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Unit GS 4 Aust Div *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jun 44 *To* 30 Jun 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1.		Advice received from 11 Aust Inf Bde that 5 Aust Water-craft Wksp (Type A) now raised.	
			Message received from First Aust Army (0.5098) advising all 18-pr and 4.5 Hows less those required for beach defence to be withdrawn.	
			GOC 4 Aust Div (Maj-Gen J.J.MURRAY) departed YAM Island for THURSDAY Island 0800 hrs. Engine trouble developed, stayed night at NAGHI.	
13 SEP 1944	2.		GSO.II(Maj M.H. BECHER) arrived by air from SOUTH from ARL.	
			Rainfall HIGGINSFIELD for 24 hours ended 020900 hours 80 pts.	
			'G' Instruction No 23 (Report Centre Dutch New Guinea) issued.	Appendix 'A'

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	3.		GOC 4 Aust Div returned from Island visit.	
	4.		Warning Order issued (O.5385) 29 Pl 2/1 Aust Guard Regt moving from SOUTH to relieve 13 Pl 2/1 Aust Guard Regt.	
	5.		Warning Order issued (O.5407) det 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy at MERAUKE to move to mainland to rejoin unit.	
			Warning Order issued (O.5411) B Coy 5 Aust MG Bn to move to rejoin unit on HORN Island.	
			GOC 4 Aust Div arrived mainland from THURSDAY Island.	
			LHQ Instruction 7227i on Officer Conversion Training distributed. Appendix 'B'	
	7.		Capt COURT, ALO 7 Aust Comd AL Sec, arrived by air from SOUTH.	
			GOC 4 Aust.Div, GSO.I (Col K.M. GRAHAM), AA & QMG (Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN), ADMS (Col G.S. ROBINSON) and ADOS (Maj R.	

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			MYNARD) visited MUTEE HEAD and COWAL CREEK.	
			4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 36 issued	Appendix 'C'
	8.		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected 15 Aust AOD and 29 Aust L of C Salv Sec.	
			Amendment No 3 to 4 Aust Div Distribution List No 3 issued.	Appendix 'D'
			Instruction ref Camouflage of Service Installations issued.	Appendix 'E'
	9.		Classes in MALAY Language commenced at HQ 4 Aust Div.	
			Warning Order issued (0.5485) one sec 26 Aust Inf Bn to relieve one sec 4 Aust Div Carr Coy at CAPE YORK SUB STATION.	
			LO.I (Maj A.E. McLUCAS) and 5 ORs departed by sea for MERAUKE to establish HQ 4 Aust Div Report Centre.	
			11 Aust Inf Bde reported TANAMERAH strip fit for aircraft up to 3000 ft rum.	

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	10.		LO.I and 5 ORs arrived MERAUKE.	
			75 Wing RAAF advised that as from 11 Jun a modified N and P Patrol would be carried out from HIGGINSFIELD, route HIGGINSFIELD to 10°10' SOUTH 136°40' EAST to 08°30' SOUTH 136°15' EAST to 07°10' SOUTH 137°35' EAST thence to MAPPI, KOMBIESE, MERAUKE - refuel and return to HIGGINSFIELD.	
			Det 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy departed MERAUKE to rejoin unit at MUTEE HEAD.	
	11.		Det 4 Aust Watercraft Wksp (1 offr 43 OR) arrived by steamer from SOUTH.	
			11 Aust Radar Sec arrived by steamer from SOUTH.	
			3 Aust Visual Trg Library arrived by steamer from SOUTH.	
	12.		GOC 4 Aust Div visited HQ RAE 4 Aust Div, 116 Aust Bde Wksp, Sigs 4 Aust Div, HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div, HQ RAA 4 Aust	

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			Div, 26 Aust Inf Bn.	
	13.		Warning Order issued (0.5542) 27 Aust Fd Coy to relieve	
			16 Aust Fd Coy.	
			GOC 4 Aust Div inspected 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb, 102 Aust CCS,	
			DAT Buildings HIGGINSFIELD and Staging Camp. GOC 4 Aust Div	
			visited COWAL CREEK Area.	
			Chaplain General T. RILEY (C of E) called on GOC 4 Aust Div.	
			4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 37 issued.	Appendix 'F'
			Amendment No 2 to 4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No. 22	Appendix 'G'
			issued	
	14.		GSO.I and GSO.III (AIR) (Capt O.L. BENNETT) departed by	
			air for MERAUKE.	
			Warning Order issued (0.5564) 13 Aust Line Sec to move to	
			BALCOMBE VICTORIA.	

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			2 Aust Div Concert Party departed by steamer for MERAUKE.	
	15.		Rainfall HIGGINSFIELD for 24 hrs ended 0900K 15 Jun 44 -	
			81 pts.	
	16.		GSO.I departed MERAUKE by Naval Launch for inspection	
			EILANDEN River and intermediate outposts.	
	17.		Message received from First Aust Army that AA defences not	
			now required at TANAMERAH - move of 172 Aust Lt AA Bty to be	
			suspended until further orders - 11 Aust Inf Bde advised.	
			GOC 4 Aust Div inspected parade of Sigs 4 Aust Div at HIGGINS-	
			FIELD and took salute in march past. GOC impressed with parade.	
	18.		Warning Order issued (0.5599) - 132 Aust Bde Wksp to move	
			from 3 Aust Div Area to relieve 102 Aust Bde Wksps.	

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	18.		Lt-Col McNAB and Maj WHITFIELD (Movement Control) called on GOC 4 Aust Div	
	19.		4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 38 issued.	Appendix 'H'
	20.		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected new DID, 12 Aust AAD, Swimming Baths at RED ISLAND POINT and 26 Aust Inf Bn in morning and COWAL CREEK Farm in afternoon.	
			Security film "Next of Kin" screened at HQ 4 Aust Div. GOC 4 Aust Div attended screening.	
	21.		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected parade of 27 Aust Fd Coy at MUTEE HEAD prior to departure for MERAUKE.	
			Exercise conducted by 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb in jungle country vicinity LOCKERBIE. GOC 4 Aust Div attended accompanied by ADMS and GSO.II.	

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	22.		27 Aust Fd Coy embarked for MERAUKE.	
			GOC 4 Aust Div inspected Canteens RED ISLAND POINT.	
			Instructions issued for employment of 3 Aust Visual Trg Library on the CAPE YORK Mainland area.	Appendix 'I'
	23.		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected 4 Aust Div MT School and addressed students -- also inspected new DAT Buildings at HIGGINSFIELD.	
			GSO.I returned MERAUKE after visiting outposts.	
	24.		Mr VINNECOMBE (Board of Business Control) called on GOC 4 Aust Div and discussed supply of fresh meat.	
	26.		Nine Beauforts from 7 Sqn RAAF bombed TIMOEKA 252330Z.	
			4 Aust Div Location Statement No 13 issued.	Appendix 'J'
	27.		4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 39 issued.	Appendix 'K'
			GSO.I returned to this HQ from MERAUKE.	

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	28.		GOC 4 Aust Div departed HIGGINSFIELD 1030 hours for TOWNSVILLE per RAAF courier - arrived TOWNSVILLE 1415 hours.	
			Col F.R. NORTH (Comd TOWNSVILLE Cortress) called on GOC.	
			GOC discussed with Lt-Col LOVELL (CO 55/53 Aust Inf Bn) the movement of the unit.	
			Interservice conference of Intelligence Officers held. Report	Appendix 'L'
	29.		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected and addressed parade of 55/53 Aust Inf Bn.	
	30		GOC 4 Aust Div inspected embarkation 55/53 Aust Inf Bn. Pleased with discipline and organisation.	
			Instruction issued: as from 0001 hrs 1 Jul 44 19 Aust Sup Depot Coy with under comd 106 Aust Sup Depot Pl, 46 Aust Sup Depot Pl and 47 Aust Sup Depot Pl comes under Comd HQ TORRES STRAIT Area.	
			Col GS 4 Aust Div	

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4 AUST DIV REVSIT No 337 to C900K 1 JUN 44

NW SECTOR

LAND

HOLLANDIA : Native reports from TAMI state that the enemys move westward from WEWAK continues. An Allied patrol along the track SOUTH from HUMBOLDT BAY towards ARSO contacted a Jap outpost six mls SW TAMI airfield. This post which is manned by approx 25 personnel, is believed to be covering the enemy's escape route through ARSO. Total enemy casualties to 30 May 2425 killed 523 PW taken.

MAFFIN - SARMI Area - On 28 May an unstated number of Japs attacked our posns at the airfield also the TOEM perimeter. Both attacks were repulsed with 98 enemy killed. Our tps are reported consolidating astride the coastal road 1 ml ESE of MAFFIN airfield. The enemy are still firmly entrenched with numerous MG posts in gully 1400 yds SE of eastern end of strip. Total casualties to 29 May 1378 killed. Our fwd tps estimate that there are 2000/3000 Japs in the area between WAKDE IS and SARMI.

BIAK IS-Western Sector: Allied adv to the WEST encountered strong opposition from enemy automatic weapons, mortars and dual purpose guns located inland from MOKMER. Terrain to the NORTH is reported as almost impassable. Enemy are also using tanks in this sector and on 29 May 11 med or lt tanks were destroyed by our tps. Allied fwd elements have been engaged by arty and the enemy continues to use tanks extensively. All attacks have been repulsed but our tps are still unable to advance. It is reported that the enemy expected our initial landing to be effected in the vicinity of MOKMER consequently located their defs to cover the airfield and all approaches thereto. Estimated that enemy has one bn, one regt plus tanks disposed in the aerodrome area and the immediate vicinity of MOKMER. To date 300/500 Japs have been killed in this sector.

Eastern Sector : Patrols NORTH and EAST of the BOSNEK beachhead reached WARWF (5 mls ENE BOSNEK) without contact on 29 May. Japs unsuccessfully attacked our perimeter night 28/29 May. Estimated 1000 Japs were dug in 5 mls NORTH MANDON. By 30 May perimeter extending 1000 yds WEST, ½-mile NORTH and 300 yards EAST IBDI village (3 mls WEST BOSNEK) had been established.

AIR : On 27, 28, 29 May Allied heavy bombers attacked the airfields on BIAK and NOEMFOOR in support of our ground tps. Enemy tp con. NORTH and EAST of MOKMER received 80 tons of bombs. Close support was also given to the Allied task force whilst shelling enemy gun posns. A naval gun to the EAST of MOKMER strip was hit. Other strikes were carried out on BABO, OTAWIRI, TIMOEKA, AMBON and CERAM. Interception was attempted by 5 fighters over BABO - one was shot down and another probably damaged.

PHILIPPINE IS : On 27 May SWPA a/c made their first recce of PHILIPPINE IS. Cape SAN AUGUSTIN and DAVAO Bay area were thoroughly searched. No enemy interception was encountered.

NE SECTOR

LAND

MADANG : 29 May our fwd tps reached KORAK (6 mls NW BUNABUN HARBOUR). Patrols to HORI (3¼ mls WEST BUNABUN) report no movement.

WEWAK : Much activity has been observed 3 mls SW of BUT airfield. Same source reports the enemy building a new camp area at ANUMB River (4 mls SOUTH SOWOM).

AIR : On 28/29 May 156 Allied heavy and med bombers attacked the WEWAK town and strip area, also strafed troop concentrations and supply dumps. The target area was well covered. No other large scale raids were reported from NEW GUINEA.

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LAND

HOLLANDIA : Patrol clashes continue with an additional 93 enemy killed and 13 PW taken. Total casualties now 2561 killed, 550 PW.

MAFFIN BAY : On 29 May the enemy made two unsuccessful attacks on our perimeter. Patrols active in all other areas. Our perimeter vicinity ARARA infiltrated by two Jap parties of 80 personnel; 48 enemy were killed. Enemy arty fired 50 70mm shells into Allied posns 500 yds EAST of MAFFIN in support of small patrols active throughout the area.

BIAK IS : 30 May. Active patrolling to NORTH and EAST of beachhead continues with scattered contact. WEST flank activity limited to mortar fire on our fwd posns.

SEA

BORNEO : 30 May - 3 battleships and 3 probable battleships leaving SIBUTU passage (between northern tip BORNEO and TAWI TAWI island) on a course SSE. By daylight 31 May two battleships, 3 a/c carriers, 2 hy cruisers, 2 large warships, and other smaller vessels were sighted off TAWI TAWI IS.

1 Jun - 1 battleship, 2 lt cruisers, 3 destroyers, 10 mls SOUTH SANGI IS (100 mls SOUTH DAVAO) course NE by EAST.

AIR

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : On 31 May 26 heavy bombers attacked the town area, airstrip and installations at RANSIKI (SOUTH MANOKWARI). Large fires were started and one of 5 barges was sunk. Mil AA fire or fighter interception was encountered. A B25 on recce sighted 2 barges laden with supplies near WAKIA. One barge was destroyed and the other beached. Seven barges were also sighted off the EOKAMU River near KOKENAU.

Two possible u/i enemy a/c were heard 30 mls SOUTH of KOMBIESE on 1 Jun on SW course.

NE SECTOR

LAND

MADANG : 30 May - Allied tps moving up coast reached MULU Harbour (3 mls SE ULIGAN Harbour) without making contact.

SEPIK RIVER : Reports suggest little small craft or barge movement up the river. Allied recce a/c sighted only 6 barges on the river on 30 May.

AITAPE.: Small parties of Japs have been encountered by Allied patrols inland from YAKAMUL and casualties inflicted.

AIR

WEWAK : 96 a/c again raided the WEWAK area on 31 May. AA posns, personnel areas and supply dumps were hit and many fires and explosions started.

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LAND
DUTCH NEW GUINEA :
MAFFIN BAY : Ref revsit 338. It is now reported 52 enemy were killed during infiltration of Allied perimeter WNW of ARARA. On 31 May 11 enemy were killed in ambush, 12 killed by mortar fire and 6 PW taken.

BIAK ISLAND : Eastern Sector. On 31 May Allied tps with tk sp attacked pillboxes in the vicinity of OPIAREF (two and one half miles ENE of BOSNEK). Allied tps are now holding posns 1000 yds EAST of the village.
Western Sector. 30 May. Allied tps were forced off ridge 1000 yds NW of MANDON. On the morning 31 May our forces attacked enemy posns 1500 yds NW of MANDON.

SEA
DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 1 Jun. One submarine was seen ten miles EAST by NORTH of TANAHMERAH Bay.

AIR (Own)
DUTCH NEW GUINEA : On 30 May four allied aircraft bombed and strafed coast line from SAWAR to SARMI. On the same day six Allied aircraft bombed MANDON area on BIAK Island.
On 31 May BABO was bombed and strafed and fuel fires started. Five intercepting fighters were damaged. OTAWIRI was attacked, fires started and one intercepting aircraft destroyed.
2 Jun. 21 B25s bombed TIMIKA destroying buildings and starting fuel fires. The strip was reported unserviceable.

ARAFURA SEA

TANIMBAR ISLANDS : Four Allied aircraft bombed and strafed LARAT on 1 Jun.
CERAM : On 31 May ten Allied aircraft bombed LIANG starting fires.

AIR (Enemy)
DUTCH NEW GUINEA : On 30 May two aircraft bombed an Allied posn on BIAK Island. On 31 May a beachhead on the island was bombed by three aircraft. One enemy bomber was shot down during the day.

NE SECTOR

LAND
NEW BRITAIN : Enemy cas to 31 May : 4307 killed, 342 PW. On 30 May an Allied patrol entered AWUL (44 miles ENE GASMATA). The enemy fled abandoning eqpt.

NEW GUINEA :
AITAPE : On 31 May an outpost 2½ miles WEST of YAKAMUL was attacked by a small enemy party. One of our carrier lines was ambushed by 30 Japs. A patrol later inflicted cas on a party of 40 Japs in the vicinity of the ambush.

AIR
NEW BRITAIN : On 31 May 101 Allied aircraft bombed RABAUL area incl truck concentrations, barge, repair and sup areas.

NEW GUINEA : 31 May. 14 Allied aircraft bombed WEWAK partially destroying a bridge. Dumps were hit.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

MAFFIN BAY : Allied tps encountered strong well armed enemy parties vicinity SAWAR airstrip and inland from mouth of TOR RIVER.

BIAK IS : 1 Jun. Allied patrols contacted the enemy 900 yds NW IBDI. Hy resistance was encountered from enemy mortars and MG NW and NORTH of our posns at MANDON. The coastal rd NORTH of MANDON was temporarily cut by the enemy late on 1 Jun. In the BOSNER area our posns were unsuccessfully attacked by heavy LMG fire. Allied tps were in occupation of a surveyed airfield site NORTH of BOSNEK by 2 Jun, despite continued opposition from enemy posts to the WEST. To the EAST our patrols are reported eliminating enemy pill box opposition along track to OPIAREF.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 1 Jun. 1 500/1000 ton freighter MANOKWARI.
4 barges NAMBER on NOEMFOOR IS.
10 barges SARMI.
3 barges beached 10 mls WSW Cape DURVILLE.

On 1 Jun Allied surface craft destroyed 3 troop carrying barges 10 mls EAST BOSNEK.

AIR

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : For the second day 21 B25s on an attack mission to BABO failed to reach the target due to adverse weather. The airstrip and town area at TIMIKA was bombed and strafed. No interception was met and only light AA was encountered.

21 a/c carried out a coastal sweep from SARMI to CAPE D'URVILLE and bombed opportunity targets on JAMEN IS on 1 Jun. Close support was given to Allied ground tps on BIAK IS by 42 heavy bombers on 1 and 2 Jun. Direct hits were scored on amn dumps and AA posns at MOKMER.

Other targets attacked in the NW area included LAHA and LIANG airfields on AMBON and LARAT on TANIMBAR IS.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA : SEPIK RIVER AREA : As a result of recent Allied bombing it is reported that the Japs have been forced out of ANGORAM and MARIENBERG and that most other villages along the river have been abandoned.

AITAPE : Allied patrols in this area are meeting more determined enemy resistance from small well armed parties in the vicinity of YAKAMUL. A strong Allied force moved to 1½ mls WEST of YAKAMUL to carry out recce and encountered enemy in unknown strength 2000 yds EAST of the village. Allied ration party and signal line team were both cut off by Jap ambushes SOUTH of YAKAMUL.

AIR

WEWAK-HANSA BAY : Allied hy and med bombers continue to harras this area daily. On 1 Jun 89 bombers attacked WEWAK, 8 were over HANSA BAY and our tps in the AITAPE area were given support by further attack on NYAPARAKE.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY Western Sector : On 2 Jun Allied tps est posns two miles EAST of TOR River mouth. Total enemy casualties for area : 1525 killed, 9 PW.

BIAK ISLAND Western Sector : On 2 Jun an enemy rd block 500 yd NORTH of MANDON was cleared and the enemy was driven from the area. On night 1/2 Jun accurate arty fire harrassed Allied fwd inf and arty posns, and forced Allied tps to change posn. Lt enemy attacks WEST of surveyed airfield NORTH of BOSNEK were repulsed. On 2 Jun an enemy raiding party was intercepted one half mile WEST of BOSNEK. Allied adv to the WEST commenced at first light on 2 Jun. Stiff resistance from 200 Japs was encountered 2000 yds NW of BOSNEK but the opposition was overcome four hrs later. 75 enemy were killed. Later our fwd tps were 1½ miles NW of BOSNEK. Total enemy casualties to 2 Jun 897 killed, 4 PW.

On morning 2 Jun Allied tps made unopposed landings on OWI Island four miles SOUTH of BOSNEK, and WOENDI Island 13 miles SE of BOSNEK.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 2 Jun : One 3000 ton merchant vessel, one escort vessel 36 mls NORTH of MANOKW
3 Jun : Three small craft 30 miles EAST by SOUTH of MANOKWARI.

AIR : Own

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 1 Jun - Eight aircraft bombed and strafed PODENA and ANOES (39 and 40 miles SSE of MAFFIN BAY respectively).
1 Jun - 19 aircraft bombed and strafed RANSI (MANOKWARI area) destroying eight grounded aircraft, buildings and trucks.

AIR :Enemy

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BIAK ISLAND : Unknown number of aircraft bombed the shore lir on 1 Jun. No damage was caused. On 2 Jun 20 to 30 aircraft bombe our beach posn and offshore shipping. Nil Allied damage or cas but seven enemy aircraft were shot down. On 3 Jun 10 to 20 aircraft attacked the same targets.

NE SECTOR

LAND

SOLOMONS

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY : On 2 Jun the TOROKINA perimeter was further extended by an Allied landing on the SOUTH bank of JABA Riv No opposition was encountered.

NEW IRELAND

DYAUL ISLAND (30 miles SOUTH of KAVIENG); On 2 Jun an Allied recce patrol landed ; no enemy was encountered.

NEW GUINEA

KARKAR ISLAND : On 2 Jun our tps landed without opposition and est a beachhead. No contact has been made with the enemy.

AITAPE : On 2 Jun further enemy attacks were made. Our outpost one half mile EAST of YAKAMUL was attacked. The attack was repulsed. Our posns in this area were subjected to arty fire during the day but our PT boats strafed the enemy posns silencing two guns. An Allied patrol contacted one coy on a ridge 2000 yards NORTH of AFUA. Total enemy casualties in area 840 killed, 37 PW.

AIR

NEW GUINEA :

BUT : On 3 Jun 36 Allied aircraft bombed and strafed camp and s area.

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LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BIAK ISLAND : On 3 Jun Allied tps after digging in for night 2/3 Jun 1000 yds NE of IBDI village continued adv against nil opposition. Another Allied force moving WEST of surveyed air fd (see revsit 341) reached an area 3400 yds NE of MOKMER air fd. No opposition was encountered. Allied tps moving along a ridge 1500 yds WEST of IBDI were attacked by Japs estimated at one coy strength. No details are available. During the Allied move to the EAST on the coastal rd our tps encountered intense rifle, grenade, MG and mortar fire WEST of PARIA necessitating a withdrawal to night posns.

On the eastern flank Allied patrols moving EAST in the vicinity of MENOERWAR (9½ miles ESE of BOSNEK) were not opposed up to noon 3 Jun.

HOLLANDIA : Natives report 100 Japs moving EAST five miles SOUTH of Lake SENTANI. Allied aircraft sighted an unreported number of the enemy crossing the BIRI river from EAST to WEST. On 2 Jun 42 Japs were found dead, 29 were killed and two captured in the area.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 3 Jun. One destroyer (probably damaged by air attack) 20 miles WSW of MANOKWARI. One 3000 ton merchant vessel 100 mls NNW of MANOKWARI. Two or three destroyers and five large vessels with fighter cover 13 miles NW of MORONG.

CELEBES SEA : On 3 Jun nine warships were 125 miles ESE of MOROTAI Strait. Later two destroyers were sunk 145 miles NE of the strait and one warship 110 mls EAST of the strait received a direct hit.

AIR - (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

JAPEN ISLAND : 2 Jun six aircraft bombed SERCEI.

BABO : Aircraft on escort mission destroyed 11 intercepting enemy fighters on 3 Jun.

AMBOINA : On 3 Jun nine aircraft bombed LIANG causing explosions and fires.

AIR - (ENEMY)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : On 2 Jun enemy aircraft bombed OWI ISLAND. On 3 Jun eight enemy aircraft were shot down over BIAK ISLAND.

NE SECTOR

LAND

KARKAR ISLAND : Reported by local CHINESE that JAPS evacuated Island on 20 May. No contact with enemy has been made.

ALEXISHAFEN AREA : Our patrols have reached HALALA Harbour with nil enemy contacts.

AITAPE : On 3 Jun a further unsuccessful attack on an outpost was made by the enemy. Enemy cas to 3 Jun 846 killed 37 PW.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS : Total enemy killed to 3 Jun 3636.

AIR - (OWN)

NEW GUINEA : HANSA BAY - SEPIK RIVER. On 3 Jun 37 aircraft attacked targets.

WEWAK : 57 aircraft bombed and strafed sup and personnel areas on 3 Jun.

CAROLINE ISLANDS : TRUK ATOLL : 35 aircraft bombed DUBLON Island. Ten intercepting enemy aircraft destroyed.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY : On night 3/4 Jun the Allied posns in the WESTERN perimeter were subjected to arty, mortar, MG and rifle fire followed by an inf attack by 100 Japs. The attacks failed with 21 enemy killed. The EAST-WEST trail ½ mile WEST of OETEBER showed signs of hy use and it is estimated one bn moved EAST along track on 3 or 4 Jun. On 4 Jun the enemy ambushed an Allied truck carrying bps and later attacked ARARA perimeter with mortars, lt MG and rifles. Six Japs were killed.

BIAK ISLAND : On night 3/4 Jun it was estimated two enemy coys were in posn 1100 yds NW of IBDI. On 4 Jun Allied forces moved over the inland ridge 1000 yds NW of IBDI and encountered stiff opposition further inland. Allied patrol moved WEST to base of ridge NE of MOKMER airfield without meeting serious resistance.

On the EASTERN flank a party of 56 well armed Japs was observed moving EAST 2600 yds NW of OPIAREF.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

SARMI : On night 3/4 Jun Allied P/T boats strafed the beach.

MANOKWARI : Two small freighters and 10 to 15 barges were observed on 3 Jun.

HALMAHERA SEA : On 6 Jun a 15 vessel convoy was 27 miles NNE of CAPE NGOLOPOPO.

AIR : Own

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY : On 3 Jun 40 aircraft bombed and strafed store and camp areas starting many fires.

SAOEKOREM (62 miles WNW of MANOKWARI) : Our aircraft sank a corvette and scored a direct hit on a freighter which burst into flames.

BIAK ISLAND : On 3 Jun 17 aircraft bombed and strafed def areas in the vicinity of MOKMER airfield.

KAI ISLAND : On 4 Jun TOEAL was bombed by seven aircraft.

AIR : Enemy

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

OWI ISLAND : The island was bombed on 3 Jun. No damage was caused but one enemy aircraft was destroyed.

BIAK ISLAND : On 5 Jun torpedo aircraft attacked Allied surface craft at BOSNEK. Nil damage.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

AITAPE : On 4 Jun lt patrol contacts were made YAKAMUL area. The enemy cut our telephone line in this area and harassed the repair

crew. The ridge WEST of DRIMUNOR river near AFUA is still held by the enemy. Further EAST our tps captured a small Jap outpost.

AIR :Own

NEW GUINEA

SEPIK RIVER : Eleven aircraft strafed villages along the river on 4 Jun.

WEWAK : On 4 Jun 53 aircraft bombed area destroying br reporte damaged on 31 May (see Revsit 339).

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HOLLANDIA : 5 Jun. A reliable native police boy reported that 500 Japs armed with 135 rifles were located four miles SOUTH of HOLTEKANG. Other native reports indicate 800 enemy in the vicinity of HOLTEKANG awaiting evacuation by ship. An Allied patrol estimated 500 Japs in the area eight to ten miles SOUTH of the SAWMIL Jetty (1½ mls WEST of WAAB).

MAFFIN BAY : 4 Jun. The Allied perimeter 1½ miles WEST of TOEM was attacked by 80 Japs. No details are available. On the night 4/5 Jun an Allied patrol landed 1500 yds WEST of SARMI and patrolled EAST to the village. Our patrol was observed by gps of the enemy who took no action against our tps. On 5 and 6 Jun Allied patrols clashed with the enemy. Sixteen Japs were killed in these actions.

BIAK ISLAND : 5 Jun. An Allied patrol approached the EAST base of the ridge overlooking the MOKMER air fd without opposition. The only enemy resistance NW of KAMBOR was by disorganised gps. Scattered contacts were made in the vicinity of the surveyed air fd. Our naval gun fire forced the enemy to withdraw to the rd 1000 yds NNE of PARAI Jetty. Three tks were observed in the vicinity of MOKMER village.

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MANOKWARI : On 3 Jun Allied aircraft sighted one hy cruiser, one corvette and two luggers ten miles off Cape SRABERAN. Both luggers were destroyed by our bombing.

On 4 Jun our aircraft scored a direct hit on a small freighter and destroyed seven or eight barges in the MANOKWARI area.

SORONG : 4 Jun. Two possible hits were scored on the stern of a hy cruiser 68 miles WEST by NORTH of SORONG.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

AITAPE AREA : On 4 Jun Allied tps attacked and occupied a ridge 2000 yds NORTH of APUA. Allied tps were repulsed in an attack on an enemy force 500 yds WEST of YAKAMUL. At 1800K 4 Jun YAKAMUL was attacked by 400 to 500 enemy with arty, mortar and by MG sp. Our comms were cut, our posns overrun and during the next morning all our outpost tps were evacuated by barge to new posns on the DRINUMOR River.

AIR (OWN)

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK - On 5 and 6 Jun Allied aircraft attacked targets.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY : An Allied patrol ambushed an estimated enemy pl 1½ miles SW of ARARA on 6 Jun. The enemy lost 15 killed.

BIAK ISLAND : MOKMER airfield was occupied by an Allied force on 7 Jun. Resistance was limited to scattered and moderate rifle, MG and intermittent arty fire. On 6 Jun Allied tps on the coastal road encountered intense rifle, MG and mortar fire from posns 1500 yds NE of PARIA village. Our forces made slight progress but was unable to adv beyond 900 yds NE of PARIA jetty. Other Allied forces were in contact with the enemy on the ridge NW of IBDI. On the EAST flank no contact with the enemy has been reported.

SEA

HALMAHERA ISLANDS : 4 Jun - One battleship, one or two lt cruisers, three destroyers, five to six warships 30 miles NE of CAPE NGOLOPOP and six to eight vessels four miles NE of these warships.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 6 Jun - One possible lt cruiser 72 miles WEST by NORTH of SORONG ; course SE.

AIR : Own

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MANOKWARI : On 4 Jun 21 aircraft bombed and strafed the fuel and sup dumps, bivouac area, and damaged buildings. KAMIRI airstrip was then attacked.

SORONG AREA : A probable direct hit was scored on a cruiser at KABOEI BAT on 6 Jun.

AIR :Enemy

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MERAUKE : An unidentified aircraft was sighted at 28000 ft - nil interception. On the same day an unidentified aircraft was heard in the EILANDEN River area . An unstated number of enemy b... were reported in the vicinity of WISSEL LAKES.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

AITAPE : On 6 Jun an Allied ration party was ambushed at AKANAI Creek. Allied air observation reported that the enemy was digging in at YAKAMUL.

AIR : Own

NEW BRITAIN

RABAUL : On 6 Jun Allied aircraft attacked targets in the area.

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HOLLANDIA : Total casualties to 7 Jun 2960 killed 585 PW.

MAFFIN BAY : Patrol activity only with minor clashes in vicinity of ARARA perimeter and MAFFIN airstrip. Total casualties 1734 killed 19 PW.

BIAK IS : Heavy Allied arty fire silenced or destroyed 2 enemy AA guns, a mountain gun, MG and dugouts NE of MOKMER strip. Our troops then attacked and destroyed 3 pill boxes and one 75 mm mountain gun to the EAST of the airfield. Few Japs were seen near the strip but intense opposition was encountered from ridge to NE and NW - mainly rifle and MG fire. However beachhead was established and supplies are being landed on MOKMER strip.

On the coastal sector the enemy are still holding favourable posns and Allied tps are temporarily held up NE of PARAI jetty.

TIMIKA : A report from the EILANDEN River, graded C2, states that there are now no enemy at KOEPERAPOKA.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : Allied a/c sighted and attacked an enemy convoy consisting of 2 lt cruisers and 5 destroyers moving EAST 120 miles NW of MANOKWARI on 7 Jun. Four destroyers were sunk and the other damaged.

HALMAHERA IS : A concentration of 30/40 enemy naval units and merchant vessels was attacked on 4 Jun resulting in 2 destroyers being sunk and 2 lt cruisers damaged.

CHINA : In the first reported recce of HONGKONG aerial photos reveal 38 merchant vessels totalling 72000 tons in the harbour.

AIR-Own

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : Main attention was directed towards the airstrips of NAMBER and KAMIRI on NOEMFOOR IS on 8 Jun. A total of 48 bomber sorties were carried out against the strips, installations and supply and personnel areas. Damage was caused to runways and large fires were started.

Extensive damage was caused to installations and the strip at BABO during a bombing and strafing attack by 44 med bombers on 5 Jun. 4 grounded a/c were destroyed.

Allied fighters escorting bombers during an attack on shipping NORTH of MANOKWARI destroying 5 of 10 intercepting enemy a/c.

AIR :Enemy

Allied landing units at BOSNEK were attacked by 3 torpedo bombers on 8 Jun. No details of any damage are available.
There were indications of an u/i enemy a/c off CAPE VALSCH on 9 Jun. 8 P40s were airborne but nil sightings were made.

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LAND

MAFFIN BAY : On 8 Jun Allied forces launched a two-pronged drive WEST and SW towards MAFFIN airfield. Only slight opposition was enccuntered. Our left flank received rifle fire from pt 1 ml SW River mouth. Two Jap pill boxes were attacked by Allied tanks at point 700 yds EAST MAFFIN IS. Eleven enemy were killed and 1 HMG captured. Natives report concentrations of enemy escapees from HOLLANDIA along both banks of TOR River and 8 to 15 mls inland. Tps are in poor condition and only few are armed.

BIAK IS : 8 Jun. An enemy pocket of resistance ½ ml NNW IBDI has been cleared. Opposition still being encountered on road between FARAI jetty and rd junc 900 yds NNE, but no resistance is being met by Allied tps in their advance from FARAI to MOKMER. Our tps now concentrated between NORTH SOUTH line 200 yds EAST and 1600 yds WEST of the village. Intense mountain gun and mortar fire from cliff NORTH of MOKMER village prevented junction of our forces. Following hy and accurate Allied arty barrage all enemy arty fire on the airfield ceased at noon 8 Jun.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : On night 8/9 Jun 4/5 destroyers were sighted by Allied naval units 28 mls NW CAPE OERIMBORI course NW. The destroyers were persued to 20 mls EAST of MAPIA IS and one vessel was damaged.

Another attack by Allied forces in the vicinity of MANOKWARI resulted in three 500//000 ton vessels and one barge being sunk or left sinking.

AIR

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : The only large scale attack reported on 9 Jun was on SORIDO airfield on NOEMFOOR IS. 50 heavy bombers bombed and strafed supply and personnel areas and airfield installations.

NE SECTOR

LAND

MADANG-HANSA BAY : 9 Jun. Our tps moving up coast reached DALUA (16 mls ESE BOGIA) without meeting opposition. Enemy mountain gun was found at mouth of BOGUMUR Creek. Natives report BOGIA harbour clear of enemy.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 9 Jun. Small gps of the enemy were observed moving WEST along the coast 21 miles WEST of DEMTA.

MAFFIN BAY : Patrol activity continued on 9 and 10 Jun and recently evacuated bivouac areas were discovered. On the coast the adv continued to the WEST toward MAFFIN 1 and the area NORTH of a line from MAFFIN 2 to a pt 600 yds SOUTH of MAFFIN 1 is considered clear of the enemy. On night 9/10 Jun small enemy patrols were active around TIRFOAM perimeter.

BIAK ISLAND : On 9 Jun an enemy counter attack NORTH of IBDI was repulsed. It is estimated that the Jap force holding up the Allied tps NE of PARIA jetty is at one coy strength with eight to ten MG. The enemy fire power in the vicinity of MOKMER air fd and village has been substantially reduced. Patrols to the NORTH and NW of MOKMER village have made no contact. It is believed that portion of the enemy force in this area has been withdrawn and has moved towards SORIDO air fds. On 10 Jun there was sporadic mortar and MG fire from enemy posns on the ridges between MOKMER air fd and PARIA.

AIR (OWN)

TIMOR : 10 Jun. 12 aircraft bombed ATAMBUA damaging buildings and starting fires.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW BRITAIN : WIDE BAY : Five hundred well armed Japs were reported in def posns in this area on 10 Jun.

NEW GUINEA :

MADANG-HANSA BAY : Our patrols reached SUARU (4½ miles WNW of DOGUMUR Bay) without contact.

AITAPE : On 9 Jun a reliable report stated that enemy tps moved through LUMI area (32 miles SW of AITAPE).

AIR

NEW GUINEA : 9 Jun. 68 aircraft attacked personnel and sup areas at WEWAK. The target was well covered. Coastal targets between AITAPE and WEWAK were bombed by 12 bombers.

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MAFFIN BAY: An enemy attack on our perimeter on 9 Jun was repulsed. Patrol clashes continue with the enemy suffering casualties in the vicinity of MAFFIN.

BIAK IS: On 9 Jun Allied tps moving WEST from PARAI linked with the force moving EAST from MOKMER in the vicinity of the airfield. Our attack on enemy posns NORTH of MOKMER inflicted casualties but our tps were forced back by strong enemy counter attacks. Throughout 10 Jun Allied forces moving WEST along coastal roads to MOKMER airfield from PARAI and MOKMER village were subjected to MG and mortar fire from cliffs to the NW of MOKMER. Enemy AA and 75mm arty also drove Allied engrs from the airfield. Three 20mm guns were captured on ridge NORTH of MOKMER and 2 90mm mortars located and destroyed NORTH of OPIAREF.

SEA.

CELEBES SEA: 10 Jun: 3 battleships, 4 hy cruisers, unstated number of destroyers SOUTH SIBUTU PASSAGE believed enroute to DAVAO.

PHILIPPINE IS: 10 Jun: Well escorted convoy of 6 vessels 140 m mls WEST DAVAO GULF course SE by SOUTH

NE SECTOR

LAND

AITAPE: Following several sharp clashes our tps cleared the enemy from an area 1000 yds WEST of AFUA and despite enemy counter attacks the track AFUA - PALAUPA was kept open. No contact was made by our patrols moving inland EAST along the DRINUMOR and HARECH Rivers. Many Japs are believed to be in the area between SUAIN and TONG (16 mls SOUTH PARAKOVIO). An enemy HQ is reported to be near ANAPAVUK or CHAROV.

AIR.

NEW GUINEA: 73 Allied a/c bombed and strafed stores and bridges in the WEWAK area and on MUSCHU ISLAND on 10 Jun. Our ground forces operating in the vicinity of AITAPE received close support from 6 attacking a/c on the same day.

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LAND

HOLLANDIA : Total enemy casualties to 11 Jun : 3172 killed, 592 captured.

MAFFIN BAY : 10 Jun our posns now consolidated and bridge-head formed on WEST bank of TOR River. During an attack on enemy posns along the EAST bank of the River one 75mm and one 37mm gun were destroyed and one LMG captured.

BIAK IS : On 10 Jun two large calibre dual purpose guns complete with emn in the vicinity of MOKMER village were destroyed. Three LAA guns were also destroyed on the cliffs overlooking the airfield. On 11 Jun Allied inf with arty support continued their westward advance NW of MOKMER airfield against strong enemy posns from ridge NORTH of airfield. During afternoon enemy commenced slow withdrawal offering determined resistance. Enemy arty continued to prevent work on the airstrip.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA : In an attack by Allied naval units on enemy shipping in the MANOKWARI Area on 9 Jun it is reported that 3 500/1000 ton vessels and 6 to 8 luggers were sunk.

BORNEO : 11 Jun. 3 to 4 battleships, 6 cruisers, several destroyers TAWITAWI.

PHILIPPINES : 11 Jun. 1 lt cruiser, 2 destroyers, one converted aircraft carrier carrying aircraft in DAVAO GULF.

AIR (OWN)

On 11 Jun 11 a/c bombed and strafed dispersal bays and personnel areas NORTH of SORIDO strip on BIAK IS.

AIR (ENEMY)

Two and six enemy bombers attacked Allied posns in the MOKMER-MANDOM Area and shipping off BIAK IS on 11 and 12 Jun respectively.

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AIR

NEW GUINEA : A further 80 Allied a/c bombed and strafed personnel and supply areas at WEWAK and MUSCHU IS. Stores and fuel dumps were hit.

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NW SECTOR.

LAND

[redacted]: Patrol activity only.

BIAR MARSH: [redacted] western end of airfield and both [redacted] junction 900 yds [redacted] have remained [redacted] gune NNW of [redacted] gune. [redacted] and the only [redacted] consolidated [redacted] are short of both food and water.

SEA

[redacted]: No [redacted] PASSAGE [redacted] 8 cruisers and 4 [redacted].

NE SECTOR.

AIR

[redacted] 11/12 Jun [redacted] Allied bombers attacked [redacted].

[redacted]: [redacted] 11/12 Jun [redacted] Allied hand aircraft attacked [redacted]. [redacted] Enemy aircraft were [redacted]. [redacted] convoy escorting from [redacted] was [redacted]. [redacted] and 10 damaged. The [redacted] consolidated a ship convoy SW [redacted] and [redacted] in a direct hit on one destroyer and near [redacted] and stopping cargo vessels. All ships were [redacted].

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NW SECTOR

LAND

BIAK IS: 12 Jun: Allied forces attempting to straighten line WEST of MOKMER advanced 200 yds along ridge NW of SWOERIA. Tps on left flank unable to advance due to possibility of development of gap between two flanks. On 13 Jun our forces on the right flank resumed their attack along the ridge in face of pill box resistance, but gained only 100 yds. The western limit of our advance was line running NORTH/SOUTH through BOROKOE. Repairs to MOKMER airstrip still being temporarily halted by enemy mountain guns.

AIR - ENEMY

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Small forces of enemy bombers attacked Allied positions on WAKDE and BIAK IS on 12/13 Jun without causing damage or casualties.

There were indications of an unidentified aircraft 20 mls WEST of KOMBIESE on a northerly course, and EAST of KINAAM on 15 Jun.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Naval units bombarded enemy posns WEST of TOR River on night 12/13 Jun. On the same night Allied PT boats sank three supply laden barges off NW tip of BIAK IS.

NE SECTOR

LAND

HANSA BAY: 13 Jun : Advanced elements of our tps reached BOGIA HARBOUR (1400 yds SW HANSA BAY).

AIR

In support of our tps operating in the AITAPE areas 137 Allied aircraft bombed and strafed villages and tracks in the vicinity of YAKAMUL and CHAROV. Several fires were started.

CENTRAL PACIFIC.

AIR.

TRUK IS: On 12/13 Jun 85 Allied heavy bombers attacked DUBLON and ETEN atolls. Large fires and explosions were started. 9 of 30/40 intercepting enemy fighters were destroyed.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY : There is no change in the situation in this area.

BIAK ISLAND : On 14/15 Jun the enemy continued to harass Allied forces in the vicinity of MOKMER air fd. The Allied advance to the WEST was halted and work on the field was held up again. Enemy guns and mortars harassed our supply lines but were subsequently silenced by naval gun fire. The ridge road NORTH from MOKMER strip is still in enemy hands but an enveloping movement by Allied tps is taking place.

On the southern flank Allied patrols reached BORCKOE air field unopposed and reported that no defensive positions were in the area. The strip is not serviceable.

SEA

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

14 Jun: Two destroyers, two large tpts, two tankers in DAVAO Gulf.

15 Jun: Unstated number of battleships and escorts, three carriers, several cruisers and destroyers in SAN BERNARDINO Strait, course EAST by NORTH.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA:

10 Jun: One small freighter and six luggers were destroyed at MANOKWARI. No details were reported.

AIR (OWN)

TIMOR: On 14 Jun 12 aircraft bombed LAUTEM WEST strip starting fires and rendering the strip unserviceable. The next day 5 aircraft attacked the same target.

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SEA

NEW GUINEA: 15 Jun one enemy submarine was sighted eight miles NORTH by WEST of BUT.

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NW AREA

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BIAK ISLAND: On 15 Jun the enemy launched three counter attacks with lt tks and inf on the right flank of the MOKMER perimeter. All the attacks failed; one enemy tk was destroyed and another set on fire. An Allied patrol penetrated to a pt 5000 yds NORTH of MOKMER air fd but made no contact with the enemy. Small pockets of resistance were being eliminated between IBDI and PARIA by Allied forces. The rd in the vicinity of MOKMER village was again under enemy mortar and arty fire rendering it unserviceable.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

JEFFMAN HARBOUR: On 16 Jun three destroyers and possibly four 4000/5000 ton freighters were sighted.

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: On night 15/16 Jun six serviceable barges were sighted on the SE coast.

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

NORTH NAMBER: Six aircraft bombed the personnel area at the air f on 15 Jun.

NE AREA

LAND

NEW GUINEA

HANSA BAY: The adv elements of our forces reached a pt 2 miles WEST of HANSA FT on 15 Jun without making contact with the enemy.

AIR (OWN)

NEW BRITAIN

RABAUL: On 15 Jun 120 aircraft bombed AA posns in the area.

NEW GUINEA

DAGUA: 15 Jun 26 aircraft bombed personnel and sup areas.

AITAPE: 15 Jun 53 aircraft bombed and strafed tp concentrations in the area.

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4 AUST DIV REVSIT No 355 to 0900K 19 Jun 44.

KW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA AREA: 16 Jun: 50 enemy were reported 7½ miles SW of POEK (SE shore of SENTANI Lake).

MAFFIN BAY: On 16 Jun and allied patrol reported increased enemy activity in the area. Pillboxes 1½ miles WEST of MAFFIN, and new well camouflaged posns ½ mile WEST of MAFFIN were located. 600 yds SOUTH of MAFFIN other posns were being constructed. Total enemy cas in area to 16 Jun: 1941 killed 25 captured.

BIAK ISLAND: Ref revsit 354. The enemy lost 150 killed and three tks destroyed in the attack on the Allied right flank on 15 Jun. On night 15/16 Jun Allied arty shelled the area NORTH of MOKMER air fd during attempted enemy reinforcement. The next day the main Allied activity was confined to mopping up and patrol contacts. The enemy forces on the ridges overlooking MOKMER village were being forced to withdraw. Eqpt captured by the Allied tps incl four five in naval guns, two 20mm guns and one HMG. The enemy commenced a drive in from a key ridge 800 yds NORTH of the WEST end of the MOKMER air fd.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA:

16 Jun: One 1t cruiser, three destroyers, several gunboats, at least two merchant vessels at SORONG.

16 Jun: One probable submarine 85 miles NNE of WAKDE Island.

NE SECTOR.

LAND

SOLOMONS

TOROKINA: On 16 Jun an Allied force occupied KURAIO Mission 20 miles NORTH of Cape TOROKINA.

NEW GUINEA

HANSA BAY: Our forces reached CONCOR Pt on 16 Jun.

AIR (OWN)

NEW BRITAIN On 16 Jun 95 aircraft attacked targets in the RABAUL area.

NEW GUINEA

DAGUA: 37 aircraft bombed stores and personnel area on 16 Jun.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

CAROLINE ISLANDS

TRUK: 15 Jun: 39 aircraft bombed the area starting fires. One enemy aircraft was destroyed.

DUBLON: 16 Jun: 36 aircraft bombed the island starting fires. One enemy aircraft was destroyed.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA AREA - 17 Jun: Enemy tps embushed an Allied patrol near POEK.

MAFFIN BAY - On 16/17 Jun Allied patrols clashed with the enemy. A patrol contacted eight enemy pill boxes 100 yds SE of MAFFIN.

BIAK ISLAND - An Allied adv made on 16 Jun straightened our fwd lines in the vicinity of the NORTH end of the rd from MOKMER air fd. The Allied force adv towards the enemy posns overlooking MOKMER air fd reached a pt 2400 yds NNW of the WEST end of the fd. There was slight opposition. The Allied posns in the vicinity of IBDI were subjected to intermittent mortar fire from a ridge NW of the village during 17 Jun.

SEA.

PHILIPPINE WATERS

18 Jun: A strong enemy task force was sighted 600 miles EAST of SAN BERNARDINO Strait heading towards the MARIANAS.

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

SORONG - 17 Jun: During an air attack one 2000/4300 ton freighter tpt and an unidentified vessel were sunk, two freighters were left sinking, three small freighter tpts and six luggers were damaged, and eight 500/1000 ton freighters were bombed and strafed.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

HANSA BAY: A report on 16 Jun stated that the main enemy force evacuated the area approx one month ago. The road left a few days ago. Barges, luggers and trucks left behind were either unserviceable or in bad condition. The airstrip was covered with grass but otherwise in good condition.

AITAPE: On 15/16 Jun aggressive patrolling continued throughout the area.

AIR (OWN)

NEW BRITAIN

RABAUL AREA: On 17 Jun 114 aircraft bombed targets, incl AA guns

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK: Stores and personnel areas were attacked by 97 aircraft on 17 June.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

AIR (OWN)

CAROLINE ISLANDS: On 17 Jun 21 aircraft bombed DUBLON, FARAM and ETEN starting fires. Twelve intercepting aircraft were destroyed.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA
HOLLANDIA : On 18 Jun small patrol contacts were reported in the ...

MAFFIN BAY : (Ref revsit 356). On 17 Jun an Allied patrol forced the enemy from the eight pillboxes SE of MAFFIN.

BIAK ISLAND : 17/18 Jun. Allied forces with tk sp launched an att against the ridge 2500 yds NORTH of the WEST end of MOKMER air fd. After stubborn resistance, our tps captured a ridge located 400 yds WEST of our former posns. During the night 18/19 Jun activity was confined to sporadic fire and minor infiltration by the enemy. The enemy cas to 18 Jun are 1820 killed and 6 PW.

AIR (OWN)
DUTCH NEW GUINEA
SORONG.: During an attack on the area on 16 Jun, 39 fighters escorting bombers destroyed 10 of 27 intercepting aircraft. During the next day 11 fighters destroyed one of three intercepting aircraft.

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LAND
NEW GUINEA
AITAPE : Extensive patrolling was carried out throughout the area during 16 and 17 Jun. Contacts were made with the enemy.

SEA
NEW GUINEA
During the 17/18 Jun Allied surface craft bombarded 32 enemy gun posns in the WEWAK area and started several fires on the NORTH coast of KAIRIU Island.

AIR (OWN)
WEWAK-AITAPE : 126 Aircraft bombed and strafed barges, MT and trac in this area on 18 Jun. The following day 24 aircraft attacked similar targets.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY: 19 Jun: HMG fire from a position 900 yds SE MAFFIN otherwise no change.

BIAK ISLAND: Ref Revsit No 357, Allied forces renewed their attack on 19 Jun against enemy to NW of MOKMER airfield. By 1300K our tps reached objective on ridge 2500 yds NW of Western edge of airfield. In the Eastern sector of BIAK ISLAND Allied arty in vicinity of IBDI was subjected to enemy arty fire believed from a ridge to the North west. A small pocket of enemy resistance was reported approx 2000 yds NORTH of PARAI.

AIR (OWN)

MANOKWARI: 19 Jun: 33 aircraft bombed shipping, supply dumps and personnel areas. One barge and one lugger were sunk. Three barges were set on fire.

NE SECTOR

LAND

AITAPE: 17 Jun an enemy party of undetermined strength attacked an Allied patrol near YAKAMUL. A subsequent Allied patrol killed 6 Japs and forced the enemy to withdraw. There have been numerous minor patrol encounters in the YAKAMUL - DRINIUMOR RIVER area and signs of enemy activity in the coastal area to the EAST. MTBs operating one mile off CAPE DJEREUM found 9 boxes of Jap rations which had possibly come from an enemy submarine.

AIR (OWN)

WEWAK - AITAPE: 18 Jun 58 aircraft attacked targets throughout the area. A naval type gun WEST of DAGUA was destroyed by direct hit and barges were strafed. 20 Jun 18 aircraft bombed and strafed gun positions, personnel areas and tracks.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

SEA

MARIANAS: 17 Jun a probable enemy submarine was sunk 85 miles SW of SAIPAN. 19 Jun enemy aircraft attacked our surface units in strength for several hours, using GUAM and ROTA airfields. Allied carrier based aircraft intercepted attacking enemy aircraft and also bombed GUAM and ROTI airfields. 300 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed.

An Allied submarine scored 3 torpedo hits on an enemy carrier SHOKAKU class in position 440 miles SW SAIPAN. Carrier believed sunk. Carrier was accompanied by 2 cruisers and 3 or more destroyers on a course ESE.

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NW SECTOR

LAND
DUTCH NEW GUINEA
HOLLANDIA BAY AREA : Further patrol contacts were reported on 20 Jun. Total enemy cas to this date, 3360 killed 614 PW.

MAFFIN BAY : On 20 Jun Allied forces commenced a westward drive towards the MAFFIN air fd. During the morning our tps had adv to a pt astride the coastal rd 2000 yds WEST of the MAFFIN perimeter. Considerable progress was made on the left flank. Our tps dug in for the night. Enemy cas to 20 Jun, 1070 killed, 30 PW.

BIAK ISLAND : The enemy continued their stubborn resistance on 20 Jun but is no longer able to offer a serious threat to the MOKMER air fd. SORIDO air fd was occupied by another Allied force, also high ground overlooking BOROKEO air fd. At noon this force met some opposition in the vicinity of SORIDO village.
It is reported that the Japs on BIAK ISLAND are a good type soldier and will maintain an aggressive spirit. Enemy cas to 19 Jun, 1856 killed, 7 PW.

SEA
DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 20 Jun. An Allied surface vessel shelled dump areas WEST of WOSKE River.

AIR (OWN)
NOEMFOOR ISLAND : 20 Jun; 20 aircraft bombed KAMIRI air fd starting fires in the dispersal and bivouac areas.

NE SECTOR

LAND
NEW GUINEA
HANSA BAY : On 20 Jun our patrols reached BOT BOT, (10/11 miles NORTH of HANSA BAY) without making contact with the enemy.

AITAPE : On 19/20 Jun patrolling activities continued with minor cas inflicted on the enemy.

AIR (OWN)
NEW BRITAIN
RABAUL AREA : Further large scale attacks were made; 97 aircraft bombed AA posns near RAPOPO on 20 Jun.

NEW GUINEA :
WEWAK-AITAPE : A total of 91 aircraft attacked stores areas and tp concentrations in these areas on 20 Jun.

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LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY: 21 Jun: 7 Japs killed by Allied patrols. Enemy encountered were reported to be well armed and equipped and their clothing was in good condition.

BIAK ISLAND: 21 Jun: MOKMER airfield is now reported secure from enemy arty and mortar fire. Some enemy MG fire is being encountered in the high ground to the NORTH.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: 20 Jun: PT boats sank 3 barges heavily laden with personnel and stores off the southern end of SOEPIORI ISLAND (WEST of BIAK ISLAND). Night 20/21 Jun our light naval units bombarded enemy positions MAFFIN airfield and PT boats strafed an enemy encampment at WAKI on NORTH coast BIAK ISLAND.

22 Jun: The following enemy shipping was sighted in the vicinity of MARCHESA BAY (WEST of SORONG): 1 cruiser, 1 possible cruiser, 1 destroyer, 2 u/i warships.

AIR

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: 19 Jun: 11 a/c bombed and strafed dispersal areas and fuel dumps at KAMIRI airfield. 10 a/c attacked the same target on 21 Jun.

NE SECTOR

LAND

HANSA BAY AREA: 21 Jun : Our forward troops moving WEST along the coast reached the RAMU River without contact. It is reported that large quantities of enemy equipment were found in the area of SUKULA RIVER and AWAR.

AITAPE: Patrol contacts only. Total enemy killed in this area to 21 Jun: 1076.

SEA.

NEW IRELAND: Night 21/22 Jun Allied PT boats strafed targets in the KAVIENG area.

AIR.

HOLLANDIA: 21 Jun: 27 a/c attacked troop concentrations. Adverse weather prevented further strikes.

RABAUL: 21 Jun: 15 a/c attacked targets RABAUL Area.

SOLOMONS

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY: 21 Jun, mortars mounted on landing craft laid a smoke screen for an unopposed landing by an Allied force at JABA RIVER. After advancing 900 yards inland our forces encountered a small enemy party which fled.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY : On 22 Jun the Allied advance commenced on 20 Jun was resumed. Enemy resistance from LONETREE HILL was strong, but this feature was being encircled. Rugged terrain and strong enemy pill boxes were slowing our advance.

BIAK ISLAND: 21 Jun: The enemy continued to resist in the area 1200 yards NORTH of the WEST end of MOKMER air field and in the area 1½ miles NORTH of the air field where entrenched positions extend for 750 yards. These positions are supported by mountain guns further NORTH. During night 21/22 Jun the enemy lost 100 killed in a counter attack on our positions near the latter enemy positions. On 21 Jun an Allied force was halted at a point 1500 yards NW of IBDI during a westward movement along a ridge NORTH of the village. This enemy resistance with strong automatic fire support still continued on 22 Jun.

SW COAST : 24 Jun: A native report graded C2 stated that no Japs are at OTAKWA, many Japs at JAPERO in ten new concealed huts and only five Japs between JAPERO and TIMIKA.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

SORONG AREA: 22 Jun: One 2000/4500 ton freighter-transport, 12/13 500/1000 ton freighters, luggers and barges were sighted in SELE STRAIT. 18 aircraft heavily damaged the large vessel and destroyed three barges and a lugger.

KAI ISLANDS: 23 Jun: Two 500/1000 ton freighters, one 1000/1500 ton freighter-transport near the islands

BORNEO

BALIKPAPAN: Night 22/23 Jun: Two cruisers, two possible destroyers nine unidentified vessels and eight barges.

AIR (OWN)

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: 21 aircraft bombed KORNASOREN and KAMIRI airfields on 21 Jun.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

AITAPE: On 22 Jun by enemy fire was encountered near MAKAMUL. Allied patrols were withdrawn to enable our arty engage the enemy position. Reports indicate a large number of enemy at MUNAMBUAI, 28 miles SE of AITAPE.

AIR (OWN)

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK AREA: 126 aircraft bombed and strafed bivouac and troop concentrations during 22 Jun.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

SEA

PHILIPPINES - MARIANAS

It is now believed that the Jap task force comprised four or more battleships, five or six aircraft carriers, five fleet tankers and attendant cruisers and destroyers. On 20 Jun the enemy fleet fled towards LUZON STRAITS. The carrier borne air attack resulted in one enemy carrier, and three tankers sunk, one destroyer probably sunk, three carriers, one battleship, one cruiser, two destroyers and two tankers damaged, and 15/20 enemy aircraft destroyed.

AIR (OWN)

CAROLINE ISLANDS: 33 aircraft bombed YAP airfield on 22 Jun. Fires were started.

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NW SECTOR

LAND DUTCH NEW GUINEA
MAFFIN BAY : : On night 22/23 Jun an enemy raiding party made an unsuccessful attack against the Allied perimeter at TOEM. During this night Allied tps attacking LONE TREE Hill from the NORTH were located on the WEST slope and the force attacking from the SOUTH was astride the rd and on the SOUTH slope. Counted enemy dead in this op : 78.

BIAK ISLAND : On 22 Jun Allied tps pushing on from SORIDO air fd met resistance WEST of the SORIDO-SORIN Bay Rd. The Allied force on the ridge NORTH of IBDI met with further resistance incl mortar fire on 23 Jun. It is estimated that one enemy coy is located 1600 yds WNW of this village heavily reinforced with automatic weapons. Eqpt captured in the area NORTH of the WEST end of MOKMER airfd incl one 37mm gun, one 20mm gun, three HMG, four LMG, 54 "knee" mortars, (probably "89" grenade dischargers) radio eqpt, lt power plant and engr tools. A native report states the Japs are using SORENDIDORI Strait (NW tip of BIAK ISLAND) as a supply route. The enemy cas to 23 Jun are 2323 killed, 10 captured.

SEA
DUTCH NEW GUINEA : 22 Jun : One possible submarine 88 miles NORTH of WAKDE Island.

AIR (OWN)
TIMOR
CHATER : On 24 Jun seven aircraft bombed the airfd.

NE SECTOR

AIR (OWN)
NEW BRITAIN
RABAUL AREA : On 23 Jun 106 aircraft bombed RAPOPO and adjacent AA posns.

NEW GUINEA :
WEWAK-AITAPE : Tp concentrations and dump areas were bombed and strafed on 23 Jun by 68 aircraft.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

SEA
PHILIPPINES-MARIANAS : 20 Jun : A destroyer previously reported damaged is now claimed to be sunk and one aircraft carrier previously reported damaged was probably sunk.

AIR (OWN)
CAROLINE ISLANDS
YAP : On 23 Jun another raid was made on the airfd by 30 aircraft.

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LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA BAY AREA: 24 Jun: Total enemy cas now 3481 killed, 625 PW.

HAFFIN BAY AREA: The allied tps on 23 Jun held posns from the summit of LONE TREE Hill to a pt 200 yds NE of HILL 225.. The enemy was resisting stubbornly along the coral cliffs on the WEST and EAST slopes of LONE TREE Hill, and enemy snipers, MG and 70mm guns were being used against the sup lines to our fwd tps.

BIAK ISLAND: On 24 Jun Allied patrols were in contact with strong enemy def posns 1½ miles NW of the WEST end of KORMER airfd. Other Allied patrols encountered SA fire from an enemy posn 2000 yds NW of IRDI.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

24 Jun: Two destroyers, one gunboat, three small freighters at SORONG.
25 Jun: One unidentified vessel three barges in SORENDIORI Strait.
24 Jun: One submarine nine miles NORTH by EAST of Cape BOSENBARI (SOEPIORI Island).
23 Jun: Three small vessels, two barges at JAPERO.

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA:

BIAK ISLAND: On 24 Jun 12 aircraft bombed and strafed targets in sp of ground forces.

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: 31 aircraft bombed airfds and stores areas on 24 Jun.

SW COAST: On 26 Jun nine Beauforts bombed and strafed villages in the TIMORKA area. Results were unobserved, but inaccurate LAA fire was encountered. One aircraft strafed huts at JAPERO but no activity was observed.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA:

AITAPE AREA: Prior to dawn 23 Jun the enemy was prevented by our patrols from crossing the DRINIUMOR River. Active patrolling by Allied forces is being continued throughout the area but no contacts have been reported.

AIR (OWN)

NEW BRITAIN:

RABAUL AREA: On 24 Jun 90 aircraft attacked targets.

NEW GUINEA

MEWAK-AITAPE: On 24 Jun 155 aircraft bombed and strafed MT, barges, personnel and sup areas.
The next day further strikes were made by 28 aircraft.

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NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY: On night 23/24 Jun the enemy launched suicidal attacks against the Allied perimeter on LONE TREE HILL. Groups each consisting of ten men were used and all were repulsed. It is reported that enemy tps in this area attached booby traps to matches, pens and other items on their bodies, before going into action. On 24 Jun an Allied amphibious force landed WEST of ROCKY Shore (600 yards NORTH of LONE TREE HILL) and joined forces with our tps on LONE TREE HILL.

BIAK ISLAND: During 25 Jun continuous pressure was exerted against strong enemy resistance 2300 yards NE of the EAST end of BORODOE airfield. Five enemy AA guns were captured and 38 Japs kille An unconfirmed native report states eight enemy barges loaded troops a supplies at KORIM BAY on the NE coast of the island.

SW COAST: Native reports received on 26 Jun indicate many Ja at JAPERO in 18 new, hidden huts, also a minimum of 10 Japs in the visinity of OTAKWA in huts and pill boxes. Jap posts at INAONA were reported. These reports are graded C3.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: On night 24/25 Jun Allied PT boats destroyed an ammunition barge off RAKI Island (in SW of SCHOUTEN Islands Gp).

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS: 25 Jun: Three cruisers, two tankers 10 mile NORTH of NEGROS Island , course SW.

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY AREA: On 25 Jun 43 aircraft bombed Jap div HQ. villages, and bivouacs covering 20 miles along the TOR River. 31 aircraft started fires in the WOSKE River area.

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: 25 Jun: 38 aircraft bombed AA positions and stores areas at KAMIRI airfield.

TIMOR

CAPE CHATER: On 26 Jun seven aircraft attacked the strip.

SUMBAWA ISLAND

BIMA BAY: Three aircraft scored a probable torpedo hit on a 4,000/5,000 ton freighter and near misses from bombs on a 2500 ton vessel during an attack on 26 Jun.

BOEROE ISLAND

NAMLEA: Twelve miles NW of NAMLEA one of three freighters attacked by aircraft on 26 Jun was left listing.

AIR (ENEMY)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BIAK ISLAND: Two aircraft bombed MOKMER airfield on 25 Jun. Little damage was caused.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA - AITAPE: Minor patrol clashes were reported on 26 Jun

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LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

JAPEN ISLAND: 21 Jun: Native report states that there are now No Japs on JAPEN IS.

BIAK ISLAND: On 25 Jun Allied advances NORTH of air fields encountered only scattered resistance. Only isolated pockets of enemy resistance remain in area NORTH of Hill 320. Enemy resistance WEST of IBDI is greatly reduced, but it is expected that further resistance will be encountered from enemy HMGs and mortars established in the coral bunkers. The enemy casualties to 26 Jun are 2433 killed, 12 captured.

SEA

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

MINDANAO: On 26 Jun the following enemy shipping entered SARANGANI BAY: 7 Aux transports, 3 gunboats and 7 launches.

HALMAHERA GP: On 26 Jun the following convoy was sighted 10 mls NE of CAPE LEFT on a course NZ : 3 destroyers (or destroyer escorts) and 3 merchant escort vessels (500/1000 tons).

AIR (OWN)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: On 25 Jun 52 aircraft attacked AA positions and stores, and on 26 Jun 40 aircraft attacked targets in the same area.

NE SECTOR

LAND

RAMSA BAY: On 26 Jun Allied patrols killed 6 Japs in vicinity of RAMU RIVER (10/12 miles from the river mouth).

WEWAK - AITAPE AREA: A reliable report dated 25 Jun states that small disorganised enemy patrols are in the area SOUTH of TORRICELLI RANGE (20 mls SOUTH of MAPARAKE).

AIR (OWN)

NEW BRITAIN: 25/26 Jun 43 aircraft attacked targets in RABAUL area On 26 Jun 54 aircraft bombed and strafed targets in WIDE BAY area.

WEWAK - AITAPE AREA: 26 Jun: 72 aircraft attacked dumps and concentrations in WEWAK AITAPE Area.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

AIR (OWN)

CAROLINE ISLANDS: On 26 Jun 19 aircraft bombed runways and dispersal areas at YAP.

MARIANAS: 24 Jun. Reports state that as a result of activity of carrier based aircraft on 19 Jun Enemy aircraft losses are now increased from 253 to 402.

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LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

MAFFIN BAY: On 27/28 Jun mopping up ops continued on LONE TREE Hill particularly on the EAST slopes. Patrolling on 27 Jun disclosed numerous enemy def posns, all well manned and armed with mortars and MGs, to the WEST and SOUTH of this feature. It was estimated that one coy of Japs with four MGs and two mortars occupied a posn 1400 yds SE of HILL 225. The posn was attacked on 27 Jun; two pillboxes were destroyed and 17 enemy killed. Another enemy coy occupied freshly dug emplacements 800 yards EAST of HILL 225. Eight Japs were killed during an Allied attack on this posn during 27 Jun.

BIAK ISLAND: A minor patrol contact NORTH of MOKMER airfd was made on 27 Jun. Allied forces attacked an enemy posn on the ridge NW of IBDI gaining important ground. There is evidence that the enemy is making considerable use of the track from SORIDO to TORORIM on the NW coast of the island.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

NOEMFOOR ISLAND: 26 Jun: 18 barges on SW coast and 16/20 barges on NE coast were sighted.

CELEBES:

SALAJAR STRAIT: 27 Jun: One cruiser two stroyers, course NW.

AIR (OWI)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BIAK ISLAND: 26 Jun: 21 aircraft bombed and strafed enemy posn
MAROKWARI: 26 Jun: Eleven aircraft attacked targets.

TIMOR

LAUTEM WEST: 27 Jun: Nine aircraft bombed the strip.
CAPE CHATER: 28 Jun: Eight aircraft attacked the air fd.

NE SECTOR

LAND

NEW GUINEA

AITAPE: On 26 Jun slight contacts were made with the enemy EAST of DRINUMOR River and on the HAREGH River.

SEA

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK AREA: During night 26/27 Jun PT boats destroyed 15/16 barges at the SE end of MUSCHU ISLAND.

AIR (CH)

NEW BRITAIN

RABAUL AREA: On 27 Jun, 127 aircraft attacked buildings and AA posns.

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK - HANSA: 95 aircraft bombed and strafed personnel and sup areas, and coastal installations on 27 Jun.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

AIR (CH)

CAROLINE ISLANDS

YAP: 27 Jun 19 aircraft bombed the airfield and town, and destroyed two of 27 intercepting aircraft.

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REPORT CENTRE - SE DUTCH NEW GUINEA

1. A Divisional report centre, as part of HQ 4 Aust Div will be established in 11 Aust Inf Bde area, as a direct link between HQ 4 Aust Div and HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde.

2. The report centre will be staffed by at least one G Staff officer and one AQ Staff officer together with necessary clerks, orderly etc and will maintain close liaison between HQ 4 Aust Div and HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde.

3. Normal channel of communications between 11 Aust Inf Bde and HQ 4 Aust Div will be maintained.

4. There will be no direct communication between 11 Aust Inf Bde and First Aust Army. When operational urgency precludes transmission of certain matters through HQ 4 Aust Div, these will be transmitted by 4 Aust Div Report Centre with copy to HQ 4 Aust Div.

5. Copies of correspondence and signals dealing with policy and operations between HQ 4 Aust Div and HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde will be given to report centre.

6. Instructions to staff issued separately.

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OFFICER CONVERSION TRAINING

1. LHQ 63036 dated 9 May 44 not to all addressees relative to sequence of conversion training is cancelled owing to the re-organisation of Wings at OCTU as follows :-

General Wing (previously A & B Wings)	8 weeks
Infantry Wing (previously C Wing)	8 "
Special Wing (for conversion trg or Special Courses as ordered)	

2. In view of the above the following will now be the sequence of conversion training of officers from any Arm to infantry and from one arm to another arm other than infantry.

3. Conversion of Officers of any Arm to Infantry

(a) Lts

(i) Special Wing OCTU (includes Syllabus of General & Infantry Wings)	12 weeks
(ii) Aust Trg Centre (JW) - (if for posting to AIF or NG Garrison)	4 weeks
Total	16 weeks

(b) Capts & Majs

(i) Special Wing OCTU (Syllabus as for Infantry Wing).	8 weeks
(ii) LHQ Tactical School (Junior Wing)	6 weeks
(iii) Aust Trg Centre (JW) - (Course modified physically to suit average age of officers, and for officers for posting to AIF or NG Garrison only)	4 weeks
Total	18 weeks

(c) Lt-Cols

Attendance at LHQ Tactical School (Senior Wing), if not previously attended since 1 Jan 43. — 6 weeks

4. Conversion to other Arms

(a) Lts, Capts & Majs

(i) Attendance as special wing or syndicate (according to numbers) of Post OCTU Course of arm to which posted (variable) — 4-18 weeks

(ii) Aust Trg Centre (JW), as in 3 (b) (iii) above, if for posting to AIF or NG Garrison

Total (variable); — 8-22 weeks

(b) Lieut-Cols (if applicable). Attendance at appropriate LHQ School (eg Offrs Courses S of A, SME etc).

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PART I

OPERATIONS

NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA : Little enemy resistance has been encountered during the period under review. Activity has been mainly confined to patrolling. Clashes with the enemy have increased and the Japanese casualties in the area to date now total 2661 killed and 560 PW.

MAFFIN BAY : The Allies have again met stiffening resistance in their endeavour to occupy both SARMI and SAWAR airstrips. The enemy appears to have adopted a holding policy in northern NEW GUINEA and subsequent events are confirming this contention. This sudden burst of determined resistance however can be credited to the advent of fresh troops rather than any new policy on the part of the Japanese. As the Allied advance progresses further westwards around the coast so can increased enemy opposition be expected, with less prisoners captured, as troops whose morale has not yet been lowered are encountered.

BIAK IS : The enemy has shown a willingness to engage Allied troops at any cost and to date is considerably holding up our occupation of the airfields of MOKMER, BOSNEK, BOROKOE and SORIDO. The enemy have been using tanks on a scale not previously experienced in the SOUTH WEST PACIFIC area. This opposition compares with the fierce opposition met at MAFFIN and is a complete reversal of form compared with the earlier unopposed landings at HOLLANDIA and AITAPE. Total enemy casualties on the island are 897 killed and only four prisoners taken.

The small islands of OWI and KOEDI (4 miles SOUTH and 13 miles SE of BOSNEK respectively) were both occupied unopposed on 2 Jun.

SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Allied reconnaissance aircraft have sighted little enemy shipping in DUTCH NEW GUINEA waters. Photographs taken of MANOKWARI harbour on 27 May revealed one 400 ton freighter, one 700 ton freighter transport, 32 luggers and 10 barges. On 2 Jun attacking Allied aircraft sighted one 3000 ton merchantman with escorting naval vessel 36 mls NORTH of MANOKWARI. With the exception of these vessels most other surface craft reported have been barges operating between SARMI and CAPE D'URVILLE and in the vicinity of NOEMFOOR IS and BOSNEK.

BORNEO-CELEBES :

The sighting of concentrations of large enemy naval units in this area continues. On 30 May three battleships and three probable battleships were observed in SIBUTU PASSAGE (between BORNEO and TAWITAWI IS) on a course SSE. At daylight on 31 May reconnaissance aircraft reported two battleships, three aircraft carriers, two heavy cruisers, two large warships and other smaller

vessels off TAWITAWI IS.

AIR - OWN

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Allied heavy and medium bombers have concentrated primarily on supporting ground troops operating on BIAK IS. Coastal targets have been heavily bombed and strafed also enemy troop positions in the vicinity of MOKMER. MANSIKI airfield to the SOUTH of MANOKWARI also BABO town area and the camps at ORANSBARI and TIMIKA have also been successfully attacked on several occasions by Mitchells. Only light anti-aircraft fire from known positions was encountered over any of the targets and half hearted fighter interception was attempted over BABO.

The only other Allied air activity in this sector during the period under review was successful attacks on LAHA and LIANG on AMBON, DOBO on AROE IS and LARAT in TANIMBAR GROUP.

AIR - ENEMY

The enemy has again evidently started to take an interest in Allied moves in southern DUTCH NEW GUINEA. Indications of identified enemy aircraft on southerly courses were received from MAP I POST and SOUTH of KOMBIESE RIVER during the week.

Enemy offensive missions have however been confined to several small and ineffective raids on BIAK IS, whilst their fighter opposition to our bomber raids on their SCHOUTEN ISLAND bases have been somewhat costly to themselves.

PART II

SECTION 1 - [illegible]

JAPANESE 90cm [illegible]

A description and [illegible] attached as Appendices [illegible]. Appendix C is an illustration of the Japanese [illegible] Mine. For a description of this mine see Appendix 'A' 4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 30.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

CAPE YORK PENINSULA - TRAFFIC [illegible]

Early exploration of CAPE YORK PENINSULA went to prove that outside the agricultural [illegible] ATHERTON TABLELAND, and the MOSSMAN and DAINTREE [illegible] of CAIRNS, together with small fertile areas near [illegible], the only inducements to settlement were provided by the pastoral and mining industries.

The inferior quality of [illegible] pastures, combined with the distance from markets, mean[s] that pastoral holdings would be large and very scattered, and although [illegible] pioneer mining has flourished for a while no rich [illegible] areas have been developed.

Consequently once the [illegible] areas in the neighbourhood of CAIRNS and the ATHERTON [illegible] are left behind, permanent road construction is [illegible].

The many rivers and creeks in the PENINSULA constitute the major obstacles for vehicular traffic, and the tracks automatically follow the easiest routes from one crossing place to another.

The construction of the Overland Telegraph Line from CHARTERS TOWERS to CAPE YORK, with the consequent establishment of Telegraph Stations along its length, was responsible for opening up a direct route to CAPE YORK. The line passes 25 miles west of MUNGANA, railhead on the Western Line from CAIRNS and 15 miles west of LAURA, connected by rail with COOKTOWN.

There are tracks from [illegible] and NORMANTON (ports at the southern extremity of the GULF OF CARPENTARIA) to various pastoral holdings in the hinterland, and easterly to join the TABLELAND Roads, and southerly to CROYDON on the North Western Railway.

Short lengths of roadway have been constructed in connection with the Defence programme, thus :-

(a) From IRON RANGE to PORTLAND ROADS.
(b) From NORMANTON to KARUMBA.

It will be readily appreciated that travel in the PENINSULA area is dependent upon the state of the weather to a much greater extent than in more settled areas.

In dry weather [illegible] loose and heavy, tracks are [illegible] and [illegible], while creek and [illegible] are [illegible].

[illegible] rains often cause [illegible] temporarily flooding rivers and creeks, washing [illegible] or making soft boggy patches along the [illegible]. Usually the sandy tracks consolidate and a week or so after [illegible], tracks are at their best.

Heavy wet season [illegible] cause the rivers and creeks to rise [illegible] periods, while [illegible] of country [illegible] only passable for pack animals and [illegible], whilst wheeled transport is [illegible] during the wet season the roads are only open in sections [illegible] until after the end of May that all such persons [illegible].

As regards climate, [illegible] experiences definite wet and dry seasons. The wettest months are Jan, Feb and Mar. The dry season merges into the wet with showers generally increasing in tempo during [illegible] months of the year, while during Apr a series of [illegible] mark the end of the wet season.

The following table of monthly rainfall averaged over the past 40 years as recorded at various points in the area, will give an indication of the seasonal conditions.

Place	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
ATHERTON	1205	1080	1074	612	265	180	111	69	55	80	210	747
BURKETOWN	832	646	588	208	44	23	4	6	6	37	154	476
CAPE YORK	1458	1407	1424	817	248	122	87	31	23	32	183	721
CROYDON	862	642	443	144	48	36	12	11	20	85	169	481
COOKTOWN	1461	1359	1218	537	237	117	61	108	49	108	257	674
COEN	1134	1098	881	373	144	41	28	18	4	34	201	657
GEORGETOWN	925	823	658	197	47	42	29	21	27	68	171	574
MORETON	1288	1172	1156	488	92	37	27	18	20	58	275	795
MUSGRAVE	1103	1094	908	393	96	51	14	12	7	51	209	718
PALMERVILLE	1091	985	749	321	58	47	19	10	38	89	222	650

The convoy route from [illegible] commencing at HERBERTON passes through [illegible] and CHILLAGOE to MUNGANA, the railhead thence to MROTHAM PARK about 45 miles, and a little north of this point the Telegraph Line is joined and followed with slight deviations all the way to CAPE YORK - a total distance of about 690 miles.

The present position (end of May) is that although most of the track has now dried out, there are some rough washed out creek crossings and defiles. Several streams, just north of MROTHAM PARK, are not yet fordable, but are expected to be so very soon.

Large convoys have used the route during the past few years, but constant use would be impracticable unless provisions

were made for continual maintenance, as deviations would need to be sited and cleared to avoid worn cut patches in dry weather and bogs in wet weather.

A convoy of 80 vehicles traversing the road in Nov 1943 reported that conditions did not vary much throughout. On the sandy sections, loose sand had to be combatted, on clay sections the dust and potholes were the trouble, whilst the range crossings were rough and stony. The most difficult sections reported were the 29 miles from EBAGOOLA to COEN and the eight miles of melon hole country situated about 20 miles south of the MORETON Telegraph Station.

In dry weather enquiry should be made along the route south of MORETON Telegraph Station as to the situation of water supplies which are not always close to the track.

By-tracks off this main route to IRON RANGE and PORTLAND ROADS from the BATAVIA RIVER and to PORT STEWART from COEN are now negotiable.

The tracks across to NORMANTON and BURKETOWN from the TABLELAND are now reported passable at low speeds, being very rough in places.

Generally the tracks on the west side of the PENINSULA are over flat country of which large areas are inundated in the wet season. These tracks take longer to dry out as a rule and the creeks to be crossed generally are broad and sandy.

A sketch map illustrating locations of routes etc above described, is included in this summary as Appendix A.

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Subject : CAMOUFLAGE OF SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

Ref 4 Aust Div C1/1/23 of 5 Jan 44.

1. In view of the improved strategical situation the camouflage policy has been reviewed and changed as follows :

2. Delete paras 5, 6, and 7 of 4 Aust Div C 1/1/23 of 5 Jan 44 and substitute :-

5. AREAS IN WHICH CAMOUFLAGE SHOULD BE PROVIDED

Camouflage should be provided on static service installations in the following areas :-

(a) New Guinea and adjacent islands.

(b) Northern Territory - in the area lying [illegible] of a line running through BIRDUM.

(c) Western Australia - in the area 100 miles from the coast of that portion of the state which lies to the NORTH of the Tropic of Capricorn.

6. INSTALLATIONS TO BE CAMOUFLAGED IRRESPECTIVE OF AREA

Camouflage should be provided on the following service installations irrespective of location :-

(a) Coastal fortifications.

(b) Fixed Anti-Aircraft batteries.

(c) Radar Stations.

7. CAMOUFLAGE TREATMENT

The degree of camouflage to be applied to Service installations in 4 Aust Div Area is set out hereunder :-

(a) Full Camouflage - SE DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

(b) Minimum Camouflage - TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS and mainland of CAPE YORK PENINSULA NORTH of latitude 12° SOUTH.

The work of camouflaging installations in the TORRES STRAIT Area by means of vegetation will be continued and encouraged both in relation to the maintenance of existing camouflage and the covering of conspicuous features. Wire netting may be used for this work.

3. Irrespective of location all field units will continue to be trained in concealment methods to ensure their reaching the necessary degree of camouflage consciousness and technical competence.

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'B' Japanese Army - Distribution of Armies and Divisions.

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PART I

OPERATIONS.

NW SECTOR.

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA: With the exception of small isolated groups of enemy stragglers all organised resistance in the HOLLANDIA area has ceased. Native reports have also indicate that large parties of Japanese have found their way to HUMBOLDT BAY and are there awaiting evacuation by ship.

Total casualties to 8 Jun are 4824 killed and 565 prisoners captured.

WAFFIN-SARMI Area: The Japanese are still resisting stubbornly in the vicinity of the airstrip and ARARA village, and several sharp clashes have been reported. The enemy is using artillery, mortars and machine guns extensively but Allied counter measures have succeeded in checking any major advances by the enemy. On night 4/5 Jun an Allied party landed 15[illegible] yards to the WEST of SARMI and commenced patrolling towards the village without meeting any strong opposition. A two pronged drive to the WEST and SW towards the WAFFIN airstrip developed on 8 Jun. Strong rifle fire was encountered by our left flank but otherwise only slight opposition was met and the advance proceeded satisfactorily.

BIAK ISLAND: MOKMER, the first of the four enemy airfields along the southern coast of the island, was occupied by Allied troops on 7 Jun, after two weeks solid resistance. The enemy tried hard to retain possession of this important strip and numerous tank, artillery and heavy machine gun battles were fought before the area was finally cleared of enemy. Within 24 hours of the strip being occupied Allied transports were landing supplies despite sporadic rifle fire from a ridge overlooking the strip. Our occupation of MOKMER village is temporarily being held up by intense mountain gun and mortar fire from enemy positions NORTH of the village. Allied troops are within 200 yards of the village on the EAST and one mile to the WEST. However, there are indications that a portion of the enemy force in this pocket is being withdrawn and is moving northwest towards BORIDO airstrip, possibly in anticipation of further Allied moves in that direction.

SEA.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

Enemy naval units and merchant vessels operating in the waters NORTH of DUTCH NEW GUINEA have been harshly treated by Allied surface craft and heavy bombers during the past week. One convoy consisting of two light cruisers and five destroyers was sighted moving EAST 120 miles NW of MANOKWARI on 6 Jun. Direct hits were scored on four of the destroyers which subsequently sunk; the other destroyer was severely damaged. In the vicinity of MANOKWARI four 500/1000 ton merchantmen and 12 barges were sunk by our naval forces. [illegible] MANOKWARI two destroyers and five large vessels with flights cover were also sighted on 4 Jun.

BALABALA ISLANDS

Large enemy concentrations have been sighted off SA'E NGUSUPOTO and in the MORCHAI STRAITS. From earlier reports it is probable that the majority of this shipping has been moving East from TAWITAWI and SW from DAVAO GULF in the PHILIPPINES.

On 5 Jun 50/40 units, including a battleship, two light cruisers and nine destroyers, were revealed by aerial photographs in a position 20 miles [illegible] of SA'E NGUSUPOTO.

CHINA

Aerial photographs taken of HONG KONG on 4 Jun revealed 38 merchant vessels totalling 220,000 tons in the harbour. This is the first reported reconnaissance over the area and was possibly operated from either carrier based aircraft or land in CHINA.

AIR - SEA

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Heavy Allied air attacks, preceding possible future operations on NOEMFOOR ISLAND, were directed against MANDI and KIMAMI airstrips and surrounding installations. Extensive damage has been caused to runways and supply and personnel areas. Targets on BIAK ISLAND have also been repeatedly bombed and strafed in support of our ground troops operating at SOSIER and NOEMFOR.

Other attacks were made on shipping off SORONG and MANOKWARI and the strip and town area at BABO were twice raided by large formations of medium bombers.

AIR - ASAK

Enemy interception to our attacks in northern DUTCH NEW GUINEA has been on a slightly increased scale, our losses however have been equally costly. During an attack on shipping NORTH of MANOKWARI five of ten fighters were shot down, whilst seven suffered a similar fate over BIAK ISLAND.

The only enemy strikes reported were by three torpedo dive bombers on our positions at SOSIER on 5 Jun and again on 6 Jun similar aircraft attacked our landing craft without causing any damage.

Aerial reconnaissance planes have once again been sighted over MERAUKE and there were indications of unidentified aircraft over the FLY RIVER and CAPE VALSCH. An unstated number of enemy bombers were reported on 6 Jun in the vicinity of WESSEL LAKE but their source or objective has not as yet been determined.

PART II

Section 1 EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE NOSE FUSES FOR TYPE 99 (1939) 20mm (.79 in) AIRCRAFT AMMUNITION :

Details and photographs of Japanese Nose Fuses for Type 99 (1939) 20mm (.79 in) Aircraft Ammunition are attached as Appendix 'A(I) and A(II).

WOOD and INVERTED BALL AMMUNITION FOR THE 6.5mm (.256 in) RIFLE

Following press reports, that Army officers on BOUGAINVILLE stated that Japanese snipers used cartridges, containing wooden projectiles behind the Allied lines to prevent casualties to their own troops, test firing has been carried out and reported on by Advance Intelligence Sec HQ USAFISPA.

Other press reports, related by hospital patients returning from ITALY, state that the Germans are also making use of the wooden bullet.

A few rounds of standard 6.5mm rifle ammunition recovered on BOUGAINVILLE show the use of both the wooden and the inverted type projectile. In the case of the former, the metal projectile had been replaced by either a crudely whittled soft wood, or machined turned projectile. In the latter case the metal projectile had been inverted so that the flat base was presented to the target and formed the point. It is thought that this might have been a local attempt to make an improvised dum dum.

Test firing of these types of ammunition was carried out using a standard Japanese 6.5mm Meiji 38 Long Rifle on a 25 yard range. The targets used were 15¼" x 15¾" and the rifle was first zeroed with standard ball ammunition giving a close group in the centre of the bull.

Firing the wooden bullet at 25 yards the first three shots were misses. No 4 shot at fifteen yards was a hit at 10 o'clock four inches from the centre of the bull with the bullet striking sideways. No 5 was a miss and No 6 a hit at 7 o'clock four inches from the centre of the bull with the bullet again striking sideways.

In firing six rounds of inverted ball ammunition, at 25 yards, shots Nos 2 and 4 were misses. No 1, a hit sideways on extreme left hand edge of target. No 3 an "inner" at 1 o'clock and No 5 a "bull" on centre. Both these rounds showed a tendency to corkscrew.

It is considered therefore that the sole use of wooden projectiles as anti-personnel ammunition, even at very reduced ranges would be futile and ineffective. Use of these, however, as a propellant charge for the rifle grenade (Type 91 Grenade and tail fin attachment) of the "Kiska" Type 99 Grenade fired from the Type 100 Rifle Grenade Discharger appears to be their role. Cartridges with wooden bullets have provided the required amount of set back, to arm the grenade and have proved satisfactory, whilst blank cartridges did not provide enough inertia to arm the grenade and caused erratic flight. Use of cartridges with wooden bullets however corrected these faults.

The use of the inverted ball projectile could only be made at comparatively short ranges up to 25 yards but it is estimated that the use of this type ammunition would have much greater destructive effect than that of the conventional pointed ball ammunition due to the corkscrew action and soft lead centre.

A medical survey of causes of wounds and effects of various ammunition used on BOUGAINVILLE reveals that no wounds examined were caused by wood, dum dum or inverted ball ammunition.

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PART IV

SECURITY

SECURITY TRAINING

Security officers, having educated personnel of their units to a satisfactory level of security-mindedness, are apt to relax their efforts to retain the standard reached. It must be borne in mind that members of units are constantly changing, and it is quite likely that the new arrivals will require certain security training, whilst even the original soldiers of the unit have short memories and are apt to become forgetful or careless if not constantly reminded of the absolute necessity to observe the rules of security.

To avoid constant repetition of the same old lessons, endeavours should be made for the introduction of new and interesting methods of instruction. Items of a topical nature, the screening of security slogans on slides during intervals at unit picture shows, and the use of attractive posters depicting subjects of interest to the troops can well be used to good advantage. Security quiz contests can be arranged, in conjunction with the unit philanthropic representative, at which questions of a security nature are asked with the usual small prize for the correct answers.

Particular attention should be paid to the security education of NCOs in order that they may assist, and act as an influence, to the troops under their control.

It is only by constant and efficient security training by the Security Officer that a unit will reach and maintain the required security standard.

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2. Para 5(c)

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'A' Map showing estimated enemy strengths in Japanese Mandated Islands
'B' Photographs of Japanese Water Filter "Ishii" Type.

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PART I.

OPERATIONS

NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

JAPERO: Recent reports from observers confirm the fact that Japs occupy JAPERO in small numbers. Total number of enemy observed was 8 on one occasion and subsequently 3. On neither occasion was any observation made of watercraft or of the previously reported armed natives.

HOLLANDIA: There is now little activity in this area. However to 11 Jun total enemy casualties were 3172 killed and 592 PW, representing an increase of 611 killed and 42 captured since 30 May. On 16 Jun a party of 50 Japs were reported 7½ miles SW of POEE on the SE of SENTANI LAKE.

MAFFIN BAY -- SARMI: On 8 Jun our forces launched a strong drive WEST towards MAFFIN. Opposition was weak and by 9 Jun we had reached MAFFIN where pill boxes were disposed of with the aid of tanks. On 9 Jun an enemy attack on our perimeter was repulsed. Our patrols found recently evacuated Jap bivouacs along the TOR RIVER, marked by a litter of abandoned packs and equipment.

By 10 Jun our positions were consolidated and a bridge head formed on the WEST bank of the TOR RIVER. On the same day a well developed enemy position on the EAST bank of the river was located and subsequently overcome. 20 enemy were killed and 2 light artillery pieces and one HMG were captured.

After a period of quiet our patrols on 16 Jun reported considerably increased enemy activity and that the enemy was concentrating on the construction of defences to the WEST and SW of MAFFIN.

Total enemy casualties in this area to 16 Jun: 1941 killed, 25 captured.

BIAK ISLAND: The main feature of the week's operations has been the stubborn resistence of the enemy NORTH of MOKMER airfield and their continued attempts by artillery fire and counter attack to delay or prevent Allied development of the MOKMER strip. On 9 Jun Allied forces from PARAI effected a junction with the troops in the MOKMER area. The latter encountered stubborn resistance to their endeavours to force the enemy from strong positions in the coral terraces NORTH of the air strip. Notwithstanding the infliction of considerable casualties and the destruction of several enemy AA and field artillery pieces the enemy managed to effectively harass the airstrip. Accurate artillery fire forced the abandonment of work on the strip between 9 and 11 Jun. Occasional enemy harassing fire in turn silenced by naval bombardment continued until 15 Jun.

Although halted in their advance NORTH from MOKMER, the western flank of our forces reached BOROKOE airstrip unopposed, the strip being reported as not serviceable. On 15 Jun the enemy launched three counter attacks on the right flank of the MOKMER perimeter. All attacks, however, were unsuccessful, the enemy losing 150 killed and 3 tanks destroyed. During night 15/16 Jun Allied artillery shelled the area NORTH of MOKMER strip during attempted enemy reinforcement. The following day the enemy was forced to withdraw from the ridges overlooking MOKMER. Equipment captured included four 5-in naval guns, two 20mm guns and one HMG.

In the meantime small pockets of resistance were being eliminated between IBDI and PARAI. Our forces moving EAST of BOSNEK were proceeding without any contact with the enemy.

SEA — OWN

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: In an attack by Allied naval units in the MANOKWARI Area on 9 Jun, 3 enemy vessels totalling 1500/3000 tons and 6 to 8 luggers were sunk.

Allied naval units have been employed in the bombardment of enemy positions. On night 12/13 Jun they bombarded enemy positions in MAFFIN BAY Area on the WEST side of the TOR RIVER. Naval fire was also used at BIAK ISLAND to silence enemy harassing fire onto the MOKMER airstrip during the period 11 to 14 Jun.

PT boats have been active in sinking supply barges endeavouring to reach BIAK ISLAND.

SEA — ENEMY

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Four to five Jap destroyers apparently attempting to reinforce the BIAK garrison were intercepted by our naval units in the early hours of 9 Jun. Our vessels which pursued the enemy to a position 20 miles EAST of MAPIA ISLAND inflicted damage on one destroyer before giving up the chase.

In the evening of the same day three to five vessels were sighted steaming SE from MAPIA ISLAND. These vessels, which may have been the same ones previously contacted, were again forced by Allied interception to abandon their mission. It is not considered that any reinforcements were able to reach BIAK ISLAND.

On 8 Jun Allied aircraft inflicted severe damage on 5 freighter transports escorted by 2 destroyers or light cruisers 120 miles NW of MANOKWARI on an EAST course. It is possible that the three vessels remaining afloat resumed their course and later formed part of the force which attempted to reinforce BIAK ISLAND.

In t he MANOKWARI area there is still considerable activity by ships of small tonnages, luggers and barges.

At SORONG one lt cruiser and 3 destroyers and several gunboats and at least 2 merchant vessels were observed on 16 Jun.

HALMAHERAS: Consistent with the enemy programme of speedy development of the HALMAHERAS considerable activity has been observed in this area. In the period of one week to 15 Jun the sightings were :- 1 battleship, 1 or 2 light cruisers, 3 destroyers and 5 or 6 warships of unspecified type. 15 other vessels were also sighted.

AIR - OWN

Enemy airfields at KAMIRI and NAMBER (NOEMFOOR IS) and MANOKWARI, NABIRE and BABO (DUTCH NEW GUINEA) were the rain air targets during the week.

On 8 Jun 10 medium bombers attacked an enemy convoy of 2 lt cruisers or destroyers and five merchant vessels. Four of the merchant vessels were sunk and 5 of 10 intercepting enemy fighters were shot down by the Allied fighter escort. (see references under heading SEA - ENEMY).

AIR -- ENEMY

During the period the enemy made 3 light raids against WAKDE ISLAND and BIAK ISLANDS on 11 and 12 Jun without damage.

Recent enemy interception has been on a much increased scale, the largest force being 42 fighters over BIAK ISLAND.

PART II

Section 1: EQUIPMENT

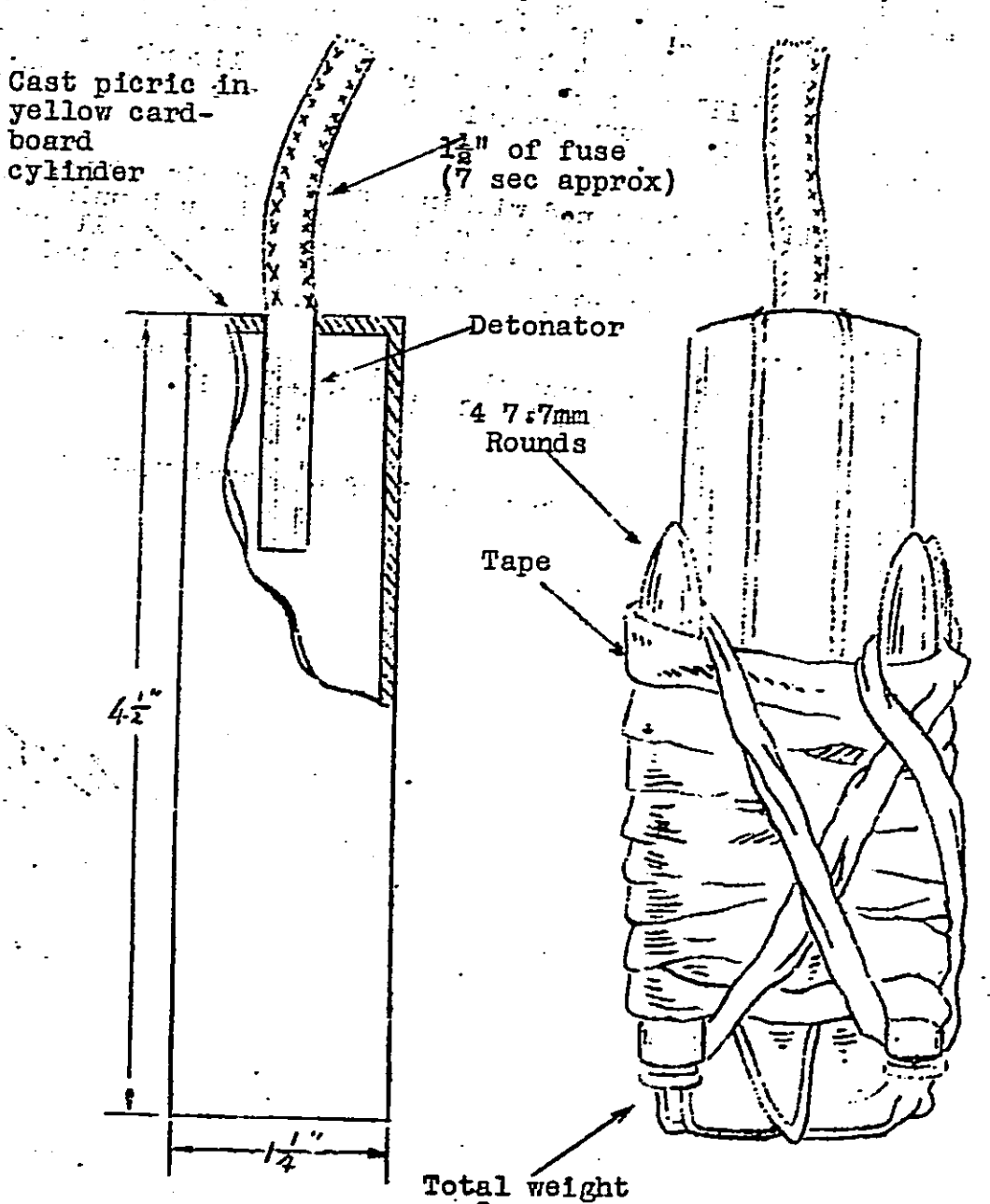
(a) Attached as Appx 'B' are photographs of the Japanese Water Filter "Ishii" Type.

(b) Improvised Japanese Hand Grenade.

The improvised hand grenade, illustrated in the sketch below, was found recently at MADANG. It is built around a yellow cardboard cylinder containing a cast charge, (probably picric).

The igniter, a 2" length of slow burning fuse, has crimped to its end, a small detonator, which is set in a cavity in the picric.

Four rounds of 7.7mm SAA are fastened by tape to the cylinder to provide fragmentation and weight.



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PART IV

SECURITY.

SPEEDING THE NEWS

The following is a revealing case of the need for care in letterwriting to and from service personnel, and of the way in which interception of our mails may provide the enemy with information "hot from the press". This is the story of two letters. Neither contained information of value to the enemy, but their rapid passage through both friendly and enemy hands should be a warning to talkative pens.

The letters were written on 15 and 16 Apr by a WAAAF stationed in TOWNSVILLE to a member of the services at that time in NEW GUINEA. They were recaptured from the Japs at MADANG on 25 Apr. The addressee was not a casualty but apparently they were taken by the enemy from a bearer who was either killed or captured prior to delivering them to the addressee. Subsequently they were recaptured during the advance on MADANG.

All this happened within a space of nine days, and shows the opportunity afforded for the rapid, though unintentional, delivery of information to the enemy. This small but graphic example should be passed on to troops by unit security officers.

Perhaps you trust the descretion of your correspondent, but you can NEVER trust a letter in transit.

(Adapted from Qld L of C Security Summary No 55)

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VISUAL TRAINING

1. 3 Aust Visual Training Library is now operating in this area and is available to all units on the mainland. The Library consists of a 16mm sound projector; Projectionist and the films set out in the appendix hereto. Application for screenings will be made to HQ 4 Aust Div through normal channels.

2. To operate the projector units will be required to make available 240 volts current (AC). A hut or store tent (darkened) is necessary if films are to be shown in daylight hours.

3. It must be emphasised that these films are for training and not entertainment. To derive the maximum benefit the films should be related to the training being carried out at the time. An officer must be present to explain films where necessary and answer any questions at the conclusion. If necessary the film should be run through again. To assist units in this respect films may be previewed at HQ 4 Aust Div by arrangement.

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C.172	Anson	" " "	7 "
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C.232	Martlett	" " "	7 "
C.233	Airacobra	" " "	7 "
C.237	Boston	" " "	7 "
C.239	Fortress	" " "	7 "
C.244	ME.109	" " "	7 "
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C.247			7 "
C.255	Catalina and Dornia	" " "	7 "
C.352	Mitchell	" " "	7 "
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C.486	Mitsubishi	" " "	7 "
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		AACK	
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C.475	" " "	Part II	18 "
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C.153	Gas	Complete description of all gases. Care and Maintenance of Respirators.	50 "
		INFANTRY TRAINING	
[illegible]	Street Fighting	Method and Orders in Street fighting	20 "
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C.129	Inf Recce Patrol by night	As title infers	18 "
[illegible]	Ten tips for tackling tanks	Shows how the Infantryman can master the tank (It should be noted that the 2# Grenade and AA Bomb are no longer in Aust Services Stores)	10 "
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[illegible]	Jungle Warfare	Training at Jungle Warfare School	35 "

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		INTELLIGENCE	
C.83	Name, Rank and Number	What action a soldier is to take if taken or taken prisoner of war.	30 Min
C.307	Next of Kin	A full length film play providing both entertainment and instruction in security	100 "
C.465	Handling Prisoners of War		20 "
		MAP READING	
C.358	X marks the spot	Conventional Signs.	20 "
C.359	Know your way	Use of Prismatic Compass, reading map without compass (Orientation)	20 "
		MECHANISED TRANSPORT	
AC.75	Power Unit Part II	Working Principles of GS Engine -	20 "
C.290	Motor cycle	Power Control	30 "
C.292	" "	Cross Country Work	30 "
C.293	Tyres	Care of Tyres -	22 "
C.318	Wartime journey	Use of Road Sense -	36 "
		MEDICAL	
AC.3	Silent Battle	Malaria Control in NEW GUINEA	30 "
C.210	Housefly	Camp Hygiene - how to eliminate the fly	18 "
C.211	The Louse	Methods of keeping the camp free from this pest.	20 "
USC.1	Sex Hygiene	American Film on VD. Parade should be taken by Medical Officer	22 "
AC.2	Jungle warfare	Medical	15 "
IC.1	Subject for Discussion	British Film - VD discussed by group of people	25 "
		MESSING	
C.302	Cookers in the Field	Improvised field cooking	28 "
		OBSTACLES	
C.108	Anti-personnel Obstacles (elem)	Effects of good and bad wiring against troops and tanks	18 "
C.109	" " (adv)	Booby Traps	18
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C.450	Be ammunition minded	Transportation and storing of ammunition	16
		PHYSICAL TRAINING	
C.202	Unarmed Combat	As Title infers	28 "
		WEAPON TRAINING	
C.191	Shoot to Kill	When to fire and when not to, using Lt .303 rifle, TSMG, Boys Tk A; Bren and 2-pr TkA Gun	2[illegible]

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TORRES STRAIT AREA

Ref Map : THURSDAY ISLAND 1 inch to 1 mile
ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
	HQ				
B 1	HQ TORRES STRAIT Area (AIF)	595	THURSDAY IS	460352	
	INT				
B 2	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy		" "	482358	IHQ Tps
	ARTY				
B 3	HQ Coast Arty TORRES STRAIT	599	" "	464361	
B 4	GOODS Bty	"	GOODE IS	382375	
B 5	MILMAN Bty	"	THURSDAY IS	465362	
B 6	ENDEAVOUR Bty	"	ENTRANCE IS	554184	
B 7	KING Sec	"	HORN IS	563363	
B 8	Q Aust Hy Bty Coast (HE)(AIF)	"	HAMMOND IS	468417	Manning TURTLE Bty
B 9	11 Aust Radar Sec		GOODE IS	382375	
	ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTY				
B10	HQ 51 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) (AIF)	881	HORN IS	544339	LHQ Unit
	131 Aust HAA Bty		" "	513343	
	157 Aust LAA Bty (less one tp)		" "	547335	
B11	AA Ops Room Type C		" "	539331	
B12	HQ 74 Aust Mob SL Bty	576	" "	544333	
	A Tp (Hy)		THURSDAY IS	458361	Dets at THURSDAY and WEDNESDAY IS
	B Tp (Hy)		HORN IS	576347	
	C Tp (Med)		" "	559356	
B13	HQ 56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) (AIF)	909	HIGGINSFIELD	742927	LHQ Unit
	137 Aust HAA Bty		" "	734947	
	164 Aust LAA Bty (less dets)		" "	742926	Dets THURSDAY IS and RED IS PT
B14	AA Ops Room Type C		" "	732918	
B15	HQ 71 Aust Mot SL Bty (AIF)	555	BLACKS CAMP	694994	
			CREEK		
	A Tp (Hy)		" "	702936	
	B Tp (Hy)		BIFFIN CK	627870	
	C Tp (Med)		HIGGINSFIELD	756921	
	ENGRS.				
B16	HQ 1 Aust AA & Prt Coy RAE	571	THURSDAY IS	459357	
B17	21 Aust Prt Works Sec		" "	"	
B18	22 " " " "		" "	"	
B19	3 Aust AA Works Sec		" "	"	
B20	2 Aust Water & Power Sup Sec		" "	"	
	SIGS.				
B21	TORRES STRAIT Sigs (less dets)	507	" "	452354	Dets HORN, GOODE & ENTRANCE IS
B22	46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)		" "	450353	
B23	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec		" "	452354	
	23 Aust Pigeon Loft		" "	"	
	42 " " "				24 Aust Pigeon Loft under comd 11 Aust Inf Bde
B24	51 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (AIF)	881	RED ISLAND PT	632035	
			HORN IS	547335	LHQ Unit
B25	56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (AIF)	909	HIGGINSFIELD	741926	LHQ Unit

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and Remarks
	INF				
826	TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn (less A & D Coys)	520	THURSDAY IS	402370	
	A Coy		BORN IS	5726?1	
	D Coy		GOOSE IS	2?3658	
	TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy	507	THURSDAY IS	401?71	
	AASC				
827	46 Aust Sup Depot Pl (less Det)		" "	4512??	
	Det " " " "				
828	47 " " " "		BORN IS	501?49	
829	45 Aust Baking Pl (AIF) (less det)		THURSDAY IS " "	462561 ?63?56	Det under comd 11 Aust Inf Bde Dets BORN IS & NOI IS POINT
830	46 Aust Baking Pl (AIF) (less dets)		" "	"	
	MEDICAL				
831	102 Aust CCS (AIF)	152	[illegible] CK	549039	
832	1 Aust Camp Hospital (AIF)	500	BORN IS	502545	
833	6 " " " "	590	THURSDAY IS	468381	
	ORD				
834	15 Aust AOD (less Dets)		BLACKS [illegible] CK	5?4?06	
835	12 Aust Adv Amn Depot (Type A)		" "	4?5?75	
836	116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		" "	5?3585	
837	23 Aust Lt Laundry Unit		THURSDAY IS	467368	
838	2? " " " "		BRULL CK	8?8941	
	ARME				
839	116 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	189	BLACKS CAMP CK	6?5?85	
840	Fortress Wksps TORRES STRAIT		THURSDAY IS	447?60	
841	51 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE) (AIF)		BORN IS	5?1?8	IRQ Unit
842	74 Aust AA SL Bty Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)		" "	5?9536	" "
843	56 Aust AA Regt Comp Wksp (AIF)		HIGGINSFIELD	7?9925	" "
844	71 Aust AASL Bty Wksp Sec (Mob)		BLACKS CAMP CK	6?4?94	" "
845	10 Aust Radio Maint Sec	946	THURSDAY IS	4?6?61	" "
846	4 Aust Watercraft Wksp (Type D)		" "	4?4?57	" "
	PAY				
847	15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A) (AIF)	581	" "	4?2?54	
	POSTAL				
848	Det 3 Aust L of C Postal Unit (Type A)		" "	4?8?58	
	PRO				
849	TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl (AIF)	580	" "	461?57	Det BORN IS
	MISC				
850	7 Aust MC Gp	712	" "	4?5?57	LHQ Tps. Dets BORN, NEW IS POINT and 11 Aust Inf Bde [illegible] Unit
851	Det AACS		" "	4?2?55	
852	TORRES STRAIT Det VDC		" "	469359	
	US ARMY Unit				
853	Det 126 Sig Radio Int Coy		BORN IS		

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 12

As at 2359 hrs 25 Jun 44

DIVISIONAL TROOPS

Ref Maps :- THURSDAY ISLAND 1 inch to 1 mile
ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No	Unit	Vok No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
	HQ				
A1	HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)(less Report Centre)	84	BURSTER CK	892964	See Serial C2
	305 Aust LAD (AIF) (Type A)	84	" "	885984	
	INT				
A2	1 Pl Aust FS Sec (AIF)	94	" "	[illegible]954	INQ Tps-det at THURSDAY IS
	ARTY				
A3	HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)	89	WILSON CK	701927	To be disbanded
A4	18 Bty 2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	134	MUTEE HEAD	506951	
	ENGRS				
A5	HQ RAE 4 Aust Div (AIF)	81	BURSTER CK	703952	
A6	30 Aust Cam Unit (AIF)	89	" "	"	
A7	28 Aust Cam Unit		" "	"	
A8	7 Aust Fd Coy (less 3 Pl)(AIF)	214	SKULL CK	345940	
	3 Pl		THURSDAY IS	460857	
	det 1 Pl		HORN IS	523344	
A9	16 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	89	MUTEE HEAD	502952	Adv party only
A10	57 Aust Fd Pk Coy	87	" "	495956	
	Stores Pl		THURSDAY IS	456558	
	Bridging Pl		BLACKS CAMP CK	434007	
	329 Aust LAD (AIF)(Type A)	87	MUTEE HEAD	495952	
A11	HQ 2 Aust Water Tpt Op(Small Craft) (less dets)		THURSDAY IS	459358	LHQ unit
	2 Aust Water Tpt Sig Sec		" "	457358	" "
A12	14 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (Small Craft)		" "	459358	" "
A13	8 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)		" "	455366	" "
A14	1 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)		" "	459357	" "
	SIGS				
A15	Sigs 4 Aust Div (AIF)(less all Inf Bde & Arty Secs)	66	WILSON CK	708952	
	Comd Gp		BURSTER CK	692954	
	233 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)	66	WILSON CK	702956	
A16	39 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)	68	BURSTER CK	692954	
A17	11 Aust WT Sec (Hy) (AIF)		" "	685954	Det under cmd 11 Aust Inf Bde
A18	Det 67 Aust Special Wireless Sec		WILSON CK	708952	
	MG				
A19	5 Aust MG Bn (AIF)(less C Coy)	164	HORN IS	556340	
	C Coy		THURSDAY IS	459364	
	265 Aust LAD (AIF)(Type M)		HORN IS	556367	
	INF				
A20	26 Aust Inf Bn (less A Coy 2 pl and two dets mortars, 18 & one sec 14 pl)	63	WILSON CK	[illegible]09938	A Coy, 2 pl & two dets mortars under cmd 11 Aust Inf Bde
	18 pl & one sec 14 pl		RED ISLAND PT	634036	

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
A21	4 Aust Div Carr Coy (AIF)(less 1 pl)	85	WILSON ST	709823	1 pl under comd 11 Aust Inf Bde. To be distributed
	AASC				
A22	HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF)	89	BURSTON ST	709834	
A23	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	84	" "	720974	
	3 Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		THURSDAY IS	7[illegible]	
A24	HQ 19 Aust Sup Depot Coy		" "	7[illegible]	
	106 " " " Pl		" "	7[illegible]	
	225 " " " "	256	RED JOB 28	7[illegible]	
	MEDICAL				
A25	105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF) (less A and C Sec)	150	[illegible]	[illegible]	A Sec at HMAS[illegible]
	C Sec		[illegible]	[illegible]	
	DENTAL				
A26	HQ Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit	284	BURSTON ST	709854	A,B,F secs under comd 11 Aust Inf Bde
	B " " " " "		THURSDAY IS		
	C " " " " "		MORN IS	[illegible]	
			THURSDAY IS	[illegible]	
	Det HQ " " " "		BURSTON ST	709854	
	PAY				
A27	4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	80	" "	692854	
	POSTAL				
A28	4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	55	" "	"	Det at IRON KNOB, WOOMERA, WOOMERA, PORT AUGUSTA, PORT PIRIE, BURRA & TARANAKI
	PRO				
A29	4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less 3 secs)	85	" "	709854	Secs at TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE
	MISC				
A30	4 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	71	THURSDAY IS	[illegible]	
A31	48 Aust Sqn AD Sec		RICCONS-FIELD	[illegible]	RAA Unit attached HQ 75 Wing RAAF
A32	51 " " " "		"	"	CRE Unit attached 7 Sqn RAAF
A33	29 Aust L of C Sal Sec		BLAXLAND CAMP SA	660936	Det at THURSDAY IS & MERAUKE
A34	2 Aust Div Convent Party		Mobile in Div area		
A35	3 Aust Visual Sig Library		BURSTON ST	709854	

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11 AUST INF BDE

Ref Map - MERAUKE (Special) 1/250000
- TANAHMERAH (Dutch series) 1/250000

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	HQ				
C 1	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	98	MERAUKE	43553167	
	Sig Sec	"	"	43553146	
	248 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	"	"	43553058	
C 2	HQ 4 Aust Div Report Centre	84	"	43553058	
	INT				
C 3	'D' Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	96	"	43803155	LHQ Unit
C 4	'K' Aust Fd Security Sec		"		" "
C 5	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy		"	43389993	" "
	ARTY				
C 6	2/9 Aust A Sp Regt & Sig Sec (less 18 Bty)	84	"	43753240	
	2/68 Aust LAD (Type D)		"	44303410	
C 7	HQ 52 Aust AA Regt (Comp)(LE)(AIF)		"	43153140	LHQ Unit
C 8	139 Aust HAA Bty	298	"	42583278	
C 9	134 Aust LAA Bty	303	"	44953213	
C10	76 Aust Mob SL Bty (AIF)	544	"	42683290	
C11	172 Aust LAA Bty of 116 Aust LAA Regt		"	46373050	
	ENGRS				
C12	11 Aust CRE (Works) (AIF)		"	43643140	
C13	27 Aust Fd Coy	80	"	46502870	
	16 Aust Fd Coy (Rear party)	89	"		
C14	16 Aust Cam Unit (AIF)	805	MERAUKE	43303882	
C15	Det 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (Small craft)		"	42803450	LHQ Unit
C16	10 Aust Cam Unit (AIF)		TANAHMERAH	VN 6428	
	SVY				
C17	Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)		MERAUKE	43412872	
	SIGS				
C18	1 Aust Composite Sig Sec (AIF)		"	43303126	
C19	24 Aust Pigeon Loft		"	43503146	
C20	105 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)(AIF)		"	43553146	
C21	52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (LE) (AIF)		"	43003179	LHQ Unit
C22	Det 11 Aust WT Sec (Hy)(AIF)		"	43403170	
	INF				
C23	20 Aust Motor Regt (AIF)		"	41903070	
C24	26 Aust Inf Bn (A Coy, 2 pl & two detn mortars)	63	TANAHMERAH	VN 6428	
C25	31/51 Aust Inf Bn (less A & C Coys)		MERAUKE	46393065	
	A Coy		"	35473661	Detached Support Duty
	C Coy		ZILANDEN R	(V)1361741	
C26	13 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt		MERAUKE	43853140	
C27	1 Pl 4 Aust Div Garr Coy (AIF)		"	46202890	
	AASC				
C28	157 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	64	"	44753010	
C29	222 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	64	"	43253196	
C30	238 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)		"	43183200	
C31	51 Aust BIPOD Pl (AIF)		"	42903190	
C32	Det 45 Aust Bakery Pl (AIF)		"	43203230	
	MEDICAL				
C33	19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) (less A Coy & Lt Det B Coy)	70	"	46352995	

Serial No	Unit	York No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	MEDICAL (Contd)				
	A Coy	70	MERAUKE	42543535	
	Lt Det B Coy	70	TANAHMERAH	VH 6428	
134	A Sec 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb	139	MERAUKE	46552935	
135	12 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type B) (AIF)	396	"	42603321	IHQ Unit To be raised to TypeA IHQ Unit
136	Det 104 Aust Adv Depot Base Medical Stores (AIF)		"	46202993	" "
137	101 Aust Mob Bact Lab (AIF)		"	46412992	" "
	DENTAL				
138	A Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		"		
	E Sec " " " " "		"	46363000	
	F Sec " " " " "		"	43158147	
	ORD		"	42543533	
139	14 Aust AOD (now embracing 10 Aust Mob Laundry and Decn Unit)		"	42453891	IHQ Unit
140	11 Aust Adv Amn Depot (Type A)		"	42163171	" "
141	102 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	88	"	4492307?	
142	12 Aust Amn Repair Shop		"	42163171	
	AEME				
143	102 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)		"	42163171	Det at TANAHMERAH
144	52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp(LE)(AIF)		"		IHQ Unit
145	76 Aust AA SL Bty Wksp Sec(Mob)(AIF)		"	42426258	" "
146	172 Aust LAA Bty Wksp		"	41043255	
147	5 Aust Watercraft Wksp (Type A)		"	46673033	
148	PAY 75 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B)(AIF)		"	42603615	
	PRO				
149	Det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	93	"	43353198	
	POSTAL			43943095	
150	Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	88	"	43353998	
	ISC				
151	One Pl 15 Aust Works Coy		"		
152	Det 7 Aust MC Op (Type D)		"	42203515	IHQ Unit
153	Det AACS		"	42403456	IHQ Tpn
154	Det QLD L of C Records Office		"	42203410	
155	47 Aust Sqn AL Sec	392	"	43353195	
156	49 Aust Sqn AL Sec		"	44593033	IHQ Unit allotted 72 Wing RAAF
			"	45413033	IHQ Unit allotted 120 Sqn RAAF
157	2 Aust Visual Trg Library		"		
158	Det 29 Aust L of C Sal Sec		"	44753010	
	NAVAL				
159	NOIC		"	42253458	
	RAAF				
160	HQ 72 Wing		"		
161	HQ 12 Sqn		"	43593135	
162	44 OBU		"	44543093	Under orders to move
163	72 Wing Sig & Ops Room		"	44353254	
164	120 Sqn (NEI)RAAF		"	43603153	
165	6 Medical Receiving Sta		"	44393230	
166	113 Fighter Control Unit		"	40503930	
167	40 Radar Sta		"	43463103	
168	151 " "		"	40643133	
169	1 RSU Det		"	43303230	
170	Det 42 Radar Wing		"	43553133	
171	316 Radar Sta		"	44243237	
172	322 " "		KOMBISSS R	08 08'S-139 51'E	Radar
173	323 " " (not yet functioning)		TANAHMERAH	06 06'S-140 20'E	Aero-
174	325 " "		MAKE	07 50'S-139 26'E	
	US UNITS		SILAND N	05 20'S-138 [illegible]	naut-
175	USA Weather (Radio Sound Sta)				ical
176	15 Weather Sqn USAF		MERAUKE	43003236	
			"	43653133	

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(ii) Description of Japanese Type 97 90-mm Mortar.
B(i) Description of Japanese Wireless, Transmitter and Receiver, Type 94.
(ii) Photographs of Japanese Wireless, Transmitter and Receiver, Type 94.
C Japanese Development of Tracks, Waterways, Installations DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

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PART I.

OPERATIONS.

NW SECTOR

LAND

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA: Last reported activity was a patrol contact on 20 Apr. Enemy casualties to that date were 3360, 614 PW.

MAFFIN BAY - SARMI: Allied forces who crossed the TOR River the previous week, are pressing on towards MAFFIN airstrip after disposing of a series of bunker positions. The advance has been slowed up by the terrain and by opposition from further groups of bunkers. Key point of current opposition is a feature known as ONE TREE HILL. Last report to hand of casualties in this area was at 20 Jun: 1970 killed, 30 PW.

BIAK ISLAND: During the week previous to the period under review the Allied troops developing the MOKMER airfield were being seriously harassed by enemy arty, mortar and MG fire from the coral ridges NORTH of MOKMER. On 17/18 Jun Allied forces with tank support launched an attack against the main centre of this resistance. By 19 Jun our troops had reached these positions and, except for isolated pockets, the enemy was forced to withdraw. During this advance the enemy's artillery was captured piecemeal as successive strongposts were forced. By 21 Jun MOKMER airfield was reported to be safe from enemy arty and mortar fire. Some enemy MG positions continued to hold out in the high ground to the NORTH. The main area of resistance is now 1½ miles NORTH of MOKMER airfield, where entrenched positions extend for 750 yards. These positions are supported by mountain guns further NORTH.

On the left flank, Allied forces have now occupied SORIDO airfield and the high ground overlooking BOROKEO airfield. On the right flank a small enemy pocket continues to be troublesome NORTH of IBDI and PARAI.

Enemy casualties in this area to 23 Jun were 2323 killed and 10 captured.

SEA

(OWN)

Allied light naval units continue to harass enemy small craft and to operate in support our land forces by bombardment of enemy in coastal sectors.

On 20 Jun an Allied surface vessel shelled dump areas between WOSKE River and MAFFIN BAY. During the night 20/21 Jun light units bombarded enemy positions near MAFFIN airfield and PT boats strafed an enemy encampment at WAKI on the NORTH coast of BIAK IS. On the same night PT boats sank 3 barges off the southern end of SOEPIORI ISLAND (WEST of BIAK IS). All 3 barges were heavily laden with personnel and stores.

SEA

(ENEMY)

Japanese determination to hold to their last footing in NEW GUINEA has resulted in very considerable shipping activity in the vicinity of SORONG. Allied air strikes in this area on 16 and 17 Jun cost the enemy 6 merchant vessels sunk, 5 probably sunkand 3 damaged. This loss however has not deterred their efforts around SORONG. Sightings in this area on 22 Jun were one 2000/4500t freighter transport and 12 or 13 small freighters of between 500 and 1000 tons together with a large number of barges and luggers.

On 22 Jun the following sightings were recorded in the vicinity of MARCHESA BAY (WEST of SORONG): 1 cruiser, 1 possible cruiser, 1 destroyer, 2 unidentified warships. On the same day one possible submarine was sighted 88 miles NORTH of WAKDE Island.

Owing to the proximity of Allied forces, the larger types of vessel are no longer in evidence in GEELVINK BAY, but in the vicinity of MANOKWARI and NOEMFOOR ISLAND barges and luggers are engaged in antlike activity.

AIR (OWN)

Allied air attention in DUTCH NEW GUINEA has been mainly directed at shipping in the vicinity of SORONG and at barges and luggers in the GEELVINK BAY Area. However, attacks by light bombers in the BABO-KOKAS area have also been carried out during the week. On 16 Jun At KOKAS buildings, shipping and oil barges were successfully attacked, and damage is believed to be heavy.

A considerable portion of the Allied air effort is being devoted to round-the-clock attacks in the AITAPE - WEWAK area where glide bombing by fighters has been an innovation in the Allied attack. A number of heavy bombers have been engaged in the bombing of TRUK from NEW GUINEA bases.

AIR (ENEMY)

Enemy activity has been confined to interception, no enemy air strikes having been reported during the week under review. Enemy interception has been encountered by nearly all recent Allied air strikes in the vicinity of SORONG. In the successful Allied attack on shipping in this area on 16 Jun our fighter escort totalling 39 encountered 27 enemy fighters and destroyed 10. On the following day only 3 enemy fighters intercepted and one of these was destroyed.

PART II

Section 1 : EQUIPMENT

(a) Attached as Appendices 'A'(i) and 'A'(ii) are photograph and description of Japanese Type 97 (1937) 90-mm (3.5 -in) Mortar.

(b) Attached as Appendices 'B'(i) and 'B'(ii) are description and photographs of Japanese Wireless Set Transmitter and Receiver, Type 94, Mk.36, Model "D".

PART III.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

ENEMY INFORMATION MAP

Attached as Appendix 'C' is a map showing proposed Japanese development of tracks, waterways and installations in DUTCH NEW GUINEA. The map was compiled from information provided by ATIS - SWPA.

PART IV.

SECURITY.

LETTERS TO PRISONERS OF WAR

Although special care is exercised by Censorship Authorities in the censoring of letters proceeding from this country to prisoners of war, it is desirable that members of the forces should understand that they should frame any letters which they may write in such a way that they can be of no benefit whatsoever to the enemy.

It is essential that writers shall be on guard, not only against making statements which in themselves would be of direct value to the enemy, but also against providing any material which may assist the enemy in further interrogation of the recipient of the letter. Thus an apparently innocent statement such as "They were good times that we had together at ....., weren't they?" may be very welcome information to the enemy if from some other source he knows that certain training of a secret nature is being carried on at that particular place. The prisoner of war to whom the letter is addressed may well find that his own endeavour to maintain complete silence, except to furnish his number, name and rank, has been of little avail if, after enduring a second softening-up process, he is confronted with the question "What unit did you go to after completing your training at .....?"

Always when writing a letter to a prisoner of war, the test must be applied :- "Will anything that I am saying enable the enemy to re-open, with some prospect of success, an interrogation of the addressee or of some other prisoner of war?" Unless the answer to that question is "NO", the statement under consideration should not be allowed to pass.

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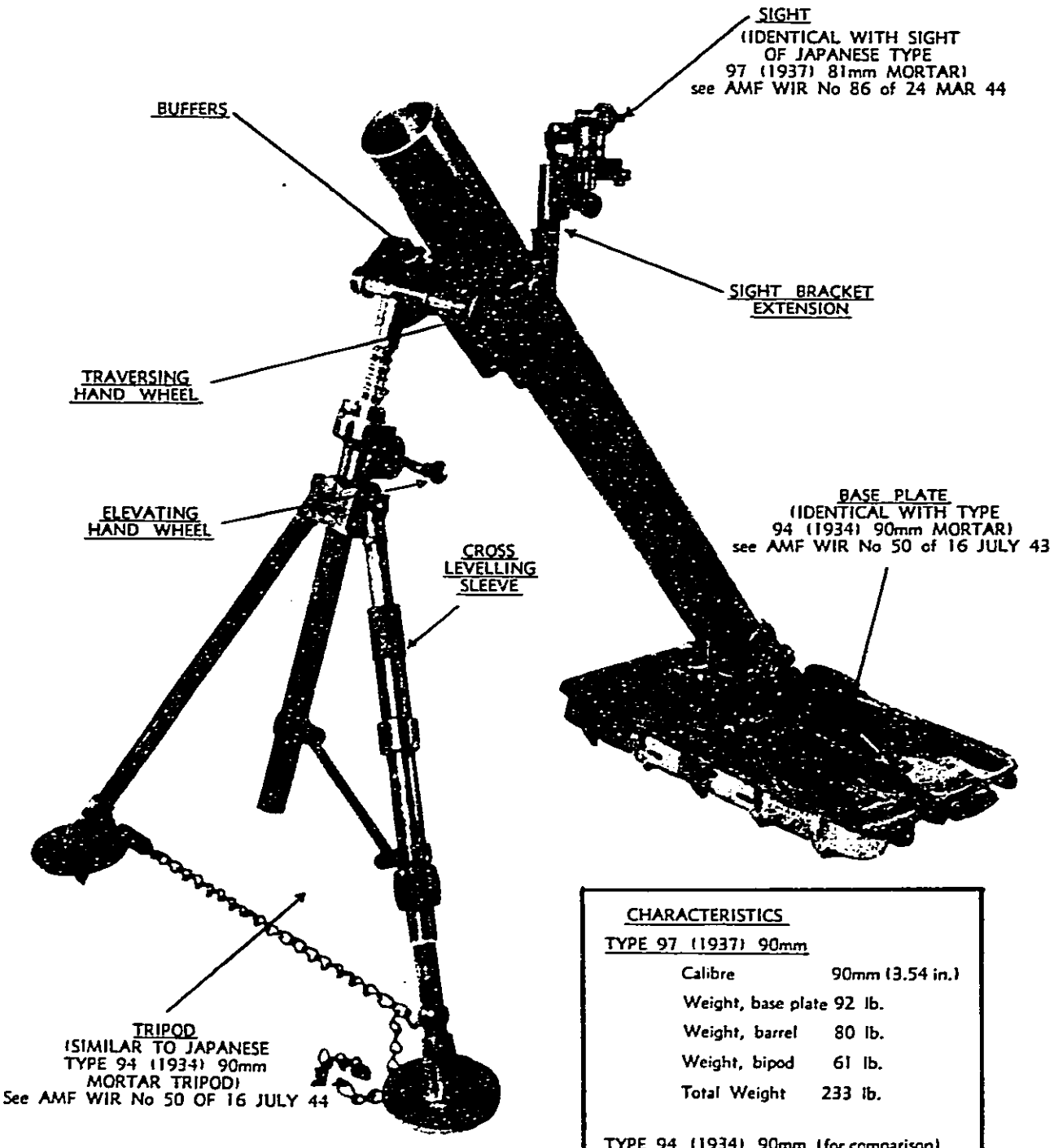
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JAPANESE

TYPE 97 (1937) 90 mm (3.54in)

MORTAR



CHARACTERISTICS

TYPE 97 (1937) 90mm

Calibre	90mm (3.54 in.)
Weight, base plate	92 lb.
Weight, barrel	80 lb.
Weight, bipod	61 lb.
Total Weight	233 lb.

TYPE 94 (1934) 90mm (for comparison)

Calibre	90mm (3.54 in.)
Weight, base plate	92 lb.
Weight, barrel	76 lb.
Weight, bipod	75 lb.
Total Weight	353 lb.

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APPENDIX "A(ii)"
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JAPANESE TYPE 97 (1937) 90mm (3.54 in) MORTAR

HISTORY:

Observation or use of this type weapon has not, as yet, been reported in any operations in the SWPA area and the one shown in the accompanying photographic appendix was captured by US troops in the EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY area, BOUGAINVILLE, SOLOMON ISLANDS. The following description has been adapted from a report on the weapon prepared by Ordnance Intelligence Sec, HQ USAFISPA.

No information has been received, either from PW or translation of captured documents concerning the organisation or type of units armed with this weapon.

The difference in weight between the Type 97 and Type 94 might suggest that the latter has been modified with the object of decreasing weight whilst retaining range and fire power superior to the Types 97 and 99 81mm Mortars. Whilst the total weight of the Type 97 is still a distinct disadvantage when employing the weapon in trackless, jungle terrain, a difference of 120 lb would be an important factor when deciding whether its use and effect would compensate for the transport difficulties involved in moving it during operations in such terrain. Either of the weapons might provide fire power comparable to light howitzers or field artillery pieces and the Type 97 could be used in positions untenable and inaccessible to field guns.

DESCRIPTION:

The weapon is a Stokes-Brandt type mortar and similar in general appearance to the US M1 81mm and Japanese Type 97 81mm mortars. A translation of the markings on the base cap read as follows :-

Type 97 Light Trench Mortar
No 118
Manufactured in 1942
OSAKA ARMY ARSENAL

The most significant difference between Types 97 and 94 mortars, is the absence of the heavy recoil mechanism on the Type 97. Whilst the bipod is basically the same, the clamping collar and saddle differ slightly and this difference plus the approximate weight of 110 lb for the recoil mechanism make a total difference and decrease of 120 lb. Baseplates are identical in each case and the internal length of the bore is the same which would naturally lead to the assumption that the maximum range of both weapons would be the same, i.e. 4150 yards. The sight used with the Type 97 differs to the sight of the Type 94 but is identical with the instrument used on the Japanese Type 97 81mm mortar.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Comparison of the main characteristics of Types 97 and 94 90mm mortars is tabulated hereunder :-

	Type 97	Type 94
Length of barrel, overall	4 ft 4⅜ in	4 ft 2 in
Length of barrel, internal	4 ft	4 ft
External diameter of barrel at muzzle	111 mm	103 mm
External diameter of barrel at base	111 mm	116 mm
Diameter of bore	90 mm	90 mm
Weight of barrel	80 lb	76 lb
Dimensions of baseplate	29in x 18½ in	29in x 18½ in
Weight of baseplate	92 lb	92 lb
Weight of recoil mechanism	None	110 lb (approx)
Weight of bipod group	61 lb	75 lb
Total weight	233 lb	353 lb

BASIC CHANGES IN MANUFACTURE AND MATERIALS:

Although the bipods for both Type 97 and 94 are basically the same, comparison was made with two different types of Type 94 bipod. No manufacturing dates were found on either of the latter, but it is considered that they were of earlier manufacture. One had a cranked traversing handwheel and the other had no crank. On the two Type 94 bipods, the adjusting nut, sliding bracket and traversing handwheels are made of brass whilst similar parts on the Type 97 are of steel. Oil fittings on the Type 94 bipods have been replaced with grease fittings on the Type 97 bipod. A cover for the level on the yoke of the Type 97 bipod is not provided on either of the Type 94 bipods. The sliding bracket is hinged to facilitate ease in removal from the leg of the Type 97 bipod but is solid in the case of the Type 94. Wings have been welded on to the locking nut of the Type 97 bipod to facilitate ease in loosening or tightening but are not provided with Type 94 bipods. Welding is used extensively in both mortars and with the Type 94, the feet and chain hooks are welded on to the legs. These are attached to the legs of the Type 97 by locking pins and are probably also sweated on to the legs with solder. On the uncranked handwheel Type 94 bipod, all welds have been smoothed and polished. On the cranked handwheel type, only the welds at the junction of the legs with the clevis joint are polished. On the Type 97 bipod, no welds are polished and have all been left in the rough state. They appear to be of very poor quality at some points but there are no indications anywhere of weld failures.

(Adapted from AHF Weekly Intelligence Review No 97)

APPENDIX B(i)

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JAPANESE WIRELESS SET TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER TYPE 94 MK 36 MODEL "D"

Photographic Appendix "B(ii)" illustrates only a single unit. The complete equipment consists of the following :-

Transmitter, receiver, receiver dry batteries
Hand driven Transmitter Generator
Antenna gear, earphones, morse key etc
Tools, calibration curves, spare dry batteries for receiver, valve components

This equipment is primarily intended for transport by pack animal and is housed in two wooden cases with facilities for attaching to a pack saddle.

GENERAL:

Design incorporated in this set appears to date back to approximately 1937, although by its type number (Type 94) it is a 1934 model. It would appear that this type of set, when built in 1934, was then three years in advance of any other type or model manufactured in that year.

The whole equipment is extremely light, well designed and extremely efficient. Special attention has been paid to the construction of the front panel. All parts which are regularly handled have been chromium plated and all dials and dial name plates have been painted with luminous paint.

The main tuning condensers have celluloid casings placed over the plates and holders to protect them from dust, and all valves are clamped into place to prevent them from loosening during transportation.

The Transmitter has an oscillator, either crystal controlled or self excited, and a frequency coverage of 400-5700 kcs.

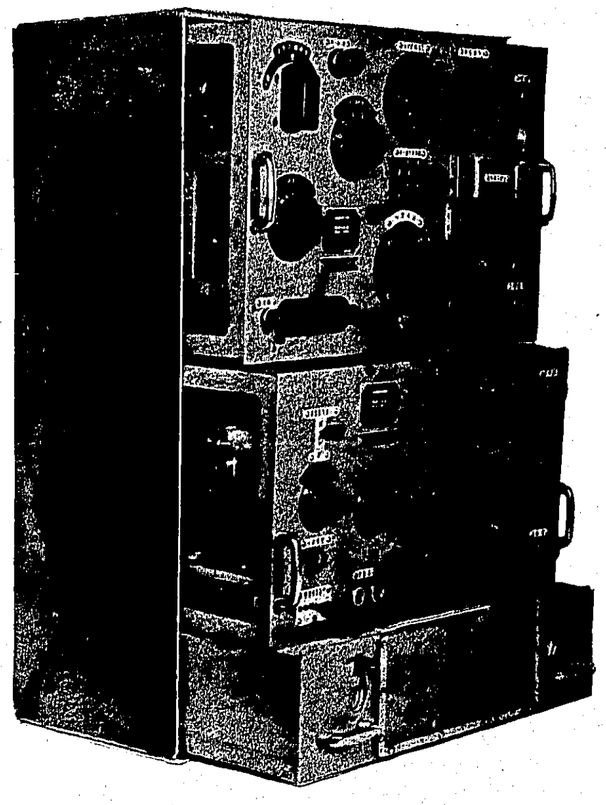
A complex aerial tuning circuit enables any length of aerial to be used on any frequency.

The Receiver is a six stage, superheterodyne unit using 5 valves with RF (Radio Frequency) Amplifier, using pentode type UF134, Oscillator Mixer using heptode type UZ135 and a frequency range of 350 to 6,000 kcs.

It is worthy of note that the case cannot be closed when the LT switch is ON. This is a necessary precaution as the batteries supplied are of poor quality.

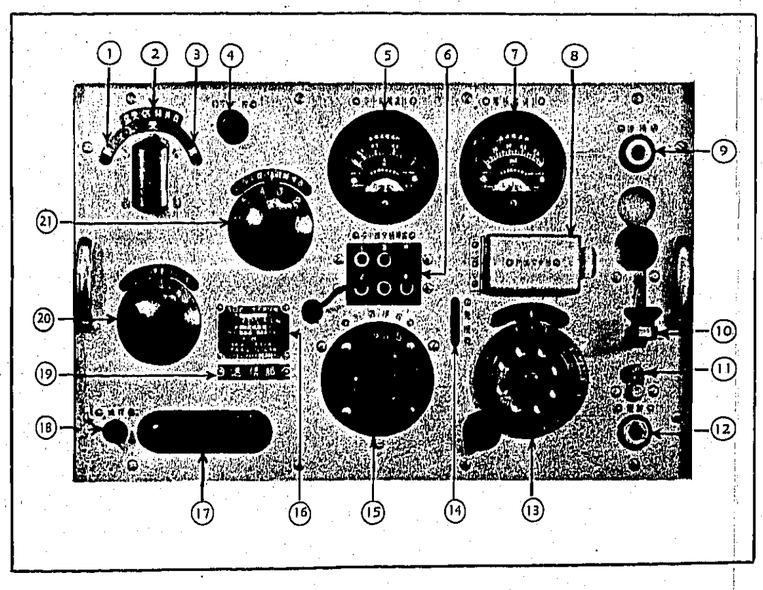
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JAPANESE
WIRELESS SET
TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER
Type 94 Mk 36 MODEL "D"

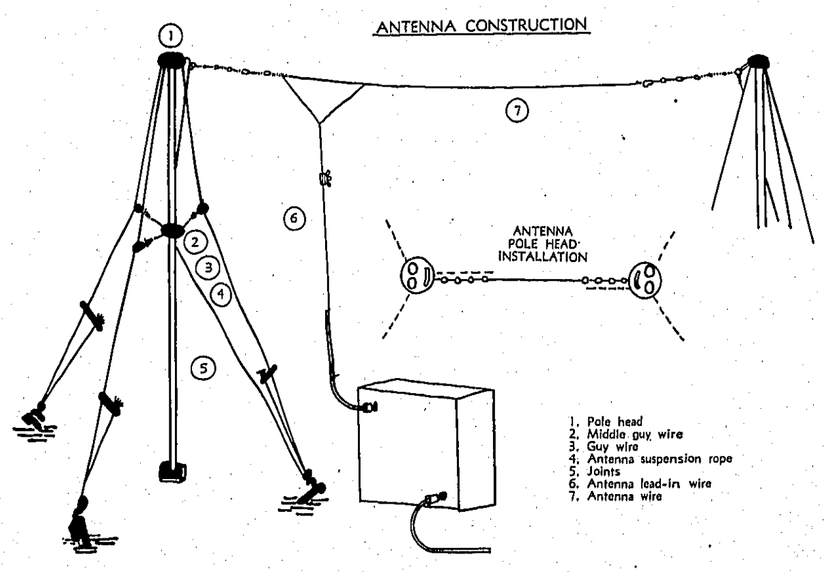


COMPLETE SET
showing sliding sections

TRANSMITTER

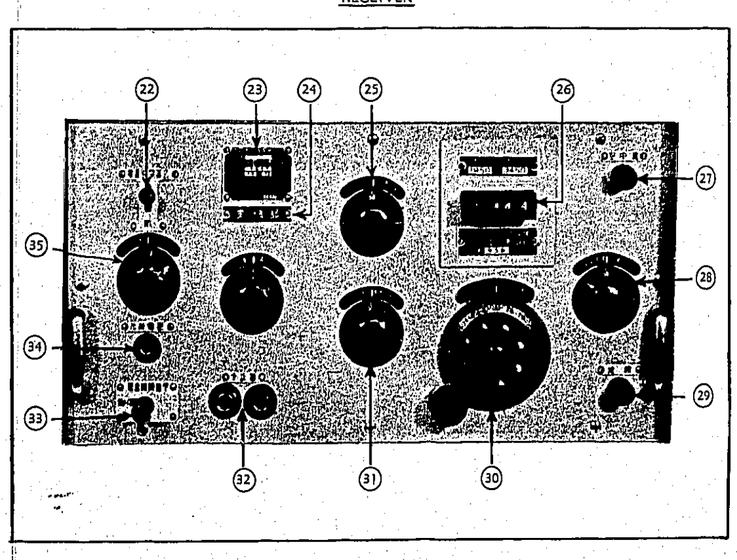


ANTENNA CONSTRUCTION



1. Pole head
2. Middle guy wire
3. Guy wire
4. Antenna suspension rope
5. Joints
6. Antenna lead-in wire
7. Antenna wire

RECEIVER



APPENDIX D(11)
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KEY

1. Off
2. Receive
3. Send
4. Aerial
5. Antenna meter
6. Coupling coil
7. Ammeter
8. Control switch
9. Remote control plug
10. Morse key
11. Key adjustment
12. Morse key plug
13. Oscillating condenser
14. Oscillation
15. Regeneration switch
16. Name plate
17. Power terminals
18. Earth
19. "Transmitter"
20. Antenna tuner
21. Tuning switch
22. Power switch
23. Name plate
24. "Receiver"
25. Hetrodyne control
26. Receiving coil
27. Aerial
28. Tuning-band condenser
29. Earth
30. Amplifying condenser
31. Trimmer condenser
32. Earphones
33. Earphone switch
34. Filament measure plug
35. Filament rheostat

Note: Information shown on this appendice has been collated from information extracted from a report originated by GHQ INDIA and a captured handbook translated in ATIS Publication No. 125 of 28 April, 1944.

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APPENDIX C
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SECRET

ENEMY INFORMATION MAP

SHOWING PROPOSED JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT OF TRACKS WATERWAYS AND INSTALLATIONS IN

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ATIS SWPA

SEAPLANE BASE AND POSSIBLE SITE FOR AIRFIELD

BENTONI BAY–GEELVINK BAY
NATIVE FOOT TRACK ONE DAYS TRAVEL (18 MLS) CLIMBS TO 2300FT: EARTH CLAY AND LIMESTONE SURFACE, IMPOSSIBLE FOR HORSES UNLESS IMPROVED

BABO–SAINGGANG
2½ HOURS BY SAMPAN BABO TO MOUTH OF SENINDARA RIVER 2½ HOURS BY MLC OR SAMPAN UPSTREAM THENCE BY NATIVE CORDUROY PATH-7HRS WALK....WATER WAIST DEEP IN PLACES

BENTONI BAY–ARGOENI BAY
SEA COMMUNICATIONS BY LARGE MLC EXIST BETWEEN BABO AND TAMAROME AND ROFADA AND KAIMANA
TAMAROME - ROFADA 13 MLS 3 MILES MT ROAD WERE BUILT BY OCT 43..BALANCE 3FT WIDE TO BE IMPROVED. COUNTRY GENERALLY LEVEL RISING TO 270 FT

KOKAS–FAK FAK
KOKAS-KAIDENI 6 HOURS BY LARGE MLC ..... KAIDENI - FAK FAK 19 MLS GOOD GRADED TRACK CLIMBING TO 2500 FEET 9 HOURS WALKING..... ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS 3½ HRS BY LARGE MLC AND 14 HRS WALK OVER FAIR TRACK WITH SEVERAL HOURS DIFFICULT WALKING

GEELVINK BAY – ETNA BAY
BOATS CAN APPROACH TO DOWARU AT FULL TIDE ONLY

GEELVINK BAY – WISSEL LAKES
LARGE MLC CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AT PIER AT SIRIWO R MOUTH..... BAR AT RIVER MOUTH DEPTH 3 M HIGH TIDE 1 M LOW TIDE WIDTH OF RIVER - 50M DEPTH - 5M FALLEN TREES MAKE NAVIGATION DIFFICULT.... 1 DAYS TRAVEL.....

5 DAYS WALK..TRACK 2-3 M WIDE DIFFICULT IN PLACES FOR PACK HORSES..IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS IN RAINY SEASON

FLAT TO UNDULATING AREA - SWAMPY IN PARTS..CONSTRUCTION OF MT ROAD POSSIBLE

SUITABLE FOR SEA PLANE BASE

TRACK IS STEEP AND NARROW

SUITABLE FOR SEA – PLANE BASE..CROSSED BY MOTOR BOAT.....

BENTONI BAY
MACCLUER GULF
GEELVINK BAY
INANWATAN
SAINGGANG
BABO
SEA PLANE ANCHORAGE
BAGAN OTAMIRI
KOKAS
KAIDENI
FAK FAK
TAMAROME
ROFADA
KAIMANA
UTAROM
ADI I
MOENI WAREN
HANGIKI
MIDORE
WANGGI
MOOAN
DOWARU
WAOBOE
NABIRE
NEHE
SIRIWO R
KEBU
PANIAI LAKE
ENAROTALI
TAMOER LAKE
GARIAU
MANAMA
ETNA BAY
KIROEROE
OMBA
KAUKENALI
TIMIKA

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SCALE IN MILES

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INTER-SERVICE CONFERENCE OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

HELD AT HQ 4 AUST DIV - 28 Jun 44.

PRESENT:

Capt KELLOCK	G.III(I) 4 Aust Div
Lt LINKE	OC "P" AUST FS Sec
Sgt RICHARDSON	i/c Det "P" Aust FS Sec att HQ TORRES STRAIT Area.
Lt BLACK	A/G.III(I) TORRES STRAIT Area.
Lt PLUMB	Det SSIC Att TORRES STRAIT Area.
Lt RICHARDSON	OC Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy
Lt TONKIN	SOI RAN THURSDAY ISLAND.
F/O HEWITT	IO 24 75 Wing RAAF
F/O ARMSTRONG	Adjt 33 OBU RAAF.

The conference was opened by Capt KELLOCK at 1030 hrs with the introduction of visiting members of other Services and a brief reference to the object of the meeting.

SHIPPING SECURITY.

Inquiries previously made relating to this subject were discussed at some length. As all possible action had been taken to limit leakages in the area under Command, it was resolved that FS Secs would watch for any further breaches and furnish relevant reports for further discussion at the next conference.

AWC PROJECTS.

A resume of activities of the AWC in this area was given by Lt PLUMB. It was revealed that recent transfers to southern areas of CGC personnel had reduced their numbers to 340 at this date and a further draft of approx 100 was pending. Minor security breaches had occured, but these had been adjusted on the spot. Due to the possibility of further projected works at HORN IS and MIGGINS FIELD it could NOT be estimated how long it would be before all civilians were removed from the Area.

PORT CONTROL PORT KENNEDY

This subject was further discussed and it was resolved to request Lt COWAN, OC TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl, for his suggestions for tightening up on this control. FS Sec Det will also take action to ensure the efficiency of this control. The subject to be further received at the next conference.

CIVILIAN AIR TRAVEL

In addition to check by FS personnel, civilians travelling to and from NEW GUINEA are now being checked for bona-fides by RAAF Security Officers at MIGGINS FIELD and HORN IS Airstrips. Checking of civilians moving within the Divisional area is being carried out by FS personnel as previously.

FURTHER CONFERENCES

It was resolved that if possible conferences would be held fortnightly.

It is proposed to hold the next conference at THURSDAY IS on Wed 12 Jul 44.

The Conference then closed.

(J.F.KELLOCK) Capt
GSO.III(I) 4 Aust Div
1 Jul 44.

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