI-NAISSUBAY 15148 K/29 151645/K29 @ MISSIMOS fde HQ much food MISSIMOS 58/59 BUA @

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234	6th					J	ref to map 2 miles 605002 with msg ref 608002 with msg ref 608002 on 604908 O patrol 6 men penetrated KEHO-HILL ref 704002 O Jap being later surprised by further JAPS find report which withdrawn O MARKHAM O on mtg find 16 rds int JAP Posn ref 501408 JAP replied with 25 rds belated 70MM guns & later 20 JAPS ambushed some area EN has being 6 killed 5 wounded own mtg O further EXCHANGE mtg and gun shots
235				3 div	1905	1104	relief to 1900K/30
236				3 div		1105	ack message on 6/12/39
237	17th	1940	2100			1814	detach 138 to 1900K/30 O Purple area O listening post patrol WHEP NR WYZEB WYZEB will remain in Posn with relief unit 2/6 Bn O 1300K/30 12 Pls with one mtg arrived REEVES O.P from HILL 7 1300K/30 HQ B Coy and Ptn arrived Hill 5 from WAIPALI O 1300K/30 one sent sec 2 Ptn arrived met MAI from SADDLE O Both by 1st Aust Mtn Bty now in Posn WYZPAZO MOST SECRET O ref 3 Div 61200/22 of 22 June O current volume confirmed reserve volume becomes effective 1000hrs 1 July ACK
238							
239	3 DIV	2075	20414			0622	SECRET O Detach 144 to 2000K/30 O MARKHAM AREA O 1600K/29 Patrol from B Coy 24 Bn sent Ambush Posn Mouth BUANI RIVER O 1500K/30 O 1530/30 B Coy P.I.B sent 4 Pl arrived TIMNE O ANGAL Patrol to NEA at 1510 291510 WAIME 1st reports village burnt 3 houses destroyed no natives contacted but believed in close proximity. O

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239						1622	<p>MISSIM ATEN O PM 29 June 2/3 8th Coy leading party to MALOLO area replaced by 5APE at deserted Village 400034 SALAMUA 1/25000 party split 0 five men missing 0 ENEMY has 11 killed 0 Party now in AMBUSH from 632027 0 0605K/30 HQ 58/59 Bn established 682945 KOMIATUM 1/25000 0 1230[*]/30 A Coy attack on TRODUBI commenced 0 1355 K/30 C Coy occupied huts at 693969 0 no external ENEMY has 0 OWN 1 wounded 0 on attempting to take old WALKERS GUN from 402943 met opposition from 2 M.G. and light Mts fire 0 1425[*]/30 attack at this point supported by 3" Mts 0 B Coy moving along top of spur to 505964 0 MUBO area 0015 and 0100 K/30 from 1st and 2nd WAVE Bn Bombardiers 162 U.S. REG landed NASSAU BAY 0 NO bus during landing 0 heavy surf many boats beached 0 1430[*]/30 Pls D Coy 2/6 Bn encountered BOOBY TRAP 828826 MUBO 1/25000 0 2 ENEMY M.G. opened fire from 30x EAST and a light Mts gun fired 2 rounds from approx 828829 0 ENEMY could not be entered from point 0 1510K/30 Pls withdrawn slightly</p>
240						0715	<p>3 DIV 0715 16101 Letter to 0900 hrs A/1</p>
241						08129	<p>3 DIV Det 148 to 2330 K/30 MISSAMOREA Ref Det 1450 MALOLO leading party attacked by 40 Japs who were later reinforced by 40 ENEMY 0 has 12 killed 0 DOWNED 0 5 missing men have returned 0 afternoon 30 guns A Coy 58/59 Bn attack ORODUBI NET successful 1900K/30 D Coy moving to old BOB DUBI 404945 KOMIATUM 1/25000 Barrages reported to 1900K/30 A Coy 1 killed 3 wounded 6 Coy 2 killed 4 wounded</p>

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242							03620 19 LCVS and LCM on beach probably all wrecked by heavy seas @ 1930 K/30 heavy Coy "C" TOBAI no ENEMY contacted Coy A west movement of B, TOI South area contacted unknown number ENEMY @ Pearl B, TOI to TOBAI clear enemy @ much water SAA were as other exist. lost in landing @ no known loss MACKECKNIE NOT yet made contact with D Coy 2/0 Bn other than BEACH party
243	14 Bty	0730	0830			I 449	Subref 139 to 0900K/1 @ nil report
244	Div					03630	Subref 149 to 0800K/1 @ MISSAM area @ Est JAP has 14 killed several wounded
245				ACHQ	1340	1108	password 1740K/1 to 1650K/2 - LEGIBLE
246				all Coy	1340	1107	subref to Coy to 0700K/1
247				3 div	1720	1109	contact to 2350K/30 @ of map, Wau locality. In the Gordon farm 387711 A Coy less platoon Wau dome 379713 C Coy Wau 380707 HQ Coy less companies pl swimming pool 386710 @ companies pl guard FSD 359724 @ 9.10 A Coy platoon BLACKCAT of Wau East 529794 @ of map Bulolo B Coy less 2 pls 305838 110 pl guard FSD 263913 11 pl 295868 D Coy 287870
248				3 div	1901	1110	subref to 1900K/1
249	3 div	1409	1700			03640	subref 150 to 1400K/1 @ Missam area @ A Coy 58/59 in attacking @ BOB DUBI with two pls @ see now at graveyard 696941 KOMIATUM 1/2500

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430							Still burning 1600 K/22 @ Mt Bay and mortars continued harassing fire into enemy positions MT TAMBU area throughout day @ 1605 K/22 2 guns 217 4th Coy B 696872 registered on KOMIATUM @ Rep sidrep 234 guns which fired toward TAMBU BAY now believed to have been at 744 012 @ B Coy 2/6 Bn less 11 pl WELLS 11 Pl 687927 @ 14 pl DIERKE @ Enemy still in position between 11 Pl and TAMBU SH KNOLE @ COANE FORCE @ Coy H driven off ridge at 150943 by 1st 300 Japs supported by 10 mortars Coy L NOT able to reach crest of ridge owing to PRECIPITOUS terrain @ Now withdrawn to 747939 all informed.
440	22nd	0715					17 B Co Sidrep 211 to 0700 K/23 @ Mt TAMBU area @ Chopping heard all night from enemy positions @ 0545 K/23 LABABIE OP reported 2 enemy medium bombs heading E all informed.
441	20th	0644					BIMO Sidrep to 0600 K/23 @ 0600 K/23 patrol from hwa pl DUBU moved out toward 16 BUSH KNOLE @ No report from FATA as yet @ 2051 sidrep.

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429							C Coy 26 Bn moving along Base 4 DIERKE 0
6074							OP track 00630 K/22 16th Bn commenced harassing fire into enemy from Mt. TAMBU area 00730 K/22 12th Bn bombs into same point during air attack morning 22 Jul approx 20 % bombs dropped area along KOMIATUM track 0 KOMIATUM had destroyed also bombs fell in suspected area 706923 0 other bombs appeared to fall in BUIRALI CK pouch ORADUBI 0 morning 22 July enemy MG gun fired several ras bursts not observed 0 1120 K/22 HQ gun north of island fired towards TAMBO BAY our return fire observed falling into water approx 100 yds north of gun COANE FORCE ref Dinep 233 the L CV which returned NASSAU BAY was fired on from high ground north of TAMBU BAY 0 at 1145 K/22 K Coy was within 20 yds of crest high ground North TAMBU BAY L Coy 50 yds from crest to west of K Coy 0 progress slow due to terrain 0 1 Coy patrolling north from north end TAMBU BAY our Cas 1 wounded 0

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428	Canda						<p>10 Pl unaw com^d Arty 6989480 Composite Pl still in contact south of GWAIBOLON HQ B Coy plus 12 pl 6979480 11 pl 7009510 13 pl unaw com^d B Coy 6979480 1500 K/21 pl engaged 3 Japs 0 one hit 0 1755 A to 1825 K/21 10 M mortar bombs from enemy posn 701950 and 3 shells from Mtn gun which is still in same posn landed in vicinity 11 Pl 0 No casualties 0 GWAIBOLON OP 0 1805 K/21 80 Japs south over foot bridge mouth FRANCISCO 0 1325 A to 1352 K/21 2 guns from SALAMAVA registered 4 hits on village 693965 0 No casualties but ammo dump & some stores damaged 0 Coy now located as follows 0 14 Pl 697967 15 Pl 699962 17 Pl 696965 0 5 Japs observed at OLD VICKERS POSN.</p>
429	23rd 2022						<p>Secut 0 Dis rep 234 to 2000 K/22 24 Br 0 13 Pl Coy arrived PARPET 2 ref siting 232 now reported 7 Japs killed 0 15 Pl 0 1300 K/22 OP party 216 flt reg^t arrived WELLS OP 0 17 Pl 0 CPO 0900 K/22 advanced HQ 216 Br arrived Base 4 0</p>

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427	Coy						Attack not successful but temporarily relieved pressure on ambush knowl of enemy casualties Not known own 1 killed 4 wounded 0 present dis-poin's B Coy 2/6 Bn less two PIs WELLS JONC 0 One PI dug in on tracks 687927 0 one PI DIERKE P all informed.
428	3 Dis						Secret 0 Pickup 231 to 10045 K/22 0 2430 00890 4/31 booby traps 150 yds N of ambush from approx 635227 WHGO one inch exploded by enemy one not seen but much blood found 0 1140 1/2 party relaying booby traps ambushed approx 635228 by large body traps with LMG 0 16 M/G 0 party withdrew to 635225 0 Enemy attacked from North supported by 1st Abadar and from South across BUNG mouth simultaneously encircling to West 0 Estimated enemy strength 200 0 Patrol withdrew to 619220 but again attacked and forced back to LEGA 5202100 Casualties enemy one killed our one missing 0 15 Bae 0 40 A Coy 58/59 Bn plus 9 PI 697948 0

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427							No further contact with enemy @ Composite Pl from HQ @ Coy established from at 685982 @ 1215 K/21 enemy attacked AMBUSH KNOLL but were driven off by 1245 K/21 @ further attack at 1350 K/21 repulsed @ enemy also fired on NAMLING @ Our casualties 3 killed 2 wounded @ Estimation of enemy in posn @ 692932 is one Coy @ at 1815 K/21 enemy strongly attacked AMBUSH KNOLL but were again repulsed One sec 2/3 Ina Coy are in posn at WELLS JUNC.
Contd							17 Bde 940 21 Jul harassing fire on to enemy from Mt TAMBU area by Mortar Coy Mortars and snipers 3 yaps believed killed @ During morning voices heard 712916 @ One Pl Coy B 162. US regt now approx 703905 @ 0930 K/21 enemy Mortar guns previously believed destroyed fired towards ORODUBI @ recce patrol to 704923 estimate 25 yaps in area @ 1600 K/21 FOGARTY OP reports power launch in TAMBOA M'BOUR @ 1400 K/21 100 pps B Coy 2/6 Bde attacked enemy posn astride TRACK BETWEEN WELLS JUNC and AMBUSH KNOLL

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A27							being driven off @ 130 K/22 laps encountered in vicinity
Cont'd							Wandering RIDGE @ 2 further attacks on AMBUSH KNOLL at
							0150 + 0430 K/22 both repulsed @ enemy casualties
							unknown @ own 3 wounded. Day 58/59 Bw report
							enemy still in vicinity 704994 @ COANE FORCE
							Coy K advancing north around TAMBU BAY were
							engaged by MG fire from spur at North end of bay @
							1400 K/21 were in contact at 752942 @ Coy L followed
							Coy K and are in contact 749942 @ Coy I in res @
							B4 @ 747936 @ Coy F less one PL moving to 725933
							Enemy occupying ridge 752943 to 738947 @
							0822 to 0923 K/21 and 1625 to 1709 K/21 our army
							engaged enemy posns @ enemy gun at 756961 fired 4 rounds
							on LCI landing TAMBU BAY @ 1527 to 1557 K/21 enemy gun
							engaged by our army - All informed.
							Ref ut rep 230 0900 K/21 radio party returning from
							OP. at 698027 fired on by 2 LMGs at 704995 our casualties
							one killed one wounded @ during attacks by 60 enemy
							on ambush posn at 703994 our troops suffered no
							casualties and withdrew to 16 PL posn 696876. @

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426							by mortar attacked and ambushed from our side at 703944 also sounds of firing heard vicinity standing post 498027 017 Pde. of 1250 K/21 9 twin engine bombers left 1117 with fighter escort dropped bombs between WAPPA and DOYLI causing columns of white smoke 0 COATS from 01230 K/21 camp K and L 162 regt now 500 yds north DOIS 01250 K/21 8 japs bombers 25701 fighter dropped approx 10 bombs scattered BITO1 south own square 8083 no damage notices 0 this confirms 17 Pde report 0 R/17 Br reported 2270 white 7 pl insert 7 pl
427	3 Div	2475 0105					Secret strip 232 to 0800 K/22 24 Br. ref strip 231 0 during withdrawal some stores & ammo was lost 0 casualties enemy 6 known killed 0 own nil missing men recovered 156. Bde afternoon 21 July enemy MG gun fired 3 rounds in vicinity of A pl 24 Indep Coy Morvan ad 693938. 0 Our mortar vicinity GWA1 BOLON replied with 5 rounds all bombs within 200 yds gun positions 0 2110 K/21 japs made their biggest attack on ALBUSH KNOLL 0 initiated by enemy casualties 0 were within 6 yds of our posts before

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425 cont.							<p>2/5 Pm reports at 712916 a patrol found track from 700903 to 714914. 1 pl Bray 102 rpt on CAFFIN track above 703905. GOOD VIEW June area. 0930 K/21 enemy mortar gun on KOMIATUM spot previously believed destroyed by our A/C fired rounds direction OROODUBI. 0 new patrol 100 yds north west June STEPHEN'S track. MULH track observed est 25 yds in area 01600 K/21. FOGARTYS O.P. observed lower boat SAMOA harbour with 3 trucks stopped nearby. further 6 trucks moved from ISTHMUS to FRANCISCO mouth. 1630 K/21 V/1 A/C plus east of FOGARTYS O.P. 0 approx 1000 hrs 2 pls Bray 2/1 on attacked enemy force half way between WELLS June area ambush KROLL. 0 number cas inflicted on enemy but track not cleared. 0 own killed 4 wounded attack relieved pressure on ambush KROLL. 0 present dispositions Bray has 2 pls WELLS June. 1 pl on NAMKING track 200 yds from WELLS June. 0 the pl dug in within 400 yds of enemy. 0 1 pl DIEKE O.P.</p> <p>426 3DIV 2220 0730 00091 Detail 230 to 2000 K/21 0 24 to 01415 K/21 13/11 C. Coy arrived TIMNE. 0 15 Bde. 0 morning 21 July 62 japs substantiated</p>

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420	3DIV	0830	0850			11074	Sitrep 228 to 0800 K/R1 @ 24 Bn @ 0900 K/R0 13/10 coy arrived WAMPITO COARNE FORCE @ 0600 K/R1 arty in form as follows @ Btys A and B 218/10 arty Bn 795894 @ Bty B 205 fd arty Bn SALUS @ 0808 - 1015 K/R0 registered on LOKANO ISLAND BOISI BOI ISLAND and village 100 yds north of BOISI @ coy K 3 Bn 162 US regt. encountered and overcame enemy 762922 and by 1030 K/R0 was moving along beach towards BOISI @ at the same time coy I was moving towards 745928 @ coy F 2 Bn also moving north from NASSAU BAY.
421	all camp				1100	1185	Sitrep to coys.
422	3DIV	1425	1430			11085	Sitrep 229 to 1400 K/R1 057/60 Bn discovers 3 coy Coy HQ 970315 round 1 inch @ 10 ft 986316 @ 17 Bde gp. @ morning 21 July B coy 2/6 Bn arrived WELLS OP @ COARNE force night 20/21 July following landed southern TAMBU @ TK/12 coy. best 2 lbs @ detachment bty c 209 CAAAD @ 16 portable hoist.
423	17 Bde	0705	0730			11926	Sitrep 268 to 0700 K/R2 @ nothing to report.
424				3DIV	0730	1186	reply to G12/1430 ack receipt code cards.
425	17 Bde	2025	0730			11950	Sitrep 207 to 1900 K/R1 @ MT TAMBU @ slight activity by own mortars and into bty and arty @ snipes believed to have killed 3 enemy during day @ AM 21 July voices heard west of @ coy

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419	9cent						<p> estab at 703978 703978 ref sub 223 3 men reported missing at 1515^{K/19} have since returned @ ENBAIRAIN OP 1725-1823^{K/20} 103 JAPS SOUTH 12 JAPS NORTH over foot bridge MOUTH FRANCISCO @ WELLS OP 1830^{K/19}- 1540^{K/20} 113 JAPS and one stretch car NORTH 59 JAPS over foot bridge mouth FRANCISCO @ 0720^{K/20} 8 JAPS down strain from KOMINTUM @ 2/3 End Bay reports met through @ ROB DUBI 20 JULY 27 JAPS SOUTH GRAVEYARD 24 JAPS NORTH to GRAVEYARD @ 1215^{K/20} JAPS attacked AMBUSH NO. 1 attack repulsed @ 1250 JAP MMG and mortar fired into AMBUSH KNOLL end at 1320^{K/20} JAPS attacked from SOUTH and EAST attack repulsed @ 1430^{K/20} continuous mortar and MMG fire on ambush NO. 1 @ during afternoon 10 further attacks on AMBUSH NO. 1 were repulsed @ enemy cas not known own 2 wounded @ 1815^{K/20} enemy attacked Ambush NO. 1 with heavy mortar and MMG support main front 685935 @ 17 Bde gp @ as 17 Bde setup 204 @ all informed </p>

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414	cont						trouble observed bearing light going EAST over MT TAMBU @ 17 Bde gp @ ref sitrep 2230 slow reported that gun at 708937 is quick firing HH gun @ CORNE FORCE @ 1530 ^{1/20} Coy I 162 US Regt at 734925 @ all informed.
415	3 rd Div Dun 2030					04065	Secret @ sitrep 226 to 2000 ^{1/20} @ 57/60 Bn @ at MC calls of 959337 ROMER 1st @ 24 Bn @ 1247 ^{1/19} small party gaps exploded booby trap 635229. WHOO light bursts 1MG fire heard after explosion @ patrol investigated and found blood stains and JMP footprints @ disposition B Coy at 1600 ^{1/20} @ 10 pl PATTER 2 @ 11 pl DAMBI @ 12 pl BUANG patrol @ 17 Bde gp @ as 17 Bde Sitrep 2020 all informed
416	3 rd Div Dun 0730					21954	secret @ sitrep 205 to 0700 ^{1/21} @ All quiet - all informed
417				Div		2184	Back 9/12/11
418				3 rd Div		2185	Back 9/21/9
419	3 rd Div Dun 0018					04072	secret @ Sitrep 227 to 0001 ^{1/21} @ 57/60 Bn 1600 ^{1/20} 11/19 over TRS 11 @ 15 Bde @ 1345 ^{1/20} 7 min from 11 pl D Coy 57/59 Bn established ambush on BURIS CK at 702794 standing patrol

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414	3rd Aust Div	1992	-			34057	<p>Secret @ Site 225 to 1400 1/20 @ 2230 7/19 party Japs moved onto NAMMING WELLS same tracks Believed to have used one of our patrol track from BUI RALL. OK @ Enemy were first engaged by standing patrol C pl 7/3 Ind Coy @ later C pl from ambush NOLL 691935 @ NO results observed but sounds of woodchopping and digging heard indicating preparation of an defence post @ dispositions 2/3 Ind Coy this stage were ART NAMMING RIDGE @ B pl 682914 @ 1040 7/20 JAPS est strength 50 in form at 689932 @ later reports state that enemy are in force SOUTH of AMBUSH NOLL and also on ridge 695995 @ Enemy attacking from SOUTH and have dug in close to our post @ 20 men from WELLS harassing enemy from rear @ 0930 7/20 2 WIRRAWAYS dropped 3 bombs on old vickers post @ 0945 7/20 BOSTONS bombed BUI RALL OK @ during attack one pt over NAMMING will engine</p>

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411	411						heard gaps SW ORODUBI @ 1010 K/18 shells from our Mtn Bty observed bursting in southeast-NW of TAMBU in vicinity suspected gap staging camp @ GWAIBOLOM OP @ 0600-1800 K/18 28 gaps NORTH over footbridge north FRANCISCO @ 13 gaps SOUTH @ 1706 K/18 KEHA gun fired 8 shells into area south of 69/973 @ WELLS OP @ 1200 K/18 3 stretchers 21 gaps NORTH along KOMIATUM track @ 5 gaps SOUTH over footbridge north FRANCISCO @ 13 gaps south then appeared to move SOUTH along coast @ 17/30 @ Camp @ 17/30 silence 197
412							Silence to 1900
413	1730/1945						Silence 2000 to 1900 K/20 @ MT TAMBU area quiet - except for activity by our snipers and mortars @ 2 guns of Bty 2218 FA Bn requested targets in MT TAMBU area firing 10 rounds 1600 K/20 @ sounds from enemy perimeter indicate improving defences @ changes 2/6 Bn disports 4 pl less 1 sec MTD 5 pl 192969 @ 14 pl 693863 17 pl 693869 all informed

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411	3 Aust Div 2930					34021	<p>Secret @ Sitrep 219 to 2300^h/18 @ 2430 @ 1425^h/18 one up A/C flying WEST from LHE with engine spluttering @ 1440 - 1540^h/18 50 explosions heard direction out to sea direction LHE @ Bole @ 1445^h/18 enemy mtn gun fired into A Coy 58/59 Bu area @ No para @ ref sitrep 212 bombs did not hit old VICKERS POSN @ gap movement and chopping in this posn after an attack @ patrol 18 pl 2 Coy remained night 17/18 July at junct FRANCISCO and BUIRIS aka reports @ approx 0001^h/18 partly approx 20 gaps now moving N NORTH up BUIRIS CK @ 1500^h/18 fighting patrol 18 pl moved north up BUIRIS CK @ ref sitrep 216 @ our the graveyard 699 954 repulsed a attacks at 2115 - 2250^h/17 and 0001^h/18 @ enemy cas 12 killed own nil @ extensive gap defences found in this vicinity @ allowing 18 July our the returned NAMLING RIDGE @ 0800^h/18 patrol from NAMLING to within 100 yds of ORODUBI reports no mt seen in ORODUBI HUTS @ patrol from 691930</p>

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408	17 Bde	2715				773	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde closed SUMMIT 1800 hrs 21 July @ all informed
409	17 Bde	1900				1943	Sitrep 202 to 1300 hrs MT TAMBU area @ 0630 hrs all in Bty registered with 5 rounds where enemy digging heard NW over FDL @ 0800 hrs progressive total enemy dead 282 @ 0900 hrs said by fighting patrol 1 pl B Coy area GOODVIEW JUNG proceeded by accurate mortar fire @ pl moved down GOODVIEW track encountering enemy FDL on razor back approx 705 917 in dense country @ enemy defences appear semi-circular facing WEST @ At least 5 LMG estimated enemy strength @ low enemy killed own killed all informed
410	17 Bde	1430				1944	Sitrep 203 to 1400 hrs @ MT TAMBU area @ during during morning Troops heard approx 20 rounds arty fire in direction of coast @ FORGARTY @ PO 098 915 reports our planes dropped 2 bombs and stroked NORTH from KOMIATUM along main track and along mist track @ 2 small huts SOUTH of large hut on KOMIATUM spur have been pulled down since dark 19 JULY @ all informed

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403							VICKERS POSN @ No direct hits @ 1510 ^H /19 16 pl Biry 694270 18 pl 695026 @ 1510 ^H /19 ref sitrep 219 fighting patrol up BUIRIS ck fired on @ own car 1 killed 3 missing @ 1630 ^H /19 further patrol moved up BUIRIS ck @ 1205 ^H /19 M.M.G. at NAMLING fired on 4 gaps in @ ROBBOUBI @ NO results @ 1425 ^H /19 3 gaps 1 stretch moving SOUTH to ARIBDUBI engaged @ NO results @ WELLS OPO 1440 - 1530 ^H /19 50 gaps NORTH side foot bridge MOUTH FRANCISCO @ 17 Bde gp @ ad for 17 Bde sitrep previously logged
404	17 Bde	0820	0930			4938	ref sitrep 200 quick firing gun at 708937 should read quick firing H.H. gun all informed
405	17 Bde	0725	0930			4936	Sitrep 201 to 0700 ^H /19 @ NT TAMBO all quiet during night @ Bang unit heard 0200 ^H /19 @ firing heard vicinity BOBBOUBI during night all informed
406	3rd Div	0820	0930			04052	Secret @ Sitrep 224 to 0800 ^H /20 @ 15 Bde @ 2/3 Bnd Coy report enemy strength not known in form as their track at 689929 @ NO details all informed
407				3rd Div		4182	Sitrep to 1900 ^H /20 @ BLACKHEAT patrol withdrawn @ 3 OR remaining to guard stores @ otherwise silent

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401	3 Aust Div	1425	0800			34032	Secret @ Secret 221 to 1900 ^K /19 @ 15 Bde @ slight 18/19 July enemy patrol was located 100 yds NE ORODURI @ Enemy were engaged with grenades @ 2103 ^K /18 3 shell bursts observed NW slopes ATP THABO @ MING from HPI 2/3 Ind Coy engaged two gaps in ORODURI @ NO hits @ 0255 ^K /19 same MING engaged 20 gaps moving NORTH from KORIATUM @ COANE FORCE @ 0615 ^K /19 1 enemy Reco A/C over HQ COANE FORCE all informed.
402	3 Aust Div	2037	0800			24040	Secret @ 220 to 2000 ^K /19 @ 1 AE OP @ 14.30 ^K /19 approx 11 barges in harbor and 5 A/C parked on drome @ 15 Bde @ 0930 ^K /19 GWAIB OLOW OP reports 6 BOSTONS dropped 12 bombs on enemy all gun @ Large crater observed 10 yds from gun post @ 2/3 Ind Coy reports heavy strapping and one direct hit on gun @ 17 Bde @ as 17 Bde setup 199
403	3 Aust Div	2315	0800			04045	Secret @ sitrep 223 to 2300 ^K /19 @ 15 Bde @ PM 19 July composite pl H Coy 22/29 Bn advanced 70 yds SOUTH and are digging in at 698945 @ enemy east gun nil @ 1600 ^K /19 2 Coy mortar fired 30 bombs into old

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395							1350 ⁴ / ₁₈ 6 probable type LILY A/c with fighter escort approached from NE and turned north @ Bombing heard NW of 2/5 Bn base @ 1400 ⁴ / ₁₈ 25 enemy fighters over area attacked by 6 lightnings 18 enemy departed and lightnings engaged remaining 7 enemy over wide area results unknown @ All informed
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396	17 Bde	0745	1000			1926	Sitrep 198 to 0700 ⁵ / ₁₉ @ nothing further to report @ all informed
397	94	0839	1000			2402	Secret @ Sitrep 220 to 0800 ⁵ / ₁₉ @ COCAINE FORCE @ Buttpost est 783896 @ 1814 ⁵ / ₁₈ and AP reports lone campfire at 742916 @ HQ Coy PIB 763920 @ Coy I 162 Regt- 758922 @ Coy L 756919 @ 1715 2/6 Field regt landed NASSAU BAY @ Ref sitrep 213 @ Suspected enemy fld gun now reported 750968 NOT 759962 @ All informed
398							ACT HQ NDS Sitrep to Coy
399	17 Bde	1920				1929	Sitrep 199 to 1300 ⁵ / ₁₉ @ 1830 ⁵ / ₁₈ all to Bty harassing fire on enemy TAMBU area @ Enemy all to gun reflected sound for sound @ 0945 ⁵ / ₁₉ 2/6 Bn observed 1 A/c straf towards TAMBU BAY @ 1000 ⁵ / ₁₉ 6 Boston's bombed enemy all to gun base and appeared to score direct hit land

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							<p>explosions were heard believed amn dump @ a/c then strafed MOUNT FRANCISCO @ 2/5 Bn @ approx 1100^h/19 enemy strongly attacked both flanks A and B Coy and endeavoured to work to the rear @ our all Bty engaged enemy with accurate fire @ 1200^h/19 situation quiet @ our car 6 killed & wounded @ C Coy 1 Bn lead pl and fighting patrol 2 pl 2/5 Bn moving forward along track up BUIGAP HEADQUARTERS to mount JAMBU known as CAMERONS Tr.</p>
1700	Bde	2000	0800			I933	<p>Retreat 200 1900^h/19. 2/5 Bn @ 1500 hrs to 1615^h/19 A Coy reinforced by D Coy were again fairly Attkd A Coy held their ground and ENEMY eventually retired toward the 3rd posns @ Mtr and Mtr Bty fired on ENEMY posns @ Coy K of 1 Bn moved into posn previously occupied by D Coy @ 1800^h/19 D Coy pl 2 pls 415916 @ Coy B lead 1 pl plus 1 - 81st Mtr of 1 Bn 415915 @ A Coy 2/5 Bn Gen C CAMERON-WALTERS Sgt 416911 @ JugyARTY op 648914 report Gun 2nd from point WEST of KEHA-Hills Hodge DP 402914 reports anti-air Gun 2nd on mountain Gun approx 408938 @</p>

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399	8 Cusst Dir	1420				24017	Secret @ Setrep 212 to 1400 ^h /18 @ 15 Bde @ 1046 ^h /18 6 Boston bombed and strafed COCONUTS and OLD VICKERS posn @ bombs observed as followed @ 1 bomb EAST 1 bomb WEST centre COCONUTS @ 2 bombs south COCONUTS 2 bombs SE COCONUTS @ 14 bombs old VICKERS posn @ All informed.
393	12 Bde	1225				6920	Setrep 196 to 1200 ^h /18 @ 9/5 pm @ 1900 ^h /12 enemy gun fired 3 rounds into A Coy area @ enemy cars during dusk attack yesterday 25 killed 0800-0815 our mortars ranged on enemy posn @ 1000 ^h /18 A Coy attacked preceded by mortar and light gun fire gaining 3 yds enemy posn on road back at 715917 with 3 HMG @ our troops unable to out-flank @ car killed @ C Coy @ one pl moving down GOODVIEW track and 1 pl down of main track. Both contacted enemy some strength vicinity GOODVIEW Junct. 706198 @ pl now digging in at 706917 1/4d 706917 702918 Apts 705918 @ 0650 ^h /18 1/4 n/c encircled MT TAMBA area @ 0615 single liberator over SALAMUA engaged by HA @ 0910 ^h /18 1 MITCHELL bombed mouth FRANCISCO and was engaged

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394	3rd Aust Div	2038				04319	<p>By AA fire from PENINSULAR and SOUTH of ISTHMS all informed Secret @ Sitrep 212 to 2000^K/18 @ LAE OPD 1330^K/18 est at least 50 A/c heading SOUTH 1415-1423 @ 7 A/c heading NORTH SALAMUA OP 0830^K/18 gap installing new gun at 714007 @ 1406^K/18 enemy A/c SOUTH number not known @ 24 Bn @ 1130^K/18 BUANG patrol discovered footprints of 2 gaps approx 2 hours old NORTH BANK BUANG RIVER 1428^K/18 OP at 444445 NAD 2 AB inch reports 37 enemy A/c flying WW height 5000 ft @ 17 Bde group @ as 17 Bde sitrep 196</p>
395	17 Bde	1945				1924	<p>Sitrep 197 to 1900^K/18 @ 2/5 Bn @ 1200^K/18 A Coy have gained 100 yds vital ground our mortars fired at intervals during afternoon and alltn arty registered 9 hits on enemy posn @ 1430^K/18 enemy MG fired on our left flank without result @ one man wounded by sniper @ total cas since 16 July 6 killed 14 wounded enemy 42 known killed @ B C Coys patrolled towards enemy posns GOODVIEW JUNCT area @ D Coy patrol heard enemy FHST MT TANBU 728912 and 729915 @ Coy e 162 Regt has 1 pl 203895 @ 1 pl coy e 689897 @ air activity @</p>

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supplies brought to LOKANU CAVE at dusk by single launch which shuttles SALAMAU to LOKANU during night. Only other Jap craft in area are 2 canoes used between LOKANU and DOT ISLAND. local natives destroyed all other canoes in area. Jap Barracks area foot of hill NW shore of TAMBU BAY and scattered Japs in coconuts along shore between LOKANU 1 and BOISI of which natives can NOT give accurate account. American arty CP now at 783907 confirms that fires at 749955 and 752956 burned all PM 15 July. This CP commands coast as far north as 767989 with the exception of SW shore DOT INLET all informed.

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Sitrep to Lays

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sitrep to 195 to 0700 17/7. A bay 2/5 km again strongly attacked dusk 17 July supported by enemy mfu guns. Our cas 5 including 3 wounded by own mortars. 0600 1/8 1 mortar bomb

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390	cont-						fired into enemy positions @ 2/13 sector @ TAYLORS no report all informed
391	Clust Dir	0830				04007	Secret @ Sitrep 2/16 to 0800 ^h /13 @ 24 Bn @ RUANG patrol reports 0340 ^h /17 tracers fired followed by bright orange light EAST on horizon presume barg attack by H/C @ 0350- 0400 light burned @ 0345-0355 ^h /17 two searchlights in LFE direction towards light @ 0445 ^h /17 small ship or barg from LFE circled area then returned @ 15 Bde @ afternoon 17 July @ 17 pl A Coy 58/59 Bn still in contact with gaps approx 698945 @ B pl 2/5 Ind Coy ran into ambush between 691930 and 6902031 No details @ 1500 ^h /17 14 gaps moving through NAMLINGS fired on by NMG at NAMLING @ No observed results @ 1700 ^h /17 graveyard 697941 captured by H Pl @ 2 enemy counter attacks repulsed @ No contact yet established with 17 pl 58/59 Bn @ 5 gaps killed @ 17 Bde @ dusk 17 July enemy supported by mortar gun strongly attacked A Coy 2/5 Bn @ our cas 5 @ No details @ all informed

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385	17Bde	2000	0700			1913	Patrols located enemy at following points 706922 705926 705826 701926 706918 706919 707916 707916 715917. Patrols along goodview and main track both contacted enemy at 707916. enemy has no mt. ammo & not more than 3 days ammunition. Further enemy killed during day.
386	3DIV	2022	0700				Secret. Sitrep 214 to 2000K/17. LAE OP 1230K/17. One plane dropped 4 bombs vicinity airfield. Large fire apparently were started @ 15 Bde 0830K/17. 58/59 Bn contacted enemy at 698944. car car 2 killed wounded 1045K/17 mtn gun fired 15 shells in GWAIBOR. 1030 to 1705K/17 2/3 in det coy 7MG @ NAMLING scored direct hits enemy mortar gun crew dispersed in 100 yds north. American force 0730K/17 30 japs moved north from KOMIATUM and were fired on by some 7MG japs dispersed 617. 0845. 17 Bde hit 15 japs.
387	3DIV	2335	0700			0400	Secret. Sitrep 215 to 2315K/17. 15 Bde @ 16/11 Day 2/5 Bn amb. now 672032. A Coy 58/59 Bn mortar engaged enemy mtn gun. mtn gun replied with 5 shells. car car nil @ P.M. 17 Bde 2/3 in det coy sent patrol towards ORODUB from

170 Bde ambushed
 08121
 from tent
 0800

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387							NAMLING RIDGE at 681930 17Bok during 17 July. 2/5 Bn patrol located enemy in following four 70692-705926-701926-706918-707916-7159170 enemy found in the MT TAMBU area have not been constructed for more than 3 days & further gaps killed during day @ COANE FORCE 1927 K/17 @ COANE force command post at 7972920 K/16 0945 K/17 patrol at FRAZERS MINE reports 1 A/C crashed in vicinity BUBANHING @ 7 pl Heavy released by 7 pl at FRAZERS MINE
388	17 Regt	1600				7902	Following enemy infm from PIB @ 190 gaps entrenched in coconut shore TAMBU BAY vicinity BOISI actually counted by natives who sold Paw Paw from tent to tent @ undoubtedly more in area @ Approx 300 gaps dug in ridge NORTH of LOKANU I and on SALAMAU RIDGE probably evacuated from NASSAU BAY @ Gap field piece near on Ridge NORTH of LOKANU I reported one single staff officer LOKANU I distinguished by his uniform. similar offr at BOISI @ Gap hq/c SALAMAU to LOKANU along beach track along which native report much activity @

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							6 out
							1911 O ENEMY POW 715914 supported by belated Bn ord number Light 843 rounds discharged O conservative estimate 30 Japs killed during attack last night
384	3 Bn	1421	ROO				03991 Signal 213 to 1400K/16 O 15 to 1630K/16 D Coy 24 Bn of at 642033 surprised by party of Japs with 2 LM90 O No cas 3 men maintaining contact with Japs O 1905K 4pl A Coy 58/54 Bn moved SOUTH towards DRODUBI 17 JUL A Coy in contact with Japs NE of DRODUBI O WELLS OP O 1450K/16 15 Japs without taking packs checked down slope at Mda Gumpom 406436 O 1805K/16 atomic Sim heard from the area 2/3 Sideloy report up to 0930K/14 considerable JAP movt NORTH from KOMINTUM O 119 carrying one stretcher, movt NORTH in on g.p. JAPS moving on EAST of the top on low crest of RIDGE to avoid our harassing fire O 0930K/14 12 MITCHELL dropped bombs at 439991 440996 15 craters in SOUTH end of H/Field. O 430K/14 3 MITCHELLS dropped 436025 COONVILLE Japs O Night 10/14 JUL O C PIV moving NORTH toward at 403922 O 3 Bn 162 Regt less by K moving NORTH along coast by F.S. 9 in NASSAU BAY area with the

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384	Contd				03991		ONE FORCE D Bty B205 Arty Bn in posn and ready to send 809848 @ Bty 218 8th Arty Bn line end in posn. 495895 @ result TR/R line LOKANU-BUIAMBUM-BOSI 0945 to 1015K/14 @ LOKANU 112 notes Banned down 3 Remained @ to LOKANU 125 450968 well worn signs front use small clearing on natural shelf 456964 @ NO sign of any field gun at suspected gun posn 459962 @ 448954 @ 454901 two native gardens @ signs of fire in undergrowth @ BUIAMBUM @ coconuts in pasture appears recently destroyed. Native village Bally Booker @ B0121 @ 10 damaged buildings, 449934 to 449940 fresh fire of fire in B road @ at 465915 undergrowth cleared for approx 50x No mud seen over whole area but light bad weather, showering Secret @ sitrep 213 to 1400K/11 @ 15 hds 1630K/14 Day 24 Bn @ Pat 172033 surprised by party of japs with 2 LMGs @ no cas @ 3 men maintaining contact with japs @ 1900K/16. 4/pt 58/59 Bn moved south towards ORODUBI morning 17 July. A day in contact with japs NE ORODUBI @ WELLS OP @ 1750K/16 15 japs without hats
385	3DIV	1427	1600				

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378	Cont.						gap area @ our mortar and mme engaged enemy after dawn @ 1515 ^{K/16} mtn gun fired 12 shells into B pl area 1605 ^{K/16} mme at NAMLING engaged ORODUBI and mtn gun @ during afternoon gap movement seen from ORODUBI towards GWAIBOLON and returned @ WELLS CP @ 1430 ^{K/16} one A/C dropped bombs mainly M/MC DONALDS JUNCT 1700 - 1715 ^{K/16} @ JAPS NORTH of KOMITUM @ 3 JAPS SOUTH @ 17 Bgd group @ 17 Bde S. Trip 190
379				17 Bgd Coy MDS	1167		S. Trip to Coy.
380					03974		Secret @ S. Trip 212 to 0800 ^{K/17} @ 57/60 Bn ref ROAMER 1 mch HQ @ Coy 767327 @ 17 pl 968329 @ OP 967327 all informed
381				all Coy	1300	1171	sent to 0700K/17
382	17 Bgd MCO				1910		S. Trip 192 to 1330 ^{K/16} @ 1930 ^{K/16} A Coy 2/5 Bn captured upper slopes of MT TAMBU where enemy est one pl vacated excellent posns @ our casl killed @ during night - A Coy repulsed 6 counter attacks

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382	Pent						supported by enemy mortar HMG and LMG @ searchlight from SALAMPVA directed on TAMBU during night @ 0830 K/17 D Coy 2/6 Bn arrived TAMBU area from bivouac Junction BUISO BUICAM @ 0700-0900 K/17 125 faps with packs rifles and one stretcher case moved NORTH from KOMIATUM @ AM 17 July recon patrol to find STEPHENS and MULE tracks heard chopping on high ground above MULE track @ fighting patrol to MULE track 1500 yds NORTH of STEPHENS track were fired on causing 2 cas @ further patrols lying to find flanks of the position all informed
383	ade	1540	1800			1911	193 to 1530 K/14 2/6 Bn @ 1700 K/14 16 Pl moved to MUVO from 680976 @ 1000 K/14 12cc 9 pl stab as standing patrol 680976 @ 2/5 Bn @ 0600 K/14 bay A 162 Regt came under evmd 2/5 Bn @ 162 Regt @ HQ MACKECHENIE now complete at 426923 @ small detail service bay and 60ms service only remained at RIVER JUNC @ 2/5 Bn to 1500 hrs @ A Log 415915 P 415915

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375	Cont						BENNETT FORCE est OP at 698932 @ Recce patrols heard enemy voices at 706923 all informed
376	17 Bde 1943					1905	Sitrep 190 to 0900 15/16 @ 162 Regt Coy K vicinity 780900 @ Bty B 205 conty Bn 812874 @ 1505 15/16 HQ TAYLOR FORCE and HQ Coy D Coy and 26 Hosp in area 679876 @ Coy B 195869 @ Coy C 704894 @ 1 Bty 218 FA Bn at River junction @ mtn Bty ball guns and stores now arrived 700896 @ 2/5 am @ A Coy contacted enemy later PM no details @ AM today patrol C Coy killed 2 JAPS @ Don Coy dispositions HQ 704897 16 pl 699901 17 pl 706897 18 pl 703896 @ 2/6 Bn @ ref sitrep 189 dispositions C Coy should read dispositions D Coy all informed.
377	3 Div 2025					07930	Secret @ Sitrep 210 to 2000 15/16 SITREP AM @ OP @ during 16 July JAPS appeared to be moving a naval gun from 18th MVS to MACDONALDS JUNCTION barbed wire entanglement were noticed

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377	Cont						in this area @ 262m @ 2220 ¹⁵ BUONG patrol report engines heard out to sea @ 2 natives apprehended moving SOUTH along beach @ have been sent to LEQA under white escort @ natives state that JAPS have not used coastal track for 2 months @ also LABU natives have gone bush @ 17 Bpd group as sitrep 1239d 162.
378	^{cont} 3Dm 7322					03981	secret @ sitrep 711 to 2345 ¹⁵ 15.00 @ 16.10 ¹⁵ 7/16 Jap Mtn gun fired 6 rounds into A Coy 58/59 3m area @ B Coy less 2 pls 703951 @ 10 and 11 pls 703953 @ Ref sitrep 209 @ Jap ambush was found to be a well dug in position with a 100 yds continuous trench 10 pill boxes of log construction with 3 ft over head cover estimated heard 60 JAPS @ total cas during this action enemy 10 killed @ own 2 killed 13 wounded @ Dispositions HQ 2/3 2nd Coy WELLS OP 19 pl less 1 sect NAM LING RIDGE @ 1 section astride WELLS BIERKE track @ B and C pls JAP

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Japs manning GP NORTH side lagoon square 76910
 GP maintained on DOT ISLAND @ 200 japs including
 100 fresh marines at BOISI @ 10 europeans possibly
 GERMANS in LOKANU @ all japs who escaped
 from MURU NASSAU BAY remained on ridge west
 LOKANU where they are now dug in @ possible
 300 japs in this area @ KANAKA reports that
 japs expect their trip to land in TAMBU
 BAY @ enemy discarded clothing and ammo in
 their flight from BITOI SAIVUS area @ a recess
 of lake reveals 500 yds of deep water suitable
 for small boats all uninformed

373	17 Bde	1235				1901
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Sitrep 189 to 1300 15/16 @ 142 Regt ref sitrep 184 186 Recc
 patrol reports track runs to jap area MT TAMBU
 mainly 767919 @ 1 jap killed by patrol @ 0850 15/16
 HQ TAYLOR moved from 725875 to 692876 @ 2 1/2 Pm @
 e. Coy less 2 pl 683850 17 pl 683851 16 pl 680876 @
 1230 15/16 adv HQ 2 1/2 Pm closed 683850 reopened SADDLE @
 2215 to 2300 15/16 w/1 a/c over area @ allowed all to

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373	Unit-						Bty to forward from 700896 commenced this morning all informed.
374	Aust 3 Div 1106					03976	Secret@ Administration det of 3 Div located near NASSAU BAY is allotted code name KATU@ for information all concerned. This det is responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance of both US and Aust troops supplied from NASSAU BAY all informed.
375	3 Div 1423					03979	Secret@ 8:50p 209 to 1400 ^{1/16} @ 15 Bde @ 1125 ^{1/16} 6 BOSTONS dropped 21 bombs on old VICKERS post and COCONUTS @ bombs on COCONUTS accurate @ afternoon 15 July 17pl 2/3 End Bay in post NAMLING RIDGE @ 0700 ^{1/16} 16 Japs carrying stretchers observed moving SE from ambush post 691930 @ 0930 ^{1/16} Band C pls occupied post and report clear of enemy @ WELLS OP 0600 - 0900 ^{1/16} 50 JAPS north from KOMIATUM @ 0915 ^{1/16} 16 Japs moved towards NAMLING from ORODUBI @ 12 Bde GP @

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369	cont						<p>accurate @ KE LA gun fired shells at 1211 1/15 @ 1700 1/15 B pl 19 Coy 58/59 Bn attacked IERSKINE @ intermittent fire heard to 1645 1/15 @ 1728 1/15 B pl pl MMG fired on 7 gaps in centre COCONUTS @ 1735 1/15 fired on party natives carrying boxes in vicinity centre COCONUTS @ enemy MMG replied @ 1300 1/15 @ 1300 1/15 our mortar and MMG fired on gap ambush posn 69/930 @ 1330 1/15 Cpl 2/3 indep Coy attacked this posn and reported enemy posn strongly held with barricade across track @ gaps using our grenades @ 1615 1/15 1 sec APL reinforced a pl @ ambush being engaged from 3 sides our cas 1 killed 4 wounded @ later indications gaps attempting to withdraw from ambush but our troops between ambush and OBD DUBI @ WELLS OP 1510 - 1555 1/15 21 gaps moved NORTH from COMBATUM @ 17 Bde group area @ dispositions BENNET FORCE @ As 17 Bde siles 187</p>

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370	3 rd Aust Div	2030				23970	SECRET @ Sitrep 206 to 2000 4/15 @ 24 Bn area @ OP 491449 NAD7 PIB 1 m reports 1433 4/15 3 unidentified AC circled slow and LIFE and appeared to land on sea beyond town @ not seen to take off @ 2145 4/14 @ BUANA patrol reports sound of motor in progress moving south some distance from shore @ 17 Bgd Group @ Ref 17 Bgd Sitrep 187
371	11 th Bgd	2130					Sitrep 188 to 0700 4/16 @ 4 th Bn established OP at 198932 over looking from SALAMBA to 213915 inclusive also main KAMINTUM and MVLE track area under observation from good view @ Recce patrol heard enemy voices at 206928 and fresh foot prints seen on MVLE track @ PILL informed
372	3 rd Aust Div	0835				23975	Secret @ Sitrep 208 to 0800 4/16 @ 15 Bde @ 1930 4/15 @ cpl 7/3 Snodgrass Coy digging in 50 yds from barricade 691930 @ estimated 30 Japs & LMC in the Ambush @ 17 Bde group @ report received from OC P Coy PIB @ Chosen native towards TAMBU Bay reports 5 to

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363 363	178th	0725	1050			1888	Sitrep 185 to 0700K/15 @ BENNETTS FORCE to 1800K/14 @ patrols from STEPHENS TRACK reached within 50 yds of post from GOODVIEW zone where much noise and chattering heard @ other areas silent
364	3DIV	0830	1050			03957	Recd @ sitrep 204 to 0800K/15 @ WAPUT VALLEY @ of RONA one inch dishorns B coy 57/60 Bn 12 pl 944288 @ 11 pl 988297 @ 15 Bde area @ 1500K/14 Recd HQ 15 Bde closed MISS 117 HQ complete now at NUNS POST @ sitrep 203 @ B coy 58/59 Bn advanced 100 yds and were still in contact with enemy @ at 1050K/14 2 pl at 701950 were attacked by enemy and withdrew @ 2130 K/14 fighting patrol from A and B coys moved out towards this post
365	178th	1330				1890	Sitrep 186 to 1230K/15 @ 142 Regt @ track from 217894 reported recently used by large numbers troops @ large amount of equip found and indication enemy suffering dysentery @ party 1 send K pl with P113 guiding recceing track towards TAMBA : Coy B less 2 pls 699872 @ 2 pls Coy 12 696874 B Coy 695769 C Coy less 1 pl 714388 1 pl 777895 @ 24 part Coy 733865

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365	Cont-						HQ Coy less p.m.R and AMN 722829 p.m.R and AMN pl 7258760 patrol Coy C moved from 707895 to 722896 @ 0700 K/15 Pl Coy E 3 Bn landed LABABUA ISLAND following 16 min air by Barrage 2/5 Bn @ H left Bannuac area 0830 K/15 0845 K/15 fighting patrol contact Bennett force approx area 713911 all informed
366							Peak
367							Sitrep to Coy
368	17 Bnd Bgd 1920					1893	Sitrep 187 to 1900 K/15 BENNETTS FORCE B Coy HQ 686912 one pl 698912 @ B Coy less two pls 702914 one pls 702914 one pl 703912 @ OP ext 698914 @ 2/5 Bn no report @ 2/6 Bn SITREP @ 162 Regt @ PM 15 July 4 single engine aircraft dived on barges LISANCA but driven off by A/B fire from shore no further details all informed
369	9 Bnd Div 2325					2391	Secret @ Sitrep 207 to 2245 K/15 @ 15 Bgd area @ ref sitrep 205 @ During an attack ORD DUBI 2 bombs dropped had not exploded up to 1240 K/15 strafing attack

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360						1885	From Japs and 614994 along 2000ft contour to 919894 then along NORTH Bank of CR to 911895. In the contour NORTH South River by River expected to return 15 JUL. 0
361	3 Div					03955	Sketch 208 to 2000K/14. Ref Map 1/25000 series 15 Bde. 0 0700K/14. 9 Coy 58/59 Bn fired in vicinity ORODUBI. 0 Ref sketch 201. 0 ENEMY into Gun line 0700 - 0820K/14. again fired 1630 - 1900K/14 B Coy attack ENEMY from 402255 from SOUTH and WEST Glucka ENEMY sniper encountered, our Co 1 wounded. 0 Disposition 2/3 Squad boy 0 Coy HQ 401880 689928 APR WELLS Gun 689526 0 BPL approx 6849180 BPL 691935 0 14 Bde Lpt 0 2/5 Bn position B.HQ 401882 0 B Coy 401883 D Coy 404884 0 patrol discovered large Encamped ENEMY camp at 405896 0 ref sketch 202 Sketch 14 Bde sketch
362						03955	Sketch 202 to 2000K/14 Mission Area 0 1645K/14 B Coy 2/3 Squad log ground GOOD VIEW and approx 698100 ref sketch 2000 correct map ref B.HQ 58/59 to 644944 0 1343 to 1400K/14. 6 BOSTONS found and staffed. ORODUBI on bank on Ridge unobserved 0 Staff very accurate 0 MUDO Area 0 B. Coy P.I.B. reports the Motor Soldiers

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360	Captain				03135	B0151	<p>but did NOT observe any JAPS. but saw one canoe containing 5 Japs moving from BUIADUM & RAT Island. Collected logs from at LOKANU island with Row at down as far SOUTH as BUIADUM 01430 K/14 9 ENEMY A/c behind light the dropped 4 bombs and baby tanks vicinity 8088310 SSAA at NASSAU bay engaged A/c 00840 K/14 6 type Lily dropped 10 bombs and lightly stuffed vicinity MUBO nearfield WOODY K VICKERS RIDGE no damage or casualties taking pl 14 fuel @ 1 pl Coy A 102 Regt from 914884 to 1958760 Coy B less 1 pl to 6958180 Coy B most complete at 914888 @ patrol from Coy C reports to unoccupied because site of 100 capacity at 914898 and 9148980 site connected by to starting at 914898 which leads towards TAMBU patrol Coy B reached MATMAT via BITOI Ridge No movement seen @ 1100 14 JUL 8 off and 133000 Coy C arrived NASSAU BAY Coy K on route LAKE SALUS near O position 2/6 Bn A Coy less 2 pl 683864 @ 2 pl 683863 C Coy less 2 pl PIMPLE @ 13 pl GREEN HILLS 15 pl 692870 D Coy less 2 pl 680895 @ 14 pl 186875 @ 18 pl Heavy MUBO strip strip 300870 JAP camp found in BUISAP VALLEY below BUISAVAL at BUILANG etc</p>

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358		6 out				0835	16 pl 690944 0 17 pl 694964 0 18 pl 696944 0 HQ 2/3 2nd B-ASE 4. @ C pl 685926 0 shells into area 403955 0
359	06c	038	1800			1880	P.I.B native soldier sent to investigate number of ENEMY in DOISI did NOT reach DOISI @ OBSERVED but did not see any JAPS in area sent one canoe containing 5 JAPS go from BUIAMBON to DOT ISLAND as canoe did NOT return Hitell LOCK suspects JAP Port DOT ISLAND @ jump fire also LDKH NUON @ HITCHCOCK believes ENEMY preparing defences with posts as far SOUTH as BUIMBON @
360	17 1504	2010	0800			1885	Subj 184 to 1000K/14 2/5 H A 4018820 A Boy at 14883 B Coy 1st 414884 0 0000 patrol discovered ENEMY camp 4038960 BENNET 2000 1415K/12 ENEMY unknown strength GOODVIEW Inc on EAST WEST with the 1st and 2nd @ Coy 2/5 600X M Inc 150000 on B Coy 2/5 B 1 pl 2/5 Subj 600X of GOODVIEW Inc @ P.M. 14 Jul 1 JAP straggler killed KAMUWA C Coy 2/5 patrol 500X South along MUVA Tr with intent but found numerous Dead JAPS previously killed 2/c Subj. @ 162 Reg @ Further to Subj 183 In report B Coy

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60201
D814 ALBARRIA RIDGE 01530K/13 Coy patrolling from GREENHILL

knows BU. 5APD 5000y Patrols from PIMPLE report area clear
of ENEMY @

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D3914 2000y 194 to 1400K/13 MARKHAM near 00650K/13 5np Recce Apr flow

over BUANG entered from in direction SALAMUN 0 Missim area

0400K/12 D coy 24 Bn 2000y OP at 698029 SALAMUN 175000

01800K/12 D coy 58/59 km reported ENEMY 2000y in pm 901954

KOM 1/25000 rd coy 600 1 pr 2000y 700954 0150PR

04694974 0204K/13 13 pr 6 coy moved to NAMINGO 014PR

and to GUANBOLON 0 0545K/13 8 pr A coy moved to ERSKINE

CKD WELLS OP 1900-1900K/12 24 5np 94y 5000y

moved NORTH 0 MURBA over 200 1730 2000y

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690932 01615-1745 K/13 20 5np in comstaten DRODUBID 0 01000y

58/59 at 2359K/13 0 B.H.A. 682944 0 H.A. 6999480

9 pr 699944 0 8 pr 401950 0 9 696945 0 13 coy 2 pr

403954 0 10 00 pr 702956 0 H.A. 698964 0 13 pr

191933 14 pr 698949 0 15 pr 694965 0 H.A. D coy 6949450

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351	19 BDE			27th Bantam			B bay patrol operating from 648890 down to to BUIED to BUIGAP Thence to Gunc BITOI-BUIGAP O patrol operating in KITCHEN CK B bay 2/3 less 6 moved out for Base 4 at 0930 O section remaining to escort Boyline O B bay 2/6 Bn O 13 pl occupied GREEN HILL 14 pl ambushed near 645853 O patrol operating to BITOI RIVER and both flanks O all etc Detret 198 to 2000 K/13 SAL OP during air atk 1000K/13 bombs landed at Quarry ISTIMUS and from MACDONALD Junc to KELAO 3 large huts below QUARRY destroyed O MARKHAM area 2315K/12 1 U/I A/L dropped flames into sea 2000x NORTH of BUANY ambush posn O MUSSIM Area O 1024 1044K/13 O GWAI BOLON reports during air atk SALAMAUA Refuel and ISTIMUS bombs fell 745998 741994 743012 SALA-KOMIATUM 1/25000 O Line started SOUTH of U/T station O 0400K/13 pl 2/3 Snatch bay left GOODVIEW Junc area enroute WELLS OPO/2cc still in posn air atk approx 904916 KOMIATUM 1/25000 O Patrol to find Tr NE from JAMBU SADDLE O exchanged shots with JAPS EAST of KOMIATUM and returned to Base. MUBO over see 17 Bde Detret O
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353	3rd	2040	2200			03925	Siket 194. 2245 K/13 @ MISSION area 01230 K/13 9 pl A Coy 58/54 Bn standing patrol observed on track NORTH of ORODUBIO Jap moved tracks to ORODUBIO 01145 K/13 patrol old WICKERS from to contact a our 600 1 wounded @ patrol returned original Posn 698 974 @ 1830 1915 K/13 GWA 1 B Co M reports sounds of M/Lounds heard in SAL-HARBOR MVB0 see 19 Bde Siket
354	14th	1325	1625			1811	S. K/1 178 to 1300 K/13 @ PIB HA and 1 pl 780900 1 pl 783907 1 pl patrolling NORTH along to WEST bank SALUS LAKE @ EVIDENCE trail Jap occupation 780900 @ ENEMY outpost located 44913 believed occupied by night only @ PIB traced a suspected Jap evacuation Pt along WEST SALUS Lake as far as 464 895 where track still goes NOR @ 162 Regt @ I and R pl moving along to 425 895 @ 0815 K/13 patrol Coy C reports ENEMY dug in at 414 888
355	13th	2013	1625			1874	180 to 1400 K/18 @ 162 Regt @ following short 2nd 179 2 pl Coy C occupied area 714 888 at 1400 K/13 at reported area clear Daybreak Patroling continued @ OBSERVATION HILL @ A Coy 2/6 Bn less 3 pl 692850 @ B Coy less 12 pl 692850 12 pl 690875 @ D Coy 2/6 Bn less 1 see 683869 12 pl 679880 @ ref siket 174 patrol down BUIED towards BUIGAP unsuccessful returned 1815 K/18

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							Physical conditions. A Coy 58/59 B Co now reorganised. 0900K/12 B Coy moved to Enkimi. 0800K/12. 40' south of rocks from 702953 Komatiem. 1/2500. no enemy seen but sound of chipping heard. 2 japs. discovered 2 japs. bodies and recovered M.M.G. Mulro area as per 17 Bde Strip.
347	3 div	030	0900		03900		Strip 195 to 0500K/13. Mulro area as per 17 Bde Strip. Mission Area. A Coy 58/59. No reports japs still in from 695942 Komatiem 1/2500. 1735K/12. 63 japs still OROBUBI moving in a westerly direction. 1610K/12. see patrol E Coy to vicinity 698872 reports no japs seen. 1 line and other details previously lost now recovered. 1640K/12. see patrol. E Coy to west old Nickles from heard sounds of chipping and digging. Observed 2 japs. 1615K/12. see patrol. Day to south old Nickles from reports no enemy in weapon pit ref strip 191. 1615K/12. 18 japs M.M.G. fired on 2 japs north of cocoons 1 fell. Goodwin's gun area to 1 jap moving south towards Komatiem killed. 1255K/12. 16 japs heardly camped. moving south along Komatiem track engaged. 13 killed. 1500K/12. 1 jap moving north killed. japs heard digging in this from 706922. Delta OP. report 1600 to 1700K/12. 62 japs south over Francisco.

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348	17th	0740	0900			1866	schip 177 to 0800K/13 * 0605K/13 rece asc over Boko Ridge and Observation Hill a Patrol B by 2/5 low PM 12 Jul patrolled Meats track to 676897 reported clear o same patrol to BVI EO Gb reports track good but unused
349	3d	0820	0930			2390	schip 186 to 0800K/13 o Mission area o 0615K/13 - japs may be in lumber. snuffed 5 bombs and shaped them over pans Boldaki Ridge
350				allay	1130	1151	schip to 0700K/13
351	15 BDE	1600	1800			2852	Sch 179 to 1000K/13 0162 U.S Regt O JAP Pan 714884 engaged by U.S Arty at 1130/13, ^{engaged} This was followed with attack by 2 Pls Coy 6 O Coy 6 less 2 Pls 714880 O I ad K pl 1 Squad Coy 6 725875 O J pl Coy B and 2 squads A/Co pl prepared at 725856 O OBSERVATION Hill O A Coy 2/6 Bn reallocation of dispositions taking place O Pl 84966 O Patrol of 1 sec moved direct to OBS-HILL O MAT-MAT reports good for O B Coy O 2 Pls supported by Arty and Mtr combined WOODY-ISLAND from junction BITOI BUISAP to GARRISON-HILL reported clear of ENEMY and returned junction BITOI-BUISAP at 1230/13 Patrol recovered W/T intact which is being forwarded to this HQ also located number of vacated bunks in KITCHEN CK

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245	19 2100		21	1862		<p>Subj: 196 2000^R/120 PART ONE. 162 Rgt 1400-1435^R/12 U.S. 2100 found 100 Rds ENEMY near 695-896 @ 1425^R/12 by A less 1 Pl with captured material 0.40 to 50 round JAPS remnant ARTY shelling @ remainder left hurriedly leaving Eggt @ 1530^R/12 1 Pl A bay consolidated 695-896 cutting KOMIATUM @ JUNE BUSH BU. 40 P @ 1925^R/12 1 pl bay B in Posn 695-864 @ BUROMBUB RIDGE @ @ pl bay G 1 pl bay A in Posn 695-896 714-889 @ during P.M. found 40 JAPS with 3 LMG contacted below this Posn @ killed 13 JAPS killed but strong ENEMY Posn still this vicinity @ BEACH HEAD @ Bty 13204 FA Bn with 4 105 Mtn Guns arrived AM 12 July @ P.D. @ 1 pl 780900 @ 1 pl forming OP at 784904 @ 1 pl patrol WEST of SALUS LAKE @ This patrol found JAP remnant round SALUS LAKE AM 12 JULY @ End of Pat one. Sumo following.</p>
315	3000					<p>PART TWO: OBSERVATION HILL A 0745^R/12 Muster from B bay 2/6 Bn Posn 683-869 find 20 Rds near 683-866 followed by diversion patrol from A bay 2/6 Bn @ meanwhile B. Bay 2/5 Bn occupied 684-816 and patrolled towards KITCHEN CK finding 3 good lines down which ENEMY remnants fled towards WOOPY ISLAND</p>

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345							<p>Woody ISL shelled US ARTY 1430^K/12 O BITOI and DRY CK BED shelled 1400^K/12 patrol found 684867 to accommodate 500 O O boy 2/6 Bn less 2 pl at 680880 O 1 pl B. boy 680885 Patrolled up VIALS Tr and towards BUIDE CK O E by 2/5 Bn enroute base 4 from OBSERVATION Hill O B boy 2/6 Bn 0830^K/12 into city found 20 Rnds ENEMY from Junct KITCHEN CK BUISAP 691871 O 0830 hrs 1 pl B boy attacked and killed 38 JAPS O LABADIA RIDGE O 2/6 Bn to ambush pm 684853 which was captured 1430^K/12 O this pm captured 25 pill-boxes and approx 50 pits O 0920^K/12 patrol round left flank to take PIMPLE occupied by 1 pl 1415^K/12 and exploited 200 yds.</p>
346	3 div	2040	2230			0389	<p>2/11/194 to 2000^K/12 o Markham area 1930^K/12 4AC under BUANG and dive-bombed from front low level 6 bombs dropped a number of P38 and P40 patrolling over sea at same time o Mission area o 2/3 and coy report enemy activity Komutian track north of Godawan zone with HMG in place east of this track o strength not known but considered large o enemy not aggressive but appears to be strengthening positions o the well clothed rationed and good</p>

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038) 7 pl A coy 58/59 to report saps with 401954 @ 4 pl
 reorganized BWAIDAN near @ 9 pl at 695944 @ 1105K/11
 1 MITCHELL appeared to drop in on air portet streffel 697950
 @ air cos 1 Killed 1 wounded @ 2nd set of 188 during fighting
 10 July B coy cos were 2 killed 3 wounded 6 missing
 01400K/11 HA B coy plus 11 and 12 pl moved around WEST of
 OLD VICKER pass and up the slope to A coy HQ at 699954
 @ covered this area 1640K/11 @ 10 pl in pm on land with 3
 402955 @ 1420K/11 pl from c coy reports results air attack
 OLD VICKER'S pass morning 11 July @ Bonda burst vicinity
 right gun @ 1 tonk up slope from Centre Gun 01515K/11
 further patrol strength 2 approached to within 15 yds of
 OLD VICKER'S pass observed 1 had containing 4 saps @ 1930K/10
 patrol from D coy discovered sap along 403449 no sd
 18 pl MMY find as 4 saps in centre coconuts 1 fall @
 1520-1540K/11 during bombing shuffling SRA AMUN by
 MITCHELL and BOSTONS oil pumps hit approx 441994
 SALAMUA 1/25000 turned for 16 mins @ Mubo near
 Sec 19 side saps

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393							<p>morning patrol controlled ENEMY 644 853 our cas 1 killed 1 wounded. O Ref subref 170 patrol and subref 691853 reached in 6967550 my house along to not believed used 31 wheel last 2 days O OBSERVATION. Hillen further report</p>
396	3 DIV	1445				05803	<p>Sitref 1892 330 K/110 MISSIM area O ref sub 9 pt A boy moved 100 X NORTH of NAMUNY - after shelling and Mortar fire had damaged weapons pits O our cas due to shelling 2 Killed 4 wounded O distances 2/3 indep Coy O 3 and 6 sec moving down EGANS to 405 910 KOMIATON 1/25000 O 4 at 5 sec 695914 O 7 sec 704917 O 8 sec 704918 O 9 sec 705920 O 1500 K/10 17 pt 2/5 for arrival Base 4 O 1525 K/6 JAP turn eng A/C whitted from Hanger Book of Direction LAE O 0830 K/11 WELL OP reports bombs dropped SOUTH EDGE of SALAMVA air strip O Since started believe NORIN Book of FRANCISCO R and the Strip O</p>
397	3 DIV					05816	<p>Sitref 19 1/2 330 K/110 MISSIM area O ref sub 1890 Pista remaining 3 sees 2/3 indep Coy O 1 sec approx 704918 KOMIATON 1/25000 O 2 sec 698919 O ref subref 170 O JAP A/C discovered in W/O RWR 628990 O another JAP A/C reported down Base 3 area 0900/11</p>

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						1846	<p>Bank</p> <p>departed via 691853 to recon PIMPLE area @ 0720K/11 night JAP recon A/C dropped 4 bombs MAT-MAT area 4 wounded @ 1045K/11 OP report possible dog fight to EAST. Also BAD O date report recon patrol D Coy 2/5 Bn from MAT-MAT fired on when 30X from ARCHWAY observed 2 LMGs this area All informed</p>
392	50A					6854	<p>Set off 193 2200K/11 O ENEMY Pos 684886 ^{located} by A/Coy 2/6 Bn to NORTH and 1 PL D Coy 2/5 SOUTH O B Coy 2/6 Bn O ENEMY still holding Pos 694896 all 2 LMG O ENEMY Pos not loc located by recon patrol at 692792 O Sec engaged and down 9th Junc O returned Coy Pos 1430K/11 O Mortar Coy B 162 aft engaged ENEMY Pos 146896 O Bombs observed fall on ENEMY pos by Coy A 162 Regt and by B Coy 2/6 Bn O B Coy 2/5 Bn now on OBSERVATION HILL O R disposition NOT yet known O all B Coy 2/5 Bn enroute around Base 4</p>
393	50A					1841	<p>Set off 171 to 1500K/11 162 Regt O PM</p> <p>Set off 171 to 1500K/11 162 Regt O P.M. 10 July 1PL Coy A moved from 702886 SOUTH along MUBO Tr and cleared 3 small ENEMY patches encountered strong resistance JUNG BUISAP-BUISAVILLA were forced to withdraw owing to insufficient strength @ 0415K/11 O our bos killed 3 wounded 2 including pl Bomb.</p>

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338	cont						observed despatch with coconuts 1745K/D japs attacked our position in vicinity GOODVIEW JUNE for 15 minutes enemy fire heavy but inaccurate @ no cas @ M/D 30 area @ AM 10 July 1 pl A Coy 2/1 Bn attacked enemy 684866 supported by mortar fire attack not successful @ enemy ret to contain 6 automatic weapons @ and cas 1 killed @ wounded @ H G B Coy 2/5 Bn 690874 @ AM 10 July sec B Coy took unoccupied enemy weapon pits 692873 @ in pm pl attacked main enemy position 690873 @ enemy driven out @ cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded own nil @ pl C Coy 2/5 Bn heard enemy approx 678885 @ 2000 K/D to 2100 K/D Bty 2/8 arty Bn engaged for PIMPLE with harassing fire @ night 9/10 July K Coy 162 reg less 2 pls contacted enemy pl vicinity SALUS LAKE anal

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335	Cont						E Coy 162 Regt returned 1820 K/10 recce to JUNCT BITOI BUIGIAP where found unoccupied poor approx pl 6 @ L of c now from BHQ 1 Bn to C Coy @ will be continued to H Coy AM 11 July all informed
336							Sitrep to Rays
337	17 Coy 0718						Sitrep 169 0700 K/11 LABABIA RIDGE @ Mortar maintained harassing fire on enemy throughout the night @ OP reports 0625-15/11 single JAP AC made one strafing run NASSAU BAY 0630 K/11 some APC passed over road flying WEST all informed
338	3 Coy 0530						Secret @ Sitrep 188 0800 K/11 MISSION end 1030 K/10 MMC pos at 709952 attacked by 3 Japs @ Sec withdrew leaving MMC behind B Coy 08/59 Bn ambushed 2 parties on KOMPATUMTK @ some Jap was inflicted own one wounded @ 1000 ^K plus 16 pl O Coy placed under command C Coy @ 1 pl 699969 Pl 698970 @ 1720 K/10 7 Japs

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335	cont						<p>moved out 400 yds EAST then NORTH reaching VIALS track 679 883 @ track from this being possible jump to BUISAUELLA patrol heard enemy approx 678 885 @ Pl withdrew for night leaving 1 sec standing patrol @ one of 2 ORS 2/3 End Coy who reached REEVES @ P did not contact pl B Coy 2/3 on moving to contact 2/3 End Coy by same route @ ARTY @ 2000 to T100K/10 USARTY harassing fire task PIMPLE AREA @ 162 US regt further to siting N7 @ night 9 July Coy K left 2 pl contacted EAST enemy pl vicinity SALUS LAKE and maintained contact awaiting approach of P113 further reports on action @ Coy K left 2 pl now reported 806871 P13 to 1500K/10 @ HQ still 803854 1 pl SALUS 1 pl NORTH of SALUS one pl not in contact @ patrol</p>

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334	Cont-						BUICAP CK @ Coy A dispositions not certain but known to be occupying spur between foot bridge 698874 all informed
335	17 th Smt Agd 2245					1839	<p>Sitrep 168 to 2730 K/10 @ 2/6 Bn @ AM 10 July one pl A Coy attacked my enemy from 684566 supported by 3" mortar but unsuccessfully & lost 6 enemy automatic weapons including one M16 @ our loss 1 killed & wounded @ patrol D Coy from KUMAI PATCH 683868 moved round EAST slope OBSERVATION HILL reaching spur approx 684563 without contacting and returned @</p> <p>B Coy @ corrected by Coy HQ 690874 @ AM 10 July we took unoccupied weapon pits 692873 @</p> <p>in afternoon pl attacked main enemy from 694873 and enemy driven out enemy loss 2 killed 1 wounded ours killed @ area being trapped and two snipers left in form @ no reports received back from patrol which contacted US</p> <p>1730 K/10 @ C Coy 2/5 Bn 679880 @ AM 10 July @ pl</p>

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334	cont						<p>still in posn astride track 700914 @ 3 and 6 sec 2/3 End Coy moving to ambush posn approx 700908 @ report through NAM LING obtained through native who left SALAMAUVA because of food shortage states that large numbers Gaps left SALAMAUVA in direction LOKANU @ more have moved out than now remain in SALAMAUVA @ MUBO AREA @ 10 July following around MASSAU BAY @ HQ 3 Bn 117 US Regt TKAPL pl 19 3 Bn and elements Coy M @ 10 PART HOSPITAL @ 2 Bn FERS @ 1200 K/10 1 and R pls moved to 725864 @ CP moving from DU19101 to south NORTH CF FIRM @ D Coy at 705869 @ HQ C Coy 221576 @ 1 pl C Coy relieved pl B Coy at 214587 This pl B Coy in defensive posn 715887 @ 1311 K/10 Coy A outpost at 699874 observed 20 Gaps with HMG moving SOUTH along</p>

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333	cont						<p>⊙ A Coy disposition uncertain but known to be occupying spur between foot bridges at 698874</p> <p>⊙ Contacted troops 2/6 Am vicinity footbridge 1730 7/10 all informed</p>
334	3 Aust Det 2330					2868	<p>Secret ⊙ Sitrep 187 to 2300 15/10 ⊙ WATUT VALLEY ⊙ 1800K/10 ADS estab 0022 35 ROAMER line ⊙ MISSIM AREA ⊙ ref sitrep 185 ⊙ 1130 15/10 when the carrier line did not arrive fighting patrol left B Coy to contact them ⊙ 1300 15/10 this patrol struck Am Amb 10 mi NORTH our MMG pos 702 952 Kom 17TUM 1/25000 ⊙ morning 10 July patrol from 0 pl 2/3 2nd Coy moved SOUTH paralleled main 150M 17TUM track ⊙ observed enemy cutting timber and digging in at 7079 18 ⊙ 1500K/10 20 gaps seen moving SOUTH carrying 2 MMG's ⊙ patrol attacked killing 8 gaps and dispersing remainder ⊙ patrol then with drew to WEST of main track ⊙ disposition 44 5 sec 0 pl</p>

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332	cont						junction BITOI and BUISAVELLA 1145 ^{N/10} fired 20 rounds into enemy vicinity 690871 @ patrol from D Coy 2/5 Bn to D Coy etc reports single gap sentry high up ^{FAST} slope. OBSERVATION HILL @ Also estimated 6 to 8 gaps 688859 M4130 1/5000 @ little sign enemy movement SOUTH OF ARCHWAY @ HQ C Coy PIB now 803856 all informed
333	17 April 1945					1897	Silich @ 167 to 1900 N/10 162 Reg @ arrived at beach head HQ 3 Bn @ ATR pl @ HQ Coy elements Coy M @ 10 PORT HOSPITAL 2 BORDERS @ 1200 N/10 T and R pl moving 725864 @ OP allowing from DUMMI to MOUTH BITOI NORTH ARM @ Coy D now complete at 705869 @ HQ C Coy at 721876 @ 1 Pl C Coy relieved Pl B Coy 714887 @ Latta pl now in defence from 715875 @ 1515 ^{N/10} A Coy out post at 699874 observed 20 gaps with MMG moving south along BUKUMBP are believed to have turned WEST into BUKUMBUL

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932	cont						<p>Track discovered gap posns at 686030 and 689025 SALAMAU 1/2500 @ 1645K/9 on attack on enemy posns GOOD VIEW Ridge 702914 K OMIATUM 1/2500 by 1 Pl 2/3 1st Coy NOT successful our cas 1 killed 1 wounded @ 1 sec KUNAI patch 702918 one sec app sec 706916 @ 3 sec in area 706916 @ B pl dug in outside track 700914 @ 0945K/10 B Coy 58/59 An Ambushed on branch cut track 702957 our cas one missing @ A Coy sent fighting patrol to clear track @ 0600K/10 @ 0250K/10 patrol from D Coy up track between SOUTH COCONUTS and OLD VICKERS posns observed 8 TAPS @ 6 mortar bombs @ 0845K/10 @ enemy gins REIA H1W fired 12 rounds into D Coy area @ 1000K/10 9 MITCHELLS bombed track SALAMAU BOB DUBI from track junction 709968 to foot bridge mouth FRANCISCO @ MUBO AREA @ 0917- 0945K/10 mortar fire on enemy ambush posns 695254 @ 1045K/10 1st Bly fired 20 rounds into gap posns</p>

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332	3d Aust Div	0831				03829	SECRET @ Sitrep 184 to 0800 K/10 @ MISSIM AREA @ ref sitrep 179 1645 K/8 Bpl 2/3 End Coy on RIDGE WEST of GOODVIEW JUNG was heavily attacked by a gap force with 3 MMG's & mortars and a large number of LMG's from the EAST covering our position with heavy but inaccurate fire The enemy advanced @ our troops unable to dig in because of roots with drew to higher ground along track to WEST @ Gap casualties estimated as at least 25 killed own 3 wounded & missing @ 1300 K/9 remainder A Pl arrived GOODVIEW JUNG area from WELLS OP and VELLIS @ MUBO area @ 0615 - 0625 K/10 one single engine enemy A/c made a noise on BULGAR and BUISAVAL PKS and QUADRAGASAL AREA all informed
332	3d Aust Div	1435				03838	SECRET @ Sitrep 185 to 1400 K/10 @ MISSIM AREA @ 9 July 10 Pl D Coy 24 Bn to EAST main HOPE MALOLO

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331	17 Bgd	1315			1734		<p>Sitrep 166 to 1230 K/10 @ 1005 K/10 LABABIAOP reports MITCHELLS appeared to bomb COMBATUM A/A. fire observed @ c/cn Bty fired 1045 K/10 - 20 rounds into gap pass junction BUIGAP BUISAVELLA @ 1145 K/10 fired 20 rounds enemy vicinity 6908710</p> <p>Patrol Don Coy 2/5 Bn to DRY CK BED Returned @ Reached 687860 when sub saw single gap sentry high up slope to WEST @ SENTRY saw them and moved into cover @ Patrol estimated 6 to 8 gaps WOODY ISLAND 688559 @ little signs enemy movement SOUTH OF ARCHWAY and little sign recent Bombing @ HQ PIB now at 803854 @ LABABIA RIDGE @ 0612 - 0945 K/10 mortar fired on enemy ambush pass 695864 which still occupied @ patrols then moved out to investigate all informed</p>

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328 cont.							<p>flew south down BUIGAP along BUISAVAL turned SOUTH WEST of GUADAGASAL and returned same route of first light patrol day 2/5 Pm left MATMAT to reach dry creek bed.</p>
329	17 Bgd	0807				J832	<p>Ref Setup 165 @ Should read TWIN ENGINED A/C all informed</p>
330	3 Bgd Dir	2037				83685	<p>Secret @ Setup 186 to 2000 X/10 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 0600 1/9 a group of 2 Japs moving NORTH exchanged shots with 24 Bn ambush party at 635219 WAGO 1 inch @ no cas @ Recce patrol discovered tracks of approx 10 Japs south of ambush posn @ Our ambush now on ^{NORTH} SOUTH bank at mouth BOANG river @ MUBO AREA @ alarming 10 July @ Recce patrol 2/3 Incl Coy strength 3 arrived REEVES CP from BASE 4 @ 1730 X/10 troops from 2/1 Bdn and 162 US Regt made contact at lower foot bridge over BUIGAP Creek 696873 MUBO 175000 @ etc details to hand all informed</p>

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325 cont.							H. MITCHELL'S bombed the ridge of bombing, NOT accurate OMUBO AREA of 1st Bty 218 arty. Bn at 764 842 MUBO 1/25000 protected by one pl 7 Coy 162 regt of 1/6 to beachhead protected by 1st Coy at 803 833 and 1st 3 Coy at 819 828 K Coy protecting beach head
326	178th	2015	2200			1828	1st Coy 164th Bn 2000 K/9 OBSERVATION HILL of 1st Coy R/6 Bn drove enemy from their FDLs but enemy returned to further from down ridge of 1st Coy HQ saw 194873 astride well worn track connecting KITCHEN CR BUI SAVILLA patrol encountered and drove off enemy from position astride track 600 yds south of 1st Coy HQ. Later counter attack forced patrol to withdraw. 1st Coy patrol from KUNAI patrol to south bank KITCHEN CR but halted by precipitous slope. Later patrol this AM moved down north bank without contact. 1st Coy 2/5 Bn attacked by unknown number enemy from both flanks. Enemy driven off before dark. LABARIA RIDGE of patrol C Coy 2/6 Bn 693850 to 689853 without contact. 2/5 Bn of 1400 K/9 1st B Coy left River O.P. for Base 4. 1st pl and 2 mortars arrived GUADAGASAL of 162 US Regt of H.Q. 1st Bn with H.Q. Coy and Coy C in area 722 878 of Coy A protecting north flank. BITOP RIDGE not in contact with H.Q. 1st Coy B less 2 pls

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321 cont							2 flanks of pl withdraw to 702 943 KOMIATUM 1/25000 @ MUBO area @ as in sitrep 17 Bde.
322	3 DIV	2335	0900			13809	Sitrep 179 to 2315 K/8 @ WATUT VALLEY @ japs head now at 003380 WAIMI unit 08 coy 57/60 Bn less 1 pl 970 332 @ MISSIM area @ of sitrep 178 @ further information action vicinity NAMLING 7/8 July now set that 10 out of the 14 from 9 pl Bn 58/59 Bn previously reported missing did NOT withdraw but took up a position in NAMLING where they stayed throughout 7 and 8 July @ the other 4 are still missing @ the japs set a perimeter camp south NAMLING for night 7/8 July but a patrol morning 8 July found japs had withdrawn @ 1 pl 2/3 ind coy are still in position GOODVIEW since @ the jap party astride STEPHENS track at 706921 KOMIATUM 1/25000 was reinforced by 34 japs from KOMIATUM @ another pl 2/3 ind coy is astride track west of jap position @ cas during days fighting in this area up to 1600 K/8 @ enemy 17 killed own 1 wounded @ MUBO area @ 1645 K/8 as in 17 Bde sitrep.
323	17 Bde	1240	1300			12825	Sitrep 163 to 1230 K/9 @ LABABIA RIDGE @ 1550 K/9 - 1610 K/9 enemy force 694853 engaged by mortars @ OBSERVATION HILL @ 755 K/9 mortars on MAT MAT fired onto area 685864 where A Coy 2/6 Bn indicated target

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323 cont							by planes shoot unsuccessful due to long range of enemy patrols moving towards BUI SAYELLA CR and bridges over BUI GAP. 2/5 Bn all quiet during night. 2/6 Bn nothing to report. fighting patrol moving towards head KITCHEN CR RIVER. 11 guns in posn 1115K/9. NASSAU BAT and BASSIS villages were attacked by 3 en dive bombers which made one bombing and strafing runs. one .5 calibre bombing destroyed 1 man wounded. 1055K/9 10 rds fired area 6. 969
324				all camp	1300	142	Sitrl to camp to 0700K/9
325	3DIV	2035	2200			03826	Sitrl 182 to 2000K/9. MISSIM AREA. 8 pl 58/59 Bn commencing OROVUBI by fire 01115K/9. 30 japs moving south ambushed by B Coy at 107961. 9 japs killed. no other mt seen on KOMIATUM track. 1230K/9 1 pl b. by gained ridge 100' east of old VICKERS posn covered by this pl. another pl twice attacked thru enemy MG posn along a razor back ridge. attack NOT successful. our cas 11 wounded 2 missing. believed wounded. 1330K/9 center of MG posn silenced by our fire. 1500K/9 C Coy were again attacking old VICKERS posn. no details yet to hand. 1340K/9 a patrol from D Coy made a diversion to nth end coconut ridge through fire 01045-1115K/9

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321 cont							2 flanks of pl withdrew to 702 943 KOMIATUM 1/25000 O MUBO area O as in sitrep 17 Bde.
322	3 DIV	2335	0900			03809	Sitrep 179 to 2315 K/8 O WATUT VALLEY O japs head now at 003380 WAIMI 1 unit O B Coy 57/60 Bn less 1 pl 970 332 O MISSIM area O of sitrep 178 O further information action vicinity NAMLING 7/8 July now est that 10 out of the 14 from 9 pl B Coy 58/59 Bn previously reported missing did NOT withdraw but took up a position in NAMLING where they stayed throughout 7 and 8 July O the other 4 are still missing O the japs est a perimeter camp south NAMLING for night 7/8 July but a patrol morning 8 July found japs had withdrawn O 1 pl 2/3 ind coy are still in town GOODVIEW since O the jap party astride STEPHENS track at 706921 KOMIATUM 1/25000 was reinforced by 34 japs from KOMIATUM O another pl 2/3 ind coy is astride track west of jap position O cas during days fighting in this area up to 1600 K/8 O enemy 17 killed own 1 wounded O MUBO area O 16454/8 as in 17 Bde sitrep.
323	17 Bde	1240	1300			12825	Sitrep 163 to 1230 K/9 O LABABIA RIDGE O 1550 K/9 - 1610 K/9 enemy town 694853 engaged by mortars O OBSERVATION HILL O 755 K/9 mortars on MAT MAT fired onto area 685864 where A Coy 2/6 Bn indicated target

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323 cont							by flares o shoot unsuccessful due to large range o Beach patrols moving towards BUI SAVELLA CR and bridges over BUI GAP o C Coy 2/5 Bn all quiet during night D Coy 2/6 Bn nothing to report o fighting patrol moving towards head KITCHEN CR o RIVER junc 14 guns in posn 1115K/90 NASSAU BAT and BASSIS villages were attacked by 3 en dive bombers which made one bombing and straffing runs o one .5 calibre bombing destroyed 1 man wounded o mtr Bly o 1055K/9 10 rds fired area 6 869
324				all coys	1300	142	Sitrl to coys to 0700K/9
325	3DIV	2035	2200			23526	Sitrl 182 to 2000K/9 o MISSIM AREA o 8 pl 58/59 Bn commencing 0800VBI by fire o 1115K/9 30 japs moving south ambushed by Beach at 1079 610 9 japs killed o no other mt seen on KOMIATUM track o 1230K/9 1 pl b. Coy gained ridge 100' east of old VICKERS posn covered by this pl another pl twice attacked thru enemy MG posn along a razor back ridge o attack NOT successful o our cas 11 wounded 2 missing believed wounded o 1330K/9 centre Jap posn silenced by our fire 1500K/9 C Coy were again attacking old VICKERS posn o no details yet to hand 1340K/9 a patrol from D Coy made a diversion to nth end coconut ridge through fire o 1445-1115K/9

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317							1 pl moving north along track DUALI SALUS @ all searching tracks between north and south arms @ remainder say assembling high ground between NORTH ARM SALUS LAKE
318	3 DIV	2050	2350			10390	<p> Sitrep 178 to 2000K/8 LAF OP 1300K/8 one SALLY WEST landing LAF airfield @ a number of barges have disappeared from LAF between MASSIM area @ sitrep 175 @ enemy attack on NAMLINE now established that 9 pl Aung 58/59 Bm NOT 8 pl was down back prior to the action 9 pl was in form 100yds EAST of NAMLINE with one sec covering track from NAMLINE 1 sec covering track from WELLS OP. at 1500K/8 the sec covering OROBDURI was attacked by 44 japs and the pl withdrew 1 jap was killed 3 wounded and 14 of our the were still missing at 2200K/8 there was no jap movement seen after withdrawal @ 0700K/8 enemy mortar fired on 7 pl at ERSKINE CR no cas mortar NOT perturbed owing to mist 0745 5 japs ambushed by 8 pl at 676900 @ 4 japs killed 0830 K/8 7 pl contacted 8 pl at 1015 K/8 reports 8 pl were being mortared at 1040 K/8 8 pl were digging in at 696900 @ 16 pl decay have occupied a form 688960 to 687958 at 1330 K/8 18 pl reported met at old VICKERS post and at 1115 K/8 opened fire on 697968 where japs appear to be preparing defence </p>

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318 cont							1110 1/8 MITCHELLS bombed SALAMAUVA 0 bombs were observed at 739013 73901R 738991 738990 SALAMAUVA and KOMIATUM 1/25000 0 MWBO area as per 17 Bde sitrep
319	17 Bde	2350	0100			1819	Sitrep 161 to 2300 K/8 0 patrol NORTH along VIKAS track to contact 2/3 ind coy unsuccessful 0 patrol returned to Coy 2/5 Bn 0 further to sitrep 160 0 A coy 2/6 Bn attacked and captured ambush position but later were forced to withdraw to 683867 0 in cas 10 killed 14 wounded own 3 wounded 0 B coy now area 690873 0 1530 K/8 3 coy attacked lightly held posns causing enemy cas 2 killed 2 wounded own 1 killed wounded 0 intermittent fire encountered from 694874 0 patrol C coy 2/5 Bn surprised enemy 679880 this morning 6 to 8 cas own ind 0 posn again attacked PM 8 jul unsuccessfully as unable to outflank due to rain 0 area consolidation C Coy should read 678880 0 further to message 1812 addressed 3 DIV only 0 during air strike 1 MITCHELL relatedly strapped SADDLE
320	17 Bde	0725	0900			1821	Sitrep 162 to 0700 K/9 0 nothing further to report
321	3 DIV	0830	0950			1816	Sitrep 180 to 0800 K/9 0 MISSIM area 0 2. E coy 58/59 Bn reports enemy OLD VICKERS posn fired sporadically throughout day 0 our cas 1 wounded 0 1700 K/8 B.M 2/3 ind coy attacked by jabs from

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314	17th Bde	1415	1600			1816	<p>Subief 159 to 1400K/8. C Coy 2/5 Bn contacted and attacking enemy 677885. B Coy 2/6 Bn on second position and consolidating at 692875. Mitchell with Lt. Ben Savelle and Smith to Kitchen Ck. A Coy 2/6 Bn attacking enemy from south end Observation Hill. Taylor from making progress no detail a bombing striking by Mitchell. 1000K/8 will be affected by separate signal.</p>
315	3 DIV	1440	1710			03801	<p>Subief 177 to 1400K/8. WATUP VALLEY AREA. Dispersed troops landing PSIL & PSIL 1 7 Jul. B Coy 57/60 Bn less R Flt 987 323 ROAMEK with 15 platoon 969279. ADS 981245. MISSIM area. Reported 176 during attack by C Coy 58/59 Bn. 3 pillboxes were observed on western flank OLD VICKERS found and was attacked & killed & wounded. Morning 7 Jul B Pl 2/3 and Coy killed 12 Japs at GOODVIEW JUNC. now digging in. C Pl moving down STEPHENS TRACK contacting enemy at approx 706921. KOMIATUM 1/25000. 1 sec contacting enemy other two moving round flanks. A Pl 10 men reinforcing. C Pl 20 men holding WELLS O.P. MUBO AREA. 0645K/8. mtn. Coy fired 20 rds into area 687871 MUBO 1/25000. at some time A Coy 2/6 Bn commenced to move forward to ridge between BULSAVILLE and KITCHEN cks. morning patrol from B Coy 2/6 Bn C Coy 2/6 Bn fired on by enemy.</p>

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315							small pockets of enemy resistance still exist on lower slopes
cont							OBSERVATION HILL towards GARRISON HILL ON WAU BULOLO area 1203 1212 K/S
315							one w/p A/C on WAU BULOLO
316				3DIV	1900	1140	sitrep to 1900 K/S @ patrol searching for BLACKCAT MISSILE track returned
							BLACKCAT 1700 K/S unsuccessful in locating track of full report 9 July @
							otherwise sitrep
317	17Bde	2025	2230			1819	Sitrep 1600 to 1900 K/S @ OBSERVATION HILL @ Coy 2/6 Bn arrived KUIVAI patch
							KPFZWP 1645 K/S @ Coy 2/6 Bn occupying horn ridge between BOISAVELLA
							and KITCHEN CK and have consolidated @ Coy 2/6 Bn attacked strong on
							horn SOUTH END OBSERVATION HILL more details later @ Coy 2/6 Bn
							now consolidated area 680580 @ patrol from C. Coy encountered small
							well sighted enemy force comprising 3 LMG 1 MMG at approx 678885 @
							patrol attacked then withdrew to horn 100 yds SOUTH @ 1650 to 1730 K/S
							enemy guns skilled to north and south of BUIAMBI ck in B1701
							VALLEY type and calibre not identified but location believed much
							further north than previous expected forms @ 162 US Regt 2 guns
							in action vicinity river junction at 1640 K/S @ 1715 K/S registration commenced
							on area PIMPLE GREEN HILL 0287 rds with guns @ PIR @ HITCHCOCK
							now re joined unit @ NOT at present in contact @ disforms P.M 7 July

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							HQ Mack Force arrived one game. 16 pl 2/6 bn moved to base camp Sabra Ridge from Saddle. 17 pl D Coy 2/5 bn reverted to comd 2/5 bn and moved to Mat Mat Rd Base Camp. approx 1100K/7 anti FOO and party fired on by enemy 694853. patrol withdrawn and into fire 50 hrs into area. definitely supplemented some cas.
309	3dw	2330	0700			03786	Detach 175 to 2300K/7. Watut Valley area following the land ISILI ISILI 7 July. 509 A/A blind det 15 pl Coy B Coy 5/6 bn low less 2 pl and an ADS. Mission area. Delay and reporting info due to interruption in comms and difficulty in obtaining info from field sub units. 16 pl D Coy 5/59 B Coy 704977. Kumatubi 1/25000 repulsed their attack made by 30 japs. enemy cas 2 killed own hit. 1500K/7 allied a/c dropped 22 bombs on Bolodubi Ridge. 20 bombs in target area. 1750K/7 8 pl A Coy down from Namling by unknown number japs. japs pushed back from ambush from 690933 to Grolodubi. some stores recovered from 3 mt Wells OP. 0830K/7 30 japs crossed folbidge mouth. Janusea moving north. 1145K/7 50 japs south

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							along Komutani track 1200 to 1400K/7 28 north along track & came level Nuals arrived Base 4 & dispersed 2/3 and Coy 1830K/7 & Coy 184 and 6 pl Stephen Gane 681916 B pl Golden Guinea 786916 Mabo area - as tel 17 Bde sites 156 157
310	17/16	0805	1000		1814		Det 158 to 0700K/8 & 0645K/8 & mtn lty fired 20 rds on area 687871 & A Coy 2/6 B dispersed 2 pl area 683867 & patrol B Coy 2/6 and I C Coy 2/5 ltr fired on the morning & Patrol to Base 4 also fired on which moving to flank sub to 0700K/8
311				all Coy	1040	1138	
312				ACNR	1010	1139	passout for 1700K/8 to 1659K/9 & Daily
313	3d	0835	1400			03791	Det 176 to 0800K/8 & Mission area & PM 17 July 1 pl C Coy 28/59 ltr moved round east flank old Dickson farm but when held up by 14/16 and mtn line to the pl moved round west flank reaching to point 60 from a full on in the farm & up det 175/0 In evening attack on one 1 pl Det at 1130 hrs pl set off two ltr traps now reported 5 killed & probably 0 16/11 D Coy 2/6 ltr patrol strength 3 was ambushed 30 min east OP 672032 Salamina 1/25000 & car enemy 1 wounded and his passing fighting patrol B down on by the enemy LMC 15 min east OPA saw and mtn enemy 1 killed 1 wounded & further patrol strength 8 reports enemy astride track (ref)

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303 cont							ref 707961 o lateral P camp location jst staging camp ref 708984
304	3 div	2025	2220			03783	Detrop 174 to 2000K/7 Markham o Markham 1300K/7 o 8 pl Bay PIB Nageal one incl pl HQ Bolo 310372 o one see KIRKS 331501 one see Dep. lek 543437 one see Des Waimu one incl o Mulo area as per 17 Bole setup below (155 to 1700K/7)
305	3 div	1420	1900			03376	setrop 173 to 1200K/7 o Lac OP o 0645 and 0730K/7 during attack by 3 Mitchell on Labu one exploded and black smoke observed o 0740K/7 at least 15 barges in Lac Harbour much lost around wharf o Mulo area o 1500K/6 gas track passable for 1 1/4 mile west mouth south arm o 1815K/6 Leg C 122 Regt arrived Napier o 1830K/6 C Coy 2/5 low Bay 2/6 low in assembly rooms Reeves OP and Buzgal lek areas o morning 7 July one gun mtn bty out of action o Details later o no cas
306	17 bde	1728	1840			1810	Detrop 155 to 1700K/7 o air strike 0931 to 1015K/7 o Mitchell bombed and strafed Kitchen lek Woody Island and east slopes Observation Hill o Libintha and Jarkissa then bombed Kitchen lek Buzgal lek o finally boston strafed Stoney lek Kitchen lek Observation Hill All OP report bombing strafing faultless o 1100 to 1200 mtn bty mtn and m m g.

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							engaged targets Kuleten Lk Woody Island Ganson Hill and Lucas Hill in accordance with plan of 1200K/7 A and B Coy 2/6. In commenced attack. Present plans of C Coy 2/6 low on fuel and consolidating area 680880 with patrols to north and east. B Coy 2/6 captured Kunai position 684864 after overcoming minor opposition and are now dug in. Patrolling towards Ditcher Lk but must slow due to terrain. 1630 hrs A Coy 2/6 low reports fuel see next ambush 681866
307	17 Ldt	1804	2100			1811	Setup 156 to 1800. 162 H&J report. Coy K now protecting beach head in place Coy C. 1600K/6 The pat Chop reached base again. at setup 153. PIB contacted enemy group with 2 LMG south half arm IM 6 5007. 1 native shot slight cas. Patrols to flank report no enemy activity north a south of beach area. 1000K/7 one pl Coy A moved south to Beta Ridge to secure that area for HQ Jumb Force which arrived 1230 hrs. by 1255K/7 Coy A B D and HQ Coy all this general area. fuel pl Coy A all first activity Beta Ridge
308	17 Ldt	1950	2100			1819	Setup 157 to 1900K/7. 162 report. 218 FA low. OP estab 709851. upon gun area 748842 and one gun manhandled into position

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299							from direction 3032081 ambushed at 705967 KDMINTUM 1/25000 o car enemy 10 killed 2 probably o vice patrol contacted large party japs 707961 o 1400K/6 patrol from D Coy 2/59 Bn towards coconut field on o our car 1 wounded o the patrol recovered telephone previously left on ridge o Ref it is 170 o japs ambushed corries line estab astride track 690 932 near 2/3 indet coy stairs dump containing rations 2 M106 and 3 inch mortars o est one strength 30 with 2 LMG 1 light mortar o two attempts to dislodge enemy by 2 sec B pl not successful o en car 5 killed ours 1 killed 3 wounded o 7 pl A coy relieved by 9 pl at ORODUBI o disbands 2/3 indet coy 1900K/6 o C Coy HQ C. PL. DIERKE o one sec B pl base 4 use 4 pl TAILS o 2 sec A pl astride track between NAMLING and WELLS OP. all informed 299 170de 0222 0800 1805 164 to 0700 K/7 o 162 US regt Coy C arrived river June 1815 K/6 TAYLOR force commenced move fwd from RIVER JUNE 0700 K/6 o C Coy 2/5 Bn and B Coy 2/6 Bn in refectory assembly areas 1850 K/6 all informed 300 3DIV 0817 0700 03768 SECRET intef 172 to 0800 K/7 OWATUT VALLEY AREA. o 6 July one section 7 pl PIB estab standing patrol PESHEN.

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300							report 0950 and 0830 K/6 one US A/C over PRAEVO 01400 K/6 one jet seen at over PESSER 0 just track now at 983344 ROAMER sited 0 MISSIM AREA 0 6 July patrol from 8 PL Army 58/59 Bn discovered a jet staging camp 708948 KOMIATUM 1/25000
cont							
301				3DIV	1300	i132	ack to 612/11
302				allways	1300	i133	forward for period 1700 K/7 to 1659 K/8 0 GLIMERING.
303				allways	1300	i134	sited to 0700 K/7 0 8 day 2/6 Bn 0 day 2/5 Bn proceeded from REEVES to assembly area PM 6 July 0 patrol MACK FORCE and PIB proceeding north along coast contacted enemy north BITOI north arm 0 arty engaging enemy forces 0 MACK FORCE eng and arty personnel working on jet track 0 MISSIM area 0 force estimated 30 jets with 2 LMG one light motor ambushed carrier line ref KOMIATUM 1/25000 690732 now outside track near inlet say dumps containing rations MMG and 3 inch mortars 0 two attempts to dislodge enemy by 2 secs B PL inlet say not success full 0 20 jets approaching BOB DUM ambushed ref 705964 10 being killed 0 Patrol 2 day 58/59 Bn towards COCONUTS recovered telephone left in withdrawal 0 one man wounded 0 see patrol contacted large party

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							0900K/5 fighting patrol from 11 pl at track junc 707962 Salamama
							1/25000 ambushed and killed 3 japs also removed 50 ft from gap
							air line & standing patrol 705967 reports 1345K/5 100 fully
							equipped japs carrying MDC rifle and clearly dressed/moved
							west from Salamama & up valley 167 attached on pl Den
							commented 1215K/5 & en has 5 killed 7 probably 1700K/5 24
							japs centre coconut to south coconut carrying packs 1745K/5
294	3DIV	1410	1530				25 japs from south coconut to north coconut carrying packs.
295	17Bde	1525	1700				13750 SECRET & patrol 169 to 1400K/6 nothing further to report all formed.
							1799 patrol 152 to 1500K/6 & disbands 162 VS rest as at 1500K/5 & Ref MUBO
							1/25000 Bn H.Q. H.Q. says B Coy less 1 pl area 162842 1 pl B Coy
							LICPOV @ A Coy and B Coy miss junc @ Ref Maj SALAMAMA revised
							BADEN BAY west 532 engineers store say and 1 pl C Coy beach
							head dump 838816 Bty B arty 1 pl C Coy 835818 force HQ
							and 1 pl C Coy 898825 forward dump and C Coy HQ 839833
							jap head at mouth of 21701 COMBAT engineers working on
							jap track assisted by Bty C and HQ arty arty.

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296	17Bde	1905	2000		1800		<p>litref 158 to 1700 K/6 @ 1400 K/6 B Coy 2/5 Bn left Reives OP for assembly area C Coy 2/5 Bn followed at 1500 K/6 1620 S. night P 1 B moved to SALUS LAKE area this morning enemy definitely pinpointed by P 1 B. north of North area strength unknown being engaged by our arty. 1835 K/6 all informed.</p>
297	3DIY	2050	0010		03758		<p>Secret @ litref 176 to 2000 K/6 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 0800 K/6 24 Bn patrol found a japs bivouac posn in a ventrout at approx 546436 NADZAR out in ch. no trace enemy @ 1600 K/6 1 pl B Coy P 1 B arrived 00MSIS @ MISSIM AREA @ 1000 K/6 carrier line NAM LING DIEP KE ambushed near WELLS OP. @ natives dropped cargo and returned NAM LING @ 2 sec A. P. 2/3 miles says now at ambush posn @ 2 sec collecting ration @ our camp wounded @ MUBO AREA @ 0900 K/6 listening post TOTALS reports no activity that area @ dispoos MACKECHNIE at 1500 K/6 @ as with sitref above. @ morning 6 July P 1 B moved out towards LAKE SALUS @ contacted enemy strength unknown north of BITOI north arm.</p>
298	3DIY	2240	0001		03762		<p>SECRET @ sitref 171 to 2215 K/6 @ MISSIM area @ approx 2 japs approaching.</p>

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288	3 Div. 2020					03729	Secret @ Sitrep 166 2000K/5 @ MUSSIM AREA @ 1245K/5 5859 Bn reports during air-Raid attack 9 MITCHELS on SALAMAU one A/c appeared to be hit by FA SALAMAU O.P. reports bombers made 4 runs over SALAMAU dropping bombs in vicinity of KILA Hill and Air-field @ 1 Pl. D Coy 5859 Bn on North coast were countered attacked by est. 100 Japs Pl. withdrawn from ridge @ our cas. missing @ MUBO area @ Landing morning 5 July @ remainder arty incl. 1 Bty and HQ personnel @ 150 natives all arty personnel assisting with JEEP track @ both tractor and Bulldozer temp. out of action latter breaking through bog @ morning 5 July C Coy PIB contacted by patrol MACKECHNIE @ O.C. Left Coy tel contact MACKECHNIE morning 2 July @ Not heard of since @ Morning 5 July AMERICAN patrol sighted 15 barges 10 mls north DUALI @ 2 fighting Pts. have moved NORTH SOUTH ARM BUTAI @ all informed
289	3 Div. 2020					03733	Secret @ Sitrep 167 to 2200K/5 @ MARKHAM AREA @ chatter report received through 24 Bn ambush Mouth BUANA Area @ 1630K/5 20 Japs with one L.M.G. 19 rifles and grenades arrived BUSAMA @ 20 Japs are situated at BUKVAE 698.047 SALAMAU 1/25000 with one L.M.G. fought along beach toward LAE @ large number with FA guns on KENOR Hill @ MUSSIM AREA 0757 1345K/5 @ NAITOLON O.P. reports mount across foot bridge mouth FRANCISCO river 37 Pers. NTH 25 STN. @ 1000K/5 HELLS O.P. 16 Japs, entered

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289							ORODUBI from Gully SW of Large Hut - there appeared to be def. posns under this hut @ 1545 ^{1/2} B Coy 589 Br patrol reports approx 100 Japs moving BOBUBI to Salamama hill S stretches @ Standing Patrol 1 hr 20 min. East Ambush posn 673033 believed 50 Japs establishing a camp on the track towards MUBO @ Japanese 2 B No Coy Coy HQ C Platoon 2 Secs A Platoon 1 sec A Platoon Base 3 @ B Platoon WALLS and Base 4 @ MUBO AREA @ 1107 1120 ^{1/2} 3 Motor bombs fired into Jap ambush posn 695752 MUBO 1/2500 @ all bombs in TARGET area @ 1200 ^{1/2} Section party 162us Regt. Strength 140 ambushed @ approx 875727 @ Cas. 3 killed 1 wounded @ patrol to OBSERVATION Hill reports Japs track little used @ still observing single Jap to their front at 673868 patrol was fired on from the rear @ no casualties @ a footbridge has been erected over Bui at 733846 all informed
290				3 Div.	0715	I128	Strip to 0700 K/6
291	17 Bde	0725	0745			794	Strip 157 to 0700 K/6. nothing to report
292				all day	1030	1129	strip to 0700 K/6
293	3 Div.	0837	1300			03738	strip 168 to 0800 K/6 @ Museum @ 0802 K/5 0806 K/5 29 shells fell along Salamama River and on West Bank near Kuman Brook

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280				3 DIV	1910	122	sitrep to 1900 K/5
282				3 Div 15 Bde	1025	124	recon patrol left Blackcat area 5 Jul for mission @ strength 4 @ object locate
	9 Div	0830				0371	recon track Blackcat mission @ ETA mission 9/10 Jul.
282	3 DIV	0830	1000			03712	Secret @ Sit Rep 164 to 0800 K/5 mission area @ 1645 K/4 B Coy 58/59 Bn less 12 Pl. astride bench cut tracks 405966 to 404964 Kemiatum 12500 @ 12 Pl. in ambush position 406967 @ 1750 K/4 @ D Coy attacked coconuts 403975 @ 1830 K/4 captured mortar coconuts 1 Pl. now dig in this position @ on commencement of attack enemy old Nichols gun position opened fire with all weapons @ one of our mortar bombs hit enemy dump causing fire which lasted 15 minutes our cas. two wounded no estimable enemy cas. all informed
283				all info	1300	125	sitrep to 0700 K/5
284	Dem	0807	1100			5	Int school communication QX32768 Pl. Smith Stanley
285	3 DIV	1415	1600			03718	SECRET @ sitrep 165 to 1400 K/5 @ MUBO area @ reported to 1230 K/5 @ jeep track constructed to 7 minute walk west of river mouth @ bulldozers fell through bridges @ no contact P.I. B Coy which is still south of TOBALI RIVER MOUTH @ enemy strength NOT known still in area TOBALI mouth CAPE DINGA where firing heard 0745 K/5 all informed
286	17 Bde	1635	1800			1787	Sitrep 149 to 1600 K/5 @ 162 Regt @ remainder arty incl one bty and H.Q.s personnel who arrived 5 July @ all gunners assisting

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286 cont.							jeep track @ Bulldozers and tractor both temporarily out through breaking through bridges @ 150 natives arrived this morning @ 100 will commence carrying food AM 6 July @ O.C. P.I.B. who departed to contact MACK AM 4 July not since reported @ American patrol sighted 15 barges 10 miles north DUALI AM 5 July @ MACK requests TAC/R SAE FOLLOWED by air strike if we reverted enemy barges @ fighting patrol of 2 squad moved north from SOUTH arm to contact any enemy @ messages between this HQ and MACK/ECHEVIE NOT previously passed due to breakdown communications @ communications restored 1530 hrs all informed
287	17 Dec 1950					470	Sitrep 150 to 1900K/5 @ 163 vs. Rept. @ dawn today action party of 40 ambushed on track at point approx 10 1/2 miles east of Grid Line 80 @ our casualties 3 killed one wounded @ footbridge now across BITOI at ¹⁷⁵⁸⁶⁴ 1320 to 1350 @ LABABIA O.P. reports bombing and MG fire direction DUALI @ LABABIA ridge @ 1107 to 1120K/5 30 mortar bombs fired into Ambush Area ⁶⁹⁵⁸⁵² ECAPNE reported landed in area 150 by 100 yds @ OBSERVATION Hill @ patrol reported VIET'S TRACK little used @ when at ⁶⁸³⁸⁶⁸ WPQ3KP fired on from behind whilst observing a single Jap to their front @ Patrol withdrew without casualties @ all informed

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270							replied with 2 inch mortar & enemy casualties 2 down nil @ HQ 2/3 indep coy 677978 C platoon 680977 one sec A fl. MISSIM @ 1630 K/3 16 fl Day 24 bn in ambush from 673033 SALAMAVA 1/2500 @ 11 fl DAN 02 @ MUBO area @ MACKS casualties to 1200K/1 total 29 @ 1335 to 1425 K/3 four guns at 835818 BADEN BAY 1 inch shelled mouth TOBALI river CAPE DIVOA LABABIA ISLAND and area from mouth BITOI SOUTH ARM K3UALI @ 1620 K/3 coy A162 US REGT arrived junction BITOI BUYAWIM RIVERS @ D coy 2/6 Bn same river junction @ coy 2/5 Bn now REEVES OP. 04 fl 2/5 Bn HOUSE BANANA @ LAE O.P. @ 1745 K/3 15 large barges LABU not LAE @ 1715 K/3 over 20 barges LAE HARBOUR all informed
271	3 DIV	0809	0900			03693	SECRET @ sitrep 161 to 0800 K/4 @ sitrep @ no report to hand all informed
272	7 Bde	0925	1000			03754	Sitrep 147 to 0700 K/4 nothing further to report.
J13				allays	10/10		sitrep to 0800 K/4
274				allays	1600		password for period 1700 K/4 to 1659 K/5 @ POLLARD
275	3 DIV	1120	1100			05697	hit @ sitrep 162 to 1100 K/4 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 1102 K/4 C coy 24 Bn reports four jets a/c flying NW from LAE @ MISSIM AREA

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275 cont.							afternoon 3 July. 01/1/1 B Coy 57/59 Bn arrived track line 706967 KOM:1700M 1/25000 and contacted 20 refs enemy 500 killed including 1 officer several wounded & own with night 5/1 July B Coy established defensive line 600 yds south track line 0702 1/1 300 shells landed D Coy area 0600-1300 01/1 reports from Mubo direction (REF: 14124)
276	17 Bde	1945	2030			1777	Sitrep 148 to 1900 K/4 @ 1530 K/4 D Coy 2/1 Bn plus 4th arrived SADDLE 1500 K/4 composite pl composed personnel from 4th & 1st Coy moved 672 804 from River O.P. @ PIMPING @ patrol today reports NO enemy in posns formerly occupied by A Coy 2/1 Bn @ patrol moved north to vicinity 695 852 where an ambush still occupied & very quiet
277	3 DIV	2035	2142			13701	Sitrep secret 165 to 2000 K/4 @ Mubo area @ patrol 695 852 mubo 1/2500 report enemy ambush still occupied @ 1530 K/4 D Coy 2/1 Bn plus 4th up Coy moved SADDLE by 1530 K/4 disposition 1 Bn 102 US Regt as follows Bn HQ 1st Coy 2nd Coy B Coy all at junction BITOI 3rd Coy 4th Coy 5th Coy 6th Coy 7th Coy 8th Coy ok had area sqt 76800 total personnel landed to 0900 K/4 1337 all ranks all informed
278				3 DIV		0740	sitrep to 0700 K/5
279	17 Bde	0725	0830			1780	sitrep to 0700 hrs 5 July nothing further to report

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268	3DIV	2024	2250			03627	Secret. Sitrep 159 to 2000K/3 @ MARKHAM area @ 1635K/3 O.P. 445440 NADZAB. one inch report seven twin engine jet A/C in scattered formation north of O.P. @ MUBO area @ 1300/1320K/2 ten medium jet bombers made 3 bombing & strafing runs MACKS posn @ no estimate damage or casualties @ 1420K/5 two single engine A/C circled NASSAU BAY @ TAL/R. riv following 1550 K/3 guns firing north from 835815 BROADEN BAY 1 inch @ shells bursting 835840 SALAMAVA revised one inch @ 1610K/3 14 type SALLY's and 4 SESS observed approaching NASSAU BAY @ three bombed barges @ six appeared to bomb gun posns @ much smoke dust plashes observed @ LABABIA O.P. reports 1720 K/3 during day fight east LABABIA O.P. one U.S A/C observed to crash bearing 70° mag. between SALUS @ one man held out all informed
269	14Bn	1935	2000			0771	Sitrep 146 to 1900K/3 @ 4th 2/5 Bn arrived BANANA from SKINDIWAIO C. Coy 2/5 Bn reached REEVES O.P. from HILL 70 D Coy 2/6 Bn now complete at June 31 TOI BUYAWIM @ 16203 reg to 1500K/3 between 1335 1425K/3 four field arty guns at PPNZ XZ shelled mouth PABAU RIVER CAPE DINGA PENINSULA LABABIA ISLAND and

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269 cont.							area from mouth BITOI SOUTH arm to DUALI @ Coy A saw river June 1620 hrs @ 1830 hrs LEES OP reports sound machine gun fire and explosions mortar or gas Bn gun heard to NORTH direction KOMIATUM
270	3DIV	2250	0100			13690	secret @ sitel 162 to 2215 K/3 @ MARKHAM area @ 24 Bn patrol at MOUNS BUENG reported no enemy sighted to 0600 K/3 @ MISSIM AREA @ 1150 K/3 one man D Coy 58/59 Bn hit by snipers from coconut area @ ref sitel 158 @ japs had full packs and weapons @ recce patrol moved up track to centre coconuts to within 50 yds top of ridge @ 3 japs seen and sound stake driving heard @ A Coy GWAIBOLON reports following mt footbridge mouth FRANCISED river @ 1515 K/3 62 japs north 15 japs south 1825 K/3 170 japs south @ 1618 K/3 twin engine monoplane landed SHAMITHUA AIRFIELD @ aircraft appears to be camouflaged outside hangar south end airfield @ 1825 K/3 B Coy in contact with enemy 706965 KOMIATUM 1/25000 @ 1400 K/3 C Coy patrol west flank old VICKERS gun posn came under LMG fire @ patrol

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							and engaged enemy in well dug from 695852 Enemy had two AMB. one of the employed OFV rifle and 3 mts from 50 mts or air cas. two wounded enemy unknown. Beta north of D by 9/6 has 17 pt now returned base 784845 report track clear to base 1645K/2 3 pt A Coy 162 MS regt arrived Base after being sent on by 4 gaps vicinity 815826 enemy engaged and shot in the side of 17 pt 9/6 from 500 yds. south north arm
261	3 div	2035	0700			03470	1st Coy 155 K/2 200K/2. Mission Area. 1300K/2 3 bombs dropped Delamara 1/2500 747017. Gunshots reports 1000 to 1500 12 further totalling 16th regt and 3 straits. Base moved north over flat bridge north Bundara 8 parts totalling 238 south over hill bridge. Mule Jan 30 Mack permits attacked by unknown mounted gape attack not successful driven in by 1st D Coy 9/6 acting in local park 1500K/2 HQ Dec 9/6 arrived Base camp 802802. Mule 1/2500 track along south arm Beta dec of enemy 1st regt 154 examination footprints show gaps moved to north west of south a sig line laid to 8148277 by 1300K/2 morning 2 Jul 12 bridge landed incl one Coy 162 REG. 1300K/2 bulldozers and engine commenced work jeep track road from mouth south arm Beta. PKB moved north and in contact with enemy Base 3 1400 K/2 1st of heard bombing and Mack Force

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262	176th	1145	0800			1751	setup 144 to 2130K/2. marks a B coy 2/5 hrs now at Gassleyard. B coy Hill 7. A coy 2/5 hrs now complete at 671855. 10 pl. Beach arrived Hill 70. Mark force. enemy action broke comm. between PIB and C coy 162 Reg. to do by remaining Jabali to make contact PIB of road now moving west along Bata south arm.
263				3dew	0740	1116	setup to 0700K/3
264	3dew	2333	0800			03672	setup 156 to 2245K/2. Massim. 1015K/2 HQ 2/3 and coy plus 3 pl at 678974. Remotum 1/25000. 1400K/2 2.3. see 1 pl. I arrived Munnas just 650970. 1630K/2 7 pl. A coy 58/59 hrs engaged Grotto. L of C to A coy estate through coy to see gaps observed old markers. Munnas. dispatch D coy. Coy HQ 695075. 10 pl. I arrived track down 700974 to 696972 with the see zone 703977. 619 pl from 696974 to 693975. 1700K/2 two gaps observed coconut ridge to 2050K/2. Coy 699964. Mulo area. see per 176th setup 144 above.
265	176th	0730	0900			1766	setup 145 to 0700K/3. 0635K/3 single gap. see plane over Jabali. Mat. Mat. areas. single plane strafed beach. Massim Bay.
266	3dew	0830	1000			03674	setup 157 to 0800K/3. Massim area. 0640K/3 one gap. see a/c over Munnas from dropping ground. Mulo area. see 176th setup above.
267				all coy	1100	1117	setup to 0700K/3

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							By MMC party enemy observed digging in 1830K/1. enemy fired 6 mts bombs without effect. D Coy patrolled to 704980. no enemy seen Mulo area. 1 PM July 1. D Coy 2/6 exploded north to Dula. No enemy seen but signs recent occupation. no news. Contact M. Kerkens. 1300 1310K/1. Japs. of 1300 bombed both sides mouth BITOI south arm.
253	17th	0734	0830			1756	nothing further to report. sub 140 to 0700K/2
254				all Coy	300	1113	sub 140 to 0700 to Coy.
255	3d	0829	0930			0358	sub 153 to 0800K/2. Mission area. 1630K/1. 40 japs moved south towards Komatun. 18 pl 50/59 in patrolling to 704983. reports enemy from off track near 703977 unoccupied. 0639K/2 enemy shelling commenced. smoke observed Coconut Ridge but not in our zone. Mulo. McKekens area. 1500K/1. ref Bidon Bay 1 unit A Coy plus weapon pl det enys in def pos 8358/2. C Coy plus MG pl in def pos 831797. no contact PIB. in contact with D Coy 2/6 in
256	17th	1115	1330			1759	sub 142 to 1100K/2. MACK force to 1800K/1. est 100 enemy still in area. Basis 3. D Coy 2/6 in report no enemy south of BITOI south arm. Coy PIB now at Denga Pt moving towards Jalali River mouth.

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							A Coy patrolling to Bitre mouth. Coy patrolling to Jalalo mouth. 18 LC beached and out of action. 874 lbs now landed but no acty. D Coy 9/6 report to 0700K/2. enemy bombers attacked mark force PM 1st July no damage or cas to us. The landed during night but bombs observed approaching AM 2 July a 5045K/2 small party gaps approx 50 crossed to South Belud south arm at 818820 between D Coy 9/6 and Coy base.
257				AC HQ	1630	1114	password to 1700K/2 to 1659K/3. POLITICAL
258	3div	1410	165			0565	strip 154 to 1400K/2. Messum area. explosions heard direction Kela Hill. 0701 to 0704K/2 enemy fired 10 shells into area 691974 Koromatum 1/2500. no cas. Wells OP reports 3 flashes Kela Hill. at enemy old Nickers base 2 MMG. 2 LMG. 0430K/2. by bombing from Solbindu mouth Francisco to Jaque Village. dense smoke seen. When bombs vicinity w/7 at 7350/3. native report on police log 2 natives missing from Holi were beheaded at Basama - remainder as per 17 (old) strip above.
259				3div	1900	1115	strip to 1900K/2
260	17bde	1945	2100			1763	strip 143 to 1900K/2. Pompei area. 1105K/2 to 1525K/2 fighting patrol 1 pl C Coy 9/6 in estate base in old span 695551 discovered

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							B Coy approx 704965 C Coy 695970 D Coy less 2 pl 698974 - one pl 690976 to 687978 at 0600 slow rate MG fire heard on ridge east D Coy from Mulro - 0800 - 0825K/1 by bombing and strafing heard Duali area - result IAC/R 0930 1005K/1 - now 21 bridges on beach - one badly broken then search parallel to beach - 50 lbs digging in on beach in vicinity - no mounds seen near Bassio Nulgeal a light apparently signalling to aft of Cape Dingo - morning 1 July D Coy 2 pl captured and consolidated area mouth south arm Bitor - enemy fled in disorder - D Coy patrolling to south to contact McKeckne and north in pursuit of enemy
250	17th	2025	0700	1751			atrop 140 to 200K/1 Bitor Mouth - exploitation to north carried out by one sec D Coy 2/6 br which proceeded as far north as Duali which is reported empty but showed signs recent occupation. then sec reports both sides mouth south arm bombed by 10 Jap planes 1300 to 310K/1 did not hear bombing further south a change dispans - A Coy 2/6 moved to Saddle Bay 12/5 less 1 pl moved to Mat Mat D Coy 2/6 less than 1 pl arrived Reeves from ALL 7 - 11 pl B Coy to Saddle from Salatia - 809 pl A Coy 1 to 673845 from Reeves

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251	3 div	2835	0700			03649	<p>Set up 151 to 2000K/1. Markham area. B Coy PIB less 7 pl arrived Wampit. Salamana op. 1015K/1 alerted and bombed KEKA and Salamana area. considerable amount going to POWA area. Mission. 1 PM 19th HQ 2/3 and Coy less C Pl arrived Meas Lek. 1130K/1 A Coy 58/59 bn occupied CWAIBALON. 8 pl consolidating. 9 pl moving Eskine Lek 700950 Komestum 1/25000. 7 pl controlling Goldulir to BM6 and into line. 1400K/1 B Coy not yet reached. Small cut track 705946. Coy still endeavoring because old tracks from 697960. on 1 pl D Coy cleared Meas Bolulir track to game 703977. will OP of 1050K/1 bombs dropped 746 996</p>
252				9 pl	0825	1112	<p>you will supply new patrol strength as you may spare for track to locate and see track from BLACKHAT across river. Re to Mission area. make and detach with I info</p>
253	3 div	0734	0830			03603	<p>Set up 152 to 2230K/1. Matut Valley. 1300K/1. In HQ 57/60 bn estab 964270 ROAMER one inch also landed 15th 1st July HQ Coy 10 pl 18 pl - Mission. 1300K/1 9 pl A Coy 58/59 bn occupied Eskine Lek 700950 Komestum 1/25000. patrol engaged party 20 yaps. east of Goldulir. no results observed patrol to old Dickson farm. reports by defended</p>

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1	15Bde	1120	1100			0874	your sitrep not received clear AM. Sitrep required this HQ at 0700 hrs 1230 hrs 1900 hrs daily
2	15Bde	1725	1500			11483	patrol information @ 0630 AM/29 patrol from OLD VICKERS POSN to within 100yds of SOUTH COCONUTS @ observed @ NORTH COCONUTS @ defences built @ hillbox in front with aperture towards south coconuts @ ridge in front @ grass trampled indicated much soil @ centre and south coconuts @ grass not trampled @ could not observe weapons pits but north and south coconuts what appeared to be hillbox ridge 15yds wide thickly timbered @ track on ridge at suspected hillbox
3	15Bde	1250	1200			11482	17Bn have requested area 30jul @ area ASP 23 @ 100110 to 190110 to 190140 to 140150 to 140180 to 150145 @ TOT requested @ 0900 @ TOT will be advised @ ASP 23 dispatched @ 08/59 @ 2/3 miles @ way AM K/20 @ if ASP 23 not arrived area in south of ck joint 707949 between BUIRHU and BUIWHARSECK
4	15Bde					0863	Confirmation @ 140110 remain KUNDA ISLE until further copy of board, see @ OLD VICKERS POSN via 692964
5	15Bde			2/3 adlo		073	from 2309 K/28 this HQ new case WERE DABI and Relive CAMP LOFV

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6	3 Coy	0120	0148			0868	Pickers left 1000hrs 28 Jul via Summit.
		1846				0863	<p> 58/59 on OLD VICKERS 1500hrs @ after a terrific fight in which the Coy pressed home attacks relentlessly from captured @ enemy position comprised a network PILL BOXES for holes and trenches covered with overhead cover 3' thick capable of holding 120 @ MMG and mortars were rushed for consolidation and mopping up of isolated posts continues @ Coy digging in overlooking Coconuts @ equipment many weapons captured incl one ant gun probably 70mm @ suffered heavy casualties not yet counted @ our cas 1 officer 400rs killed 2 officers 2 ORs wounded @ </p>
7	15 Bde	0135	0146			478	<p> Location statement 2359^h/28 @ 58/59 Bn @ Flw Bn HQ GWAIBALON 697948 rear HQ 688961 HQ Coy comp pl 688976 @ A Coy @ HQ 49 pl 697967 8 pl 699962 @ B Coy @ HQ 695975 10 pl 697975 11 pl 686976 12 pl GWAIBALON 697948 @ C Coy @ Coy HQ 13 14 15 Pl @ 7 pl under comd OLD VICKERS 697968 @ </p>

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7	bon ⁹						D Coy @ Coy HQ 16 Pl G WAIBALON 697948 17 Pl 698953 18 Pl 695946 @ 2/7 Bn @ Bn HQ bon ^a GP + A Coy KUMDA ISLE area SR6897 @ B Coy moving to KUMDA ISLE ETA AN ^{M/29} 600N HQ Gm moving KUMDA ISLE staging night 28/29 VIALS OP 676935 @ 2/3 IND Coy @ HQ 698946. A Pl 1 sec C pl 2 3" Mors 698945 B Pl MORTOR KNOLL 694938 C Pl less 1 sec NAMLING RIDGE 693937 @ D Coy 24 Bn @ Coy HQ 596026 8 Pl less 2 sec 613013 1 sec 615017 1 sec 621018 16 Pl 672032 18 Pl less 2 sec 608005 1 sec 612004 1 sec 616013 @ FAMB @ light Sec 15 FDMB MEARES CK 639974 @ Det 2/2 FDMB ADS MISSIM 598961 @ HQ 15 Bde 654921 @ All informed
8	15 Bde	0900	0946			0880	Secur @ TASKS 58/59 Bn @ FIRST @ To be completed as soon as possible @ Attack & capture NORTH COCONUTS @ 2nd @ To be completed by 1200 H/30 @ Own Coy to consolidate BENCH CUT TRACK from incl ERSKINE CK to incl OSBORNE One Coy to cut and consolidate KOMIATUM track and 708966 @ Object both Coys to prevent escape of enemy towards SAMANUA from KOMIATUM or BOBDURI areas @

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8	Bonda						3rd Co to locate and establish an LOC from Mulliap to OLD VICKERS POSN and from OLD VICKERS to area OSBORNE CK Co 4th Co Layout at 1200 M/30 will be similar to sketch given by CAPT NEWMAN to 58/59 Bn Co Method Co A Coy 2/7 Bn will relieve C Coy and one Pl B Coy 58/59 Bn by 1800 M/29 Co B Coy 2/7 Bn will relieve Composite pl 58/59 Bn at 683976 by 1800 M/29 Co 58/59 Bn will arrange guides to lead 2/7 Bn to area Co ack. (IMPORTANT)
9	15 Bde	1120	1128			0874	Your letter not received this AM. Letter required this HQ at 0700 hrs 1230 hrs 1900 hrs daily.
10	15 Bde	1725	1745			1483	Patrol information Co 0630 M/29 patrol from OLD VICKERS POSN to within 100 yds of SOUTH COCONUTS Co defence line Co Mailbox in periscope with aperture towards SOUTH COCONUTS Gap in foxhole Co Grass A sample indicated much more Co Bonds and South COCONUTS Co Grass not A sampled Co Could not observe weapon pit but North end SOUTH COCONUTS what appeared to be pillbox ridge 15 yds wide thickly A mired Co track one man width at suspected pillbox all infarmed.

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11	15 Bde	1250	1260			1482	17 Bde have requested AIR STRIKE 30 July @ Area ASP 230 100110 to 190110 to 190160 to 170180 to 140180 to 1001450 TOT requested 0900 @ TOT will be advised @ ASP 23 despatched 58/59 Bn 2/3 Ind Coy AM 11/29 @ if ASP 23 not arrived area is South of Ch Junction 707949 between BUI RAHA & BUI W HARSE CK all informed
12	15 Bde	1000	1007			0886	ref sighting enemy a/c following information will be passed direct to 3 Aus Div in clear by quickest possible means using AIR FLASH PRIORITY @ a/c sighted whether a/c bombed, shot recomm'd or passed overhead and place of sighting with map ref @ all informed
13				15 Bde	1805	i5	Sitrep 1800 K/30 @ composite pl one sub sec MMG arrived A coy area @ one sub sec MMG one det mortars relieved 58/59 Bn MMG MORTAR personnel B coy area @ sitrep
14	15 Bde	2220	2300	15 Bde	2220	0897	ref maps SALHMAHA KOMIATUM 1/25000 @ captured documents being fwd to 3 DIV 31 July indicates first @ Jap defence localities following areas @ KEILOR HILL centre of position 429019 @ area centre 710997 @ OLD BOBBUBI OLD VICKERS

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14 cont.							position of areas 722955 712960 730965 of area along ridge from 739950 to 753973 of area 754977 760988 745987 of second night gun area 717970 and area 718008 of third of AA arty area 743005 and area 758030 of fourth of a different document locates a wireless station area 720967
15	15Bde	2315	2400			1488	ref my memo dated 29 July of fixed points of map SALAMAUVA KOMIATUM 1/25000 of amendment of GWAIBOLON reference is 692967 NOT 602967 ack
16				15Bde	0705	17	Sitnov to 0700 K/31.
17	ACoy	0730	0900			MC1	Sitnov to 0700 K/31 of 6000 rds of 1 Jap MMG ammo captured and now in this area we have in use 1 Jap MMG for defence of quiet night
18	15Bde	1015	1020			0900	Ref 15 Bde Ind Summary 23 when received amend as follows of Para 1 b. enemy area BONEGILLA to read SALAMAUVA of All informed.
19	15Bde	1115	verbal				B.M. rang at 1115 hrs with the following instrs of Two recon patrols to leave immediately of First of To go to north coconuts approaching from the north to locate and investigate enemy activity on NORTH COCONUTS

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19	continued						SECOND @ to move NORTH of FRANCISCO river and ascertain if enemy is using an L of C from NORTH or EAST of OLD BOBDUBI to the ford at 711982 or 709978 @
20	1125			B Coy	1125	verbal	at 1125 hrs Capt Barr inst verbally to send two 2 men recon patrols on above tasks @ Patrol to ford NOT expected back until to-morrow @ Patrol to NORTH COCONUTS expected back PM. 31 JULY.
21				A Coy		verbal	two japs observed on section 694965, patrol from Old Nickers along G-wanbalon track - gaffel was fired on which retreated - considered this recon party
22				15 th Bde	1230	31 st I/O	When to 1230 1/31 @ patrol from OLD VICKERS POSN along G-WANBALON track contacted fired on two japs at ref. KONNIATUM 1/25000 694965 @ japs withdrew (Important).
23				B Coy		verbal	Two patrols ordered at 1125 moved out at 1215.
24	15 th Bde	1215	1215			0902	2/7 Bn will patrol as follows @ first @ recon patrol from B Coy to leave afternoon 31 July @ Ask to investigate NORTH COCONUTS area @ use approaches from NORTHERN end of BOBDUBI RIDGE Area 705978 @ Second @ Recon patrol

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24 25	11d						As in afternoon 31 July they are to ascertain if enemy using LOC from NORTH or EAST from OLD BOB DUBI to FORD 711982 to 7099780 info of above required urgently @ ack
25				15Bde	1335	11	ack. (0902)
26				Acay	1155	pha	enemy fired two mortar bombs on to cane patch 694965 - mortar lot to be located at 701968
27	15Bde	1617	1618			0907	Following from RAA 3 DIV @ quote @ the policy of the CRA is to support ops of inf comms with the largest available concentration of arty fire @ to implement this it is essential that be given at least 24 hrs notice of projected ops @ when fire is being produced in support one bty will be allotted for counter bty ops and 24 hrs notice is required to make the necessary arrangements @ unquote @ units will therefore fwd requests for arty support to this HQ at least 24 hrs ahead @ ack
28	Acay	1800	1810	15Bde	1800	12	Sitrep to 1800 K/31 @ 2 enemy observed 1100 hrs on CANE KNOLL 700968 @ we fired on them and they disappeared @ this posn is about 100yds off VICKERS GWAIBALON track

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28							Standing patrol was sent out to hold the track and have remained there all day. @ about 1600 hrs 2 more enemy were observed on CAVE KNOLL and as LMG fire seemed ineffective the captured mtn gun was brought to bear on the knoll @ after first shot was fired squeals were heard and after 7th rd had been fired a fighting patrol was sent out @ they reached position where japs observed but had to return owing to rifle fire from ground and trees @ they report at least 4 men fired on them but dug positions in gully indicate probably more @ these positions are approx 701965
29				15Bde	1855	iR	Sitrep to 1900 K/31 @ 1455 K/31 enemy fired 2 mortar bombs on to ref KOMIATUN 7/25000 700965 @ this ref is connection to map ref of sitrep i 10 K/31 @ at 1500 K/31 two enemy observed this area @ our SAA fire ineffective captured mtn gun used on posn japs fired @ recd patrol to area observed enemy and were fired on from

